



INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT

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Dear Watershed Supporter:

This is your Spring Edition of our Newsletter. The format is new to better accommodate our supplies and equipment, available personnel and other logistics required to put a newsletter out. We hope this change meets your needs but either way we welcome your feedback on this or any other items of interest to the ILWP.



DID YOU HEAR THAT..... IT SOUNDED LIKE RACE CARS!!

Gentlemen...Start your engines! That will be the announcement heard around the lake on Saturday, June 21, 6:00 P.M. at St. Mary's of the Woods Fellowship Hall when the ILWP hosts its second "NASCAR Night at the Lake" fundraiser. The event will feature 32 pine-wood replica NASCAR race cars that will compete against one another on a pinewood derby track for the title of "King of the Races". All of the cars will be identically assembled, painted, and decorated to resemble a real Nextel Cup Series NASCAR race car. The races will consist of 8 qualifying heats with the winners of each heat advancing to 2 semi-final heats. The winners of the semi-final heats will compete for first and second place while the losers will compete for third.

If you have ever had dreams of becoming the next Jimmie Johnson, Kyle Busch, or even Dale Earnhardt Jr., taking the checkered flag at the Daytona 500, and walking away with the prize money, why not come and join us for a fun filled, action packed evening of fast cars, exciting finishes and good food provided by Whitmore House, Inc.

Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased from any ILWP Board Member or by contacting the ILWP project office, 937-593-2946. Proceeds benefit the ILWP Endowment Fund.

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE AND.....

The weekends are filling up fast with all types of family outings, baseball games, etc. but hopefully you make time to enjoy the waters at Indian Lake for some saugeye fishing, swimming at Old Field Beach and a picnic to at Moundwood to finish out the day. Two weekends in July will feature two separate events that will benefit the Endowment Fund of the Indian Lake Watershed Project which to date totals over \$180,000.

Since 2002, Jim Reed and his crew at Spend-a-Day Marina have hosted a Poker Run that has raised over \$14,537 for the watershed project. It is a day of fun, sun, good food, and fellowship. The Poker Run which will be held Saturday, July 12 begins with registration from 11 AM – 12 noon. The Poker Run event runs from 12 noon – 4PM with the "Show of Hands" scheduled at 5PM. Don't forget to get one of Daryl and Caroline's famous chicken dinners that is sure to tantalize your taste buds. For more information you can contact Spend-a-Day Marina or check out their web site www.spendaday.com

SPEND-A-DAY MARINA & YAMAHA PRESENT:
7th Annual POKER RUN
 Saturday July 12th

All proceeds to benefit the INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT

Poker Run Registration 11am-12pm
 Poker Run Event 12pm- 4pm
 Daryl & Caroline's Chicken Dinners 3pm-6pm
 Poker Run SHOW OF HANDS 5pm

Raffles
 Door Prizes
 DJ Entertainment

PLATTER (\$40.00 inc'l)	ALA CARTE FEES
(1) Hand of Poker	Extra Poker Hand..... \$25.00
(2) Chicken Dinners	Extra Chicken Dinners \$ 7.00
(1) T-Shirt (standard)	Extra T-Shirt (standard) \$15.00
(1) Goody Bag	Extra T-Shirt (V-neck) \$20.00
(1) Door Prize Ticket	8th Poker Card..... \$20.00



AM I DREAMING OR IS THAT A MODEL "A" CAR?

If you've never seen the old "Chris Craft" woodies or the Model "A" cars, you have to plan on visiting the Russells Point Harbor for a step back to "yesterday". Saturday, July 19, the "Wooden Keels and Vintage Wheels" will be on display at the harbor.

In previous years, a local organization partnered with the Model "A" Club from Columbus who displayed their antique cars along with the display of "woodies" to provide a little taste of yesteryear. A Dixieland Band provided music from the era while people enjoyed ice cream after the days events which included breakfast, a poker run, and dinner. A portion of the proceeds were donated to the ILWP Endowment Fund.

So grab your favorite guy or gal and reminisce about the days gone by on Saturday, July 19 for another weekend of fund in the sun and a taste of the past!



ILWP HOSTS 2008 ANNUAL BANQUET & RECOGNITION BANQUET

Summer hasn't officially started yet and we're already making plans for August activities!! We know when the weather finally does become more summerlike that everyone is going to be kicking things into high gear with all the summertime activities. So., mark your calendars now for Wednesday, August 13, 6:00 PM at the Indian Lake Community Fellowship Hall. That is the time for the 2008 ILWP Annual Meeting and Recognition Banquet

The evening will be filled with good food, fellowship, and awards. Plan on helping us celebrate another successful year by attending this year's Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner. More information about ticket purchases will be published at a later date.



