

The **Fledgling**

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President's Message

Spring, the most exciting time of the year for birders, is well under way. This fascinating season of migration affords us the opportunity to see species we normally do not see as they stop to rest and feed. "Our birds" have returned to the area, and entertain us with their familiar songs, mating behaviors, and nest building. Breeding season is upon us!

I was thrilled to spot a pair of Osprey building a nest on a telephone pole at the roadside in Fort Edward. Gordie Ellmers provided us with this great photo.



I was unable to attend Spring Council this year; board members Mona Bearor and Jason Goldsmith represented our chapter. See the editor's column for a report. I look forward to Fall Council in Jamestown this October.

Jason Goldsmith and Laurie LaFond attended Earth Day Lobby Day in Albany on April 15. They reported that the highlight was hearing Gov. David Paterson speak. See Laurie's report on page three.

Our chapter is sponsoring a student for the summer youth program at Camp Colby Environmental Education Camp. Campers participate in a discovery group while at

SAAS Calendar

All monthly public program meetings will be held at the Moreau Community Center, 144 Main St., So. Glens Falls, NY until further notice

May 28 7pm "Glorious Gardens" Lynn and Gerry Lemmo

June 25 7pm "Birds of Kenya" Denny Donohue

July & August vacation no meeting

MCC has allowed us free use of all facilities and equipment for the duration of the Crandall Library construction project. To thank them, we will have a box available at the May and June program meetings for donations of non-perishable items for their food pantry. Donations are optional.

the weeklong camp, completing six lessons ranging from group dynamics to field, forest, and pond explorations, to a study of human impact. Group members learn science, solve challenges, play games, keep a journal, catch salamanders, net butterflies and discover the interconnectedness of life on earth.

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Linda White and former board member Joan Robertson continue to monitor the proposed development of a "big box" store in the Big Cedar Swamp area.

The SAAS board has been developing a wind energy policy. We will vote on it at the next board meeting, and post it on our website soon. If you haven't visited our website recently, please do! We have a new design, wonderful photos, and more information than ever. Go to: <u>http://www.noncommercial.org/audubon</u>-con't. on page 4

News from the Membership Chair -Claire Hunter



Our Membership Chairperson, Claire Hunter, has been "under the weather." As she so enjoys receiving cards and notes from members, they would be especially welcome at this time. Her address is:

3 Edgewood Dr., So. Glens Falls, NY 12803

Summer Field Trip Schedule

Saturday, June 7 – 7am to 11am

Spring Bird walk with Bonnie and Robin at Harmony Wildflower Farm Join Bonnie and Robin as they discover what birds are using their wildflower meadows, woods and wetlands for a summer home.

Please call 642-2122 at the farm, or 642-9544 evenings, for more information *Directions to Harmony: From Fort Ann head north on Rt. 4, proceed three miles to traffic light and turn right* (*east*) *onto Rt. 22. Continue 2.8 miles to Harmony on the left*

Sunday, June 29 – 3pm to 5pm

Peregrine Falcon nest viewing with Mona Bearor Again this year, Peregrine Falcons are nesting in Glens Falls. Although on private property, we have permission to treat our members to a look at this amazing nest site – the only one known to exist in a working quarry. Please join us as we visit the site on Prospect St. in Glens Falls for a great look at a Peregrine Falcon nestling - or two! Eggs have been confirmed as of this writing. NOTE: This is private property and cannot be visited without permission of the owner. SAAS members have been volunteer DEC nestwatchers here for several years; please do not trespass, as it would jeopardize our ability to continue. Directions: From the center of Glens Falls, drive out Warren St. Just past the Hyde Museum, turn right on Prospect. Straight ahead you will see the trip leader at the viewing site.

Saturday, August 16 – 10:00am

Join SAAS member and ethnobotanist, Drew Monthie, on the Betar Byway in South Glens Falls as he indentifies invasive plant species, explains the threat they pose to local habitats, and tells us what we can do to help lessen their impact.

