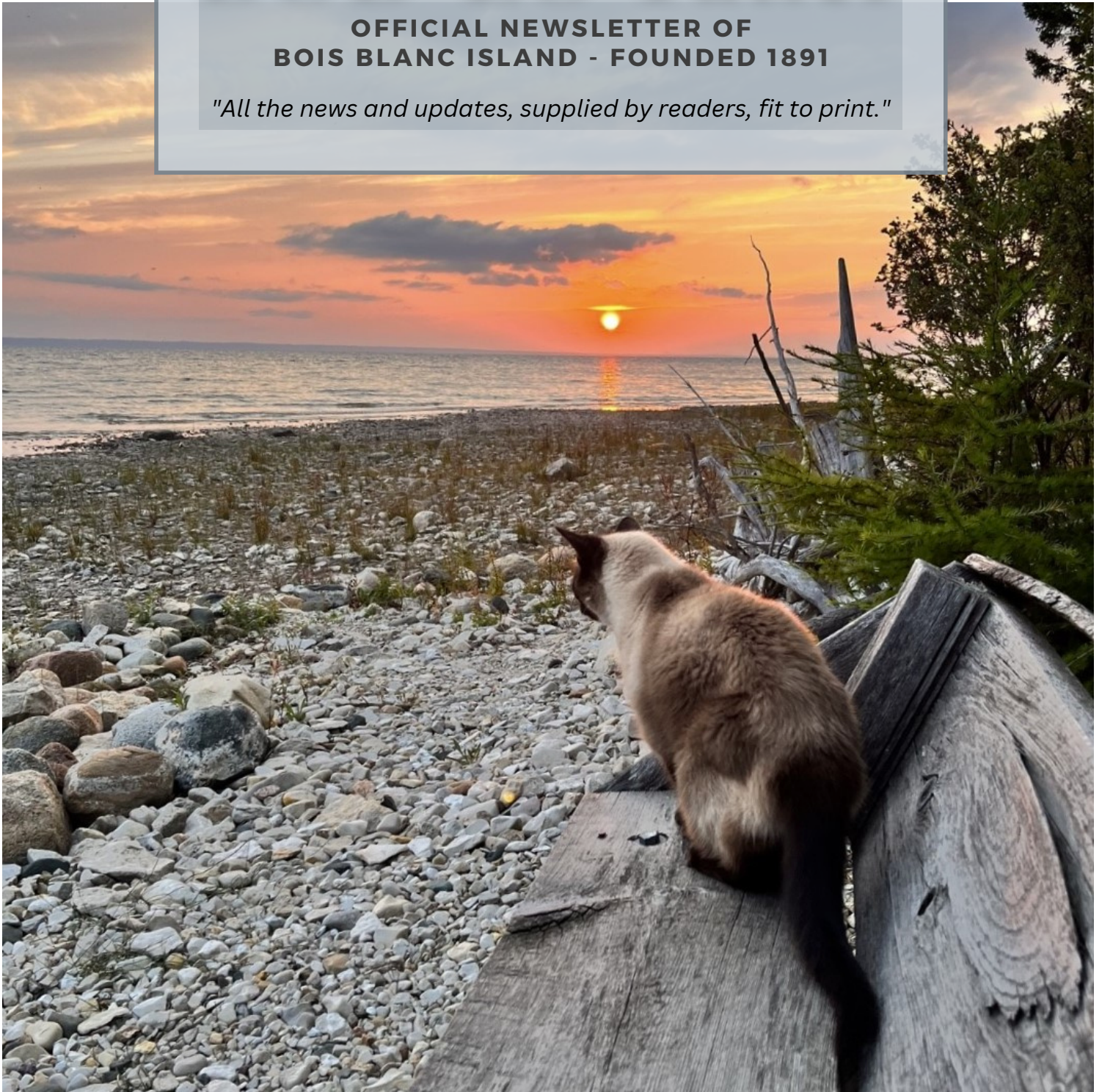


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"All the news and updates, supplied by readers, fit to print."



My 17-year-old Siamese, Pixie, has been coming to Bois Blanc since she was 3 months old. She loves watching the waves and sunsets on the Straits. She likes nibbling grass along the edges of our boardwalk too.- Louise Edwards



Photo Source: Michelle Reynolds

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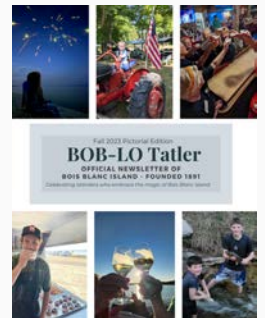
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Check out the [BBIA Website](#) for recent Tatler Editions, including the online-only Fall 2023 Pictorial Edition. A hearty dose of gratitude to Mary Struble Deery for generously sharing many of the featured photos.



The Tatler is produced and distributed by the Bois Blanc Island Association - Please Enjoy!

BBIA Board Members:

President - Carol Blundy
Vice President - Suzette Cooley-Sanborn
Secretary - Kathy Landschulz
Treasurer - Sally Cook

We can't thank Brandie enough for making the Tatler happen including the beautiful [pictorial one provided online in the Fall!](#)



Carol Blundy,
BBIA President, Tatler
Printing & Distribution



Brandie Dunn,
Tatler News
Wrangler

BBIA Area Representatives:

Pines - Kathy Landschulz, Sally Cook, Jeff Urbany and Joyce Pecon (forever an honorary representative!)
East End - Susie Fisher Phillips, Betty Hutchinson & Brandie Dunn
West End - Suzette Cooley-Sanborn, Carol Blundy, Tom Wybranowski, Peggy Gillstad, and JoAnna Duncan

The 2024 Edition of the Tatler wouldn't be possible without the many kind and thoughtful individuals who went out of their way to send updates, pictures, comments, & creative contributions. Special shout out to Michelle Reynolds for sharing her stellar images that grace our pages. Heaps of gratitude are showered onto each and every one of you! Happy & safe island memory-making to all!

Do you have thoughts or ideas on future content you would like to see included? Please feel welcome to reach out to Brandie Dunn at Nativebeelady@gmail.com.

Bois Blanc Island Association News

Unbelievable that we are already over four months into 2024 and talking about Island time! The Ferry is operational providing opportunities to get to the Island earlier than ever this year. So many organizations, people and volunteers are involved on BBI, including the BBI Association, working for decades on your behalf with your dues dollars to make BBI a better, safer and more enjoyable place to live and vacation. The BBI Association is anxious for this year's "season" with the Tatler being the unofficial launch. We will also produce and distribute the Island Directory this year. We are shooting for late August/early September for this to be done.

The 2024-25 dues will be billed in June, and they will remain at \$20 a year. By paying these Annual dues, you receive the benefits of the Association including the Tatler and the Island Directory as well as funds provided for various other activities and needs. The Association works with all areas of the Island with your recommendations on what is needed – with the surplus monies we have. We sponsor the Thursday night square dances and Salvation Army visit – although the last few years with the pandemic and lack of staffing, it has not been possible for the Salvation Army or any like organization to make a trip to the Island. (Please if you have an organization that is willing to visit the Island for a trailer full of donations – we would love to make that happen.) Bottom line is that we try to provide funds based on what is available for these various areas as well as new needs that arise.

In 2024 – our big focus is on building an Island Pavilion or to get closer to getting one built. Currently we are in agreement with the Bois Blanc Pines School District (including the ISD) to build an open-air timber structure on the north side of the school across Comanche Avenue. It has been challenging to find a location that fit the criteria of the donation – central, usable by the Farmers Market, School and general public and consistent with the "look" of the island. The school's longer-term plans for this land has been a perfect fit for a covered open-air structure such as this – so fingers crossed, we are forging forward to work through the process of making this happen. Many thanks to Judie Groleau for this generous donation in memory of Loren Gibbons.

