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GEORGIA'S CORNER

When I was a little girl at the cottage, our babysitter showed me how to make "Indian paint" by mixing the spores from moss with her nail polish remover. Ah, hindsight! I guess this was not, strictly speaking, an Indian recipe. But, wouldn't the Indians have made use of whatever was available? So there you go. I sure admired that babysitter.

Now I have found a better source, and am excited to be going for 4 days in August to the **Great Lakes Traditional Arts Gathering** up on Drummond Island. There'll be experts on foraging wild foods, making things with birch bark, and other Native American crafts. For more information go to www.islandgathering.org there will also be classes on wild foods and native gardening on May 12-13 down in Hopkins. Contact kfinney@lifewaysinstitute.org for more on that one.

In the very immediate future, our **Spring Wild Game Dinner** is on Thursday, April 26! Such a delicious opportunity! You probably won't get this newsletter before the event, so more on it next time.

Speaking of food sources, the National IWLA and the **National Sustainable Agriculture Foundation** put together a local meeting on the Farm Bill, which Steg, Gail, Shirley and Gene Kalio, and I attended. The **Farm Bill** is a massive piece of legislation that is updated every 5 years. Since HUGE

agri-businesses have taken over most farming, all the locals, organic farmers, small operations, and farmers' markets lumped together share a tiny 8% piece of the farm bill pie. Therefore, we need to speak to our legislators so the concerns of sustainability can be heard. The other guys pay lobbyists. (Crops have great insurance.)

One man at the meeting wanted to see wind and solar power listed as agricultural products. After all, the sun creates farm produce, and farms are likely places for solar and wind structures. He pointed out that generally people would be happier to support wind power if they had a stake in it. In Germany co-ops are formed, and everyone in the wind-turbine neighborhood gets a check. What a radically enterprising idea!

"Streaming" news: The **EPA** is holding a public meeting to talk about assessing Rockford's old tannery site on the Rogue River. It's at the **Freshman Center**, April 24 at 7:00.

In **Cannon Township** we conducted our spring tests of **Bear Creek**, which is as fun as it is important. The price of habitat is constant vigilance!

I picked up some **tree seedlings**, which will be available at upcoming events. Serviceberry, Spicebush, Hazelnut,



Highlights This Issue:

Annual Elections

Big Green Raffle

Sustainable Living Program

...and much more!

Wild Plum, Viburnum, etc. So if you are planting a native support-group, come get 'em. Remember too, that if you like **Monarch Butterflies**, it's necessary to provide some milkweed plants. Finding food sources is becoming harder for the butterflies. The Monarch lifecycle is fun to watch if you allow a milkweed patch. **Duane DeVries** has a beautiful book, **Mattie the Monarch**, illustrated by his neighbor, Brandy VanZalen.

On April 29, 9:00, I'm showing **Luton Park** mountain bikers how to identify garlic mustard.

May 5 10-12 is the **Native Plant Sale** at **Calvin College**.

Every Saturday morning in May is **KIDS' FISHING** at the pond! 9-12:00. Please come, relax, meet people, bring a picnic and linger for lunch!

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ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Jay Huston

The annual meeting and election of officers and board of director members will be at the Steak and Chicken dinner at the Conservation Center on Thursday, May 17, 2012.

The slate of candidates is as follows:

- President: Open
- Vice President:
- Georgia Donovan**
- Secretary:
- James Schneider**
- Treasurer:
- Fred Eyer**
- Membership Secretary:
- Ron Waybrant**

On the Board of Directors for the three year terms,
September 1, 2012-August 31, 2015
Bill Kirk
C.J. Tasma
Tom Watson

For the two year terms,
September 1, 2012-August 31, 2014
Maurie Housemen
Robert Stegmier
Marylou Sundt

For the one year term,
September 1, 2012-August 31, 2013
Barry Gilbertson
Bruce Gilmore
Duane DeVries

We need a nominee for the office of president. We are seeking an IKE who perhaps has been past president, vice president, a member of the board of directors or one who has had considerable committee experience with understandings of the operation of the Chapter. Should any member feel qualified or know of an IKE to be nominated for the position please call a nominating committee member. Members have the opportunity

of making nominations from the floor at the meeting.

The Nominating Committee:
Jay Huston 942.2503
Bill Kirk 874.8230
C.J. Tasma 454.9416



25% BY 2025

Shirley Kallio

The most positive of the multiple petitions circulating in Michigan these days is the "25% by 2025," 25% of electrical energy generation from renewable sources, such as wind,

solar, hydro and biomass, by the year 2025. This jump from the current 10% by 2015 (already a near reality) to 25% by 2025 would modernize Michigan's electrical generation, build a clean energy industry and start new clean energy businesses the whole length of the supply chain right here in our state. It is estimated that this standard would create thousands of new Michigan jobs and bring an estimated \$10 Billion in investments to our state between now and 2025.

keeping investment IN Michigan where Michigan residents can benefit fully from the multiplier effect, quite in contrast to our historic export of cash for import of coal. Michigan residents will benefit in every way from a 25% renewable energy standard: more jobs for a stronger economy, cleaner energy for a healthier populace and reduced demand for healthcare, and significant reduced risk of degradation to air, soil, water and wildlife from fossil fuel contamination.

