



Douglas Lake NEWSLETTER

Douglas Lake Improvement Association

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In 1967, you may have been reading the very first issue of Rolling Stone magazine. Fifty years ago, the Expo 67 was in Montreal, the world's first heart transplant operation was in South Africa, and President Johnson asked for a 6% increase on taxes to support the Vietnam War. In Michigan college football, Duffy Daugherty coached the Spartans and the Wolverines head coach was Bump Elliot.

At Douglas Lake, residents were concerned about many issues; one being "the very poor fishing conditions at the Lake". Property owners assembled at the Munro Township Hall in September 1967, and decided to start an Association of residents of Douglas Lake. The Non-Profit Articles of Incorporation were filed October 16, 1967, with three signatures: Blair Nixon of Pellston, Floyd Johnson of Lansing and Rhena Gossel of Levering.

Since then, many volunteer hours have been consumed with projects like the pike marsh, loon preservation, boat ramp maintenance, invasive species survey and management, swimmer's itch research, Adopt-A-Hwy, Clean Boats Clean Waters, and DL merchandise sales. Partnerships have continued and even strengthened over the years. The Association played a significant role in the University of Michigan's acquisition of the Camp Knight property in 1999. Since 2005, the DLIA has been contributing to scholarship opportunities for local students to attend the U of M Biological Station.

1967 to 2017 - 50 years. It seems like a long time, and yet it went by so quickly. One way of celebrating 50 years is to have a gathering which we plan to do this summer on Sunday, August 6. Save the date. Another way to celebrate is to offer a book of highlights. The Association business is documented in volumes of newsletters, meeting minutes, and treasurer reports. A variety of members are contributing articles that are being collected and compiled into a book with the hope of having it ready by the end of the summer.

We are all here because we love Douglas Lake. Let's celebrate its beauty, its health; let's celebrate our lake friendships; let's celebrate a 50-Year success story of DLIA.

Holly Gedert, President

References:

The Non-Profit Articles of Incorporation for DLIA, 1967
Douglas Lake newsletter – July 1997
Thepeoplehistory.com

**DLIA 50th Anniversary
Celebration Luncheon**
Date: Sunday, August 6th
Time: Noon - 4:00 p.m.; Door opens at Noon
Location: Maple River Pub
GOOD FOOD and CASH BAR!
Price: \$35 per person includes appetizers, lunch, non-alcoholic beverage, tax, gratuity and fabulous program.
Reservations must be made by 7/22/2017.

Saturday, May 27: Munro Township Clean-Up Day
Please have your trash ready at the end of your driveway near the road. For more details:
www.MunroTownship.com

ART & CRAFT SHOWS

June 16, 2pm - 8pm; June 17, 10am - pm; June 18, 10am - 3pm
 Cheboygan Summer Art & Craft Show, Washington Park
 June 23, 6 - 8pm; June 24, Noon - 6 pm
 South Boyne City Arts District Arts Festival, Sunset Park
 June 24, 10 - 5; June 25, 10 - 6
 Charlevoix Summer Solstice Art Show
 June 24, 25, 10 - 7
 Mackinaw City Arts & Crafts Show, Conkling Park
 July 3 & 4, Boyne City Arts & Crafts Show, Waterfront
 July 4, Harbor Springs Art Fair, Zorn Park
 July 8 & 9, Charlevoix Art & Craft Fair, Waterfront
 July 12, 9:30-4:00 Nub's Nob Women's Club Art Fair
 July 15, 10 - 6, Petoskey Art in the Park, Pennsylvania Park
 July 28 & 29, Bay Harbor Arts Festival
 August 12 - Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair
 August 12 - Northwoods Art Fair at Douglas Lake, 9 - 4, Pellston

SIDEWALK SALES

- Petoskey: July 28, 9:00 - 9:00 and July 29, 9:00 - 6:00
- Cheboygan: August 3, 4, 5
- Harbor Springs: September 2
- Charlevoix: August 17, 18, 19, 9-6
- Boyne City: August 11 & 12



Area Summer Farmer's Markets

Cheboygan

Wednesdays & Saturdays 8:00am - 1:00pm,
 June 3 - October 28 at Festival Square

Indian River

Wednesdays 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
 June - October, 3435 S. Straits Hwy.