ILWP Joint Board Members Don Regula, Frank Phelps and Tom Sprang receive the "Outstanding Partner Award" at a recent ILWP Annual Meeting



ILWP - JAY WEBB MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2008 RECIPIENTS

For the past three years the Indian Lake Watershed Project has awarded a least one scholarship to a high school student who is graduating from a school in the in the watershed area. To date \$4,250 has been awarded to 6 individuals who are furthering their education at an institution of higher learning.

This year's recipients are Bianca Page and Connor Norviel who will be graduating in June from Indian Lake High School. Bianca plans to attend Wittenberg University in the fall and major in Pre-Med (Chiropractic). Connor plans to major in Pre-Med (Biology but has not made a decision on his college but indicates it will be in the state of Ohio.

Congratulations to Bianca and Connor on their high school achievements and best of luck in their future endeavors!

NEW FACE AT THE ILWP OFFICE

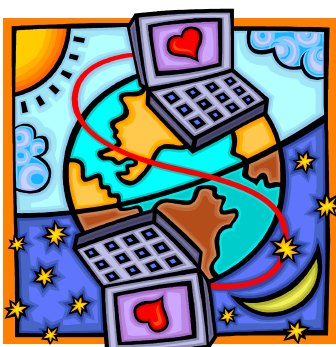
The ILWP recently received word that it has been awarded a \$16,000 Economic Development Grant from the Logan County Commissioners. The grant is being funded through the Road Tax Issue that was passed by Logan County voters in November 2006.

The funds will be used to update the current Watershed Action Plan. This plan revision has been underway for approximately 2 years but these funds will now allow us to become more focused and get a broader array of public input.

Heading up this revision will be an individual who is not a stranger to the project. Gina (Berry) Tighe has accepted the challenge of updating the ILWP Action Plan. Gina was previously hired in 2004 as the manager of the ILWP Intensive Grazing Project. Since the completion of that project, Gina has graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.S. in Agriculture Education in 2007. She worked for a few months in Indiana until October 2007 at which time she returned to her home roots, married, and has settled in the Ridgeway area.

Gina's responsibilities will be the development of a more comprehensive plan, that will provide policy makers, developers, and recreational users a blue print of what every stakeholder has to do to insure the water quality of Indian Lake remains safe and healthy for generations to come.

The ILWP Board of Directors and community members will be involved in this process by serving on various committees. The following committees are being formed to assist in the formulation of the plan: History; Wildlife, State Park & Endangered or Threatened Species; Agriculture in North and South Fork Subwatershed; Residential and business in Blackhawk, Van Horn and Indian Lake Subwatershed Industrial users in watershed, Information and Education. If you have an interest to serve on any of the above mentioned committees, please contact the ILWP project office, 937-593-2946.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

www.co.logan.oh.us/ILWP

The website is being administered at the watershed office by Webmaster Vicky Boots. If you have a comment or suggestion about our website, e-mail Vicky at vicky.boots@oh.nacdnet.net

SPRING NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS IN FULL SESSION

The Spring sessions at the Indian Lake State Park Nature Center are completed. Fourth grade students from Lakeview Elementary were scheduled at the Nature Center for programs on May 13, 14, 15 and 22. The students participated in laboratory classes where they learned the proper use of microscopes and to identify microorganisms that are indicators of both good and poor water quality.

When students observed water samples under the microscope and you suddenly hear, "Oh Wow! Look what I found!" you know you have opened their eyes to a world they have never seen. They viewed a 10-13 minute video about wetlands and their importance to good water quality.



Park Naturalist Deb Barger assists students with viewing macroinvertebrates under a microscope.



Executive Director Jack Webb instructs a student on the proper technique for "dipping" critters at the wetland during a recent Nature Center Program.

The students had the opportunity to observe a wetland which is adjacent to the Nature Center building. At the wetland they got to experience nature first-hand. Besides seeing possum, raccoons, or deer tracks, they saw the evidence of muskrat. They saw wildflowers and native grasses that provide habitat for many other species of wildlife including birds and butterflies.

At the wetland every student participated by learning the proper "dipping" technique to collect "critter samples" and then had the opportunity to apply them by "dipping" for the macroinvertebrates in the waters of the wetland.

