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162 acres Adjacent to Kehl Lake to be Protected Natural Area to Expand by 40 Acres!

What better time than midsummer to celebrate even more precious wildlife habitat that will be protected at the Tip of the Peninsula!

With the signing of a purchase agreement in early July, the Conservancy will acquire 162 acres adjacent to our Kehl Lake Natural Area (KLNA). We'll keep 40 acres of the 162 to add to our natural area, and then restrict and resell the other 122 acres to a conservation buyer.

KLNA has long been a destination of birders and wildflower enthusiasts because of its remote location, natural shoreline, and old-growth forest. It was one of our first natural areas, established in 1990. Since then, KLNA has been expanded on three different occasions, and with this most recent 40-acre addition, the natural area has more than doubled from its original 113 acres.

The newest 40 acres is very close to our southern trail loop, and it affords the opportunity to expand this trail into mature upland hardwood forest, adding to the diversity of terrain within KLNA. Just as important, the other 122 acres we will sell to a conservation buyer will also protect this area long identified by the Conservancy as a critical stopover habitat for migrating birds.

"The Cathead Bay/Lighthouse Point area has long been a focus for protection by the Leelanau Conservancy for a couple of simple reasons," says Conservancy President Tom Dunfee. "We had the luxury of building from a core of protected lands, primarily in Leelanau State Park, and we had a group of property owners who really appreciate the wild beauty of the area. Add to that the fact that conservation science points us in this direction – Cathead Bay is one of just a handful of Great Lakes Portfolio Sites identified by The Nature Conservancy in Michigan – and it's easy to see why we've put so much effort into this area."



The treeline in the distance is part of the 40 acres that will increase our Kehl Lake Natural Area to 220 acres.

And those efforts have certainly paid off. Beginning with the purchase of Kehl Lake's original 113 acres in 1990, 16 projects totaling 625 acres have added to that core of protected land around the state park. In so doing, the vision of wildlife corridors connecting Northport Bay to Cathead Bay, and Cathead Point to Lighthouse Point, is taking shape (see map on pg 2). Here are the key additions just in the last six months.

- December 2006 – We received notification that 51 acres and 1,400 feet of shoreline at the very northeastern reaches of the peninsula will forever be protected through a \$2 million Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant.
- June 2007 – We closed on our Lighthouse West Project, a \$1.6 million, 42-acre property with 640 feet of shoreline on the

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The property is a haven for migratory birds.

I love the summer time! The gathering of family and friends has always been one of my favorite times up north. Sand in every room of the house, grandchildren squealing on the beach or playing king or queen of the raft, and those early-evening cookouts with the smell of burgers, brats, and hot dogs that stir memories of summer times of long ago. This early summer has been particularly rewarding at the Conservancy as well. We closed on the purchase of Lighthouse West at the tip of the peninsula just recently, adding 640 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline. At the other end of the county, we opened our new hiking trail through the Chippewa Run Natural Area coinciding with our first Sustainers group outing of this year. In addition we have a number of new conservation easements throughout the county to report as well as some outright purchases of important lands that are in the final phases of negotiations with our busy land protection staff.



On the issue of land protection you may recall that last August Congress passed legislation greatly expanding the tax incentives for donations of conservation easements. By raising the deduction from 30% to 50% of income and extending the deduction from five to fifteen years, these incentives make it possible for moderate-income families to protect their land while realizing significant tax savings. In addition, the legislation helps protect farmland by allowing farmers to deduct up to 100% of their income.

We have already seen firsthand the impact of this legislation. We are working on more than twice the number of projects we would have expected without the legislation, including two especially exciting projects involving historic farms off M-204. Quite simply, we would not be able to preserve this land without these incentives.

However, these incentives only apply to landowners who protect their land by the end of 2007. Our congressman, Dave Camp, has introduced legislation to make the incentives permanent, but the way the legislative process works, it remains uncertain whether this legislation will pass before the tax incentives expire in December. We will continue to push to see this vital legislation enacted, but landowners considering donating an easement should take advantage of the tax savings while they are still available.

Enjoy the rest of the summer !

Tom Dunfee

Addition to Kehl Lake NA (cont'd)

northwestern coastline of the peninsula which is now forever preserved as a key component of this crucial wildlife area.

- July of 2007 – 162 acres of undeveloped lands adjacent to our Kehl Lake Natural Area protected, with 40 acres of upland hardwood forest to be added to KLNA.

With these recent additions, that long-term focus on one of the most wild and unique landscapes Leelanau County has to offer is really paying off. Now that's worth celebrating!



Migratory Bird Survey at the Tip

We always knew the tip of the Leelanau Peninsula was a special place for birds, but with help from a grant from the Michigan Coastal Management Program and expertise from Saving Birds Thru Habitat staff and volunteers, we were able to count the ways. Visit our website for a list of the 72 species found during the Lighthouse West Bird Survey conducted in May. "In general, the property is a haven for migratory birds, particularly during inclement weather in the spring," says Saving Birds Thru Habitat Director, Kay Charter. "The habitat is varied enough that it offers quality stopover sites for virtually all species traveling north through Leelanau County."

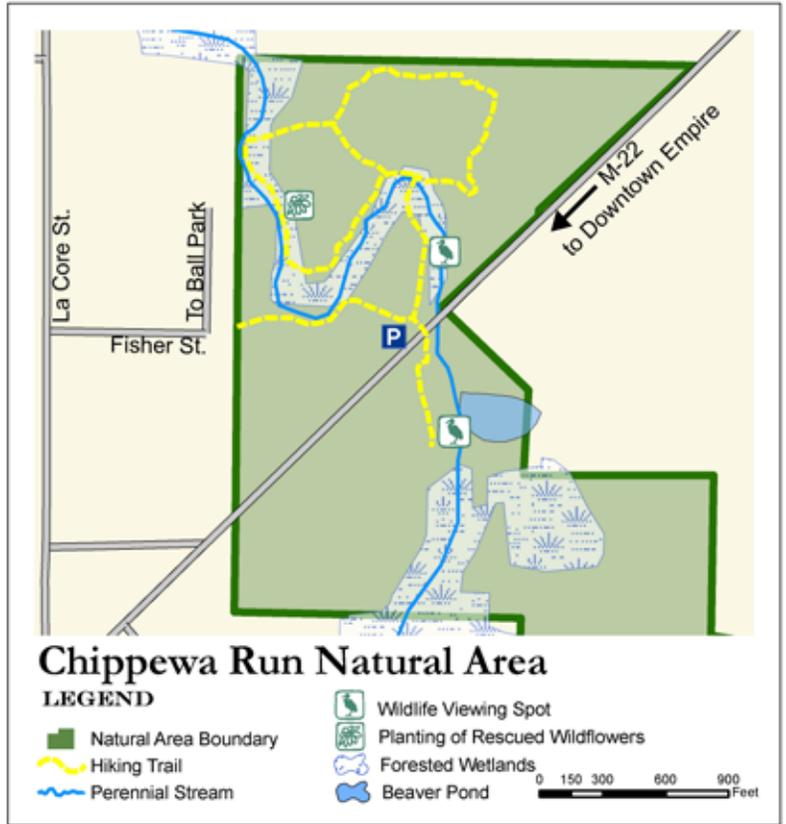
Special thanks to Marlin Bussey, Pauline McClure, Ann McInnis and Jeff and Becky Kingery for helping with the survey. "We know there are many more birds who stop over and nest in this area and we plan to keep counting and protecting important bird areas," says Stewardship Director Jenée Rowe.

Chippewa Run's Terrific New Trail: Get Out There!

