



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

Vibrations

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Much Activity in the Save Owasippe Fight

by Susan Derby, OSA Member

Since our last newsletter, there has been a whole slew of activity related to the Save Owasippe efforts, the Owasippe Outdoor Education Center, and the ongoing legal case between the Chicago Area Council and Blue Lake Township. Through all of this, the OSA has continued to support the OOEC and Blue Lake Township as they work on two separate fronts to protect the camp from sale to a developer.

OOEC Happenings

The OOEC has been promoting its ability to purchase the property in full from the Council at a price close to the current offer from the Ben Smith group. Part of the OOEC's plan is to apply for funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, a fund to which companies must pay before using any natural resource in the state (drilling for oil, bottling water, etc.). Just this month, an official MNRTF-backed appraisal of the property came back at \$12.3 million for the full property under the current zoning. That is a price the OOEC says it is willing to pay for the full 4,800 acres and is relatively close to the offer on the table from the Ben Smith group, \$19.4 million. Rumor has it that the Council had been told by people outside the OOEC or MNRTF that the appraisal would come in around \$1-3 million. The OOEC has been saying for four years that the estimated value of the land and properties is between \$12 million and \$14 million.

It's also interesting to note that the \$12.3 million appraisal is closely in line with a 2002 appraisal commissioned by the Council, which came back as valued at under \$13.5 as currently zoned.

In response to the MNRTF-approved appraisal, the OOEC released a public statement to CAC President Michael Hughes challenging him to "take steps to immediately resolve the long-term future of the Owasippe Scout Reservation property and begin to heal the relationships they have with their volunteers and the people of West Michigan. The steps called for are to immediately halt the legal actions against Blue Lake Township, and personally against several of the township officials, and to commence discussions on the sale of the property to the OOEC for \$12,300,000, in accordance with the OOEC Letter of Intent to Purchase."

The full letter is available at www.OOEC.org, as well as numerous other documents including an open letter from

Hughes in June to the people of Blue Lake Township, the contents of the Township's motion for summary disposition (more on that below), and updated information. Bookmark www.ooec.org because this situation is really heating up right now.

Of other important news from OOEC, the Rosa & Raymond Parks Institute has publicly joined with the vision of the OOEC. The group, formed by Rosa Parks and Elaine Eason Steele in honor of Parks' husband, is based on a philosophy of "Encouraging youth to reach their highest potential through the Rosa Parks philosophy of quiet strength." It operates the Pathways to Freedom program, which retraces history from the Underground Railroad through the Civil Rights Movement and beyond. It incorporates environmentalism, personal empowerment, peace, and self-discipline as key points. This is an amazing organization with values and goals closely aligned with those of the OOEC, and they have pledged their support to the OOEC's vision in return for a place to operate their programs.

Please donate to help keep the OOEC operating and continuing its efforts to purchase the property in full. Send your check to OOEC, P.O. Box 212, Whitehall, MI 49461.

Blue Lake Township Happenings

The CAC has continued to pursue its suit against the Blue Lake Township in county court claiming the rezoning of Owasippe to Forest/Recreation-Institutional constituted a "taking" of the land. In response to the now-two-year long lawsuit, the Township has filed a motion for summary disposition. The filing filled two boxes and a large mailing tube with documents and evidence claiming the case should be dismissed in whole or part on many counts:

1) That Judge Marietti dismiss all parties from the lawsuit except the township board, the only body invested with the authority to amend a zoning ordinance. The suit currently names Township Supervisor Don Studaven, Planning Chairman Lyle Monette, and the entire planning commission in addition to the township board.

2) That Judge Marietti dismiss the council's claim the property was "taken" due to evidence of a number of entities out there willing to buy it as is. The motion claims that the

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Every so often someone asks me, "When is the OSA going to do another 'big' project?" Who doesn't love a "big" project? They help to make Owasispe everything we know it can and should be. The OSA has done numerous "big" projects in the past 29 years. 2007 marks the 25th anniversary of our first, the Wolverine shower house. More recently, we constructed the climbing tower and COPE Course and refurbished the firebowls at Blackhawk and Wolverine.



In the past five years, the OSA has not committed to any similar "big" projects. The explanation I typically give is very practical. We do not want to fund a large capital improvement until we know what lays in store for Owasispe. We do not feel that it would be a responsible use of OSA funds.

Another answer I have is that simply we have been doing a big project. The OSA has committed to a gigantically "big" project. It's without doubt our biggest and most important project to date. We have committed to ensuring the continuation of Owasispe for future generations.

