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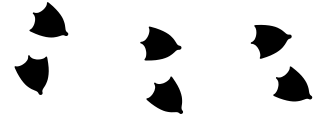


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A Word from our Chairman

Jim Toth: 2019 - 2020 State Chairman



Greetings to all of you DU Volunteers, DU Members, Sportsmen, Sportswomen, and Conservationists. I pen this column with a happy heart and a grateful spirit due to the successful Spring Fundraising Season that MI DU just finished. The reports back to me from the Regional Directors are that we are up in \$ Dollars for the DUCKS \$ in all four regions. I thank the Area Chairmen, Zone Chairmen, District Chairmen, and Staff for their true effort and organization for this success. Also my accolades to ALL of our Guests, Patrons and Donors for your patronage and contributions.

There is more great news about Michigan Ducks Unlimited, 2018 success story. I have just recently returned back from the Ducks Unlimited National Convention, held in Hawaii, May 28th - June 2nd. Michigan Ducks Unlimited earned 8th. Place Overall out of 50 states, scoring in the top ten of 15 performance measures out of 33. Highlighting four performance measures: (1) Total Income from all Events, \$2,234,751; (2) Total Members, 30,493; (3) Total Sponsors, 1,278; and the reason behind (or in front of the previous numbers (4) Total

VOLUNTEERS, 2,086. I am personally inviting you to become a part of Ducks Unlimited success, as the greatest, non-profit, Wetlands Conservation Organization in the world; and *VOLUNTEER UP* and join a local Chapter of Michigan Ducks Unlimited. To join MI DU please call Dean Noble, Volunteer Recruit Chairman, at (989) 414-0981. Dean will hook you up with your local DU Chapter, or you can join a Chapter of your choosing.

I am privileged to announce in this newsletter, that our Editor, Mr. David Bowers, has been appointed to a new state office, by National and Michigan Ducks Unlimited. Dave will be taking the office of State Public Policy Chairman, on July 20th, at our State Convention in Lansing. Dave's appointment is well earned and well deserved; *Congratulations* Mr. David Bowers. Dave will be replacing our current Public Policy Chairman, Mr. Steve Wyckoff. Steve has done an admirable job for MI DU as Public Policy Chair for over the last 10 years. Steve has also served MI DU as State Chairman, (2) years; and DU Regional Vice-President (4) years. I THANK YOU Steve, for your dedication and a job well done. You are truly a DU *VOLUNTEER*.

In closing I would like to remind everyone about our MI DU State Convention, coming up on July 19th. and 20th. 2019; at the Causeway Bay Hotel and Convention Center, in Lansing, MI. There is still time to sign up and join us for the fun, State Awards, and DU comradery. Register online at: <https://www.ducks.org/michigan/events/57478/2019-mi-du-state-convention>

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"GO for the DUCKS"

Jim

Top 2019 Michigan chapters honored



Ducks Unlimited recently announced the top volunteer chapters across the nation honored in three categories: Chairman's Roll of Honor, President's Elite and President's Roll of Honor.

The Chairman's Roll of Honor designation is reserved for the chapters that raised between \$250,000 and \$999,999, while those that raised between \$100,000 and \$249,999 were named as President's Elite chapters. Rounding out the three categories, President's Roll of Honor chapters raised between \$65,000 and \$99,999.

"These fundraising events are the backbone of DU's habitat conservation efforts, and the volunteers who make up these chapters are the force making a difference for North American waterfowl populations," said DU President Rogers Hoyt Jr. "It takes a great deal of effort to achieve these prestigious levels, and these chapters deserve to be congratulated by every person who enjoys the outdoors."

This year's President's Elite chapters from Michigan include:

- **Monroe Chapter, Monroe**
- **Greater Grand Rapids Chapter, Grand Rapids**
- **North Oakland Chapter, Clarkston**
- **Greater Kalamazoo County Chapter, Kalamazoo**

This year's President's Roll of Honor chapter from Michigan is:

- **Eastern U.P. Chapter, Sault Saint Marie**

The chapters honored this year earned their spots on the nationally recognized lists out of more than 2,400 DU chapters nationwide that hosted more than 3,900 fundraising events. DU's event fundraising system has become a model for other conservation organizations worldwide and has helped conserve more than 14 million acres of waterfowl habitat since 1937.