GEORGIA'S CORNER

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If you're into bigger fish, consider Orvis guide **Casey Hefferan** at **pmlodge.com** He donated a trip in his drift boat for our auction and is excited about the upcoming season!

See you soon!
 Georgia Donovan

PS: We're working on putting together a series of programs on **Sustainable Living**. The first will be about gardening on May 23. See page 5 for more details. If you have an email address, please send it for updates!
 (georgia.art@att.net)

What it will NOT do is significantly increase the cost of electricity to Michigan ratepayers. First of all, the proposal caps any rate increase at 1% per year, an estimated average cost per household of no more than \$1.20/month, which should not be a problem, given the fact that energy from wind is already reduced to two-thirds of that of coal and solar costs continue to rapidly decline.

The Michigan Nurses Association and other health groups endorse this initiative because they know that less polluting fossil fuels and more clean, renewable energy will ultimately save lives.

This proposal also requires the meeting of this standard from utilization of IN-STATE suppliers and labor,

When someone next approaches you with an invitation to sign this petition, I hope you will gladly do so. Let's get this on the ballot so the voters themselves can choose to make this standard law and help to secure a better future for all of Michigan citizens!

BIG GREEN RAFFLE

Bob Stegmier

This important fundraiser with good winning odds takes another step forward as we speak or write. By now all chapter members in good standing have received an envelope with 9 BGR tickets along with an important log sheet and a flyer on the raffle. This flyer is similar to the one in this newsletter. The flyer will help you announce the BGR to friends at work, the office, coffee shop etc. The odds are very good with only 1500 tickets to be sold.

We could have named this **The Good Cause** or even **The Good Odds Raffle** and I'll bet you have a suggestion too. The cause of Conservation Education should be enough but the College Entrance scholarships and the neighborhood community events such as **Winterfest, Summerfest** and **Kids' Fishing** multiply the value several times.

Like so many other efforts everyone's help is needed to make this fundraiser a success and in the process there will be 33 ticket winners to share in the \$3000 that will be

given away beginning September 12. Three winners will receive \$500 each and 30 winners will receive \$50 each. Ticket holders need not be present to win but of course it is exciting to be there and hear your name announced.

So we hope you will sell in some way turn all 9 of your allotment into GREEN CASH for CONSERVATION. Like all Michigan raffles we must keep accurate records and that is why you have a Sales Tally Sheet that needs to be filled out and turned in with all raffle stubs and unsold tickets. If our records are inaccurate we could lose our right for future raffles.

If you have any questions or need more tickets to sell and we hope you need more tickets soon please contact **Marylou Sundt** 616.784.3072 or: hellomarylou56@yahoo.com, or **Bob Stegmier**, 616.481.5497 or: rstegmier@ameritech.net

\$500: \$50 \$50 \$50 \$50 \$50 \$50 \$50 \$50 \$50 \$50 \$50
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All for Conservation Education

BIG GREEN RAFFLE

\$10 a Ticket or \$20 for 3 Tickets

Benefiting Kids Nature Club, Winterfest, Summerfest, Kids Fishing, Save our Streams
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\$1,000 each drawing
Drawings 9/12/12, 10/11/12 & 11/8/12
Dwight Lydell Chapter IWLA
MSL # C25581

GET INVOLVED

Bob Stegmier

This message is from one who has been in and out of the river a few times and also around the lake more than once or twice. He has also chased a few deer, ducks, rabbits, pats and Ring-necked Pheasants.

There is more to this story because I have been a chapter member for around 60 to 65 years, thanks to my dad for buying my first membership. While he was very involved, I didn't for a number of years and things happened fast when the newsletter editor announced at a board meeting he wasn't going to do that any more! Yep, I had just got my first computer and so away I went. Yep, there was more but that is not the jest of the message. This message is about you if you are not fully revved up for the IKEs and its Conservation Education mission. You are needed!

You may not be aware that we are operating without a president. I have no fear that we won't continue to operate and operate very well. BUT, it would be better if there were a president. Election of officers and board members will be held at our Steak Dinner and Annual meeting on May 17. If you want to run or know someone who would, please speak up. Call **Jay Huston** at 942.2503. He would love to hear from you. Please don't nominate anyone without first getting their OK.

New blood brings fresh ideas to the board and we have no limit as to how many board members we can have. Running to be a member of the board is a great way to get your feet wet and then become totally immersed into the league's Conservation mission.

Some historic highlights: The chapter was named after a great fish biologist, **Dwight Lydell**, started the **Sport Show** in Grand Rapids in 1945. The chapter and has been since continuously involved in the Show. We used to meet every noon at the downtown WMCA across from the Civic Theater, bought 39 acres on Myers Lake Avenue, and then built the **Lodge** (Conservation Center). Now we have a legally binding **Trust Fund**, an award winning IKEs **Newsletter**, Winterfest and Summerfest that draws kids from the neighborhood and the inner city. With kids come parents, all being introduced to the outdoors and wonders of nature. We have a collage scholarship program for students studying education of environmental conservation, where we give two \$1000 scholars away every year. And there is much more and much more to be done.

