

# LAKE GOGEBIC IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

"SPEAKING WITH ONE VOICE  
"FOR THE WELFARE OF THE ENTIRE LAKE"

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## From The President's Desk



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They say that a picture is worth a 1000 words. In keeping with that old saying we would like to focus on some of the visual aspects of our LGIA world.

In most of our Newsletters there will be a number of photos either regarding a project or a social event. The intent is to illustrate these activities to communicate more clearly what the narrative in the accompanying article is commenting on. So you have seen picnic, autumn dinner, Purple Loosestrife harvesting, fish crib, loon nest, boat washing and other photos. Thanks to all members who have, over the years, contributed photos.

We have a presence on Facebook as well. Search for **Protecting Lake Gogebic** to access the site. The nature of Facebook is that it gives an ongoing view of activities, comments and contacts relative to the lake. As the title of the site suggests the emphasis is on controlling things that threaten the overall quality of Lake Gogebic. Kathy Lowery not only coordinates the LGIA boat washing program but she maintains this Facebook site as well.

The LGIA also has a website, [lakegogebicia.com](http://lakegogebicia.com), that has been in existence for a few years but not updated recently. That is about to change so I would invite you to view the website frequently over the next few months and you will witness the changes. We decided when we set up the website not to make it interactive. Social media has evolved to a point where websites are now primarily a static source of information either by virtue of the information on the site itself or through the links referenced within it. The interactive current "conversation" vehicle is Facebook and we invite you to interact with us.

Though we mentioned it our last Newsletter the LGIA was featured on **Discovering** which airs each Monday at 6:30 central/7:30 eastern p.m. on channel 6 out of Marquette. Those of you who know the program, I'm sure, have high regard for the program host, Brian Whiten. His primary themes are tied to natural resource subjects and he felt much of the work the LGIA does fit nicely into his approach. He spent the morning with us on the Monday before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and did a series of interviews with a number of our members and volunteers. He said as long as he got good narrative and good video he could produce a great program. He outdid himself, even adding a drone view of an LGIA Loon nest floating in the Slate River to end the segment. While it was by itself a great program it also developed into a fine advertisement for our association. It provided a wonderful capsule presentation of who we are, what we stand for and the nature of work we do to protect and nurture Lake Gogebic.

If you haven't seen the program you can do so by firing up your computer, ipad or phone and go to the website [906outdoors.com](http://906outdoors.com) and go to the prompt for **Discovering** and then scroll down to program#309. Or go to [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) and type in Protecting Lake Gogebic and that should bring up the program as well. I hope you enjoy it and if you do please feel free to tell any prospective member to watch it as well.

Enjoy the Fall and the cool nights followed by the colorful bug free days!

**Purple Loosestrife Harvest 2018, cont'd**



**2018 CREW**

**Dwight Aukee, Jack Kurtz, Jim Vigness, Mark Brown, Phil Wirtanen, Chris Wirtanen and Ken Carlson.  
Not pictured is Kathy Lowery who is taking the photo.**





### Purple Loosestrife Harvest 2018

Eight hearty souls gathered one rather bleak August morning to venture out to once again work to contain the spread of Purple Loosestrife at the south end of Lake Gogebic.

The work is somewhat simple but challenging. You move to each of the plant patches by pontoon boat or flat bottom boat. Once you get close enough to enter the patch you have to pick each step carefully to avoid sinking into the muck present on the bottom. It can pull your boots right off of your feet if you allow its suction to trap you.

Once you are in the marsh itself, the challenge is to find a firm footing for each step as you move from plant to plant. Long handled clippers are the tool of choice the plants. Once cut, each plant is bundled with the others and when a good quantity is ready, they have to be brought back to the boat and bagged in contractor bags.

When a patch is cleared of all that you can access, the cutters return to the boat, which is just as difficult as leaving the boat. Then it's on to the next patch until the job is done.

We did not place buckets of *Galerucella Beetles* out into the largest patch as we have in past years. We were told that the beetles should establish a colony in the area and contain the spread of the plants quite effectively. Our crew worked a portion of that largest patch just to help the beetles along this year.

Gathering the plants is one thing disposing of them is another. Preventing the spread of Loosestrife is the primary goal of the effort so care has to be exercised to dispose of them. They are bagged and then transported to a location where they can be completely burned.