"The hard work and dedication from DU's event system volunteers and staff drive the organization's conservation mission from a financial, membership and policy strength perspective. DU chapters across the country are showing that the future of waterfowl populations and the wetlands that filter our water and protect us from flooding are important to them and to their communities," Hoyt said. "The more money we raise, the more habitat we can conserve and the closer we are to preserving our waterfowl hunting heritage."



Grilled Elk Steak with Guinness Marinade

by

Dave Steinbach

(also works on Caribou or Whitetail)

Ingredients:

4 Elk steaks	1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard	2 garlic cloves
4 ounces Guinness Stout Beer room temperature	1 teaspoon shallots
1 ounce Tamari soy sauce	1 tablespoon Vidalia onion
1/8 teaspoon black pepper coarse grind	1/4 teaspoon Tarragon fresh
1/8 teaspoon salt	1/4 teaspoon parsley
Bacon	

Directions:

- * Finely chop garlic, shallot and onion and place in a small bowl.
- * Finely chop parsley and tarragon and add to the bowl.
- * Add the Worcestershire sauce, Dijon mustard, Guinness beer, Tamari and seasonings then mix well to combine.
- * Let stand for 30 minutes to blend flavors.
- * Wrap Steaks in Bacon, place steaks in the marinade and make sure it is well coated.
- * Cover the bowl and place in the refrigerator for 30 minutes or overnight if being used for a picnic entree the following day.
- * Pre heat the grill and then cook the Steaks.
- * Place the remaining marinade in a small saucepan on the grill and reduce it for one or two minutes until slightly thickened.
- * Add more beer to the marinade at this stage if desired.



ART OF NATURE IMAGES
Dave Bowers Wildlife Photography 

Michigan Ducks Unlimited Volunteer & Chapter Spotlight



Marty and Kathy Krupa **Volunteer leaders** **Lac De Sainte Claire Chapter**

Members and volunteers for over 12 years, this dynamic couple are very active in their home chapter working the sponsor table, green-wing table and gathering raffle items for the big night. Marty, who is retired from General Motors, also volunteers his time to help coordinate the chapter dinner among everything else to make it a successful event.

A professional and accomplished artist specializing in dog portraits, Kathy serves as the State Art Chair where she manages the marketing campaign to attract entries in our annual sponsor print contest. She has held this position for ten plus years and has been honored twice with a State Chairman award recognizing her volunteer efforts.

Over the years, Kathy has donated more than 30 portraits to DU events to help raise monies for conservation.

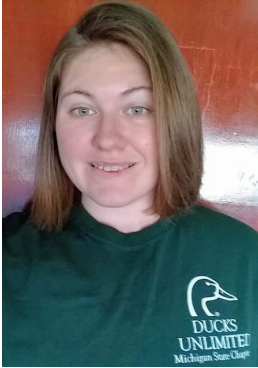
Marty and Kathy are Diamond Life Sponsors and are proud to include DU in their giving of time and money.

Even the family pet, an English Setter named Cody, makes sure folks know he is for DU and jumps for joy every time another dollar goes into the ground!

Thank you Marty, Kathy, and Cody for your time, passion, heart ,and all you do for the DUCKS!!



Cody Krupa jumping for DU joy with another wetland saved



I am a junior working towards a bachelor's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Management at Michigan State University, with dual concentrations in Fisheries Biology and Management as well as Wildlife Biology and Management.

I'm a native Michigander and have grown up in one of the many small towns of the Lower Peninsula. I've learned to love and cherish the outdoors from an early age. My grandfather told me stories of duck hunting with his father in Maple River State Game Area as well as hunting on the side of Lake St. Clair when he was young.

That made the field trip for a class in my first semester at MSU even more special. In fact, it was at my grandfather's urging that I apply to MSU. He gave me the confidence I needed to believe I belonged here, and I haven't looked back.

Being involved with the Ducks Unlimited chapter here on campus has opened possibilities I never knew were available. My only wish is to make a greater impact on supporters for the benefit of our environment and the wildlife who inhabit it.

