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Juliann Plimpton



Jayme, Scarlet, and Marc Collier

MEMBERS SPEAK: “Why LTC?”

In this summer 2018 issue we wanted to connect members to you, our readers. We chose these individuals for their love of the land and passion for supporting LTC. They range in age from 5 (Scarlet) to 65 (Rick), Boyne City (Brian) to Indian River (Julieann). We hope that you enjoy their stories and feel inspired to do some exploring too!

- Brian Kozminski of Boyne City
- Juliann Plimpton of Indian River

What connects you to the land in northern Michigan?

Brian: The land, air and water, all around us; it's truly the reason we love living the Up North lifestyle. The only thing richer than the landscape is the people who call this special part of Michigan home. We truly are blessed to have an abundance of places to take the dogs for a walk or just get lost in the woods for a bit.

Juliann: My soul. I have found I have an uneasy or restless spirit, riddled with the questions and stresses of our adult life; it is my soul that seeks the outdoors of northern Michigan. When I am out hiking my soul rests, is comforted, and is at peace.

- Rick and Janet Moore of Petoskey
- Marc, Jayme, and Scarlet Collier of Springvale Township

Rick: The beauty of pristine natural woods and lands, the animals that live in it, and the natural trails. I was born and raised in and around Petoskey, graduated from Petoskey High School and went to NCMC. I have a degree as a Journeyman Lineman and am now retired. I have enjoyed the draw of nature and the woods for over 65 years. My wife Janet moved here from Wyatt, Indiana 20 years ago, taken back by the hills and valleys and the beautiful lakes here.

Jayme: My family. I've lived in a few different states and each time I found myself comparing where I was to where I came from — and every other place always came up short. I feel extremely blessed that I was able to grow up in environments that gave

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Introducing the Fabulous Fabiano Family Working Forest Reserve

NEVER HAS THE CONSERVANCY RECEIVED A singular land gift of the magnitude of the new Fabiano Family Working Forest Reserve donated late in 2017. At 1,400 acres, this extraordinary Chippewa County land includes more than two miles of frontage on the Gogomain River and the entire frontage of the 55-acre Kirk Lake. The land lies adjacent to large shoreline parcels owned by the State of Michigan along Raber Bay, St. Mary's River (the St. Mary's River connects Lake Superior and Lake Huron, north to south). This region is considered to have some of the highest quality deer habitat found in the state of Michigan. The bay is also known to be important for a multitude of migratory bird species that

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*You are invited
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Little Traverse Conservancy*

Save the Trees

*Thursday, July 26, 2018
6:00-8:30pm*

*Walstrom Marine Showroom
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of Tom Bailey's retirement
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Tuesday, August 7, 2018

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“Why LTC?” *continued*

me space to wander. Both of my grandparents had homesteads in northern Michigan, each one a little different than the other, and they gave me and my family this wonderful life. I loved playing in the creek and smelling wild mint as a kid. I loved seeing how a field of hay would dance with the wind. My parents have this old pear tree, and I would climb that tree to see and feel the dome of the sky. Now, I feel extremely fortunate that I can give the same opportunity to Scarlet. She was born in the mountains but these lakes are her home.

What is your favorite LTC preserve and why?

Juliann: Where to begin? Each place is a different experience, filled with so much wonder. Out of the 35+ I have visited, my favorites have to be Andreae, Sleepy Hollow, VanCampen, McCune...the list goes on. It's so hard to say. I love and appreciate each location's unique splendor and beauty.

Brian: Way too difficult to pick just one. The Andreae Preserve, on one of the most spectacular and dynamic rivers in northern Michigan - the Pigeon River - is one. You simply must spend every season watching the landscape change in this wonderful area. And the Philip J. Braun Preserves (North and South) in Pellston on the secretive Maple River; time must be spent here to witness the elusiveness of this remarkable fishery. The Maple is a fickle river and does not give them away freely.

What is your favorite outdoor activity?

Brian: As a fly fishing guide, I can't get enough time being knee deep in a cold creek watching brook trout sip mayflies. It's a special moment to witness all of the pieces of a perfect ecosystem working in balance. Like a crossword that fills out, it just makes sense and is still amazing every time you are able to witness the beauty in nature. The smell of trillium or trout lily along with the promise of fresh earth that has been buried under a blanket of white snow, just walking through the woods, perchance to find an elusive morel.



Brian Kozminski

Kim Mettler/Barefoot Memories

Rick and Janet: Mushroom hunting and watching wildlife while walking and two tracking in the woods. Simply going into the deep woods and just listening to the sounds of the forest. There is nothing better than discovering a stream that comes out of a bank and a small pond with turtles, frogs, and numerous birds. Of course taking pictures. It is great!

Scarlet: Smelling the nature!

What is the coolest thing about LTC?

Juliann: The versatility of all the locations. Man! One minute you can be in the cedar swamps of Horton Creek and the next minute climbing high to the crest of the Driggers Preserve overlooking an amazing sunset (and yes I did these both in one day)! It's remarkable. The nature preserves on the Pigeon River are another example. If you venture down to Reeds Pigeon River Nature Preserve, the river is calm with grasslands and pricker bushes. And the next minute you can explore Banwell and Andreae preserves where you find fast moving water with high ridges that overlook the river. You can't get bored! The nature preserves saved me. I can't explain it. In a world that is filled with fast moving novelties and worldly stresses the preserves give me resolve, peace, and quiet.

Rick and Janet: Keeping our forests, woods and land maintained to keep the trails going through them, not to disturb the natural beauty for all to enjoy. Janet and I are very excited to be Volunteer Preserve Stewards for the Armistead Property off Pickerel Lake Road, just a short distance from our home.

Marc: The land and access they have protected. It doesn't get much cooler than protecting a beautiful landscape and allowing access to it.

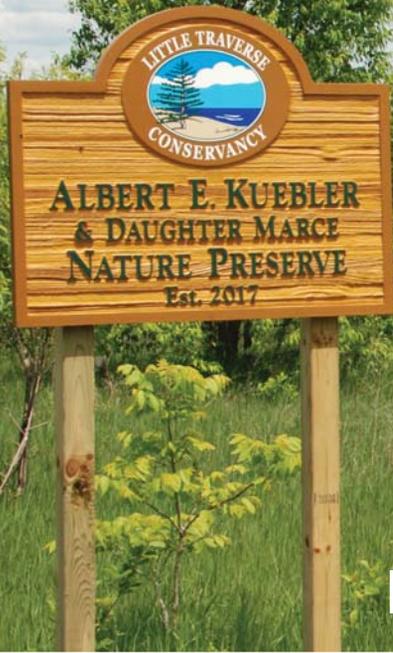
Why do you support the Little Traverse Conservancy through membership?