Editor's Ramblings

Has spring really come to the north country? I look out my window and see flowers in bloom and trees almost fully



leaved out; however, I've seen—or heard—little that would indicate migration is in full swing. The warmer days of mid-April led me to hope that I would soon see warblers returning, but that has not happened yet, at least in any great numbers. Will we soon have an influx of migrating species, testing our visual and auditory skills once again?

I attended the Audubon New York Spring Council meeting in March with Jason Goldsmith. It was held at the Gideon Putnam in Saratoga Springs, a comfortable venue for two full days of workshops, meeting and networking. Conservation policies were finalized for the year and we enjoyed interesting and thoughtful presentations from National Audubon Society's Global Warming Campaign Director, Julia Levin; workshops by Audubon New York's Jillian Liner on wind energy; and an orientation for new chapter leaders by Gladys Goldman, a past chair of the council. Members were also treated to a panel discussion on New York State's priorities on global warming with Paul DeCotis from Governor Paterson's office, Peter Iwanowicz from DEC's Office of Climate Change, and Mark Watson from NYSERDA. We met over breakfast with Tom Salo, President of Delaware-Otsego Audubon, to discuss tracking the migration of Golden Eagles through the Adirondacks, wind energy policy for Audubon chapters, and how these might affect proposed wind energy farms in our chapter area. Our chapter board is now working to finalize its own wind energy policy, which will be available on our website soon.

Our last issue of *The Fledgling*, at ten pages, was our largest ever. This one continues that trend, and I hope there is something to interest every reader. I continue to encourage members to submit trip reports, stories of experiences in the natural world, essays, or poetry. I'm running out of ideas for this publication and need your help to keep it interesting and educational. We are not seeking professionalism; participation at any level would be welcome!

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To me a lush carpet of pine needles or spongy grass is more welcome than the most luxurious Persian rug.

-Helen Keller

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EARTH DAY LOBBY DAY

by Laurie LaFond

I recently attended Earth Day Lobby Day 2008 in Albany. Upon registration I was emailed information about five bills that, if passed, will help clean up New York's environment. When I arrived at the Capitol I was surprised at the numbers and diversity of the coalition of local, state, and national groups that worked together to sponsor the event. Hundreds turned out to show their support for a cleaner environment, including members of Audubon, New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), Sierra Club,

ADK, Adirondack Council, League of Conservation Voters, Environmental Advocates of NY, The Nature Conservancy, National Resources Defense Council (NRDC), and Citizens Environmental Coalition. The morning of the event began with a review of the bills by representatives from five of the groups.

The **Bigger Better Bottle Bill (A8044/S5850)** is an extension of the Bottle Bill passed in 1982. This bill has been a resounding success, achieving an 80% recycle rate on beer and soda containers! However, there were few bottled waters, sports drinks, or teas in 1982, but they now number in the billions! Less than 20% of these containers are recycled; the rest end up either littering our roadways, waters and communities or in landfills or waste incinerators. The new bill: 1) extends the 5 cent container deposit to noncarbonated beverages, 2) requires companies to transfer unclaimed deposits to the state Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), and 3) increases the reimbursement to the retailer or redemption center and provides incentives to enhance recycling capabilities.

Beverage manufacturers and distributors keep more than \$100 million in unclaimed funds in this state every year! They oppose the requirement to turn the funds over to the EPF, but, since the costs of recycling have already been passed on to the consumer, they get paid twice.

Status: <u>Passed in the Assembly/</u> remains in committee in the Senate.

The **Clean Water Protection/Flood Prevention Act** (A7133/S3836) restores protections to New York's wetlands. Wetlands play a key role in preventing flooding in surrounding communities, filtering water and recharging ground water supplies, and providing habitat to many species, including migratory wildfowl and rare, endangered, or threatened species.

Preserving wetlands makes economic as well as environmental sense, saving millions spent in remediation efforts from flooding and water contamination that occurs when wetlands are filled in. Agricultural lands in active use are excluded from the act.