Letter: Ducks Unlimited allows people to give back to nature

April 8, 2019, the State News, Michigan State University

ZurHorst is a fisheries and wildlife junior.

Quack quack, did you hear that? The ducks are back! Thanks to Michigan State University's Ducks Unlimited, DU, chapter, they have a place to stay. I'll never forget going out on the ice in the wetlands of Sleepy Hollow State Game Area to repair wood duck boxes. In spite of the freezing temperatures, we had a great time that Saturday morning, being outside and doing what we have a passion for.

I had heard of Ducks Unlimited and wanted to get involved, but didn't know how, until I stumbled across a member in one of my classes. He was eager to give me the information I needed and told me about the project.

The boxes we placed in Sleepy Hollow were created by a local boy scout troop. The youth wanted to help, so they partnered with DU and my chapter to form the project. We work with many local organizations because our supporters are all around and eager to take action.

Just like the duck box repairing project, all the fundraisers and projects I've been part of have been worth the time spent to make them happen. As a Fisheries and Wildlife student, all I want is to make a difference and create a better habitat for the outdoors I care so much about. I found a way to do that through DU because they are involved in projects that are focused on the prosperity of wildlife. A common misconception is that the members are mostly hunters who only have their own interests in mind. While hunters are huge supporters, they aren't the only ones involved, many are birders, naturalists, and those regularly involved in conservation efforts.

"When I'm outdoors, it's just myself, hunting partner, my dog and mother nature," Ducks Unlimited member Ed Neubecker said. "We are all there to just enjoy and appreciate the things that mother nature works so hard to create. No conflict."

Ducks Unlimited has conserved 14,500,000 acres of wetland and associated uplands in North America. Each year there are more than 4,000 local fundraisers across the U.S. that aid in raising crucial funds for conservation efforts. Much of the public land that the public love in Michigan has been restored by organizations like DU. Without them and their members, the amazing natural space you love might not exist.

We all know that because of human activity, wetlands are endangered. If we do not increase our influence on wetland restoration, we won't have any of our beloved waterfowl left to save. You can get outside, make friends, and GO GREEN by joining your local DU chapter. Search for your local chapter on ducks.org today to make your impact.



Steve Wyckoff, along with Larry Parker, Bruce Cole, and Gene Baxter recognized for many years of commitment to Ducks Unlimited



Ducks Unlimited (DU) Flat River Chapter Area Chairman Jared Roberts, left, presents Steve Wyckoff, right, with a plaque thanking him for his 40 years of services with the DU during a fundraising event on Saturday night. — DN Photo | Brandon Schreur

MONTCALM TOWNSHIP — Forty years ago, the Ducks Unlimited (DU) Flat River Chapter started in Montcalm County with the goal of raising support and funds for the preservation of North America’s wetlands.

While the chapter has seen a number of different peaks and valleys throughout the past four decades, Steve Wyckoff of Greenville is proud to say that he’s been there every step of the way.

On Saturday, Wyckoff received recognition from Area Chairman Jared Roberts and the rest of the DU Flat River Chapter for his outstanding commitment to the organization during a fundraising event at the Montcalm County 4 -H Fairgrounds.

“This event itself marks the Flat River Chapter’s 40-year anniversary, and Steve has been there since the very beginning,” Roberts said. “He’s literally seen it all. His dedication to his homeland is unrivaled and inspiring.”

Wyckoff first got involved with DU three years before the Flat River Chapter began.

“I remember seeing an ad for the DU in a magazine back in 1976,” Wyckoff recalled. “I thought it sounded like a pretty good idea and liked the things they were advocating for, so I became a member. A couple of years later, a group of sportsmen and sportswomen in this area were asked to start a fundraising chapter of our own. It was me, Pete Frye, Gene Baxter and just a few others back then, but we managed to get it going.”

In 1979, the DU Flat River Chapter held its first fundraising banquet, which was successful enough to allow them to continue.

Since then, Wyckoff says the chapter grew and grew, all while he took on a number of different leadership positions within the organization in the years that followed — including area chairman, district chairman, executive coordinator, state chairman, chief executive officer for volunteers and regional vice president.

Ten years ago, Wyckoff stepped into a new position when he was asked to take on the duties of state public policy chairman, which is the title that he still carries today.