In addition to this focus along with the production of the Tatler and the Island Directory, we are looking for other areas that need attention – so please bring your ideas forward. Meanwhile, keep your eyes open for schedule updates on the BBI Association website – <https://bbiassociation.org>. This website was brought up live last year by the Association in tandem with Sally Sperry (Thanks, Sally). It is intended to be a framework to launch to other Island organizations as well as a place to house an up-to-date Island calendar (keeping in mind that this is ever changing!).

With the Tatler is your annual dues statement. Note the dues run from July 1 – June 30. Anyone paying now will be "whole" for the July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 year. If your dues were not paid for the 2023/2024 year – contact Sally Cook, the BBIA treasurer, to get current to ensure you get all the benefits from those annual dues dollars. Please complete the form and submit as indicated with your annual dues to the address on the dues statement. We also will be emailing you a dues statement in the near future if we have an email address for you on file. We continue, although slowly, to get this more electronic and we are committed to that.

There are a lot of very exciting projects underway – and we are always looking for folks who are interested in being involved on a project or as an Association representative. Please contact any of the BBIA officers or Island Representatives if you would like to be involved or have ideas on needed funds. They are listed on page 2.

Carol Blundy, BBIA President



NOTEWORTHY NEWS

BBI Ladies Shuffleboard

Last summer the Beaver Island Shuffleboard Ladies team challenged our BBI Ladies to a Shuffleboard Showdown. The showdown was here, at the BBI Tavern, in mid-August. The BI ladies travelled on a very smokey & foggy day and spent the night at the B&B Hideaway.

The BBI ladies won the tournament! The second annual tournament is scheduled for Thursday, August 22nd and will be played on Beaver Island. The BBI Ladies have already planned for the trip. This will be an expensive trip and we are looking for sponsors to help defray the cost. Sponsors' names will be printed on the lady's team shirts. For sponsorships please contact (text or call) Deb Wint @404-644-0235 or Kitty Lower @616-780-9702.

We plan to have a great time with our new island friends playing shuffleboard and all are welcome! Remember, BBI ladies' shuffleboard is held every Thursday night at the BBI/Lakeside Tavern and if you're in the tournament we need to practice, practice, practice!

Submitted by: Tom & Kitty Lower



BBI: For The WIN!

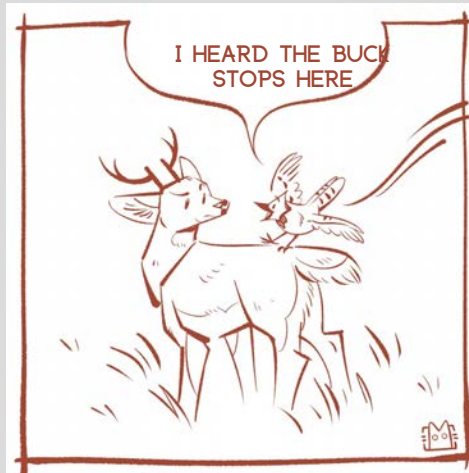
Bayview Mackinac Race to Sail Original Course to Mark 100th Year Anniversary in 2024



Residents on the south, west and eastern shorelines of Bois Blanc Island, are in for a visual and historic treat next summer! Grab some binoculars and dust off that digital camera as cell phones simply won't do this justice and start planning watch parties now for the 100th Bayview Mackinac Race in 2024! The world's longest continuously run long distance freshwater yacht race will set off from southern Lake Huron on July 20, 2024. Depending on the weather, boats are expected to sail past BBI throughout the day on Sunday, 7/21, on into Monday, 7/22. Enjoy!

"For the 100th race, all competitors will sail on the 1925 Original Course, used during the first BYCMACK. The course covers 204 nautical miles (235 statute miles). From its traditional start in Southern Lake Huron, the fleet will head north on one course along the Michigan shoreline before heading west, passing south of Bois Blanc Island, finishing west to east at the finish line between Round Island and Mackinac Island."

Source: Sail-world.com



Congratulations to Michael Dunn on winning the 2024 Caption This! Contest by popular vote on Facebook. Thanks to all who shared their witty entries.

BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP & SERVICES

TOWNSHIP BOARD

NEWS

UPDATE



Damien Nelson was appointed the Zoning Administrator in January. He's been through some training already and is also going through the citizen planner program through MSU. An informational document has been added to the website titled "[Buildability](#)" of lots on Bois Blanc Island.

A new [Food Truck Ordinance](#) was passed recently.

[Bois Blanc Township 2023 Master Plan](#) under Planning Commission on the Township website is worth taking a closer look at.

The zoning application form and instructions have been updated and are [both on the website](#). There have been so many changes from the State and County that it is forcing the Township to require more paperwork with applications.

boisblanc township.org

Phone: 231-634-7275

Monday - Thursday
10:00am - 3:00pm

AIRPORT

The [Bois Blanc Island Airport](#) (6Y1) sits at an elevation of 664 feet, just 3 miles Northwest of Pointe Aux Pins. With 3,498 x 75 feet of asphalt, runways 10 and 28 provide vital lifelines for year-round and seasonal island residents and guests, especially during the winter months when the ferry doesn't run. The island is also home to several local pilots, and is a frequent destination for many flying enthusiasts.

In November of 2023, the airport secured a new John Deere 5125 tractor with a loader and front-mounted snowblower. The equipment proved helpful in keeping the runway and taxiways open this past winter by keeping snowbanks at or below 2 feet as required. The Township only paid 5% of the total cost of the tractor and attachments, with the Michigan Department of Transportation's Department of Aeronautics and the Federal Aviation Administration covering 95%.

Planning is underway in 2024 to have the runways and taxiway completely refurbished in 2025, followed by the installation of a new lighting system in 2026 which will include the runway lights, runway end indicator lights, precision approach pathway indicator lights, and the beacon light. These major improvements will help ensure that this vital island resource remains viable for many years to come.

When visiting the airport, please keep the following in mind:

- Federal and state law prohibits unauthorized individuals from entering restricted airport property (including the runway, taxiways, and entire land area cleared of trees for the runway, sides, and each approach end). Violating these laws pose serious safety risks and will result in prosecution.
- The terminal building is not available for general use by the public. This facility is for the use of pilots.
- Free, short-term airport parking is limited to 72 hours, and all vehicles parked beyond 72 hours require a permit from the Township Office.

For additional information about the Bois Blanc Island Airport, visit our website at:

www.boisblancairport.com

Chris Viers

Airport Manager

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Bois Blanc Island Fire Department

Happy Spring 2024! The Bois Blanc Island Fire Department is looking forward to enjoying the 2024 season with everyone. In this issue of the Tatler, we'll provide an update on a few key issues, and also answer some frequently asked questions.

Through the generosity and support of the Bois Blanc Island community and Township, our Fire Department is able to cover all expenses for our newest members to receive the required Fire I and II training through the Firefighter Academy, which takes place in St. Ignace. Two of those new members, Chad Vallance and Megan Hawver, made the substantial commitment of their personal time and effort to complete the training, despite unprecedented challenges in arranging travel to and from the Island. The Firefighter Academy is a demanding 300-hour program that combines study and hands-on learning, culminating in written and practical examinations in the spring. It is usually only offered during the winter months, when Fire/EMS volunteers across northern Michigan are better able to get time away from their regular jobs.



Above: Paul and Angel Welke (right), owners of Island Airways, donated multiple flights so that BBIFD members Megan Hawver and Chad Vallance (left) could participate in essential Firefighter Academy training during winter and spring 2024. Island Airways primarily serves Beaver Island with multiple daily flights year-round; when they learned we were unable to get flights for our trainees, they made time to come assist Bois Blanc at no charge. "We're all in this together!" said Angel Welke, and we cannot agree more.

The BBIFD is deeply grateful to Island Airways of Beaver Island for donating multiple flights so that our trainees could get to and from their practical exercises on the mainland, when no other transportation options were available.