Pellston

Tuesdays, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Harbor Springs

Wednesdays & Saturdays 9:00am-1:00pm
 May 27 - Labor Day, Main & State Streets
 Saturdays only to mid-October

Petoskey

Fridays 8:30am-1:00pm, June - September
 on Howard Street (Carnegie library rest of year)

Boyne City

Wednesdays & Saturdays 8:00am - noon,
 May to Oct. at Veterans Park

Charlevoix

Thursdays 8:00am-1:00pm,
 May thru October, East Park

AREA EVENTS OF INTEREST

Annual Lilac Festival
 Mackinaw City & Mackinac Island
 June 9-18

Pellston Summerfest
 June 10 & 11

Petoskey Concerts in the Park
 Noon: Wednesday, Friday
 June 21-August 18
 Pennsylvania Park

Charlevoix Summer Open House
 June 15, 4 - 8 pm - Downtown

St. Ignace Car Show
 June 23-25

Street Musique - Harbor Springs
 Every Thursday evening
 June 29 - August 31

Soo Locks Engineers Day
 June 30, 9 - 4

Petoskey Antiques at the Fairgrounds
 July 1 & August 5, 9 - 5
 July 2 & August 6, 10 - 4

Cheboygan Waterways Festival
 July 6-9

Cheboygan Downtown Summer Concert Series
 Thursdays July 13-August 24 7 pm
 Festival Square

Indian River Summerfest
 July 19-23

Venetian Festival
 July 15-22

Cheboygan Music Festival
 July 28 & 29 4 - 11 pm
 Festival Square

Mackinaw City Antique Show
 August 8 10 am - 4 pm
 Mackinaw City High School

Cheboygan County Fair
 August 5-12

Alanson Riverfest
 August 11-13

Petoskey Festival on the Bay
 August 18 & 19 11 am to 11 pm

Emmet County Fair
 August 22-27

Taste of Harbor Springs
 September 23 Noon - 3

BAY VIEW ASSOCIATION
 Assembly season June 19-August 14
 Sundays 10:45, Hall Auditorium
 Vespers concerts June 11-September 3
 Sundays 8 pm, Hall Auditorium

DOUGLAS LAKE WOMENADE
 June 21-Kathy Buchweitz 6 pm
 July 19-Jane Morse 6 pm
 August 17-Kim Grant & Linda Orlow 6pm
 September/October- with guests (no date yet) -Mary Ann Huntington 6 pm

Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass and a \$35 suggested amount donation check. We would like to extend an invitation to all women from around the lake. We are a great bunch of ladies and enjoy meeting new and old members at our meetings. Looking forward to seeing you.

THE HEADLANDS
 at Dark Sky Park Mackinaw City

June 22: Grand Opening
 of Waterfront Event Center

July 1: Nature's Fireworks
 with the Sky Giants Saturn & Jupiter
 7 pm - 9 pm Waterfront Event Center

July 28: Making Wishes on the Lucky
 Stars of the Delta Aquarid Meteor Shower
 9pm - 11 pm Waterfront Event Center

August 11: Perseid Meteor Shower with
 Lights Out Challenge Waterfront Event
 Center 9 - 11, Challenge 10 - 11pm

August 21: The Great American Solar
 Eclipse Waterfront Event Center 2 pm

September 23: Northern Michigan
 Autumn Equinox Waterfront Event
 Center
 7pm - 9pm

COME TO DOUGLAS LAKE

NORTHWOODS 2017 ART FAIR

Saturday, August 12 • 9am to 4pm




Wheel thrown and hand built
 Stoneware Pottery
 A variety of wood art
 and paintings
 Stained Glass
 Jewelry • Purses
 Lampwork Beads
 Trivets • Plate Stands
 Organic Personal Products
 Harwood Gold maple syrup products




John and Marilyn Stover • 231-539-8280
 10810 Northwoods Shores Dr, Pellston, MI 49769
 From Riggsville Rd (C-64), go North on Bryant Rd.
 Turn East on Northwoods Shores Dr.

VISIT THE NEW STOVER SHOWROOM ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT

TIMBERRRRRRRRRRR!

by *Jayne Morse*

If you're beginning to make summer entertainment plans consider the Jack Pine Lumberjack show in Mackinaw City. This demonstration of lumberjack skills of a bygone era, including axe-throwing, pole climbing, chainsaw carving, and logrolling, affords an evening of high-intensity action and off-the-cuff humor for the whole family while also featuring lots of wood chips, flannel, and hearty northern beards. The shows run every night, rain (covered grandstand) or shine, at 7:30 p.m. from Memorial Day to Labor Day, with a special performance on July 4th. Additional shows are performed in May and September (call for times). Group rates for twenty or more are available all season and the crew will even do private shows for your special occasion, e.g. family reunions, birthdays, and company and wedding parties. Location is approximately a mile and a half south of Mackinaw City on U. S. Rt. 23; phone number is (231)436-5225; website is jackpinelumberjackshows.com.