“Basically, this job means that I’m working with state legislators and national legislators to work on things that are politically important to DU,” Wyckoff said. “Things like the farm bill, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, etc. All of this has taken me to Washington (D.C.) three times now to discuss these things with people.

“I have no trouble finding things to do with my time, I guess. It’s certainly a passion of mine and something I’ve done willingly, as we’re not compensated in any way. It’s all on our nickel when we travel like that, meaning this has really become a labor of love of mine.”

All of that hard work pays off, Wyckoff says, when he walks outside and sees all of the good the DU has managed to achieve.

“The most satisfying part about all of this is when I go waterfowl hunting in the fall and just watch all of these ducks and geese. It’s the frosting on the cake, the fruits of our labor,” Wyckoff said. “We’re not just doing this because we want to raise ducks and then shoot them. Sure, that’s part of it, but it’s larger. Wetlands are important in the entire makeup of life across North America, and we want to be involved in all of it.”

Roberts, who additionally celebrated his final outing as area chairman on Saturday, said he was honored to know and work alongside Wyckoff during his time at the Flat River Chapter.

“It’s been an honor to serve this organization with you,” he said. “I look forward to many more years of friendship. This chapter really cannot thank you enough.”

Craig Curtis, DU regional director of Southern Michigan, was also in attendance Saturday and echoed many of Roberts’ praises of Wyckoff’s devotion.

Curtis also brought Baxter, Larry Parker and Bruce Cole, all of whom have been involved with DU for more than 30 years now, up on stage with Wyckoff to thank them and present them with specialized pins.

“These gentlemen have helped generate over \$800,000 from the events held here in this county,” Curtis said. “If it takes \$250 to conserve one acre of wetlands habitat, that’s over 3,200 acres that you and the committee have been responsible for. This is a great, great team.”



At left, several longtime members of the Ducks Unlimited (DU) were honored and thanked for their dedicated services during a fundraising event held on Saturday. Pictured, from left, are DU Regional Director of Southern Michigan Craig Curtis, Flat River Chapter Area Chairman Jared Roberts, Larry Parker, Bruce Cole, Steve Wyckoff, Gene Baxter and Max Lehman. — DN Photos | Brandon Schreur

Evening of Conservation A Tribute to Larry Arbogast



The W. K. Kellogg Manor House at Gull Lake in southwest Michigan was the site of an outpouring of remembrance for long time DU volunteer and greenwing champion Larry Arbogast. Family, friends, DU volunteers, members, and staff all paid tribute to Larry and shared stories and laughs over the many tales of hunting, fishing and his passion, the kids that he touched and continues to do so today through his family.

On of the highlights of the evening was the announcement of the Big Lake Marsh Dedication that will take place on Saturday, September 28th at the Kiwanis Youth Conservation Area in Bellevue, Michigan. A monument will be dedicated in honor of Larry's work with greenwings and kids across the state.

The Arbogast Family recently endowed the Larry Arbogast Family Varsity scholarship which is to be awarded to a recipient coming out of high school that plans to pursue a degree in Applied Sciences or Conservation Sciences.

The recipient of the scholarship this graduating was awarded to Hope Showalter based on her dedication to wetland conservation while also excelling in academics. Hope has shown an exceptional level of commitment to wetland conservation through participation in her school club or DU chapter. The student has been notified, and a \$500 check will be sent to her university prior to registration. Hope will be recognized in the September/October issue of the Ducks Unlimited magazine. Hope is a graduate from Onekama Consolidated Schools in Onekama, Michigan, and she plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall of 2019. During her time at Onekama Consolidated Schools, Hope was an exceptional student in the classroom, a member of the softball and volleyball teams and will graduate with a 4.0 cumulative GPA. Hope is also a recipient of the Manistee County Community Foundation Excellence in Education Award and serves as the Vice President of the National Honor Society.

Hope became involved with Ducks Unlimited by attending events with her father who served as treasurer for the Manistee Area Chapter. Since her high school did not have a chapter, she dedicated her time to the Manistee committee volunteering to make a difference in wetlands conservation.

Thanks to her dad, the passion she has for hunting and fishing falls hand in hand with her growing passion for conservation. Hope believes that through proactive efforts we can all make a difference in the environment for years to come.