As of Spring 2024, the BBIFD has nine (9) active year-round members. Upon Megan and Chad's successful completion of the Firefighter I/II Academy in May, seven (7) of those members will be certified Firefighters, and five (5) members will be certified Medical First Responders (MFRs). Pending improvements in winter/spring transportation and course availability, the BBIFD hopes to enroll at least two to four more members in Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) training in the coming year, putting them on track to also become certified MFRs.

The winter of 2023-24 has been the driest and warmest on record. With only a fraction of the snowfall and freezing temperatures we usually experience on BBI, we expect to see a substantially elevated risk of wildfires during 2024. The lack of groundwater, combined with dry underbrush and surface matter, means any ground fire can spread rapidly—and, often, without detection. Within the past three years, we have experienced multiple fires that traveled long distances underground; these can spring up hours, days, or weeks after the first spark was lit. It is a real threat, and it's terrifying.

BBI is always at risk for a major devastating wildfire. There is nothing to prevent it except common-sense precautions, along with the ongoing education and reminders we put out to the public. You can do your part by keeping ground clutter like leaves, twigs, branches, and other flammables cleared far away from your home, and especially away from any fire pit, fire ring, or barbecue grill. Avoid starting campfires or brush fires anywhere outside of a well-established and well-isolated fire pit or enclosure. Campfires are permitted only if verbal permission is given by responders on-call at the BBIFD's non-emergency line, (231) 634-7085, and only if you have a source of ample water to ensure the fire is completely extinguished. Hint: A single five-gallon bucket of water is not nearly enough to fully extinguish even a small campfire. No one wants to see the Island severely damaged or destroyed by a preventable fire.

Bois Blanc Island Fire Department (Continued)

To aid in the prevention of wildfires, and in the detection of other possible fires, the BBIFD is looking into obtaining a simple drone that could be sent up to spot smoke above the treetops. This would help to minimize precious time and effort in chasing after the many smoke reports we receive each year, often from the mainland or from the Mackinac Bridge, when callers cannot tell us the exact location of the smoke.

The BBIFD is also in the process of acquiring an advanced propane leak detector, as leaks can occur anytime in any structure that has propane-fed appliances. Furnaces, water heaters, wall heaters, gas ranges, generators, and other devices, as well as propane lines and fittings anywhere in the system, can develop small leaks that can quickly fill a home or building with explosive propane gas. When this occurred at our own Fire Hall and the Wagner Room in January, our crew worked to establish guidelines to ensure the BBIFD has the authority to evacuate and close any building until the Fire Chief, or designee, deems it safe to re-enter.

The two most dangerous times for propane leaks on BBI are during spring openings, when many seasonal residents return and open their cottages for the first time in months, and in the early fall, when propane heaters and furnaces are turned on for the first time all season. If you think you smell propane gas inside or outside of your home or building, get everyone out and away from the building without flipping any light switches or creating any sparks that could ignite gas. Call 911. If you are able to safely access your outside propane tank(s), turn off the gas supply feeding into the building. The BBIFD and your propane provider will determine the next steps to keep everyone safe.

The BBIFD responds to numerous medical emergencies year-round, ranging from bee sting reactions to possible stroke and heart attack victims, and the all-too-common ATV and UTV injuries. With the substantial increase in Short-Term Rental (STR) properties on BBI through online sites like Vrbo and Airbnb, many first-timers are visiting the Island with no clue about our lack of medical facilities, i.e., that we have no urgent care clinics, no paramedics, physicians, or hospitals, and no medivac standing by on the Island to provide quick air or water transport. We also continue to caution those with chronic illnesses that we have no way of obtaining or administering medications, meaning any serious illness will require them to leave the Island by way of emergency medical evacuation. We continue our efforts to alert all visitors to these limitations, as well as to remind those who own and rent out STRs that they have a responsibility to inform and educate their guests.

The majority of medical 911 calls on BBI result in a medical evacuation. Our crew is able to provide basic first aid and monitor vital signs as we prepare patients for transport. While crew members are attending to a patient, other crew members are communicating by radio with Mackinac/Chippewa Central Dispatch to prepare for medical evacuation by any means possible. When Mackinac Marine Rescue, North Flight AeroMed, and other medical evacuation units are unavailable, we look to our private ferry and air charter service providers, who are also often unavailable to help with emergencies. The Coast Guard is a last resort, as they will only respond if we have already exhausted every other possible means of transportation for our patient.

At this time, Bois Blanc Township does not charge for services provided by the BBIFD, and the BBIFD has no involvement whatsoever in any charges related to patient medical evacuation or transportation once a patient leaves our custody. Our job is only to get patients to proper emergency medical help as quickly as possible. Anyone who is concerned about the potential cost of a medical evacuation should contact their health insurance providers for a better understanding of what may, or may not, be covered.

We are looking forward to seeing you while you safely enjoy BBI this coming spring, summer, fall, and winter!

Submitted by: Dan Reynolds

BBI CLINIC

Next BBI Clinic day:
Wed., 5/29. 10am- 2pm
Covid shots available!

Lani White shares, the clinic is "Operated by Mackinac Straits Hospital in St. Ignace, it is walk-in or by appt. When the regular schedule is in place, it will probably be at least every week, same hours. If you have insurance, they most likely take it. We are hoping to have it year-round again, as it once was."

HARBOR COMMISSION



Photo Source: Michelle Reynolds

Year-round island resident Jayson Beugly was hired as the new Harbor Master (HM) following the resignation of Larry Phillips last summer. Jay began service on May 1st, and looks forward to working with the township, island residents and guests as he oversees the needs of our busy arrival and departure hub throughout the boating season.

A number of improvements for the Township Harbor are planned in 2024, including replacement of the 4x4's that run horizontally along the dock wall, weather treating the inland lake docks, boring holes to inspect cribs and check for wash-out, cleaning-up the shelter building and privies, updating harbor regulation and transient fee signage and postings, and making initial improvements to the Cheboygan river property to allow public access.

Jay will also be working to ensure that residents and guests comply with new harbor rules and regulations adopted by the Township Trustees this past January. Matters covered by the rules include but are not limited to: (1) parking at the township dock; (2) seasonal and transient boat slip use and requirements; (3) the process used by the Harbor Master to assign seasonal slips; and (4) requirements to be added to the seasonal slip wait list.

Note that new requirements and limitations are in place concerning the use of the limited transient slip space available for those who plan to moor a vessel. Mooring fees must now be paid in full upon arrival to the dock, and the mooring period is limited to a maximum stay of 7 days. Island residents and visitors are encouraged to carefully review the rules as they will be strictly enforced.

The Harbor Commission appreciates the cooperation of all residents and visitors in helping to maintain a safe and enjoyable island experience for all by following the rules of the harbor and being courteous to others while carefully navigating busy arrival and departure periods.

Submitted by: Chris Viers

PARKS & RECREATION



Parks and Recreation Department
Bois Blanc Township
PO Box 898
Pointe Aux Pins, Michigan 49775-0898

The Bois Blanc Island Parks and Recreation Committee is looking forward to this coming year.

Kids Fishing Contest

BBI Parks and Recreation is hosting a fishing event for kids 16 years of age and under on June 8 and 9. Coupons will be given out at the township hall each day from 1:00 – 3:00 after showing your picture of your catch for a free ice cream. This contest is being sponsored by The Outpost BBI.

2023 Photo Contest Winner

We hosted another BBI Parks and Recreation Annual Photo Contest. We had 74 entries, and the winner was Megan Hawver. Our top finalists were Brian Guzniczak (January), Joyce Harmon (February), Ann Simpson (March), Greg Widseth (April), Michelle Reynolds (May), Ann Simpson (June), Megan Hawver (July), Megan Hawver (August), Megan Hawver (September), Michelle Reynolds (October), Michelle Reynolds (November), and Ryan Mandelbaum (December).