The show's performers include nine-time World Champion Logroller Dan McDonough (owner and announcer) and World Champion Speed Climber Derek Knutson (co-owner), who both return to their homes in Wisconsin when the show closes. A third member of the team is local lumberjack Tanner Armantrout, who lives on the Levering-Cheboygan Road and is known by many around Douglas Lake because he assists his father, Roger, in cottage care and handiwork for area residents. Tanner is twenty-one years old, has been with the show for three years, and says he developed his lumberjack skills through "practice, practice, practice." On top of all this, Tanner is also a bus driver for the Pellston School District. Other crew members are college students preparing for occupations in fields like forestry, who spend summers in Mackinaw City and return to school in the fall. Unlike most other athletes, these men don't have their equipment and outfits provided. Their shoes might be re-designed soccer cleats. They make their own equipment, provide the clothes they wear, and sometimes even build their own chain saws.

While these hunky fellows entertain with hilarious

humor, they also educate their guests about the colorful history of the logging industry. The audience learns that logging in Michigan began around 1860 when word of the magnificent Michigan pine trees began to spread, when the demand for lumber was premium, and little thought



was given to conservation techniques and selective cutting. Lumberjacks from all around flocked into Michigan logging camps and lived in 6-man log bunkhouses. Their long days of hard work began at 5:00 a.m. with huge breakfasts and often didn't end until 9:00 p.m., leaving little time for their evenings of storytelling and poker. Logging was, for the most part, a winter activity because logs could be easily transported to the river banks via bobsleds and later by railroads. When the ice melted in spring, logs were floated down rivers to the saw mills. The work was difficult, dangerous, low-paying, and primitive in living conditions, but the men built a traditional culture that defined strength, masculinity, confrontation with danger, and resistance to modernization. By the time Michigan's lumber era came to a close in roughly 1910, forests had been cut, fortunes had been made, and out of the camps came the colorful logging folklore. The camps sported many contests to determine which lumberjack was the "best man," and in 1898 the first logrolling championships were held. This evolved into modern day Lumberjack World Championships where the original rules are still followed and competitors who excel in all logging events can achieve the title of "Iron Jack." All of these components are celebrated with great gusto at each Jack Pine Lumberjack Show.

Though the Mackinaw City lumberjacks are definitely having fun, it isn't hard to tell that they are also highly skilled and professional, as well as safety-conscious. This is really obvious during the demonstration of pole-climbing, a logging skill which originated in the west because of hillside

logging. The pole-climbing event is harrowing for the audience, as the jacks scramble rapidly as high as sixty feet off the ground strapped to the pole with only a belt made of hemp and then drop down even faster, almost “in the blink of an eye.” This involves no safety equipment, so it takes amazing skill to land on the narrow pad surrounding the bottom of the pole. Another skill, logrolling, requires balancing on a floating log. This technique was carried out by lumberjacks while guiding logs down river and has developed into a logging sport involving two athletes, each one on one end of a log in a body of water. Competitors fight to stay on the log by springing and kicking the log as they attempt to cause their opponent to fall off. The logrollers were the highest paid lumberjacks because logrolling was thought to be the task requiring the highest skill. The Mackinaw City audiences are amazed by the skill of the logrollers as they splash and pass jibes at each other while attempting to avoid falling in the water. These modern-day lumberjacks provide a touch of nostalgia from the past as their stories and skills take the crowd back in time to the hey-day of the logging industry.

An interesting fact about the logging industry is that the term “skid row” developed from it. The name for a poor city neighborhood originated from a way in which harvested logs were once transported. Logs could be “skidded” down hills or along corduroy roads, and a street in Seattle once used for this purpose was named “Skid Road.” People down on their luck later congregated on this street, which led to both the name and its meaning morphing into the familiar term. The JPLS announcer uses similar stories to educate show-goers while keeping them interested and involved. The audience is also kept involved by the show’s competitive format which divides the crowd into two rival logging camps, each camp cheering for its lumberjacks. This leads to more than an hour of great fun, with the audience engaged the entire time.