This summer our stewardship staff and volunteers created a gorgeous new 1 ¼ mile trail system. It leads visitors through and around some of the most interesting and beautiful natural features of this 110-acre property that serves as the "Gateway to Empire." Check out our calendar on page 14 for opportunities to visit with a docent, or hike it on your own. This place is known for its array of songbirds and raptors, and provides a way for you to see many habitats in one place. We hope you'll visit the new trail soon!



The new easy 1¼ mile trail winds along a stream shaded by large maple trees, then crosses into an old apple orchard. Hikers can take a crossover trail back to the stream or venture ahead and climb a short hill into a forest of fir trees for a view of the winding stream and beaver ponds.



In late June some 50 Conservancy Sustainers hiked the trail with staff and docents at one of our two summer Sustainer gatherings.



Steve Young and Sarah Cook pick up and recycle a small dump of old glass bottles. We couldn't have created this trail without our dedicated group of volunteers who collectively donated 64 hours in May and June to help staff build the trail and clean up the Natural Area. Many, many thanks!



NEWS AND NOTES FROM LEELANAU CONSERVANCY'S NEWEST NATURAL AREA

Pathfinder Students: Visualizing a Restored Wetland

The significance of teaching future generations about the effects of invasive species is immense. Recently, Pathfinder students visited the DeYoung Natural Area in order to learn about the cedar forest there and how it is impacted by the invading shrub, glossy buckthorn. Stewardship Director Jenée Rowe spent a few field sessions teaching 5th through 8th graders about what plants and animals would live in the area if the invasive species were removed. In a special partnering of preschoolers with the middle school, the older students in turn taught the younger students, demonstrating that the best way to learn about a topic is to teach it yourself.

The students worked together on projects at DeYoung that incorporated both science and art. They collected natural materials and built "trail markers" that symbolized their vision for what will come back in the place of the glossy buckthorn. "The goal was to show the positive long-term vision we have for this landscape and inspire them to tackle future landscapes in need of preservation and restoration," says Jenee.

Teacher Sarah Johnson echoed Jenee's enthusiasm. "It's so great to get students outside this time of year, especially with a project that incorporates art and science at the same time. This was all kid-generated; their job was to use material from nature that they collected to create something together."

Seventh grader Jesse Einhorn-Johnson says that she liked
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Traverse City Youth Corps: Growing at DeYoung by Tracy Watson



The Leelanau Conservancy proudly welcomes four Traverse City Youth Corps crews to our DeYoung Natural Area this summer. These high school students have already been a huge help. They planted hundreds of tree seedlings that will attract wildlife and have helped extensively with maintenance work on the property.

Most recently, the Youth Corps worked with farmer Bob Siera, a great neighbor of our DeYoung Natural Area, who also owns Leelanau Produce. Bob Siera, who retired from the Traverse City Public School system in the early 90's, helped the students cultivate a garden plot. Further plans call for teen mothers of Traverse City's alternative high school to tend and harvest the garden and bring fresh vegetables home to their families. Bob helped students to turn the soil, taught them efficient planting methods and even helped them to rig up a gravity-fed irrigation system to keep the plants watered.

"Nobody ever taught these kids how to farm," says Donna Novak, a Traverse City teacher and Youth Corps crew leader. "I think it's important that we get them out here so that they can learn these processes. This is the first time that the Youth Corps has had its 'own' garden."

Our partnership with the Traverse City Youth Corps demonstrates how great a resource the DeYoung Natural Area is to the surrounding community. It provides opportunity for these students to gain valuable work experience and has enabled the Leelanau Conservancy to cultivate an awesome partnership with the region's youth!



Rotary Challenge Complete!

In our last newsletter, we reported on the \$50,000 Rotary Charities Matching Challenge for DeYoung and asked for readers' help to close in on the final funds. *We did it!* As of this writing, we have secured \$683,639 in gifts and pledges toward our \$1 million fundraising goal. Thank you, Rotary, and thanks to the many donors who stepped forward with support.

The first phase of DeYoung is a \$2.1 million project. To reach that mark, we have partnered with Elmwood Township to apply for the additional \$1 million from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The review process is now underway, and while we will not know the State's response until December, we owe great thanks to the Elmwood Township Board and Parks & Recreation Committee for their support.

This year, we've really worked hard to create ways for the community to begin "discovering DeYoung." Watching people begin to build their own relationships to the property has been one of the most rewarding aspects of our work. Visitors walk the new trail, wander the tall grass, paint the landscape, attend outdoor classes, learn about local history, build raptor nest boxes, and dig their hands in the earth. Soon kids will park their bikes and put their poles in the water at the DeYoung fishing pier. The ways to quietly explore or actively engage with the property will expand even more over time - and people cannot wait!

Our relationship to the land matters. Every gift also matters. Over 425 people have supported DeYoung since December of 2005... we have come a long, long way! With just over \$300,000 yet to raise, however, your help remains important. Please join your voice to that of your neighbors and consider making a gift to an amazing community resource: the DeYoung Natural Area on Cedar Lake.

How You Can Help! We Need...

- Donations large and small to help us reach our goal of \$1 million in private funding to make this property ours forever! As of this date, we are \$300,000 away from meeting that goal.
- Volunteers to remove invasive species (cut, drag, be outdoors!)
- Volunteers to distribute flyers and newsletters, and to help with events
- Material and labor to repair the machine shop roof
- Shade trees for the Leelanau Trail drinking fountain area
- \$100/\$500 gift card for volunteer work and work bee tools
- Trail utility vehicle
- Trailer (even to lend when needed)

Students at DeYoung (cont'd from pg 3)

touring the property, collecting things to make trail markers. "We got to talk to our little buddies about the importance of the activity and help them to understand."

The importance of the DeYoung Natural Area to our county and the area's students is invaluable. What an amazing tool to inspire these students to look towards the future! "I was really proud of the progress and their level of understanding of these complex ecosystem issues," says Jenee. "I loved seeing 150 kids enjoying the new DeYoung Natural Area."

Glossy buckthorn was brought from Eurasia and North Africa and introduced to the Americas for ornamental purposes, and more specifically in Leelanau County, for erosion control. The shrub thrives in richly bio-diverse wet areas, crowding and shading out natives such as the cedar, yellow birch, red osier dogwood, and under story plants like sensitive ferns. Our native plant species serve purposes that the invasive glossy buckthorn cannot. Migratory birds depend on wetlands, particularly the species in the cedar forest, for food sources such as insects, larvae and berries. The buckthorn is a poor food source and does not host these creatures.



Hey all you bloggers!
Come see what I
found at DeYoung!



Visit my blog at www.theconservancy.com/blog
"My motto? When exploring, always bring a snack."
— the DeYoung Squirrel



“There’s no reason the structures at DeYoung can’t live on for another 100 years.”

History Lesson

We’re lucky to have Traverse City architect Ken Richmond, who has worked extensively in historical documentation and preservation, volunteering his time on our DeYoung project. He literally has been guiding our hand when it comes to the buildings on this historic farmstead. We don’t make a move without his advice - from rebuilding the rotting porch on the old farmhouse to replacing the doors on the lower hay barn.

In June, Ken toured our Conservancy docents around the property to share his knowledge of the history of the DeYoung Farm and to point out architectural features so that the docents can in turn convey the information to visitors like you. Old apple-picking ladders, a split silo that once held two types of grain, and remnants of white paint in the dairy barn were among the things he cited. Ken says it was common to paint milking areas white to create an aura of cleanliness.

Speaking on behalf of the Conservancy,” he told the group, “we would love to see these old buildings used again, not closed up like time capsules. There’s no reason they can’t live on for another 100 years, with an appropriate re-use, if they are properly restored. But,” he added, “updating and refurbishing the structures will take a lot of money.”

