



Nature News

The mission of the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center is to promote conservation and education of the flora, fauna, and lands of the Lake Erie Islands ecosystem.

Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center

Summer 2015

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Open Daily
Memorial Day to
September 6th
10am-6pm

After that Saturday
& Sunday 10-5
or by appointment
during the week

Stargazing Cruise *Starry Starry* Night

Article by Gene Zajac

Departing from the down town Miller Boat Line Dock aboard the MV South Bass at 8:30PM
For tickets go to the Wildlife Center
Or call 419.285.3037

The cruise departs from the Miller Boat Line Down Town Dock on the M/V South Bass at 8:30 PM. Bring your own chair and a flashlight that can be filtered if possible. It will help you find your way around and see the planisphere. The planisphere is a paper device to see the constellations and major stars for anytime during the year! You will be taught how to use it aboard the vessel. The sun will set after 9:00 pm so there will be plenty of light to get comfortable and learn to use the planisphere. To set the planisphere you need to know the date and time. It is composed of two parts. The star wheel and the star wheel holder. It will be pre assembled. You will be instructed to set both as we prepare for the night sky.

Planets and bright stars will begin to appear as the sun sets. By 9:30 pm we will be

able to find constellations. As the night progresses, we will show you how to adjust the planisphere to show the current sky. Saturn will be in the Southern sky while Jupiter and Venus will appear closely together in the West with the bright star Regulus. We will not be using telescopes aboard the Miller Ferry. Binoculars may be used but the gentle movement of the boat will make things difficult but usable.

There will be at least three astronomers familiar with the night sky and we will tell constellation stories and address questions from passengers and crew. The morning of July 14th the satellite New Horizons will pass by Pluto. I hope there are pictures to share from this encounter. Pluto rises with the cruise but we will only be able to show you where it is as it will not be visible to us.

Roger Allan Fulton -77 August 16, 1937– May 15, 2015

Former Navy Veteran and Long time employee of the phone company in different roles and under different company names. Five years ago Roger began spending summers at Put-in-Bay where he quickly found a home in the community. The LEINWC was lucky to have Roger as a volunteer and he will be greatly missed.

In Memory of Roger A. Fulton & Georgia Ladd

Building Fund

Russ and Lisa Brohl
Sandi Glauser



Update on Birds at the Wildlife Center

Tree Swallow Box by the Butterfly Garden has a Tree

Swallow incubating 5 eggs. She tends to remain on the nest. When showing the nest to kids and you are gentle, we picked her up off the nest and blew on her stomach feathers. They blew up and kids saw her brood patch. A brood patch is a patch of featherless skin that is visible on the underside of birds during the nesting season. This patch of skin is well supplied with blood vessels at the surface making it possible for the birds to transfer heat to their eggs when incubating, this is why if the female were to disappear, eggs would not survive. This particular female also has a federal band on her right ankle (compliments of Darlene Sillick on 5-10-15). She received her special bracelet on Mother's Day weekend (how

appropriate). Scientists use data gathered from bird banding for all sorts of studies.

Tree Swallow Box at the top of hill by the Phenology Garden also has a Tree Swallow nest with 5 eggs.



The House Wren Box by the pond has House Wrens with 2 eggs that have not hatched (probably won't) and 5 naked young that were about 2 days old or so. A female flew out of the box as we approached. This nest looks different

than the Tree Swallow nests, any ideas about why birds would make a nest out of sticks like the House Wren or why Tree Swallows line their nests with feathers? Research strongly suggests the main purpose of a Tree Swallow nest's feather lining is to help keep eggs and nestlings warm. Where sticks are used mostly as protection from other animals, and weather.

The LEINWC is using these nests for education if you are interested, for visitors and the budding of future birders!

Lets Go Krogering!



The LEINWC is now part of the **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM!** register online at krogercommunityrewards.com

Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with the LEINWC

Enter NPO #-54153 or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.

All of the reward points will go toward the Wildlife Center Building Addition Funding!



OPEN HOUSE AT THE NWC IN JUNE WAS A NICE SUCCESS!

120 visitors came to see us at the LEINWC We had a few different wildlife scavenger hunts that the kids loved!

This event helped us spread the word to the public about who we are!