So if you enjoy outdoor entertainment and are looking for “best man in the camp” contests and competitions, history and education, rousing music and raucous laughter for everyone from age 2 to 102 on a warm summer evening, don’t hesitate to check out the dynamic group of young athletes at the Jack Pine Lumberjack Show in Mackinaw City. Then on your way out after the show, be sure to stop by the gift shop and take a look at the outstanding wood figures carved by the lumberjacks.

HISTORY

LAND GRANTS AT DOUGLAS LAKE

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The pattern of land acquisition and development along the northern shoreline of Douglas Lake most closely resembled that found in most other areas of rural Michigan in the mid- to late 1800s, when government lands were made available for purchase in plots that typically consisted of 40, 80, 120 or more acres. Looking at an early plat map of Munro Township, the northern shore and adjacent land areas were subdivided into similarly-sized plots, mostly consisting of 40, 80, 160, 240 or even as many as 320 acres – more suitable for farming or timbering, since the recreational potential was not being considered at that time. Instead, the



focus was upon homesteads, not summer cottages. Many of the surnames of these initial settlers found on this early plat map may sound familiar to our 21st century ears: names such as Judson, McArthur (now MacArthur), Bryant, Roberts, Brill, Heilmann, Lancaster, and Munro.

With the passage of time, some of the early landowners along our northern shoreline did, in turn, plat and sell individual lots, making them available to a new generation of residents who were now seeking recreational properties. This newer trend coincided with the completion of the final stretch of the GR&I Railroad that had extended its major North-South rail line from Petoskey on to Mackinaw City. With train stations positioned along the way in locations such as Pellston and Levering, additional access to our land-locked lake was created. The rise of tourism was further spurred by the advertising created by the GR&I that sought to encourage sportsmen and families to come to Northern Michigan to fish or to vacation.

A totally different dynamic obtained on Douglas Lake’s near-western, southern, and eastern shorelines, illustrating yet another of the varying ways that newly-surveyed government-owned land was acquired and developed. In 1856, the federal government had enacted legislation authorizing the sale of millions of acres of unsettled land in exchange for the railroads’ commitments to extend their rail lines into these areas with the goal of stimulating settlement and economic development. The railroads, in turn, sold substantial land tracts on either side of the proposed railway routes to wealthy individuals or groups who would then develop and sell portions thereof to the general public. Such arrangements created a win-win situation for all of the parties involved. In northern Michigan, the proceeds from the land sales helped to fund the construction of the extended rail line. In addition, the prospect of increased commercial and civilian railway traffic represented a new source of income for the railroad at a time when the volume of timber and timber products was declining. For the purchasers of this land, profits from the direct land sales or from timbering that acreage could prove to be highly lucrative, as well.

Loon Fun Facts by Linda Orlew

From *Loon Chick's First Flight, Fascinating Loons, and others*

- h Loons eat mostly fish, but will eat crayfish, frogs, snails, salamanders and leaches.
- h Loons nest in freshwater lakes in the spring. They prefer an island nest for protection.
- h The male loon picks out the nesting area. They protect the area from transient loons.
- h Nesting loons are territorial- they will not nest near each other. Both male and female build the nest and share the job of sitting on one or two eggs.
- h If boaters spook a loon they will abandon their egg/eggs. BE RESPECTFUL !!!
- h If an island nesting site is not available an artificial nesting island can be used.
- h Loon eggs will hatch in 27-30 days. The chicks leave the nest the day they hatch.
- h They will be able to fly in 11 weeks. They spend time on their parent's backs for the first 2-3 weeks. The parents feed the chicks for 6 weeks until they can feed themselves and take care of them for about 3 months.
- h Loons can grow up to 3' and weigh up to 12 lbs.
- h Loons are unique because they have solid bones, unlike most birds with hollow bones, which allows them to swim underwater but makes it harder for them to take off.
- h It takes them 100'-600' to get airborne. They head into the wind then "run" across the water flapping their wings to get airborne. Once in the air they can fly over 75 mph.!
- h Loons have the smallest wings for their size of any flying bird. This gives them less resistance diving but also means they can't soar or glide when flying. To fly they must beat their wings fast and steady.
- h Their solid bones allows them to float low in the water and sink to the level of a chick to feed them. They can dive up to 150' deep for food and stay underwater for three or more minutes.
- h Loon's feet are set way back on their bodies which helps them swim but makes it hard for them to be on land.-usually only to nest.
- h Loons have red eyes that help them see underwater and attract other loons.
- h A loon's beak is pointed for spearing fish and protection, if necessary.
- h Loons migrate to the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans during the winter flying at 3,000' -5,000' During that time they molt and are gray and drab, unlike their summer plumage. The loons from our area migrate to the Gulf of Mexico or east coast of Florida. They usually return to the same lake for many successive years. Immature loons will spend two years in the southern climate before returning north again.
- h Foot wagging is due to a cold foot that the loon is shaking the water off before tucking the foot under its wing to warm it.
- h The "penguin dance" is demonstrated during courtship. It is an explosive display of strength in which the loon swims upward so fiercely as to rear up cobra-like, with its neck curved in a graceful arch, feet pounding the surface of the water. They mate for life.

