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## The IKE's Update

My love for black raspberries has gotten the best of me! Between those and the blackberry canes, my house is surrounded by a prickly jungle. They are so good with ice cream, but I'm going to have to fight back soon.

Up on **Drummond Island** I took a plant-walk that was fascinating. Almost every plant we saw could be used by the instructor in some way. It's commonly known that **yarrow** will stop bleeding, but it also has about 10 other useful qualities. We learned a range of things from making **Balsambli**ster bandaids to eating common **Daisy** rosettes. I would like to see if we could offer a workshop here this fall.

On my way back I stopped at the park on the north side of the Mackinac Bridge for a rally against the Canadian tar-sands pipeline crossing the Straights. (Naturally, I ran into **Shirley Kallio** there too!) Apparently **Enbridge** has been piping it across Lake Michigan just west of the bridge for years, but now they want to double the

amount. This is not normal oil. It is **bitumen** (bi-TOO-min), which is very corrosive. When it spills, as it did in the Enbridge pipeline at the **Kalamazoo River**, the lighter gasses separate and burn off, leaving the heavier gunk to sink. That's what makes it so hard to clean up, and why, after 3 years, there is still over 100,000 gallons in the Kalamazoo River. Imagine trying to clean a spill in the Great Lakes. More info can be found at **350.org**, especially the Traverse City chapter.

Between this and the massive water-taking for unconventional fracking, our water is threatened, and most of the time we are not even aware it's happening. The oil and gas company promoters are good at presenting their PR to our legislators and newspapers. We need to be involved with these decisions, not just by voting every 2-4 years, but by making our ideas and concerns known.

At the IKEs we promote connections to the outdoors, and that nurtures respect for

the natural systems we really do depend on.

Hey, also on Drummond, I learned how to decorate with porcupine quills, so if you see a road-kill, bring me some quills, OK? Unless my sister's dog chomps into his fifth one.

I just heard of **Pat Dutcher's** passing. She was a fun-loving participant at IWLA events, and we will miss her smile. I will remember her whenever we ring the bell she and **Bruce** gave us.

I look forward to seeing you at the dinner on the 15th, and will go on a plant walk-n-talk with anyone interested!

Georgia Donovan

**Pat Dutcher**  
**1932 - 2013**

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[www.michiganikes.org](http://www.michiganikes.org)  
[www.iwla.org](http://www.iwla.org)



## Bluebird Update

Jamie Bauer

Here is the last picture of them that I got before they fledged (on Sunday early in the morning). It actually turned out that we had 5 babies. I think that there were 3-4 females and at least 1 male, maybe 2. I also saw one of the young fledglings on the deck yesterday afternoon, the male, but I was not able to get a picture before he was spooked off.

Hopefully, they will stick around and we will continue to see them around. I also plan on taking a look at the nest this weekend to make sure that it is clean and still in good shape. With any luck, we will get another brood yet this summer. I found some “home-made” recipes for Bluebird suet and I think that **Drew** and I are going to try and make some up and try and encourage them to stick around. Maybe if they find that enough food is readily available, they will keep coming back. And maybe have some more babies!!

Since the “kids” have left the nest, we have seen them around several times. They regularly come up to our porch to feed and have also seen them sitting on the playhouses in ours, and the surrounding yards. Unfortunately, I haven’t been able to get any more pictures of them yet.

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*A swallow-tail butterfly caught in Georgia's lens*



# Pat Dutcher

Bob Stegmier

Members, we are all saddened with the passing of good and very longtime Ike's member **Pat Dutcher** at her beloved Hesperia family farm. Most of us were somewhat aware of her long time poor health. Those of us who were at the **Fish & Game Dinner** in April had a chance to talk to her and husband **Bruce**. On page 1 is a picture from that night with their trademark smiles. They were having a good time!

The Dutchers were featured in the December 2012 IKE's Newsletter concerning their and daughter Lisa's work in getting a road stream crossing near their farm environmental corrected. Note in Pat's memorial contributions our chapter is mentioned. The Dutchers were one of the couples who strongly suggested the need for parking lot lighting. Think of that the next time you leave after dark and the light leads you safely to your car. You may have had a special moment with Pat you would like to share. If so, send it to me and we will get it in a newsletter. Bob Stegmier, Board Member and friend

## DUTCHER, PATRICIA CAMPBELL



Patricia Campbell Dutcher, age 81, born in Muskegon, MI in 1932, died peacefully in her sleep on July 7, 2013, at her

much-loved, Maple Lane Farm, in Hesperia, Michigan. Patricia suffered from several painful medical conditions including Arachnoiditis, a dreadful, incurable disease of the spinal area. Even

though we are in mourning now, we rejoice in her freedom from pain and thank God for all our good times and lasting memories.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, James F. and Adah Mae H. Campbell, and her brother, James D. Campbell.

