



Fall 2023 Pictorial Edition

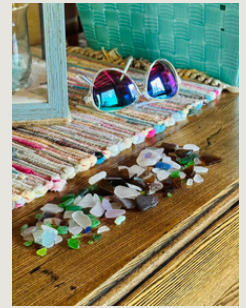
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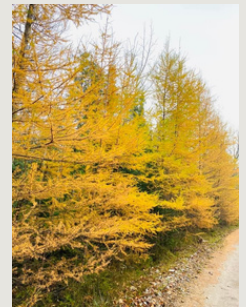
Celebrating islanders who embrace the magic of Bois Blanc Island



In the spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving for this very special rock and the past, present and future friends of BBI, the Bois Blanc Island Association is pleased to share a small sprinkling of magical island moments from 2023. We are incredibly thankful to all who responded when we put out the humble call for submissions to this Fall Pictorial Edition of the Tatler. While we couldn't quite showcase every entry received, we are so thankful for the spirit of generosity that was shown.



This collaborative approach to storytelling, offers a small window into the beloved island community we all hold dear. Please join us in celebrating the countless different ways our love and affection for this island and each other took form in 2023. May peace and a spirit of gratitude be with you and yours until we meet again, island-side.



- The BBI Association



The BBI Association annual meeting was August 5 with 50+ in attendance to get an update from a wide variety of leaders from the township and various island organizations.



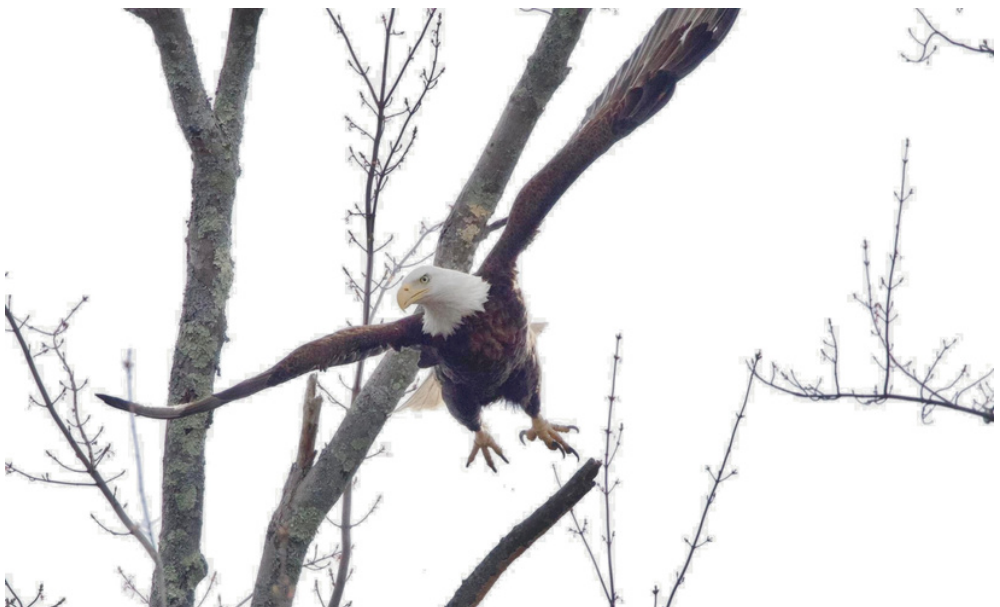
Bayview Mackinac Race to Sail Original Course to Mark 100th Year Anniversary in 2024

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: <https://www.sail-world.com/news/267626/Bayview-Mackinac-Race-registration-dates-announced>





Memorial Day Ceremony 2023



“Matt Northrop had set up one last event to help the Wildlife Association before he passed away. On Thursday, June 8th, Michigan DNR brought over 14,249 walleye fingerlings to stock in Twin Lakes. Matt’s efforts will be sorely missed, but the Wildlife Association will keep moving forward. Thanks Betty Hutchinson for sharing the pictures.”

- Jayson Beugly



Fish stocking at Twin Lakes



Dedication and ribbon cutting for Bright Waters Park at the West End of the island. Children were invited to make kites to enjoy on a breezy island day.