LOONS HAVE FIVE MAIN CALLS

1. "Hello" a single subtle "hoot" on an octave system.
2. "You're making me nervous" this tremolo is a loon's nervous laugh.
3. "Where are you? I'm lonely" this lonely call is a two note wail
4. "This is my territory!" a high shrill, strange yodel. A high introductory rising note followed by a series of rolling calls "weeee oh weeee, weeee oh weeee, weee oh weee".
5. "Bald Eagle alert" a strange wail that carries an urgent hoarse sound, usually in groups of three each time at a higher pitch to warn of their chick predator hunting.



On a Loon Lover's Bookshelf

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| <i>Loon Chick's First Flight</i> (Children) | Gene Klco - 2015 - Larks Lake, MI |
| <i>Voice of the Waters</i> | Tom Klein |
| <i>Loons: Song of the Wild</i> | Michael Dregni |
| <i>Call of the Loon</i> | Paul Strong |
| <i>Fascinating Loons</i> | Stan Tekiela |
| <i>Just Loons</i> | Alan Hutchinson |
| <i>A Loon Alone</i> (Children) | Pamela Love |
| <i>Loon Magic</i> | Tom Klein |
| <i>The Loon-Voice of the Wilderness</i> | Joan Duning |
| <i>Loons</i> | Aubrey Lang & Wayne Lynch |
| <i>In Wilderness Song</i> | Stephen Kirkpatrick |
| <i>The Uncommon Loon</i> (DVD) | Jeff Lange/Morningstar Film |

Filed in Northern Michigan-available at [\\$20](http://LoonCorps.org) & Morningstar Jewelry, 210 Petoskey St, Petoskey

"The Lord did well when he put the loon and his music into this lonesome land." - Aldo Leopold

Help! My Outboard Won't Start !!



With permission of CABIN LIVING magazine we have the opportunity to learn through pictures and text some basic troubleshooting tips to help you pinpoint outboard motor problems. Laminated copies will be available at the Merchandise Sales (see below) for you to keep aboard as well as contact information for our current volunteer boat assist team. The link for troubleshooting is <http://www.cabinlivingmag.com/cabin-lifestyle/on-the-water/help-my-outboard-wont-start>

2017 Douglas Lake Merchandise Sales Dates
 10am to noon at the Storage Unit behind Pellston Lodge
 Sat, June 17 • Tues, July 4 • Sat, July 22
 Sat, Aug 12 • Sat, Sept 2

PILLS IN THE POD AND OTHER GOOD ADVICE by *Mary Ellen Sheridan*

Whether your family is here year-round or just a couple of weeks in the summer, you rely on a local aquifer for safe water, a reliable well to deliver the water and a functioning septic system for proper treatment of waste water. Actions that jeopardize any aspects of those systems should be a concern. This article will focus on safe use and disposal of prescription and over-the-counter drugs; and, because some of those drugs may be delivered by needles/syringes/lancets, the safe disposal of used “sharps” (the medical term for devices with sharp points or edges that can puncture or cut skin) is also addressed.

You can extend the life of your septic system by being careful about what goes into it. While we know to be careful with motor oil, paints and other hazardous materials, thinking about medical waste may be a new topic. Some folks worry that powerful antibiotics could kill off beneficial bacteria in their septic systems. Most experts agree that normal single or two family waste that might include antibiotics and other potentially harmful biochemicals will be sufficiently diluted with other waste water to avoid contaminating the local aquifer. But what about safe disposal of expired, unwanted, or unused prescription or over-the-counter (OTC) drugs and nutritional supplements? Flushing these down the toilet is not recommended unless your doctor/pharmacist has assured you that these can do no harm to the septic system or aquifer. “Take-back programs” are a good way to safely dispose of most types of unneeded medicines.