Status: <u>Passed in the Assembly</u>/ remains in committee in Senate

The Global Warming Pollution Cap (A10303) aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in New York State 80% by 2050 (recommended by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, winner of a 2007 Nobel Peace Prize). Section 1, Legislative findings, recognizes the dangers we face: "Global warming poses a serious threat to the economic well-being, public health, natural resources, and environment of New York. The potential adverse impacts of global warming include the exacerbation of air quality problems, a reduction in the quality and supply of water, a rise in sea levels resulting in the displacement of coastal businesses, residents, and infrastructure... damage to the natural environment, and an increase in the incidence of infectious diseases, asthma, and other human health-related problems."

Statistics show that degrading air quality, incidences of asthma and other "human health-related problems," and environmental degradation are already growing. Unfortunately, under this bill the cuts won't even begin until a modest 2.3% cut in the year 2015.

Status: <u>Passed in the Assembly</u>/ yet to be introduced in the Senate.

The **Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act** requires manufacturers of electronic equipment such as computers, monitors, TVs, printers, DVD players, etc. to accept these products back for collection, handling, and recycling or reuse, "free of cost and in a manner convenient to consumers." Electronic waste (e-waste) is the fastest growing segment of our waste stream. It contains some of the most toxic substances known to humans, including lead, mercury and cadmium. Commercial medical equipment and some other commercial uses are exempted. The manufacturer's e-waste plan must include a system for destroying all personal data on collected equipment prior to recycling. A similar bill has already passed in New York City and nine other states.

Status: Passed in Assembly/sent to Senate Committee April 14th, 2008.

Both the Governor and Assembly included reforms to the **Brownfield Cleanup Program** (2003) in their proposed budgets, but reforms were not included in the final state budget. *-con't. on page 6*

Spring Birding in the Adirondacks

Spring birding is superb in the Adirondacks, and these events are packed with trips led by birders who know how to find those elusive boreal species. Rather than flying across the country, reduce your carbon footprint and attend a birding celebration in your backyard – the Adirondacks!



Bicknell's Thrush by Larry Masters

The **Great Adirondack Birding Celebration** will feature guest speaker, Lang Elliott, owner of Nature Sound Studios, and a keynote address by Miyoko Chu, author of "Songbird Journeys: Four Seasons in the Lives of Migratory Birds"

June 6-8, 2008

Held at the APA Visitor Interpretive Center Paul Smiths, NY

Trips, Lectures, Workshops, and the Teddy Roosevelt Birding Challenge

518-327-3000 for information & registration

The **Adirondack Birding Festival** is held in various locations around Hamilton county. Highlights of this festival include a presentation, "Songbirds of the Adirondacks" by Gerry Lemmo, plus many hikes, walks, and canoe trips to excellent birding habitat.

June 20-22, 2008

Trips, seminars, canoe trips, lectures

Long Lake - Inlet - Indian Lake - Speculator

Information for both events is available online at <u>www.AdirondackBirding.com</u>

President – *con't. from page 1*

Our raffle baskets/bags have proved to be a success. Tickets sold at programs and events have generated extra funds to support chapter expenses. We are also selling cards, seed, suet, and tote bags. Thanks for supporting us by purchasing these items.

We have been pleased with the turnout at recent programs, notably Mark Picard's presentation of "Giants of the North Woods" held in a packed auditorium at ACC, and Kathy Linker's Bluebird program/workshop. Ms. Linker, from the NYS Bluebird Society, would like to establish a bluebird trail in Warren County, which SAAS will sponsor and monitor.

I have seen the amazing photos that Dennis Donohue has taken for the "Birds in Kenya" program, which will be held on June 25. Please plan to attend, and bring a friend!

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions. Feel free to contact me by email or phone. -Don Polunci

Spring Field Trip Reports

Gull Bay Heron Rookery Saturday, May 17

A clear spring day and a cast of hundreds set the stage to make our May 17th field trip to the Gull Bay Nature Preserve a rousing success!

A Barred Owl held the audience spellbound with a stellar preening performance from a tree along the trail. He followed that performance with an encore of blinking owlishly and mugging for the cameras from a grassy verge less than ten feet from the trail!



Great Blue Herons on 30 active nests gave a solid performance at the rookery. Most still appeared to be incubating their eggs, but some perched on adjoining tree limbs or made occasional landings, takeoffs, and fly-bys. However, it was the surprise appearance of two tiny white downy heads in one nest that stole the scene!