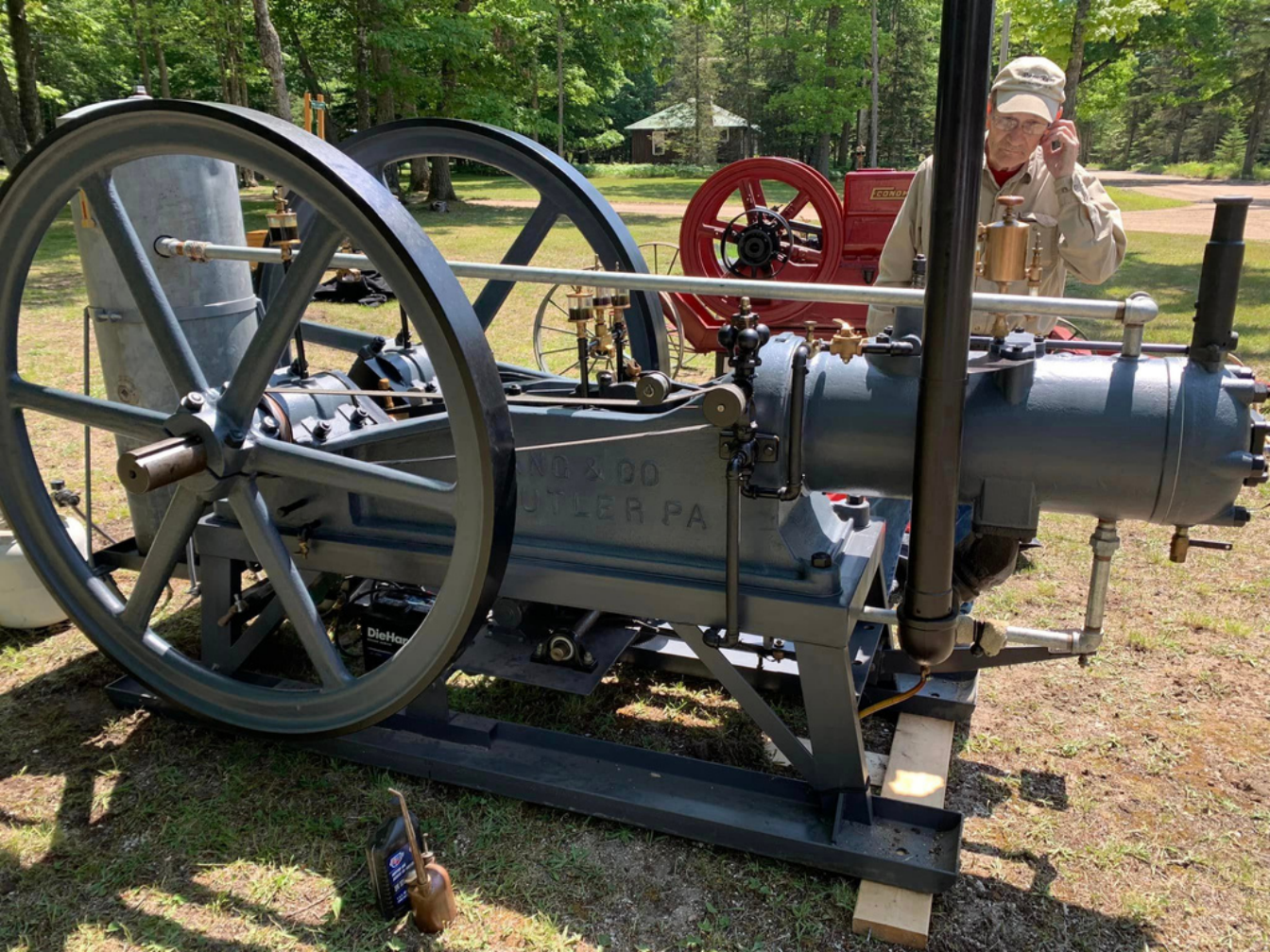


Leo at Bright Waters Park.



Independence Day celebration at the old pines dock.





Antique Engine Show and Fundraiser for BBIFD hosted by Island Contractors.

Living the Dream



Above: "My wife Shaya and I clearing our property to make our dream retirement home. This was in May." - Ray Dancer



Vacation Bible School was held for the very first time at the Coast Guard Chapel.



Book Discussion Group Gatherings. Twenty-seven years strong!





Above: Youth Softball Game at the airport. Everyone got a chance to play.

Below: Kidz Kamp at Snake Island. Kids learned about wetlands, ponds and the plants and animals that live there.





Annual Historical Society Ice Cream Social & Book Sale.

An island Treasure, Fully Restored.



This effort was many thanks to the generous donations to help fund this, the work of the BBI Association and countless other volunteers.



Just Because, a friendly Thursday lunch gathering at The Outpost or Tavern.



Visitors enjoyed a picture perfect island day at the Art & Craft Fair, held at the Bible Farm.



The annual East vs. West Softball game. East prevailed once again, but the score gets closer every year. Watch out East Islanders! East Team (left). West Team (right).



Above: Erin and Bill Mansfield made a very interesting presentation about their Lavender Hill Farm in Boyne City. They brought over plants and other products infused with lavender to sell. They went home nearly empty handed.



Will Swartz entertained islanders with a presentation about his book "A Walk Across Michigan". Almost no one in the audience even knew there was such a trail, except John Sanborn who had ridden it on horseback back in the day.