Marc: I believe the Little Traverse Conservancy has made great accomplishments in protecting what makes northern Michigan



Rick and Janet Moore

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Preserving a Piece of the Family Farm



Marce Kuebler Lasley

WHEN MARCE KUEBLER LASLEY'S GRANDPARENTS, KARL and Christine Kuebler, traveled from Germany by boat and landed in Philadelphia in 1890, they were told about a place in northern Michigan where they could homestead. There were a few stipulations: 1) they had to clear an acre and build a cabin to declare the place a homestead; 2) they had to become U.S. citizens within one year; and 3) they needed to speak English when outside of the home. Six other families from the same region in Germany joined them, and many of these people's ancestors can still be found around Brutus today.

The Kuebler family grew to include seven children, of whom the oldest son was Marce's father, Albert. Albert took over care of the family land as a farmer, eventually owning 1,400 acres. Marce was often found working side by side with Albert on the farm. She has memories of gathering hay with draft horses and with tractors, milking cows by hand, and selling cream off a platform in Brutus where it was collected by train and transported to other locales. The family had a large apple orchard of roughly 500 trees, species that are mostly considered heirloom today, and that made for wonderful apple cider.

Marce was married for many years and worked at local factories for decades. Hard work has always been second nature to her, and her connection to the land runs deep. She has been a member of the Arbor Day Foundation for many years, and she is in tune with the birds and wildlife that live around her. Today, she lives on a piece of land that is just down the road from where the original Kuebler homestead lay on Red School Road outside of Brutus. For years, she kept her eye on the land that had fallen out of the family, and when a real estate sign popped up, Marce did not wait long to respond. "When I first met with the realtor, he laughed and told me, 'I've never heard of anyone

trying to put a farm back together — they are usually trying to pull them apart!'" It was very satisfying for Marce to get that land and she knew she wanted to do something to ensure it was cared for. "It was interesting how after I purchased it, the old fruit trees had the best yield that fall. It was like they knew that I had their back."

Marce's cousin, Betty Trippe, happened to live for many years across the street from the Little Traverse Conservancy office. Betty had worked with LTC in 2004 to create the Kuebler-Trippe Nature Preserve. When she told Marce about it, Marce became inspired to do the same. She decided to create a nature preserve by donating 20 acres of the old Kuebler homestead to become the

Albert E. Kuebler and Daughter Marce Nature Preserve. It lies right around the corner from where she lives. "That field is the exact place where Dad and I used to work together and I just want it to stay the same."



"I've never heard of anyone trying to put a farm back together — they are usually trying to pull them apart!"



The original Michigan Kuebler clan: Parents Christine and Karl and their children (L-R) Emma, Martha, Alice, Ernest, Bill, Albert, and Ed. Missing are Frieda and Clara.

incredible, which are these pockets of beauty found within the preserves and working forest reserves that the Conservancy manages.

Brian: I have yet to achieve status to donate in large numbers, but can give my time to help on various projects. LTC is very fortunate to have a good balance of philanthropy mixed with the dedicated people who work to secure and protect land for future generations to enjoy. I simply try to do my part.

Juliann: Currently I support LTC because a friend graciously donated her monies for my membership. I was going through a hard time. Kirsten introduced me to the McCune Preserve a year ago and I recall feeling a sense of peace. As life continued to press on and I felt myself slipping farther from who I was, I decided it

was time to get back on track with my relationship with God. One of the oldest ways written in scripture was to go back to where it all began...Nature. So that is what I did on December 26, 2017. I started hiking, exploring, getting lost, laughing at the crazy things that would happen to be, and if it wasn't too cold, stop to read scripture. Kirsten and I would talk about how much I was out in the preserves and she took it on her heart to get me a membership. She saw in me a love for the outdoors and wanted to make sure I could continue to enjoy them.

Jayme: At one point in time I just assumed that everyone could go outside and play. It honestly took living in other places to see the ignorance in that thought. I contribute for the ability to be outside to become the reality, the norm.



Fabiano Family Reserve continued from cover

follow the eastern Upper Peninsula coastline as they travel north and south to their seasonal destinations.

Years ago, Fabiano contracted with the Forestry Stewardship Program to have the land selectively harvested in a way that would benefit both the land and the wildlife. "We adhered to that plan and it has been selectively harvested, with no clear-cutting at all," Fabiano said.

Dr. Jim Gillingham, Professor Emeritus with Central Michigan University (CMU) and former LTC trustee, helped Fabiano evaluate the land. "Over the past couple of years, I and other faculty and students from CMU Department of Biology visited the land. We were all impressed not only at the forest diversity but also the vastness of that diversity. The northern portions are primarily populated with upland and mixed pine forest. The center of the property is primarily lowland coniferous forest as it slopes toward a lake with surrounding wetlands. The southern third of the land grades from mixed deciduous forest into northern hardwoods.

"As a biologist, I can see the potential use of this tract of land for relevant research on a number of fronts, particularly because of the diversity described above. Additionally, the southern portion of the property would lend itself to timber management, with which the LTC is already familiar. Finally, but no less important, as property that is now protected from development forever, it is a natural resource available for the public to enjoy long into the future," Gillingham added.

"When we purchased the land nearly 20 years ago, our original interest was to keep it intact and protected forever," said Jim Fabiano who first read about the property for sale in the *Wall Street Journal*. "There are not many parcels of this size available anymore. The previous owner had originally purchased it for deer hunting, but we are quite interested in protecting the environment and I knew it could be perfectly staged for the abundance of wild animals in that area.

"Our intention was always to eventually donate it as part of our estate planning," Fabiano explained. "One of the primary reasons we wanted to give to LTC was because of the fine work Tom Bailey and his staff have done over the years," Fabiano said. "It is kind of full circle now."

"This is a monumental gift," said LTC executive director Tom Bailey. "It combines the best of everything: a pristine lake and surrounding wetlands to remain untouched and some upland timber that can be sustainably managed to ensure continued good habitat for wildlife. It's a complete picture of old school conservation and modern protection with great public benefit for wildlife, watersheds and recreation. We can never thank the Fabiano family enough for this magnificent gift to all generations to come."



The Fabiano Family



Todd Parker



Don and Sarah Cohen

Where All Can Feel Right with the World by Don and Sarah Cohen

A conservation easement to protect 49 acres of their cherished private property northwest of Harbor Springs was recently donated to LTC by Don and Sarah Cohen. The easement adds to the protection of lands near the famed M-119 Tunnel of Trees.

DON: “We were familiar with northern Michigan because Sarah had spent summers here since infancy and I had skied the area as a University of Michigan college student. After we married in 1973, we spent two years living in Saginaw but longed for more trees. We took a chance and came to Harbor Springs with six months of savings to live on until we could find work. Our parents thought we were crazy! It all worked out and we have enjoyed living here ever since.

