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## Golden Year, HERE WE COME!

by Kieran Fleming, Executive Director

Fifty years ago, a group of seven men who called themselves “the Little Traverse Group” were meeting frequently in each other’s kitchens, hot off a lawsuit challenging a local development, plotting out a better way to protect this incredible region. I would love to have been a fly on the wall witnessing spirited conversation among such intelligent and driven people. The concept was brilliant for its simplicity and focus. My guess is (and in some cases I know for a fact) that none of our founders could imagine the success LTC would be standing on today. As we move toward 70,000 acres of permanently protected land, it’s not a stretch to say these seven men sparked a movement that changed the course of our landscape, in a good way, forever. Read that last sentence again; it’s a big statement.

We have big plans to celebrate our golden milestone and to chart our course for the future. Thanks to your support, we are well positioned to build on the incredible success of the last half a century. But reflection is important, and we are going to spend some time and media space on honoring the past and some of those who led LTC to become one of the most successful local land trusts in the country.

Over the course of 2022, we hope to present the thoughts and voices of our founders and other great leaders of the past. We will start with two women, daughters of founders Boo Litzenburger and Dave Irish, sharing tributes to their dads (including new nature preserves named in their honor), and a little insight into the formation of LTC. We are grateful to Liesel Litzenburger Meijer and Sue Irish Stewart for taking the time to write some of the words you will read in these pages. On behalf of our great-grandkids and beyond, thanks to all who have made LTC so successful.

Cover photo: Barred Owl Snow Flight by Paul Rossi



# 40 ACRES FOR VETERANS

MARQUITA ROBBINS ROTHE & EDWARD ROTHE FAMILY WORKING FOREST RESERVE

**R**ich with family history and thoughtful land management, the new Marquita Robbins Rothe & Edward Rothe Family Working Forest Reserve was recently protected through a bargain sale from Ed and Elaine Harris. The reserve is named in honor of Ed's mother and stepfather.

"My mother, Marquita, was raised on the land that is now the reserve and she and her brother would walk to the old country school in Van," Ed explained. "Mom and my stepfather, Edward, were very instrumental in our purchasing the property and our decision to plant it in pine trees. Edward worked for the DNR and knew a lot about how to care for forests, and Mom encouraged me to be industrious so that is the way we went. My wife Elaine and son Darby helped me with this effort, and over the years we have planted around 30,000 trees."

Ed also worked with DNR foresters Lee Evison and Tim Greco, who helped him determine the best use of the property. "They really did a good job with the management plan and, along with the Charlevoix County Conservation District, influenced our decision to enroll it as a commercial forest. Because it has acidic soil, pine trees were a good choice for planting. I have enjoyed caring for those trees all of these years."

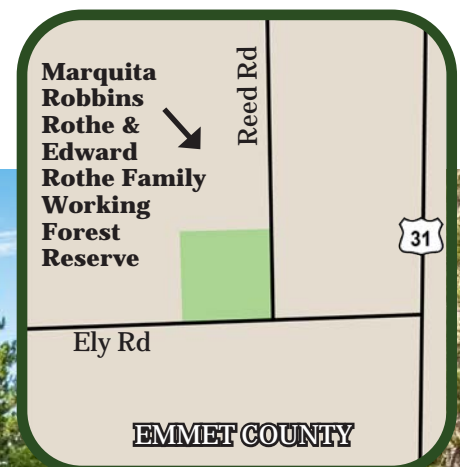
Ed credits Marquita and Edward (both 1933 graduates of Pellston High School) with instilling in him a deep appreciation for the outdoors. Edward is remembered as the state's only DNR officer designated to Bois Blanc

Island and, for many years, Marquita ran a gift shop and restaurant on the island called The Birch Shop.

Located within the Maple River Watershed along Ely Road, just northwest of Pellston, the new reserve is also just down the road from Bravehearts Estate, and will be available for disabled veterans who seek a place to hunt. This aspect of the land made it particularly attractive to Mark Melvin, who funded the purchase for the Conservancy. "I am happy to support efforts to help those who have served our country," Mark said. Earlier this year, Mark worked with the Conservancy to create the Robinson Nature Preserve Honoring Gold Star Families in Petoskey.

