



Douglas Lake NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

I recall some medical talking heads some years - YES, years - ago were saying that the 'new' pandemic could last 2-3 years. How could that be in our biomedically-advanced world, the 'experts' challenged? But here we are 2.5 years later, and so is COVID. The word is 'persistent' - and it is persisting in conversations, often accompanied with another word that should be retired: unprecedented. Winter has persisted into what should be spring. Heartless Mother Nature. Strong winds and downed trees were more present this winter than deep snows. But May surely brings summer flowers, summer temperatures, and a summer enjoying the many pleasures of Douglas Lake.

This May Newsletter issue is Joan Hartwig's last Newsletter as Team Leader of the DLIA Newsletter Team. Joan and her team have produced the May and November Newsletters for the last four years. On behalf of the DLIA membership, we thank you, Joan, for these fantastic Newsletters. It's been a pleasure to read the various articles, travel ideas, and roundup of Douglas Lake news, history, and events. We are grateful for your work on our behalf.

An update of what's happening with the Douglas Lake boat ramp is included in this Newsletter. The DL Boat Ramp Working Group (Ron Witthoff, Chair, and members Glenn Brantley, Holly Gedert and Frank Spezia) working together with the Munro Township Board, have accomplished remarkable progress over the winter. The Munro Township Board, especially Supervisor Keith Ginop and Trustee Don Tracey, and our Working Group, have communicated and problem solved with the Huron Engineering staff doing everything necessary and possible along the way to achieve a new boat ramp reality.

Many of you have already responded to the dues mailing that was sent out in March. Thanks for renewing your membership. And for those of you who made an additional donation for the boat ramp replacement project, THANK YOU. No one foresaw last year that Douglas Lake's 30-year-old boat ramp would need to be retired. But it does, and replacement is happening. However, the financial burden is difficult both for the Township and the DLIA. Our priorities had to be reassessed, but that doesn't mean the earlier concerns for the health of the water quality of Douglas Lake can be forgotten. More on that subject later this summer.

Don't forget to put the DLIA Merchandise Sale dates listed in the Newsletter on your calendar. Kelly Davis has new items that are sure to please friends and family. The new "Loons of Maple Bay" booklet should definitely be on your gift list.

Finally, in the spirit of returning normalcy to our summer lives, I am delighted to announce that the DLIA's Annual Meeting is returning to the Gates Lecture Hall at the UM Biological Station on Monday, August 21st at 7:00 PM. Our guest speaker will be the new Director of the BioStation, Dr. Aimee Classen. At that point, she will be finishing her second summer at the BioStation - which will be wrapping up its first full on-site academic teaching and research programs after two summers of COVID restrictions. She is looking forward to meeting the Douglas Lake community, and getting to know her new BioStation neighbors.

Mary Ellen Sheidan

→ SUMMER HAPPENINGS

The University of Michigan Biological Station

(UMBS) -- located on the shores of Douglas Lake's South Fishtail Bay -- announces the **2022 Summer Lecture Series** celebrating science and achievement. Our annual lecture series features endowed talks in natural history, ornithology, and plant and fungal biology, and is free and open to the public. We invite all interested community members to come learn more about the Biological Station, the natural world, and the inspiring researchers who study it. Stay tuned on our website for forthcoming talk titles and descriptions.

All events start at 7:00 p.m.
at the Biological Station
(9133 Biological Rd., Pellston, MI 49769)

Please join us!

Munro Township Clean Up Day Saturday May 28, 2022

Please have your trash ready at the end of your driveway near the road by 7am. One pickup load per household.

ALLOWED: Household junk, bagged garbage, bundled building materials, furniture, scrap metal, appliances without Freon, dry cut carpet. Lumber must be cut to 3-foot lengths.

NOT ALLOWED: Brush, leaves and grass clippings, oil, liquid paint, flammable materials, chemicals, explosives, tires, batteries, cement, appliances with Freon and hazardous waste materials.

If you have problems or questions pertaining to trash day cleanup, please call Supervisor Keith Ginop at 231.420.7389

RECYCLING in Cheboygan and Emmet Counties

For a complete list of day-to-day recyclables, where to take them, plus what to do with many other household items, go to the following:

Cheboygan County

<https://www.cheboygancounty.net/departments-services/recycling/>

Emmet County

<https://www.emmetrecycling.org/>

2022 YACHT SAILING RACES

July 16 – Bayview (Port Huron) to Mackinac Yacht Race

July 23 – Chicago to Mackinac Yacht Race

DOUGLAS LAKE SUNFISH RACES

Interested in organizing the summer Douglas Lake Sunfish races? Responsibilities include communicating with skippers to set day and time, setting marks, setting up the automatic start device, and identifying someone to do the scoring. Contact LindaOrlow@gmail.com for additional information.

Kayak Group

Are you interested in some fun group kayaking, canoeing or paddleboarding on different parts of our lake this summer? If so, please e-mail LindaOrlow@gmail.com to connect a group of interested paddlers. We can then determine a preferred time of day, wind velocity range, length of paddle time, etc.



WAKE ALERT

Michigan Law P.A. Act 70

“No wake within 100 feet of the shoreline”

A wake causes shoreline erosion

PLEASE: NO WAKE NEAR THE SHORE

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING MORE TO DO?

CHECK OUT:

www.northernmichiganeventscaendar.com

Emmet and Charlevoix

www.mackinawchamber.com/events

Mackinaw City, Carp Lake, St. Ignace, Mackinac Island

www.us23heritageroute.org

Cheboygan, Presque Isle and Rogers City (& more!)