Calendar Sales

We have created a calendar for 2025. All the photo contest winners from 2023 will have their photos included in this calendar for everyone to see. The calendars will be available for purchase this coming summer at the Farmer's Market on Saturday from 9:00 to 12:00 and at the Township Offices Monday thru Thursday from 10:00-2:00. All proceeds will be directed to the Parks and Recreation program.

2024 Photo Contest

We are hosting our annual 2024 Photo Contest. All ages are welcome to participate in this contest. Photos MUST be taken on Bois Blanc Island. Entries must be original unedited work of the contestant. Photographers may submit as many photos as they would like. Entry fee is \$15. per photo or 4 photos for \$60. and get the 5th photo entry free.

A \$200. prize will be given for first place and the top 12 photos will be included in 2026 Bois Blanc calendar. This contest is sponsored by Midwest Power Systems.

Photo entries are to be submitted to Gingercanup@gmail.com. Please include name, address, phone number and e-mail by November 1, 2024. For contest payment, checks can be written to Bois Blanc Township and mailed to Ginger Canup, Attention: BBI Photo Contest, 2401 Hickory Oak, Milford, Michigan 48380 by November 1, 2024. Please include name, address, phone number and e-mail with the check.

East vs West 5K Run

Our committee is currently working on putting together a 5K Run on Bois Blanc Island this summer on Saturday, July 27 at 9:00. The top runners will receive a medal. We will also be accumulating the times and averaging them out with the number of runners for the East side of BBI and West side of BBI, a friendly island competition. All ages are welcome to participate in this run. The cost for the event is \$25.00 which will include entry fee and event T-shirt.

PARKS & RECREATION (Continued)

Please go to the township office or township website (boisblanc township.org- under menu Parks and Recreation) to obtain an entry form for the event. Pre-registration is strongly suggested to receive your T-shirt.

All pre-registration forms and fees need to be mailed to Ginger Canup, 2401 Hickory Oak, Milford MI 48380 by July 2, 2024

Commemorative Gift Program

The BBI Parks and Recreation hosts a Commemorative Gift Program. This program is a meaningful and distinctive way to pay tribute to a deceased loved one, to honor someone you love or respect, say thanks to a person or group, or to commemorate life events. This is a gift that will be enjoyed by the community and park visitors and will be a constant remembrance of the reason it was given.

We have items available to purchase, such as park benches, picnic tables, picnic shelters, or even monetary donations. You are even able to select the park where you want the gift placed. All information is available on the township website along with the order form at boisblanc township.org - under menu/ Parks and Recreation.

North Shore

The long-awaited vaulted toilets are coming to the North Shore with the help of the DNR, Community Foundation and the Association. We are hoping to have this project completed by mid-June.

Nichols Point

We have recently purchased 30 acres of property for a new community park with Lake Huron waterfront on the southeast part of Bois Blanc Island. We are calling this new park Nichols Point.

We have just completed the survey of the land and an engineer is currently helping design a plan to make this space available to the public with nature trails for walking, a picnic area, parking, restrooms, a drinking fountain, playground, pavilion, and benches.

We are currently attempting to raise funds to apply all these wonderful ideas that the public gave us in last year's questionnaire for this park. If you or someone you know would like to support this cause or has experience with grant writing, please contact Ginger Canup at 248.770.5126.

The Bois Blanc Island Parks and Recreation Committee is proud to help the community create and maintain outdoor spaces to enjoy our wonderful island. We thank you for the support to do so.

Sincerely,

The Bois Blanc Island Parks and Recreation Committee
Jay Beugly
Ginger Canup
Jim Mackay
Diane Akright (Board Liaison)



Photo Source: Michelle Reynolds

Submitted by: Ginger Canup

BBI Post Office News

The Post Office hours have changed. Please note, hours of operation are 12:30-2:30pm, Monday-Friday only, year-round. We are now closed on Saturdays.

There is still a lot of confusion as to what your address is. The USPS DOES NOT go by your "house number and street name." That address is for 911 purposes only. If you only use your street address, there is a chance your mail will not be delivered and returned to sender due to insufficient address.

If you receive your mail on the route, you MUST use your HCR 1, box number, and the town of Bois Blanc Island. Also, please make sure your mailbox has your name and box number on it.

If you receive your mail at the PO, use your PO Box number and the town of Pointe Aux Pins.

Both "towns" use the same zip code.

Many companies that you may order from do not like your HCR number alone. They want a street address. Simply put both on. See graphic to the right.

I personally put my address like this:

Kathy Brown
HCR 01, Box 385
1492 E. Huron Dr.
Bois Blanc Island, MI 49775

Forwarded mail can be a problem. When you go to your home PO to put in your forward, make sure they enter in your ID information. The PO on the island DOES NOT have anything to do with forwarding. It comes from your home PO. (If you are forwarding from the island back to your home, it goes through Cheboygan and your home PO.) IF, you want your mail without going through the forwarding process, have a friend or neighbor collect and send you your mail. It will get here sooner. Many people have been doing it this way and are much happier 😊.

The PO has all your mailing needs. The only thing that can not be done from the island PO is Express Mail. We can not guarantee it.

If you have any questions, the PO phone number is 231-634-7211. We would be happy to answer your concerns.

Submitted by: Postmistress Kathy Brown

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POST OFFICE HOURS

Year Round

Monday thru Friday

12:30 - 2:30 pm

Telephone (231) 634-7211

**IF YOU HAVE MAIL
DELIVERED TO THE POST
OFFICE, YOUR ADDRESS IS:**

YOUR NAME

P.O. BOX ???

POINTE AUX PINS, MI 49775

**IF YOU HAVE MAIL
DELIVERED TO YOUR HOUSE,
YOUR ADDRESS IS:**

YOUR NAME

HCR 01, BOX ???

**YOUR STREET NUMBER AND NAME
BOIS BLANC ISLAND, MI 49775-9809**



The USPS has changed their rules on reusing of boxes to mail items. The photo attached shows the correct use. ALL markings must be covered.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Recycling is back!

July 10 and August 14 from 1:30-2:30pm at the PIEG building by the dock.

We will ONLY accept the following:

Plastic, tin, and glass put into Kitchen size garbage bags.

Cardboard boxes broken down.

Junk mail or office type paper. Please put in a Kitchen size bag also.

These are the only things we are recycling this year.

If you have any questions, call Kathy Brown at 231-634-7119



Michigan Returnable Can/Bottle Drive

Boy Scout Troop 1240 will be collecting returnables again this year!

The trailer will be located next to the PIEG building at the base of the dock.

PLEASE wash out your returnables and put them in a closed garbage bag.

Out of state cans and bottles are not returnable unless they have the MI 10 cent sign on them.

Wine and alcohol bottles are not returnable. Please discard them by recycling.

Last year we had a GREAT response to this. Hopefully this year we can support the scouts even more so!

If you have any questions you can contact Lynn at Plaunt's office at 231-627-2354. She is the troop leader, or Kathy Brown at 231-634-7119.



BBI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

BBI Community Foundation will be holding our first meeting of the year at the Wagner Room on Saturday, June 8th at 10am. All are encouraged to join us.

SCHOLARSHIP applications must be submitted by JUNE 30TH!

Shared by: Misty Wiersma

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BBI HISTORICAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY



The BBI Historical Society Museum and Library would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to the White family. As many of you know, Mike White lost his battle with multiple myeloma this past winter. Mike fought with dignity, pride and amazing courage. His role as the Historical Society Historian, Board member, archivist, collector of artifacts, photographer and so much more, will never be filled, as Mike was uniquely qualified and will be missed!



Reflecting on the highlights of the summer of 2023, we are grateful to Kathy Brown for scheduling and organizing the **Night of the Museum**. During that event, Mike gave the adults a memorable tour of the museum artifact collection while the children watched the movie outside.

Weekly Story Hour was held at the Hoover Building. We are grateful to Joanna Duncan and all the volunteers who offered their time and resources for this weekly event during the month of July.

