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FROM THE DIRECTOR

A quarter of a year ago, when I last wrote this column, we lived in a different world. Like you, I am amazed at how fast so much has changed. Our typical spring, busy with school children visiting, has been turned upside down. Instead, we have a closed nature center, no school groups; however, there's lots of construction. There's also birds and frogs and the things that are so important to keep us grounded. Fortunately, it's been a good spring both for the wild things and also those of us who want to venture

out to be among them. Our trails have been busy every day when the weather's been decent, but not to the point of being crowded. And, for the most part, hikers have been very cooperative.

Many of our staff are working from home, yet we encourage you to follow and keep up with Woodland Dunes on Facebook. Please email or call if you have questions about wildlife. We always enjoy speaking with people about the birds they are seeing this time of year. We can't conduct public programs, at least live ones at this time, but look forward to resuming those (and our hikes) as soon as we're able.

Our annual Dash at the Dunes changed this year due to the COVID-19 virus - it became the "Phantom 5K" which involved people running or walking a 5K on their own as a virtual race with an entire month to accomplish it. Our wonderful sponsors maintained their support, and more than 170 people registered. Many individuals

sent "selfies" from their walk or run, which were posted on Facebook. Thank you to everyone involved!

We're doing some boardwalk building when we can, this

time on Willow Trail, which the past couple of years has been very wet. We plan to install a low boardwalk on the wettest parts of the trail only. Like most things lately, we were able to start that project, but it's taken a hiatus until we can work with groups of volunteers again.

Fortunately, work has continued to progress on the addition and parking area. (See progress article inside.) By the time social distancing is done, we'll have a new facility to share with you! In the meantime, stay safe and be healthy!

~ Jim Knickelbine, Executive Director

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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

We couldn't do what we do without you!



Cheryl and Charlie Phillips

How long have you volunteered at Woodland Dunes and why did you decide to get involved?

Cheryl: I've volunteered sporadically at Woodland Dunes for about 8 years-parking cars at events and planting trees. When I retired in June of 2018, I started volunteering more consistently at the front desk, assisting Jess with school groups and learning to be a teacher naturalist for the school programs. The more I volunteer, the more I want to because I always learn something new, feel appreciated and enjoy the new people I meet and time I spend here.

Charlie: I've been a volunteer for over 25 years now. I started out volunteering for the privilege of hunting deer in the preserve. It didn't take long to realize this was a win/win deal. Back then, Woodland Dunes had an over population of deer and as hunters we helped control the population. I did learn early on that the projects we worked on were fun and added great value. I met a lot of good people doing them.

What do you most enjoy about being involved with Woodland Dunes?

Cheryl: I enjoy the many opportunities that are available at Woodland Dunes to give back to the community. I can be outdoors working with staff members, other great volunteers and school children while learning more about nature and Woodland Dunes. I also enjoy talking with visitors and friends sharing my experiences about the trails they could hike and the programs Woodland Dunes has available.

Charlie: I enjoy working with people to help achieve the goals of Woodland Dunes. Most of the projects have a lasting effect and provide an outdoor space for us and generations to come. I like to give back to something that has given so much to me.

What are some of your favorite pastimes or hobbies?

Cheryl: My favorite hobbies/past times: I enjoy biking, hiking, cross country skiing, fishing, gardening and traveling with Charlie. I also love spending time with family and friends, Jazzercise, swim and read about and plan trips which usually center around nature in Wisconsin and other states.

Charlie: My favorite past times would include sharing outdoor activities with Cheryl like hiking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hunting, gardening and fishing. I also enjoy listening to and playing Bluegrass music.



Photo submitted

Words of wisdom for other volunteers?

Cheryl: My experience volunteering at Woodland Dunes has been fun and very positive. I would say get involved and stay involved! The time you give benefits the community and the future of Woodland Dunes.

Charlie: My advice to all volunteers would be to just get involved and enjoy. Giving back something to what you enjoy makes it just that much better. Every time I walk across a bridge we built or fixed I recall the good times we had doing that project, and it gives me great pride.

Anything else you'd like to add?

Cheryl: Can't wait for the "safer at home" to end so I can see everyone.

Charlie: I would like to thank all the others who I've volunteered with over the years. You make volunteering fun.



Woodland Dunes Staff Member Gives Back During Covid-19 Need

By Jeni Klein

With the COVID-19 virus spreading and the "Safer at Home" order issued by Governor Evers, our lives suddenly changed. I was working at home, the kids were schooling at home, and all of our volunteer and extracurricular activities were put on hold. We suddenly found ourselves at home all the time with no place to be - a big change for this busy family. Soon the dust settled and we found a routine (or lack of one) that worked for us.

