

The IKEs Update

April 2016

Happy Spring to you! The trails at the IKEs' are a lovely place to go for a walk, especially on Saturday mornings in May while we're open for **Kids' Fishing**. We'll bring the bait, you bring the kids and the smiles. Actually, we could use some extra hands, as **Bill Kirk**, who has loved doing this for years, isn't able to this year. We wish him well!

We had a nice walk with the **Foraging** class, noticing a few plants that either start early or stay green all year, like the watercress. Then we had a cool drink of maple sap, provided by **Casey Hefferan**. (Tapping season blends nicely into steelhead season.)

Woodland flowers often bloom early, to soak up the sun before the canopy of leaves grows in. Most pollinators like the warmth of sunlight. Gives us a boost this time of year, too!

Since 1/3 of our food depends on pollinators, helping native bees survive is a good thing. Each native plant garden or wild habitat can be a life-link as a bee or butterfly searches for food. Sometimes insects get too close for our comfort, but let's think before reaching for the spray. Also harmful are the systemic insecticides, which a plant



absorbs, killing not only chewing insects, but those gathering nectar. Bumblebees have declined a lot, and while they make me nervous, the ones nesting next to my parents' lawn-swing have never hurt us.

To encourage the power of your own backyard, the **Million Pollinator Garden Challenge** was begun (pollinator.org), and now even the **White House** has a pollinator garden. Great local sources for beautiful plants are Calvin's sale the morning of May 7, or our own **Tammy Lundeen** (sheisgrowingwild@gmail.com).

It's spring: Boot the kids out and let no mud-puddle go unspashed!

Georgia Donovan

Million Pollinator Garden Challenge

The Million Pollinator Garden Challenge (MPGC) is a nationwide call to action to preserve and create gardens and landscapes that help revive the health of bees, butterflies, birds, bats and other pollinators across America.

June 15-21, 2015



www.pollinator.org

Send us your fishing, camping or other outdoor stories and we'll publish them in the newsletter. Send plain text and a photo or two, jpg format to: **twatson@comcast.net**

More Foraging Photos



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IKES Lodge/Property Rentals

- April 17 Joe Brefczynski
- May 14-15 Ryan Burke
(Cub Scouts - Pack 3282)
- June 4-5 Becky Vanhaften
- June 12 C.J. Tasma
- June 18 Pam Ritz
- August 6 Tom Watson
- August 13 Tom Watson
- October 8 Bob & Maryann Schumaker

Donor List

Fred Eyer

Accent Hair Design Studio	Ed & Dave's Auto Service	Merle Norman
Al & Bob's	Euro Bistro	Merrell Footwear
Arthur Murray Dance Studio	Fajita Republic Cantina	Olive Garden
Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern	Family Fare	One Trick Pony
Bar Fly Ventures	Firestone Complete Auto Care, Beltline	Orvis
Bargain Books	First Wok	Outback Steakhouse
Barracks 616	Flannigan's	Outpost Lodge, Thessalon, Ont.
Belladonna Salon & Spa	Forest Hills Foods	P. F. Chang's
Beth Parker	Frame and Mat Shop	Pietro's Italian Restaurant
Betty Jo Crosby, Member	Fred & Sue Eyer, Members	Pilgrim's Run Golf Club
Bill & Paul's Sporthaus	Fred Willson Studio	Pioneer Construction
Bob Evans Restaurant	Fresh Thyme Farmers Market	Red Olive Family Restaurant
Bob & Gail Stegmier, Members	Gander's Restaurant	Red Water Restaurant Group
Bonefish Grill	Goodrich Quality Theatres	Rockford Ace Hardware
BrandyWine Restaurant	GR Civic Theatre	Rockford Brewing Co.
Brann's Of Cascade	Grand Rapids Drive	Rockford Quick Lube
Bravo! Italian Restaurant	Grand Rapids Whitecaps	Ron Finger, Member
Bruce Gilmore, Member	Great Northern Trading Co.	Ron & Ruth Waybrant, Members
Bull Head Tavern	Harmony Brewing Co.	Ruth Kizer, Member
Cannonsburg Grist Mill	Haymarsh Hunt Club	Ruth Waybrant, Member
Cantina Mexican Grill	heidi christine's salon & spa	Rylee's Ace Hardware
Carstar of Rockford	Houlihan's	Shear Profile
Casey Hefferan, Guide	Jill Hamelink, Weaver	Shepards Grill & Tavern
Catherine McClung, Artist	Jim Bedford, Author and Guide	Siegel Jewelers
Cedar Springs Mill & Supply	John & Jan Trimberger, Members	Silver Bullet Firearms
Chamberlin's Ole Forest Inn, U.P.	John Stegmeier, Member	Tanaz Hair Boutique & Day Spa
Chase Klinesteker, Member	Just One More Grill	The Great Lakes Shipping Co,
Christy Roman, Member	Kevin Feenstra, Fishing Guide	Timber's Inn
Culver's	Kitchen 67	Tom Watson & Tam Bagby, Members
Cyndy Callog, Artist	Larry Allaben, Member	Vibe Salon, Rockford
David E. Doss, Artist	Latitudes and Steelheads	Village Bike Shop
Dick's Sporting Goods	Gastropub	Kay Vee Fly-In Lodge, Hornepayne, Ont.
Discount Tire	Leo's Coney Island	Watermark Properties
Dixie Olin, Artist	Manna Café	Woodland Travel
Dr. Richard Elias, DDS	Marie Catrib's	
Dwight Lydell Chapter/I.W.L.A.	Meijer's	