Pictured left to right is David Steinbach, Major Donor Chair, Seth Arbogast, Dr. Kim LaPlante Arbogast, Mary Arbogast, Aaron Arbogast, and Michigan State Chairman Jim Toth





In memory of Mr. Larry Arbogast

DUCKS UNLIMITED

Big Marsh Lake Dedication

Saturday, Sept. 28

Kiwanis Youth Conservation Area
22300 15 Mile Rd, Bellevue, MI 49021

Originally drained in the early 1900s for cattle grazing, these wetlands in northern Calhoun County have seen several generations of conservation since the 1960s. Ducks Unlimited and several partners played a key role in 2008 when they enhanced Big Marsh Lake by replacing water-control infrastructure. The result was 200 acres of quality wetland habitat which has attracted waterfowl, wildlife and record numbers of sandhill cranes ever since.


Join us in celebrating the marsh and Larry Arbogast

For information contact:
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Remembering Larry

Jan 22, 1948 – Nov 24, 2014




Larry Arbogast was a dedicated and active member of the Ducks Unlimited family. Larry served as Michigan Greenwing Chairman from 2001 to 2004 and worked tirelessly to raise money for youth hunting and conservation efforts. Larry was recognized with Michigan Ducks Unlimited's Russ Bengel Award in 2005. He also hosted a youth duck and deer hunts on his property south of Battle Creek.

Larry was born in Battle Creek, graduated from Athens High School and attended Northern Michigan University before serving with the U. S. Navy in 1968. He served as a Navy Corpsman attached to a U. S. Marine Corps unit in Vietnam. He remained in the Navy Reserve until 1986 and finished as a Hospitalman Second Class.

Larry was an avid outdoorsman and taught cross country skiing. He met his wife, Mary, during these lessons and married in 1982. Larry was a machinist with the Eaton Corporation in Marshall for 30 years before retiring in 1997. Throughout his life, Larry volunteered with Toys for Tots and Big Brothers & Big Sisters.

Please join us in celebrating the devotion and caring of Larry Arbogast.




Staff, volunteers, and community leaders that were instrumental in putting the Big Marsh Lake dedication together, pictured left to right are Director of Development Todd Fox, Development Manager for Michigan Audubon Society Sarah Pooler, DU Regional Biologist Kali Rush, Major Donor Chair David Steinbach, Past President Kiwanis Club Battle Creek Susan Bond, State Chairman Jim Toth, Regional Biologist Dane Cramer

We're planning a Great Convention!

Follow the links below to get information about the convention, the fun activities that have been planned, and to register and pay. Enjoy the weekend for **\$35 per person** plus (includes ballgame and Saturday lunch and banquet) **\$45 for golf** (\$175 for 4 man team), **\$30 for the shoot**, **free to enter the duck calling**, and **\$20 for the Old Town excursion** which includes lunch and gallery tours

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July 19 – 20, 2019



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Michigan Ducks Unlimited State Convention

- Vendors
- Games, raffles, silent auction, live auction
- Gun raffles and blitzes
- Art, decoys, and waterfowl items
- Hospitality each night
- Saturday luncheon
- Saturday night banquet
- Area chairs of top chapters come free on Saturday
- Major donor recognition
- Conservation program and MIDU Conservation Partner of the Year
- MIDU Legislator of the Year
- State Chairman awards and recognition
- Special keynote speaker
- Announcement of the recipient of the prestigious Russ Bengal Award to the top volunteer



Superior Central HS Natural Resources and Water Craft Design class - students and instructor are designing and building a punt boat, push paddle, have acquired 2 antique mallard decoys, one student is doing a watercolor painting of the boat in a marsh setting – all to be donated to MIDU for a raffle with the winner to be drawn at the convention Saturday night – winner take all!

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- Golf Tournament
- Lugnuts Ballgame
- State Shoot Championship
- Ladies Fun Day Excursion
- MI DU Duck Calling Championship
- Greenwing Pizza Party

Follow the links below for more information and to register for the convention and to sign-up for events.