I discovered that my friend, Liz Benecke, had started a group called the Wisconsin Face Mask Warriors. The mission of this statewide group is to work as a community to "provide hand-made, non-medical grade face masks for the most vulnerable and least supported essential workers to protect them and our community from the spread of the COVID-19 virus."

The kids and I now sew facemasks from donated materials and deliver them to a drop off site. They are transported to medical facilities, police stations, and others in need. In this way, we can help others and be a part of the solution.

Note: Woodland Dunes would like to sincerely thank Jeni and her family for their selfless gifts to the community. We'd also like to thank some of our outstanding volunteers who are also sewing facemasks for those in need: Ellen Lewellen, Lucy Zeldenrust, Sue Shea, Sue Knickelbine, and Emma Knickelbine. Thank you!



Photos submitted



Nature Center Addition Update:



Thanks to many generous supporters, we are making progress on our new building addition and remodeling project. (In retrospect, to do so with school groups visiting would have been a challenge, so being closed due to coronavirus precautions made things just a bit more manageable.) The number of moving pieces to get us to our end goal is incredible, and we are amazed at how Hamann Constructon and the subcontractors have led the way.

We are nearing completion of the basic structure of the addition. Walls are up and painted. The beautiful wood ceiling is installed, and in another area, the suspended ceiling is being put in place. The fire control sprinkler system reaches both the new and old parts of the building, and our new geo-thermal heating/cooling system is up and running. In the large room sponsored by the West

Foundation, there is a new stone masonry fireplace, and adjacent to that, a new kitchen. The concrete floors are being polished, and the new driveway and parking areas are under construction.

Renovations in the old Center include: an additional restroom, floor reinforcing, and new flooring for our enlarged education room as well as the staff offices.

So what's next? We'll be moving some of our current displays and children's activities to the new education room. We'll also be designing and building new displays while making upgrades to the Dorothy Star Garden. Purchasing tables, chairs, AV equipment, children's tables, bookcases and large furniture are also next in line for our needed and budgeted improvements.

And we have really exciting news! Right now, if you make a donation towards our Nature Center improvements, an anonymous donor will match it dollar for dollar up to \$250,000.

Even though we're getting closer to our goal, our fundraising effort needs you. To those of you who have contributed to this project, we can't thank you enough for helping us transform our Center. To those who haven't yet, please consider donating at this critical time where your dollars are matched. Your generosity in creating an unforgettable and informative Nature Center will help connect our students, guests, and the community to our natural wonders at Woodland Dunes.

Jim Knickelbine, Executive Director

Land Management



We are living in uncertain times. While we are in our third year of a large reforestation project, we are unsure what our tree delivery and planting will look like this year. I have a feeling we will be working closely with a small group of interns at first and slowly adding volunteers if we are able. I am also working with a contractor for planting in order to lessen the workload required of our staff and volunteers.

I anticipate this to go slower and take longer. We are also beginning the process three weeks later than normal, if all goes as planned at this time. Add to that the practice of social distancing, and it will be a difficult planting year for sure. We appreciate your continued support while we navigate these new procedures.

As more and more people are getting out for fresh air and natural surroundings, I would like to remind you that dogs are not allowed on any Woodland Dunes trails, except the Ice Age Trail. While we at Woodland Dunes like dogs, keeping them off of our trails helps us protect the sensitive plants and wildlife that live here. Ground nesting birds are particularly sensitive to the presence of predators – and they cannot distinguish between the threat from a coyote or your pet. Please respect our trail rules so we can continue to allow everyone to enjoy our preserve, including the most sensitive and vulnerable life, which calls it home. Thank you.

Jennifer Klein, Land Management Coordinator



Woodland Dunes Pledge Card Campaign for the Nature Center Building Addition

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Dash At the Dunes Becomes Phantom 5K

What would have been our 10th Annual Dash At the Dunes, a 5K run/walk through our preserve, became a virtual "Phantom 5K" due to the COVID-19 virus.

"We cancelled the Dash because we couldn't allow the gathering of such a large crowd with such close spacing, but I knew we needed to provide something else for our participants," stated Nancy Nabak, Dash/Phantom race director. "So, I did a little research on virtual events and created the Phantom 5K."

