



Douglas Lake

Improvement Association

NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June 2010

Dear Friends

Welcome to another summer on our favorite place, Douglas Lake. The lake is the lowest it has been this early in several years, it looks more like early August than June. Winter storms stayed south of us and after a big snow in December there was very little snowfall and not enough spring rains. One of the concerns of boat owners has been the ramp at the Douglas Lake Bar, some folks already having some problems getting their boats in. However, the DNR has already been out a couple of times to dredge and seem to be aware of the problems here. We will continue to monitor the situation and continue to be in contact with the DNR.

The results from those of you who responded to the Swimmers Itch Survey in our newsletter are being compiled. We will have all of the results to share in the next newsletter in July. One encouraging thing I have noticed is that there seem to be fewer Common Mergansers on the lake this year, I haven't seen any "families" yet. That would have a positive effect on Swimmers Itch incidence according to the information we have learned in previous studies.

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University of Michigan
BIOLOGICAL STATION

LATE SUMMER SESSION UMBS MINI
COURSES (AUGUST 19 – 23, 2009)

Fungi of Northern Michigan (Marilynn Smith)
Forest and Landscape Ecology (Dan Kashian)
Digital Photography in Nature (Brad Orr)
Sustainable Urbanism: Urban Design with Nature (Doug Farr)
Bio-Explorers: Science Adventures for Kids (Marty Samson)

The cost for a five-day course is \$420 (includes tuition & lab fee) plus housing and meals at the Biological Station. Courses begin on Wednesday morning and run through Sunday afternoon. For more information contact the UMBS office, lisaumbs@umich.edu or 231-539-8408 in Pellston. Full course descriptions and registration forms are also available at our website: www.lsa.umich.edu/umbs.

Parasites Documentary to have Advanced Screenings at U-M Biological Station Filmmaker, Station alumna and Petoskey native Sharon Shattuck brings homegrown film to Douglas Lake. The film uses footage from the University of Michigan Biological Station (UMBS), including interviews with resident faculty to discuss a fascinating category of creatures. The film will make its official debut at the Traverse City Film Festival in late July. PELLSTON, MI June 10, 2010 – New York filmmaker Sharon Shattuck will show her short documentary film, "Parasites: A User's Guide," at the University of Michigan Biological Station (UMBS)

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Presidents Message

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The schedule for Merchandise Sales is included in this newsletter, note that the first one will be on June 19 at 12:30 at my home, 11588 Seabrook Lane.

We are all excited about getting our boats, canoes and kayaks in the water so that we can enjoy the lake in all of the ways that make it "the place to be". It will be complete when you get here. Welcome back!

Sue Nelson

President



Jan Keil took this picture of a furry little visitor on the Saturday before Easter. The cub was on a tree between her cottage and the Ellman's cottage.

UMBS

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June 17 and July 1, 2010. Both screenings will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Gates Lecture Hall.

Parasites uses humor, animation, interviews and music to bring viewers closer to life's free-riders. Shattuck says, "In nature, nothing is purely good or evil." Her film recasts "some of the most misunderstood creatures on earth" as potential healers.

Shattuck is a graduate of the University of Michigan and an alumna of the Biological Station, where she has taken classes and been a teaching assistant. She completed graduate school at New York University's documentary film program last December.

The University of Michigan Biological Station has been home to research and education in the biological and environmental sciences for more than 100 years. It welcomes the public to these screenings and other events throughout the summer. A complete list of our Summer Lecture Series is available at www.lsa.umich.edu/umbs/events/lectureseries/.



WE WILL MISS

We offer our condolences to the families of Ruby Nell Gardner and Mary Lenora Lewellen Neff.

Ruby Nell Gardner

Born: Feb 22 1918 Died May 8 2010

Ruby Nell Gardner of 131 Mariomi Rd, New Canaan, CT passed away Saturday May 8th, in Norwalk Hospital.

Born In Brownfield TX to Effie Mae and Jessie Seaborn Smith Ruby Nell spent her first years as a farm girl in Brownfield attending local schools and helping her parents and siblings run the family cotton farm. After high school, she attended Texas Tech University, where she was a sorority member (Pi Beta Phi?) graduating in 1941 with a bachelors degree in Journalism. She then went to work as

a reporter for several local newspapers before deciding on a teaching career. During the first years of WWII, there were a number of Army bases established in that area of Texas. While Ruby Nell was teaching and coaching Little League, she met Roger Wheaton Clapp, an Army officer stationed at one of those bases and it wasn't long before they were married. The couple moved to Roger's hometown of Baltimore MD before Roger was deployed to the Middle East (sound familiar?). Ruby Nell continued her teaching career at the Gilman Country Day School where she taught the fifth form for over 10 years. Sadly, two yrs after WWII, Roger succumbed to Cancer in December 1947. As a young widow, Ruby Nell attended the First Presbyterian Church of Baltimore where the rector, Dr J.H. Gardner Jr introduced her to his youngest son, Ed, recently divorced, and relocated back east. After a courtship of several years, the couple were married in Jan 1951, living initially in Brooklyn Heights, NY. Their first son was born there before they moved to Tenafly NJ where son number 2 was born. After a move to Berwyn PA for several yrs