Also preceded in death by inlaws Minor Dutcher (Mary) of Grand Rapids, sister-in-law Alice Dutcher Thornton, and former sister-in-law, Mary Buckmaster Dutcher.

Pat is survived by her devoted husband of 58 years, Bruce I. Dutcher, Rockford, MI; their six children, Lisa Dutcher, Kelley Skidmore (James), Julia Dutcher, Karen Esslinger (Dan), Brian Dutcher, Kevin Dutcher; and their six awesome grandchildren, Alexandra and Spencer Esslinger, Cameron and Conrad Skidmore, and Brogan and Brennah Dutcher. Also surviving are dear cousins and close family friends including: the Shaws, Richard, Donald (Sherry) and sister Kathleen; Ann Campau; Eugene Haskins (Bonnie); Jan Johnson and siblings; Heidi Dutcher, mother Gloria and son Darren; the Helmer family, Liz, David, Penny, and Jim; Dr. Doug Smith (Barbara); Norman Campbell and brother Mike; and brother-in-law David Dutcher and his three children, Steve, Doug and Sue.

Special friends include Bette 'Bo' Sessions, her chum going back to 5th grade; dear Guy Webster; the families Sippy, Carter, Krohn, Hoffman, Bowen, Lauzon and Mattson, as well as Drs. Elias and Maurer, who gave her wonderful care over four decades.

Patty was not only a loving wife, but also a devoted mother who found great joy in her six children and six grandchildren.

She was an excellent cook, baked exceptional homemade bread, enjoyed letter writing, gardening, canning, stitchery, photography, and was an avid birder. Pat was a woman of great faith and gave generously to many charitable causes. A funeral service will be held Saturday, August 3, at Hesperia Presbyterian Church, Rev. Richard Cotton presiding, at 82 Church Avenue. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., formal service at 11:00 a.m., followed by refreshments. Private Family graveside services will be at West Hesperia Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Pat requested consideration of memorial contributions to Mel Trotter Ministries, Dwight Lydell Chapter Izaak Walton League, or Blue Lake Public Radio.

Psalms 103:15-18 "As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments."

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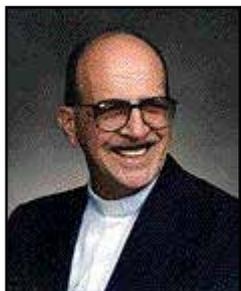
**Deadline for the September issue is Monday, August 19 at 8:00 AM.**

## Gordon “Pete” Goltz

Bob Stegmier

“Pete” was a member of our chapter for a number of years a number of years ago. As it says in his obituary “he was a good guy” and always nice to visit with at dinners with the smile you see in this picture. **Bob Stegmier**

### GOLTZ, GORDON K. JR. Rev.



Dr. Gordon K. Goltz, Jr. (77 years), lost his courageous battle with cancer on July 6th, 2013. His wife and caregiver Melody,

with whom he recently celebrated 50 years of marriage, was at his side. Born and raised in Big Rapids, MI he was known to many as “Pete”. He was a humble man of strong character, a 3rd generation descendant of Prussian immigrants to Big Rapids, who decided at a young age to enter the ministry after witnessing the power of faith following his father’s stroke. He was athletic and active in sports, lettering in basketball and football at Big Rapids HS. After graduating in the last class of Concordia Jr. College (Ft. Wayne, IN), he continued at Concordia Sr. College (Ft. Wayne, IN) and finished his graduate studies at Concordia Seminary (St. Louis, MO), where he met his future wife. Through his education he earned B.A. in Ancient History (Hebrew, minor), B. Div. in Theology, Masters of Sacred Theology (S.T.M) and D. Theo in Hebrew and Greek (ABD). Ordained in 1963, Pastor Goltz served the communities and parishes of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Pinole, CA; Messiah Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, MI;