There are many ways that our organization and members are tackling this project. One important thing that we are doing is helping to maintain the facilities and programs at Owasispe. At the fall and spring fix-its, we painted and made repairs to the B-side cabins at Reneker. In the fall, we will begin working on the A-side cabins. This spring, the OSA sponsored the repairs of 13 (out of 16) sailboats. Thanks to the help of Head Ranger Al Geisler and Ron Derby, the boats were fixed and ready to go by the time Scouts arrived first period. Many of these maintenance projects have been possible because of donations made by OSA members. Recently, donations made in memory of Larry O'Connor allowed us to fund extensive repairs of the garbage truck, which was desperately in need of new brakes.

In addition to maintaining the facility and programs, the OSA is also striving to donate resources that will make camp more enjoyable for campers and staff. At Reneker, we constructed 40 new picnic tables, one for each cabin, and installed teeter totters at the playgrounds. In each of the Scoutcraft areas, we donated storage sheds that have been on staff wish lists for years. We also contributed funds to help build an addition to the shower house on Blackhawk staff row.

Another way that we are helping to ensure the continuation of Owasispe is by collaborating with the current staff. During staff week, the OSA hosts a pizza night for the entire senior staff so that they can learn about the OSA and become trial members. We also recruit many new members at the family picnic and pizza night. These new members are crucial to the OSA because they have current knowledge of what is going on at Owasispe and know what is needed to help the program succeed.

The final part of this "big" project is fundraising. The concert fundraiser, gift card program and member donations all help finance the work done at fix-its and fund the donations made by the OSA. We are also putting a significant portion of these funds into savings so that the OSA can be prepared

to do the type of "big" projects everyone would like to see when Owasispe's future is secured. Many of our members also continue to donate money to the Owasispe Outdoor Education Center (OOEC) and its Save Owasispe Fund. The OOEC more directly fights the battle to keep Owasispe from being sold to real estate developers.

We're proud of all these projects. We know the "big" projects are more appealing and lend more satisfaction to a job well done. But these projects count just as much toward our mission and add up to make as large an impact. ♣

Save Owasispe (cont. from pg. 1)

Council has not proven that the zoning significantly reduced the land's value to a point that it is "unsuitable for use or unmarketable."

3) That Judge Marietti dismiss Council's claims that it cannot make a profit on camp operation, to which it is limited under FR-I zoning. Blue Lake's attorney James Nelson wrote in his filing that the other successful camps in the area are proof that it can be done, and that as a non-profit organization, the CAC doesn't exist for the purpose of making a financial profit. He also cites CAC's 2005 IRS filings showing \$8.6 million in revenue and income and expenses of \$4.5 million.

The judge has set a hearing date of Aug. 24th at 9 a.m. at which point he may accept the township's motion for summary disposition in full or in part, may reject it, or may not make a decision and simply hear testimony. Watch www.owasispe.com for the outcome of this important court date!

A few months ago, the judge postponed the trial hearing from mid-August to October 16-19 and 23-26. If the township's motion to dismiss the case is granted in full, the October dates will not be necessary.

And finally, the Blue Lake Township Board has created a legal defense fund. It has depleted its legal insurance fund in the ongoing case from the CAC. The Township has been sending letters to groups and individuals in Michigan and Chicago pleading for financial support to continue the legal defense. Many cities and townships have donated, knowing that a failure in this case could mean drastic limitations in every township's right to control its own zoning and land use by residents. Many Chicago individuals have been donating to show their support for Blue Lake vs. CAC, and because a loss on this front essentially means the loss of Owasispe.

If you would like to donate, send your check to Blue Lake Township Legal Fund, 1491 Owasispe Road, Twin Lake, MI 49457. ♣

For the latest official info on the Save Owasispe Campaign, visit: www.owasispe.com or www.ooec.org



Is anyone other than the OOEC trying to save Owasippe in its entirety?

No, the OOEC is the only known group working to save the Owasippe property in its entirety. There are other groups who are interested in purchasing portions of the property for conservation uses or to add to their current land holdings, but the OOEC wants to purchase the entire 4,800 acres and protect it from residential development.

While others talk about preserving a portion for Scout camping and selling the remaining portion for conservation or development, they are still portioning off the property. The OOEC believes the entire 4,800 acres is worthy of protection and purchase, and that the loss of any portion would be a setback to the township, the environment, youth camping, and educational opportunities.

Will Owasippe continue to be used as a Boy Scout camp?