We are grateful to Phil Radala and his family, and to Bruce and Chris McAfee for all of their assistance at our annual Ice Cream Social and Used Book Sale. We are grateful for all of the volunteers who helped with scooping ice cream, setting up and cleaning up. Thanks to the BBI community and The Outpost, who together helped us raise close to \$1,500 in donations and new and renewed memberships.

We are grateful to the following businesses on Mackinac Island (Joanne's Fudge, Shepler's), in Cheboygan (Cheboygan Brewing, Bernard's, Libby's Downtown, Dr. James R. Hanchett - Water's Edge, and Cheboygan Coffee Roasters, Alcock's Market, Mulligan's, Yeck Family Drive-In,) Indian River (Johnathan Rand, author of *Michigan Chillers*) and Bois Blanc Island businesses (Plaunt Transportation, Zach Kidder, The Island Tavern), and individual donors, Will Swartz and Doug Miller, who all donated merchandise or gift certificates for our silent auction. The event was held in conjunction with the visiting Michigan author of *A Walk Across Michigan*, Will Swartz, who together helped us raise another \$1,500 in donations and memberships. Special thanks to Tom Wybranowski for requesting business owners to donate to our silent auction.

We had several community enrichment programs last summer and enjoyed having Bill and Erin Mansfield of the Lavender Hill Farm in Boyne City come to the island to give a talk on growing lavender. They also brought with them young lavender plants, and fabulous merchandise for purchase. We are thankful to those who attended and established new or renewed existing annual memberships at this community enriching event. We also enjoyed hosting art professor Anna Greidanus and author Elizabeth Wehman, and are grateful for their time.

We are thankful for all the volunteers who showed up every Tuesday and Saturday in July and August to keep our library and museum open. Special thanks to Emily Helmbold for coordinating the volunteer list. The annual Memory Night was held at the Coast Guard Chapel and we are grateful to the guest speakers and Kathy Brown for organizing the event.

We are grateful to the Township for offering the Wagner Room and to Joyce Peccon and those who are stewards of the Hoover Building for various events.

Grace Miller volunteered to be the Interim President for the summer of 2023, replacing Lynn Turner. The Board welcomed Emily Helmbold as our new Secretary, replacing Grace Miller.

BBI HISTORICAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY (Continued)

Library and Museum: We look forward to seeing everyone during the summer of 2024. Our library and museum will be open to the public on Tuesdays and Saturdays effective July 2nd through August 31st provided that we have volunteers to open and close. We are always looking for new volunteers each summer and hope that you will consider signing up for this important community service. **We offer credit to students who need community service hours or National Honor Society credit.**

Weekly Story Hour will be held each **Wednesday** in **July** at **11:00 a.m.** at the **Hoover Building** and is provided courtesy of Joanna Duncan and other volunteers who spend a lot of time preparing for their presentations and crafts.

Special Story Hour Event: Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday July 10th** as a 2020 Michigan Notable Book Author, Pamela Cameron. She will be reading from her book *Sport: Ship Dog of the Great Lakes* followed by an activity planned by Joanna Duncan and Pamela Cameron.

Ice Cream Social and Used Book Sale will be held on **Saturday, July 20th**
From 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Memory Night to commemorate Mike White and his contributions to the Historical Society Museum and Library over the years. The date and time will be announced in early June on our Facebook page.

Community Enrichment: We may be inviting the Mansfields of Lavender Hill Farm, and art professor Anna Greidanus to teach a class again this year. Watch for the notifications on Facebook and flyers that will be posted.

Volunteer Luncheon: This event is for volunteers who help keep the library and museum open, and help with community events. The date and time will be announced in early June on our Facebook page.

I have enjoyed serving on the Board previously as Secretary, and last year as the Interim President. However, I, Grace Miller, will be resigning this year from the role as the Interim President due to family and work obligations. If you are interested in serving as an officer or member of the Historical Society Board, please contact Grace at rellimgrace@gmail.com for more information.

BBI Historical Society
Grace Miller, Interim President
Phil Radala, Vice President
Doug Miller, Treasurer
Emilie Helmbold, Secretary
Michelle Reynolds, Board Member
BOB-LO TATLER



Photo Source: Grace Miller

Submitted by: Grace Miller

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Reprinted from the September 1999 BOB-LO Tatler:

Cession of Indian Lands in the Straits Area

This was the title of the talk given by Jim Doyle in the Hoover Building on Friday, July 30, with some 45 in the audience. With overheads, he explained various treaties between the white man and the Indians. The one of 1763 established the British/Indian border (but nonetheless, Europeans crossed the line to establish homesteads). The Treaty of Paris, 1783, moved the line further west; and the Jay Treaty of 1794 and the Treaty of San Lorenzo the following year moved the line as far west as the Mississippi River. The most important for Bois Blanc Island was the Treaty of Greenville (Ohio), 3 August 1795, which left most land to the Indians, but lake ports at the east of the mitt, including Straits of Mackinac, became British. Doyle is professor of American History, Macomb Community College (near Detroit); his appearance was sponsored by both the BBI Historical Society and the BBI Association.



BOIS BLANC ISLAND WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION

The Bois Blanc Island Wildlife Association, Inc. is a registered 501(c)3, nonprofit group that promotes the care and conservation of island wildlife. The Wildlife Raffle, held annually the Sunday prior to Labor Day, supports the efforts to protect and enhance habitat for island deer, birds and fish.

The 2023 Annual Wildlife Raffle was held September 3rd. Winners of the hog raffle were: Bryan French, 1st prize, a whole hog processed; Chuck Lievens, 2nd prize, ¼ hog processed; Adam Bronkema, 3rd prize, ¼ hog processed. During winter on the island, hay, corn and birdseed is purchased as supplemental feed to help the wildlife. This was Matt Northrop's dream as President and founder of the association. Sadly, Matt passed in 2023, but his dream lives on due to many dedicated volunteers.



BOIS BLANC ISLAND WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION (Continued)

Working with the DNR, the Wildlife Association helped stock the inland twin lakes with 15 thousand walleye. The volunteers will continue to work with the DNR on future island projects.

These are just a few of the ways the association is working to provide additional funds for projects for all islanders to enjoy. We are always looking for volunteers to continue this wonderful island club for future generations. If interested or for more information, please contact Julie Maynard, 706 255-4133, or Mike Wille, 231 620-0361.



Don't Erase It. Embrace It!

Suzette Cooley-Sanborn recently called my attention to a new law that passed in Michigan which protects Common Milkweed from inclusion on noxious weed lists in municipalities. That is sweet news for Monarch Butterflies and the 450 other insects known to feed on the nectar, sap, leaves or flowers of this vital plant.

One of my more rewarding pastimes on BBI has been chasing anything that moves, taking its portrait, and challenging myself to learn each creature's name. It's wildly fascinating! Common Milkweed not only rewards me with its captivating fragrance, but it is clearly an insect hot spot of epic proportions. What a huge encouragement it is to see fellow islanders who prioritize making room for this important plant in their yards and recognize it is foundational to a healthy, vibrant ecosystem here.

One of the first things I opted to do when we landed here was to stop mowing between our house and the shoreline and start tuning in to what indigenous plants began showing up. So far, Woolly Sedge and other sedges I'm still learning the names of, along with Spurred Gentian, Colombine, Large-leaved Aster, Meadow Anemone, Golden Corydalis, Woolgrass, and Blue-eyed Grass, have appeared. There has noticeably been an increase in the number of skippers and other butterfly species we enjoy seeing fly around. I look forward to a time when more folks intentionally support the wildlife here, and join the growing natural gardening community, especially on an island that has some wild that still remains. It is truly something to cherish.

The first part of the BBI Township Mission Statement is to:

"Protect, preserve and maintain the unique mix of natural ecosystems and green spaces that Bois Blanc Island possesses." and also "Improve the....environmental well-being for present and future generations."