Sealed Bid Auction

Fred Eyer

If you missed the IKE's annual **Silent Auction** at the banquet, it's not too late to participate. We're announcing a post-banquet Silent Auction offer for a limited time only!

This year there are only seven items remaining. They are listed in the box below this article. If you would like to bid, it's easy as pie. Just follow these steps:

1. Make sure to submit a bid that is **AT LEAST** the minimum amount.
2. Send an email to **fseyer@gmail.com** or a letter with the item name in the subject line, the amount of your bid in the body of the email or letter, and your contact information:

(Name, address, phone for sending the certificate).

Important Rules: The highest bid wins. For example, if you bid \$15 and we receive two bids (one for \$15 and one for \$20), the higher bid (\$20) will win. However, in the event of a TIE amount, the first email or letter received is the winner.

Please send questions to Fred at **fseyer@gmail.com** or call 616. 363.0253. For those bidding by US mail, send bids to Fred Eyer, Silent Auction, 2488 Rockhill Dr. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525.

The bidding will end on **11:59PM April 29, 2016**. And one minute later the trout fishing season opens!

2016 Post Banquet Sealed Bid Auction			
Donor	Description	Value	Minimum Bid
Dr. Richard Elias, DDS	One In-office Teeth Whitening	\$250	\$70
Fred Willson Studio	Three 1/2 Hr Lessons in Guitar, Mandolin, Basic Banjo, Ukulele or Mountain Dulcimer	\$60	\$24
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Outpost Lodge, Thessalon, Ontario	2016, 1 Week Stay in Cottage 1, 2 or 3, American Meal Plan	\$700	\$300
Walton's Kay Vee Fly-In Lodge, Hornepayne, Ontario	August 2016, 4 Day Housekeeping Stay for 4	\$3,400	\$1,600
Euro Bistro Restaurant, 6450 28th St. SE	\$25 Gift Certificate	\$25	\$10
Shear Profile, 1213 Leonard St. NE	\$18 Gift Certificate	\$18	\$7

Sad News

Bob Stegmier

This past month was not a good start of the year for some of our Dwight Lydell Chapter fam-

ily. Three deaths were recorded, **Bruce Dutcher, Fred Houseman and Jim Miller.**

Bruce and Jim were both past chapter presidents stepping up to accept this responsibility when asked. Bruce back in the 1950s and Jim more recently in 1996. Fred Houseman is the son of **Marney MacAdam and Maurie Houseman.** Our thoughts and prayers go out to all three families at this time.



Bruce Dutcher



Fred Houseman



Jim Miller

DWIGHT LYDELL CHAPTER of the IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE of AMERICA

Core Event Schedule 2016

NOTE: This is a draft schedule. Especially for late year events you can check for updates in our newsletters and on our website along with notice of special events that come up on short notice and are not listed on this Event Schedule. Also additional information about these listed events can be found in the newsletter and on the website.

