

Lakeside Crossing, 'Birthing Center'!!

Am I exaggerating ???!! I don't think so!! Last year we had one goose family with 3 chicks, and now we have four plus 2 duck families. With the ducks, we have seen them only once. Where they go after that I have no idea. The most recent duck family had 10 babies. We are sure they had just hatched, as mom seemed to be trying to get them into the water for the first time. **PS:** As I write this newsletter, the mama duck to the right showed up again on June 7th with 9 out of 10 of her babies. The noise of the mowers brought her out!



Duck with 2 babies, April

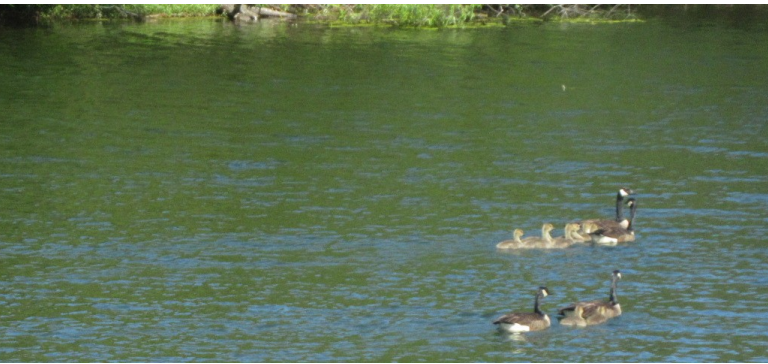


Above is a picture of 3 goose families. Difficult getting a picture of all four together. Number 4 was to the left between the two houses. Below is again 3 families, in a straight line as always in the water. They swim in a very orderly manner.



May 1st I think!

The above mother duck and babies was a real surprise! I just happened to look out our bedroom window towards the lake, and I saw the mother duck, with what turned out to be her babies on the shore line. I just guessed they were her babies, as I could not see well enough. The above picture is enlarged for you. She was kind of pushing them in the water, which led me to believe, this was the first time for them. They must have just hatched! I went down to Bill & Terri to tell them what was going on. They were the closest to them, but because of the slope, could not see. We all went out and watched them for several minutes, taking pictures. As noted above I got another chance on Monday, June 7th!! That was a pleasant surprise too.



Charlie's Place!

Bob & I are members at the Horry County Museum in Conway, which displays numerous artifacts demonstrating what life was like back in the early days. In addition, the Museum offers programs of speakers, films, and planned local tours to review past local history. We took advantage of one such tour to a 1 room school for Blacks and 'Charlie's Place'. Charlie Fitzgerald was the owner of a Pub for Black customers in Myrtle Beach area. That Pub had burned down some time ago.

The picture below is of a building nearby, with artifacts in it, and is used during the tour. A picture to the right is timely photograph of Charlie's staff.



In conclusion, this is a tour to consider taking. Very educational. The 2 pictures on the lower right show the Black 1 room school and also display artifacts from that time frame. The sign posts above tell a bit more of the history of Charlie's Place.



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