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The Audubon Outlook

Newsletter Of The Lake County Audubon

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General Meeting: October 3, 2005

Up Coming Programs:

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**They're Ba-a-a-ck!
The Exciting Story of the
Ivory Billed Woodpecker**

Presented by

Doug Stotz

7:30 pm

Libertyville Village Hall
Second Floor Meeting Room
118 W. Cook
Libertyville, IL

Doug Stotz from the Field Museum joins us with a Power Point presentation on this most amazing bird and its discovery in a swamp bayou in eastern Arkansas. Learn why the sighting of this supposedly extinct bird brought grown men to tears.

General meetings of the Lake County Audubon are held at 7:30 pm on the first Monday of the month October through May skipping January. These

meetings are **open to the public** as well as to the members of the National Audubon Society and are typically held in the second floor meeting room of the Libertyville Village Hall at 118 W. Cook which is just across the street to the north of the Cook Memorial Library. This newsletter is mailed to our members three times in the fall and three times in the spring.

Email the Lake County Audubon

Lake County Audubon Society has an email onelist (name is only for our communication and will not be shared). This will make two-way communication easier and allow updates on important environmental topics, upcoming programs, field trips, etc. If you would like to be on the list, please send your email request to Audbirds@aol.com

The Audubon Council of Illinois along with the Audubon Upper Mississippi River Campaign is organizing an

**Upper Midwest Regional
Audubon Conference**

"Uniting for Conservation: Moving Forward"

Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2005

at the

Chestnut Mountain Resort

just outside of Galena, Illinois.

Registration **cost is \$75** which includes Friday night reception, Sat. lunch and dinner, Sunday lunch, break refreshments, all sessions and materials.

Twelve field trips into the local area, sessions, and keynote speakers will provide an exciting weekend to this outstanding area of Illinois. Participants will be coming from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois. Register early to get room discount and choice of field trips.

Contact **Jeni Pearce 1-815-858-2026, 3090 S. Elizabeth-Scales Mound Road, Elizabeth, IL 61028** or email

opiepearce@hotmail.com (please use Audubon in the reference line for e-mail) for registration information.

About Chestnut Mountain Resort

Located in the rural unglaciated far northwest corner of Illinois, Chestnut Mountain Resort stands 475 feet above the Mississippi River, with views of Iowa and Wisconsin. Close to historic Galena, the resort offers a full-service lodge, restaurant, lounge, indoor pool and 5 miles of hiking trails. For this conference a

block of rooms will be held until September 1 for the special price of \$99 plus tax per night for both-nights. Single night lodging will cost \$139 plus tax. **Make your reservations directly with Chestnut Mountain** by calling 1-800-397-1320. Visit the resort's website at www.chestnutmtn.com. We're sorry, the lodge does not have elevators.

[The first five to call Chris at 847-362-5134 will get \$25 off their registration cost compliments of Lake County Audubon.]

Edible Harvest Festival
Oct. 2, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Prairie Crossing Farm
Grayslake

On Sunday, October 2, the University of Illinois Extension and the Lake County Heritage Farm Foundation will host the second annual Edible Harvest Festival at the Prairie Crossing Farm in Grayslake from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a suggested \$2 entrance donation per person.

The festival will connect the consumer to local farmers through the selling of prepared food such as roasted pig, corn-on-the-cob, veggie kabobs, salsa and chips, apple pie, cider and wine. Information will be on hand indicating where to buy the locally produced food.

There will be demonstrations by a beekeeper, a nutritionist, native plant specialists and agricultural experts. Activities for the whole family include a petting zoo, cow milking, a clown, hayrides, local farmer spotlights and a sheep dog demonstration. Local musicians will perform throughout the day. This year's event includes the sale of fall-harvested decorations and produce, locally grown meats, heirloom plants and seeds, native plants, soil amendments, honey products and award winning salsas and candies.

Parking will be available at the Lake Forest Hospital Outpatient & Acute Care Center which is located at 1475 East Belvidere Road in Grayslake. There will be a shuttle to provide transportation to the event.

For more information visit www.edibleharvest.org or email Cheryl at cpytlarz@edibleharvest.org

Program Schedule for 2005-2006:

(Clip and keep this schedule)

November 7 - The Exotic Everglades...A Work in Progress. Len Messineo's vivid slide lecture explores the unusual factors of a vast, complex system of water, climate, and geology unique to south Florida.

December 5 – Pot Luck Dinner includes a visit from Lynn Teneffoss from National Audubon along with a representative from Chicago Wilderness.

