

## Letters to the Editor: BLASST donations running behind

Editor:

This is my last BLASST Letter to the Editor which some of you won't even get until after the holiday. I hope to thank all our donors in next week's Beacon if Charlie has the space. We still haven't heard from many past donors and there have been very few new donors this year. There is still time to help support this unique community tradition. Please send a donation to BLASST 13284 West Bank Dr. Millersport Ohio 43046

Last weekend, the Redneck women were out for two days collecting money for BLASST. On Saturday, Michelle, Jan, and Sonya were at T.C. Market. They collected \$533 plus a can full of coins which I haven't counted yet. You go girls! Then on Sunday, Terry Dupler was selling t-shirts

at Watson's Valero station in Millersport while Michelle, Jan, Liz and Marty were collecting money at the Millersport intersection. Thank you girls, one and all.

Did I mention The Rednecks are putting together another cookbook as well? Yep, and those books will be (as always) a collector's item, as a very special piece of Buckeye Lake history. I will let you know when and where they will be available.

We will moving our remaining t-shirts to just three locations starting July 3. They will be available at Buckeye Lake Marina, Pizza Cottage and Buckeye Lake Place which is located directly across from the Pizza Cottage on Ohio 79. Most sizes will be available at Buckeye Lake Place including men's tanks XL and 2-XL.

Marnita did an outstanding job on the design and I have heard many compliments. She also compiled our BLASST donor mailing list on a new program, printed 500 copies of this year's donation letter, stuffed the envelopes and mailed them. I can't begin to tell you how much help she has been to me this year. As I said before, Marnita is like a hummingbird next to most of us. Thank you Marnita, from the very center of my heart.

By the way, I've lost my sense of humor. If anyone finds it, please return it to me as soon as possible because I need it very badly. OK, here's the rules of the game...please don't get drunk and disorderly. Please don't litter. Please don't park your golf cart on state property. Have a happy and safe 4th. God bless

our Veterans and service people and thank you all for fighting for our freedom.

**Victoria Wolfe**  
West Bank

## Make Snug Harbor a public park

Editor:

My husband and I are residents of the original "Snug Harbor" on the south side of Buckeye Lake. On the evening of June 13, we enjoyed the music coming from the new Snug Harbor's Jazz Concert and later experienced the fireworks raining down on our homes.

My neighbor's home received the brunt of this with much of it hitting his roof. The Thorn Twp. Fire Department arrived to check the house for damage. I don't understand why the fireworks were

directed our way with all the open land the other direction.

The most disturbing part of all of this was the way it terrorized the waterfowl in the area. We are fortunate to have some of our original "wetlands" left and a quiet cove outside our back door. That afternoon I was thrilled to see two white Swans and their six offspring, as well as, several ducks with young broods and the ever present Canada Geese. As the final BOOMS were going off, the lake lit up and we saw the swans moving their brood as

fast as possible away from this intrusion. How sad.

There are two more concerts planned. They are of no benefit to the current residents and will continue to be a burden on the taxpayers of the Thorn Township because they must supply a fire-truck and personnel. Personally, I think the best use for the new Snug Harbor would be to restore the original wetlands and make it a Thorn Township Public Park.

**Barbara Floyd**  
Thorn Township

## Writer wants park visitors to take trash

Editor:

This is directed to Fairfield Beach residents and visitors.

While we are all lucky enough to live close to such a pretty lake, there seems to be a group of people who don't understand etiquette. This letter is directed towards you. The other day, I took my son and my dog to the peninsula to play and run. I was horrified at the amount of garbage left behind. There were copious amounts of beer and soda cans, cigarette butts and snack bags. This is a state park. This is not your private backyard. The rules are simple. If you bring the trash in, bring it out with you. That's

it!

We all want to enjoy the park. However, that is difficult when a disrespectful group seems to think other people want to pick up after them. It's now summer, a very busy time at the lake. What

kind of message do we send visitors when we have trash laying around? Let's have some pride! Pick up after yourself!

**Stephanie Connors**  
Fairfield Beach

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## Girl Scout Twilight Camp set for Dawes

JACKSONTOWN – A Girl Scout twilight camp is set for July 27 -30 at The Dawes Arboretum. The camp will run from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. each evening.

The cost is \$35. Call Joni at 928-7296 for more information and to register.

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**JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> FIREWORKS**  
**Public Service Announcement**  
From your local law enforcement & emergency response personnel

- Fireworks and alcohol are prohibited on any state park property (lake or land) and officers will maintain a zero tolerance policy.
- Don't over load your vessel. You cannot exceed ANY of the capacities found on the vessels capacity plate
- Check you navigation lights before heading out after dark. Make sure your bow red and green lights are working and visible. The green light is on the right and the red light is on the left side of your vessel. Plus you are required to have a white light (commonly known as the anchor light) showing 360 degrees.
- When at anchor you are required to have your anchor light (white light) on. Please do NOT anchor in the Emergency Response lane at the west end of the no wake zone.
- You are required to have one United States Coast Guard approved life jacket (PFD) for everyone on board your vessel. For vessels under 18 feet, children under 10 must wear a PFD at all times.
- Personal watercraft (PWC's) are not permitted to be operated between sunset and sunrise.
- Operating under the Influence (OUI) will not be tolerated and strictly enforced.
- If an emergency on the water arises, please contact 911 and state your emergency. Know your surroundings so you can give an accurate description of your location so emergency crews can respond. If your vessel is equipped with a VHF radio (marine band), contact emergency response agencies on Channel 16. When first transmitting an emergency on Channel 16, start your transmission with MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY. This will notify those monitoring Channel 16 that there is an emergency broadcast.
- There will be congestion on the roads surrounding the lake. Please be cautious of the officers directing traffic at various intersections. They are there to assist in helping you safely return home.

**BE CAREFUL, BE SAFE & ENJOY THE FIREWORKS!**