

Lake Manitou

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Young research scientists Rachel Landes and Garrett Feinauer. Future leaders!

Lake Water Quality

We have two inspired and bright young minds interested in Lake Manitou water quality, especially since they both reside at our lake. Rachel Landes and Garrett Feinauer are Owosso High School Freshmen and Biology Honor Students. Their biology class project will be studying and identifying the sources of overabundant nutrients in Lake Manitou waters, particularly phosphorus. They will be collecting lake water samples for laboratory analysis and helping with a variety of other lake water collection and testing such as dissolved oxygen and temperature, chlorophyll collection and water clarity measurements.

The purpose of the data collection is to establish a fresh and factual database to reestablish and confirm what was documented 20 years ago as well as identify any new factors degrading the water quality. The goal is to

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determine what corrective action residents must consider to substantially improve Lake Manitou water quality and establish a plan for improvement. Merely using chemicals and mechanical means in attempt to control algae and aquatic plants only treats the reoccurring symptoms. It's time to address the causes. Together we can make a difference.

Humor Yourself

"Your sense of humor is one of the most powerful tools you have to make certain that your daily mood and emotional state support good health." ~ Paul E. McGhee, Ph.D.

Laughter is a powerful antidote to stress, pain, and conflict. Nothing works faster or more dependably to bring your mind and body back into balance than a good laugh. Humor lightens your burdens, inspires hopes, connects you to others, and keeps you grounded, focused, and alert.

With so much power to heal and renew, the ability to laugh easily and frequently is a tremendous resource for surmounting problems, enhancing your relationships, and supporting both physical and emotional health. Let's see if any of these bring on a chuckle:

"I am so clever that sometimes I don't understand a single word of what I am saying."

-- Oscar Wilde

"Doing nothing is very hard to do...you never know when you're finished"

"The shinbone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room."

"We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public."

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They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't. "Patience is something you admire in the driver behind you, but not in the one ahead." "The only reason people get lost in thought is because it's unfamiliar territory." --Paul Fix "I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody." "What seems to us as bitter trials are often blessings in disguise." "The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket." — Will Rogers "Experience is that marvelous thing that enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again."

Nature's Corner

It was a frigid winter day this past February and looking for a new experience I attended a seminar sponsored by the Shiawassee County Soil Conservation District to learn what an Apiary is all about. Apiary: A place where a colony of bees are kept.

Michigan Beekeepers Association has been in existence since 1865 and is the oldest beekeepers association in the United States. www.michiganbees.org Did you know that honey bees are responsible for pollinating 15 billion dollars worth of agricultural crops annually across our country? Honey bees will fly up to 5 miles to collect pollen and nectar. Honeybees don't hibernate, they cluster and shiver their flight muscles to keep their temperature around 93 degrees during the winter. While Honey bees, Hornets and Yellow Jackets might have similar black and yellow markings, hornets and yellow jackets are predators while honey bees feed on nectar.

You'll know when you are too close to a ground nest or hive as they are ultra protective of their home where the Queen is. Honey bees sting only once, and then die, unlike wasps and hornets.

Honey should be stored at room temperature. If it crystallizes, heat a pan of water and place the container of honey in it until the crystals dissolve. Microwaving it breaks down its natural healthy enzymes.

Kiwanis Acres History

It's the 53 acres woodlot directly north of Lake Manitou Dam. From the Argus Press, December 19, 1964: Sheriff's deputies reported that a live rifle grenade had been found along the road near Kiwanis Club Acres near the gate last week. Mrs. Leo Dwyer of 4983 Sunset Dr., Owosso reported that her grandson had found what appeared to be a bomb last week. It isn't known where the grenade came from, but deputies indicated that it may have been dropped by a National Guardsman.

The property had been federal land and utilized by the National Guard for a period of time. It was sold to Owosso Union School District at some point and is now leased to Owosso Kiwanis Club. They have a new flag pole and are working to improve the cabin.

The Kiwanis Club of Owosso is a community service organization and a great place to meet people in Owosso and the surrounding area for networking, friendship, fellowship.

<http://www.kiwanisclubofowosso.org/>

Farewell To Our Neighbors

Heavy hearts prevailed this past December 28, 2015 when Wendy Cerveny (60) unexpectedly passed away in her sleep. Married to Brian 36 years, Wendy was excited about residing at Lake Manitou, moving here just 3 years ago from Owosso city. She was very mindful about nature and at one of our board meetings was excited to describe in detail a butterfly chrysalis that had developed on a Milkweed plant that she was nurturing at her shoreline.

February 1, 2016 was a sad day as our neighbor Joyce Goff (80) was taken from her family. Married to Clare for 56 years, Joyce devoted her energy to family, church and the spirit of volunteerism to several organizations. Even when Joyce was suffering from her own illness, she still reached out and comforted others who were in need of cheer or support.

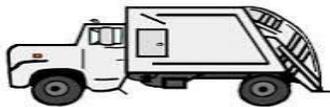
“When this flesh and heart shall fail and mortal life shall cease, we shall possess, within the Vail, a life of joy and peace. “

As The Lake churns

More than 3 years ago one of our elder neighbors (comparable to the Chief of a Tribe) mentioned that we had refuse at curbside and refuse trucks rumbling through our streets four days a week. This certainly is a detriment to aesthetics, noise and having many heavy trucks weakening our residential roads.

After finding a locally owned company with the lowest cost of any other refuse company, as well as several pricing options, it's a win-win situation for everyone.