The land's potential connection to veterans holds rich meaning for Ed as well. His biological father died at the age of 39, returning from WWII in ill health. And his stepfather, Edward, was a decorated veteran who served several European campaigns and in 1997 was awarded the Jubilee Medal for the Liberation of Normandy. "Ed has honored his parents so deeply through this gift of land that represents the many facets of two people dedicated to their land and to their country," said Conservancy Executive Director Kieran Fleming.

The new reserve has been, and will remain, enrolled in the Commercial Forest Program. Beyond forest management, no trails or other improvements are planned at this time.





# Three Bears Expands!

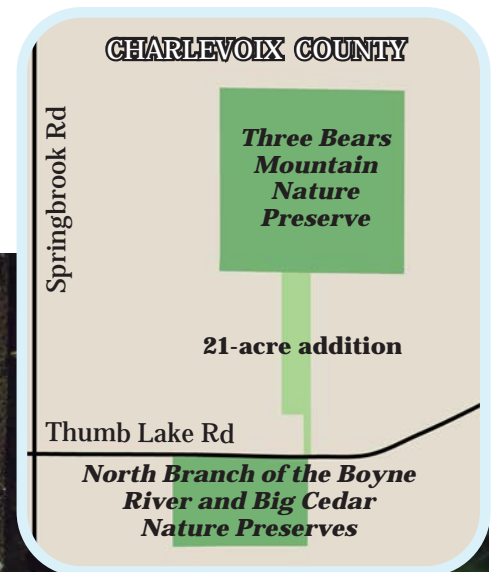
**A** 21-acre addition to the Three Bears Mountain Nature Preserve near Boyne Falls has been donated by the Deppa Family, who donated the original 160-acre preserve in 1998. The addition includes more than 100 feet of frontage on Thumb Lake Road and improves access to the preserve. The land includes a portion of a red pine plantation along the south, and a habitat including open meadow and hardwoods on the north end, which contains some mature oak. A huge thank you goes out to the Deppa Family for choosing conservation and public access for this beautiful land in Charlevoix County.

The donation comes from Joan Deppa's estate. Joan's cousin explained that this growing preserve was all part of a large property loved by the Deppa family since the 1940s. "Joan's parents, Woodrow and Helen, used that land for recreation and raised Christmas trees on it for many years to sell," Roy explained. "It was a wonderful family recreational resource, a magical place and we would all

travel there every year for summer vacation. There was a cabin at the top of the hill and Woodrow would say that it was the house of the Three Bears and so that name stuck." In recent years, the James Eddy family has maintained and cared for the property.

Roy said it was always Woodrow's desire that the land would eventually be protected with the Conservancy, and Joan is honoring this wish in her estate.

Visit the interactive map on our website at [www.landtrust.org](http://www.landtrust.org) for more information about the Three Bears Mountain Nature Preserve and the adjacent North Branch of the Boyne River and Big Cedar Nature Preserves.



Joan's father Woodrow and stepmother Eva Belle Deppa.

# YOUR GIFT MATCHED FOR VERMILION POINT

## Vermilion Endowment Fund Challenge

Do you love Vermilion? Thanks to the generosity of several donors, LTC is pleased to report that we are in the final stages of fundraising for a long-term endowment for this spectacular 175-acre Lake Superior nature preserve. To date, more than \$950,000 has been raised toward the \$1 million goal. All funds raised up to \$1 million will be matched by the Wildshore Foundation, which originally sold the land to LTC in 2007 for a bargain sale. The fund will be used for general care and upkeep such as maintaining an accessible parking area, improving and maintaining signs, employing a local caretaker, and maintaining the buildings (other than the life saving station, see below). A portion of income earned on the fund each year will be used to forward the overall mission of LTC. If you would like to make a potentially tax-deductible donation to Little Traverse Conservancy's Vermilion Endowment Fund, visit [www.landtrust.org](http://www.landtrust.org) or contact Ty Ratliff at [tyratliff@landtrust.org](mailto:tyratliff@landtrust.org) or 231.347.0991.