See you at the Convention

REGISTER ONLINE HERE

OR DOWNLOAD THE **REGISTRATION FORM**

Click on the links below to learn more about the planned activities (control key and click with mouse):

FRIDAY, JULY 19TH - GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JULY 19TH - LUGNUTS BALLGAME

SATURDAY, JULY 20TH - STATE SHOOT CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY, JULY 20TH - LADIES FUN DAY & EXCURSION

SATURDAY, JULY 20TH - DUCK CALLING CONTEST

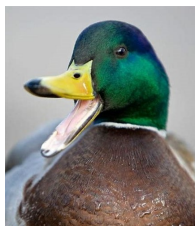
SATURDAY, JULY 20TH



Ladies Fun Day with an excursion to Old Town
Hosted by Absolute Gallery



**Michigan Ducks Unlimited
1st Annual Duck Calling Championships**



Lake Superior Central High School's Natural Resources & Water Craft Design Class

Punt Boat, 2 Antique Decoys, Push Paddle & Marsh Painting
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Drawing to be held the convention. Need not be present to win. Only 1000 tickets sold.

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Free Raffle

for a 2019 Pistol Of The Year!

4 Winners Will Be Drawn!

Just for coming to the Saturday Awards Banquet

Each RD has given a 2019 pistol of the year to be raffled off to a chapter in their region for attending the convention.

Glock Model 19 Semi-Automatic Pistol

See you at the Convention!

Superior Central High School Students

The Punt Boat Package Concludes

On June 5 the Superior Central Public Schools, Natural Resources and Watercraft Design class, finished their semester exam with 20 minutes to spare, leaving us just enough time to finish the camouflage pattern on the punt boat. After months of work, finishing this project at the last second was a fitting end because it seemed to be a reoccurring theme for entire school year. Working together, eleven students built eleven solo canoes (pirogues), a punt boat, plus five other conservation projects. But, however stressful it was at times, it was also very successful as each of our goals were eventually met.

*Luke worked on improving grouse habitat by planting hawthorn trees in our school forest.

*Wyatt added solar panels to our wind turbine system to increase renewable energy capture.

*Jordan and Alayna built and placed bat boxes to supply shelter for these beneficial mammals besieged by White Nose Syndrome.

*Jeremy and Avery built and placed fish cribs in the Quarry Pond to provide habitat for its fish population.

*Sophie and Charlotte maintained and monitored the water quality and fish health in our expanded aquaponics system.

*Aurora, Bailey and Abbi drew up plans, built a scale model, then with a little help from everybody, built a 14 ft. duck hunting punt boat. Charlotte, Sophie, Alayna and Jordan constructed a removable lath floor for it, Jeremy and Avery pitched in to build a 8 ft. push paddle, and finally Luke and Wyatt created 2 seats/storage containers to add to the overall package. We are all looking forward to July when the class will travel to the Ducks Unlimited State Convention in Lansing and see it raffled off to raise money for U.P. wetland conservation.

As always, the culminating activity of the year is our Spring Boat/Camping Trip on the Au train Basin. Eleven students launched their pirogues for the first time on the morning of May 17 into a very strong headwind. It was with a good deal of effort that we paddled to our first stop to meet Teri Grout of the Alger County Conservation District to learn about invasive species in our area. With the wind at our backs, it was a fast trip back to the campground for a quick lunch and a presentation by Alan Iho about his handmade boat. Alan traveled with us in his electrically powered craft on our morning excursion, so we all got a good look at his boat on the water, but now that it was back on its trailer we were able to see it in detail as Alan spoke to the class about his boat's design, construction technique and future boat-building plans. Tim Schirtzinger was up next and demonstrated the specialized camping gear used in extended kayaking trips as well as giving some pointers on how to get started in the sport when money is a little tight. Finally, I wrapped up the day's lessons by spending a bit of time talking about keystone species in various habitats and also how people can make small contributions in a variety of creative methods to make positive impacts on the environment.