“That’s very true,” says Anne Shoup, Director of Charitable Giving. “Once we’ve cleared the financial hurdles associated with simply owning the property, we hope to bring these old buildings back to life one day.”



Thanks to a grant from the Oleson Foundation, a hand pump water fountain along the TART trail was put in this spring for passing hikers and bikers. We also installed bike racks and a gravel parking lot near the lower hay barn.



Let’s go Fishing!

In August we’ll build a new fishing pier off our Cedar Lake Trail. The new pier will be a great place for people of all ages to come and put in a line. The pier will also include specially designed areas where people with disabilities can also cast a line! Pictured here: Emily Beyer catching pan fish from the lake in years past.



Ken Richmond, (blue jacket), with Conservancy Docents and Brian Price, Executive Director, points out Greek revival details on the DeYoung chicken coop. “This building has an attitude,” he joked. “Somebody really cared about this little building!”

DeYoung... in a Nutshell

The 145-acre DeYoung Natural Area is located on Cherry Bend Road, just 1.5 miles north of the Traverse City city limits. Hop in your car or “bike to hike” from Traverse City by following the TART Leelanau Trail, which runs through the property. DeYoung showcases the Up North habitats and landscapes we all love so well, including a beautiful mix of farmland and forested hillsides overlooking Cedar Lake and the Old Mission Peninsula, a pond and clear stream, sensitive wetlands, an historic farmstead, and nearly a mile of natural Cedar Lake shoreline. There is something here for everyone - DeYoung hosts trail hiking, learning events for all ages, work bees (get your hands dirty!), and school projects. Our dreams for this property are so exciting, but DeYoung is YOUR resource... come visit!

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Meet Our Interns!

This terrific trio is proving to be an immense help to our staff while they gain valuable work experience. Tracy and Peter are veteran interns from summer 2006, who hit the floor running when they arrived in May. Sarah has quickly stepped in, helping to lead volunteers at work bees and working on our Leelanau Preserver tile project at the Leland Village Green. We love their strong backs, youthful energy, challenging questions and willing attitude.

Peter Povolo

I'm back for my second summer as a stewardship intern under the wing of my fearless leader, Stewardship Director Jenée Rowe. I have grown up in Leelanau County, and graduated from Leland Public School in 2004. I will be a senior at Northern Michigan University, pursuing a B.S. in Outdoor Recreation Leadership and Management. I would like to become a ranger for the National Park Service. While at NMU, I serve as the Treasurer for (OORP) Organization for Outdoor Recreation Professionals, the 06-07 student organization of the year. I am an avid outdoorsman and through my pursuits have learned the importance of preserving Leelanau County.

This summer I will be working on projects at the DeYoung and Chippewa Run Natural Areas. I will head up work bees and guide volunteers with trail work and other goals. Another fun project has been working with the Traverse City Youth Corps. The Conservancy has partnered with the Youth Corps from the alternative high school in Traverse City to provide opportunities for service projects at some of our natural areas. It has been very rewarding to work with this hard-working, fun-loving group of kids.

Sarah Cook

I am the Conservancy's newest stewardship intern and am a 2005 graduate of Glen Lake High School. This fall I will be a junior at the University of Michigan where I am pursuing a B.S. in "Program in the Environment." On campus I am involved with many environmental and volunteer groups, such as SEEDS which promotes ecological awareness, and when at home I enjoy producing radio segments for Radio Anyway on WNNC.

My family moved to Leelanau County from the Ann Arbor area in the late 90's because we wanted to escape the urban sprawl that is so prominent in many Michigan communities. Leelanau was an obvious choice for us because of family in the area and because the county represents a unique and beautiful example of preserving valuable natural space. Now my family lives near Cedar on property we have put into a conservation easement to create a block of protected land with our neighbors. I love being outdoors, exploring the county and swimming. I am really enjoying being a stewardship intern because we get to help maintain Conservancy lands and help volunteers involve themselves in our community.



Our fantastic summer interns (l to r): Tracy Watson, Peter Povolo, Sarah Cook

Tracy Watson

You may recognize me from last summer. I am back once again working in Communications. My family has strong roots in the area, dating back to some of the earliest settlers in the 1850s of the Port Oneida region. I am proud to be a Leelanau native, having grown up in the Glen Arbor area and am a 2005 Glen Lake H.S. graduate. I will be a senior at Grand Valley State University and am seeking a B.S. in Communications, with a minor in Public and Non-profit Administration, as well as an American Humanics certificate in Nonprofit Leadership and Management. I also serve as president of the Student Environmental Coalition while at school. Following college, I want to enroll in a national service organization such as Americorps, and pursue graduate work through CMU.

I am excited to be back this summer, helping with special events such as our Annual Picnic and Auction, working on graphic design, coordinating booth events, contacting volunteers, and learning more about public relations, development, and marketing.

I love this area, and am blessed to call it home. I am truly fortunate to have grown up here. I realize the importance of preserving our beautiful county's natural and historical assets for generations to come, and enjoy devoting my energies and learning experiences towards the mission of the Conservancy.



It is very important to note that the new federal income tax incentives apply to conservation gifts made in 2006 and 2007. If Congress fails to extend the incentives this year, then they will end on December 31, 2007.

Timing is Everything... And Now is the Time to Consider That Conservation Easement

Once had a teacher whose mantra was 'Timing is everything'. To that end, 2007 offers an unprecedented opportunity for landowners who care deeply about their land to realize newly increased federal income tax incentives AND prevent the "pop-up" of property taxes with the donation of a qualifying conservation easement (CE) over their land. In August 2006, President Bush signed into law new federal income tax incentives for conservation easement donations. The new incentives were designed to encourage people of modest income who wish to protect valuable conservation land.

Under the "old" law, an individual could deduct the value of a CE donation of up to 30% of the donor's adjusted gross income (AGI) for the year, with a five-year carry forward of any unused amount. These restrictions prevented some CE donors from utilizing the full value of their donation, particularly when land was held in a corporation, or when the CE had a high appraised value, but the donor had a relatively low income. The new law allows the donors of a CE to deduct up to 50% of their AGI for the year of the gift and carry forward any unused portion of that donation for up to 15 years after the year of the donation (10 more years than was previously allowed). The new law also treats corporations the same as individuals. And finally, "qualifying farmers or ranchers" (individual or corporation) can deduct up to 100% of their AGI for a qualifying CE. *It is very important to note that the new federal income tax incentives apply to conservation gifts made in 2006 and 2007. If Congress fails to extend the incentives this year then they will end on December 31, 2007.*

In addition to the time-sensitive federal income tax incentives, there is another change in state law that occurred in

December 2006 that provides additional significant financial incentives for donating a CE. With the passage of PA 446 *a property owner can prevent property taxes from skyrocketing when land is passed down or sold by donating a CE over qualifying land before it transfers.* To understand what this might mean in your situation, simply consult your tax bills to check the difference between taxable value and your state equalized value. Your actual property taxes are based on multiplying the lower taxable value by the prevailing millage rate in your township. When you transfer the land to a new owner, whether by sale or by a bequest or gift to your children, the property tax law states that the taxes must "pop-up" to the state equalized value. PA 446 provides a great solution for conservation minded landowners wanting to sell or transfer their land intact without creating an unsustainable property tax burden for the new owners.