If you share these priorities as many do, then let's consider Common Milkweed and other plants original to this island as something NOT to be erased, replaced with lawn or mowed over, but as something to truly treasure and delight in. Common Milkweed is an iconic plant that is part of this island's natural heritage and charm. It belongs here, as do all the enchanting creatures that are counting on it.

Respectfully submitted by Brandie Dunn



ACTIVITIES

Memorial Day Program

Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 27 at 11:30am there will be a Memorial Day service at Veteran's Park, right by the Pines Dock.

Following the service, lunch will be available from Wille's Grab & Go. A hot dog, chips and a drink will be ready. All proceeds will be going back to Veteran's Park. Last year the donations purchased the individual service flags and plaques.



Hope to see you there.



4th of July Parade!

Calling all bikes, golf carts, four wheelers or side by sides! We are going to have a parade on July 4 at 11:00am! We will meet at the Township parking lot and parade to the Museum.

Anyone who will need assistance decorating, or supplies/decorations, (a limited supply will be provided on a first come first serve basis) please meet at the Township parking lot at 10 am.

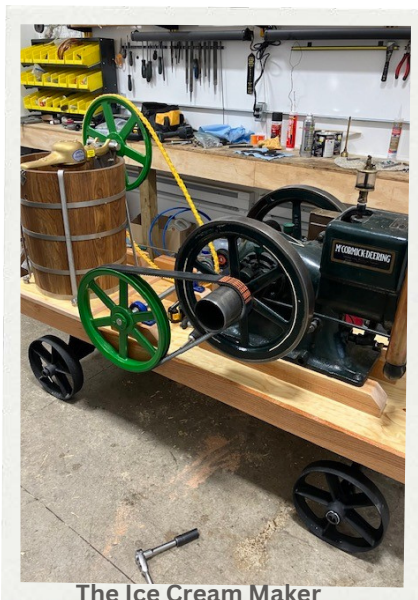
There will be a prize in the 4 categories to the best Red, White, and Blue display. Judging will be done before the parade starts and the winners will be announced at the end of the parade at the museum.

Officer Joe will be leading the parade! The road will be closed to traffic for the parade, approximately 10 minutes.

Please join us on the parade route to watch the festivities!



If you have any questions, please call Kathy Brown at 231-634-7119



The Ice Cream Maker

ANTIQUE ENGINE SHOW

Joe and Clover Schlund will again have an antique engine show in their front yard on Friday & Saturday, July 5th and 6th, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. There will be multiple engines of various sizes. One engine in particular will make ice cream which we will offer a dish free to anyone that would like to try it. If you have an antique car, tractor, or what not, please feel free to bring it down to display. Wille's Grab & Go will also be set up in the yard serving his wonderful burgers, hotdogs, bratts, and nachos. We will also accept any donations for our local firefighters. Thank you in advance!! In case you aren't sure where we are located, we are 1 mile east of the ferry dock, with the Island Contractors sign by the road.

ACTIVITIES

BBI BOOK CLUB

The books for the 2024 Bois Blanc Island Book Discussion are:

Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson
Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
Horse by Geraldine Brooks
The Mitford Affair by Marie Benedict
The Wager by David Gran



Photo Source: Mary Struble Deery

Dates and locations of the meetings will be posted on the BBI Facebook sites as well as signs in the usual places. For more information contact Chris McAfee at chrisomcafee@gmail.com. All are welcome to come enjoy talking about the books.

Kidz Kamp Hike

Kids ages 5-13 are welcome to join us on a hike from Snake Island to Lake Thompson via the Michigan Nature Association Trail.

We will be exploring three different Wetlands and how their ecosystems are different.

Please wear long pants, shoes or boots that can get wet, and be prepared for bugs.

Water and snack will be provided.

Parents are welcome to join us!

We will meet at Snake Island to begin our adventure.

Please call Kathy Brown at 231-634-7119 to register.



July 9
9am -
12:00pm.



ACTIVITIES

STEWARDSHIP

Saturday's @ Snake Island, 10:00 am - Noon



Some dedicated Weed Warriors will be out regularly at Snake Island pulling invasive Spotted Knapweed. Join our efforts to remove this invasive plant to make more room for things like Milkweed, Dwarf Lake Iris and many other plants that are intimately linked with the local ecosystem.

This is an excellent opportunity for **EXERCISE WITH A PURPOSE!** Stay as long as you are able. It's something all generations can do together. BYO water and gloves are recommended. A small snack will be provided, but you are welcome to bring a lunch to enjoy as well. A blanket/chair may be desired for when we finish.

Watch Facebook for event listings or sign up for notifications by texting Brandie or Beth. We also plan to have a sign posted when an active Stewardship Day is in-progress. Don't be shy. Drop on by!

Brandie Dunn @ 815-347-2247 or Beth Beson @ 248-921-3798

EXERCISE



TODAY'S ACTIONS ARE TOMORROWS RESULTS

July/August exercise classes will be held Monday-Thursday at 9:00 am in the Wagner Room. Exercise varies daily (strength and interval training, low impact aerobics, yoga).

Classes are free and equipment is provided.

Led by Martha Stowe

This year there will not be a designated day for Beach Sweep.

I will have garbage bags available for anyone who wants to help keep our beaches beautiful. Just get ahold of me and I can get you bags.

Please let me know where you would like to go, so I can make sure we get as much covered as possible.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!

Call Kathy Brown at 231-634-7119 for bags



Photo Source: Michelle Reynolds

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF BOIS BLANC ISLAND

The Catholic Community of Bois Blanc Island is pleased to announce that we will be having Catholic Mass service on Sunday afternoons, May through September. The first service will be held on Sunday, May 26th, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., at the Fire Barn in the Wagner room.

This has been a long time coming. The Bishop of Marquette, Bishop John Doerfler, was contacted last summer about having Catholic services on BBI. He informed us that the island did have a Catholic Mission back in the 1930s and 40s. After the lumber boom, the island's population dwindled and with it, the mission did too. A few individuals invited Priests, as guests, to their cottages and Mass was held sporadically. Because there was a Mission here before, the Bishop was very happy to start services here again.

The Bishop has assigned Reverent Father John Essel of Saint Anne's Church on Mackinac Island to hold weekly Mass on Sunday afternoons. Because this is a benefit to the BBI community, the Mass will be held in the Wagner Room until our Catholic Community has a more permanent facility.

All are welcome to attend our service every Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

If you have questions, please e-mail them to tomlower@sbcglobal.net

God Bless You,

Catholic Community of Bois Blanc Island



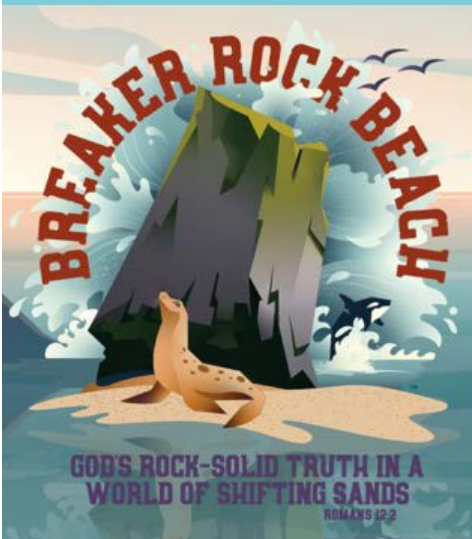
COAST GUARD CHAPEL

The Coast Guard Chapel of Bois Blanc Island is a non-denominational, Christian based church that provides worship services on Sundays at 11 am from Memorial Weekend through the end of September. Worship takes place in the Wagner Room until biting insect season eases up, allowing us to begin gathering at the Chapel the later part of June.

Aug. 11- joint service with Church of the Transfiguration (they are hosting this year).

Aug 3rd

Pancake Breakfast
@ the Wagner Room
9:00 - NOON



**COAST GUARD
CHAPEL**

**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL**

JULY 3-6 @ 10AM

PRE-K TO 6TH GRADE

FREE KIDS EVENT!