This year, (April 15 – April 14, 2017) the pricing remains unchanged. Their prices are guaranteed to be the lowest and new customers receive the first month service free.



Specialty Salvage: 989 725-8062

Lake Manitou Association's annual community wide yard sale is scheduled for Saturday June 11. It's a greatly anticipated event in the area. While there are many bargain hunters that attend from all over Shiawassee County, I seem to notice many neighbors purchasing each other's trappings. There's more information on our website located under Events. Join the fun.

Mosquito Season will soon be here. The year before last they bloomed in late May. Last year the mosquitoes bloomed with a vengeance at the end of June and they were ravenous 4th of July weekend.

Last summer 13 households were able to better control mosquitoes around their homes, (aside from the peak bloom), from Eradico, a commercial applicator that sprayed 8 times during the summer for a cost of \$225.00. They provide a discount based on the number of homes that participate. 21 to 40 homes = \$185.00, and 41 or more homes = \$145.00. Telephone (517) 351-6085.

Another commercial company, Mosquito Squad offers a 100% satisfaction guarantee. They do seven applications, every third week from the last week of May, continuing through the second week of September. The cost is \$455.00. (844) 667-7823.

Fireworks Display On Lake Manitou

This year's pyrotechnic display is scheduled for Saturday July 3, 2016. Ace Pyro, Inc. will again be providing the enjoyment at dusk from a floating barge in the large section of the lake. The funding is by voluntary donations and the financial goal is \$5,400.00. If you can donate or help with collecting funds please contact a board member. It is because of neighborly donations that this event is possible.

There was some discussion last year about adding an assessment to all association members but there was not enough community support for the Association Board to do so.

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What? These are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected. Where there's a will, I want to be in it. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

I am not arguing with you. I am explaining why you are wrong.

Lake Manitou Board Positions

This summer several positions are up for election. They are: President, Secretary and three Directors. The position responsibilities are not burdensome and only require that you have the best interest of our lake and community in mind. It's a great way to interact with neighbors, learn about lake ecology and history of the lake and area. There are also committee vacancies. If you have an interest and would like more information contact any board member. Nominations and ballots will be mailed this summer and election results will be announced at our annual summer membership meeting which will be held Sunday August 14, 2016.

Summer Employment

The Lake Manitou Association is looking for a few good people who reside within the Lake Manitou Association to work 12 to 15 hours a week June through September or thereabouts, usually mornings. Flexibility with a work schedule is preferred. If you enjoy outdoor work, learning lake ecology and identifying aquatic plants and don't mind a little hard work sometimes, this is the job for you. You should also be comfortable around water, boats and occasionally wearing waders. A drivers license is helpful and you must be 18 years or older. The wage is \$11.00/hr. Please inquire at director.5@lake-manitou.org

A Case For Wearing Seat Belts

There were 972 traffic related deaths in Michigan in 2015, up 9.7 percent from the previous year according to the Traffic Improvement Association of Michigan. The number-one thing drivers can do to prevent deaths in a car crash is to wear your seatbelt. Reducing speed in inclement weather is also important. Avoid distracted driving by not texting or using the cell phone. Don't believe it will never happen to you.

New Neighbors In The Community

Welcome is in order for a new family to Lake Manitou. Just a few months ago Bev and Bert Eddington purchased a vacant lot on Cherokee Trail. The family is long time Owosso city residents who are familiar with the Manitou area. They have two sons, Gunnar and Brody who currently attend Michigan State University. Their daughter, Brooke is a sophomore at Owosso High School. The family has a solid foundation in the area and would like to eventually move to a more rural setting.

Tips From A Domestic Guy

Being retired more than 4 years now I've adjusted to the primary roll of domestic household butler since my wife is still working full time. My duties include cooking, cleaning, shopping and once in a while, I'm allowed to

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do a load of laundry. (I'm still in the dog house for putting the wife's expensive wool sweater into the dryer on high heat a few years ago.) It wasn't pretty when it came out barely fitting a Chihuahua.

I have learned that putting ice and a small piece of a lemon down the garbage disposal*(if you have one) and grinding it up cleans it and removes those odorous food scraps. *Of course, with a septic tank system the less food you put down the drain the better. I have learned to put a little extra scented floor cleaner in the bucket so the scent lingers for several hours as I wouldn't want my wife to overlook the fact that I toiled at washing the floors. The best way to clean windows is mixing one part Isopropyl Alcohol to two parts water. Apply and wipe clean using coffee filters. It works! I found the Idea in a Farmer's Almanac. Vacuum carpets first, then do the dusting last. For at-a-boy points, I fold the toilet paper roll as is done in hotels. It's another reminder that I've been working. Finally, having cotton boxer briefs is an advantage, as still undiscovered by my wife, first thing in the morning when I pull out a clean pair of shorts, a quick whisk across the bedroom dressers removes any dust. My wife thinks I'm a hero for keeping the house so clean. Don't tell!

You Know

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform, educate, enlighten and entertain. It is privately funded and not an official publication of the Lake Manitou Association.

Your thoughts, opinions and suggestions are very much appreciated. Contact Fred Farkas at 734 417-1276.

You can find this newsletter in color on the Lake Manitou Association website www.lake-manitou.org Click on "About Us" then click on "Newsletter".

The next edition is scheduled for June 2016.

"If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there" -- Will Rogers

Until next time, Happy Trails.