Yes, we certainly hope so. Owasippe will offer outstanding programs and facilities and will make them available to any BSA Council or individual Scout Troop or Venture Crew. The OOEC would assure that the Owasippe facilities, staff and operations will meet or exceed the National Standards of the BSA before making it available to Scouts. The OOEC would love to have the Chicago Area Council as an anchor client. We have no reason to think that Boy Scouts will stop wanting to use the property for summer camping, and we can assure that it will be available to them. We are keenly aware that the history of Owasippe is Scout camping, and we have no intention of ending that rich tradition.

It is important to note that National Standards do not require that a camp operating a BSA program must be owned by a BSA Council. So long as National Standards are met and adhered to, Scout camping can happen at a non-Council-owned facility.

Does the OOEC's plan require a change in zoning?

No. All of our plans fit within the current FR-I zoning of Blue Lake Township and are consistent with long-established uses by others operating under the same zoning in the Township.

Will the general public be welcome at Owasippe?

Absolutely yes! There will be controlled-access public activities and events at Owasippe facilities. Potential public access may be in the form of a public campground, hiking and biking trails, fishing, cross-country skiing, cabin rental, and environmental education events.

At times, restrictions of public access may be required. An example of this would be when a youth organization is camping or holding an event. Considerations of security and child safety will prohibit access to the facilities being used by anyone other than those authorized by the youth organization.

Why is a conference center included in the OOEC's plans?

The concept of a Conference Center was first suggested in a meeting with Muskegon County business and government leaders a few years ago. There is a Hotel/Conference/Convention Center in downtown Muskegon. There are also small conference/retreat centers in Muskegon County. However, there is currently nothing that fits a "middle-sized" need, and that has caused such inquiries to be turned away from the county.

In our continuing discussions with various potential investor partners, the opportunity to create a Conference Center as we have described was found to meet the needs of one of the companies we were talking with. They have agreed to be the first substantial investor in the OOEC. And since that time, others have also voiced their potential use of such a conference center. Once it became a possibility, more and more supporters have come forward.

Doesn't the development you propose threaten the environment and ambiance that makes Owasippe so special?

No. Our overall goal is to place a Conservation Easement on the undeveloped land of Owasippe. This is the only sure way to address the preservation of the land as we know it for the future. Any development will take place in areas where development already exists.

There is the need to change some of the developed areas from "summer use" to "year 'round use" so there will obviously be more of an impact in some areas from the more frequent use. Improved wastewater management is an example of what will be included in all development plans. Site plans that preserve existing woodlands will be used.

Is the OOEC becoming a commercial venture that will invalidate its not-for-profit status?

No. Our plan to operate as a not-for-profit entity does require that we have a consistent revenue stream. However, the continuing investment in infrastructure, maintenance and program offerings will consume the projected revenue. Not-for-profit is a tax condition, not a business plan.

What core values will guide the operation of the OOEC?

Ecology and character development will be key values in all we would do through the OOEC. We want to share what we believe helped to significantly develop our values with the youth of America. We want key decision makers in business to understand that strategic planning should go far deeper than the depth of their pockets. We want to help the next generation of American leaders understand how critical it is that we be responsible stewards of the land. And we believe that a positive moral character is another key component for the success of both youth and corporations. ♣

Pure Fun was had at OSA Pub Crawl

by Tricia Monahan - OSA President

We couldn't have asked for a better night for the annual OSA Pub Crawl. The weather was gorgeous. The bartenders were friendly. And the street fest outside meant an easy walk from bar to bar without having to worry about traffic.

About 40 people came out to enjoy some or all of the bars along Madison in Forest Park. We still had a great bunch at the final bar, enjoying conversation and lots of laughs. Along the way, we danced to live music, played some darts, chowed down on pizza, and even entertained strangers with our antics. Each bar was capped off with an OSA-related trivia question and restaurant gift certificates for the winners.

We seemed to have quite a few engaged couples this year – more than usual at least. So a congratulations to all those who have married since the pub crawl. And thanks for spending a night chilling out with us instead of worrying about all that wedding stuff.

Thanks to board member Andy Lukasiewicz for planning

the event, and to everyone who came out for a beer or two. This has turned out to be a popular event since we re-introduced it a few years ago, and we love seeing the new and familiar faces over a tall glass of suds. ♣



See more OSA Pub Crawl pics on page 7.

OSA - White Sox Game

Join us at U.S. Cellular Field to see the White Sox take on the Kansas City Royals on Thursday, Sept. 27th at 7:11 p.m. We have a block of seats reserved in the upper deck (rows 2 through 4!). Tickets are only \$12 (regularly \$16). We have purchased only 30 tickets, so reserve your ticket soon! Late September is a great time to see a game, so join us on this cool Sox outing.

