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- Donation
- Roadside/Park Cleanup
- BISI Project
- Partnership
- Other

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**Behind the Scenes**

Jessica Kidder is the mind behind the creation of BISI. She began her education at Prescott College in Arizona. She then transferred to Michigan State University and received a Bachelor of Science in Geography. Next spring, Jessi will finish her Master of Arts degree in Geography with a specialization in human-environment relationships. Two articles in the May BISI Review (*Welcome to BISI* and *The "S" Word*) were written by her. When asked why she chose to submit anonymously, she selflessly explains that she wanted to introduce BISI as BISI. She laughs and says, "Pay no attention to the woman behind the curtain," in reference to the *Wizard of Oz*. Jessi came up with the idea of BISI because she couldn't envision a better use of her education and wants to give back to the community and environment that has given so much to all. "There are two incredible things on this Island, the land and the people, and both are irreplaceable. I truly believe we can maintain for generations, the quality of Island life we love so dearly. We are fortunate to know and love such a unique natural environment."



# BISI REVIEW

## Bois Blanc Island Stewardship Institute

### Gibson Park

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This summer Lee Maynard has an internship with the Pointe Aux Pins School for her undergraduate degree in Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences with an emphasis in park and natural resources. She will be proposing a plan for Gibson Park as an outdoor classroom for students and a neighborhood park for the community. Your questions and comments are always welcome: 706.255.6285 (cell).

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Gibson Park is located next to the Pointe Aux Pins School.

## Park & Roadside Cleanup July 15, 2006

The July BISI Roadside Cleanup will be joining the **Pointe Aux Pins School** and **Lee Maynard** to help with the transformation of Gibson Park. Volunteers will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the park. Gibson Park is located next to the Pointe Aux Pins School. Roadside clean up will start immediately after the park clean up. **Volunteers will be awarded a free scoop of ice cream from Hawk's Landing!**

"We must be the change we wish to see in the world"

- Gandhi





## Roadside Cleanup Success

May 28, 2006 was a cool and rainy morning, but it didn't stop five volunteers from participating in the first BISI Roadside Cleanup. Cori Tymoszek, Robin and Jack Lees, John Engel, Zach Kidder and Jessi Kidder braved the rain and collected so much refuse that we filled the Plaunt Transportation dump truck. Volunteers collected refuse from lafrate's driveway and headed west to the end of Rocky Road. Refuse was also collected around the Township Dock.



**Left:** Cori Tymoszek enjoys the first roadside cleanup. **Right:** Plaunt's dump truck full of refuse.

## BISI in the Community

In addition to the successful May Roadside Cleanup, BISI has been hard at work. Early in May, BISI staff cleared a stretch of sidewalk in the Pines for all to safely walk and ride. Sidewalks promote healthy living, alternative modes of transportation, and ensure safety. Keeping the sidewalks clear of gravel and debris is essential to a vibrant community.

## BISI Barrels

BISI barrels are being placed at Island campsites to encourage responsible camping. Campers please remember that if you pack it in, pack it out. The BISI barrels are there to accommodate excess refuse and refuse found along the beaches and campsites. BISI staff monitors the barrels multiple times during the week. Please do your part to keep our Island beautiful. If you would like to help construct and paint BISI barrels please contact us: [BISI@wildblue.net](mailto:BISI@wildblue.net) or 517-896-1843 or stop by: 2 miles east of the township dock at the BISI sign.



## THANK YOU

Words cannot fully express our gratitude and awe for the support you have given to this organization. For those who came before and cared about those who would come after, we humbly and sincerely thank you.

- Bois Blanc Island Township**
- John Engel**
- Hawk's Landing**
- Rob and Kirsten Johnston**
- Zach Kidder**
- Robin and Jack Lees**
- Michael Leppen**
- Lee Maynard**
- Bob and Penny Miller**
- Christa, Shelby and Teddy Bear Newhouse**
- Steve Perialas**
- Plaunt Transportation**
- Meghan Sims and Chris**
- Wendy Spray and the Point Aux Pins School**
- Sally Sperry**
- Bill Thibodeau**
- Cori Tymoszek**
- Fran Vallely**
- Warren and DeLane VanDerbeck**
- Graham Whipple**
- Mike White**



### Pen and Ink Prints by Local Artist

Local artist Sally Sperry creates beautiful pen and ink drawings of island homes. If you would like Sally to create an original print of your home please contact her at 634-7224 or BISI at 517-896-1843.

Prints are available at Hawk's Landing. Please make checks payable to BISI.



Sally Sperry's pen and ink rendition of the Pines pump house.



### BISI Kids: Wilderness Survival

What to do if you become lost:

**Stay put and do not hide.** Rescuers will start looking for you immediately, even at night. If you keep moving or walking, finding you will become more difficult. If you see rescuers do not hide. Rescuers are there to help you and they won't be mad at you.

**Stay calm.** Take some deep breaths, listen for rescuers calling or whistling and be brave. If you hear rescuers, answer their calls by yelling back or whistling.