CHURCH OF TRANSFIGURATION

We are turning our thoughts to warm weather and a beautiful sunny summer on our beloved Bois Blanc Island. We will begin our 119th season of worship in our beautiful rustic church on June 30th. All services begin at 10:30 a.m. with a coffee hour following at the Hoover Building. We have visiting priests to help us worship at our historic Church of the Transfiguration. The following individuals will lead us in worship this summer:

June 30 – Dr. Richard McCandless, our resident retired Episcopal priest on the Island. Many may know him as he visits the Island as often as he can from his permanent residence in Akron, Ohio. He and his wife purchased the John & Glenda Delamater cottage.

July 7 – Marna Franson, from the Upper Peninsula Diocese who has been with us several years in the past.

July 14 and 21 – The Rev. Bill McClure who spent most of his life in Gladwin, Michigan. Bill served as Rector at St. James' Episcopal Church in Cheboygan for over 13 years and then moved to Trinity Episcopal Church in Alpena where he served for over 7 years before his retirement. Bill has led funeral & baptism services for Island families on occasion in the past.

July 28 – Lydia Bucklin comes from the Upper Peninsula Diocese where she serves the Canon to the Ordinary for Discipleship & Vitality. She has visited us several times and has led baptism services on the Island.

August 4 – Bishop Rayford Ray, Bishop of Northern Michigan. He was born in Heidelberg, West Germany and became a US citizen when he turned 18. He is married to Suzanne Ray, who is also a priest. Joining him will be Father Philip Chester, the parish priest at St. Matthew's Westminster, England who has been with us many times. He is always a favorite of the Islanders.

August 11 – Each summer the Church of the Transfiguration and the Coast Guard Chapel have a unity service rotating which house of worship will be the site of the service. In 2024, the unity service will be held at the Church on August 11th at 10:30 a.m. Father Philip Chester, parish priest at St. Matthew's Westminster, England will lead the service. Come join us in worship.

August 18, and 25 – Father Philip Chester, parish priest at St. Matthew's Westminster, England.

September 1 – Dr. Richard McCandless will again close out the season with our last service for the year.



The Church will once again sponsor a fundraiser **Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, July 19, 2024 from 5-7 p.m. at the Wagner Room**. Please come, enjoy dinner out with good food, support our historic church and visit with your Island neighbors.

Those We've Loved And Lost In 2023

Thom Babcock

Victor Babcock

Anna Devlin

Melvin Johnson

Patricia D. Lyden-Kaser

Chip Mars

Alys McCalmut

Ben Nye

Paul St. Germaine

Floyd Sullivan

Reverend Richard Allen Turner

Kimble Lee Wagner

Betty Caulkins White

Mike White

Linda Williams

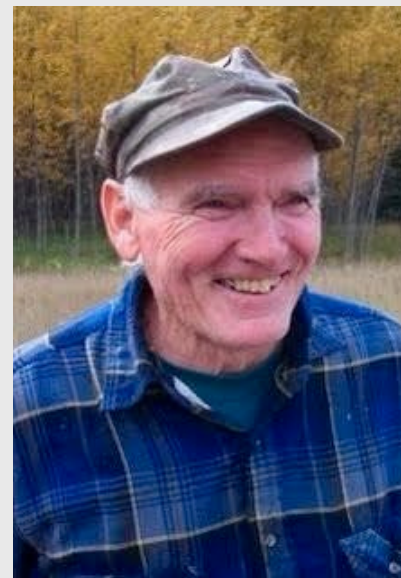
Note: This list is primarily comprised of those whose families contacted the island sexton and some which shared information on Social Media. Sincere apologies for any omissions.
Please send any notifications to Nativebeelady@gmail.com

Victor Babcock - The Prince of Bois Blanc Island MI [1933-2023]

As the ferry moves in to dock on the island, I often catch a wiry guy with an army fatigue cap on with baby blue eyes. He's about twenty years older than me, but more solid and strong. After helping the boat dock in place, he starts unloading supplies and people's personal stuff that they schlepped across the straits of Mackinac. I get to know him as an island legend of many tales - morel mushroom hunter extraordinaire, jack of all trades builder, electric installer, hunter and all around island boy/man who has done everything a guy can do on this island.

Victor was born on the island. He really never left the island except for a stint in the army and a family trip to Alaska. He's built many cabins, lodges and houses on the island. When the island first got electricity in the mid 1960's, he quickly became the skilled worker to help people get their electricity installed and operating. Victor could do just about anything you could want on a slow, laid-back island where people always needed help, and Victor was always there to help.

No one knew the island like Victor. He hunted both deer and mushrooms, walked and traveled the roughly thirty-six square miles of the island since boyhood. He knew of island walking Indian trails that were long gone by. The island was his pearl - he had met his love and married her on the island. His extended family and kids were his pride and part of his island tribe, sharing the peace and quiet of the serene natural island beauty.



Victor Babcock - The Prince of Bois Blanc Island MI (Continued)

Besides being a talented craftsman, Victor was a keen observer of the natural world. He knew how many acorns would fit into his gallon containers of acorns that he gathered to feed the deer. He knows where the largest tree stands on the island [134 inch perimeter white pine]. I asked him once about the island winters, "what was the largest snow you remember?" He thought for a second "When I was maintaining the roads, one January we had over 110 inches of snow in one month". He knew how many morel mushrooms he would find in one season [sometimes over a thousand in a season]. He was always the living barometer of what was happening on the island, whether it was too cold in the spring for mushrooms yet or getting ready for the dreadful black flies because of the mild spring.

Everyone on the island has a Victor story [or many]. One time I invited him to hunt on my back acreage if he wanted. He turned to me "There's 35 sections on this island - and I hunt all of them." He obviously didn't need my invitation to hunt on my property! When he finally agreed to bring me out mushroom hunting one early spring, we managed to clear the tree laded wilderness two-track to start the hunt. I was gathering my things together as Victor started into the forest. By the time I tried to catch up with him, he was gone with not a trace in sight. I called and called to no avail - He arrived back an hour later saying "What happened to you? I thought you were right behind me."

In 2006, Victor wired my lodge on the north shore of BBI. It was a big project and I had the honor of being Victor's helper. Although he was 20 years my senior, I would describe to friends that I had to work hard to keep up with task master Victor. He could work circles around me. "You know, we're installing more than a mile of wire in this place?" Victor would say. I knew it was a lot, but never thought about how much:)



Victor would show up at the lodge before daylight everyday to be sure to be ready when the first light appeared. His methodical precision and determination always carried the day to make the task enjoyable and successful. He made work seem like an adventure rather than a burden.



I learned and loved a lot with the guy who represented the island spirit in so many ways. Simple, beautiful and enduring. His spirit will live on with the many of us who were fortunate to be touched by his loving and wise practicality and skill. We will miss him and carry his love with us.

Peter Dooley 9/21/2023

WOOD

How much wood could a Woodchuck chuck, chuck, if a Woodchuck could chuck wood?

We have all heard that tongue twister before, but for me, I am that Woodchuck. For me, the singular word "chuck", is an all-encompassing word which, if I could insert it into the Webster's Dictionary, would mean: "Chuck....the process by which a person scopes out dead or fallen trees, cuts into small, easier to handle pieces, loads them into a trailer, the back of a pick-up or the trunk of a car to be taken to a location to be further split into fireplace size pieces by either an axe, splitting mall or a 22 ton capacity motorized log splitter".

So, what is the answer to how much wood could a Woodchuck chuck? My answer is---> NEVER ENOUGH!!!

Since moving to Bois Blanc Island, full time, it became abundantly clear to me that wood, more precisely firewood, would become many things to me; a friend, an enemy, a challenge, a necessity, an obsession.