The Sheriff's offices in both Cheboygan and Emmet Counties have “pods” (drop boxes) for unused prescription and over-the-counter drugs and nutritional supplements, pet medicines, medical ointments and lotions and liquid medications or drops. Please put liquid items in a sealed container or plastic bag. You may not dispose of used needles, syringes, lancets etc. in these pods. Remember to remove or blackout your personal information from labels before disposing of these items. In Cheboygan, the Sheriff's office is directly west of the County Office Building located on Straits Highway. In Emmet County the Sheriff's office is in Petoskey at 450 Bay Street, next to the Emmet County building. These drop-offs are available whenever the sheriff's office is open. Hospital pharmacies also have posted dates when they will accept unused pharmaceuticals; check with your pharmacy for specifics.

Be aware that some drugs/pharmaceuticals may have additional precautions. Talk to your pharmacist or prescribing physician about proper disposal if you have particular concerns.

If no medicine take-back program works for you, and there are no specific instructions on the label such as ‘safe to flush,’ you can follow these simple steps to dispose of most medicines in the household trash:

1. Mix medicine (do not crush tablets or capsules) with an unpalatable substance such as dirt, kitty litter, or coffee grounds;
2. Place the mixture in a container such as a sealed plastic bag;
3. Throw the container in your household trash;
4. Be sure to scratch out all personal information on the prescription label of your empty pill bottle or empty medicine package to make it unreadable, then dispose of the container.

Sharps may be used at home, at work, and while travelling, to manage medical conditions of people or pets, including but not limited to, arthritis, cancer, diabetes, hepatitis and osteoporosis. Used sharps are dangerous to people and pets if not disposed of safely because they can injure people and spread infections such as hepatitis B and C.

DON'Ts of proper sharps disposal:

- DON'T throw used sharps into the trash.
- DON'T flush them down the toilet.
- DON'T put them in recycling bins.
- DON'T try to remove, bend, break or recap needles used by another person

DO's of sharps disposal:

- DO immediately place in a sharps disposal container. FDA-cleared sharps containers made of puncture-resistant plastic and leak-resistant sides and bottom are available through pharmacies, medical supply companies, health care providers and on-line. You may have noticed these one-way locking containers on the walls of your health care provider's office.
- If you don't have a used sharps disposal unit, DO use a heavy-duty plastic household container, such as a laundry detergent container as an alternative.
- DO keep all sharps and sharps disposal containers away from curious children and pets.

The best advice is to remove the used sharps from your home regularly. 2017 Sharps drop off dates for McLaren Hospitals in Petoskey and Cheboygan are:

June 9, August 11, October 13 and December 8 from 9am-1pm.

When you drop off used sharps, using an alternative container, as described above, you will be given an approved container for future use. Call McLaren Environmental Services 800-248-6777 or the Pharmacy at McLaren Hospital in Petoskey 231-487-2147 for more information.

Sources: <https://www.fed.gov/>, <http://inspectapedia.com/septic/>, sheriff's offices in Cheboygan and Emmet counties, and Environmental Services, McLaren Hospital



Brave Hearts Estate

by *Ruthellen Sheldon*

Brave Hearts Estate is a newly opened retreat center for veterans in Pellston. A local home/property owner wanted to donate his home to a non-profit for veterans. He interviewed a number of different non-profits and decided that Operation Injured Soldiers could best take advantage of his beautiful home. Thus, "Brave Hearts Estate", a 238 acre estate, located on Ely Road next to the Pellston airport opened in August 2015 and provides a completely free retreat destination for our veterans and their families.



The main house is over 8,000 square feet with 8 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms. The first floor is handicap accessible. There are hiking trails, a fire-pit, playground and a 3-D archery course on the property. Two caretakers live on the property fulltime and provide breakfast and dinners to the families each day. Local businesses, such as Shepler's Ferry and the Lumberjack show in Mackinaw City, have also donated tickets to the families visiting.

Brave Hearts Estate hosts different events throughout the year; last year's events included an annual women's retreat, Motorcycle Poker Run, 5K color run and an Old Tyme Picnic.

How can we help as residents of Douglas Lake? Come to one of the Estate's monthly volunteer meetings to see the house and learn more. As the estate is still new, Brave Hearts Estate also maintains an ongoing Wish-List for both small and large items. Occasionally, fishing trips are requested by the visiting veterans and Brave Hearts Estate will be looking for local residents to take these veterans out fishing.