We work in partnership with UPPCO on this project each year. They provide the financial support and we provide the volunteer labor and match our commitment to theirs. It makes for a great team in protecting Lake Gogebic. All members are cordially invited to join in the effort during the 2019 campaign. Keep an eye on the newsletter for the date and location.

LAKE GOGEBIC IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FALL GATHERING  
THURSDAY OCTOBER 4, 2018  
ROOT CELLAR

APPETIZERS & CASH BAR HAPPY HOUR 5:00 p.m. CDT  
BUFFET STYLE DINNER 6:00 p.m. CDT

SALAD BAR

BUFFET STYLE DINNER

CHICKEN & BEEF  
MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY  
GREEN BEANS  
ROLLS

DESSERT

\$13.78 per person (cash or check please ***made out to Root Cellar***)

Appetizers, tip and tax paid by LGIA

PLEASE RSVP by SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> to Betty Lou Wirtanen – 575-3354, or email  
2wirtanens@gogebicrange.net or to June Wirtanen – 575-3520, or email  
jwirtanen@gogebicrange.net

Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

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MARENISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT: 906-787-2300

LAKE GOGEBIC FIRE DEPARTMENT: 906-842-3555

**GUEST SPEAKERS AT NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**Jim Finley, Gogebic Conservation District Administrator, and Jennifer Ricker, Iron County Conservation District Director, will be at the Lake Gogebic Improvement Association meeting on September 27th at 6:00 p.m. CDT.**

**Jim will talk about land (terrestrial) invasive species and Jennifer will discuss aquatic species that threaten our lakes especially Lake Gogebic.**

**All LGIA members are encouraged to attend as the problem is real and your property and its value are at stake.**

**FISH CRIB LOCATIONS AS OF SEPTEMBER, 2018**

| Latitude  | Longitude  | Depth | Latitude  | Longitude | Depth    |
|-----------|------------|-------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 46 26.103 | 89 31.804  | 20    | 46 29.215 | 89 35.156 | 13       |
| 46 26.107 | 89 31.822  | 12    | 46 32.880 | 89 62.207 | 10       |
| 46 26.132 | 89 31.822  | 15    | 46 28.922 | 89 34.901 | 16       |
| 46 26.148 | 89 31.785  | 15    | 46 26.845 | 89 33.044 | 16       |
| 46 26.393 | 89 31.785  | 20    | 46 32.459 | 89 36.818 | 14       |
| 46 29.000 | 89 32.502  | 18    | 46.28.973 | 89 34.949 | 10       |
| 46 29.501 | 89 35.339  | 16    | 46.28.851 | 89 34.869 | 10       |
| 46 27.586 | 89 31.825  | 30    | 46 30.670 | 89 36.129 | 15       |
| 46 31.664 | 89 36.419  | 15    | 46 31.650 | 89 36.450 | 9 to 10  |
| 46 26.038 | 89 31.807  | 16    | 46 26 000 | 89 31 801 | 9        |
| 46 31.733 | 89 36.482  | 11    | 46 26 777 | 89 31 653 | 12 to 13 |
| 46 31.416 | 89 36.203  | 18    | 46 33 225 | 89 37 432 | 9        |
| 46 33.545 | 89 36.003  | 10    | 46 28 572 | 89 34 661 | 9        |
| 46 25.588 | 89 32.997  | 12    | 46 30 772 | 89 36 121 | 15       |
| 46 30.988 | 89 36.085  | 18    | 46 32 180 | 89 36 664 | 14       |
| 46 26.655 | 89 31.745  | 16    | 46 32 412 | 89 36 794 | 12 to 14 |
| 46 26.862 | 89 33.065  | 15    | 46 25 499 | 89 31 965 | 13       |
| 46 29.654 | 89 33 .266 | 17    | 46 28 019 | 89 31 880 | 15       |
| 46 29.651 | 89 33.065  | 12    | 46 30 185 | 89 33 793 |          |
| 46 29.600 | 89 33.143  | 16    | 46 28 163 | 89 34 666 |          |
| 46 32.447 | 89 35.189  | 15    |           |           |          |
| 46 32.388 | 89 35.153  | 15    |           |           |          |