Check the website: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdot> for road closures and construction information.

2022 Eco Adventures Schedule

Free Public Ecotastic Adventures

March thru July

In and around Cheboygan County



Douglas Lake Boat Ramp Replacement Project – Updates

by Mary Ellen Sheridan

The November issue of the DLIA Newsletter included a helpful history of the Douglas Lake public access boat ramp and described the deterioration of the aging boat ramp. The DLIA and Munro Township have worked cooperatively during the last six months to identify issues, and potential hurdles, and their resolution, leading to the installation of a replacement boat ramp for the Summer 2022 boating season. Below is a brief timeline of accomplishments:

- **November** – The DLIA Boat Ramp Working Group (BRWG) presentation at the Munro Township Board Meeting included two rough estimates of for the potential cost of the new ramp. The Township Board was concerned about who “owns” the boat ramp land. A title search was requested.
- **December** - Township attorney Timothy MacArthur reported on the title search. The Douglas Lake access road is included in the original Plat of Bryant’s Resort as a public road. The DL (public) Access Road is currently under the jurisdiction of the Cheboygan County Road Commission (CCRC); Munro Township could request a jurisdictional transfer of the boat ramp portion of the access road. A visitor from Burt Township described advantages that their township found by engaging technical/engineering consultant services for assistance with permit application, engineering spec development, and solicitation/bid review for its new boat ramp at Hoppies Tavern. After discussion, Munro Township decided to pursue quotes from local resources that could provide this expertise.
- **January** – The Township Board decided to divide the DL Boat Ramp replacement project into two phases: the first phase was to hire an engineering firm to provide essential expertise to the Township. The Township initiated Phase I by engaging the services of Huron Engineering & Survey, Inc., at a cost of \$11,600. Their work includes the site survey, project design, permitting, bidding process, construction layout, visits, and final site visit. Phase Two is the actual installation of the boat ramp. The DLIA working group participated in the discussion of priorities for Huron Engineering services. Developing the specs for the new ramp was a priority so that the permit application to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) could be submitted as soon as possible.
- The Township Supervisor signed the final work order agreement with Huron Engineering. The Township authorized trustee Don Tracey to sign appropriate documents allowing Huron Engineering to apply for the EGLE permit. After review of the proposed ramp specs by the Township, the BRWG, and Huron Engineering, final specs were agreed upon, and the EGLE permit application was submitted in mid-February. Trustee Tracey was authorized to contact Attorney MacArthur to draft a letter to the Cheboygan County Road Commission (CCRC) to initiate the (boat ramp) road end jurisdiction transfer.
- The next priority was the preparation for a bid solicitation and review process by Huron Engineering.
- In March, the Township approved a resolution requesting relinquishment of jurisdiction by the CCRC of the boat ramp road end. A required supporting petition, signed by 7 property-owning residents of Douglas Lake, and a supporting document, approved by the adjacent property owners, were submitted with the Munro Township resolution to the CCRC.
- At its April meeting, the Township approved Huron Engineering posting the bid solicitation on April 18th or earlier, if feasible; bids were due May 4th. Huron Engineering is expected to complete its review of bidders’ proposals, and present recommendations to the Township at the Township’s May meeting.
- A Public meeting of the CCRC was held Thursday, April 21st to receive comment on the proposed change of the jurisdictional authority for that portion of the access road that is directly related to the boat ramp.
- A number of uncertainties make it impossible to say now just when the boat ramp construction/installation will actually take place. No work at the site can begin until the EGLE permit is granted. Then a permit from CCRC is required to use the DL road end still under CCRC jurisdiction.
- Other uncertainties, at the time this mid-April summary was written, are potential delays for the selected contractor due to supply chain/staffing problems, previous project commitments, and weather issues.
- Notifications will be issued when more specific details are available about the work schedule that will include closure of the existing boat launch site during old ramp removal, and the inability to use the site while the new boat ramp is being installed. We understand there is, and will be, some inconvenience during this transition. It is unavoidable and the work will be done as soon and as quickly as feasible, and permissible.

These actions will be announced with as much lead time as possible to the general DL community through the DLIA eNews; the DLIA’s web site; Facebook page “I Love Douglas Lake;” and posted notices at the Boat Launch.

News from the Biological Station

“Endless and proper work”: Long term data collection at UMBS

by *Jenny Kalejs*

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“Nearly 50 years of precipitation chemistry monitoring typifies UMBS’s commitment to understanding environmental change over time.”

Every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m., you can find UMBS Resident Biologist Adam Schubel in the same place. And it’s not the administrative office for coffee break.

Rain or shine, Schubel makes the familiar trek from his office, past the student cabins, and down the forested two-track near the “BioTron” underground soil science facility, until a break in the canopy marks the entrance to the “UV Field” – a popular site for atmospheric monitoring projects. The work at hand is no exception.