The point of my message is for you to step up and become more involved by running for the Board of Directors. Maybe even run for President. Your input is important and needed. There are some old sayings, "Many hands make light work. The more the merrier. Two heads are better than one! One thing leads to another!"

I encourage you to contact Jay and throw your hat into

the ring for President or a board membership. You can call any officer or board member to talk things over if you wish, but please give the opportunity good serious consideration.

LODGE RESERVATIONS

May 6th Stegmier family rental
June: 1 -2 Sierra Club rental
June 16 Robinson rental
August 18 Watson family rental
Thank you, Jan

SPORT SHOW AND COTTAGE & LAKEFRONT LIVING SHOW/ADMISSION TICKETS

Bob Stegmier

It is very important that any raffle stubs for the drawing be brought to the Fish & Game Dinner on **Thursday, April 26** for the drawing. Unsold tickets and money can be sent or delivered to my home in Rockford later but as soon as possible. Unsold tickets absolutely must be sent to me. I must account for all tickets to satisfy the Michigan Lottery system. If they aren't satisfied we could lose the right for future lottery licenses.

Thanks for your cooperation.

IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE'S NATIONAL CONVENTION AND OUTDOOR AMERICA MAGAZINE

Bob Stegmier

The current issue of *Outdoor America* covers some of the highlights of the League's 90 years as Defenders of Soil, Air, Waters Woods and Wildlife. This summer's **National Convention** will of course highlight various accomplishments, too. The convention is just one day's drive for IKEs here in Michigan since it is in Lincoln, Nebraska **July 16-20**. The crux of the convention activities will be the days of July 18-20. One thing of importance is there is a **Youth Convention** that runs concurrently and is really an outstanding event. Think about it. There will be a campground camping available for reduced cost for families. I suggest thinking about combining this youth convention along with some other activity, such as Yellowstone Park. You know those kids grow up fast, so do it now.



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AT 7:00 PM**
AT OUR CONSERVATION CENTER!

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

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

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Call Ron at 616.361.1422 for more information. If you want a GATE KEY so you can walk our 39 acres at your leisure ADD \$5 to the membership fee.

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

Natural Features Stewardship _____ Finance _____ Membership _____ Building & Grounds _____
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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH
JAY HUSTON

**Eating words has never
 given me indigestion.**

Winston Churchill

NORTH COAST COHO PROJECT

Bob Stegmier

While I was riding my stationary exercise bike I was reading an article about the **North Coast Coho Project** in TU's *Trout Magazine*, which had caught my eye because of the great Coho fishery we have here in Michigan. This article is about restoring Coho to northern California where the streams have been degraded largely to timbering. The good news is that these same timbering companies now are working to restore the rivers and the Coho runs.

But what caught my eye was that many of these companies with TU and others hold what is called the **World's Largest Salmon Barbecue** where up to 5,000 gather to eat wild salmon, salad and corn on the cob while listening to music and dancing. Sounds like fun! Think we could throw such a party? Our Fish and Game dinners are great in their own right!

**Deadline for the
 May issue is
 Friday, May 18th
 at 8:00 AM.**

KITCHEN ARTICLE DONATION CORRECTION

Fred Eyer

I omitted **Betty Jo Crosby** from the list of contributors for the kitchen improvements which was published last month. I sincerely apologize to her for the omission.

The final complete list of donors for kitchen improvements is:

Maureen Abele
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DWIGHT LYDELL CHAPTER of the IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE of AMERICA Core Event Schedule 2012

	CHAIR PERSON
May Kids Fishing every Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon@ CC	Bill Kirk
May 17, Thursday Steak Dinner, Annual Meeting & Short Program	Tom Watson
May 23, Wednesday Sustainable Living Program	Georgia Donovan
June 13, 20 & 27..... Kids FREE Fishing at Versluis Lake, Plainfield Twsp. 6:30-8 pm	Jim Biener
June 23, Saturday Summerfest Community Family Day @ CC	Houseman
July 16-20 2011 IKE's Convention, Lincoln NE	Open to all Members
August 16, Thursday Chicken & Ribs Dinner/Program @ CC	Houseman, prog, Watson, food
September 12, Wednesday . Oktoberfest @ CC	Bob Stegmier
September 22, Saturday Michigan Division Meeting DLC-CC	Div. Pres. John Sturgis
October 11, Thursday Chili Cook Off/Potluck @ CC	Tom Watson
November 8, Thursday Game Dinner @ CC	Tom Watson
December TBD..... Christmas Dinner @ Timbers Restaurant	Jay Huston

BULLETIN BOARD

The Bulletin Board is the place to post information, pose questions and/or offer goods or services for sale or trade, or list wanted goods or services. Submit maximum of 50 words of text and one .jpg photo to: twatson@comcast.net

MAURIE HOUSEMAN TURNS 80!





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Steak and Chicken Dinner

Thursday May 17th
Annual Election of Chapter Officers
Please bring your favorite side dish or
a dessert and a friend or two



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