Tailgating is welcome, and parking lots open two hours prior to the game. Parking passes are \$20.

Please contact Tricia Monahan at (708) 334-1100 or triciamonahan@gmail.com to reserve your tickets and parking passes (while supplies last). You can also pick them up at the OSA Fall Fix-it on Sept. 15th. Hope to see you at the game! ♣



Share the Gift Cards!

by Tricia Monahan - OSA President

Last November, I made copies of the gift card order form and put them out at my school. Twelve of my coworkers ordered gift cards to use for their shopping and holiday gifts. It worked out great! The orders raised money for the OSA, and my coworkers could buy all of their gift cards without running around to a dozen different stores and fighting the crowds. Since then, my coworkers continue to ask for the gift cards orders forms so that they can purchase birthday gifts, graduation presents, etc. all year round. Other OSA members have shared the gift card orders at troop meetings and family gatherings.

We are now using a new, simplified gift card order

form to make it easier to spread the word about the gift card fundraiser. The new order form (see green insert) is actually two order forms, one for you and one to give to a friend or coworker. This order form to give to a friend includes a letter explaining the gift card program and identifying the OSA. Feel free to make copies! Remember, the more people that place orders, the more successful this fundraiser will be.

This batch of gift card orders needs to be postmarked by Sept. 5th. The orders will be delivered at the Fall Fix-it on Sept. 15th. If you prefer, you can pick up your order at the OSA White Sox game on Sept. 27th or have your order shipped for a flat fee of \$4.05. ♣

Fix-it Deeds Done Well

The OSA had a very successful Spring Fix-it last May. The accomplishments included painting the outsides of the remaining seven cabins on B-side at Reneker, the purchase and assembly of 40 new picnic tables for Reneker, the cleanup of three miles of adopted roadway, one Reneker cabin was re-roofed, numerous electrical repairs were made, trail maintenance was performed, KYBOs were power-washed in preparation for the OA to paint, lots of work was done in the main trading post to get it ready for camp, and much more! Thanks goes to all the volunteers, the kitchen crew and the Ranger Staff for making it a fun and productive weekend.

Candy reports that every camper noticed and loved the new tables right away! The B-side campers had lots of compliments on the fresh paint on the cabins. They look spectacular!

But don't put those paintbrushes and tools away quite yet. The Fall Fix-It is quickly approaching. Mark your calendars for Sept. 14-16 for another weekend of volunteer work and fellowship. We'll be starting on painting the exterior of the Reneker A-Side cabins, plus lots of other minor projects to close camp for the winter.

Call Tim Toerber, Fix-it Chairman, at (312) 545-6320 or timothytoerberiii@hotmail.com to reserve your spot. ♣

Also since May, the OSA has completed the following:

- Materials were acquired to help build an add-on private shower and sanitary unit for females on the Camp Blackhawk staff row
- 13 sailboats at Camp Blackhawk's Stephen Fossett sailing base were completely repaired, rehabbed and repainted and put back into play (2nd year in a row for the OSA)
- A securable storage shed was purchased for each of the Scoutcraft Areas at camps Wolverine and Blackhawk (and built by the staff)
- Owasippe's garbage truck was overhauled for continued operation and many parts were acquired to repair other vehicles in the camp fleet
- CITs were trained and supplied with staff guides and other mementos of training
- Two new teeter-totters were purchased to replace the 30-year-old ones at Reneker (Thanks to the Nelsons for putting the new ones together)

3 Easy Ways to Help Support the OSA

Keep your membership dues current...

Dues cover numerous operational costs like liability insurance and postage. We simply cannot carry members who don't keep their dues current.

Participate in the shopping/gift card program...

Buy cards for regular shopping trips as well as gifts. Get your family, friends and co-workers involved. The OSA gets a cut,

and you get 100% value on what you spend. (see article on pg. 4 and green insert)

Use GoodSearch.com to search the web...

Approximately \$0.01 is raised each time you search using Goodsearch.com. This means that if 100 people search two times each day, the OSA can earn \$730 in a year!

2007 Owasippe Staff Members of the Year

Camp Blackhawk	Tom Sniegowski Nathan Dodd (under 18)
High Adventure	BethAnn Egan Rachael Rychtanek (under 18)
Camp Reneker	Becky Faulhaber
Camp Wolverine	Erik Kinslow Jason Roepke (under 18)

Congratulations on a job well done!