Renowned poet-naturalist Mary Oliver once wrote: “To pay attention: this is our endless and proper work.” UMBS Resident Biologist Adam Schubel embodies this spirit through weekly precipitation chemistry monitoring. **RIGHT:** Sulfate concentration in precipitation at UMBS 1979-2020. (Source: National Atmospheric Deposition Program)



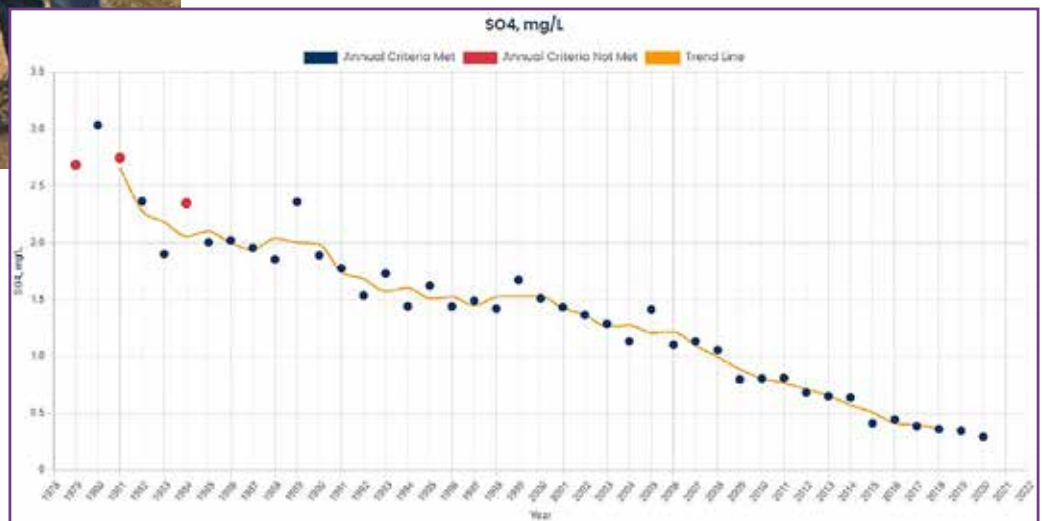
Schubel’s weekly pilgrimage is in service of the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP) National Trends Network, organized in 1977 by the U.S. State Agriculture Experiment Stations (SAES) to measure acids and nutrients in precipitation and their effects on the environment over time. NADP monitoring provides critical data that answer questions about the causes and consequences of acid rain – a phenomenon known to harm forests, soil, water, and their living inhabitants, as well as human health and the integrity of stone and metal structures.

Since 1979, UMBS has been counted among NADP’s 260 site network. The longevity of the project allows researchers to better understand how human actions and natural events impact precipitation chemistry, and the sheer number and vast geographic distribution of sites help draw out local versus global trends.

According to Schubel, participation in NADP monitoring is a sterling example of UMBS’s broader commitment to careful collection of useful long-term data – and how these data can help disparate sectors work together for the good of the world.

“For me, the NADP demonstrates how scientists working in concert with policy makers, regulators, and the private sector can diagnose and address issues of ecological health,” says Schubel. “This is an example of how scientific monitoring, sound policy, and regulatory enforcement can solve environmental problems and create jobs.”

He elaborates. “UMBS pays me to work on this program a few hours a week, and in the interest of public and environmental health, 259 other operators across the country are out there doing the same work. The program supports two fully staffed analytical labs in Wisconsin. The program is a driver and benefactor of scientific research and technological innovation. Among other private companies, NADP utilizes the services of the United Parcel Service. UPS powers their trucks with General Motors engines. The EPA regulates the sulfur content of the gas that fuels those engines. NADP provides a good example of how we can align systems to benefit people and the planet.”



Native Plants for Your Lakeshore and Yard

by *Sharon Fortner*

Thinking about adding native plants to your shoreline and yard? A good first step would be to take the Michigan Shoreline Survey on the Michigan Shoreline Stewards website (<https://www.mishorelandstewards.org/>). This educational survey provides suggestions about what you can do to improve your specific property. Their webpage is loaded with useful information about the shoreline, and recommends plants for each shoreline zone. The Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council-native plants web page (<https://www.watershedcouncil.org/native-plants.html>) also has some good information, and native plant suggestions.

Michigan has a lot of native plant nurseries to choose from. Otsego Conservation District Native Plant Nursery (<http://www.otsegocd.org/native-plant-nursery.html>) is a great place to start. It's close by in Gaylord and has a wide selection of beautiful wildflowers - especially if you pre-order. They're open to the public all summer until the plants are gone. Emmet Conservation District (<https://www.emmetcd.org/#/>) has a one-day sale where you pre-order your plants and pick them up on the sale date in July. Grand Traverse Conservation District Native Plant Sale (<https://natureiscalling.org/native-plant-sale>) also has a one-day sale in May. The Michigan Shoreline Stewards website provides names of local (in state by region) native landscape designers and nurseries. Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, and our DLIA website also offer suggestions.

Begin by visiting a nursery's website. You'll find their species list accompanied by a description of each plant's growing requirements, bloom color and time, and other useful information. You might have to email or call them for their current plant list and prices. When making your selection, it's best to avoid cultivars of native plants. Cultivars are designed to please humans, not pollinators or other wildlife. Some cultivars produce flowers that are sterile, providing no pollen or nectar. Others cannot serve as host plants for butterflies. Be careful when buying from nurseries that don't specialize in native plants; always look at the plant tag to make sure you know what you are getting. It's most economical to buy flats of plant plugs, and many

Glorious Goldenrod 🌻



New England Aster--a native fall favorite!



nurseries offer a bulk discount. Plugs generally have well-developed root systems and are easy to transplant successfully. New plantings will require some care until they become established.