<u>Scheduled</u>	<u>Event & Location</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>
January 30, Saturday 10am-3pm	Winterfest Family Outing @ CC	Georgia Donovan
March 4, Friday	Conservation-Awards-Fund Raiser Banquet	Banquet Committee
March 17, 18, 19, 20	Ultimate Sport Show-Grand Rapids	Jim Schneider
April 21, Thursday	Fish & Game Dinner	Tom Watson
May 7,14,21, 28 - Saturdays	Kids Fishing & Native Plants @ CC, 9AM-Noon	
May 12, Thursday	Steak Dinner, Annual Meeting & Elections	Tom Watson
June 11, Saturday	Fix up/Clean up Day 9-?, work, eat, play, campfire	Maurie Houseman
June 25, Saturday, 10am-3pm	Summerfest Community Family Day @ CC	Maurie Houseman
July 19-22	2016 IKE's National Convention, Stevens Point WI	
July 16, Saturday	Native Plants for Everyone, Tear Drop Island (IKEs)	Tammy Lundeen
August 11, Thursday	Ribs Outdoor Cooking Competition @ CC	Tom Watson
September 14, Wednesday	Oktoberfest @ CC	Tom Watson
September 17, Saturday	Fix up/Clean up/play 6PM @ CC	Maurie Houseman
October 5, Wednesday	Chili Cook-off/Potluck @ CC	Tom Watson
November 10, Thursday	Game Dinner @ CC	Tom Watson
December 1, Thursday	Christmas Dinner @ Timbers Restaurant	Jay Huston

Website: www.michiganikes.org

CC is the Conservation Center/Lodge @ IKEs Property located at 5641 Myers Lake Avenue
Mailing address is Izaak Walton League, PO Box 541, Belmont MI 49306

Membership Application ... Izaak Walton League of America

Dwight Lydell Chapter, 5641 Myers Lake Ave. Belmont MI 49306

Conservation Needs a Friend Ask a friend to join the IKEs!

NAME _____

SPOUSE _____ CHILDREN & AGES _____ HOME PHONE _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DATE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ SPONSOR _____

_____ Individual - \$52, _____ Family - \$72, _____ Student (18-21) - \$24, _____ Youth (under 18) - \$12.00

Mail to Izaak Walton League, PO Box 541, Belmont MI 49306. Checks payable to "Izaak Walton League"
Call Ron at 616.361.1422 for more information. A gate key is provided upon receipt of membership fee. You can pick up your key at the next dinner at the lodge. Please enjoy the 39 acres.

Indicate which of these important committees you're interested in working on:

Natural Features Stewardship _____ Finance _____ Membership _____ Building & Grounds _____
Conservation _____ Programs _____ Every Member Dinners _____

The Izaak Walton League of America – a non-profit conservation organization – is recognized as a Section 501(c)(3) public charity under the Internal Revenue Code.

Chapter Anniversary

Bob Stegmier

Our chapter of the **Izaak Walton League of America** was formed 90 years ago. Your current board and many of our members think that is quite a feat and

you will hear about the chapter's happenings and accomplishments in the newsletter this year. Here is part three.

Who Are The IKEs And What Do They Do?

Bob Stegmier

The **IWLA** was founded in Chicago in 1922 when 54 sportsmen met to discuss their concerns about water pollution and the loss of wetlands. The "League" is named after **Izaak Walton** (1594-1683) an English sportsman who authored the most reprinted fishing book in the English language, *The Complete Angler*. There are 50,000 members and friends in 21 states including Alaska.

The **Dwight Lydell** chapter was formed in 1926 with a "Conservation Education" mission and currently has 175 members with 39 acres of woods with a lodge and fishing pond, located at 5641 Myers Lake Ave. NE.

Chapter Accomplishments:

- Started the **Outdoor Sport Show** in Grand Rapids in 1945 and still participates every year.
- Hold **Free Kids' Fishing** at our property Saturday mornings in May and supervise **Free Kids Fishing** at Versluis

Lake four evenings in June in Plainfield Township.

- A primary activist in establishing the "navigable water" designation in Michigan that opened rivers to the public.
- Created a "fisherman's" parking spot on the **Rogue River** at 12 Mile Rd.
- Encouraged the planting of trout in the **Grand River** and then held fishing

contests to prove that they survived and thrived.