OSA Membership Corner

presented by Hans Anderson - Board Member

To help make it easier to get your friends and family to join the OSA and support our cause, we're reducing the price of a first-time membership when it is purchased at an OSA event. That means you should bring your family and all your buddies to the pub crawl, the fix-it, the picnic or any OSA event, and they can join for \$15 instead of \$20. Help us boost our membership!

New Members

Matt Dorich
Nancy McKenna

New Life Members

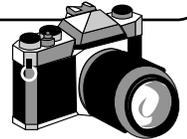
John "JoJo" Harrington

Welcome to the OSA family!





You can visit www.owasippe.com to see most of these pics (and many more) in color.



No Fish Tales Here

By Edgar Wolff-Klammer

Last March at the OSA Dinner Dance, I won the Fishing Charter Raffle. I wasn't so excited to win this since the largest lake I ever fished on was Lake Wolverine and we really do not do much fishing. But this all changed once we were on the Shelley Lee III with Captain Pat Schiller.

We made a reservation for June 30th, which happened to be our son's Eric birthday. We loaded on the boat at 4 p.m. for our six-hour fishing cruise. We went out of White Lake and four miles into Lake Michigan when the captain and his first mate set the 18 poles. During this time he allowed each son to drive the boat. Now there is no guarantee that you will catch a fish but we did. I was looking out of the back of the boat and a fish was jumping out of the water. Not realizing that it was hooked on one of our poles, I told everyone to look and Captain Pat gave the pole to Eric. It was a good fight but Eric got him in the boat. During our trip we caught four fish total.

When we got back to shore, they cleaned the fish for us and bagged them. We cannot say enough great things about this adventure, and I would recommend if you have some extra time, call Captain Pat at (231) 894-2101 or visit www.bluewatermarinesvc.com/html/charter.html

Editor's Note: Capt. Pat pays for an ad in the OSA Ad Book and trades the fishing trip for more ads. He's been an advertiser for the past few years, and all accounts of the charter trips he's taken our winners on have been stellar.



Teeter-Totter Mania

This photo, taken by Hans Anderson during 3rd period, shows one of the brand new teeter-totters in action on Reneker's A-side.

From left: Nicole Bitter, Bobby Bitter, Claire Anderson & Annie Nyberg

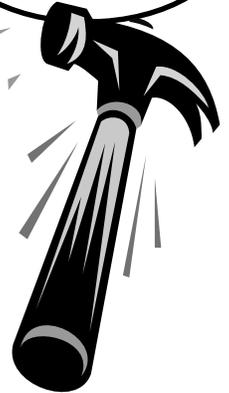
OSA was able to purchase the new teeter-totters during staff week thanks to member donations. As you can see, they were a big hit!



Upcoming Events

the 2007 Fall Fix-it

All persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.



Our primary goal will be to help get camp ready to close for the season. Other camp-wide projects will include roofing, carpentry, painting and general repairs. Don't forget to bring a trunkload of tools for various projects... especially painting supplies!

Sept. 14-16

Please RSVP to Tim Toerber
by e-mail at timothytoerberiii@hotmail.com or by phone at 312-545-6320

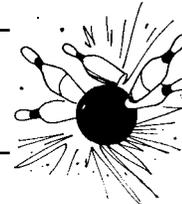


Candlelight Bowl

Saturday, October 13th
from 8:00 p.m. til ?



Striker Lanes
6728 16th Street, Berwyn, IL 60402
708-484-7832



Please RSVP to Candy Merritt
by e-mail at candymerritt@yahoo.com or by phone at 708-354-9837

**PLEASE
NOTE**

The cost is **\$15 per person** which covers dinner, 3 games and shoe rental! There will also be a cash bar for your enjoyment.

Must be 18 or older to attend. No one under 21 will be served alcohol. Responsible drinking and designated drivers are encouraged.

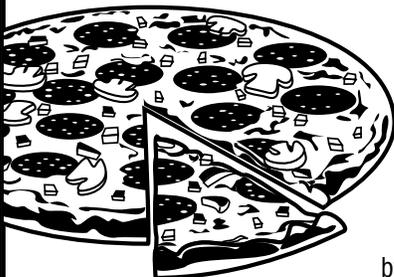


Owasipalooza (OSA Pizza Night)

Friday, November 23rd
from 6:30-11:00 p.m.

At the European Chalet (lower level),
5445 South Harlem Ave., Chicago, IL 60638
(54th & Harlem Ave. Just off I-55)
www.EuroChal.com

Please RSVP to Ron Kulak
by e-mail at owasiron@juno.com or by phone at 708-535-7748



**PLEASE
NOTE**

There will be an **\$8** charge at the door, which covers pizza and promotional expenses. There will also be a cash bar for your enjoyment.