These remarkable new incentives give landowners the ability to protect the land they love while realizing significant new financial incentives not previously available. To make sure that landowners are able to take full advantage of this limited window the Conservancy is trying to contact as many landowners as possible so they are aware of this amazing opportunity. Already this year we've handled inquiries and have projects in the works at twice the rate that we would have in a normal year, but we have made provisions to accommodate this welcome workload. We encourage landowners in Leelanau County who want to discuss their options to contact us asap. Less than sixmonths remain to utilize increased federal income tax incentives. And most importantly, as always, it is advisable to get good individualized tax advice to know for sure how these additional incentives might apply to a particular situation.

--Matt Heiman, Land Protection Specialist

Impact of Federal Tax Changes on Conservation Easement Donations

	<u>Old Law</u>	<u>New Law</u>
Individuals		
Adjusted Gross Income Limitation	30%	50%*
Carry-forward of Unused Contribution	5 years	15 years
Corporations		
Taxable Income Limitation	10%	50%*
Carry-forward of Unused Contribution	5 years	15 years

Note that if your family land is in a corporation, the previous tax law made it very difficult to get full value of the deduction from a conservation easement gift. That has changed. Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006 corporations are treated equally with individuals. Also, under the new law, qualified farms can offset up to 100% of adjusted gross income for the gift of a conservation easement. Lands held in a corporation or as part of a qualified family farm are special but important cases, and we encourage you to contact the Conservancy directly as well as to seek professional advice if you qualify under these rules.

*100% for qualified farms

Excerpt from the Conservation Easement Guidebook for Landowners Guidebook.
To read more, download the complete guidebook at www.theconservancy.com

Nearly one in four acres of tart cherries nationwide is found right here in Leelanau County.



Why Protect Leelanau County Farmland?

by Dan Scripps

In our spring newsletter, we focused on our challenge in finding a new way forward in protecting the working farms of Leelanau County. In this edition, we follow up on that by looking at what's at stake in the discussions regarding farmland protection. In the November newsletter, we'll focus on the Leelanau Conservancy's strategy to protect this resource.

A Globally Unique Resource

Leelanau County boasts some of the best farmland in the world. Nearly one in four acres of tart cherries nationwide is found right here in Leelanau. Local farmers also grow nearly 50% of all Michigan sweet cherries, and half of all cherries grown in Northwest Michigan are grown in Leelanau County. Our county also leads the region in growing apples, pears, peaches and plums, and we're second in the region in grape production. Furthermore, the combination of roadside stands, farmers' markets and Community Supported farms (CSAs) makes Leelanau a natural nexus between those who love locally grown foods and the farmers that grow them.

The productivity of our farms contributes heavily to the local economy. Farming remains our county's second largest economic sector, and the crossover with agri-tourism destinations contributes to making Leelanau County so appealing for residents and visitors alike. Simply put, Leelanau County would not be the same without our working farms.

Intense Development Pressure

Unfortunately, we are very much at risk of losing the farms and farmland that contribute so much to our nation's agricultural production and our local way of life. Between 1990 and 2000, Leelanau County lost 10,000 acres of productive agricultural land - 20% of the farmland in the county! Worse, these trends are accelerating. According to a report recently cited in the *Leelanau Enterprise*, Leelanau lost more cherry acreage between 2003 and 2006 than any other county in the state. Furthermore, Northwest Michigan has been Michigan's fastest growing region for over a decade, and virtually all of the counties in the region are among the fastest growing counties in the state. At this pace, by 2050 agriculture in Leelanau County will be relegated to the margins of our community - making me wonder where my children and grandchildren will get their cherry pie, where we will go for local food, and how those who farm this land will make a living.

It is within this context of a globally unique agricultural resource threatened by intense development pressures that the Leelanau Conservancy is working to develop a blueprint to protect our working farms, promote our local agriculture and preserve our rural character. Check out our next newsletter for details on how we plan to move forward.



Dan Scripps joined the Leelanau Conservancy in February for a one-year position funded jointly by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and a Michigan-based family foundation. Dan's charge: to develop a new approach to protecting farmland in Leelanau County by researching best practices from around the country; considering ways to spur local philanthropy to protect Leelanau's working farms; analyzing policy options and funding sources at the state and national level; and reaching out to farmers and others to build community support for this new approach.

As part of his research, Dan recently returned from a two-week fact-finding trip that included discussions with ten land conservancies from Virginia to Vermont, as well as meeting with the Washington DC staff of both Senator Stabenow and Congressman Camp to discuss federal farmland protection issues.

"We're at a crucial juncture when it comes to protecting Leelanau County farmland," said Scripps. "While there are no easy answers, we're leaving no stone unturned in our search for innovative ways to protect our globally unique and acutely threatened working farms, ensure the continued economic viability of agriculture in Leelanau County and guarantee that future generations have access to fresh, healthy, locally grown food."



“The experience will enrich your summer, and allow you to give a little something back to this organization that does so much for all of us.”

Making the Connection

by Mary Haberland Hengelbrok

Every summer my family and I drive up from Florida to spend two weeks with my husband's parents at their cottage on Lake Leelanau. Over 20 summers in Leland, the Leelanau Peninsula has remained one of the most beautiful areas I have ever visited, in large part because so much of the land is being preserved for all of us to enjoy. Years ago we learned about the wonderful mission of the Conservancy, and in past summers, we explored many of the natural areas saved through the organization's efforts. This summer, instead of just writing a check to support the Conservancy's work, we decided to volunteer our time as well.

Volunteering is very easy. All I had to do was e-mail the Conservancy and was quickly offered a variety of opportunities. My sons Dave and Tim, ages 16 and 14, joined me one morning in folding and stuffing envelopes for Conservancy mailings, and in sorting and tagging t-shirts. At lunchtime my husband, Jim, picked up the boys at the office, and the three of them headed for Chippewa Run Natural Area, where they joined a group of volunteers setting posts for newly developed trails.

The following week the four of us drove to the Conservancy offices after hours, and weeded one of the shrubbery beds outside. Living in Florida, where weeds provide the only green in our yard, the boys were unfamiliar with this task, but we followed staff instructions and pulled up everything that wasn't a shrub. We actually had a lot of



Mary and sons, enjoying the beauty of Leelanau after spending part of their vacation volunteering.

fun, joking and competing with one another as we filled two bags with weeds. Later that week we took Nana and Pop with us to Chippewa Run. We walked the trail together and admired the work the boys had done with their father.

Altogether, the four of us contributed about 25 hours of volunteer time, although individually, none of us worked more than 7 hours. In addition to learning more about the Conservancy's projects, the boys earned volunteer hours required by their high schools. More importantly, we all now feel more connected to the Leelanau Peninsula. I encourage other supporters to volunteer. The experience will enrich your summer, and allow you to give a little something back to this organization that does so much for all of us.

“Doing My Small Part”

We now have 60 members in our Heritage Society - a special group of people who have named the Leelanau Conservancy in their will or created an estate plan with the Conservancy as a beneficiary.

Meet the newest (and youngest) member of our Heritage Society, Courtney Miller, 28, who moved to Leelanau County six years ago, “right after college.” “Originally, I was going to move to Chicago,” says Courtney, “but, I decided that what Leelanau had to offer was more in line with what I was looking for in my life.



Courtney Miller, youngest member of our Heritage Society

Small community, nature, not a lot of hustle & bustle. I really wanted the kind of lifestyle that living in Leelanau could provide me. Growing up, I spent my summers here, just as my dad did when he was growing up. I played summer softball, and when I was old enough, went to work at Carlson's. I worked there every summer through college. After I graduated, I moved here, and was lucky enough to stay, find a job as a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch, and buy a house.”

Courtney says she joined the Heritage Society “because I want to make sure that when I am gone I have done my small part to ensure that the things I love about Leelanau will still be around for future generations to enjoy.”

