



# The SHORELINE

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## Grand Marshall Named for "Rock the Dock" Boat Parade

As I write this article, the 4th of July is still a month away, so there is a certain amount of assumption on my part in describing this event.

Having served as boat parade chairman for many years, Dick Wolfe received a major surprise when the Board of Trustees selected him to be this year's Grand Marshall.

Dick has been a life long resident of the Buckeye Lake area and has devoted countless hours to the Civic Association and the improvement and betterment of our community.

It's a common site for Harbor Hills residents to see Dick along the roadway, picking up trash that others have tossed from their cars.

He is also heavily involved with the Greater Buckeye Lake Historical Society as Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee. His most recent contribution to the Museum is the construction of a working model of the Interurban Electric Transit Line that once served the Buckeye Lake area.



On the lighter side, Dick is also an accomplished piano player, with a special talent for playing boogie. Even his Email address reflects his love for his music, as he is known as "Boogieman".

If all goes as planned, Dick will not only serve proudly as this year's Grand Marshall, he will also entertain the crowd with his talent. We are planning on securing a piano to a pontoon boat and encourage Dick to play his heart out.

Keep your fingers crossed for a calm, dry day, as we jazz up this year's event and "Rock the Dock".

### July Picnic / Meeting @ the Amvets

<b>Tuesday, July 20, 2004</b>	<b>6:00 Social Hour</b>
<b>Amvets Post 51</b>	<b>7:00 Dinner</b>
<b>Zion Road, Thornport</b>	<b>8:00 Meeting</b>

**\$ 7.00 per/person**  
*Hamburger, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Brownie, Ice Tea, Coffee*

**Call Therese Miller @ 467-3352 for Reservations**

\*\*\*\*Make your reservations prior to Friday, July 16th\*\*\*\*

## 2nd Reverse Raffle better than 1st

The generosity of our membership and the dedication of our trustees made this year's fund raiser even better than the last. Over \$4,500 was earned and earmarked for our improvement projects around the lake.

One hundred and sixty people enjoyed dinner together at the Harbor Hills Country Club on May 20th, followed by the actual drawing for the final ticket.

When there were only 4 folks left in the drawing, everyone lost their nerve and decided to split the award, just as the winners did last year. The final 4, each of whom took home \$500 were Ron VanAtta, Chuck Haire, Jack

Brennan and Dick Brown.

During the evening, several other winners of smaller amounts were also announced. Winning \$100 each were: Emma Lou VanAtta, Bob Collins, Beth Pillon, Jim Fedor, Luke Beles, Carol Brockway, Hal Hudson, Nancy Weller, Carlos Brezina and Bill Sheryer.

There were an additional 18 gift certificates and merchandise awards given out as the evening progressed. Special thanks and recognition goes out to the area businesses that helped to support our efforts in this fund raiser.

Thank you to everyone who made this evening a success.

### Local businesses support BLACA Fund Raiser

**A-1 Auto Parts**  
**Captain Woody's**  
**Cardinal Food Gallery**  
**Catfish Charley's**  
**Copper Penny**  
**Country View Golf Course**  
**Delta Marine**  
**Fisher's Marina**  
**Harbor Hills Country Club**  
**Hometown Hot Dogs**  
**Island House**  
**Jacktown Pub**  
**Jim Carter's Marina**  
**Kroger**  
**Lake's End**  
**Millersport Citgo**  
**Pizza Cottage**  
**Player's Pub Catering**

## Park Volunteer Program Starts Small

A new volunteer program was announced at our April dinner meeting by Park Manager, Tim Waln. The program asks local residents to volunteer a few hours during the summer to help the park crews maintain and beautify the parks around the lake.

With the work that is being done by Dick Crumley, Parks and Recreation Chairman, this seems like a natural fit for our Civic Association, however, the first outing did not support that assumption.

Saturday, May 15th was designated as the 1st volunteer day, but heavy rains cancelled the work that was planned. The following Saturday was selected and

announced in the Beacon. Interested residents were to meet at the park office at 9:00 am.

