WAffLeS–WaFflES–WAFFLES!!
Saturday Feb. 7
9:00 PM—11:00 PM
Baileys Harbor Town Hall
We’re going to have hot, crispy, golden waffles smothered in maple syrup, fruit and whipped cream! Join us to beat the February doldrums and have a pre-Valentine treat. And celebrate Emma Toft’s birthday! (Feb. 9, 1891)
The Ridges staff is having a great time planning some fun-filled activities and games for families to play while they wait or after they’re full of those delicious homemade waffles! Come to Baileys Harbor—The Natural Choice. A smile on your face will get you in the door but free will donations will be accepted.

GIVE THEM THE BUSINESS!
Our business members are some of our best supporters especially with their word-of-mouth promotion of our sanctuary and programs. Please support them and tell them you appreciate their contributions to The Ridges. Check out links to their websites at: www.RidgesSanctuary.org/businessmembers.htm.

Blacksmith Inn On The Shore
Harbor Fish Market & Grill
Weisgerber’s Cornerstone Pub
Main Street Market
Fish Creek Moccasin Works
White Gull Inn
Ecology Sports
 Sister Bay Bowl Inc - Alley & Restaurant
Thomas/Peifer Insurance Agency
Baylake Bank
Flanigan Distributing, Inc
Baileys Harbor Yacht Club
Resort
Sail Door County! LLC
Inn On Maple
Great Lakes Yacht Services
Journey’s End Motel & Cabins
Donny’s Glidden Lodge Restaurant
Door County Trolley, Inc
Fred J Peterson Foundation, Inc.
Going Garbage & Recycling
John E Ludwigsen, DDS
Port Storage LLC
Great Northern Construction
Wisconsin Public Service

Hold This Date!
Another Ridges’ Clean-up day is planned for May 2. Come for the morning or for an hour or two. The staff will provide another great lunch and I’m sure anyone under 4-foot can get a wheelbarrow ride!

RIDGES PAST
Some counties in the nation would spend millions of dollars to reproduce artificially what nature has formed in Baileys Harbor.
Albert Fuller (Ridges founder)

There are balsams and hemlocks and black and white spruce in abundance in The Ridges’ boreal forest, the same kind that grew on the leading edge of the glaciers. They thrive in the cold mist of lake-level land, growing slowly but surely. Past Creosolt 10/25/86

Bluebird Baby Promo
It’s easier to start a family if you have a good home. Get your family together to build a home for a bluebird family! The return of bluebirds to Door County in March is a sure sign that spring is on its way. In some areas, though, the returning bluebirds are having a hard time finding a home. To help alleviate this housing shortage (no mortgage required), Ridges’ Naturalist Karen Newbern is sponsoring a “Building for Bluebirds” program at Girl Scout Camp Cuesta—8026 N. Maple Rd, Baileys Harbor—on March 7th & 8th at 10 AM. Come either day. A donation of $8 is requested to cover the cost of materials.
We will discuss the importance of monitoring the boxes, how to keep records, and how to report your observations to the Door County Bluebird Club. Call The Ridges for more information and to register: (limit 15/day) 839-2802.

Online Calendar & History
Anytime—day or night— you can look up an event at The Ridges on our website calendar:
RidgesSanctuary.org/calendar.htm
Check out the new History link on the website. There are several articles from old newspapers. Click on the History link on the Ridges’ website menu bar.

Coming Up!
Jan-Feb • Friday Snowshoe Hikes with Karen—1 PM • Think Snow-Snow-SNOW!
Feb 7 • Ridges Great Waffle breakfast!
Feb 13, 14 & 15 • Wisconsin Garden Expo in Madison
Mar 7th & 8th • 10 AM “Building for Bluebirds”
April 18 • Midwest Crane Count
April 19 • Sustainability Fair at Gibraltar School
April 22 • Earth Day
May 21-23 • Door County Festival of Nature
Aug 8 • Ridges’ Annual Meeting and Members’ Picnic
Aug TBA • Volunteer Recognition.

We Wish …
Copy machine paper
Help with Waffle Breakfast on Feb 7th!
Office Supplies
Wood stove for Upper Range Light
Small freezer for basement
Small refrigerator
Black sunflower seeds
Supplies for the Waffle Breakfast
Underwriter for four more pages to the sanctuary, The Ridges’ updated newsletter.

Wishes Do Come True!
Thank you to the donors of copy paper, Christmas decorations and of course thank you to Mark Sprague for the sunflower seeds for the birds!!
Ridges Sanctuary Membership / Donation Form

Name: ___________________________ Send a gift card? ___ Date: __________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________ Phone (____) ______
City, State, ZIP: _____________________________________________________________
Email address: ________________________________________________________________________

Second Address from ___/___ to ___/___
Address: _____________________________________________________________________________
City, State, ZIP: _____________________________________________________________
Membership: Individual _____ $40  Family _____ $65  Family Plus _____ $95
Additional Donation: ___ $25 ___ $50 ___ $100 ___ $150 ___ Other $___________
_________________________ _____________ Exp date ___/___
Check enclosed  Credit Card # __________________________ Signature

Mail to and make checks payable to: The Ridges Sanctuary • PO Box 152 • Baileys Harbor • WI • 54202

For more information on upcoming events and news visit the website: www.RidgesSanctuary.org

New Ridges Nature Center Managers

Welcome Pam & Dwight Zeller, two zealous advocates of The Ridges who have agreed to manage the Nature Center and Store. The Zellers are planning some changes while keeping the mission of the Nature Center to enhance the visitor experience at The Ridges, to provide education resources, and to support the mission of the Sanctuary. Many thanks to our retiring manager, the indefatigable Carl Giessel.

RESCUED OWL MENDING

The Great Horned Owl that director, Steve Leonard, took to Bay Beach Wildlife Center is doing well. He is scheduled for surgery and in a few weeks will be released back to his hometown, Baileys Harbor. Check our website for more pictures and updates.

The owl which had a broken wing, had been walking around the Baileys Harbor area for about a week and seemed weak from lack of food. Caleb Whitney donned his HazMat gear to aid Steve in the rescue effort. (Great Horned owls have impressive talons and beak.)

Member Input Requested

The Ridges Board of Directors was asked to consider absentee ballots for voting for members of the Board of Directors. Since any procedure like this would necessitate a change in The Ridges by-laws, the proposal would need to be discussed and voted on at the next annual meeting.

The Ridges’ founders wanted to make sure all Ridges members had a voice in the organization—a sense of community protecting this very special place. We will continue to embrace their sense of community in many ways, one being to listen to your ideas and ask for your input.

Before we spend time investigating this procedural change, we would like your initial input on the importance of this change before we spend time investigating a new procedure. Please respond to the following question:

Question: Would you like the Board to look into the possibility of changing the by-laws to allow absentee ballots for election of Ridges’ board members?

Call ((920) 839-2802), write (PO Box 152•Baileys Harbor•WI•54202), or email (info@ridgessanctuary.org) with your comments.

Check your mailing label for an expiration date for your membership and support the oldest member-based nature preserve in Wisconsin. Or consider a donation to support The Ridges.

Notes from the Range Light

12/15/08 Tammy Musiel spotted a Snowy owl hanging around the Maxwelton Braes parking lot.
12/20/08 Pete Clasen spotted an otter along Reibolt’s creek.
1/9/09 Snowshoe group noticed some perfect Snowshoe hare tracks along Sandy trail.
1/12/09 Steve transported a Great Horned owl to Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. It had been hanging around the Baileys Harbor area with a broken wing.
1/12/09 Staff watched 5 deer come out of the woods to feast on the birds’ sunflower seed.

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