Heritage Society is just one of the many ways Courtney gives to our organization. She is heading up our Picnic Local Foods Committee and, like last year, will be serving appetizers under the big tent. She has also, for three years, recruited colleagues at Merrill Lynch for Picnic underwriting, raising \$2,350 each year in individual, regional and corporate matching funds from Merrill Lynch!

To learn more about the Heritage Society, please call our Director of Charitable Giving, Anne Shoup (231-256-9665) or email her at ashoup@theconservancy.com

Preserver Tile Progress!



We've begun mounting tiles in our Leland Village Green that recognize Leelanau Preservers who have reached one-tenth-acre milestones or greater. We love the way this is turning out and know you will too. (Here, a section awaits final grouting, which will be finished by the time you read this.) Stop by and check it out when you are in Leland. The tiles are the creation of Suttons Bay artisan and super Conservancy volunteer, Leif Sporck.

Wildflower Rescuers: Thank You!

They did it again, those wonderful wildflower rescuers! This dedicated group spent hours and hours digging up wildflowers to save them from being turned under by a bulldozer and to raise funds for the Leelanau Conservancy by selling them at their annual Memorial Weekend Village Green Plant Sale. The sale raises about \$25,000 annually to maintain our beautiful Leland Village Green gardens and to contribute to an endowment for future care of the Green, ensuring that locals and visitors alike have a beautiful place to visit in Leland for years to come. Their good works also extend beyond the event: sale leftovers are planted at our natural areas. We love this group, an effective force for both saving and proliferating the spread of native wildflowers in Leelanau. And, because the Green is right across the street from our offices, we see first hand just how many people wander the gardens or sit quietly amidst the beauty to rest, think, or eat a picnic lunch. Thank you, Wildflower Rescuers, for all your hard work!



The Wildflower Rescue Annual Memorial Weekend Plant Sale helps rescued plants find a home



"It's a great example of what can happen when people have a vision and are willing to work together,"

Suttons Bay's 45th Parallel Park a Done Deal!

It's official. Suttons Bay Township and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) have a new jointly-owned park. MDOT owns the four-acre waterfront strip of land along M-22 just north of Suttons Bay known as the "45th Parallel Park." The state's portion includes 435 feet of West Grand Traverse Bay. The township acquired 43 adjacent acres just across M-22, where it plans to create walking trails, scenic overlooks and interpretive signage.

Suttons Bay and MDOT officials closed on the property in April. The lion's share of the project funds came from a \$419,000 MDOT grant. Suttons Bay Township was able to secure the funds in part because M-22 is part of the state designated Leelanau Scenic Heritage Route. The grant funding left a \$96,000 shortfall and so the township absorbed half the burden and approached the Leelanau Conservancy for help with raising the remaining funds. "We're glad to help preserve this beautiful piece of land for the public to enjoy," says Brian Price, Conservancy Director. "Suttons Bay Township is to be commended for having a vision for this park and working so hard to make it happen."

The new park is a culmination of years of work and coordination between local, state and federal public officials, the Conservancy, the Leelanau Scenic Heritage Route Committee, Rotary Charities, Northwest Council of Governments and ordinary citizens serving on township committees. "It's a great



Director Brian Price, far right, and Board Member Barbara Nelson-Jameson, third from left, were part of the ribbon cutting crew in May, celebrating Suttons Bay Township's acquisition of the 45th Parallel Park.

example of what can happen when people have a vision and are willing to work together," said Tom Nixon, chairperson of the Heritage Route Committee and a member of the township's parks and recreation committee.

Dick Catton, a trustee on the township board, agrees. "It was great to see how the private community and all levels of government can work together for the public benefit. It was a team effort and we all win."

Raising the Bar

We're proud to be one of the first land trusts in the country to be accepted in a new national accreditation pilot program. This pilot program is sponsored by the Land Trust Alliance, a national umbrella organization which helps to strengthen land trusts across the country. Twenty-two organizations were asked to apply and the Conservancy was notified in May that it had been accepted. In order to be accepted for review, the Conservancy submitted a comprehensive package of reports detailing its organizational and land conservation practices. The accreditation program will recognize land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. "Participating in the LTA's accreditation process is an excellent tool to help us continue to adhere to the highest standards and ensure our success for many years to come," said Conservancy Director Brian Price.



Sustainers Roland and Diane Drayson with Conservancy President Tom Dunfee (left). Roland, University of Michigan Professor Emeritus of Atmospheric Sciences, spoke in May to over 100 Conservancy supporters about climate change and its potential impact on Leelanau County weather, water levels and ecology.



Welcome New Sustainers!

We now have over 450 individuals/families who make an annual pledge of \$500 or more to support the operations of the Conservancy, giving us the consistency we need to insure we meet our long-term goals for protecting this very beautiful place. Sustainers are special people with special events held in their honor. To learn more about joining the Sustainers Circle, call Gayle at 256-9665 or email her at gayle@theconservancy.com. Thanks to all our loyal Sustainers. Your support is critical to our ongoing success.

New Sustainers:

Gary and Christine Armbrecht
Adrian and Pamela Baker
Duane and Jean Bingel
Patrick and Irene Bruen
Marie Coppa
Mrs. Karen Douma
Ronald & Ilse Dove
Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Duck, III

William and Joan Elder
Bob Elliott
John and Vicki Gudritz
Dr. John W. Hays
Alan and Teri Kasper
Daniel & Connor Kostrzewa & Melissa Yeomans
Nancy Malecki
Michael and Theresa Morton

Martha Norris & Todd Kennell
Bill Pumphrey & Julie Thomas
Betty V. Rhoades
Lucille and Connie Riopelle
Scot & Christiane Roemer
Dr. William C. Scharf
Gary Schultheiss & Barbara Richman
Gary and Margaret Valade

Meet Bob Elliott, new Sustainer

"I'm the third of five generations of my family to enjoy Leelanau County. And I'm the second generation to have made this our year round home. My 11 year old grandson is all excited about the fact that he will inherit the family property on Good Harbor Bay one of these days! I have always enjoyed the beauty and the wildness of the county. I became a Sustainer that I might help the Conservancy keep parts of the county the way they have been all these years." says Bob.



In addition to being a Sustainer, Bob is part of our hardworking mailing crew. Here he is, labeling Picnic fliers.

M-22 Makers to Donate % of Sales

The makers of the wildly popular M-22 stickers, t-shirts and other clothing and household items have announced that they will donate a percentage of yearly sales to the Leelanau Conservancy. "Those fortunate enough to experience the areas on or around M-22 understand that it is one of North America's best kept secrets, and are absolutely proud to represent their ties to the region," says sales manager and Conservancy member Will Harper. This hot line can be found at many shops around the region, or online at: <http://www.m22online.com/>. Thank you, everyone at M-22!



Sustainers pause on a hike of the new Cedar Lake trail for a photo op. Left to right: Debby Igleheart, Jack and Pat Krause and Joan Searby.



2007 Summer and Fall Hike Schedule

Important Note: We are pleased to offer this schedule of hikes and programs, led by our knowledgeable volunteer Docents. Do dress according to weather. So that we may provide the best experience possible and be fully prepared, we require (and appreciate!) advanced registration. Most hikes last around two hours unless otherwise noted. Please call 231-256-9665 to register and for questions about directions. Want to learn more about the Docent who will be leading your hike? Visit our website and read about their backgrounds, interests and teaching styles.

July

Sunday, July 29 8 pm Cedar River Full Moon Kayak

Experience sunset and moon rise at the Cedar River Natural Area. Take an evening kayak trip (canoes are fine too) down Victoria Creek with Leelanau Conservancy docents Alice Van Zoeren and Pam Schmidt and paddle back under the light of a full moon. Meet in Cedar at the parking area near the ball diamonds. You will need to provide your own kayak or canoe.