Must be 18 or older to attend. No one under 21 will be served alcohol. Responsible drinking and designated drivers are encouraged.

News & Notes

Summer of '07 was a Good One

Steve Adams, Director of Camping, passed along some great feedback for the now-closed 2007 camping season. He says, "Campers at both Hoover and Owasippe received outstanding programs this summer. Leaders told us they had never seen such enthusiastic camp staffs. The final reports are incomplete at this time, but we believe both Hoover and Owasippe had growth in attendance over 2006." Way to go!

The 2007 Staffmembers of the Year can be found on pg. 5 of this newsletter.

Lipka's Soda Fountain Reopens

Montague welcomes back its long-time corner store, Lipka's. The former pharmacy and drug store was closed last November when owner Gary Lipka became ill. He died the day after at age 77. His daughter, Patti Ream, has been restoring the old soda fountain, counter, seats and memorabilia that now make up the soda fountain.

Glen Lipka operated Lipka's Drug Store out of the building at 8718 Ferry for 50 years before changing it to an old-fashioned ice cream and soda shop in 2002.

Whether it was Lipka's Drug Store or the Soda Fountain, the corner shop has been a gathering place for residents who want to discuss local issues or debate political topics. Now that it has reopened, many residents have returned to their favorite seats inside the building or at the seats outside. It's where you can hear the local gossip, feel out the political happenings, learn about community events and catch up with old friends.

Ream has restored the traditional soda fountain with fountain drinks, ice cream, ice-cream sodas, phosphates, malts and shakes. A soup and sandwich counter is being planned for the fall.

West Michigan Trade-O-Ree

Ron Kulak will be hosting a table on behalf of the OSA at the first-ever West Michigan Trade-O-Ree and Swap Meet, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 14-15, at Gerber Scout Camp (in their dining hall). This is the same weekend as the Fall Fix-it, so get to camp early on Friday evening or head over after dinner on Saturday to browse the collectibles and memorabilia.

Admission is \$2 or free to Scouts in uniform. Friday it's open from 3 to 11 p.m., and Saturday the doors open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All manner of Scout memorabilia will be there, and there may be some cool Owasippe discoveries to be made. It's also a great place to get inexpensive uniform parts. Check it out!

LST Big Doors Open

The historic LST-393 Navy tank landing ship has opened the huge double doors at the front of the boat after nearly 60 years of being welded shut. The two steel panel doors opened

to release tanks and infantrymen onto Omaha Beach during the D-Day invasion of World War II.

Each door measures 6 1/2 by 13 feet and weighs 16,000 pounds. Work began in mid-summer to torch through the steel plates that were welded over the door edges when the ship was converted from a Navy ship to the Mart Dock-based car ferry Highway 16 in 1948, three years after the war ended.

"With a little prying and pushing, they'll swing open," Dan Weikel, president of the LST-393 Preservation Association said. "We're going to let all those ghosts out."

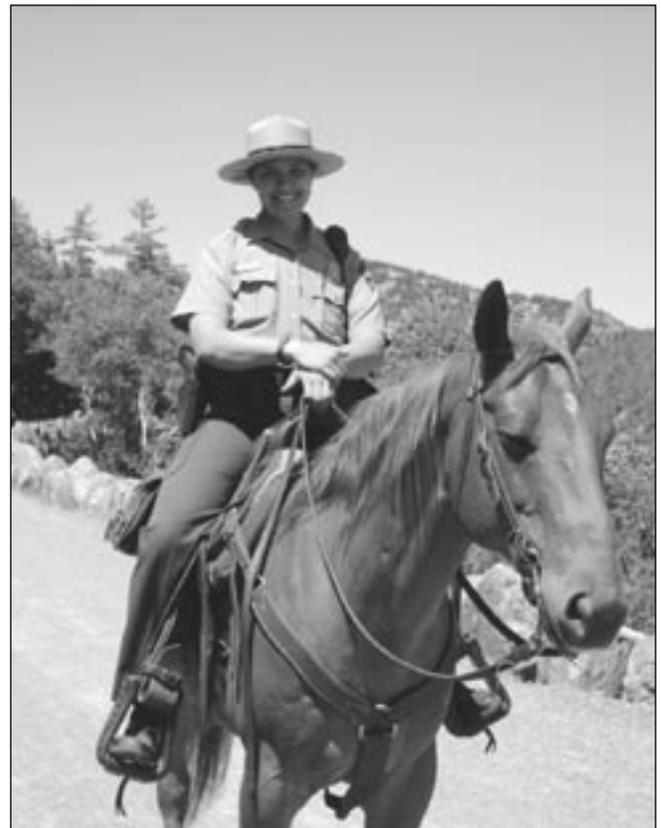
Once the ghosts are out, the association soon hopes to let visitors in through the bow doors, which will remain open permanently. A glass wall with human-sized entrance doors will be installed in the bow, admitting visitors for tours of the ship, special onboard events, a gift shop and a variety of historic naval and military displays, many from Weikel's own collection.