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Taylor, MI; and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, MI. As a lifelong learner and teacher, Pastor Goltz taught “Biblical Archeology” at UC Berkeley in the mid-1960s, taught numerous biblical study courses, and after retiring participated for 8 years in a biblical exegesis group (where he was known for his Greek and Hebrew expertise). As a minister and father he had the pleasure of officiating both of his children’s weddings. In his retirement he was also busy filling in for area Pastors where he provided much needed support to those requiring personal time off or desired vacations. Pete enjoyed singing in church and community choirs with his wife, camping with his family, and was an avid fisherman throughout his life, sharing his love of nature and God’s creations. Through his ministry he became a true Fisher of Men. Upon solid rock he made his church. Pete is preceded in death by his father Gordon K Goltz, Sr (1946), his mother Louis A (Widlitzki) Goltz (1988), his brother John W “Bill” Goltz (1984), and his sister Donna Mae (Goltz) Clark (1968). He is survived by his wife Melody A (Anderson) Goltz of Grand Rapids, MI; son Jason S Goltz, daughter-in-law Marcie (Donovan) Julian-Goltz, and step granddaughter Desiree R Julian of Austin, TX; daughter Heather L (Goltz) Stagman and grandson Timothy C. Stagman, II of Allen Park, MI. Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 on Monday, July 8, 2013 at Reyers Funeral Home; 2815 Fuller AVE NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505. Funeral service will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at Immanuel Lutheran Church (2 Michigan St NE, Grand Rapids,

## Black Raspberries

### For Everyone

Ron Waybrant

Black raspberries are better than red raspberries. Black raspberries are better than black berries. And there were lots of black raspberries on the Dwight Lydell IKEs property this year. There may even be some left. Ruth and I picked about 3 quarts of black raspberries in about 2 hours a week or so ago (behind the lodge and on the trails). There would have been more to take home if she (not me) hadn’t eaten quite so many. The good news is that the berries were very abundant this year, and if one can put up with a few minor scratches from the berry vines, there was a nice reward for your efforts.

We haven’t done wild berry picking very often, at least not much since I was a kid helping my Mom in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. It is a fun, tasty and rewarding outdoor adventure available for all ages. The rewards are berries on top of ice cream, berries for your cereal in the morning and berries for a fun snack. Some were frozen for a taste treat this upcoming winter.

The good news, this tasty outdoor adventure can be found on our own IKEs property. So even if it is too late for berries this year, one might mark their calendars for July and the black raspberry season next year.

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MI 49503), Pastor Craig Bickel officiating. Interment will be at a private family ceremony at Highland View Cemetery in Big Rapids, MI. Memorials to Concordia Seminary Scholarship Fund (St. Louis, MO), in lieu of flowers.

# Keep Cats Indoors!

Bob Stegmier, Conservation Chair

While being lovable companion, cats are efficient predators! According to scientists from the **Smithsonian Conservation of Biology Institute** and the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** cats kill between 1.4 billion and 3.7 billion birds in the United States every year. This is by both feral and owned cats. So, the **best management practice** seems to be is keep your/our pet cat indoors and report suspected feral cats to animal control professionals.

I picked this information from the July/August 2013 issue of *Jack Pine Warbler*.

**LODGE RESERVATIONS**

August 17  
Watson family

August 23  
DeHaan family

Sept 7 and 8  
overnight  
Troop 3282

**DWIGHT LYDELL CHAPTER of the  
IZAACK WALTON LEAGUE of AMERICA  
Core Event Schedule 2013**

NOTE: See later updates for confirmed dates, especially late year events.

Chairperson

August 15, Thursday ..... Chicken & Ribs Dinner/Program @ CC ..... Houseman, program Watson, food  
September 11, Wednesday ..... Harvestfest @ CC ..... Georgia Donovan  
October 9, Wednesday ..... Chili Cook-off/Potluck @ CC ..... Tom Watson  
November 7, Thursday ..... Game Dinner @ CC ..... Tom Watson  
December 5, Thursday ..... Christmas Dinner @ Timbers Restaurant ..... Jay Huston

## Membership Application ... Izaak Walton League of America

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

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**Paul Sherd and Mark DeHaan**  
and their  
**Bluebird Trail Presentation!**

Please bring a summertime dish to  
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Social Hour: 6:00PM  
Dinner: 7:00PM  
Adults: \$8, youth: 6-12 \$4 and under  
6 FREE as are first time guests!

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