A Scarlet Tanager gave the stars a run for their money with a distinctive solo.

Supporting cast was wonderful, with colorful favorites like the Cardinal, Baltimore Orioles, Black-throated Green Warblers, Yellow Warblers, and Great Crested Flycatchers putting on a fine act. Special guests included a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Blue-headed Vireos and cameo appearances by a Red-shouldered Hawk and Cooper's Hawk.

Meadowlarks gave a sneak preview of the grasslands show from fields bordering the preserve, where Bobolinks bobbed in to say hello. The gliding flight of a male Northern Harrier gave trip participants an added thrill. A quick side trip to Trillium Trail yielded special appearances by a Rose-breasted Grosbeak and an American Redstart.

The total number of species positively identified was 46, along with a probable Black & White Warbler and a Warbling Vireo.

Washington County Waterfowl Sunday, March 23

A crisp and sunny spring morning of waterfowl birding was enjoyed by 17 participants, equally representing Southern Adirondack Audubon and the Hudson Mohawk Bird Club.



By noon we had tallied 43 species, including Bufflehead, Green-winged Teal, and Northern Pintail, in addition to the expected goldeneyes, mergansers, and other more common duck species. A highlight for all, and a life bird for many, was the pair of Canvasbacks which cooperated in the early morning light to give excellent looks. Also of interest were the four Tundra Swans seen near the Riverview Cemetery in Fort Miller; these elegant birds dwarfed the nearby Canada Geese and all participants were able to get great views of this species not often seen in our area. A Red-bellied Woodpecker showed its brilliant red head in the morning light and a Great Blue Heron perched in the top of a tall tree at riverside interested those who have never seen this species aloft. We noted that Dark-eyed Juncos and Snow Buntings are still in the area, while Song Sparrows have returned and are joyfully singing their mating songs. Brown-headed Cowbirds were overheard making plans to find nest space for this year's eggs, while a single Killdeer made its presence known.

In the grasslands Red-tailed Hawks were plentiful; several Rough-legged Hawks gave good views, and a single Northern Harrier interacted with the hawks. Turkey Vultures soared in several spots. The return trip offered an American Kestrel in Schuylerville and a Cooper's Hawk in Queensbury bringing the trip total to 45 species. A great morning enjoyed by a great group of birders!

con't - Trip leaders Laurie LaFond and Jason Goldsmith would like to thank those who turned out for this spectacular show – we probably wouldn't have been there to see it without you!

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Annual Loon Census scheduled for July 19, 2008

An annual census of loons on lakes in and around the Adirondack Park is conducted the third Saturday in July under the direction of the Adirondack Loon Conservancy. Observations from throughout New York State are also welcome. The number of adult loons, chicks, and immature loons observed in a onehour period (from 8-9a.m.) is recorded. These data provide a quick glimpse of the status of the breeding loon population in the Park and the summering loon population in New York. Over time, the Annual Loon Census will enable us to understand trends in the Adirondack loon population. This information will be used by the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation to better monitor the New York loon population and to implement management efforts if indicated.



Loon with chick - Photo courtesy of Joe Woody ©2008

Similar censuses are also conducted in other states throughout the Northeast at the same time on the same day. Thus, a regional overview of the current status of the loon population in northeastern North America is obtained.

The census is possible only with the help of numerous observers throughout the Adirondack Park and New York. The Adirondack Loon Conservancy is grateful for the participation of all census observers.

Visit the Adirondack Loon Conservation webpage on the Wildlife Conservation Society website for more information on how to help with this important survey. <u>www.wcs.org/adirondackloons</u>

Earth Day – con't. from page 3

Complaints about the existing program include millions of dollars in tax credits going to a handful of developers, and the communities this program was meant to help say they are not benefiting. The proposed reforms limit tax credits to projects that *need* them, restructure the credits to encourage the most protective cleanups, allow more sites into the program, and streamline it.

The proposed reforms should help make this program work the way it was intended.

Status: Assembly, Senate and Governor agreed to a 3-month moratorium on new applications while they negotiate over the needed reforms.