August



Thursday, August 2 5 pm Conservancy Friends Annual Picnic and Auction

The event of the season! See back of this newsletter for details, or go to www.theconservancy.com

Saturday, August 4 2 pm A Walking Tour of the DeYoung Natural Area

Join docent Dick Fidler for an informative hike around the DeYoung Natural Area. This special place is a very diverse area with many fun and interesting areas to tour and learn about. There is an enchanting new trail along Cedar Lake and lots of old buildings to see. Please call to register and get directions. 256-9665

Saturday, August 18 2 – 3 pm Kids' Hike at DeYoung

Conservancy docent, Bobbie Poor, will lead a children's hike on the new Cedar Lake Trail at 2 pm.

Sunday, August 19 2 pm

The Magnificent Teichner Natural Area
Join docents Jack Schultz and Ann Mason for a hike around one of Leelanau County's hidden gems – The Teichner Natural Area on Lime Lake. From the magnificent chestnut tree to the shores of this inland lake, you will be treated to a very enjoyable summer stroll.

Tuesday, August 21 10 am Poetry about Nature's Harvest Season at Kehl Lake

Let nature's harvest season inspire you to share a favorite poem or write one at the overlook platform along the lovely Kehl Lake trail. Docent Bobbie Poor, in her own unique manner, will lead an inspiring hike through this incredibly beautiful natural area.

Thursday, August 23 10 am Family Story Hour at the Houdek Dunes Natural Area

Docent Bobbie Poor would like you to join her on an adventure to enjoy a family hike where youngsters of all ages will learn about nature's poetry as they listen to tales under the Story Tree.

Saturday, August 25 7 pm A View of Lighthouse West at the Tip of the Peninsula

This area, with its stellar habitat for migrating birds in particular, is precious and unique. Located north of Northport near the Grand Traverse Lighthouse, it has been recently protected by the Leelanau Conservancy. This evening hike is a perfect opportunity to tour this property with docent Jack Schultz. The hike requires sure-footedness as there are some rocks and rough terrain to travel across. Proper shoes a must; walking sticks also recommended.

September

Saturday, September 8 2 pm It's Time to Explore the DeYoung Natural Area

Join docent Dick Fidler on an exploration field trip around this historic farmstead and 145-acre natural wonder. You'll take a leisurely stroll through the newly-constructed Cedar Lake Trail and wander past the barns and other historic structures. Dick will tell tales of life in the past at this farm and plans for the future.

Sunday, September 9 2 pm Have you Explored the New Chippewa Run Trail?

Docents Jack Schultz and Ann Mason will lead you around this beautiful new trail system in Empire, which was created this summer by volunteers and Stewardship staff. Join Jack and Ann for an informative and fun hike through one of the Conservancy's most diverse natural areas and home to dozens of bird species. You will travel past a perennial stream and pine plantation, through an old orchard and along a deep ravine.

Saturday, September 15 1 pm The End of Summer at Chippewa Run

Join Leelanau Conservancy docents David Harris and Ann Mason for a casual stroll around the incredibly beautiful natural area in Empire. There was a lot of focus on improving this natural area this spring and summer. Today would be the perfect time to discover our new trail system and see all that this area has to offer.

The Wild Mushrooms of Kehl Lake

Tuesday, September 18 10 am

Join Leelanau County's own mushroom expert Ed Reinert and docent Mary Lyons on an informative hike at the Kehl Lake Natural Area. The forest floor should be abundant with different species of mushrooms brought on by



fall rains. Be prepared to ask questions and learn everything you want to know about different types of mushrooms. Feel free to bring mushroom and fungus samples from your own property to discuss with Ed, especially if we are experiencing a fall drought.

Thursday, September 20 10 am Nature's Paint Box – The Whaleback Natural Area

Bring your colored pencils, crayons, or pastels and paper or camera to capture nature in her finest garb. Or come just to hike then carry away colorful memories of Whaleback's magical trail. Docent Bobbie Poor will lead this rigorous hike up to the top of Whaleback where you will get a complete view of "Nature's Paint Box."

Saturday, September 22 10 am Nature's Alarm Clock – The Autumnal Equinox at Kehl Lake

This time of year signals that it is time to get ready for colder and shorter days. Join Ann McInnis and Marsha Buehler at the Kehl Lake Natural Area as they investigate nature's myriad of preparations.

Saturday, September 22 3 - 5 pm Bird Houses and Hikes at DeYoung

Join us at DeYoung Natural Area hike the new trail, build a bird house. Kay Charter of Saving Birds Thru Habitat will be on-hand to help build Tree Branch Bluebird Houses, a style which prevents nest failure due to predation or heat stress. (The hike is *FREE*, but if you would like to build one of Kay's incredible bird houses to take home with you, please let us know when you register. Cost is \$30.)

Sunday, September 30 3 pm Plants, Animals and Fall Activities at Chippewa Run Natural Area

Take a hike with docent Alice Van Zoeren through this special spot in Empire. You will stroll along the new trail that was constructed this summer. Along the way you will view the many plants and signs of various animals that indicate their fall activities.

Saturday, October 6 2 pm What Happens in the Fall at DeYoung Natural Area?

Harvest season is here. Fall colors are everywhere. Birds are beginning to migrate south for the winter. What's left at DeYoung? A whole lot of nature waiting to be explored and discovered! Join docent Dick Fidler for an interesting and adventurous hike around the DeYoung Natural Area. View the old homestead, the Cedar Lake Trail and wander into the upland portion of the property.

Saturday, October 13 10 am Discover Nature's Marvelous Adaptations at Whaleback

Northern Michigan's fall color season is the

envy of the whole country. Discover some of the science behind nature's marvelous adaptations for winter survival on a discovery walk up Whaleback with docents Ann McInnis and Marsha Buehler. Bring along a little sketch book and coloring tools for a fun way to remember the day.

Saturday, October 20 3 - 5 pm Gearing Up for Halloween at DeYoung

Join us for afternoon cocoa and story-time in the DeYoung lower barn, followed by a twilight prowl of the Cedar Lake trail. (After the hike, we might even get to watch the bats take flight from the barn!)

DIRECTIONS TO NATURAL AREAS

TEICHER PRESERVE

There is a short trail down to the lake but much of this tangled wetland area is best viewed on a guided hike. From Leland, head south on M-22 about 8 miles and turn left on South (East) Lime Lake Rd, near the SW corner of the King's Challenge Golf Course at Sugarloaf. Once you turn off of M-22 onto Lime Lake Rd, it is just a short distance—about a mile—to the Preserve. Look for a fence on the right and park there.

CHIPPEWA RUN NATURAL AREA

Explore a 1 1/4 mile trail here on easy terrain. From the intersection of M-72 and M-22 in Empire, head north on M-22 about 7/10 of a mile. The parking area is located on the left, or northwest side of the street just south of the creek.

DEYOUNG NATURAL AREA

The 1/4 mile Cedar Lake Trail is located just across the TART trail. See kiosk. It is flat and winding.

FROM TRAVERSE CITY: From intersection of M-72 and M-22 in Traverse City (Tom's West Bay) go north on M-22 1.2 miles, turn left onto Cherry Bend Rd. Go 2.0 miles down Cherry Bend Rd., and look for the barn on your right. Pull into the parking area by the barn.

FROM LEELANAU COUNTY: From CR 641 and Cherry Bend Rd. intersection, go towards Traverse City on Cherry Bend Rd. about 2.1 miles, look for the barn on your left. Pull into the parking area by the barn.