While renting a small cottage in Harbor Springs we were welcomed by relatives and friends living on Terpening Road and admired the adjacent acreage. We wrote to the owners of the piece and they sold it to us in 1977. We started building our home the next year when our first child, Jessica, was an infant. We moved in a year after building began with the house far from finished. I spent the next 30 years finishing, remodeling and re-remodeling the house, adding a garage, chicken coop and barn. Our second daughter, Kate, was born in 1981 in the midst of everything.

In 2008, after living in an owner-built house for 30 years we considered the options of selling the house or remodeling it. The decision was unanimous. None of us wanted to leave the land and house.

Of the original 20 acres, 13 were hardwoods, mostly sugar maples which we sugared every March for years. While developing the house, gardens and grounds we also managed the wood lot for wildlife habitat and sustained wood yield. Even before we started building, I had walked the woods with a forester who showed me how to mark trees to cull for the benefit to the stand. I remember that he remarked that if I started cutting our annual supply of fire wood, by the time I got to the other end it would be time to start over again. That has proven to be true over the years.

My practice was to use any windfalls there were from the previous year, then take down more trees as needed during the winter when the sap was down. I'd leave the tops on so that the new leaves would draw out more moisture in the spring. In the summer I'd buck the trunks and larger limbs, split the wood right there and stack it nearby. I'd pile all the smaller branches from each tree where the top fell. This provided browse and habitat for woods animals. The split wood would stay there for a year while we burned the previous year's supply. In the spring, I hauled the dry wood up to the woodshed and repeated the cycle again. My goal was to provide wood to heat the house from our own trees and create an open park-like feeling to the woods. So far, so good.

Many acres nearby have been protected by relatives, friends and mentors and that has inspired us to place our land under protection. Sarah's mother, Allyn Shepard, placed her farm and acreage under conservation easement as well as our friends, Sally and Ian Bund, at Angell Farm and adjacent neighbor and friend, Mary Whitmore. Recently the Hoogland Family Nature Preserve was created adjacent to our land and that was the catalyst for us to take the step of conservation easement we had been thinking about for years.

SARAH: Both Don and I had childhood experiences of growing up near undeveloped places, Ohio forest and Illinois prairie lands. We both gravitated as adults to find a home where we could be close to the land. Just as we roamed as children, it is our therapy and pleasure as adults to walk our land and many adjoining areas here as well. We appreciate the sense of peace and beauty we feel on our rambles and we want others in the future to have the opportunity to cherish this experience. After we had been here about 20 years some adjacent property which was part of the old Terpening farm became available and we purchased that acreage to protect it.

“We appreciate the sense of peace and beauty we feel on our rambles and we want others in the future to have the opportunity to cherish this experience.” - Sarah Cohen

We had always enjoyed seeing the open meadow and knew that others traveling north on Terpening had the same open meadow view. There is a natural spring on that acreage and it is close by to a large and vibrant cedar swamp area we feel sure is part of the headwaters of Five Mile Creek. In May we hear a chorus of spring peepers and know that all is right in that small corner of the world.



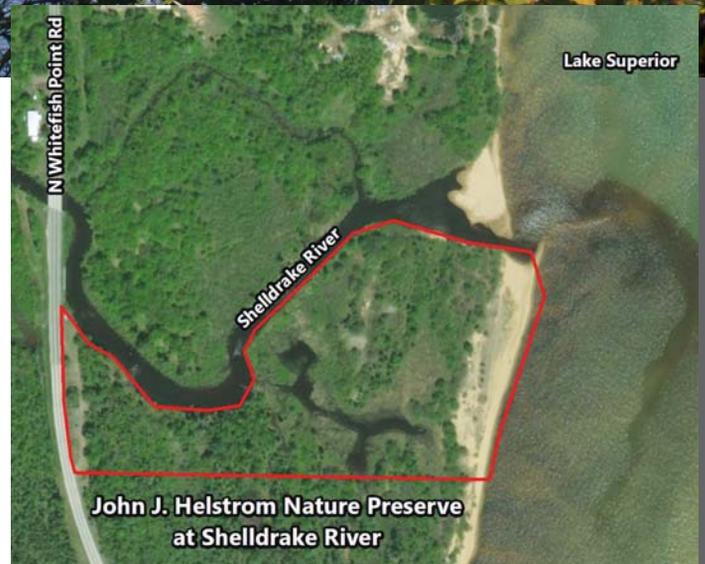


John J. Helstrom Nature Preserve at Shelldrake River

For roughly 14 years, LTC staff have been working with the landowners of a Chippewa County property with nearly 700 feet of frontage on Lake Superior and almost a half mile of frontage on the Shelldrake River, near Paradise. With its Great Lakes frontage and proximity to Whitefish Point, there are many reasons why it has been highly desirable to keep this land in its natural state.

“We just kept hoping the right funding opportunity for this special place would come along,” said Ty Ratliff, LTC’s Director of Donor Relations, who has been familiar with this project for more than a decade. “For many years, we had a substantial commitment from the J.A. Woollam Foundation to help us secure this project, but we needed some additional funds to complete it,” Ratliff explained.

And in late 2017, those funds arrived in the form of a grant from the John J. Helstrom Memorial Fund of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. A native of Muskegon, John grew up in a family that loved nature and had a great appreciation for the outdoors. As a child and as an adult, he enjoyed trips to the Upper Peninsula to visit the landscapes along the shore of Lake Superior. According to his family, Whitefish Point was a place he visited for birding his whole life,



and he often paused at the Shelldrake River to admire it and look for wildlife. His family recalls him saying that he hoped the area and its beauty would be preserved. John passed away in 2010, but his legacy lives on in this preserve — along with others — that have been protected through his fund started with his estate. (In 2012, the Helstrom Memorial Fund helped protect LTC’s Helstrom Family Nature Preserve near Harbor Springs.)

“It is rare that we get to protect Great Lakes and river shoreline at the same time,” Ratliff added. “We give credit for this new nature preserve to the Biehl family who safeguarded it for more than 50 years and to the two Johns (Woollam and Helstrom) who have generously ensured it would be permanently protected.”





Spring Lake Park/Sue Kurtz



McCune Nature Preserve/Sue Kurtz

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SUMMER 2018 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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KNEE HIGH NATURALIST PROGRAMS AGES 3-5 10-11:30AM

Flying Friends: Butterflies

Tuesday, June 26

Resort Township East Park, Petoskey

From tiny caterpillar to beautiful butterfly, these whimsical creatures delight us with their magical transformation. A story, fun activities, and a craft will help us explore the amazing world of butterflies and learn what special role they play in nature.

Flying Friends: Insects

Wednesday, June 27

Resort Township East Park, Petoskey

What small creatures live in a meadow? Come explore with us as we use nets to collect and observe the insects that call this grassy place home. Through a story, activities, and a craft we will discover where insects live and what makes them so unique.