February 6 – Banish the Midwinter Blues with Bluebirds. Walt Sivertsen will brighten the midwinter with a slide program on those beautiful bluebirds we love to see. In addition, we will have our **birdhouse kits** available to build after Walt's program. Kits will include some for bluebirds.

March 6 – Controlled Burns: The Ecological Effects on our Plants and Animals. Ken Klick of the Lake County Forest Preserves will provide information on an increasing trend being used to restore our prairies.

April 3 – Bees: The Latest Buzz. Dave Bergman of the Lake County Beekeepers will give a Power Point program on these valuable and sometimes misunderstood insects. He will bring some of his "co-workers" for an up-close view of an enclosed bee colony.

May 1 – Hummingbirds-Enjoy Them for Longer Than A Nanosecond. Dave Willard (based on his schedule) from the Field Museum will bring valuable specimens from the museum's collection to help identify these beauties that we all hope to tempt into our yards.

Adopt-A-Beach

On Saturday, September 17th from 9 a.m. to noon, the world's largest shoreline cleanup will bring thousands of volunteers out to area beaches: Preliminary results from last year's 2004 cleanup included 1,323 volunteers who collected 8,424 pounds of trash covering 30 miles at over 38 locations. 44% of the trash is food related (straw stirrers, beverage containers, food wrappers, pull tabs, six pack holders, caps and lids) and 39% was smoking related items (tobacco packaging, cigarette lighters, cigarette butts, cigar tips).

Local cleanups will be at beaches from Winthrop Harbor down to Chicago beaches. This is a rain or shine event. Dress appropriately, wear closed-toe shoes and bring water to drink. Register at www.greatlakes.org.

How Long Will Litter Last?

Aluminum cans and tabs.....	80-100 years
Glass bottles.....	1,000,000 years
Plastic bags	10-20 years
Plastic coated paper	5 years
Plastic film containers	20-30 years
Nylon fabric	30-40 years
Rubber boot sole.....	50-80 years
Leather	up to 50 years
Wool sox.....	1-5 years
Orange and banana peels.....	2-5 weeks
Cigarette butt.....	1-5 years

Field Trip: Lake Hennepin Wetland

Based on Gary Sullivan's presentation at our general meeting, we are anticipating a field trip to Lake Hennepin on Saturday, Oct. 15th. We will depart early from Libertyville since it will be a 2 ½ hour drive to Lake Hennepin. Please call Chris at 847-362-5134 to express your interest in participating by Sept. 15th so arrangements can be made.

Electronic Newsletter

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Midwest Birding Symposium

Oct. 13-16, 2005

River Center in downtown Davenport,
Iowa

Sessions on raptors and river ecology with nationally recognized speakers; walk through the trade show with all kinds of birding merchandise such as binoculars, books and feeders; enjoy guided field trips, exhibits and family programs; and silent auction and a cruise on the Mississippi River on the Celebrations Belle Riverboat.

For more information check out the website www.visitquadcities.com

Consumer Corner: Driver Education

Become a more efficient driver behind the wheel
by

1. Keeping the tires properly inflated, changing the oil, spark plugs and air filter regularly improves your gas mileage.
2. Follow the speed limit. Aggressive driving...speeding, rapid acceleration, and braking can lower your gas mileage by 33% at highway speeds and 5% around town.
3. Idling burns more gas than restarting the engine. In cold weather, let the vehicle run for 30 seconds after starting and then drive slowly until the engine warms up.
4. Extra weight decreases gas mileage. Carry the weight inside (less drag) rather than on the roof.
5. Air conditioning burns extra fuel. Open your windows or air vents.
6. Use your overdrive gear once you have reached the speed recommended in your owner's manual.
7. When buying a vehicle, look for the better gas mileage models.
8. Commit to drive less. Walk, bike, carpool, take mass transit instead.

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Tips for Beginner Bird-Watchers:

1. Be patient. This is a lifelong activity.
2. Be familiar with your bird guide and binoculars before going out.
3. Sometimes you see them. Sometimes you don't see them. That's life.
4. Early morning is the best time to view.
5. Begin with locations you are familiar with.
6. Don't wear flashy colored clothing.
7. Move slowly and quietly talking only when necessary .
8. Get as many clues as you can: size, shape, color, sound, surroundings, behavior.
9. Take guided bird walks when available.
10. Don't disturb the habitat (grassland, woodland, wetland, rain forest, shore, riparian, desert, arctic tundra and shrub). It is the single most important thing that birds need to survive.

Learn more by checking these two resources:

www.audubon.org/bird/cbc

www.birds.cornell.edu/programs/allaboutbirds

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Doug Goodman's "Watch the Birdies"

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