SAVE THE

A BENEFIT FOR THE WILDLIFE CENTER

**AUGUST
12th**

DATE

**Pig Roast At the Goat
Live Music Fun Raffles
For a good Cause**

Dinner for two

@

Rattlesnake Island

Transportation Provided from PIB

Raffle Ticket Prices

One Ticket- \$2

Three Tickets- \$5

To get your tickets go to the Wildlife Center- 255 Meechen Road located between the state park and the airport Ticket Drawing will be at the Fundraiser on August 12th at the Goat

All proceeds go toward the Wildlife Center Building Fund

Road Scholar Programs at Put-in-Bay

By Susan Byrnes

Since 2011, the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center has sponsored several Road Scholar programs on Put-in-Bay:

- Lake Erie: Birding the Islands and Shores
- The Spirit of the Lake Erie Islands: The Drama, The Beauty, The Science
- Nature, Historical Architecture and Landscape Photography on Lake Erie

Two fabulous weeks of birding took place in early May led by Master Bird Bander Tom Bartlett, Paula Bartlett, Dr. Andy Jones of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, John Lortz and Lisa Brohl. In addition, a new inspirational photography

program led by professional photographer Roman Sapecki of Middle Bass was offered for the first time in May. Also, Tim Daniel of Ohio Department of Wildlife gave a wonderful presentation on wildlife photography.

This fall, September 13-18 and September 20-25 are the dates for the history/natural history program and September 27-October 2 is another photography week offered. All three weeks still have availability.

If you have any questions regarding the Road Scholar programs, please call Susan Byrnes 419-285-2306. If you are interested in enrolling in the programs, please register at www.roadscholar.org or call Road Scholar directly at 877-426-8056.

Left: Susan Byrnes, Roman Sapecki, and Lisa Brohl Not pictured Jackie Taylor.
Bottom: Tom Bartlett with participants.



We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill

Thank you to all of our volunteers and community support!



Bruce donated this telescope to LEINWC. Gene Zajac has it right now, he checked it out for us, and said we have a great telescope!

South Bass Yardworks, Inc./Kowalski— for mowing, trimming, and keeping the NWC ground nice!

Burns Pierce for giving us mulch for our nature trail!

Tim Luecke, made a nice donation box for the outside!

LEINWC SPONSORSHIPS

BLACK SQUIRREL

Theresa Peterson

MONARCH BUTTERFLY

Kristen Stanford & Jon Scarpelli

BALD EAGLE

South Bass Yardworks, Inc

BUILDING FUND

In memory of

Joan Valacek

Tom Zale

Zoe & Brad Titchner

Karen and Charles Edwards



Thank you Glenn Cooper for installing our Karst signs at the LEINWC!



Jane and Bill Ibolt from Middle Bass Island donated 2 cameras to the LEINWC so we can capture more wildlife and nature events!



The Girl Scouts on PIB with Lisa Brohl came to do their yearly garlic mustard cleanup at the LEINWC. They gathered 14 garbage bags from the nature trail!



A big Earth Day thanks to Mike and Susan Novak Byrnes, Kalen Cap, Joe Rutter, and Kelly Faris for their help at Jane Coates Wildflower Trail. They all worked hard in the cold, damp day to mulch the trail. Thanks to Burns Pierce for mulch and to Kalen for helping to organize!

NATURE CAMP

Karen and Charles Edwards
Dennis and Agnes Uszak
Krista and Alexander Calfee
Theresa and Vince Peterson
Melissa and Ben Ware
Josh and Christy Noble

Mike & Joe Byrnes came to the rescue for the LEINWC. They came and removed a tree that fell during the early spring on the Nature Trail. Great work!





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LEINWC Sponsorship Form

Categories- all will get free newsletter!

Black Squirrel \$15.00 Individual Member- Unlimited admission into LEINWC

Monarch Butterfly \$25.00 Family Member- Unlimited admission, 5% discount off of Nature Camp

Lake Erie Watersnake \$100 Business Member- Unlimited admission, includes ad in each newsletter and a link on our web, 10% discount off of Nature Camp

Bald Eagle \$500 Life member- Unlimited admission, 25% discount off of Nature Camp, Name on a tile on the Eastern Fox Snake that will be displayed outside of the building

Name _____ Spouse/Companion _____

Island Address PO Box _____, Ohio _____ E-mail _____

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In addition to my sponsorship, I would like to donate to:

Nature Camp Fund

I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center, to be used only for expenses and equipment related to the Nature Camp Program.

I understand that I will receive a *Certificate of Donation* for income tax purposes.

Building Addition Fund

I would like to donate \$ _____ to build an addition for the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center.

Please make checks payable to (LEINWC) Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center

Please Send to: PO Box 871, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456 All donations are tax deductible Thank You!