Flying Friends: Birds

Thursday, June 28

Resort Township East Park, Petoskey

Come join LTC volunteer Mary Trout to learn about birds, some of their amazing flying facts, the family life of birds and, much more bird lore. Come ready to use your senses to discover the amazing world of birds and why they fascinate us.

Water Wonders: Amphibians

Tuesday, July 10

Spring Lake Park, M119

Frogs, toads, and salamanders, oh my! Ponds are teeming with life and fun to explore. Join us as we imagine what life is like as an amphibian, and learn about their amazing life cycles. A story, craft, and exploration in the water will help us appreciate what amphibians can tell us about the natural world.

Water Wonders: Fish

Wednesday, July 11

Spring Lake Park, M119

What are scaly, have gills, and live in the water? Fish! Come join us in the morning for a fishing adventure where we will get to observe fish up close and learn about what makes them so special. A story, fun activities, and a craft will help us explore how other organisms rely on fish, including humans.

Water Wonders: Aquatic Insects

Thursday, July 12

Spring Lake Park, M119

Come explore the amazing world of tiny critters that live underwater. Eli Baker, from Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council's Education Department, will guide us in learning about aquatic insects like mayflies, caddisflies, and stoneflies that make their homes in the mud and under rocks. By collecting our own aquatic insects and taking a closer look we will discover the special characteristics of these cool critters.

Creative Kids: Fairy & Gnome Homes

Tuesday, July 24

Resort Township East Park, Petoskey

Bring your imagination and creativity as we create magical homes from natural materials for our forest friends. Participants will be able to design homes to bring back to their own home for fairies and gnomes.

Creative Kids: EcoArt

Wednesday, July 25

Resort Township East Park, Petoskey

The colors, patterns, and beauty of nature often inspire creativity. Participants will explore colors, patterns, and textures by engaging different senses and creating arts and crafts using natural materials.

Creative Kids: Traditional Art & Storytelling

Thursday, July 26

Resort Township East Park, Petoskey

Join us as we explore how the northern Michigan landscape has influenced the stories and crafts of its native people. Amanda Weinert and Dorothy Perry, from Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indian's Education Department, will share a traditional story with Anishinaabemowin language and fun animal puppets! They will also guide participants in making a traditional craft to take home.

Summer Senses: Smells

Tuesday, August 7

Spring Lake Park, M119

Summer brings so many different smells! Engage your Knee High Naturalist's sense of smell through fun activities and observations in the natural world. We will use our imaginations to become different animals and explore the way they sense their world through smell.

Summer Senses: Sounds

Wednesday, August 8

Spring Lake Park, M119

What's that you hear? It may be a bird singing or an insect chirping or maybe even a squirrel chattering. We can learn so much through sound! Join us as we explore nature through sound and discover how animals use sounds to communicate.

Summer Senses: Sight & Touch

Thursday, August 9

Spring Lake Park, M119

There are so many textures, shapes, and colors to discover! Come as we use our sense of sight and touch to explore similar textures, colors, and patterns in the environment. Through stories, crafts, and fun activities we will learn how nature inspires technology.

JUNIOR NATURALIST PROGRAMS AGES 6-8 10-11:30AM

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McCune Wild Homes **Tuesday, June 19**

McCune Nature Preserve, Petoskey

Animals need homes, too. Where do they eat, play, and sleep? Where would you hide? Exploring different habitats, searching for places woodland friends find shelter. We will build a shelter of our own.

Insect-o-Mania

Wednesday, June 20

Hiland/Helstrom, Conway

Entomologists in training, rejoice! Lift a log, dig through mud, and follow the buzz in search of those fascinating bugs. This nature preserve provides the perfect variety of habitats for a wide range of insects and their kin. Sweep nets, bug jars, and identification books provided but feel free to bring your own.

Cool Camo

Thursday, June 21

Watson Nature Preserve, Harbor Springs

Come out, come out, wherever you are! Camouflage helps animals blend into their surroundings and avoid being someone else's lunch. We will build on our observational skills, while learning predator and prey adaptations through a fun hide-and-seek activity along the trail.

Bike Path Cruise and Preserve Tour

Tuesday, July 3

Spring Lake Park, M119

Come for a leisurely ride along the paved bike path leading from Spring Lake Park. Riding north, we will pass several LTC nature preserves along the way. Parents are encouraged to come along. Helmets and extra water are recommended. This is an easy paved trail. However, children are expected to have an intermediate level of riding experience. Please bring your own bike. Meet at Spring Lake Park pavilion.

Wanderers

Thursday, July 5th

Watson Nature Preserve, Harbor Springs

Not all who wander are lost, but when wandering we use a compass. We will explore the depths of the Watson Nature Preserve. Using basic compass skills we will follow the trails and also make our own. Stopping when something sparks out interest, asking questions and looking for answers, this program is all about mindfulness and exploration. Dress for a hike.

Eco-Art

Tuesday, July 17

McCune Nature Preserve, Petoskey

Join LTC staff and local multi-media artist Katie Brines for a creative exploration into the art of found objects. This program will begin with a short walk into the gorgeous McCune Nature Preserve. Following our walk, children will create a unique found object work of art using a variety of materials and techniques.

Wanderers

Wednesday, July 18

Hymas Woods Nature Preserve, Alanson

Not all who wander are lost, but when wandering we use a compass. We will explore the Hymas Woods Nature Preserve, 149 acres of excellent wildlife habitat and partial wetlands near Crooked Lake. Using basic compass skills, we will make our own trail. Stopping when something sparks our interest, asking questions and looking for answers, this program is all about mindfulness and exploration. Dress for a hike.

Feathered Friends

Thursday, July 19

Waldron Fen Nature Preserve, Alanson

Birds are fascinating creatures in song, flight, plumage and nesting. What is a fen? A fen is a unique wetland ecosystem that attracts different kinds of birds. We'll be exploring both during this program at the Waldron Fen Nature Preserve. Some binoculars are available. Feel free to bring your own.

Sensing the Forest

Tuesday, July 31

Chaboiganing/Colonial Point, Brutus

Using our senses and a few simple tools, we will explore the old growth red oaks of Colonial Point and Chaboiganing Nature Preserve. Examining plants and animals, we will hone our senses to investigate the natural world, from tiny mushrooms on a rotting log to birds singing from the treetops.

Aquatic Adventures

Wednesday, August 1

Spring Lake Park, M119

We'll explore the underwater world to discover the tiny creatures that live in Spring Lake. We will use tools to safely examine the aquatic dwellers. All materials supplied, but children are welcome to bring their own dipping items. Be sure to dress for muck and goo!

Wanderers

Thursday, August 2

Curtis Nature Preserve, Bay View

Not all who wander are lost, but when wandering we use a compass. Come explore the largest protected area within Petoskey city limits. The Curtis Nature Preserve, with old apple and pear trees, fields, and Jack Pine, is yours for the discovering. We will access the preserve via the Bay View woods. Sturdy shoes and long pants recommended as there is no established trail. Tennis court parking area off Water Street.