## WUP-CAC REPORT

PHIL WIRTANEN

Timing is everything they say and it has its effect on this report since the next meeting of the Western Upper Peninsula Citizens Advisory Council ( WUP-CAC) is a week from yesterday. However I can tell you what the agenda will consider; a CWD update particularly referring to some pretty strong control action to be taken in the Lower Peninsula. Nothing of a comparable nature is being proposed currently for the Upper Peninsula but should an infected deer appear here I would assume similar actions will follow. We'll also receive an update from the Oman's Creek engineering study, habitat work group, elect officers for the Council for the coming year, discuss the development of a new Law Enforcement Strategic Plan and receive committee reports and consider what resolutions they are proposing for action. As in all of our meetings members of the public are invited and encouraged to participate. You can either speak to any of the agenda items or on any item germane to natural resource issues in the UP.

This month is special since the CAC will meet in conjunction with the Natural Resource Commission which will meet the next day. It is a fine opportunity for the comingling of Council and NRC members. As well most all of the executive management of the DNR will be in attendance for either one or both of the meetings.

The LGIA has had an impact on many of the matters that have come before both groups. As an example one of the proposed resolutions to be proposed by the CAC Fisheries Committee next week will be to change the statewide Yellow Perch regulations to match those that are currently in effect on Lake Gogebic. Actually that is how the resolution reads "as on Lake Gogebic." All of our resolutions and the accompanying recommendations are sent to the Director of the DNR. He then refers them to the proper people within the DNR for comment and consideration. If we get support there will be a request by the DNR to the NRC to agree to change the regulation. We suspect they will support the request.

The purpose of the CACs is to provide advice but advice can become influence and the above is a classic case. The LGIA did not by itself make the original change but we were a major player in a cooperative effort with the local DNR and other interested parties. You might remember me speaking of the GO-YEP group some years ago. GO-Yep was what got the job done, ultimately having an effect throughout the state.

As a quick aside one of the agenda items for the NRC meeting is to recognize its former Chairman John Matonich, resident of Lake Gogebic and proud member of the LGIA. Thanks John for all you have done for the State of Michigan and for the Upper Peninsula especially!

Lake Gogebic Improvement Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
23 August 2018  
Bergland Township Hall  
Minutes

Vice President Chris Wirtanen called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. CDT with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Brown, Ken Carlson, Glenn Korpi, Jean Ninefeldt, Steve Salmi, Chris Wirtanen, Ralph Wirtanen.

Board members absent: Mike Burt, Carol D'Alberto, Kathy Lowery, Jim O'Neill, Jim Vigness, Phil Wirtanen.

Agenda. Chris Wirtanen distributed the Agenda. Moved and seconded to adopt. Motion passed.

Minutes. Moved and seconded to approve the Minutes from the 26 July 2018 Board meeting, previously distributed by e-mail. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report. The Financial Report was previously distributed by Jim O'Neill by e-mail. As of 23 August 2018, the closing balance in the General Account is \$4,820.96. The balance in the Special Account is \$480.82; and the CD Account has a balance of \$7,827.13. Moved and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

Committees. The work of the Committees was generally reviewed.

It was noted that forms are available for placement of fish cribs, with new cribs planned for this fall.

On 21 August, the LGIA again worked to remove Purple Loosestrife from the south end of the Lake, with volunteers from the Board as well as property owners on the Lake.

On 12 September the Western U. P. Citizens Advisory Committee will be meeting at the Porcupine Mountains Ski Chalet, from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Old Business.

The transfer of the LGIA website (LakeGogebicIA.com) to the new webmaster is completed, and further information will be presented at the September meeting of the Board.

Jim O'Neill will do one more Newsletter this year and plans on having it completed by the middle of September. Contributions to the Newsletter are invited and welcomed.

The planned Fall Social, currently scheduled for 4 October, is still without a location; and further details will be shared as they become known.

New Business.

The LGIA hopes to again this fall participate in removal of Buckthorn from the Ontonagon County Park.

Jim Foley of the Gogebic Conservation District is being invited to the next Board meeting.