The rest of our camping trip was spent around campfires, taking quick trips in our pirogues, fishing, or just trying to stay warm and dry. You can see all of our work and travels on <https://cougarwatercraft.weebly.com/>

Tim Bliss





Lake Superior Central High School's Natural Resources & Water Craft Design Class

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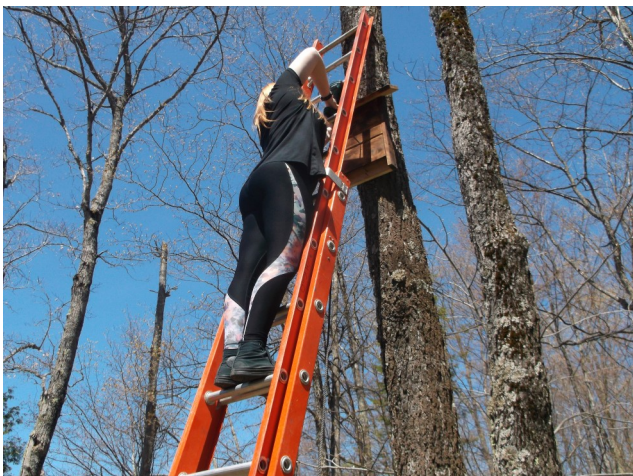
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The 2018/19 Natural Resources and Watercraft Design Class greatly appreciates your support.

Thank you!

<i>Charlotta Amos</i>	<i>Sophia Mahi</i>	<i>Wyatt Fink</i>
<i>Alayna Tyler</i>	<i>Luke Lintula</i>	<i>Abbi Thayer</i>
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Ducks Unlimited Great Lakes/Atlantic Regional Office Announces New Biologist to Staff



Michigan has a new member of the Ducks Unlimited Team! We are pleased to announce that on April 29th, Kali Rush will become Regional Biologist overseeing the DU Michigan conservation program as part of the Great Lakes Initiative. Kali comes to DU with a B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife from the Lyman Briggs College at Michigan State University. She also holds her M.S. from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point with a thesis on Wood duck breeding season survival and habitat selection in central Wisconsin. She has several work-related experiences involving waterfowl, elk, white-tailed deer, and aquatic invasive species with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, University of Missouri – Columbia, and others. Kali also partnered with Dr. Chuck Nelson to revamp and chair the Michigan State University DU Chapter! She comes to us with a passion for waterfowl and DU’s wetlands conservation mission.

For those who have not heard the news, Dane Cramer will be leaving Michigan but thankfully not leaving DU. Dane accepted a DU Regional Biologist position to help deliver our conservation programs in Missouri and Kentucky as part of the Big Rivers Initiative. Special thanks to Dane for his continued dedication to helping the ducks!



A beautiful example of what conservation easements protect. A Ducks Unlimited easement on this property on Saginaw Bay’s North Island will keep duck-friendly habitat safe from development. Learn more about putting an easement on your land by visiting www.ducks.org/lands. Photo courtesy of Dane Cramer



Bring the fun and excitement of Ducks Unlimited to your school



Kids Fishing Day in Arenac County Hosted by Saginaw Bay Chapter continues to grow

“Hard to believe but we held our ninth annual DU Kids Fishing Day on Saturday May 4th along with partners USFWS, Arenac Bay Walleye Club and Sterling Sportsmans Club. Jordan River hatchery put 1000 trout in our pond and they were biting very good this year. We had a record turnout and the families had a great time. We want to thank the Williamson family for again hosting this event and allowing us do this for the kids and their parents year after year.”



Kevin Musson

State Youth and Education Chairman

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Bring the fun and excitement of Ducks Unlimited to your school



Contact Kevin for information on Green Wing events or starting Varsity HS Chapters in your hometown. Kevin is the new Youth and Education Chairman for Michigan Ducks Unlimited



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Marsh Chatter Needs You!

Marsh Chatter is a quarterly newsletter put out by the volunteer group of Michigan Ducks Unlimited to help keep our members and volunteers up on the latest happenings around the State. To make sure we have the latest information, we need YOU! Please submit articles about events and happenings in your area to the newsletter editor Dave Bowers. He will include all appropriate articles depending on space constraints.

Articles should be 175 words or less. Longer articles may be submitted but may be edited or omitted due to space constraints. Feel free to include pictures. All articles need to be in to me no later than the middle of the month prior to the beginning of the quarter. March for April publication, June for July publication, September for October publication and December for January publication.

Send articles or photos (with people identified) to Dave Bowers at dtbowers53@gmail.com
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