ADVENTURE NATURALIST PROGRAMS AGES 9-12 10AM-NOON

Please note that new this year we will be asking for a \$5 donation per child for our summer program offerings. There is no charge for LTC members. Registration is encouraged online at www.landtrust.org. If you're in need of registration assistance, please contact Sarah Mayhew at 231.344.1018.

Wilderness Survival

Tuesday, June 26

McCune Nature Preserve, Petoskey

An introduction to the basic skills and mind-set needed in a wilderness survival situation. The following skills will be covered: ten essentials, shelter building, introduction to wild edibles and water collection/filtration, the importance of attitude, self-reliance and sound decision making.

Writers in the Woods

Wednesday, June 27

Woollam Family Nature Preserve, Cross Village

If you enjoy writing or would like to delve into your creative writing spirit, this day is for you. The outdoors inspires us, offering endless opportunities for descriptive writing. We will walk the shoreline, and read a poem or short story, putting our observations and thoughts to paper. Pens and journaling materials provided, or bring your own. Bring something to sit on.

Intro to Nature Photography

Thursday, June 28

Resort Township Park East, Petoskey

Improve your photography skills and expand your creativity while capturing unique and exciting subjects in nature. After this workshop, each child will have the opportunity to display a photo during the Waterways exhibit at Raven Hill Discovery Center. All abilities and cameras welcome. For more information on the Waterways exhibit visit www.miravenhill.org.

Wilderness Skills & Survival 1: Shelter & Tarps

Tuesday, July 10

McCune Nature Preserve, Petoskey

This three-day program blends survival and general outdoor skills. In this first program, we'll cover the importance of being prepared and informed before venturing out into the woods, as well as addressing strategies for a survival situation. Sturdy shoes are recommended as we will also be taking a short hike.

Wilderness Skills & Survival 2: Fire and outdoor cooking

Wednesday, July 11

Tanton Family Working Forest Reserve, Petoskey

Practice the art of fire building with the goal of mastery. We will familiarize ourselves with backpacking stoves and backcountry camping gear. Closed toed shoes and long pants necessary.

Wilderness Skills & Survival 3: Maps and exploration

Thursday, July 12

Tanton Family Working Forest Reserve, Petoskey

The ability to read a map—especially in the outdoors—is a crucial skill. Discussing and using topographic maps, we will utilize the drastic elevation of the Tanton Working Forest Reserve to study the terrain. Sturdy shoes and long pants recommended as we will be exploring off the trail.

Historical Walk with Eric Hemenway

Monday, July 23

Chaboiganing and Colonial Point, Brutus

Join us for a day of exploration, learning, and reflection. Eric is an LTC board member and director of Repatriation, Archives,

and Records for the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians. The properties feature old growth red oak, open fields and hold a history worth sharing.

Trailblazers

Tuesday, July 24

Wilson Working Forest Reserve, Harbor Springs

Come explore the newly acquired Wilson Working Forest Reserve, just north of Harbor Springs. This newly protected place is a must explore! We will walk the old logging trails, and explore the hardwood forest and field. Long pants and sturdy shoes recommended as we will be going off trail.

Writers in the Woods 2

Wednesday, July 25

Woollam Family Working Forest Reserve, Cross Village

This program will build on topics from the previous program, but all are welcome. In a relaxed atmosphere we will walk the shoreline, read a poem or short story, before putting our observations and thoughts to paper. We will provide pens and journaling material, or bring your own. Bring something to sit on.

Trailblazers

Tuesday, August 7

5 Mile Creek Nature Preserve, Harbor Springs

Take a walk on the wild side of the creek. With no established trail, this hike is for the adventurous child. Be prepared to have some fun getting muddy and wet! This walk will be different than walking a maintained trail, and will require maneuvering over logs and through branches. Dress for hiking.

Adventures on the Pigeon

Wednesday, August 8

Andreae Nature Preserve, Indian River

This preserve is a must see! We'll be hiking to a gorgeous lookout and splashing our way back as we get up close and personal with the spectacular Pigeon River. If tromping through the woods and playing along a river sounds fun, then this is the program for you! Dress for hiking, in clothes you won't mind getting wet.

Mountain Biking

Thursday, August 9

Offield Family Working Forest Reserve, Harbor Springs

A fun introduction to a great sport! The Offield Nature Preserve offers well maintained trails through rolling hardwoods. The trail is not extreme and hill climbing is minimal. Designed for children with little mountain biking experience up to an intermediate level. A mountain bike is recommended. Extra water, appropriate footwear, and helmets are required.

TEENS PROGRAM (FOR AGES 13+)

Fly Fishing on the Maple

Maple River, Brutus

Tuesday, July 10 10am-2pm

Learn to fly fish on the beauty of the Maple River while casting for trout with members of the Miller-Van Winkle chapter of Trout Unlimited. We'll cover basic fly-tying, stream reading, and entomology before casting for brown trout and rainbow trout in one of the area's most scenic rivers.

SUMMER 2018

COMMUNITY EVENTS

If not otherwise described, pre-registration is requested by calling 231.347.0991 or online at www.landtrust.org.

the beautiful and unique views of the Waugoshance Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and take time to linger at the various seating areas provided and look for wildflowers and birds.

Fairy Houses and Gnome Homes at the Susan Creek Preserve with LTC and the Charlevoix Public Library (For ages 6-12).
Friday, August 3, 10:30-11:30 am Experience a fairy story, walk along the fairy and gnome trail, and create a house in the woods for the forest fairies and gnomes. Cancelled if rain.

Wetlands, Wildflowers, Wildlife and Kayaks
Saturday, August 4 5-8pm

Pigeon River Wildlife Nature Preserve, Cheboygan County
 At the heart of LTC's Pigeon River Wildlife Nature Preserve is a wetland complex that is the source of life to many wild creatures. In this remote area the silence is inspiring and the connection to the wild land intimate. Join LTC's Derek Shiels on a kayak paddling trip up a tributary to the Pigeon River. We won't go far; this is a float to observe the wildflowers, the silence, and maybe some of the wildlife that thrive in Pigeon River country. Registrants must provide their own kayak, paddle and PFD. Kayak rentals are available through Ryde Marine of Alanson, The Outfitter in Harbor Springs, or BrassWind Landing in Indian River. Group size is limited. High clearance vehicles mandatory to get down the long dirt two-track. Limited to four vehicles or 12 participants.

Annual Meeting
Tuesday, August 7

Great Lakes Center for the Arts (*see page 2 for details*)

August 11, Water/Ways Exhibit Open House

Visit <http://miravenhill.org/waterways/> for more information.

Astrophotography in the UP
Saturday, August 11 5pm-8am
Vermilion Point Nature Preserve

Join LTC staff member Charles Dawley for an overnight astrophotography trip to Vermilion Point. Bring your camera, tripod, outdoor bedding (sleeping bag and pad), and foodstuffs. Register soon, group size is limited!