Way To Go Team BOBLO!



Ten women came to BBI from Beaver Island to challenge The BBI shuffleboard gals for the first time. The Beaver Island visitors couldn't fly, as originally planned, due to thick fog. Instead, they took their 2+ hour ferry to Charlevoix, drove to Cheboygan, then took the ferry to BBI. In each of the 10 bedrooms the Beaver Island gals occupied at the Hideaway, they found a red t-shirt, gifts from the BBI team, commemorating the event. Unfortunately, Beaver Island lost every match, but gained great friendships. The Tavern had more patrons than at any time in 2023 witnessing the fun...and that it was. Next match: 2024 on Beaver Island.



The Hideaway Music Festival in August was a great success. The two-day event was filled with music lovers, art vendors, and awesome food. Expect a bigger and better festival in 2024. Randy Riddle was the brainchild behind what he hopes will become an annual event. Adam Bronkema, of the Hideaway B&B, provided a perfect venue for musicians and artists.





Several islanders invested time into Bible Beach and Snake Island Stewardship Efforts.





Annual thank you luncheon for Historical Society and BBI Museum volunteers.



Just one more ice cream run before departure. Note: Two spoons are much more efficient!



Some of the generous volunteers at Church of Transfiguration who brought the community together for a most successful Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.

BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP HALL

Pointe Aux Pins, MI



"This past weekend, my granddaughter married her best friend. She is the second granddaughter to get married on BBI. This is a very special place for our family." - Sharon Wilcox Mitchell



It's hip to be square! Every Thursday in July through mid-August, Wendy Spray calls delightful square dances, enjoyed by all ages.



Guests enjoyed pancakes served with locally produced maple syrup generously provided by Boblo Bootleggers at the Coast Guard Chapel Pancake Breakfast & Quilt Silent Auction.



Farmer's Market every Saturday with fresh produce, island syrup, crafts, homemade bread, donuts and more!



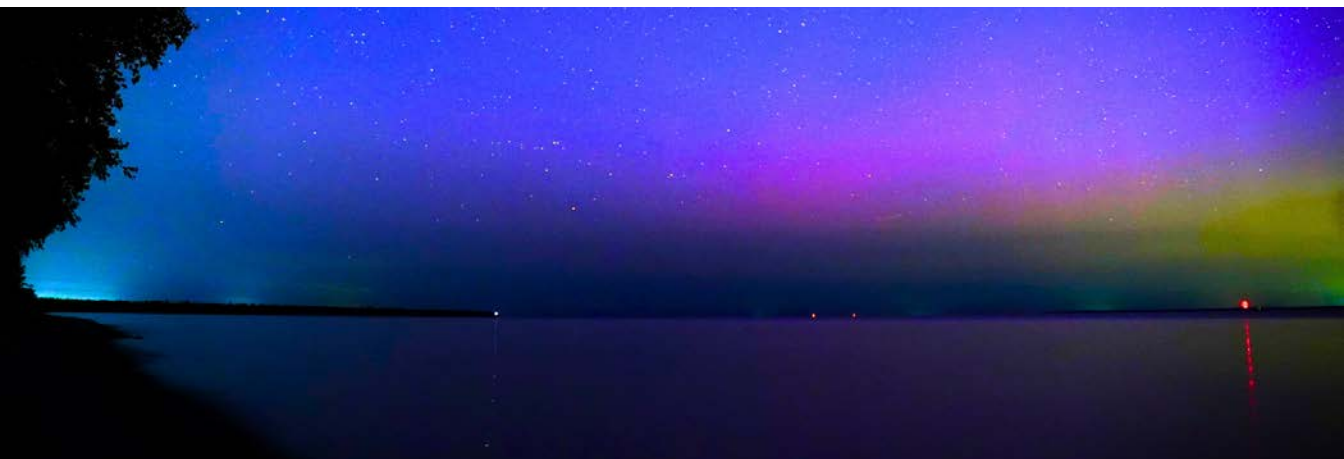


Tuesday Fun Night at the Coast Guard Chapel playing Spinner's (top). West enders bring out the rubber chicken for a game of Chicken Foot (bottom). Good times were had by all!



Above: Brandon's 2nd Annual Pig Roast in August. ALL islanders were invited for quite a remarkable feast in celebration of Brandon's birthday.

Below: This was the year of Northern Lights, especially visible through a camera lens. Northern Lights over Light House Point.





**Some bridges,
once crossed,
will change you forever.**

- Katrina Mayer



Celebrating our beloved island community and the many different ways we came together in 2023.



With gratitude to the following for taking time to share a little island magic:

Ginger Estep Canup	Kris Dalton	Eryn Sprenger	Lisa M. Dickerson-Klein
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