## \$50,000 Challenge Grant for Vermilion Life Saving Station

The 1876 Life Saving Station is the most historically significant building at Vermilion Point. Through a creative arrangement, LTC transferred ownership of the building and a lease on the property to S.O.S. Vermilion, a non-profit formed specifically for the preservation of this Station. S.O.S. Vermilion is thrilled to report they have a \$50,000 challenge grant from an anonymous donor and LTC is proud to help spread the message. All gifts given for the restoration and maintenance of the station will be matched up to \$50,000 and work will begin immediately. Challenge funds can be sent to S.O.S. Vermilion, P.O. Box 68634, Grand Rapids, MI 49516 or donate online at [sosvermilion.org](http://sosvermilion.org).



## Farmland Protection Program Offers Funding Opportunity for Resort Township Landowners

**E**mmet County's Resort Township is seeking landowners who are interested in protecting their land through the township's Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program. The program – which works in partnership with Little Traverse Conservancy and the Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy – pays landowners for development rights that are associated with their land.

Also known as the Purchase of Development Rights Program, the development rights are voluntarily offered and agreed upon by the landowner. The resulting legal agreement restricts the development on the property forever, while allowing the landowners to receive some income from their land now. Known as a "conservation easement" this legal agreement stays with the land regardless of future ownership.

Applications are now being accepted through January 15, 2022. Both conservancies are available to provide more information and help with the application and appraisal process. If you are interested in learning more about this program or receiving an application, please contact the Resort Township office at 231.347.7915 or visit: [www.resorttownship.org/departments-services/planning-department/pdr-program/](http://www.resorttownship.org/departments-services/planning-department/pdr-program/).



# Your Membership in Action...

## INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT, PRESERVE UPDATES, TREE PLANTING AND MORE!

**T**he LTC stewardship team has been busy this fall improving habitats by removing invasive plants. Invasive shrubs like honeysuckle, autumn olive, and barberry can take over and exclude our native plants, reducing biodiversity and food sources for wildlife. Fall is the perfect time to tackle this task because the plants are drawing nutrients down into their roots to store for the winter, and if cut down and the stump painted with herbicide, they take that in readily too. Woody plants can be treated like this all winter until the sap starts to flow upwards again in the early spring. We'll continue volunteer workdays to cut and treat woody invasive plants throughout the season as long as the snow isn't too deep. Call or visit the Volunteer section of our website if you'd like to join us!

We've also started work on removing the patch of invasive phragmites, a type of large aquatic grass, from the dam site at the new Seberon "Boo" Litzenburger Nature Preserve, just north of Harbor Springs. Phragmites aggressively spreads in shallow water and grows so tall (up to 15 feet!) and dense that nothing else can grow with it. Since it is able to create a new plant from just a small part of its root system, it is important to kill any invasive phragmites growing in places where it might spread to new sites. This fall we did a foliar spray treatment on the patch by the dam, but it usually takes a few consecutive years of herbicide treatments to kill a dense patch of phragmites.

If you think you have invasive plants on your property, you can reach out to your local Cisma (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas). A large portion of Little Traverse Conservancy's service area falls within CAKE Cisma's management area (Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska, and Emmet counties). Contact them on their website, [www.cakecisma.org](http://www.cakecisma.org), to get help identifying and treating invasive plants on your property at no cost.



Longtime LTC volunteer Richard Jenkins cuts down an autumn olive bush at the Jack and Tucker Harris Working Forest Reserve in preparation for a cut stump herbicide application.

### PHOTOS (TO THE RIGHT):

*Top:* A solar lit flagpole, donated by Gar Lane, was installed at the new Robinson Nature Preserve Honoring Gold Star Families. This is also the new parking area location for the adjacent Bubbling Springs Nature Preserve.

*Middle:* Thanks to Dr. Todd Decker and Dr. Todd Sheperd of Bayside Family & Sports Medicine, LTC staff and volunteers constructed a changing station for mountain bikers at the Tanton Family Working Forest Reserve.

*Bottom:* LTC staff and volunteers planted 200 pine trees at the Consuelo Diane & Charles L. Wilson, Jr. Working Forest Reserve.



