

Nature News



Spring 2016

Quarterly Newsletter of the Cadillac Area Land Conservancy



There's work to be done!

Grab your heavy gloves, put on your sturdy shoes and head to the Oliver Family Preserve in Harrietta for our

SPRING VOLUNTEER DAY

Saturday, April 30th

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Water and snacks provided.

Bring your own brown bag lunch.



CALC is planning to make the Oliver Family Preserve more inviting to both people and animals. On April 30th we will be planting native shrubs to make the entrance more inviting and provide a nice habitat for wildlife. After planting we will put plant protectors around the shrubs to keep the deer from munching them.

If you have easy access to the following tools, please bring them:

#3 hammer, 5 gallon bucket, wheel barrow, garden spade, dribble bar, scalping tool, mattock, shears to trim roots

Most importantly bring yourself and enjoy the comradery of other like-minded nature lovers.

Directions to Oliver Family Preserve

From the intersection of M-115 and 34 Road (Boon Road) travel West approximately 6 miles; turn North on 23 Road and go approximately 2 miles; turn West on 30 Road which becomes 30 1/4 Road and go approximately 4 miles to the Village of Harrietta. The property borders Harrietta on the West and 30 1/4 Road on the South.



Be healthy by being outdoors in the natural daylight with Nature!

~ Steven Magee

To see the Oliver Family Preserve up close, visit our web page www.calc-landtrust.org



Donny draws #526 and we have a winner!



Report by Pat Paveglio, Raffle Chair

CALC members and raffle prize hopefuls gathered at the After 26 Depot Cafe on April 1st. The background music was folk songs of the Great Lakes by Russ Franzen and Lee Murdock. The menu was salad, pasties and an assortment of delectable desserts. The After 26 staff gave us great food and great service. There were even lots of door prizes with Michigan themes. Finally at 7:00 we gave the ticket drum (with 410 tickets) a final spin and Donny drew the winning ticket.



The winner was Bette Jackson of Traverse City. The height won't bother Bette; she has hiked the Inca Trail in the mountains of Peru. She's also no stranger to the bridge; she was one of the 300 runners chosen to run the Mackinac Bridge prior to the annual Labor Day Bridge Walk a few years ago. Bette remembers when the Mighty Mac was built—at that time the longest suspension bridge in



the world; an impressive engineering feat.

Bette volunteers on the Inland Seas School Ship teaching students about the world's greatest surface fresh water resource so she's really looking forward to having a birds eye view of this incredible expanse of water. Congratulations, Bette!



Although we fell short of our 500 ticket goal, we did meet our goal of getting our name and our mission out in the community and the \$3,350 raised will be put to good use.

Huge thanks to

- The Mackinac Bridge Authority for the prize
- 9&10 News for the TV coverage
- The staff at After 26
- Radio hosts Bill Barnett, Ron Jolly and Rich Spicer
- The newspapers that gave us coverage
- CALC board members who sold tickets and supported me in so many ways.
- And especially all our ticket outlets: After 26 Cafe, Brinks Custom Framing, Bristol Store, Burke's Waterfront Restaurant, Clam Lake Beer Company, Ebels Family Center, Hoagland Hardware, McLain Cycle and Fitness and Thirsty's Party Store.





Water

As Bette stands on top of the Mackinac Bridge looking at all that beautiful freshwater, she will be one of the lucky Michiganders who has good drinking water. The lead crisis in Flint's water has made us more aware of just how precious clean drinking water can be.



Think about these water facts

- By 2040, 1.8 billion people will live in areas of extreme water scarcity
- 13% of freshwater withdrawals are used by cities
- 16% of freshwater withdrawals are used by industry
- 71% of freshwater withdrawals are used by agriculture.

Water Scarcity – Nature Conservancy Oct/Nov 2015



Good News for Monarchs



Monarch butterflies have made a big comeback in their wintering grounds in Mexico after suffering serious declines.

The area covered by the Monarchs in the mountains west of Mexico City this season was more than three and a half times greater than last winter.

The number of monarchs making the 3,400-mile migration from the US and Canada has declined steadily in recent years but showed signs of recovering in 2014. This winter was even better.

In December, the butterflies covered a total of 10 acres, compared to 2.8 acres in 2014 and a record low of 1.66 acres in 2013.

More at <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/feb/26/monarch-butterflies-migration-mexico-declines>

We Need YOU!

If you have a little time to spare, please consider volunteering for one of these CALC jobs.



Vacation Coverage Office Staff:

Eight weeks a year, drop into the CALC office two days a week for an hour covering the vacations of CALC's Secretary. Needed skills include retrieving email and phone messages, using Microsoft Word and Excel and using our membership database (training provided).

QuickBooks Accounting Entry Back-up:

One to two hours of QuickBooks entries at the CALC office every two weeks. This helps CALC's Treasurer, who will review entries and reconcile accounts.

Email Newsletter

Our current Newsletter is hard copy, but we would like to begin sending an e-newsletter using our membership database and a program like Constant Contact. We will explain our communication objectives and there are Webinars on current trends in the conservation community.

Waldeck Island Preserve Interpretive Trail

CALC has received funds to be used for an interpretive trail on our Waldeck Island Preserve. (See www.calc-landtrust.org/PublicPreserves/WaldeckIsland) The goal is to make the trail an attraction while keeping it low maintenance. We are open to new ideas, such as placing scan codes on trail signs so visitors can use their phones to link to an interpretive web site. This job can be done at your leisure, but enlisting the help of other volunteer organizations could be a plus. Your efforts will be appreciated by outdoor enthusiasts for years to come.

If any of these are something you could do, please give us a call at 231-775-3631 or email us at calc@calc-landtrust.org



Mission Reaffirmed

by Pat Pavegio

My husband and I have recently taken on a new project - overseeing a small section of the North Country Trail that runs along the Manistee River. As we stood on a bluff along the trail overlooking the river and the hills beyond, even under grey skies, even with bare trees, and even in the drab landscape of early spring, I become even more convinced of the need for CALC and its mission. This incredible vista must be protected and preserved. Our children and grandchildren deserve to see it and experience it.



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*When the **blood** in your veins
returns to the **sea**,
And the **earth** in your bones
returns to the **ground**,
Perhaps then you will remember
that this **land** does not belong to you,
it is **you** who belong to the land*

~ Native American Quote

Mission Statement

The Cadillac Area Land Conservancy protects ecologically significant, scenic, and farm lands for current and future generations and fosters an appreciation of the natural environment in Missaukee, Osceola, Wexford and northern Lake and Mason Counties.