Nearshore habitat loss is the #1 threat to Michigan's inland lakes. (*According to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, EGLE*) When we mow our lawns to the shoreline, we are contributing to this habitat loss. Leaving an unmowed buffer area is a great first start to restoring and softening our shore. The feeling of a sense of place is important when we're spending time at Douglas Lake. We want to be and feel

like we're at a northern Michigan lake, not like we're in a suburban neighborhood or golf course. Native plants help stabilize the shoreline, filter pollutants, and provide a rich habitat for pollinators, birds, frogs, and other wildlife.

To learn more about why native plants are important in your yard, watch this entertaining Smithsonian Magazine video by Doug Tallamy (<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/meet-ecologist-who-wants-unleash-wild-backyard-180974372/>). Native plants add to the natural beauty of the landscape, require little care, and discourage geese from coming up into the yard. The presence of native wildflowers, grasses, shrubs, and trees provides endless opportunities to enjoy and observe the intricate web of nature and protect the health of Douglas Lake. The document Native-plant-sources.pdf is found under Resources on [douglaslake.org](https://www.douglaslake.org/) (<https://www.douglaslake.org/>).

The Bird that Smokey Bear Nearly Drove to Extinction

by *Scott Davis*

Just outside of Grayling, MI is the home of one of the rarest songbirds in all North America – the Kirtland's Warbler. Kelly and I saw a sign-up for a bird walk just outside Hartwick Pines State Park with the promise of a seeing one of these rare birds, and we decided to make a weekend of it. After a bit of a slow start, we were rewarded with dozens of sightings – mostly males calling to females, or staking out their territories. They are a beautiful little bird with a very interesting natural history that we learned from talking to the guide, and from a walk through the logging museum at the park. It's worth the trip. The story of the Kirtland's Warbler's near extinction is one that illustrates the complexity of our natural world, and the unintended consequences of human intervention in the natural processes that drive and shape our environment.



Most ecosystems change and evolve over time. Many forest types go through a process known as succession, with certain tree species dominating during the early phases, only to be replaced by other species as the forest matures. As you might imagine, different flora and fauna are associated with each forest type. Natural disturbances in the form of storms, or fire, or even disease, can result in the system being reset, or pushed back to an earlier successional stage. The mosaic of different forest ages and types across the landscape is one way in which nature maintains the diversity of life that is ultimately so important to ecological stability.

In northern Michigan, Jack Pine trees make up one of the early successional stages, and are often eventually replaced by stands of White Pines. Jack Pines generally appear after fires and can even have seeds (cones) that require fire to successfully germinate. So, what does all this have to do with the Kirtland's Warbler?

Kirtland's Warblers nest on the ground under young Jack Pines whose branches tend to droop toward the ground and provide cover for the birds and their nests. After the trees reach 15-20 years of age, they become too big to provide the needed cover, and the warblers will look for a younger stand to build their nests.

In the mid-1800s, the vast stands of huge White Pines in Michigan were logged to support the emerging industrial revolution, and the growth of cities like Detroit. In the process, large amounts of slash – branches and less desirable wood – were left behind. Ultimately, this slash helped fuel the devastating fires in northern Michigan, and throughout the upper midwest around the turn of the century.

The tremendous loss of life and the associated economic destruction of these fires eventually resulted in the formation of the US Forest Service – an agency intended to bring

professional management to our public forests; and whose early mandate was to put a stop to any and all forest fires....Smokey Bear.

At the time, ornithologists were unclear of the habitat needs for breeding Kirtland's Warblers. As fire suppression became the norm and young Jack Pine stands disappeared – the numbers of Kirtland's Warblers – always small to begin with – plummeted. The lack of habitat and parasitism by cowbirds nearly drove the species to extinction. It wasn't until new fires

burned through parts of northern Michigan in the 1950s and 60s – resulting in new stands of Jack Pine – that scientists began to connect the dots around the warblers' breeding requirements.

Today, nearly 220,000 acres in Michigan are managed for Kirtland's Warblers. Not much burning goes on. Rather, when a stand is about 20 years old it is simply harvested, and young seedlings planted. A species that had been reduced to a couple of hundred individuals now totals nearly 2,500 breeding pairs – an incredible conservation success, and a cautionary reminder that maybe there is a method to Mother Nature's madness! Go see for yourself, it's a fun spring weekend.

<https://www.michiganaudubon.org/kirtlands-warbler-tours/>.

The Loons of Maple Bay

By Anne Covy, Chair of Loon Nesting Committee, and Holly Gedert

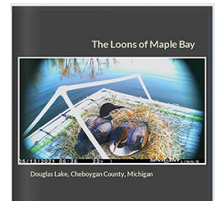
Douglas Lake began participating in Loon Preservation in 1992. We have gone from one log platform to four PVC platforms with a modified trail camera on each. The information gathered helps us learn more about the habits and dangers of our loons. The observations are also shared with the Michigan Loon Preservation Association and other groups. Maintaining the program takes time and funds. The platforms and buoys require annual maintenance, the cameras have cellular plans, and the cameras need to be replaced every so many years due to technology changes or camera condition.

The DLIA Loon Nesting Program recently benefited from memorial contributions. A DLIA long time member and friend, Pat Busard, passed away July 1, 2020. Her husband, Otto, requested that DLIA donations in memory of Pat be directed to the purchase of a new loon nesting platform camera. A new camera was purchased and was used on the Maple Bay floating platform during the 2021 nesting season. In appreciation of the donation, last Fall, the Loon Nesting Committee, and our President, presented Otto with a hard cover booklet that documents the 2021 Maple Bay loon nesting season with with photographs from the new camera and with brief narrative.