Discussion on how to best handle door prizes at the Annual Picnic will be continued at the next Board meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on 27 September 2018, at 6:00 p.m. CDT, at the Bergland Township Hall.

Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth H. Carlson, Secretary

LAKE GOGEBIC IMPROVEMENT  
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FINANCIAL REPORT

| DATE  | 8/31/2018                |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| GOGEBIC RANGE BANK: A/C # 4105861 - GENERAL ACCOUNT |                          |   |                          |
| RECONCILED STATEMENT OPENING BALANCE: JULY 31, 2018 |                          |   | \$4,844.54               |
| DEPOSITS FOR PERIOD:                                |                          |   |                          |
| MEMBERSHIPS:  |                          | \$115.00                                    |                          |
| TOTAL DEPOSITS:                                     |                          | <u>\$115.00</u>                             | <u>\$4,959.54</u>        |
| MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS:                                |                          |   |                          |
| 08/08/18  | BRENDA & RONALD O'BRIEN  | CK 5755                                     | \$40.00                  |
| 08/10/18  | PHILIP & CAROLYN SAINDON | CK 1102                                     | \$15.00                  |
| 08/30/18  | FLOYD KOOIENGA           | CK 7842                                     | <u>\$60.00</u>           |
|   |                          |   | \$115.00                 |
| CHECKS WRITTEN:                                     |                          |   |                          |
| CK#   | DATE                     | PAID TO:                                    | AMOUNT                   |
| 661   | 08/08/18                 | U.S. POST OFFICE FOR POB 75                 | \$38.00                  |
| 662   | 08/21/18                 | PHIL WIRTANEN-LOOSESTRIFE PROJECT EXPENSES  | \$40.58                  |
| 663   | 08/30/18                 | KEN CARLSON FOR STAMPS & PAPER (NEWSLETTER) | \$87.14                  |
| TOTAL CHECKS:                                       |                          | \$165.72                                    | <u>\$165.72</u>          |
| CLOSING BALANCE ON                                  | 8/23/18                  |   | <u><u>\$4,793.82</u></u> |
| SPECIAL ACCOUNT BALANCE:                            |                          |   | \$480.82                 |
| CD ACCOUNT BALANCE:                                 |                          |   | \$7,827.13               |

Pretty sure he's referring to the Lions winning the Super Bowl



## Digging Out the History of Lake Gogebic

Ken Carlson

Typing [loc.gov](http://loc.gov) into the search bar of your browser will take you to the website of the Library of Congress. This opens up to us the LOC's vast, interesting range of national resources to explore, our national resources. Perhaps you've been there. I think of it as almost being in mid-air and jumping in many directions. Because there is so much to discover, the site can seem a little intimidating. At least it often is for me. But exploring is never quick and easy, I suppose. And it's worth the effort.

Sometimes I'll just type Lake Gogebic into the LOC's search bar, see what comes up, and decide where I want to go digging. Another path to take is what the LOC calls "American Memory," and describes it this way: "American Memory is a gateway to rich primary source materials relating to the history and culture of the United States. The site offers more than 7 million digital items from more than 100 historical collections." If you're curious to know more about Lake Gogebic, and to see the Lake a little more clearly in its natural and historical context, the LOC is a great place to go. Lately, for example, because I'm fascinated by maps, I've been searching the Library's collection of old maps of North America. It's interesting to see how early cartographers drew the Lake. Not very precisely, by our modern standards; but it's how they saw the continent and not their geographic accuracy that catches the eye. What I'm particularly trying to find is the earliest map that names 'Lake Gogebic'--and I'll let you know when I think I've found it.

The Library of Congress, of course, is not the only place to go to dig up things about Lake Gogebic. Which brings me to my point. I wonder if there might not be a lot of stuff--photos, stories, anecdotes, maps--sitting in our own (or someone we know) closets, boxes, attics, sheds, and basements. The Lake Gogebic Improvement Association has a keen interest in unearthing materials that we can share and that will help all of us better understand and appreciate this place that has so much meaning for so many of us. We'd like to build more of this into our own website ([LakeGogebicIA.com](http://LakeGogebicIA.com)), for example. So, if you happen to think of something, or have something, or can point to something that would contribute to the effort, let the LGIA know; and we'll go digging. Might be a good winter project.

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