Since education is a major component of the Indian Lake Watershed Project, the Nature Center Education Program is an ideal way of educating our youth about the effects of good water quality on the lake and its environment.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE



Improving Indian Lake one drop at a time is the message Executive Director Jack Webb has been spreading this past month. In addition to Nature Center programs, Watershed Action Plan updates, and the daily office correspondence, Jack has been making presentations to various watershed groups and civic organizations about the successes of the ILWP. Most individuals have been in awe of the fact the ILWP has an Endowment Fund in excess of \$180,000 and that there are over 900 members in the organization.

Recently Jack presented to the Kiwanis Club in Bellefontaine and the Buckeye Lake Watershed Project. Attendees were informed about the accomplishments of the ILWP with the agricultural community in the watershed area: 100% no-till of wheat and soybeans, 60-65% conservation tillage of corn, 75 acres of grassed watershed installed, 264 acres grassed filter strips to help protect streams, 7 mile snag and clear project of North Fork of Great Miami River, 1510 feet of streambanks stabilized, 6 acres of wetlands, and an 8 acre permanent riparian easement along the North Fork. All have been the product of 20 years of educating and demonstrating to the ag community the importance of good water quality of Indian Lake.

If you are a member of an organization that would like to know what the Indian Lake Watershed Project is all about, contact the ILWP office to schedule a presentation, 937-593-2946.

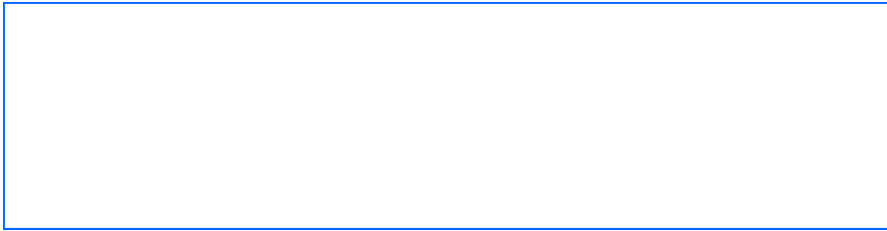


DON'T FORGET THESE DATES

June 21— "NASCAR Night at the Lake" - ILWP Fund Raiser

August 13—ILWP Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner

Contact any Board Member or the project office for ticket information



INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YES! I support sound watershed management. I want to help control non point source pollution and wish to join as an Indian Lake Watershed Member! I understand my dues are a tax deductible donation to the Indian Lake Watershed Project and may be used for the implementation of pollution control programs, endowment building and to offset overhead and administrative costs.

Please Print

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____, _____ Zip
(City) (St)

Annual Dues Only	\$	<u>10.00</u>
Endowment	\$	_____
Education	\$	_____
Scholarship	\$	_____
General	\$	_____
Total Enclosed	\$	_____

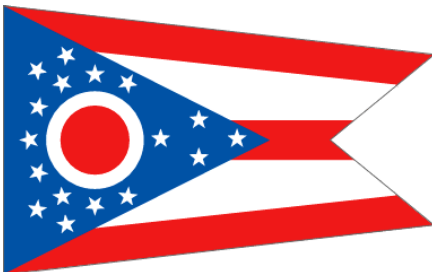
Make Your Check Payable to "ILWP" and mail to 324 Co. Rd. 11
Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

ALL DONATIONS ARE
TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!

Dear Watershed Member,

Help us meet our membership goal for 2008 of 1,000 members. We need you to pass this newsletter on to a family member or friend, after you have read it who is NOT a member of our organization. Encourage them to join ILWP and share with them how much better the water quality of Indian Lake is because of our programs, projects and partnerships.

ILWP is a 501(c)3 organization, a member of both the Indian Lake and Logan County Chamber of Commerce and associated with the Springfield Chapter of Planned Giving through the Logan County Leave-a-Legacy®.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT DAVE BURKE
MEETS WITH ILWP BOARD MEMBERS

Dave Burke, State Representative-elect, was our featured guest at our April Board meeting. He observed how our organization is structured and functions. Following the meeting, he visited numerous best management practices throughout the watershed and visited with ILWP representatives over lunch. We appreciate his interest in ensuring the water quality of Indian Lake remains good for all of the users of the State Park.

Dave entered politics 4 years ago as a member of the Marysville City Council and currently serves as Vice-President. It is through this experience that Dave became motivated to get the State of Ohio back on track. That is why he decided to run for State Representative of the 83rd District.

Dave and his wife, Donna, own and operate Dave's Pharmacy located in downtown Marysville. Dave's Pharmacy has been a part of the Marysville business community since 1997 and is Union County's only independent pharmacy.

We look forward to working with Mr. Burke during his term as State Representative to continue "improving Indian Lake one drop at a time!"