The booklet turned out pretty cool, so we are sharing it with our DL community through Merchandise Sales. It is an opportunity to raise awareness of loon preservation on our lake, to educate, and let the community enjoy a booklet of the loon images in their home. The profits from the sales will benefit DLIA as all merchandise sales do.

A softcover 8x8 booklet version has been created for sales and is retitled *The Loons of Maple Bay*. This special booklet will be the only merchandise item available online this summer, as well as, at the summer sales. \$20.

Online at www.DouglasLake.org/merchandise



The Cross in the Woods National Shrine/The Doll Museum



by *Frank Beaver*

For this “Destination” from Douglas Lake, head down 1-75 to Exit 310, a mere fifteen-minute journey. Continue to the stoplight and turn left. You’re in the watersports-launching village of Indian River. A short distance ahead, turn right on M-68, and in a couple of minutes you’ll see signs to **The Cross in the Woods National Shrine**. Parking is available in a large lot on your left and a smaller one by the church. The Shrine consists of an indoor sanctuary and a peaceful outdoor one surrounded by northern Michigan woods.

In the indoor sanctuary you’ll find the Shrine’s unique Doll Museum. Arranged in glass showcases are hundreds of dolls clothed in authentic outfits worn by religious nuns and priests from 217 religious orders.



As you view the dolls’ clothing, you’ll recognize each is the work of a gifted, committed artist. That artist is Sally Rogalski of Saginaw, MI. Rogalski started her collection in the mid- 1940s with her husband Wally who built display stations for use in their home. The Rogalski’s donated their growing doll collection to the Cross in the Woods in 1964. Eventually the collection swelled to 525 dolls and 20 mannequins. In 1986 Pope John Paul II sent a Papal Blessing to the Rogalski’s for “...helping center attention on religious vocations.” The Doll Museum is open in the summer months from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In donating the dolls, the Rogalski’s stipulated that no fee ever be charged for visitors to the museum.

OUTDOOR SANCTUARY

On display in the open-air sanctuary is a sculpture by Timothy Schmalz (1969 –), a Canadian figurative artist. The subject is Kateri Tekakawitha (1656 - 1680), a New York state Native American convert to Catholicism, who was persecuted for her strict uncompromising religious beliefs. She would leave small wooden crosses on trees in the woods as testimony to her devotion. Kateri died at age 24 in a Jesuit Mission for Native American converts. She was canonized on October 21, 2012, by Pope Benedict XVI.



In Schmalz’s sculptural rendering of Kateri, the turtles resting at her feet are a reference to her father who was a chieftain in the Mohawk “Turtle Klan.” The most memorable religious artifact at The Cross in the Woods, is the massive crucifix, the focus of the sanctuary.



Made from a redwood tree cut down in the Oregon mountains and erected at the shrine in 1954, the cross measures 55 feet tall and 22 feet wide. Added in 1959, the Corpus (body) was designed by Marshall Fredericks (1908-1998), a noted sculptor then living in Birmingham, MI. His studio is in the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum in Saginaw, MI. Cast in bronze at a factory in Oslo, Norway, the Corpus weighs seven tons. For connective emphasis and religious significance, the Kateri

Tekakawitha sculpture was shaped and located so that her watchful eyes look with adulation toward the distant cross.

We Named Her Claire

by *Holly Gedert*

Claire is one of the nesting loons here on Douglas Lake. She will be nine years old this summer, has a green band #95, and a government issued silver band. With photographic proof from our onboard loon camera, Damon McCormick, a biologist with Common Coast Research & Conservation, was able to identify green band #95, and we were able to confirm the gender based on activity at the nest. Damon shared information about her, and gave us the honor of naming her. We named her Claire from Clam Lake.

Some of you may be thinking of the piano composition “Clair de Lune”, French for “Moonlight”, which is the third movement of the four-movement Suite Bergamasque by Claude Debussy.

Claire hatched in 2013 on Clam Lake, which is between the southeast side of Torch Lake and Lake Bellaire. Clam Lake is a narrow body of water that is about three miles long, and only about 1000 feet wide for most of its length. It has many homes and a ton of boat traffic because it connects Torch Lake with a whole string of upstream lakes in the Elk River Chain of Lakes.

Traditionally, there has only been one breeding loon pair on Clam Lake. Green band #95 was hatched from an ANP (artificial nesting platform) situated in the far southeast end, where the lake is somewhat wider, and where there is extensive undeveloped shoreline that is part of the Grass River Natural Area. She was banded on July 24, 2013. Typically, males return to their natal area, and females disperse 25 to 50 miles away. As the crow flies, Clam Lake is about 53 miles from Douglas Lake.

She has a banded sibling that has not been re-observed as an adult. The silver band is government issued with a code that should be reported to the U.S. Geological Survey if the loon is found sick, injured, or deceased.



We first saw Claire alone on the Northwoods platform on Douglas Lake in 2019. The Northwoods location was not conducive for loon pairs, so the nest was relocated to Manitou Bay in 2020. The next time we saw Claire in photographs was in 2021 on the North Fishtail Bay platform. She mated and laid two eggs. Three of our loon pairs hatched six chicks in 2021 and five chicks survived, but the North Fishtail Bay nest was not successful. One egg disappeared a week after being laid. The second egg disappeared eight days later. We are considering some nest modifications to encourage success at North Fishtail Bay.

Successful pairs tend to return to the same nest - as we have observed at the Maple Bay nest. We do not know if Claire and her mate will remain together, or where they will be this Spring. We hope to see her again.