Kayak the Maple River
Wednesday, August 15 6-8pm
Brutus, Emmet County

Enjoy a summer paddling trip down the twists and turns of the Maple River as you look for rising trout and enjoy the wonders of this pristine riverine habitat. LTC staff will discuss land conservation efforts along the Maple River and the float will be about 1½ hours on the water. The float is for confident kayakers with basic self-rescue experience, and you must provide your own kayak, paddle and PFD. Kayak rentals are available through Ryde Marine of Alanson, The Outfitter in Harbor Springs, or BrassWind Landing in Indian River. Group size is limited.

August 18, Waganakising Water Festival

A family friendly water festival held at Bayfront Park during Petoskey's Festival on the Bay. Free admission.
www.petoskeyfestival.com/waganakising-bay-day.

WORK DAY: Fridays, July 6 & July 20 - Trail Building
Duncan Bay Nature Preserve, Cheboygan 10am - 3pm

WORK DAY: Wednesday, August 8 - Knapweed Removal
Vermilion Point Nature Preserve, Paradise 9am - 3pm

Kayak to Leopold Landing and the Aldo Leopold Preserve
Saturday, June 23 10am-4pm Special Registration

Experience an Upper Peninsula guided kayak trip through some of the most biologically diverse islands in the Great Lakes region. Tour the boreal forest and limestone shoreline by kayak and explore Marquette Island by foot where we will stop for lunch. A new dock at Duck Bay gives much easier access to the township's Leopold Landing and LTC's more than 1,600-acre Aldo Leopold Nature Preserve. No experience is necessary. Pack a lunch, binoculars, and your personal bird checklist. Cost of \$70 includes guides and paddling gear. Reservations required. Trip is limited to 14 people with children over 10 welcome. Please contact Woods & Water Ecotours at 906.484.4157 or info@WoodsWaterEcotours.com to register.

Wildlife Seeking with Mary Trout
Sunday, July 15 10-11:30am
Wisser-Saworski Nature Preserve

Join local birder, Mary Trout, for a hike at the Wisser-Saworski Preserve near Boyne Falls. We will check the pool for frogs and turtles and the woods for nesting birds. Perhaps the Kestrel Box has attracted a pair of Kestrels. Loaner binoculars will be available, but bring your own if you have them.

Forest Foray at the Hill Nature Preserve with LTC and the Boyne City District Library (For ages 6-11)
Thursday, July 19, 10:30am-12pm

Participants will be transported from the library to the preserve. Registration required at www.boynelibrary.org/ registration or call the library at 231-582.7861.

Save the Trees Annual Fundraiser
Thursday July 26 6-8:30pm

Walstrom Marine, Harbor Springs (*see page 2 for details*)

Hike the Hindle-Ross Trails with Eric Hemenway
Saturday, July 28 3-4:30pm
Cross Village

This is a unique opportunity to experience the trails of Debbie Hindle and Ken Ross, while learning the native history of the land. Eric Hemenway is an LTC board member and director of Repatriation, Archives and Records for the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians whose talk will begin at 4pm. The property you will explore, with the group or on your own, contains 80 acres of rolling meadows and woodland. Enjoy

Thorne Swift Nature Preserve

2018 Summer Programs

The 30-acre Thorne Swift Nature Preserve offers a full nature center and beautiful trail system on the shores of Lake Michigan, just north of Harbor Springs. This preserve is owned by Little Traverse Conservancy, but managed by West Traverse Township. Parking fee is \$5 for non-township residents (no charge for Conservancy members). Season pass available for \$15. Call 231.526.6401 to register for a program. If fee is not mentioned, there is no charge.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Wednesdays, July 11, 25 & August 8 11am-2pm

Young explorers between the ages of 5 and 11 are invited to join us for 3 hours of fun. Our activities will include story telling around our fire circle, a natural based craft and exploring our trails and beach. Everyone should bring a snack. Please call 526.6401 to register within a week prior to each event. The program is free for residents of West Traverse Township and members of LTC, and is included with the parking fee for non-residents.

Fairy Houses with Deb

Mondays, July 9 & August 6 7pm-Finish

Our resident, master Fairy House Builder, Deb will be hosting two workshops this season. Whether you are new to fairy housing or a seasoned builder working on your fairy garden, we invite you to take part in these fun events. Please call to register: Class Fee: \$10

Cedar Disc Wreaths

Wednesday, July 18 7pm-Finish

Our wreaths have an added flair because the basic circle is created from a series of thin cedar rounds. The cedar contrasts beautifully with the natural embellishments: Birch bark, dried flower parts, as well as anything else your imagination comes up with. Please call to register: Class Fee: \$10

Birch Bark Vase

Wednesday, August 1 7pm-Finish

Our Birch Bark Vases use similar techniques to create as many other types of bark baskets, but we add a twist: adding a conical shape and giving them an uneven opening. These simple variations give them a distinctive flair. We will be adding sweetgrass along the rim as well as adding other natural accents of your choosing. Please call to register. Class Fee: \$15

The Swift in the Starlight

Friday, July 13 (10pm) & Friday, August 10 (9:30pm)

Our New Moon outings will combine a night hike to the beach to view dark sky objects including Jupiter and Saturn through our smaller telescope, followed with seeing other fascinating DSO's through our larger telescope in the parking area. Given clear skies we should look forward to viewing double stars, globular clusters, as well as nebulae and several galaxies. No registration required, No Fee.



Moonlight Adventures

Friday, July 27 9-10:30pm

Holding a Story Telling and Night Hike program is long overdue. This very family friendly outing includes stories and s'mores around the camp fire followed by a moonlight night hike. We typically close our gates at Sunset so do come to this program if you wish to experience "The Swift" at night. No registration required, No Fee.

The 'Gardens' of Thorne Swift

**Saturdays, July 7, 21
& August 4 10am-Noon**

There are many possible titles for this walk, not the least of which would be Medicinal and Edible Plants. Wild Medicinals will be covered, though it may also go beyond into such topics as invasive plant mitigation or propagating native plants. This wide field of interest can actually be tailored to meet the needs of the group(s) and given the interests of those participating may go beyond two hours. No registration required. Participation included with parking fee.





Top left: Improved signage and this kiosk were recently completed for The Hill Nature Preserve in Boyne City.

Above: Members of the Hathaway family pose in front of the new sign at the dedication of the Hathaway Family's Regina Caeli Nature Preserve in Mackinaw City.

Left: Kayakers inspect the new signage and kiosk placed at Clark Township's Leopold Landing, Duck Bay on Marquette Island. Volunteer Dan Reelitz built the kiosk. This location is one of only a few public access points within the Les Cheneaux Islands. It leads directly into Little Traverse Conservancy's 1,683-acre Aldo Leopold Nature Preserve. The landing, dock, and trails are being improved through a partnership between Clark Township, the Les Cheneaux Community Foundation, LTC, and others.