If interested in getting involved with Brave Hearts Estate, either attend one of their monthly volunteer meetings, contact the home at 231-539-7111 or contact board member Paula Brown at 231-330-9513. If you are a Facebook user, you can also learn more by liking their Facebook page "Brave Hearts Estate".

We Will Miss . . .



Maureen Lewis, 80

Maureen Lewis passed away in December, 2016. Some of our members may remember shopping for Douglas Lake merchandise at Maureen's Silver Strand home in the late 1980's. She was a DLIA Zone Rep. and her surviving husband, Bob, is a past DLIA President who served from 1994-1996. Maureen's daughter wrote that her mother loved her family and friends unconditionally and was more concerned about them than herself in the end. She loved flower gardens as much as life itself and was a member of the Cheboygan Seedums Garden Club. She will be dearly missed and never forgotten.

Margaret Joann Hiles, 91

Margaret Joann Hiles died after a brief illness on Feb. 3, 2017. At the time she was visiting her Kalamazoo relatives. She was a third generation summer resident of Douglas Lake. Following are excerpts her granddaughter and namesake wrote. Born in Dunkirk, Indiana she was born into a world of struggle. She lived through the Great Depression, lived and survived Tuberculosis and traveled the world during uncertain times. She was strong willed and always learning: she was reading up until the very end. She accomplished many great things. She graduated from Butler University with a bachelor's degree in German while raising two children. She was an incredible person. She is survived by her two children Chip Hiles of Douglas Lake and Hannah McKinny of Kalamazoo and son-in-law Gary Apps, her three grandchildren, Margaret and Charlie McKinney and Laura Hiles Galdamez and her great-grandson, Aiden McKinney.

Kristina Barncard, 64

Kristina Barncard of Lansing, Douglas Lake, MacArthur Rd passed away December 1, 2016. She was preceded in death by parents, Lee and Marian Warren, and is survived by husband Neal, sisters Cynthia Warren of Scottsdale AZ, and Debra Warren of Tulsa OK, 2 nieces and 3 nephews. The family has owned their cottage since 1962.

VAN STORE - NEW Owners, NEW Look, NEW Fresh Foods

In early December Kim and Dennis Flemming purchased the Van store/gas station. They have started implementing their long range plans with Dennis' carpentry skills due to his connection with Cecil Bay Builders in Carp Lake. They have already built a serving area in the back and plan to have a commercial kitchen behind that by this fall. They will have homemade soups, sandwiches, breads, hot dogs, hamburgers and pizza. They have also remodeled other areas, added an open cooler and storewide LED lighting.

It is now the **VAN COUNTRY MARKET**
Same **539-8910** phone number. Check it out!!!

HOW TO ESTIMATE WIND SPEED FROM WATER CONDITIONS

| Water is... | mph |
|---|-------|
| *Mirror like | 1 |
| *Rippled, light air | 1-3 |
| *Light breeze-feel wind on face | 4-7 |
| *Gentle breeze, wind extends flags | 8-12 |
| *Moderate breeze-frequent white caps | 13-18 |
| *Fresh breeze-many white caps | 19-24 |
| *Strong breeze- white foam/some spray | 25-31 |
| *Moderate gale-hard to walk, spray, trees move | 32-38 |
| *Fresh gale-impedes walking, breaks twigs | 39-46 |
| *Strong gale-some structural damage, spray affects vision | 47-54 |
| *Whole gale-uproots trees water turns white | 55-63 |
| *STORM reef sails | 64-73 |
| * YIKES!! | 74 + |





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NEW DLIA MEMBERS

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**Fall Newsletter Deadline
for submissions is October 1, 2017**



Make Your Reservation!

CELEBRATE

"Loving' Life on Douglas Lake"

DLIA 50th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon

Date: Sunday, August 6th

Time: Door opens at Noon - 4:00 p.m.

**Location: Maple River Pub
GOOD FOOD and CASH BAR!**

Price: \$35 per person includes appetizers, lunch, non-alcoholic beverage, tax, gratuity and fabulous program.

Reservations can be made online, at Merchandise Sales or through your Zone Rep.

Reservations must be made by July 22, 2017



DLIA Annual Meeting

Sunday, August 20

2:00pm, Registration 1:30pm

Gates Lecture Hall at UMBS