Loons begin scouting for nesting territory when the ice is off the lake. They generally select a nesting site in April/May, nest in May and June, and raise the chicks from June through August. The parents may leave chicks vulnerable when they sense danger - drawing attention to themselves, and away from the chicks. Please be aware of our loon nesting program, and keep your distance from the nests, the loons, and the loon families.

DIGGING IN DIRT (aka SAND) on DOUGLAS LAKE

By *Linda Orlew*

FLOWER GARDENING

Ellen Ingram (Kelly Davis' Southern Mom) on Ingleside, is one of our Douglas Lake flower garden enthusiasts. She begins working on her garden in mid-May, depending on the weather. She uses bagged Garden Soil (not potting soil) and lots of mulch for soil improvement and weed control. She orders seeds from *Park Seed Co.*, and *Burpee Seed Co.* in Bucks County, PA. She gets plants from area nurseries such as *Sprays*, Cheboygan; *Plantman Greenhouse*, Cheboygan; *Family Fare* Plant Sale Thursday, June 2, 2022, Cheboygan; **Willson's Garden Center*, Petoskey; *Lowe's* and *Home Depot*, Petoskey; *Beneath the Willows*, Alanson; **Christians Renolda*, Harbor Springs; **Polly's Planting and Plucking*, Harbor Springs; *North Star Garden*, Indian River; **Bridge Street Blooms*, Charlevoix; and **Pine Hill Nursery*, Kewadin. (*Extensive selection.) Go early to any nursery for a good selection and use good garden catalogs to order seeds.



Ellen has had a garden design business and suggested when contemplating a new garden it is important to determine if you want a formal garden where all plantings are equally arranged, or an informal garden. A mix of annuals and perennials is

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2021 Womenade Contributions by Kim Grant, Womenade Chair

Financial assistance to individuals and numerous local organizations this past year:

- * \$500 went to assist a NCMC Cheboygan Student with tuition to finish her last class for her Early Childhood Development degree.
- * Once again, we donated \$250 to the Pellston Fire Department toward their purchase of fire safety education materials.
- Through the ongoing partnership with McLaren Foundation, Womenade contributed a total of \$1,500 in 2021. The Board feels this partnership perfectly fits the Womenade Mission to help children and families in our community. Our 2021 funds were used to assist 19 individuals in the Pellston and Cheboygan County area. Here are some of the cases:
 - We helped a 75-year-old man with a month's supply of medication as he was discharged from the hospital. A social worker was helping him, and our contribution helped meet his immediate need.
 - We were also able to purchase a lightweight transfer wheelchair for a 65-year-old Pellston woman. Our assistance has improved the independence and quality of life for this family.
- Our contributions provided a propane tank fill for a 30-year old Cheboygan woman who was undergoing chemotherapy. In addition to our propane fill, she was put in touch with additional community resources to help her and her family.
- A 63-year-old Pellston man experienced a medical emergency while receiving dialysis in Petoskey and had to be admitted to the hospital. He needed to go back to the hospital after he was discharged to retrieve his vehicle. We provided the taxi.
- A 32-year-old Cheboygan County man had been struggling with lymphedema as a result of head and neck cancer treatment. Our support helped purchase the compression garment he needed.
- A young Cheboygan family needed help during the birth of their first child. The baby was taken to the Neonatal ICU at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, while the mom recovered in Petoskey. The dad traveled between the two hospitals, and needed help with travel expenses. Our support helped alleviate some of the financial burden on this young family.
- We made a \$250 contribution to the Pellston Education Foundation. This foundation's mission is "To enrich the learning opportunities for students of the Pellston Public Schools through scholarships and grants."
- Through the Women's Resource Center, we were able to help two young women.
- We helped a Cheboygan single mom who was having financial problems pay for her trash bill - for a total of \$275.
- Another Cheboygan single mom who is also a student at NCMC, had been laid off from her job, and needed financial help for utilities. Her toddler also needed some specific diapers and wipes to avoid an allergic skin reaction. We paid her past due bills, and provided \$50 to the Women's Resource Center to purchase the diapers and wipes. The total amount was \$553.
- We contributed \$250 to the Fraternal Order of Police towards the "Coats for Kids" project. Winter coats were distributed to children in need throughout the ENTIRE Cheboygan County School District.
- We contributed \$250 to the Cheboygan Compassionate Ministry toward the purchasing of gifts for their annual Christmas dinner. With our help, they were able to distribute 82 gifts.

Douglas Lake Womenade has a mission of assisting children and families from Pellston, or who live in Cheboygan County, who were experiencing a family emergency. Women of Douglas Lake or friends who are interested in the mission are invited to attend the dinner gatherings that typically meet the third Wednesday of June, July, and August, at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive meeting information, please contact Kim Grant at grant1kj@gmail.com.

recommended. Her perennial plantings include hostas, salvias, day lilies, lupines, Shasta daisies, phlox, alliums, hyssop and hydrangeas; and her annuals include zinnias, marigolds, impatiens, caladiums and geraniums.

Ellen would enjoy forming an informal group of neighbors (not a club or class) to get together to share tips, stories, and suggestions. Please email her at ellen.ingram2018@gmail.com if you are interested.

VEGETABLE GARDENING

Scott Davis and family, as well as others on the lake, reap lots of delicious veggies! Scott suggests planting most greens in late May, once the soil dries enough not to be soggy, and protect your plants from spring frosts.