I often literally eat, sleep and dream firewood. Do I have enough? I wonder if that fallen Maple I saw last week is still lying there the last time I saw it. How big should I split the logs? How should I stack it? Where should I stack it? Which wood is the most seasoned? Do I have enough kindling? Should I scout the island for more wood, or should I buy some logs from the local logger? I even have agreements with many of my neighbors that if a tree is blocking their driveway that I will remove it if I can "Chuck" the wood.

I see potential everywhere I go. Driving from my own back yard to the dock, my eyes are mostly on the road but often are darting back and forth from one side of the road to the other....slowing down to peer down a driveway or a two-track, looking for that perfect tree that the forest has given up....just lying there, ripe for the process of cutting, loading, splitting, and eventually being stacked in the Wybranowski Wood Pile.

The upside to all this obsession, compulsion, and necessity about wood is that I am becoming fairly knowledgeable regarding trees.....which ones are native to the island, which ones are "soft" wood or "hard" wood....which species should, or should not, find their demise in my fireplace. Pines and Cedars are not recommended due to either the amount of Creosote they can excrete or the sometimes pungent aroma or allergy inducing qualities they possess. Maple, Beech and the elusive Oak are highly sought after while the super hard Striped Maple and Ironwood top the list. Somewhere in the middle are the Poplar and Birch trees.

To finish up, I will say that I am not too picky except that I will not burn Pine while there are others who are "wood snobs" thumbing their noses at the likes of any wood other than Maple or Oak. I'm thinking that those folks don't live here year-round. You know who they are... they look at your wood pile, snicker and then give you that condensing look and then proceed to tell you their Wood Joke....."Hey Tom, it looks like you've got some Gopher Wood there".....and when I give them a blank stare.....they say...."You know, Gopher Wood....as soon as you put a piece in the fireplace you immediately have to Go Fer another piece."

Well, there you have it. I am still looking for a support group for any others who are haunted by the constant obsession to keep seeking the perfect wood to chuck. Until then, I've gotta split.

Tom Wybranowski, 12/11/13

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If You Have Paw-Parazzi, You Know You Are Someone Special!



Hangin' in the HOOD, Lydia, Sylvia & Katelynn, along with canine companion Captain, brave Snake Island during black fly season, May 2023.



Above: The sun sets on another picturesque day on Bois Blanc Island for Michelle Reynolds' horse, May. Says Reynolds, "It's a lot of hard work and dedication no matter where you own a horse. A horse on BBI is the best of both worlds."

Left: "Lily had to be in the middle of her pack and what they're doing." – Anne Kennedy



PINES SCHOOL

Below: Field Trip to the apple orchard



Bottom left & right: Bryan French, Matt Bjornbak, and Boblo Bootleggers Pure Maple Syrup hosted Alex on a school field trip to learn how they make their liquid gold.

BBIA: Important Updates

Hello Islanders! As spring and summer are in front of us, we wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the BBIA website's calendar feature. The BBIA website calendar is our island community's reference point to various events and activities going on throughout the year. Additionally, there is also an upcoming Events: Save the Date tab that broadly highlights some of the events and activities that are noted on the calendar.

The website calendar is updated monthly on the last day of the month. People can submit their event/happening to the BBIA website via the contact us section on the bottom of the home page and we will load it onto the calendar. Folks are also welcome to submit a graphic or more information summary to be placed on the upcoming events tab.

A final note on timing, accuracy and relevance of the calendar: We try our best to update the calendar as quickly as possible. Please note, however, it is only a reflection of the information we receive from you. There are times when changes are made to various events/activities and the changes are not conveyed to us either timely or at all. Please keep these factors in mind as you plan your activities and engagement on BBI.

The BBIA Board

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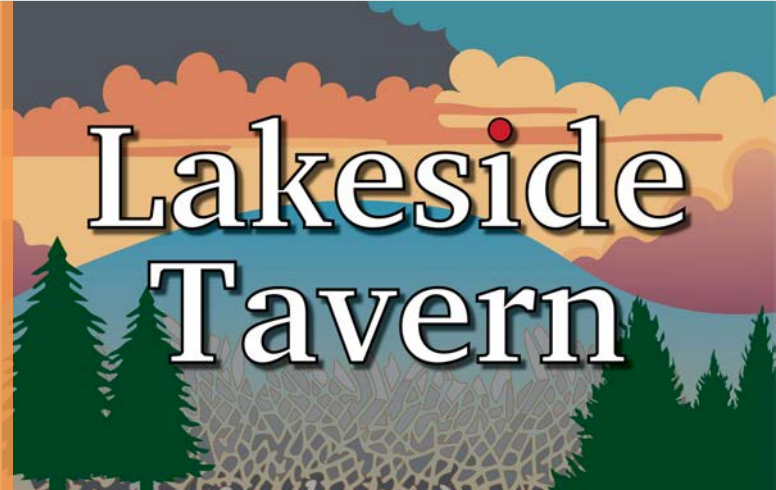
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BBI BUSINESSES: NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Wishing a warm welcome to new BBI businesses, Nye's Birch Shop & Lakeside Tavern and continued success to the rest of the island businesses! You are appreciated!

Our May hours are:
Thurs thru Sunday
11am - 5pm.

1024 W Huron Dr
Pointe Aux Pins,
MI 49775



The OUTPOST BBI

STARTING MAY 1, 2024

Hours for May 2024

- 🕒 Monday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm
- 🕒 Tuesday Closed
- 🕒 Wednesday Closed
- 🕒 Thursday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm
- 🕒 Friday 8:30 am – 6:30 pm
- 🕒 Saturday 8:30 am – 6:30 pm
- 🕒 Sunday 12 pm – 4:00 pm

theoutpostbbi.com

Daily Donuts Opening Memorial Day!



Wille's Grab & Go Opening Day 5/23 11 - 2



231-620-0361

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

May

- THU 23 Lakeside Tavern Opening Day
MON 27 Memorial Day Service @ 10:30
@ Veteran's Park

June

- SAT 08 BBICF Mtg 10 @ Wagner Rm
SAT 08 Kid's Fishing Contest
SUN 09 Kid's Fishing Contest

July

- WED 3-6 VBS @ Chapel 10:00 am
THU 04 Independence Day Parade @ 11am
SAT 05 Antique Hit-N-Miss Engine Show 10-4
SUN 06 Antique Hit-N-Miss Engine Show 10-4
TUE 09 Kidz Hike 9 - 12:00
WED 10 Recycling Pick-up 1:30 - 2:30
FRI 19 Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 @ Wagner Rm
SAT 20 Ice Cream Social & Book Sale 2-4
@ Historical Museum
SAT 27 East v West 5K Run 9am

August

- SAT 03 Pancake Breakfast @ Wagner Room
SAT 03 BBIA Annual Mtg 10am, Wagner Rm
SAT 10 Annual Babcock Sale, 9 - 1 Wagner Rm
SUN 11 Joint Service @ Church of
Transfiguration @ 10:30
WED 14 Recycling Pick-up 1:30 - 2:30
THU 22 BBI Ladies Shuffleboard @ Beaver Isl.

September

- SUN 1 - Wildlife Association Annual Dinner
@ Wagner Rm

** Known Events as of this printing



Watercolor on canvas, created by Alex McLemore at Pines School. It is the Northshore of Bois Blanc Island depicting the night sky, stars, along with the northern lights

RECURRING EVENTS

BBI Historical Museum

Tue/Thu/Sat- 10-2

Story Hour

Wed's in July 11:00 @ Hoover Bldg

Exercise

M- Th July/Aug 9:00 Wagner Rm

Farmer's Market

Sat's @ 9 - Noon, June - Sept

Fun Night @ Chapel

Tue's @ 7:00

Just Because

Thur's @ Noon, locations vary

Ladies' Shuffleboard

Thur's @ Lakeside Tavern

Square Dance

Thur's @ 6/27 - 8/15

7:00 @ Wagner Rm

WORSHIP

Catholic Mass @ Wagner Rm- Sun's @ 3:00
Church of Transfiguration - Sun's @10:30
Coast Guard Chapel - Sun's @11:00