**Stay warm and dry.** Your clothes will help you stay warm, so don't take them off. Try to keep dry, find a cozy waiting place that is out of the wind and rain. But be careful to choose a place where rescuers can see you.

**Stick together.** If you are hiking with a friend or pet and you become lost, never split up. Stay together. If you get cold, huddle together to keep warm.

**Attract attention.** Put out something bright or make something that will draw attention to where you are. If you have a whistle, blow it every few minutes.

**Five things to take when you go out:** (1) Garbage bag. This will help you stay warm and dry but never put the bag over your face; (2) whistle; (3) water bottle; (4) bright colors; (5) snacks.

### In Your Own Words

#### Shoreline Preservation

Humans have an insatiable thirst for natural beauty. We desire to gaze upon the waters of rivers, streams, lakes, and oceans contemplating our place in the world around us. But in our enthusiasm to see these bodies of water we look right past one of the most beautiful, most intricate living communities...the transitional area between beach and forest...the natural shoreline. On thousands of lakes, rivers, streams, and oceans, these precious, fragile landscapes are destroyed in order to see the water through a glass window. Often, the view of these waters is only a matter of 30 or 40 steps away.

**“In the long run, will BBI be visited for the prominently displayed shoreline homes or will they come to see some of the last natural shores in Michigan?”**

Amazingly, our laws allow this destruction. Back in the '40s and '50s, men built mostly small cabins on the edges of lakes. They cleared the land. They were lonely places, perhaps only two or three on a shoreline. They seemed to fit in. Wild shores surrounded these small northern retreats. It seemed that the wild places were too great to ever disappear. Look again. They are gone on some of Michigan's largest inland lakes. More and more of the Great Lake's natural shores disappear every year. And as out of date as this destructive traditional approach is, it is still happening on Bois Blanc Island.

All of us that either live or visit Bois Blanc Island view the land as we cross from Cheboygan. Our shorelines deserve the same respect that sand dunes or wetlands receive. In the long run, will BBI be visited for the prominently displayed shoreline homes or will they come to see some of the last natural shores in Michigan?

- John Engel



### Split and Knit at the Insel Haus

Christa invites all knitters to an evening of knitting, quilting, crocheting, and general camaraderie. The summer schedule will be the second and fourth Wednesday of July, August and September 2006, the dates being: July 12 and 26; August 9 and 23; September 13 and 27. Hours are 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

During the fall and winter, it will be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of October, November and December 2006, the dates being: October 14 and 28; November 8 and 22; December 6 and 20. Hours are 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**How Five Wishes can help you and your family.** Insel Haus announces evening discussions on this important subject on the following dates: July 19, August 16 and 30, September 6 and 20 at 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

### Island History - by Michael J. White

#### Beginning of Return to Detroit by Birch Bark Canoe

September 12 - At Michilimackinac

September 13 - We left for Michilimackinac at three o'clock in the afternoon, and preceding ten miles, encamped at Point Aux Pins on the lower extremity of the island of Bois Blanc. In the summer season, it has luxuriant under-growth of grass, vines, and succulent plants, and serves as a pasturage ground for cattle and horses of the inhabitants of a most valuable appendage to that settlement.

September 14 - Detained by unfavorable (sic) winds during the morning. While detained on Bois Blanc, a vessel bound for Michilimackinac passed through the narrow strait, which separates the island from the main shore. It is interesting to contemplate the progress of commerce through the regions, which at no remote period, were only traversed in bark canoes; and which perhaps, in a shorter period, may smile under the hand of agriculture, civilization, and the arts.

Narrative Journal of Travels, Henry Schoolcraft, 1820



# JULY 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1 FUN DAY</b>
2	3	4	5 <b>SH</b>	6 <b>MC PC</b>	7	8 <b>HC</b>
9	10 <b>V</b>	11	12 <b>SH TB SK</b>	13 <b>MC SD</b>	14	15 <b>PR</b>
16	17	18	19 <b>SH 5W</b>	20 <b>MC SD</b>	21	22
23	24 <b>BR</b>	25	26 <b>SH TB SK</b>	27 <b>MC SD PC</b>	28	29 <b>FD</b>
30	31					

- Fun Day:** 11th annual, located at the BBI Fire Hall, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- SH:** Story hour at the Historical Society, 10:30 a.m.
- SD:** Square Dance at the Hoover Community Building, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- MC:** Medical Clinic open, located in the BBI Fire Hall, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- HC:** Harbor Commission meeting at the Township Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- V:** Last day to register to vote in the Aug. 8th primary election
- TB:** Township Board Meeting at the BBI Township Hall, 4:00 p.m.
- SK:** Split and Knit at the Insel Haus, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
- PR:** Park and Roadside Cleanup Day at Gibson Park 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 5W:** Five Wishes at the Insel Haus, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
- FD:** Free Day, Transfer Station, limit one truck load/resident, some items restricted, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- PC:** Planning Commission meeting at the Township Hall, 10:00 a.m.
- BR:** Articles due for next BISI Review