- A prime motivator for the 6th Street dam fish ladder.
- Lobbied for better waste management and sewage disposal by the **City of Grand Rapids** and the Michigan "**Bottle Bill**" resulting in the best bottle return results in the country.
- Give two college scholarships to deserving high school graduates to help support their higher education in the conservation field.
- Work with other conservation and environmental groups on national, state and local issues of mutual concern.
- Work on the issues for protecting the Great Lakes region's environment such as the Great Lakes Compact AS **DEFENDERS OF SOIL. AIR, WOODS, WATERS AND WILDLIFE.**
- And much more.



Deadline for the May issue is Monday, April 18 at 8:00 AM.

To see this and past editions of the newsletter and national IKEs information please visit our websites:
www.michiganikes.org
www.iwla.org

Planned Tamarack Run Condo Project In Rockford

Bob Stegmier

I personally made the comment below “on line” to the MDEQ regarding this permit request. I did it personally because I didn’t have unanimous agreement from the Rogue River Watershed Partners board’s (RRWP) and it is something not on the IKE’s agenda and a short deadline by the MDEQ. I believe it is a subject we all need to be concerned about therefore this information about the planned hearing so you might consider attending and my comment to the MDEQ regarding the developer’s request.

MDEQ Notice;
TAKE NOTICE that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality’s (MDEQ) Water Resources Division (WRD) will hold a public hearing at the

Rockford North Middle School, 397 E. Division Street, Rockford MI, 49341, on Tuesday **April 12, 2016** at 6:00 pm. The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit: Application for permit, Submission # 2CM-1KVC-MCK3, Site ID 41-202 N Monroe St NE-Rockford, under Part 301 - Inland Lakes and Streams, Part 303 - Wetlands Protection, and Part 31 -Floodplains of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, by 202 North Monroe, LLC (Marcel Burgler), 825 Parchment SE Suite 400, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

My comments to the MDEQ
RE: Application 2CM-1KVC-MCK3

To whom it may concern,

My concerns regarding this development are with the developers plans are threefold:
First, the developers plan to handle only a one-inch rain event. I say this is inadequate and I elaborate below.

Second, the developers are requesting permission to put fill into a 100-year flood plain.

Third, the developers are requesting to run two pipes for storm water from dry basins directly to **Rum Creek**.

I believe we have a serious situation of ever increasing storm event record high flood levels as evidenced by all time record high flood levels on the **Rogue River** and the **Grand River** in numerous places in the spring of 2013. The developer’s plan to handle only a one-inch rainfall is totally inadequate! The official records show over a 30-month period from 4/16/2012 to 11/23/2014 in the Rogue R. watershed there were 27 rain events exceeding this one-inch level, ten of the 27 or 37 % were over 1 ½ inch events and one was 3.06 inches. This data is from Michigan State University link in the Rogue R. watershed as recorded at this weather station, <http://www.agweather.geo.msu.edu/mawn/station.asp?id=spo>.

I am confident that those records will one day and maybe soon be broken. If not from global warming which we have little control over but from continuing developments such as this project where we do have some control. With each development and its small amount of additional runoff allowed doesn’t sound like much and in reality isn’t much but when added together with many other developments and then year after year the difference is significant and **results in new record high flood levels**. The answer to this dilemma is rather simple, **no more runoff allowed**.

This development ought to be engineered for no runoff from a 3 ½ to 4 inch rain event!

Second in this permit request is permission to add fill below the 100-year floodplain. This practice if allowed to happen over and over again simply adds to the cause of “every increasing flood levels” **this fill should not be allowed. Say no to this permit request.**

Third, the request to run two pipes for storm water from dry basins directly to Rum Creek should also be rejected. The correct development would be “water quality islands” designed based on the rain events, mentioned above, happening in the watershed.

Sincerely, living in the watershed, Robert Stegmier.



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FISH AND GAME DINNER THURSDAY APRIL 21

Please get your game on and prepare your special game dish to pass. We have some great fish from Florida and domestic turkey, too. We also need some good side dishes and desserts!

Any questions, please
email Tom Watson:
twatson@comcast.net

Adults \$8,
ages 6-13 \$4,
under 6 and
first time
guests are
FREE!



We have
KID'S FISHING
next month
Every Saturday
in May
from 9AM - Noon

ALSO ON MAY 12
WE WILL BE
HOLDING OUR
STEAK DINNER
AND
ANNUAL MEETING