Snapshots from the Field

Below left: Boardwalk building at the Little Sand Bay Preserve on Beaver Island.

Below: LTC staff and members of the Tuesday "Preserve Perfectionists" crew haul lumber for constructing new boardwalk at the Barbara C. Hoffius Nature Preserve.





Three young men from Petoskey Boy Scout Troop No. 5 completed projects related to LTC and outdoor recreation for their Eagle Scout projects. (L-R) Camden Smith's Eagle Scout project involved refurbishing an overgrown trail at the Stutsmanville Bog Preserve and he built a bench for another of the Conservancy's preserves. Joseph Farley coordinated the construction of a cabin along the North Country Trail near an assist project that LTC completed with the City of Petoskey. And Maxx Nichols built benches for LTC's Ray Johnston Nature Preserve near Goodhart.

Currently, LTC volunteers are helping us maintain 21,282 acres of nature preserve lands which include more than 106 miles of trails.

Upper right: In stages, the exotic Buckthorn is being removed from the Rogers Family Homestead Nature Preserve near East Jordan.

Right: Mary Clinton stands behind the bench donated for the Elmer Johnston Nature Preserve in memory of her husband, Fred Clinton, longtime LTC volunteer.

Below right: Nearly 20 people came out on May 5 to the Consuelo Diane and Charles L. Wilson Jr. Working Forest Reserve to plant more than 1,100 trees. They made very short work of this large task!



Below: Eagle Scout candidate Caleb Gosciak (middle) built two benches for LTC preserves with the help of his Troop.



For several years, members of the Stewart family who summer in Harbor Springs have volunteered their time to benefit local preserves. Here Sean Stewart shares what these experiences have meant to him.



Cameron Stewart power washing a boardwalk.



Jane and Sean Stewart hauling boardwalk lumber.



Sean and Cameron Stewart measuring for a small bridge.

The Gratitude in Volunteering by Sean Stewart

The first time my family volunteered for LTC was in 2010. My sister was working to fulfill a volunteer requirement for our high school - Cincinnati Country Day School - and decided to help the Conservancy fix a path that was eroding into a nearby creek bed at the Rogers Preserve in East Jordan. Although the work wasn't exactly what my sister had in mind, my brother and I loved working outdoors. My brother, mother, and I soon signed up to do more work over the following summers. The next summer we volunteered to clear debris from streams at the Fischer and Roaring Brook preserves so they would not overflow onto a neighboring road and create an ice hazard in the winter. We loved getting our hands dirty and felt proud of our work when we had finished. Working in the cool clear water of the streams on warm summer days was refreshing. It was also hard work determining how to raise some of the discarded items from the stream; most unusual were taxus bushes (rootball and all) that required leveraging with our shovels to remove from the water flow.

Wanting to volunteer more, we quickly became familiar with the conservancy employees who worked with us assigning jobs that fit our summer schedules. We volunteered for jobs like cutting into hills to create new paths at McCune Preserve, building, power-washing and levelling boardwalks at Raunecker and McCune; and constructing benches and footbridges to be placed alongside trails at Fischer and Raunecker. Building items was always fun but never without a story. Since we did not have power tools, we borrowed them (and construction knowledge) from friends in the business. Once we had to use a vintage 1950 circular saw that kept stopping on us. Success wasn't achieved until its owner told us that it needed a gentle knock on the motor every time it whined. It was a beautiful saw, old-fashioned and all shiny steel; it seemed wrong to hit it but it did the trick. We received so much help from family and friends. At the end of every summer we would bike with our relatives to show off our latest projects and revisit old ones. The crowning glory on these trips would be to observe other families enjoying the beauty of nature and using our creations.

Throughout our years of working with the Conservancy, one thing that always became apparent was the gratitude of passers-by for the work the Conservancy does. While picking up litter along the road, it was more common than not for bicyclists and runners to give us a quick nod or a wave and thank us. The most memorable of these moments happened just last year. We were building a boardwalk and had already spent three hours carrying lumber from the trailhead to the site of the boardwalk when a small family walked by and each carried one of the 10-foot pieces of lumber that made up the base of the boardwalk. Carrying four of these beams seemed like nothing to them, but when every beam required its own hundred-meter one-way trip, their generosity was more than welcome.



Interested in doing some trail building, invasive species removal, or other work days with us this summer or fall? A few of them are noted on page 12, but others may be added. For the most up-to-date information, visit www.landtrust.org. You can also call Cacia at 231.347.0991 to be added to our email list!



NEW MEMBERS

Thank you to the following individuals, families, and businesses that joined LTC as new members between February 21-May 17, 2018.

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These members have committed to donating a set amount each month.
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To celebrate 20 years of business in Petoskey, Bearcub Outfitters generously donated 20% of sales on May 19 to the Little Traverse Conservancy. That ended up being \$1,500 that will go to land conservation right here in northern Michigan! Pictured here: Emily Hughes, Membership Coordinator for LTC, and Becky Philipp-Kranig, owner of Bearcub Outfitters.

This Place DOES Matter!

A partnership between North Central Michigan Community College's "Environmental Studies on Sustainability in Community" class, the Beaver Island Historical Society, and the Beaver Island Community Schools involved students in a national campaign to grow a "sense of place." "I really like this place," said 4th grader Sienna Anderson of the George and Althea Petrutz Nature Preserve on the island. "It makes me feel happy because I just get to go around here by myself. There are a lot of cool things to do all year round."



Reflections...by Tom Bailey

Thank you, thank you, thank you...

Note: Tom Bailey will retire in August after nearly 34 years as executive director of Little Traverse Conservancy. The Annual Meeting on August 7 at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts in Bay Harbor will be his last official function. See meeting details on page 2.

Thank you for the honor and the privilege of serving Little Traverse Conservancy as your executive director for nearly 34 years. Thank you for making me the luckiest man in the conservation movement with the opportunity to work for a dynamic and extraordinarily successful organization, making great contributions to the protection of natural resources, beautification of our communities, enhancement of recreational opportunities, preservation of our history, and improvement in our overall quality of life by keeping Nature close at hand for all.

Thank you to all our members and supporters for your generosity of substance and spirit that has propelled this organization from its beginnings as a small community organization to its prominence as a major regional institution. Thank you for your membership gifts, your memorial contributions, your grants to special projects, your Save the Trees tickets and all the other ways in which you give generously to support our land conservation and education programs.

Thank you for the mentoring and leadership that so many of you have provided as trustees, board chairs, officers, committee chairs, and leaders of efforts to protect the places we love. Thank you for your patience as I learned the proverbial ropes, made mistakes and gained the experience that helped me to provide what I hope has been good leadership for our organization. Thank you for the trust that you placed in me to do what was best for the Conservancy and the conservation cause, and thank you for the many wonderful things you did to ensure that our success became the entire community's success.