KEHL LAKE NATURAL AREA

There are 2 loops here - a one-mile loop that meanders along the lake and through the forest and a new 3/4 mi trail through similar easy terrain. Although this hike is relatively easy, hiking shoes are necessary. Beginning from the junction of M-22 and M-201 (south of Northport), take M-201 through Northport. At 1.5 miles, M-201 ends and CR 640 begins as you follow the curve to the right. Follow 640 for 1 mile to Snyder Road and turn left. Follow Snyder Road for 1.5 miles to the parking area on the left. Kehl Lake is shown as Leg Lake on some maps.

WHALEBACK NATURAL AREA

The Whaleback trail is well-groomed and easy to follow, however, the trail quickly gains in elevation which can be rigorous. Wear shoes suitable to hiking. Beginning from the junction of M-22 and M-204 (3 mi S. of Leland), take M-22 north approx. 1 mile. A sign on the west (left) side of M-22 marks the entrance to the parking area. Continue straight for a few hundred feet on the gravel road entrance to the parking area.

HOUDEK DUNES NATURAL AREA

There are two loops here totalling 1.25 miles that traverse gentle, but sandy terrain. Steep steps lead you from the parking area to the trailhead. Beginning in Leland, drive north along M-22 approximately 5 miles to County Road 626. Proceed another 3/4 mile north along M-22. A sign on the west (left) side of the road marks the entrance to the parking area.



Thanks for your help!

Trail building, hike leading, envelope stuffing, poster distribution, letter signing and auction soliciting...and so much more—our volunteers are key to our success (and to lightening our staff load!). If we have neglected to name you, please know that we are no less grateful for all you do to help us. The following volunteers lent a hand since our last list was published. As always, thanks to our wonderful “working” board (see back page) who help us in countless ways day in and day out. We are always in need of volunteers - if you would like to help, please call or email cfaught@theconservancy.com. It's a great way to meet new people, have fun and feel great about helping to conserve the land, water and scenic character of Leelanau County!

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| Val Ance | Dick Fidler | Kathy Rymal |
| George Anderson | Judy Frederick | Pat & Larry Schleh |
| Tom Angus | Diane and Jim Gilbo | Cathy Schocker |
| Judy Balas | Mary Haberland | Leslie Schmid |
| Lois Bahle | David Harris | Pam Schmidt |
| Gary Bardenhagen | Jim, David & Tim Henglebrok | Jack Schultz |
| Paul Bauer | Bart and Gail Ingraham | Leif Sporck |
| Nora Bumb | Marnie Kohler | Laura Swire |
| Marsha Buehler | Franc & Mary Ann Krebs | Carey Thompson |
| Bill and Mary Kell Cayley | Ann Mason | Mary Tonneberger |
| Marie Christianson | Ann McInnis | Alice Van Zoeren |
| Janet Clarkson | Bob and Janet McKelvey | Betty Waite |
| Sue Corbin | Courtney Miller | Ann Watkins |
| Annette Deibel | Nancy Miller | Leese Wittus |
| Treva DeJong | Lisa Myer | Chuck Whetsel |
| Patricia Denton | Maxi Neugebauer | Dave & Carolyn Wollenhaupt |
| Roland Drayson | Ann & Herb Nichols | Steve Young |
| Bob Elliott | Sharon Oriel | Special thanks to KAL Excavating |
| Gina Erb | Carol Peterson | for their fantastic work and part- |
| Gail Evans | Christina Pfeufer | nership on the DeYoung Natural |
| Judy Evans | Bobbie Poor | Area parking lot and with the |
| Dave Faught | Ken Richmond | removal of autumn olive and cherry |
| Dennis and Erika Ferguson | Kathy Rowe | trees in the reforestation area! |



Staff News: Meet Nancy Thomas



Nancy Thomas, our new Accounting and Administrative Assistant

me! My husband, Jim, had vacationed here many summers

October 1975 was a spectacular autumn in Leelanau County. With just the right combination of temperatures, rain, and sun, the colors were the most vivid I had ever seen. Coupled with the sun dancing on the blue water as we traveled the last leg of our trip down M-22 into Northport, it was love at first sight for

as a child, staying at Beach Home, the name given to the Thomas summer home along Smith Avenue in Northport. Moving here has been a dream of mine ever since that day. Jim and I have at last succeeded in making our move and we have landed on a 40-acre parcel near Kehl Lake. Our home is taking shape and I have found a job. And, it's not just any job, it's a job at the Leelanau Conservancy!

Having completed my first three months at the Conservancy, I am proud to be baby-stepping my way into an organization comprised of enormous talent and dedication. I feel privileged to have this opportunity and I look forward to making a contribution to your community of preservers.



Honorariums & Memorials

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(Received between 3/5/07 and 7/05/07)

In Honor of

Diana Aug
Viktor Incentives & Meetings

Bellwether Gardens
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Rosenberg

Martha Blenkhorn
Ms. Marcia Manseau

Mark Cantrell and Kathy Rymal
Ms. Rebecca Perczyk

David Cassard
Mid-West Brokers, Inc

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Drs. Ann and Conrad Mason

Molly Harrison
Dr. and Mrs. Rodney P. Geier

Edward A. Manseau
Ms. Marcia Manseau

John Nelson - GT Baykeeper
Mr. and Mrs. Doug Sherman

Einer Peterson
Mrs. Nancy Peterson

Arleen Rae
Mr. Curtis A. Cummins

Dick and Lou Ristine
Mr. and Mrs. Berkley W. Duck,
III

The Harris Family
David and Marcia Harris

The Ruby Ellen Farm
Mrs. Dolores J. Scheidel

Mr. and Mrs. William Zoufal
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lewis

Wedding Wishes!

Adam Nemon & Billie Johnson
Barry Nemon & Barbara Stark-Nemon

Paul and Amy Sutherland
Robin and Chris Bahle

Amy Swenson & Jeremy Darrow
Mr. Justin Dula

Happy Fathers Day!

Jack Ferguson
Ms. Sarah Ferguson

John W. Fisher
Joanie Woods

Happy Mother's Day!

Janice Fisher
Joanie Woods

Mary Lyons
Mr. and Mrs. Kent N. Holton

Joanie Woods
Stephanie and Mark Duckmann

Happy Anniversary!

George & Eloise Basta's 50th
Mr. and Mrs. George W. Anderson

Jack & Darlene Carpenter's 50th
Ms. Tammy Carpenter
Mr. Timothy P. Carpenter
Ms. Jane Vivyan

Ed & Jeanne Falberg's 60th
Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Ross

Marilyn and Tom Steele's 60th
Mrs. Mary E. Lyons

Brian & Susan Price's 30th
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Collins
Ms. Natasha W. Koss
Joy Lang and John Anderson

Happy Birthday!

Hugh Jones - 90th
Mrs. Susanne E. Rose Kraynak

Mary Woolford - 90th
Mrs. Jeannette R. Hodgson

David Harris - 62nd
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Harris

Chip Hoagland - 60th
Peter and Anne Magoun

Ben Fellows - 16th
Kurt and Eleanor Luedtke

Austin Fellows
Kurt and Eleanor Luedtke

Mary Lyons
Michael and Debbie Lyons
Mr. and Mrs. Kent N. Holton

Special Messages

In Honor of Matthew Brant's Confirmation
Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Brant

Congratulations to James C. and Patricia M. Ganter, NMEAC Environmentalists of the Year
First Merchants Trust Co.