Due to our hungry deer population you will need a fenced in area to keep your produce safe. Raised beds with 6-8 hours of full or SW sun exposure, a little gravel, high quality soil with seeds for our region, and proper water result in the best growth. The beds can be at ground level or higher - 30" for ease. The Davis' plant beets, carrots, corn, kale, peas, green beans, squash, romaine lettuce, leaf lettuce, raspberries, tomatoes (heirloom &

regular), cucumbers, peppers, basil, and spinach. Since they are here year round, Scott does an interesting thing with other seasons in mind. He chops a variety of vegetables, then bags the mixed veggies and freezes them for year-round soup!

Again, if anyone is interested in sharing vegetable gardening information, contact Scott at scottd380@gmail.com



We Will Miss . . .



ALICE ELIZABETH (BETH) REYNOLDS

died peacefully on January 11, 2022.

Beth's trips to the lake started in childhood, with visits to Uncle Hort and Aunt Mathilda's cottage on MacArthur Rd. She, and her husband, Bob, bought the cottage in the early 1980s giving their son Robby a wealth of lake summer memories and friends. Every year, once the ice left Douglas Lake she was packing the car for her annual pilgrimage. Beth was at the Lake from the week before Memorial Day, (to hit the flower sales in Cheboygan and the rummage pick up on MacArthur Rd.) until Columbus Day weekend (the kerosene heater got a lot of use in those first and last weeks!). It was a rare occurrence that would send Beth downstate in those months; her only grandchild, Jack, had the audacity to arrive in late September and Beth left the cottage as soon as she got word that Terri had gone into labor.

The Reynolds's cottage was always open to any and all that needed a place at the table or a bed for the night. Beth's semiannual cocktail party with Dorrit Tuthill was a north shore highlight. As were outings for perch, boat rides, movies, and impromptu dance parties on the porch.

Beth is survived by her son Robby (Terri), and grandson, Jack. We hope to celebrate Beth's wonderful life with friends and family this summer.

ROBERT (BOB) KARL REYNOLDS, Sr. passed away unexpectedly on April 10, 2022. Bob was born on June 27, 1941, in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, the oldest son of Karl S. and Harriet (Skip) Florence Fuhry Reynolds.

Bob married Alice Elizabeth (Beth) Verner and they settled in Wausau with their only child, Robby. Bob sold insurance and Beth made a home. In 1976 a job opportunity brought them to Jackson, Michigan where they made a family out of their new friends. Bob was "voluntold" for a lot of things, including becoming a Scoutmaster for his son's den, and an usher at their church. (He prided himself on a neatly kept lawn, a strong gin martini, and a good joke when the conversation lagged. Bob was the best man in his son's wedding. He and his daughter-in-law made great fun of being the "out-laws" of the family.

He loved Douglas Lake, and sitting on the dock, or in a lounge chair in the backyard. He took us all for rides on the Chris-Craft). When he retired, Bob settled into his chair with a book and the remote control — checking the weather channel and the local news, and rarely missing his afternoon stories.

Bob is survived by his son Robby (Terri), and grandson, Jack. Robby, Terri, and Jack are so sad to have lost both "Sr. Reynoldses" in such a short time but are grateful that they are together again — no doubt arguing about something. We hope to celebrate Bob's and Beth's wonderful lives with friends and family this summer.

CATHERINE JEAN "CATHY" CHAMBERS, a longtime resident of St. Johns, Michigan, died on January 26, 2022, after suffering a sudden heart attack at her home.

Catherine was born on September 10, 1952, to Charles and Helen (Hagenbarth) Austin in Battle Creek, Michigan, where she was a graduate of St. Philip High School. She studied at Aquinas College

and went on to serve as a pre-school director at St. Peter Lutheran Church. On July 14, 1973, she married the love of her life, David Chambers, and together raised two sons, Christopher, and Benjamin.

Cathy enjoyed spending time with family and friends at her cottage on Douglas Lake.

In addition to Dave, her beloved husband of over forty-eight years, she is survived by her sons Christopher (Jamie) and Benjamin (Alishia); granddaughters, Adelina and Caylee; and grandsons, Austin and Derek.

GARY LEE OLSAVER was born June 4, 1939, to Maurice and Vivian Olsaver of Ann Arbor, Michigan. He spent his summers at Camp Manitou, on Douglas Lake; and he achieved the Order of the Arrow as a Boy Scout. Gary was a sailor, an ice skater, and a camper. He graduated from Adrian College in 1963, and left Adrian for a job at the J. L. Hudson Department store in Detroit, Michigan, where his talent as a buyer quickly took him from the sales floor on Woodward Avenue to the high rises of New York City. He continued his career in New York City, working for Medici, a men's apparel, handbag, and leather company based in Florence, Italy. It was in New York City that he met his wife of fifty years, Sandra Lynn Middleton. Gary went on to work in the fashion and clothing industry for more than 30 years, with many companies, including as Vice President for Bugle Boy Industries, and later for Ocean Pacific. After he retired, he split his time between San Antonio, Texas, and the very North Shore of Douglas Lake, where he had camped when he was a boy. In either location, he loved his friends, the sunsets, breweries, and holding court on the deck, where he would trade stories until the sunrise.

Gary leaves behind his wife of fifty years, Sandra Lynn Olsaver; his two children, Melissa Olsaver Hopkins, and Ross Everett Olsaver; and two grandchildren.