After discussion of the bills and bill issues, we heard from Assembly and Senate sponsors and various government officials, including the Deputy Secretary of the Environment, Environmental Protection Bureau/Office of the Attorney General, DEC Commissioner Pete Grannis, and the Governor himself an Earth Day Lobby Day first!

Senator Marcellino, Senate Environmental Conservation Committee Chair since 1995 and a sponsor of several bills, said we should be concerned about leaving the planet better for our children than we found it. He spoke about how our dependence on fossil fuels is bad for people and the planet. He then declared, "We need an energy policy in New York State that is current, real, and understands the needs of our people!"

Governor Paterson spoke about the steps he is taking to make the state more environmentally friendly. His first Executive Order reinstates the state Energy Planning Board. He has ordered the Mass Transit Authority (MTA) to "green" all future development in the area of transportation. Polystyrene – which includes plastic cutlery and Styrofoam - will be banned from all state cafeterias. The Governor is particularly interested in renewable energy and wants the state to be a leader in promoting solar energy. His promise that in the Paterson Administration, "Every day is Earth Day!" was met with hearty applause.

We were divided into teams afterwards. Collectively, the Earth Day participants met with 120 legislators or their staff throughout the afternoon. My team had five meetings, one of which was with the Assemblywoman for my district, Teresa Sayward.

I would like to thank Assemblywoman Sayward for taking the time to meet with us personally. She gave us her reasons for refusing to support many of the bills. She said the updated Bottle Bill would unduly burden the elderly because they would have to recycle gallon milk jugs or half gallon orange juice containers. However, in reading the bill I find it states containers *con't. on page 9*

Bluebird Ambassadors Are Needed in Warren County



Bluebird Ambassadors are a source of information about the Eastern Bluebird in their local area. They promote "backyard bluebirding" and bluebird trails by emphasizing the need for monitoring, demonstrating desirable habitat, exchanging experiences to improve nesting success, and recording observations. The New York State Bluebird Society will provide all the necessary training and information. It's a volunteer position but does come with some perks including two wonderful books on Bluebirds, an official Bluebird shirt and a one-year free membership in NYSBS.

Anyone interested may contact the Essex/Warren County Coordinator – New York Sate Bluebird Society Kathy Linker , Trout Pond Road, Lewis, NY 12950 518-873-6493 or email sneezebeez@yahoo.com

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Nesting Peregrines!

Again this year, SAAS owes its thanks to John Davidson for allowing access to the Jointa-Galusha quarry to facilitate monitoring of the nesting Peregrine Falcons. An SAAS member is acting as a volunteer nestwatcher under the direction of Barbara A. Loucks, state-wide coördinator for NYSDEC, visiting the quarry site to observe the falcons, and reporting activity for inclusion in the annual report of nesting Peregrine Falcons found in New York State.

Peregrine Falcons are an endangered species in New York State. The nesting population was eliminated in the 1960's, mainly because of the consumption of pesticides found in their prey. In hopes of reestablishing a breeding population in the state, young captive-bred birds were released beginning in 1974 and continuing for 14 years. The first confirmed nesting pairs were found in New York City in 1983, followed in 1985 by confirmation of breeding birds in the Adirondacks. There are several confirmed nestsites in the southern Adirondacks and dozens more statewide-the majority in urban areas. One would not think of man and falcon as cohabitants; however, when falcons choose to nest on bridges and tall buildings, work on those structures must be scheduled around the breeding calendar of the falcons. Additionally, Adirondack climbing routes are sometimes closed for several weeks in the summer to allow falcons the time needed to raise their young successfully. The Glens Falls falcon pair are the only pair known to nest in a working quarry. They seem unfazed by all the noise and activity-even the dynamite blasting!-and the pair is currently incubating two eggs.

NYSDEC's Endangered Species Unit oversees the locating, monitoring, and protection of the birds, and all those involved hope that many generations of falcons will enjoy the cliffs, buildings and bridges of New York for years to come.



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John Davidson of Jointa-Galusha receives a "Friend of Southern Adirondack Audubon" certificate in September 2007.