Nabak got in contact with all of her Dash sponsors to see if they would support the idea, and with great character, they all did. To make sure she wasn't losing time and interest, she sent a mailing to all of the former and current Dash participants to let them know the event had shifted.

Participants were given an entire month to complete a 5K anywhere of their choice on the honor system, just like golf. (A month was given to ensure trails and popular running areas were not being overcrowded in a short amount of time.)

Participants who send in their run or walk time will all receive a special Phantom 5K medal for participating and supporting us at this challenging time.

The response has been extremely positive and to date, 200 participants have registered!

Nabak received this encouraging note from Pam Robinson, one of the runners who belongs to the Manitowoc County, WI She RUNS This Town/ Moms RUN This Town:

"Nancy, flexibility is the name of the game with this race! Gotta be willing to run through mud on the trails, on the road because we have a foot of snow (referencing our Dash two years ago right after the blizzard), or on our own to keep everyone safe!"

Well said, Pam.

Thank you to Pam and all of the Phantom 5K participants and sponsors who made this event a great success!

See you on the trail next year!



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Congratulations, Wendy Lutzke!

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recently announced the recipients of the 2020 Wisconsin Volunteer Stream Monitoring Awards. These awards recognize individuals and groups for their exemplary efforts in stream monitoring and water-quality related activities, support of stream stewardship, and a commitment to developing partnerships and sharing their skills and water quality data to benefit Wisconsin streams and rivers.

Our very own Wendy Lutzke was presented with the Outstanding Educator Award. Wendy has established herself as a leader in local watershed issues, including her experience in monitoring streams. She is a founding member and monitoring coordinator for the Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed. She also coordinates monitoring for the Friends of the Twin Rivers watershed and personally samples on the West Twin River and Forget Me Not Creek. Wendy trains volunteers, including Woodland Dunes interns, educating them about water quality issues and protocols for sampling under the Water Action Volunteers baseline standards. Her efforts have touched hundreds of people in the Manitowoc-Two Rivers area, and her positive demeanor is an example to all.

Established in 1996, the Water Action Volunteers program supports more than 600 citizen water quality monitors across the state of Wisconsin. Extension Coordinator for the program, Peggy Compton, said, "I am humbled by the passion and dedication of the volunteers who collect and share data from their local streams, contributing to a greater understanding and protection of our water resources."

Congratulations, Wendy!



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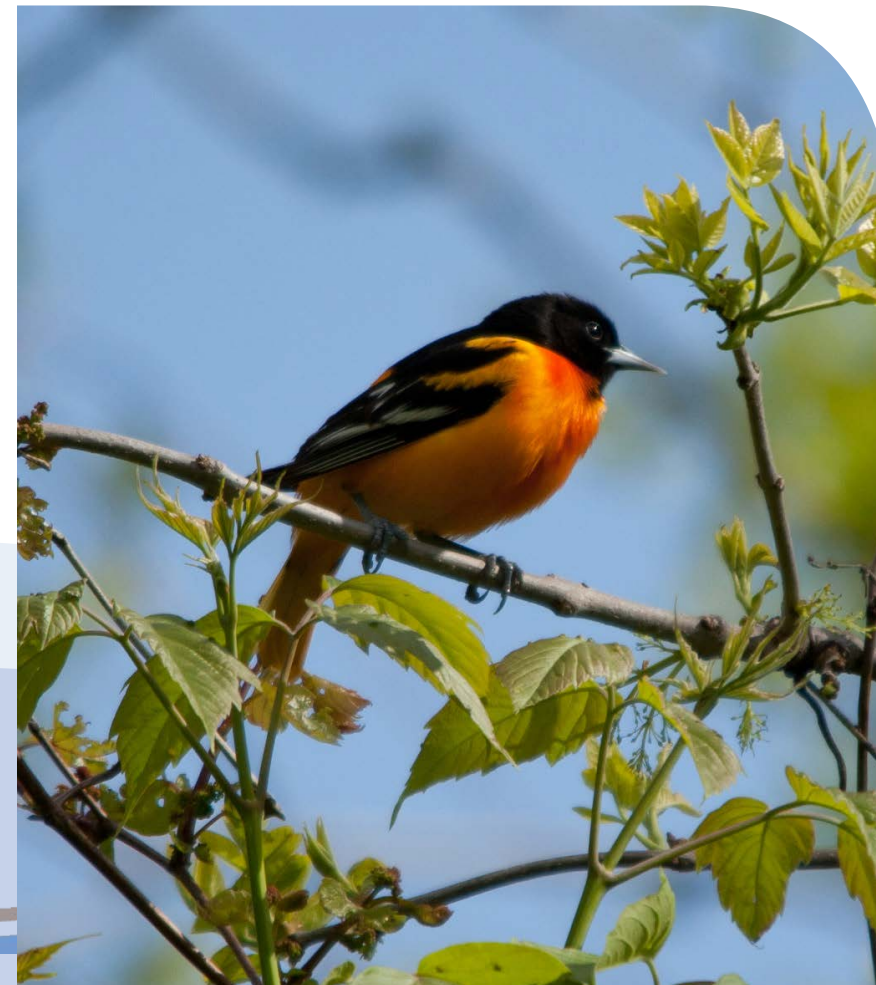
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We've got fans from all over the world!