# NATIVE SEED COLLECTION

Seed collection efforts that began in late summer in partnership with Project Wingspan are wrapping up for the year! LTC staff and volunteers collected milkweed, boneset, Joe-Pye weed, evening primrose, grass-leaved goldenrod, jewelweed, black-eyed Susan, New England aster, wild bergamot, and vervain seeds to share with other land managers in northern Michigan to create more pollinator habitat. If you'd like to join us for more seed collection next year, give us a call or visit our website, [www.landtrust.org](http://www.landtrust.org), and click on the Volunteer tab.





# YOU SHOULD BE HERE

*By Liesel Litzenburger Meijer, daughter of Seberon “Boo” Litzenburger*

**T**he first person to say “Beauty lies in the eye of the beholder” (okay, probably Plato) most certainly never met our dad, Seberon “Boo” Litzenburger. And different people are going to have very different notions about what is beautiful, or just average, or not even ho-hum. Our father had a slightly (okay very) personal take on this whole idea and one he was not shy about sharing.

“Northern Michigan is the most beautiful place in the world!” he would tell anyone who asked, and even those who did not. No hesitation, no backing down and only friendly one-sided arguments allowed. Confounding, charming, mysteriously set

in stone, our dad’s dictate on true beauty always confused me. There are many beautiful places in the world—right? But that was not his point, as I have come to understand, and I don’t think it was ever his point at all. I’ve come to think of our dad’s words and feelings in a much different light, and to know how lucky we are that he believed what he did. He believed it with his whole heart, and he put it into action, too, pretty much every single day he was able. He loved this place as much as anyone can love a place. It seems clear he wanted all of us to love it as much as he did, and I believe he wanted

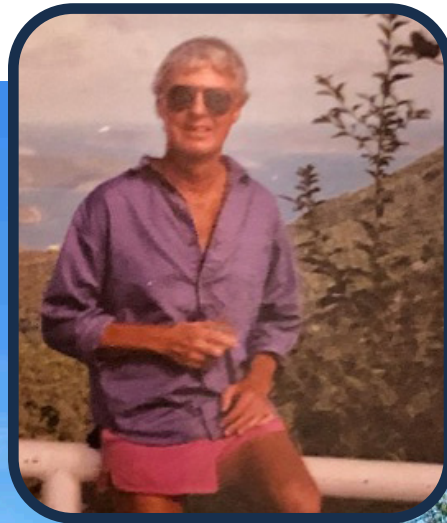
us to care, because when you care about something, you cherish it. He wanted us to save this place forever.

It’s hard to believe it was almost fifty years ago that Dad and six others founded the Little Traverse Conservancy. This thoughtful and forward-thinking group came together to form a solid and logical plan to preserve our region’s natural beauty and lands forever. They didn’t just think about this—they did it.

How did they know how much we would need this? Surely, they could not have had any idea of how profoundly their actions would shape our region, nor be able to guess that what they were doing, so many years ago, now would be a model for like-minded pioneers around the globe. Did they have any inkling that far in the future, in 2021, too much of our planet would just be waking up to how fragile and interconnected we all are—the people and our lands? The LTC founders’ actions in conservation—life-saving, earth-altering, natural-world-preserving—have turned out to be so much a part of what we hold dear. And no longer for some future day, of course, but for right now.

I know how much the solace and healing of nature has sustained our family during this long year and a half. I know it has saved us on some important level. What would we do without it? I cannot imagine, and so I try not to do that. Instead, I think about all children, and their children to come, and how we can carry on the mission of the LTC founders, of our dad. We have now been entrusted with their task, my dad’s favorite line: “Love this place. It’s the most beautiful place in the world.”

For nearly eighty-three years, the natural wonders and stunning features of our region enjoyed an active and highly successful advocate, promoter and anywhere-on-the globe super-fan embodied in Boo Litzenburger. It was more