Thank you to the many staff members

who have served so ably in support of our work. Thank you for your professionalism, your initiative, your knowledge and your passion for the conservation cause which we serve. Thank you for your trust in me to lead us in the right direction, in the right manner and in the right spirit. Thank you, as well, for putting up with my quirks and mistakes.

Thank you, board members, staff, members, friends, land owners and partners for supporting our initiatives to go beyond simple preservation and to embrace conservation in the great tradition of not only John Muir, but also Theodore Roosevelt and Aldo Leopold. Thank you for being willing to open some properties to hunting and to acquire and manage working forests, demonstrating sustainable forest management and showing the way for other land owners in the future.

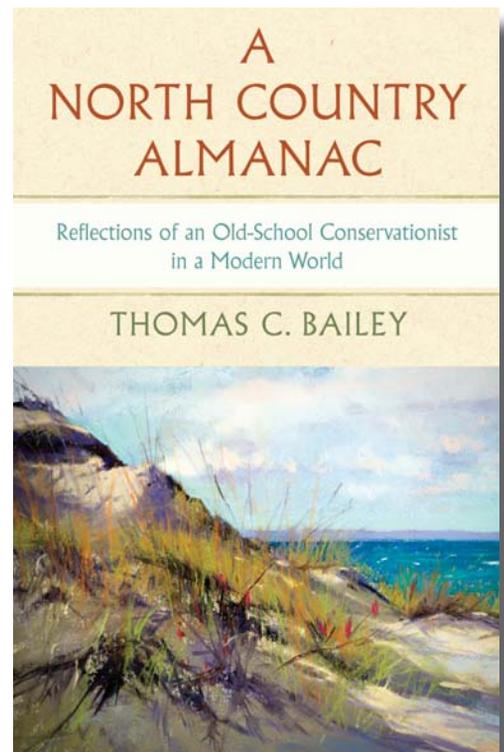
Thank you to all of our partners for the opportunities to collaborate with so many local, state and federal governmental units and agencies to acquire land and expand resource management and public recreation much more extensively than any of the partners could have accomplished on their own. Thank you to those agencies for embracing LTC as a partner and me as a representative of the LTC. Thank you, especially, to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the collegial relationships that have grown between our organizations and our people; relationships which are most valuable, have created a great conservation legacy and will pay great dividends in the future.

Thank you, everyone, for the personal kindness that has been extended to me through nearly 34 years of life and for allowing me to share so much through this column. Thank you for sharing the joy of the seasons, the pleasure of loving the outdoors, the adventures of parenthood, and the little ups and downs of life along with the big

ones. Thank you for your support during trying times, for sharing in grief and loss, and for also realizing that there is life after grief, with hope, and love, and joy.

Thank you for 34 wonderful years of pitching in together to create a truly remarkable conservation legacy that will withstand the test of time and pay ever greater dividends to all generations to come by helping them to keep Nature close at hand. Thank you for embracing the principle of Nature that everything is connected to everything else, everything grows, everything changes, everything continues to evolve.

Thank you for carrying this wonderful organization and its work forward now that my time here is through. Thank you for all the warm wishes that have been extended to me as I prepare to retire in August. Thank you for the memories, thank you for the joy of working together, and thank you for carrying on. Thank you, and thank you and thank you.



BOOK SIGNING EVENT:

Wednesday, July 11, 6pm

McLean & Eakin Booksellers, Petoskey

Available through the LTC office and local bookstores also! All proceeds go to LTC.

Cost: \$25

Thank You!

- Kim and Bruce Dawley for their sewing skills and help making the Preserve Map tablecloths.
- Michaleen and Nick Karay, and Sally Bales for help with a winter mailing.
- Eric Fernkas for donating a dock.
- Photographers Sue Kurtz, Diane Burke, Todd Petersen and Todd Parker.
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- Field trip leaders Eric Hemenway, Mary Trout, Sturgeon for Tomorrow and Brenda Archambo.
- The Parsons Family for hosting a tour of their maple syrup production facility and for making special treats for participants.
- Ron Wojan for use of a generator while LTC was on Beaver Island and to the Beaver Island Community Library for hosting our steering committee meeting.
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- Matt McDonough for lending his Beaver Island van to us.
- Jim and Mary Gillingham and Ed and Beth Leuck for help building the Little Sand Bay Nature Preserve boardwalk on Beaver Island and for giving staff a ride to the airport.
- Central Michigan University and North Central Michigan College students for hauling lumber and building boardwalk at Little Sand Bay Nature Preserve on Beaver Island.
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- Pat Bunker for plowing the parking area this winter at the Banwell Nature Preserve.
- Mary Trout for conducting working forest reserve bird counts, leading an after school birding education program at Sheridan Elementary school, conducting a bird program in partnership with the Charlevoix Public Library, conducting a bird program in partnership with the Petoskey District Library, preparing LTC environmental education materials, acting as an LTC ambassador for the 4th grade biking initiative, and more!
- Glen Matthews for continued help with wildlife surveys, helping draft management plans, and for leading a wildlife tracking program at our volunteer appreciation celebration.
- Karie Slavik and the University of Michigan Biological Station staff for hosting our volunteer appreciation celebration.
- Jocelyn and Ben from Timberwolf Tree Care for leading a chainsaw safety hike for our volunteers at the volunteer appreciation celebration.
- Matt Rogers for painting our offices.
- Boy Scout Caleb Gosciak for building two benches for his Eagle Scout project.
- Eagle Scout candidate Garth Vorce for planting 100 trees at the Offield Family Working Forest Reserve.
- Shelley Koteskey for helping install the Elizabeth B. Hoffmann Nature Preserve logo sign.
- Ben Musielak for going above and beyond his Vermilion Point duties.



Petoskey High School students Jack Haas (pictured) and Andrew McNamara raised money for LTC by building these boxes and placing them at three local businesses: Bearcub Outfitters, Tom's Mom's Cookies, and the Outfitter of Harbor Springs.

The mission of the Little Traverse Conservancy is to protect the natural diversity and beauty of northern Michigan by preserving significant land and scenic areas, and fostering appreciation and understanding of the environment.

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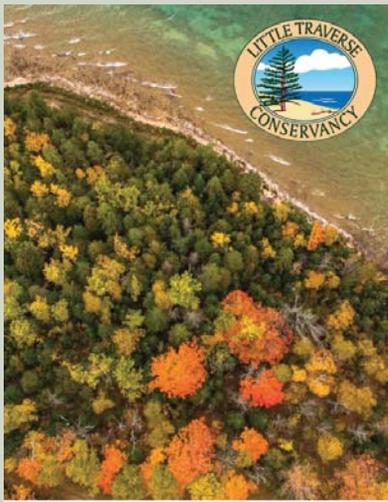
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