When I arrived at 9:00, there was Dick Crumley, already busy at work, unloading mulch, preparing planting areas and generally getting everything organized. Also present was Joe Miller, who was weeding the beds and spreading mulch around the plants. On the ground with paintbrush in hand, making the parking lot stops white again, was Tim Waln. That's right, the park manager was right in there doing his share. By noon, our work crew had not expanded. The four of us, however, got a lot done that morning.

The Williams Memorial was cleaned up and new plantings added. The area around the park office received a face-lift and general clean-up. New plants were also added and mulched under the freshly painted ODNR sign.

Another volunteer day is being planned for June 19th and we will try and get that announced in the Beacon. Saturday, July 17th will be the final volunteer day for this season. We encourage you to take the time to come over to the park office on Liebs Island and be a part of the volunteer effort to make our shoreline just a little nicer. You can make a difference, but only if you are involved.

## Survey Helps to Set our Direction

A review of an earlier survey was undertaken at the April 21st dinner meeting. To assist with the development of future programs, a special survey was conducted in January, 2003. The results supported our efforts to increase dredging operations around the lake. You also told us that we need to stay involved with the increase in residential development throughout our community. We also got the message that our continued involvement with the proposed dam improvement program was important to many of you.

The results of this year's review of the survey maintained dredging

operations around the lake as your number one priority. Repair of the dam moved from number 3 to number 2 and new residential development dropped from number 2 to number 5. Moving into the number 3 position was watershed management / flooding.

These results suggest that although priorities may change from time to time, based on current events, our Civic Association needs to maintain an active role in those issues that impact the overall general welfare of our neighborhood.

You have also told us, through the survey, that boats exceeding safe

speeds is becoming an increasing concern, with many requesting the establishment of speed limits on Buckeye Lake.

Suggestions for future fund raising events included: Bingo, Bowling, Spaghetti Dinner, T-Shirts, Sweet Corn Festival and a Dance.

We appreciate your participation in this and previous surveys. Serving as your Trustees, it is important that our efforts are supportive of your interests. Your open and candid responses certainly aid in setting the overall direction of our association and ensure that we are involved in the proper issues.

## Sayre Bros. Marine Celebrates 100 Years on the Shoreline of Buckeye Lake

In 1904, Henry Sayre built a small boathouse on the north shore of Buckeye Lake. These were the early days of a marina that continues to serve boaters 100 years later.

At that time, the family lived over the boat house and ran a small restaurant next to the boat hoist.

In 1926, following 22 years of building a successful business, Chris Craft appointed Sayre Bros as a dealer, selling and servicing their finely finished mahogany boats.

Visitors to the marina, located at 5171 North Bank Road will find many memories throughout the



store. Zenna Sayre always seems to be able to take the time to explain the pictures that line the walls and reminisce about the life she has enjoyed on the lake.

In addition to the many memories, visitors will also find many nautical treasures as well as clothing and Sperry Top-Sider deck shoes.

The Greater Buckeye Lake Chamber of Commerce benefits from Zenna's civic responsibility, serving as one of three Trustees who guide that organization.

Zenna continues to promote the Buckeye Lake area and isn't afraid to voice her opinion when she sees things that are not in the best interest of the community.

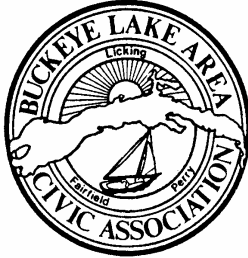
We are fortunate to be able to celebrate this 100th anniversary with Sayre Bros Marine.

Congratulations and thank you for serving our boating needs for the past century.

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**Make Your Reservation  
for the  
July 20th Picnic / Meeting  
TODAY**

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**You Can Make a Difference**

The Board of Trustees determine the direction of the Civic Association and speak on behalf of the membership in matters impacting the communities surrounding Buckeye Lake. Many of our current Trustees have served for several years and in all candor, deserve a much earned rest. Whether you have lived on the lake your entire life or have just moved here, your thoughts and ideas are needed to continue current programs as well as to develop new ones. If you would like to play an active role in the future of our community, give Tim Weisert a call at 928-5963 or Merv Bartholow at 928-6874 and discuss the possibilities of becoming a Trustee. As a volunteer, the pay is lousy, however, there is great satisfaction in having a hand in making things better around our lake. You can make a difference. **If not you, who?**

**New Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Membership (\$25.00) \_\_\_\_\_