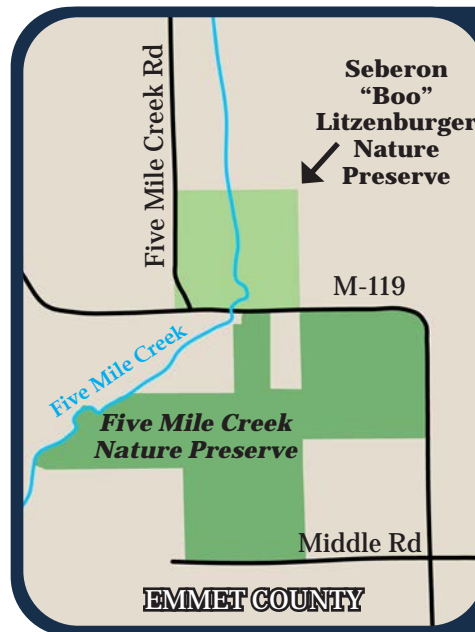




than home to him. It was and is a living, breathing member of our family. In the way some parents praise their children's accomplishments and talents, our father would hold forth on northern Michigan. In any season or setting, our dad went out of his way to tout our unparalleled landscape. He loved to travel, but travel anywhere meant yet another chance to tell someone about his own place. "I've been to where you live!" he'd exclaim to a woman from England, a guy in the desert southwest, strangers on a beach in Tahiti, a fellow skier on the side of a mountain in Switzerland: "You should come see where we live! Come on up! We'd love to show you around!" It was a line repeated again and again, wherever we went, wherever he went. As a teen, I'd often hide behind a clump of palm trees or flatten myself on a train seat, embarrassed at his over-the-top enthusiasm. My brother was braver. As the years passed, we'd just say "Dad..." but resistance was futile.

When one of us was someplace else, especially someplace far away, he never let us forget where we were from, or where we needed to return. He'd listen patiently, or not, interested in whatever corner of the country or world we were reporting in from, but really just waiting to tell us the real story: "The trilliums have never been more spectacular than this year! When are you coming up? You should be here." Or "The ice just now left the bay. It's late, but the water sure looks blue. You should be here." Or "I don't think the leaves have ever been more beautiful. The red! You should be here."

He wanted people to be here, and had little patience for those who arrived up north suddenly, took a look around, and then wanted everyone else to stay away. He seemed to know this was futile, and also counter-productive. He called them the "lock-the-gates-behind-me" folks, and he thought it much better to acknowledge that we weren't the first people here by a long while, and we weren't going to be the last. Much better to make people love and appreciate this region, to care enough to do right by its lands and waters, to keep it beautiful, to make them care.



## 40 acres

of field, forest, and creek are now protected in honor of one of LTC's founders, Seberon "Boo" Litzenburger. This preserve includes about one mile of trails (out and back) as well as a newly built viewing platform overlooking Five Mile Creek and the newly built bridge that crosses the creek. The preserve is also adjacent to the existing 160-acre Five Mile Creek Nature Preserve.



He was always working on some project, whether with the Conservancy or other efforts to protect the world we share. It's difficult to fathom that raw sewage was being pumped into Little Traverse Bay as late as the mid-1970s, but our dad and others were instrumental in shaping a sustainable waste treatment program. In later years, he focused on small, but key areas. He pestered and cajoled and advised others until some bit of land, some view, some waterway, was sustained.

Our family hopes you can enjoy the Boo Litzenburger Preserve to its fullest.

We have tried to make it as accessible as possible, with the wonderful cooperation and planning of LTC. Dad would have wanted you to walk its trails, stand on its bridge, listen to the creek, enjoy the view from the platform at the top of the hill. Is northern Michigan the most beautiful place in the world? It might be to you. It was to our father. It is to me, to our children. I know he'd say, "Come on up! I'd love to show you around!" In this way our dad is fully here. And I know exactly what else he would say: you should be here too.





# Life With Dad

By Sue Stewart,  
daughter of David Irish

Every time I drive past the David H. Irish Nature Preserve I'm reminded of life with Dad. He loved to hop in his truck and drive out to Stutsmanville to cut firewood. Passing the farms and fields he'd always comment on changes, especially new housing. Sometimes he'd rehash his longstanding disagreement with his mother about the large-lot zoning she believed would preserve the character of the landscape, but which he argued would only encourage sprawl. He was the sort of person who liked to talk about such things on a sunny Saturday morning on his way to the woods.

I'm certain he knew the Lauer family who farmed the land that now honors him. He could tell you a story about any family in town, always ending with a laugh that told you he enjoyed people. He had a lot of respect for farmers and knew the hard realities of farming up north. He understood why farms turned into housing developments, and knew there had to be a Conservancy if we wanted open space to stay open. Keeping the Lauer farm open would have pleased him because it's close to where many people live, and seen by even more who drive past.