Birdathon 2008 A report from the compiler, Joan Robertson

Seven teams participated in Birdathon 2008 held May 8-12. Returning participants were Linda Hoyt, Jason Goldsmith, Mona Bearor, and Joan Robertson. Newcomers to Birdathon—welcome!—were Laurie LaFond of So. Glens Falls, Bonnie Sanders of Harmony Wildflower Farm in Comstock, Sandy Johnson from Saratoga, and Sharon Dunn.of Cambridge.

The weather was cool and warblers were not evident in many of their usual haunts. A total of 117 species was tallied during the four-day count. Some of the more interesting sightings were: Peregrine Falcon, Eastern Screech-Owl, Great Horned Owl, Purple Martin, Whip-poor-will, American Pipit and Lark Bunting. In addition to compiling data for the chapter records, three participants had sponsors to raise funds for the chapter; Jason raised \$183.60, Joan and Mona collected \$240.00 and Laurie had pledges totaling \$245.00 on her first Birdathon! Good work everyone!

A complete species list will be published on our website soon.

HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL AREAS

Invasive plant species have become an ever-increasing problem in our chapter area. Non-native plants compete with, and often dominate, native species. They alter habitat, degrade natural ecosystems, and contribute to the growing problem of habitat loss in our area. This, in turn, threatens all animal life dependent on native flora.

Invasive plants can be introduced by natural means, such as by seeds carried on the winds or by migrating animals; however, often they are introduced into a new area by the home gardener for the purposes of landscaping or watergardening.

Available at local nurseries are many plant species that will spread to our natural areas causing disruption in the native plant community and eventual habitat loss. Please do not plant any of the species listed below. Consider using only native plants in your landscape, ensuring the continued health of the local environment. The top ten native plants for attracting wildlife in our area are listed online at the National Wildlife Federation website

http://www.nwf.org/backyard/northeast.cfm More information on invasive plant species can be found on the Weeds Gone Wild website http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/index.htm

PLEASE DO NOT PLANT THESE INVASIVE SPECIES

JAPANESE BARBERRY Berberis thunbergii BURNING BUSH Euonymus alata PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE Lythrum salicaria, ORIENTAL BITTERSWEET Celastrus orbiculatus RUSSIAN OLIVE Elaeagnus angustifolia AUTUMN OLIVE Elaeagnus umbellata JAPANESE SPIRAEA Spiraea japonica MULTIFLORA ROSE Rosa multiflora CROWN VETCH Coronilla varia VINCA or COMMON PERIWINKLE Vinca minor WISTERIA Wisteria sinensis ENGLISH IVY Hedera helix ANY BAMBOO

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- Park in the first spot you see
- Park in the shade

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under one gallon, and includes exemptions for milk and dairy products, infant formula, wine and liquor, nutritional supplements, syrups, concentrates, soups, and powdered and frozen beverages.

She said she opposes the Global Warming Cap because it is too vague and won't be enforceable, and opposes the E-Waste Act the way it's written because its scope is too big. She said she'd consider supporting the Wetlands bill if it exempted man-made wetlands.

Contact your representatives and urge them to support these bills for a cleaner, healthier New York! If you need to look up your senator or assemblyperson, go to the following sites and enter your zip code in the box provided:

http://www.senate.state.ny.us/senatehomepage.nsf/senat ors?OpenForm http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/

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National membership in the Audubon Society includes the magazine, *Audubon*, and the SAAS newsletter, *The Fledgling*. The cost is \$20 annually for regular membership and \$15 for seniors and students. Make checks payable to "National Audubon Society" and send with name, address, and phone number to the address listed below. Membership as a "Chapter Supporter" is \$10 annually and includes *The Fledgling* and all chapter activities. Make check payable to "Southern Adirondack Audubon Society" and send with name, address, and phone number to: Claire Hunter, 3 Edgewood Dr., South Glens Falls, New York 12803.

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We welcome submissions to The Fledgling. Please email your articles to the editor if possible and include your name and contact information. We reserve the right to edit as necessary. If you cannot email, please contact Barb Putnam or Mona Bearor at the numbers listed above.



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