Our Facebook demographics show that we have followers from:

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Germany	Bulgaria
United Kingdom	Ukraine
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To all of our international friends, we greet you with a warm hello and look forward to you visiting us in person!



UPCOMING EVENTS

The summer program schedule is subject to change based on the guidelines for COVID-19. Watch our website, Facebook page or call us for updates. Thank you for your patience.

Raising a Wild Child Preschool Program

Thursdays June 11th, July 9th & August 13th
9:00-10:30am
Members: \$2/child
Non-members: \$3/child



Experience the wonders of nature with your 2-5 year old through nature hikes, play and guided activities. Help your child notice the natural world and ignite their curiosity! Older siblings are welcome during the summer months. Registration required by the Monday before each program. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather. Sponsored by the Edward Jones Office of Carla Liban.

Summer Star Parties

9:30-10:30pm
Saturday, June 13th
Saturday, July 11th
Saturday, August 15th
(Perseid Meteor Shower)



View night sky constellations with astronomers Al and Ben, along with the moon and other celestial objects through the big telescope in the Sky Shed. Bring a lawn chair and your own telescope if you wish. Weather and sky conditions permitting. If cloudy conditions, star parties will take place the following Saturday at the same time. Watch Facebook and the website for changes. Program takes place outside the Nature Center. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

Celebrate International Mud Day

Thursday, July 2nd
4:00-5:30pm
Members: \$2/child
Non-Members: \$3/child



Celebrate International Mud Day by exploring soil and making mud pies! Activities best suited for ages 3-8, but all ages welcome. Be prepared to get muddy. An extra change of clothes and plastic bags are highly recommended. In the event of poor weather, there will be an indoor activity offered. Registration appreciated by Friday, June 26th. Sponsored by the Edward Jones Office of Carla Liban.

Nature Time Tuesdays

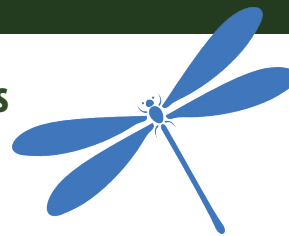
Tuesdays, July 7th-August 4th
1:30-3:00pm



Families are invited to drop in anytime between 1:30-3:00pm and participate in nature-themed activities the whole family will enjoy. Takes place at the Nature Center rain or shine. Sponsored by the Edward Jones Office of Carla Liban.

Little-known Aspects of Dragonfly Biology

Tuesday, July 21st
10:30am-Noon



Dragonflies do some strange things, some almost alien in nature. Some have bizarre reproductive behaviors, others migrate more than 2,000 miles over ocean waters and some nymphs detect their prey with an array of bizarre "hoop setae" on their antennae! Join Dr. Ken Tennessen, author of *The Dragonfly Nymphs of North America: An Identification Guide*, for this interesting program. After an indoor program, we'll head outside to the ponds to look for dragonflies. Registration required by Friday, July 17th. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

Owl Fest

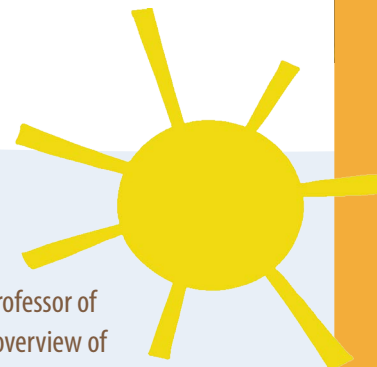
Saturday, July 25th
9:00am-Noon
Members: \$5/person or \$15/family
Non-members: \$8/person or \$20/family