DENNIS CHARLES BUCHWEITZ, died on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

Dennis was born on April 30, 1947, in Detroit, Michigan to Mary (Knight) and Harvey Buchweitz. He graduated from Lincoln Park High School, attended Ferris State University, and enlisted in the United States Air Force in August 1966. In his military career, Dennis served as an Air Traffic Controller, and then moved into Professional Military Education. The culmination of his career was serving as Commandant of a Leadership School, and Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Wing Commander in Sembach, Germany. He served in Vietnam, Thailand, and had several tours in both the US and Europe. Dennis retired as a Chief Master Sergeant in 1993 and is still known as "Chief."

Dennis met the love of his life, Kathryn Marie Hock, at Lincoln Park High School. They were blessed with two children: Jeff (Beth) Buchweitz, and Jennifer (Tim) Stull. He reveled in the role of Grandfather, or as he was called "Chief" or "Chip" by his three grandchildren, Clay and Kate Buchweitz, and Mac Stull.

Dennis' happy place was on the golf course. He loved to golf, but almost just as much, he loved his job as the Ranger at Hidden River Golf Club. He was a fan of taking walks around the Douglas Lake neighborhood, chatting with neighbors, or just enjoying a cigar on the back porch.

A celebration of his life is planned for July 23rd at the family home on Douglas Lake.

PAMELA MCLOUTH, of Pellston, passed away on Friday, October 8, 2021, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. She was 76. She was born on October 24, 1944, in Taylor, Texas to Lawrence and Norma Mills. She was married to Michael McLouth.

DAVID WILSON TRAVIS, 73, passed away peacefully on November 2, 2021, at his home on Douglas Lake, Michigan.

Dave was born on November 14, 1947, in Bluffton, Ohio to Eloise (Kellogg) and Dr. Boyd Travis. He attended Bluffton schools, Culver Military Academy, and graduated from Baldwin Wallace University, where he played football.

He served in the Air Force in Vietnam, and later retired after a career as a pilot with American Airlines.

Dave lived a very active life. He was a very competitive sailor who loved sailing and made sure the Douglas Lake Sunfish races were ready on Saturday afternoons. He also loved skiing, biking, and traveling the world. He had an extensive collection of historic model trains, a hobby he inherited from his father.

Dave was most at home on Douglas Lake. He loved teaching kids how to water ski and prided himself on always getting his students up on skis. While he enjoyed the ski boat, his favorite boat was a little 12-footer in which he and his wife, Barb, would putter around the lake.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara of 39 years; and his daughter, Beth (Scott) Lauer. Dave was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Marcia Kilgore.

A celebration of his life will be held in the summer of 2022 at Douglas Lake.

Welcome to Our New Neighbors

The Curran Family



Hello Douglas Lake family!

We're the Curran family, (Patrick, Kristin, Nolan (10), and Aiden (7)) and are excited to introduce ourselves as your new neighbors. We recently completed a new build in Manitou Bay and could not be more excited to spend our first Summer enjoying the lake in our new vacation home. Lucky for us, we've been fortunate for having spent many years on the lake prior to this. In fact, 3 of the 4 us (sorry, Patrick) have been coming to Douglas Lake our entire lives. We love it here, and are thrilled to continue the family tradition.

Originally from Clarkston, Michigan, both Patrick and Kristin are engineers at General Motors. Nolan and Aiden are very active boys who keep Mom and Dad very busy with all of their activities - including swimming, robotics, soccer, tennis, flag football, skiing - you name it!

Here's to a great Summer! Cheers!

A Reminder to Visit the Douglas Lake Improvement Association Now and Then Website

"Now and Then" is a location to share your articles, stories, and observations about life at Douglas Lake through the years. Topics may embrace any aspect of the Northern Michigan experience, such as regional history, family remembrances, observations concerning plant or animal life in and around Douglas Lake, both past and present. Treasured photographs will be welcome, as will vintage post cards with accompanying text to set the scenes for readers who may be unfamiliar with the subject matter. Jan Huntley is the editor for this section. Please direct your proposed submissions and/or photographs to her attention at history@douglaslake.org.

At the present time, there are 30 delightful articles featuring life at Douglas Lake, "Now and Then."

DLIA NEW MEMBERS Spring 2022

Zone 101

Patrick & Kristin Curran
8723 Manitou Shores Trail

With apologies to the following new members who were inadvertently left off the list in the November 2021

Newsletter

Zone 32

Stephen & Maribeth Shaheen
11506 White Birch Drive

Zone 71

Sean & Julie Kelly
9650 Silver Strand Road

DLIA ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, August 22 – 7:00 p.m.

Featured Speaker – Dr. Aimee Classen, UMBS Director

We look forward to hearing Aimee's vision for the future of UMBS, as she finishes her first on-site full season as Director.



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Email news articles and obituaries to info@douglaslake.org

Membership updates to membership@douglaslake.org

Send your terrific photos for the calendar to
pictures@douglaslake.org

Add info@douglaslake.org to your contacts



A Message From Kelly Davis, Merchandise Manager

It's almost that time again, when warm weather is here and open-air shopping arrives at Douglas Lake. This year we have new designs and logos for DLIA merchandise. And of course, the new 2023 calendar will be revealed at the first sale!

Sale dates:

June 11, July 2 (NEW - book signing by two local authors),
July 23, Aug 13, and Sept 3

Sale times: 10AM until 12 Noon

The Douglas Lake Store is at the storage unit beside/behind the Pellston Lodge, near the corner of US-31 and Douglas Lake Road.

If you have any questions about merchandise or volunteering, please send an email to:

merchandise@douglaslake.org