

Thanks for another successful Tour of Homes

Editor:

The 22nd annual Tour of Homes was held this past Sunday and was another huge success for the Buckeye Lake Area Civic Association. Over 600 guests visited the six homes on the shoreline of Buckeye Lake and enjoyed a boat tour of the west end of the lake.

With over 100 volunteers taking part in this event, it is impossible to say THANK YOU enough times. The hostesses did an outstanding job of highlighting the features of this year's homes and the dock workers stood in the sun all day long as they helped our guests on and off the boats.

Twenty two boat captains and their 1st mates kept things moving on the lake and shared our history, some of it factual, with our guests as they shuttled from house to house.

Our chairperson, Mary Sutphen, did an outstanding job of coordinating the tour with the assistance of Connie Saffle, Tory Wolfe, Janet Bartholow and Jane Swickard. Bud and Marty Springer were in charge of the main dock on Liebs Island and kept things moving smoothly through-

out the day.

Corporate sponsors included Coconis Furniture and Floor Covering; Coldwell Banker King Thompson-Marnita Swickard & Michelle Blizzard; and Lakeside Construction. They all deserve special recognition for their continued support of our civic association.

Donations toward our food, water and fuel came from Roxy's Pizza; Subway; AJ Parker Real Estate-AJ Parker, Broker and Janet Bartholow, Realtor; Dan Frear Insurance; Fisher's Marina; and Kroger.

A special THANK YOU to those who opened their homes for hundreds of visitors: Dan and Linda Dick, Mike and Marty Kasson, Chad and Brandee Crist, Jeff and Cheryl Brandt, Jim and Carol Johnson and Krieg and Rhonda Babbert.

THANK YOU to all our guests. We hope you enjoyed your day on the lake as much as we enjoyed having you as our guests.

Merv Bartholow, President
Buckeye Lake Area Civic Association

More thanks from BLACA's Tour of Homes

Editor:

This is just a quick note to thank all the young blooded friends who answered my call for dock volunteers for the Buckeye Lake Area Civic Association Tour of Homes last Sunday. You worked the hardest job and did it like old pros too. I'm so glad you had a good time doing it as well. Please remember there will always be a tour next year. Merv and the BLACA board need younger people to tackle that job each and every year. The more experienced you are with and around boats the better. As a matter of fact, BLACA always needs experienced pontoon owner/drivers as well as first mates.

Rick Thompson, my first mate, left so quickly that I didn't get to thank him and

his son who worked one of the docks. Rick did all the work and I did all the sitting in the shade and talking. I just love it when that happens.

Also I'm sending a big kiss and hug to the gang at Roxy's Pizza in Millersport. You all did a great job of cranking those pies out much earlier than requested especially the second order. You made me look good and I can't thank you enough.

As Merv and our visitors will agree, this was the best tour all the way around. It was like a fine oiled machine and I was proud and pleased to be a small part of it.

Victoria Wolfe
West Bank

One more BLASST thank you letter

Editor:

Here's one more THANK YOU from the BLASST,

A hearty THANK YOU to the following area businesses who sold T-shirts to help pay for the 2007 BLASST: Beachcomber, Beaches Hair & Nail Salon, Buckeye Lake Marina, Buckeye Lake Shopper/ Reporter, Catfish Charley's, Copper Penny, Hometown Hotdogs, Island House, Millersport General Store, Millersport Hardware, Pizza Cottage, T.C.Market, White Cottage, and in particular, Harbor Hills Country Club & Linda Thompson. Please keep

Linda in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers.

Also thanks to these individuals who helped by selling the flashing glasses: Sandy Davis, Bev Hulls, Rick & Barb Lanthorn, Greg & Rose McEntire, & Bill & Debbie Meyer.

Tory, Marty & I are extremely grateful to everybody who gave their time & efforts, and to those who made monetary donations to make BLASST another resounding success.

Bud Springer
BLASST Co-chairman

Thanks from the Beverly Readman family

Editor:

The Beverly Readman family would like to thank Hebron Mayor Clifford Mason and his lovely wife, Rose, and the Hebron community for their generosity and caring during her passing.

We would also like to thank our family, friends and neighbors for their support during this difficult time.

Chris Stapleton & Misty Miller
Hebron



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'Watchdog' will still be sniffing around Kirkersville

Editor:

First of all, Ms. Mudd, let's get one thing straight. You may have looked at public records and saw where I bought a house, but you haven't seen public records indicating that my residence is not Kirkersville. When my husband and I were fortunate enough to buy a house, the first thing I did was to inform the "powers that be." This includes police officers and other public officials INCLUDING a couple of Kirkersville GOB's (Good Ole' Boys)! It is no secret that I intend to make Buckeye Lake my permanent home but that will not be official until September 1st. You will see Buckeye Lake under my name in the first September issue of the Beacon.

Secondly, I am a private citizen, not a public official and the fact that you would be doing "homework" on ME and are not concerned about where your tax dollars are going, or what the politicians are doing, might make some of us question your motives. As I have said before, no matter where I reside, I will continue to write about Kirkersville as long as the GOB's continue their New Rome antics.

You are certainly entitled to "thank the police" for whatever you choose. But there was no indication that the driver was driving dangerously nor was he warned for such. He was warned for speeding, when he was NOT speeding. Police officers must OBEY the laws before they can be trusted to ENFORCE the laws. What kind of world would this be if police or GOB's could just randomly make up their

own laws? It would be a great big NEW ROME!

Since you claim that you have never met nor talked to Bennie Evans, I wonder where you get the idea that I am "following" him or that I asked "off-topic questions" OR that I treat him with "significant hostility!" I attended a PUBLIC meeting that he also attended. I warn you to be careful of what you accuse me of. If you have read my past letters, you would know that I tape record the meetings that I attend, partly to defend myself against false accusations.

And lastly, your insults echo of the same personal attacks that I have had to endure from some of the Kirkersville GOB's (Good Ole' Boys). I will tell you the same thing that I have told some of them: Your time is no more valuable than mine and your taxpayer status is not worth more than mine. I hope that you never experience a police officer accusing you of something you haven't done. I hope that you never have to pay your hard-earned money to a town of GOB's for something you don't deserve. Much like yourselves, the adults in my home are also very busy TAXPAYERS. And, we, too, have raised children; Four children (whom I believe are some of the most wonderful people that God ever put breath in). We taught them to "do THEIR homework" and make an informed decision when they go to the polls. I hope you do the same.

Bonnie Mansfield
Kirkersville