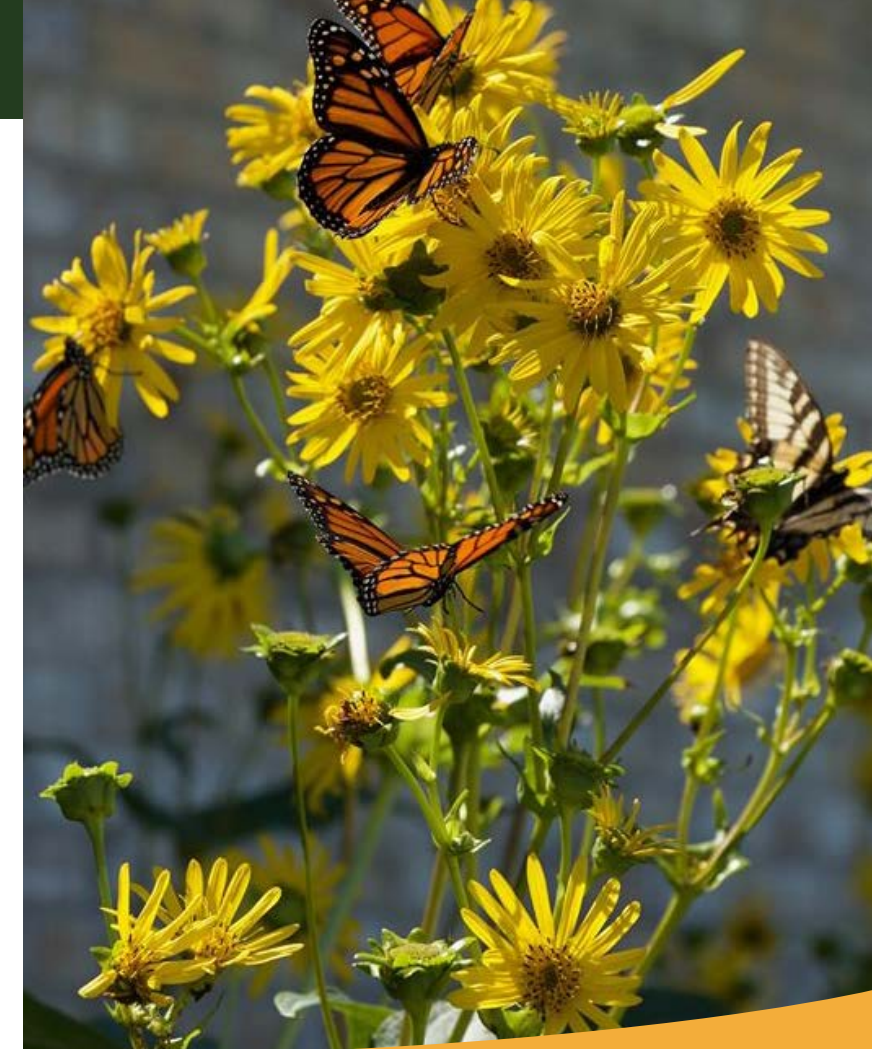
Join us for an exciting morning learning about Wisconsin owls! Enjoy kids' activities, adult programs, guided nature walks, a kids' owl-hooting contest and owl art with the Rahr-West Art Museum. Meet live owls and raptors during presentations by Wildlife of Wisconsin and enjoy story time with the Lester Public Library and Manitowoc Public Library. Takes place at the Nature Center.

Fun Studying the Sun: A Brief Tour of Our Star

Tuesday, August 25th
1:00-2:30pm



From fusion in the Sun's core to flares in its corona, Brian Welsch, Assistant Professor of Physics at UW-Green Bay, will give an overview of the Sun, and discuss what scientists find interesting about it. Registration appreciated. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.



FROM THE Butterfly Garden

The Dorothy Star Butterfly Garden is getting some improvements over the next few months! The covered entrance was taken down to provide an unobstructed view of the garden from the large window in the new part of the nature center. A poured cement path will make a pleasant, accessible way to view plants up close, and a small patio area will provide shaded seating for visitors to view nature in comfort. Our garden shed now has a window that was donated by Braun Building Center and installed by Steve Lutzke. When warmer weather arrives, the shed will be painted by local teen artists in the theme of birds, butterflies, bees, and blossoms. We're excited that the garden will now be a focal point for viewing from inside the new addition to the nature center. Many thanks to donors who made these improvements possible!

Wendy Lutzke
Butterfly & Bee Garden Coordinator

To register for any of our programs, please contact Jess at jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org or call at 920-793-4007.



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