In the course of cutting up and around the top edge of the starboard landing door, Pat Harker, the ship's maintenance officer, saw to another piece of long-unfinished business - painting the last two digits of "393" high on the ship's bow.

The ship is one of only two of its kind still afloat out of more than 1,100 built by the Navy for the war.

National Park Ranger, Heidi Schlichting

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Galloping Grapevine



Jim Graczyk ~ Oak Lawn, IL

As Halloween gets closer, it's a great time of year to check in with Jim, who has written many books about ghosts and hauntings especially those in Chicago. He also helps run a ghost tour of Chicago. Check out www.ghostguides.com for his personal website with information about his books, or go to www.ghostresearch.org/tours for tour information. It's a unique interest, and Chicago has some very fascinating stories.

Phil Groben and Tricia Monahan ~ Oak Park, IL

The happy couple of Phil and Tricia was made permanent with their wedding on Aug. 5th in Interlochen, MI. Phil and Tricia are both long-time Owasippe staffers, met at camp and have been dating for a few years. They were married in a beautiful outside ceremony surrounded by family and friends. Phil and Tricia recently bought a condo together in Oak Park. Our best on the new beginnings together and lifetime of happiness!

Dan and Mindy Kleinfeldt ~ Chicago, IL

Welcome to Alexandria Julia Kleinfeldt, the second daughter for Dan and Mindy. Though she arrived three weeks early, she's doing well and was 18.5 inches and weighed 5 lbs. 9 oz. Alexandria arrived on July 16th at 8 p.m., and Mindy and baby girl are both doing well. We're so glad to see the family growing and so happy!

Tim and Nyki Kleinfeldt ~ Elk Grove Village, IL

Tim and Nyki are excited to announce the birth of their first baby, Emily Anne Kleinfeldt. Emily arrived on April 18th just after midnight and weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz. Mom and baby are both doing wonderfully. Congratulations to the new parents, and to the entire Kleinfeldt family on the new addition.

Greg Lange ~ Frankfort, IL

Greg has been accepted into the Seminary for the Archdiocese of Chicago. He starts in mid-August at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein. Greg has been the Reservation Director at Owasippe for the past few years and is a teacher in Chicago. He will be sorely missed, but we wish him the best of luck as he starts a new focus. Congrats on the acceptance, Greg!

Andy Lukasiewicz and Chrissy Benedetto ~ Berwyn, IL

Congratulations on the wedding of Andy and Chrissy! The two former staffers and current camp volunteers (and Andy is on the OSA board too) were married in a June 16th Chicago area ceremony that was packed with current and former Owasippe staff. It was a wild party, and the photo booth was quite a big hit. We couldn't be happier for the two of you! Our best for a lifetime of love.

Jerry Lutz ~ Warrensburg, IL

Jerry was recognized for his numerous years as a strong Scout volunteer with the Silver Beaver award from the Lincoln Trails Council. The Silver Beaver is the highest award a council can give to a volunteer, and Jerry has been a great example and volunteer both within troops and at Owasippe. While he jokes that you get the award for "being an old fart, staying out of major trouble, and wearing your uniform correctly," he did also say he was honored to have so many friends and family present for the dinner. Congratulations Jerry... you earned it!

Pat and Linda Monahan ~ Interlochen, MI

The Monahans have retired and moved full-time to their cottage in Interlochen, MI. Their new address is 4685 Lakeview Drive, Interlochen, MI 49643. They are only two hours north of Owasippe in a beautiful area filled with excellent attractions. The new house was built over the past year and a half and is absolutely gorgeous. Enjoy the retirement and the lake life!

Heidi Schlichting ~ Acadia National Park, ME

Heidi has spent the past few months as a mounted park ranger at Acadia National Park in Maine (see photo on pg. 9). The sweet new job blends many of her passions: horses, the great outdoors, and outdoor education. While on regular patrol of the park, she gets to interact with the park visitors, including some Boy Scouts. Hope you are enjoying the park and people, Heidi!