In Honor of Charlie Driker Ohren's Bar Mitzvah
Ms. Donna Kaplowitz

In Memory of

Patrice & Donald Bailey
Anonymous

Janine Bellizi
Karen L. Chase & David Bellizi

Wilbur Bockstahler
Mrs. Julie K. Pung

John Booth
Craig A. and Nancy T. Miller
Pepper Hamilton LLP

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Mr. and Mrs. Theron M. Brokaw
Mr. and Mrs. Norton Bretz
Ms. Josephine Brokaw
Mrs. Paula S. Leinbach
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Ms. Gretchen Page
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Ms. Susan Ruzzo
Ms. Anneliese Scheef
Mr. and Mrs. Price Watts

Charles Arthur Brown
Elizabeth Bracken Wiese & Fred Wiese

Erma Ruth Brown
Mrs. Nancy Elifritz
Mr. and Mrs. Gary B. Twomey
Mr. T. Jeff Davis
Ms. Patricia Ditton
Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Mileham

Margaret Bumb
J. Richard Emens & Bea Emens Wolper

R. Alan Burt
Herb and Ann Nichols

Nina Burton
Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Bowen
Mr. and Mrs. Gene D. Lewis
Craig A. and Nancy T. Miller

Scott Anderson Casey
Kimberly Clark Foundation

Charles H. Chandler
Mr. and Mrs. William Ammerman
Phyllis Brown
Mrs. Joan Chandler



MEMORIALS

(Continued from page 18; Received between 3/05/2007 and 7/5/07)

Charles H. Chandler, (con't)

Mr. Joe Chandler
Rick and Judy Chandler
Steve and Elaine Chandler
FEMA R-VII
Mrs. Margaret Higley
Mr. David Higley
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Hoerner

Mrs. Judith C. Hoerner

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Marsh
Mrs. Jenny B. Peterson
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher W. Smith

Vi Church

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Olsen

Jerry and Shuy Claeys

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome J. Claeys, III

John C. Denny

Mrs. Kathryn Denny

Bernie Doyle

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shuster

Ann Elliott

Mr. Robert C. Elliott

James C. Ganter

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. George A. Ball
Mrs. Lena A. Ball
Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Beers
Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Bowen
Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Bracken
Mr. and Mrs. William G. Cray
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Donley
Stephanie and Mark Duckmann
Mrs. Virginia Eitzen
Ms. Susan J. Finke
Mr. and Mrs. David A. Galliher
Mr. James Jacobsen
Ms. Marcia Manseau
Dr. and Mrs. William J. McCool
Ms. Jennie M. Naffie
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Owsley
Mr. David T. Owsley
Chris and Ann Stack
Mrs. Sally Viskochil
Joan and Randy Woods

James C. Ganter, (con't)

Elizabeth Bracken Wiese &
Fred Wiese

Elvera Gladman

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Mrs. Eleanor B. Stephenson

Ann Hall

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Joyce Hendricks

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Nancy Hintermeister

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Mr. Gerald F. Nye

Thomas J. Hollmeyer

Mr. T. Jeff Davis

Phyllis Horner

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Carter, PC
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Susan A. Lilac

Ms. Sandra J. Chumack

Betty Anne Loser

Mr. and Mrs. John Gudritz

Bill McCurdy

Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Borden

Kyle Mills

Michigan Opera Theatre
Orchestra & Chorus
Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Ross

Bob Moore

Wayne and Sharon Workman

Douglas K. Nelson

Ms. Susan E. Casey
Craig A. and Nancy T. Miller
Mr. Tom Nelson

Robert G. Poole

Mr. and Mrs. George F. McKisson

Grandma and Grandpa Price

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Raple

Joel A. Pugh

Mark Cantrell & Kathy Rymal
Mr. and Mrs. Ben I. Taylor

Charles Randall

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert C. Dyche
Mrs. Margaret Higley
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Hoerner

Alan Read

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Edgley
Mr. and Mrs. David W. Hildner
Omena Women's Club
Dennis and Kathy Turner

Roy Reynolds

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Albrecht
The Ann Arbor News
Mr. and Mrs. Clark Charnetski
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Ms. Joanne Leonard
Ms. Judith McGovern
Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Shaefer

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Mr. and Mrs. Roger L. Trim
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Society
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Mr. and Mrs. D. Preston Dozier
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John and Gina Erb
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Ms. Mary E. Greenway
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Mr. and Mrs. John W. Groomes
Hawkins Elementary School
Joan Kalchik & Michael Tenbrock
Mr. and Mrs. James P. Landes
Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Lang
Mr. and Mrs. Karl Marsh
Mr. and Mrs. George E. Maule
Mr. and Mrs. P. Michael May



Julie Rothaug, (con't)

- Mr. and Mrs. Doug McInnis
- Mr. and Mrs. Alan Middleton
- Mrs. Dorothy Middleton
- Ms. Rene C. Milliken
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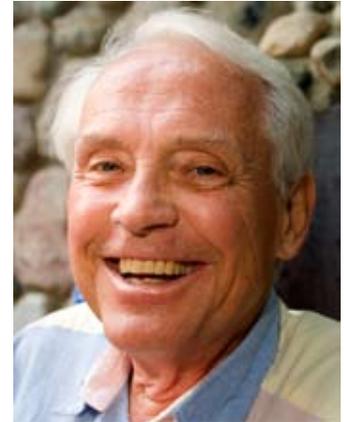
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Tribute to Jim Ganter

Fondly remembered by many in the Leelanau community, Jim Ganter, who passed away on May 2, was accurately described in his obituary as “a champion of the environment and open, fair government, and founder of Sugar Loaf Mountain Resort.” In addition to support for many environmental causes in the Traverse City area, he was a stalwart supporter of the Leelanau Conservancy. Jim and his wife, Pat, were among the first Conservancy members, and Pat served on the Conservancy’s board from 1990 to 1999. From hosting neighbors in their home on Cedar Lake to discussing conservation opportunities in Elmwood Township, to founding the Cedar Lake Association to address water quality issues, to long-time service on the Elmwood Township Planning commission, Jim never missed an opportunity to support a cleaner environment with access to natural resources for citizens throughout the area. Most recently, Jim and Pat were vocal supporters for establishing the DeYoung Natural Area at Cedar Lake.

Jim liked to refer to himself as “just an Indiana farm boy” and he never lost his fun-loving attitude, or his appreciation for the natural beauty of Leelanau. We’re grateful to the family for directing Jim’s memorials to our DeYoung Natural Area Fund. - Brian Price



Remembering Julie Rothaug

We were moved by the outpouring of gifts to honor Julie Rothaug. Julie was clearly an extraordinary person, for whom many held great affection. We are both humbled and grateful that she and Paul thought so highly of the Conservancy as to direct memorials to our work.



Julie was a friend of our docent Ann McInnis who often works with children. She told Paul she wanted her memorials to be directed toward Ann’s work at the Conservancy with our littlest conservationists. “Kids were Julie’s thing,” says Paul. “Her degree was in primary education, and after our own children were grown, she worked with deaf pre-schoolers and children with cerebral palsy.”



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**Don't miss our Annual Friends Picnic
Thursday, August 2
Woolsey Airport
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2-5pm Pre-Picnic Field Trips. Choose from 9 fun and informative options for all ages that highlight our work at the tip of the peninsula. Check out all the trips online at www.theconservancy.com

5 pm The Main Event Begins!

- Social hour
- Silent Auction bidding: check out more than 100 auction items online
- Music by Cabin Fever
- Leelanau Wine
- Appetizers utilizing local produce created by seven area chefs/caterers. Taste the local foods difference!
- Kids Tent with activities for children 3-12

6 pm Picnic Dinner featuring local foods

7 pm Short program with Volunteer and Business Partner of the Year Awards

7:20pm Live Auction, with eight fabulous items, including Mario's evening of hands-on cooking lesson, wine tasting and, as Mario says, "Sunday Supper in the true style of Rome!"



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