Dad loved to walk around and look at stuff. Nothing bothered him more than seeing land newly posted with no trespassing signs - unless it was a gate across a beach access site. As a kid, he helped his father survey land all over Emmet County. He never lost his surveyor's eye. Other cars be damned; if he was interested in what someone was doing in the woods, he'd drive slow enough to check it out. A new road or a harvesting operation, well, that was worth "a quick stop just to take a look."

Transforming his preserve from farmland to forest and savannah would have captured Dad's imagination. He would have offered

comments on the plans and made frequent stops to check on progress and talk with the workers about what they were doing, and why, and how it was going. He would have walked everywhere he could and checked out all the equipment. Having planted 500 seedlings with his sisters one summer, the tree planting would have been of special interest.

In the year since he died, my family has heard from so many people who knew Dad through his many achievements - in the marine industry, in sailboat racing, ski racing or heli-skiing or ski mountaineering, or because he was a prominent part of the Harbor Springs community. But like anyone, he needed time off to recharge, ordinary days to rest up and train for the next great contest. His favorite way to do that was to head out to the woods. For me and my family, the preserve is a special reminder of that day-to-day life with dad.





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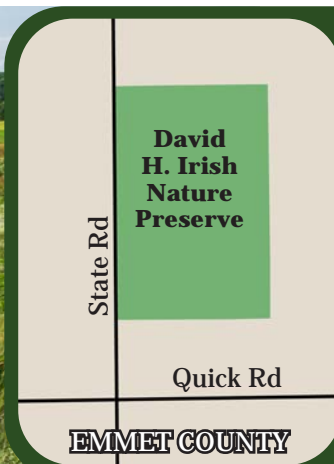
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## 60 acres

of iconic rolling, open farm field is now protected in honor of one of LTC's founders, David Irish. It is less than two miles from downtown Harbor Springs and includes 2,000 feet of frontage on State Road.

# THROUGH A NEW LENS

## LTC'S NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM

By Sarah Mayhew, Director of Education

**H**ow can we develop a deep and lasting appreciation for the natural environment in young people when so many are more interested in electronic devices? Harness it!

It was on the heels of the "No Child Left Inside" movement and Richard Louv's release of *Last Child in the Woods* when I began teaching environmental education at LTC. The harsh reality of our electronic dependency was just setting in and energy was high towards counteracting the newly dubbed "Nature Deficit Disorder."

I saw the pack of teenagers resembling zombies; their heads down, eyes glued to their phones as they blindly navigated the sidewalk or crowded room. I imagined them with cameras in their hands instead, seeking out the tiny overlooked wonders of nature, being truly present in their surroundings. Fueled by passion and a baseline understanding of photography as a result of my minor in art and design, I began developing our nature photography program. So it began!

Thirty digital cameras were purchased through grant funding received from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation in 2011. The cameras are

nothing fancy, just your basic automatic point-and-shoot style equipped with standard settings. What they achieve, however, exceeds anything I'd imagined.

The pilot program started with one 5th grade class and has since spread to grades 5-12. This program embodies all that your education department strives for: to foster an awareness and appreciation for our environment while doubling as an excellent means to achieve a cross-curricular outdoor experience for students.

There's magic that occurs when a child has a camera in his or her hand. They now hold a magical device that allows them to freeze time while igniting a keen observation for their surroundings. They're exploring an artistic side of themselves that they're often times surprised to find they possess. As a result, there's a sense of pride and accomplishment for what they've captured. Not to mention some pretty spectacular images! (See below and right.)

To support LTC's education program, you can make a potentially tax-deductible donation to the Andreae-Brown Family Environmental Education Fund: [landtrust.org/education-fund](http://landtrust.org/education-fund) or call 231.347.0991.