Jim Schlichting ~ Whitehall, MI

Looking for some good music? Check out Jim Schlichting's website at www.disc-location.com for some great easy listening classics. Starborne Productions has 15 CDs (and growing) packed with soothing renditions of well-known tunes. The orchestral arrangements are perfect for dinner music, background office music or even a name-that-tune tournament. Our best to Jim on the continued success of this endeavor.

Hank and Jean Stegall

Congratulations to Hank and Jean, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on April 21st. The event was marked by a party given by their three children, Melissa, Derrick and Michael. Our best wishes for another 40 years of wedded bliss!

Justin Calkins

We'd like to mention and thank Justin Calkins, program director for two internet radio stations. Justin contacted the OSA after he saw some of the Save Owasippe signs on front lawns around town. He was familiar with Owasippe as a kid growing up in the area. When he learned more about the efforts to stop the development of Owasippe, he offered to help promote the OSA website on the sites of both his stations. Check out WKIL (www.wkil.com), a great classic rock station, and KBPS (www.96kbps.com), packed with cool rock.

See You at the End of the Trail



Lucille Hanson

We are saddened to report the passing of Lucille, mother of Linda Monahan, on April 30th. She was living in Mesa, Arizona, and had been fighting blood cancer. Two weeks before her death, she had been hospitalized with severe dehydration and an infection related to the chemotherapy treatments. She passed in her sleep. After a memorial service, she was placed at the columbarium at the church with her husband. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Monahan family at this time.

Jack Lange

We share the sad news of Jack's passing on May 12th. He lived in Plainfield and was the brother of former staff member George Lange and uncle of Reservation Director Greg Lange. He will be missed by all who knew him, and our prayers are with the Lange family.

Casimir C. Moscinski

Casimir passed away in early April at age 98 in Brookfield, Illinois. He is the father of Terry Horvath, former Reneker camp director. Please keep the entire family in our thoughts during this difficult time.

Hey! Are your OSA dues up to date?

Membership dues cover a variety of operational expenses including but not limited to... insurance premiums, mailings, state & federal fees, accounting fees, printing costs, etc.

PLEASE check the 4 digit number on your mailing label. According to our records, that is the last year you paid your dues.

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September

- 3.....Labor Day
- 5.....Gift Card/Shopping Card Order Deadline
- 12.....OSA Board Meeting
- 14-16OSA Fall Fix-it
- 27.....OSA - White Sox Game

October

- 8.....Columbus Day
- 10.....OSA Board Meeting
- 13.....OSA Candlelight Bowl
- 15.....Vibrations Deadline
- 31.....Halloween

November

- 11.....Veteran's Day
- 14.....OSA Board Meeting
- 22.....Thanksgiving
- 23.....Owasipalooza (OSA Pizza Night)
- 24.....Owasippe Staff Interviews #1

December

- 12.....OSA Board Meeting
- 25.....Christmas





Shopping/Gift Card Fundraiser

Deadline:

Shopping/Gift card orders must be postmarked by September 5th. Orders received after the cut-off date will be returned because the cards must be ordered all at once.

**Send checks only (no cash)
& make them payable to the OSA**

Mail entire form and check to:

Tricia Monahan
1044 Ontario, #2D
Oak Park, IL 60302

Questions?

Contact Tricia Monahan at
triciamonahan@gmail.com
or 708-334-1100

Please note:

Shopping/Gift card denominations can change without notice. Orders must be made in multiples of the card amount. On rare occasions, cards become unavailable or are discontinued. If this occurs, we will refund your money.

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You can pick up your order (free of charge) at the upcoming OSA Fall Fix-it on September 15th.

Please note: If you choose to have your cards shipped to you, we will send them via Priority Mail with delivery confirmation.

Unfortunately the USPS will NOT insure gift cards through the mail. That being said, Priority Mail with delivery confirmation is still a very safe way to send the cards, and it's a flat fee of \$4.05 no matter what!

I am selling gift cards as a fundraiser for the Owasippe Staff Association. These gift cards are accepted at stores where you normally shop, such as grocery stores and clothing stores. They can be used to fill up your gas tank, rent a movie, or pay for a meal at your favorite restaurant. They also make great graduation presents or Father's Day gifts.

If you'd like to place a gift card order, please fill out the form on the back of this page and return it to me by _____. Checks should be made out to the Owasippe Staff Association.

I will mail in your order and then deliver it to you by _____.

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If you'd like to find out more about the Owasippe Staff Association, please visit our website at:
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