the Gardner family moved to New Canaan in 1958. Ruby Nell became a member of the Junior League during those first yrs in New Canaan where she formed friendships that lasted many decades. She was also a member of the Garden Club of New Canaan for a time and a tireless volunteer for the American Cancer Society where with the help of many volunteers from this area, formed an annual Spring Tea Dance at CCNC. The Tea Dances raised almost a \$M over 4 decades. Ruby Nell was also a Real Estate Broker in New Canaan for many yrs, first associated with the Ross Agency on Elm St and then w/ Sisson Real Estate. At different stages of her life she was a member of the New Canaan Field Club, Silver Spring Club, and CCNC. Newspaper Reporter, Teacher, Real Estate Broker, Volunteer, superb cook and charming hostess, avid bridge player, homemaker extraordinaire, devoted wife, Mom, and friend were just some of her many roles. Known as a strong and unique personality she took special care to maintain lifelong friendships. She was a master story teller who kept friends and strangers entertained for hours with her spins from the different areas she lived or visited. She also loved the natural beauty of New Canaan and CT and knew this was a special place to live. Preceded in death by her husband, Edward Pence Gardner and her son Edward Pence Gardner Jr, she is survived by her son, John H. Gardner II of 131 Mariomi Rd New Canaan. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the American Cancer Society or Little Traverse Bay Conservancy in Northern Michigan in Ruby Nell's name.

Mary Lenora Lewellen Neff

submitted by her daughter Becky Agnelneri

Longtime summer resident Mary Lenora Lewellen Neff, died December 30th in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mary Lee started coming to Douglas Lake when her grandparents, Albert & Essie Lewellen, built their cottage on Nutting Bay. She spent many summers, as she recalled, weeding the garden, pulling weeds from the lake and having great times with her family and friends. Mary Lee was born in Detroit, Michigan, on June 8, 1928 to Elmer and Marie Schaper Lewellen. They lived in several places and settled in Anderson, Indiana. She graduated from Anderson High School, and

then attended DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. There she fell in love with Ned Neff, and they married on December 21, 1948, in Dunkirk, Indiana. Their reception was held at the Douglas Lake resident Lenora Lewellen Caldwell's home. Mary Lee and Ned spent most summers at Douglas Lake, bringing their three daughters Becky, Laurie and Susan. After Ned's retirement, they spent their summer and fall at their log cabin on the lake. They both kept busy at the "Birch Bark College," doing work the birch bark. Mary Lee also enjoyed knitting and bridge. Many children on Douglas Lake received her sweaters as baby gifts. Survivors include daughters Mary Rebecca Agneineri (Mauro), Laurie Renzi (Robert), and Susan Long. She also has two granddaughters, Mary Jessica Franke (Ty) and Laura Claire Woody, and her special cousin Joan Caldwell. Mary Lee had many lifetime friends at Douglas Lake, including Jane Pattison McKathnie, Joanne Hiles, and Katie Caldwell Haensel (Peter), Treva Caldwell Breuch (Bill) and Margaret Caldwell Gilbertson (Howard). Mary Lee and Ned's daughters and granddaughters will always continue to enjoy and love Douglas Lake, in the log cabin, as their parents and grandparents have. She was preceded in death by her husband, grandparents, parents, and her brother David Lewellen.

D U E S

In the upper left corner of your address a year listed. If this year is 2010 or later, you owe nothing now. However, if it shows 2009 or earlier then please send your check (\$10.00 per year) to:

The Douglas Lake Improvement Association

Treasurer

P.O. Box 472

Pellston, MI 49769

If you recently gave your dues to your zone representative these may not have been reported to us by the mailing of this newsletter. You do not need to contact us.



Douglas Lake Bar & Steakhouse

Summer Schedule:
Open 7 days per week
Hours: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Half off all bottles of wine on Tuesdays
Check out the web site douglaslakebar.com for further updates

if anyone has lake rentals just contact the DLB and they will list it on their website.



Editor's Comments

Summer is a time of the year that we all enjoy fun filled days and nights with lake friends and family. Please remember to play courteously and safely. In the past the June issue has usually included some article of do's and do not's for lake preservation and or safety, this time we are not – most of you already know the drill. So just please take care, remember your neighbors and enjoy.

Our next issue will be in July. If you wish to contribute please forward your articles or announcements to me no later than the July 5th. If possible e-mail the information to me at barbwilkinson@comcast.net., otherwise please type and mail your information to me at P.O. Box 1067 Jackson, MI 49204. We do publish events that are not necessarily D.L.I.A. sponsored as long as it would be open to all or of general interest to part of our membership. Remember to keep in touch with any address changes, lake news you wish to pass along or obituaries we need to print.

DLIA MERCHANDISE

Kathy Buchweitz DLIA Merchandise Manager
SALE DATES

Saturday June 19th 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
11588 Seabrook Lane (Sue Nelson)

Saturday July 4th 10:00 a.m. to noon
11654 Seabrook Lane (John Kurkjian)

Saturday July 17th 10:00 a.m. to noon
9411 MacArthur Rd. (Beth Reynolds)

Friday August 13th 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday August 14th 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 pm
10810 Northwoods Shores Dr. (Stovers)

August 11th 7:00 p.m.
(Annual Meeting) UMBS Lecture Hall

September 6th 10:00 a.m. to noon
11700 Seabrook Lane (Kathy Buchweitz)



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Pellston, MI 4

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East on North



Womanade

June 16 Nancy Sheldon
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phone 537-8211
(her sister Besty Naumer)

July 21 Julie Kennedy
8861 Manitou Shores Trail
email, tandjken@dracc2000.com
phone 537-3110

August 18 Brenda Roberts
9980 Silver Strand Rd.
brendamroberts@gmail.com
phone 537-6008

Please call ahead if you are planning to attend so the hosts know how many to plan for.

All meetings start at 6:00. As always, please bring a dish to share, your table service and a check (\$35). Everyone is welcome. We have fun and have helped many families in the area.

For Rent

Lake front cottage for rent. No smoking or pets.
Sleeps 6. \$700.00 per week.
Inquire: Bob or Cathy Watz (989) 781-1710