***"Lakeview Academy has been taking students on nature photography programs with Sarah and Little Traverse Conservancy for the last six years, and it is one of my favorite field trips with the teens. She encourages our students to get creative in how they explore nature and photograph it. Many times there have been students who declare they are not artistic, but then find they have skills in capturing unique, artistic photos with a camera. Enjoying the fresh air and exploring local preserves with Sarah as our guide is an additional bonus."***

***- Kara Copeland, Program Manager at Lakeview Academy, Petoskey***







***"I liked being outside, away from the classroom. It was cool to get up close with the photos and find things no one else sees and take photos of it." - Student***



***"It was fun to be outside and get to try the different camera settings to take pictures. I was surprised how amazing my photos turned out. They came out beautifully. My parents even framed a few." - Student***



# Fall Fest!

WITH LTC FOREST SCHOOL

LTC's Forest School was founded in 2020. It has continued strong into the 2021 school year. Education staff has continued working with Forest School partners to build trails on land that is close to the schools. The idea is simple: land near school is easy to access (no buses needed) and easier to love. This encourages teachers to bring their students often and then students feel even more connected to the land.

This October we celebrated the students of Three Lakes Academy's (located in Curtis in the U.P.) hard work by hosting a Fall Fest. The event included a ribbon cutting for the trail, a guided hike, stone soup, roasting s'mores, and games. It was a fun and engaging community event that brought in over 150 families from the area!

Principal and Superintendent Rachel Bommarito of Three Lakes Academy commented,

***"When we first agreed to partner with Little Traverse Conservancy, the initial goal was to get back to our roots in environmental education. It has been amazing to see the pride and confidence that fixing up our trails has instilled in students. Being able to watch them share their work with their families and the community was an amazing experience and we look forward to many more like this."***



# BUSINESS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

## DECKA DIGITAL

*'Whatever you need, just ask.'*

**T**hat is Decka's philosophy. Members of LTC since 2017, owners Kathy and Doug Potts have dutifully and thoughtfully supported the work of conservation in northern Michigan as members and partners in our work. Why? "Because we must protect this beautiful place for future generations. It's important!" Kathy enthusiastically says.

How do they help protect the land and help us spread our mission? Kathy and Doug have an outstanding staff (Pixel, the cat, included) that help print our special signs (think trail maps at nature preserves) and membership letters. Their quality is high and their service exemplary. Rarely will the phone line ring more than once without their outstanding front desk woman, Brenda, thoughtfully answering. Thank you for being members, Save the Trees sponsors, and partners, Decka Digital!



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Local businesses are key supporters of our mission. Businesses step up to make generous gifts each year so that land can be protected and you can enjoy it. Thank you to the following organizations that supported our mission in the past year.

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## PHOTOS:

Left: Kathy, Katie, Carly, and Doug Potts at Carly's wedding at the Offield Family Viewlands in 2021.

Above: The Decka Digital staff.

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# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to the following new members who joined between August 10 and November 16, 2021.



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Jacob R. Wimmer  
Tim Winslow  
Valerie K. Witt

## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER: BILL RONEY

Bill grew up in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area but has always been fortunate to vacation "up north." Early summers were spent on Higgins Lake and around Gaylord and then the last 40+ years in the Petoskey/Harbor Springs area at L'Arbre Croche and on Pickerel Lake the last 10 years.

"My wife, Joanne, and I and our dog, Griffin, live here year round and can generally be found outdoors. We have always been captivated seeing the LTC signs and knowing that those lands are protected. It's a pleasure and a privilege to serve the Conservancy in furthering their mission."





# MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

The following gifts were given between August 11 and November 16, 2021.

## IN HONOR OF

### Robyn Barrie

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kalinowski

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**John Baker** for building preserve trailhead kiosks.

**Bruce Booth and Richard Jenkins** for repairing kestrel nest boxes.

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**Tom Allan** for leading a cranberry picking field trip at Vermilion Point Nature Preserve.

**Greenwood Wildlife Foundation** for another excellent fall hike.

**Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council** for bringing their boat washing station to the Larks Lake paddle field trip.

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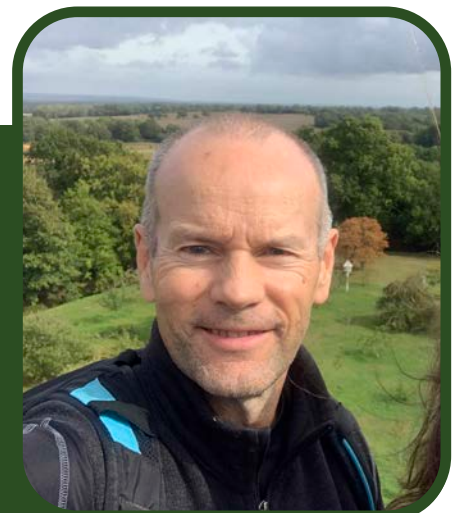
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**Dianne Litzenburger and Marty Amlin** for editing LTC publications.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: CHRIS FORD

Chris Ford, volunteer with our Preserve Perfectionist crew, has been helping out on a monthly basis for the past four years on many projects. Thank you Chris!

I grew up near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, sailing, swimming, fishing and ice skating on the lake. My wife, Ali Hill, grew up in Harbor Springs and we spent every summer here with her family. As summertime visitors, we would look for new preserves to hike with our kids and our dog. Our interests translated pretty well to northern Michigan where we have added mountain biking and cross country skiing to the mix. When we moved here full time in 2017, I contacted LTC to see if they needed help clearing trails, and found a group of great volunteers that were helping in all sorts of different ways. Our favorite preserves are Goodhart Farms, Andrae/Banwell, and Offield Family Working Forest Reserve.





# WINTER EVENTS

Events are offered at no charge, but registration is required by calling 231.347.0991 or online at [www.landtrust.org/events](http://www.landtrust.org/events).

## WINTER FUN WITH OUTHOUSE CONSORTIUM

*Saturday, January 15 / 2:00pm snowshoe, 6:30pm lantern lit hike  
Round Island Point Nature Preserve, Brimley*

Join LTC and the OUTHouse Consortium for an afternoon, an evening, or both winter adventures! This beautiful trail weaves through the woods and alongside creeks and beaver dams. Experience it by daylight or by torchlight.

## GREENWOOD SNOWSHOE AND XC SKI ADVENTURE

*Saturday, January 29 / 10am – Noon  
Cheboygan County, four miles east of Wolverine*

The Greenwood Foundation is a privately-owned property protected with a conservation easement held by LTC. Greenwood welcomes the public to explore this diverse property. A groomed trail for XC skiers and a shorter route for snowshoers offer respite in the beauty of a winter wildlife haven. Please provide your own skis or snowshoes, although snowshoes are available for children under 12. Enjoy a bonfire, treats, and drinks afterwards!

## WRITING NATURE INTO YOUR STORY

*Thursday, February 10 / 1:00 - 3:30pm  
Offield Family Viewlands, Harbor Springs*

Join Colorado writer and poet Michele Battiste on a winter hike followed by a two-hour writing workshop. She'll provide tips, techniques and fun exercises to help us write about nature in ways that capture our experiences and communicate our stories. We'll share our drafts over cups of hot chocolate. Bring paper, something to write with, and a generous spirit.

## LANTERN LIT WALK: WILLIAM B. DERBY

*Saturday, February 12 / 6:30 - 8:30pm  
William B. Derby Nature Preserve, Cedarville*

LTC is partnering with Woods & Waters and the Les Cheneaux Club during the Les Cheneaux Snowsfest for an evening lantern walk. This event will be open house style so you can come and enjoy the magic at your leisure.

## HIKE & HOPS WITH BIER'S INWOOD BREWERY

*Saturday, February 26 / 3:00 - 5:00pm  
Elizabeth B. Hoffmann Nature Preserve, Charlevoix*

Join us for another round of Hike & Hops with LTC staff and Bier's Inwood Brewery, but this time, in the snow with snowshoes! The 1.5-mile trail traverses through a mix of apple orchards, woods, and farm fields, and follows a section of the beautiful Inwood Creek. Please bring your own snowshoes. After the hike, we'll gather at the brewery for drinks and pizza! Please park at the brewery.

## LANTERN LIT WALK: DUNCAN BAY

*Saturday, March 12 / 6:30 - 8:30pm  
Duncan Bay Nature Preserve, Cheboygan*

Let's gather near the time of the equinox as the lanterns light the path to Lake Huron! Lantern hikes are especially magical in the snow, so don't let the white stuff scare you away! LTC is partnering with Cheboygan Brewing Company to offer this event. Suitable for all ages.



## Holiday Greetings

from the LTC Crew at the  
new viewing platform at the  
Seberon "Boo" Litzenburger Nature Preserve





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