



Nature News

Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center

Winter 2015

The mission of the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center is to promote conservation and education of the flora, fauna, and lands of the Lake Erie Islands ecosystem.

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AmeriCorps Intern position is open for the 2016 summer!

This is a ten week position for the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center and the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy. This position will assist both organizations with program development, volunteer project organization, outreach and education, interpretive services, trail maintenance, and other hands on work related to environmental stewardship.

Contact Lisa Brohl
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419.279.3199 for more information.

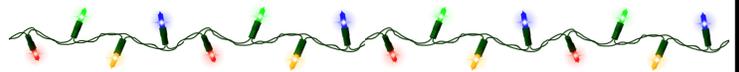
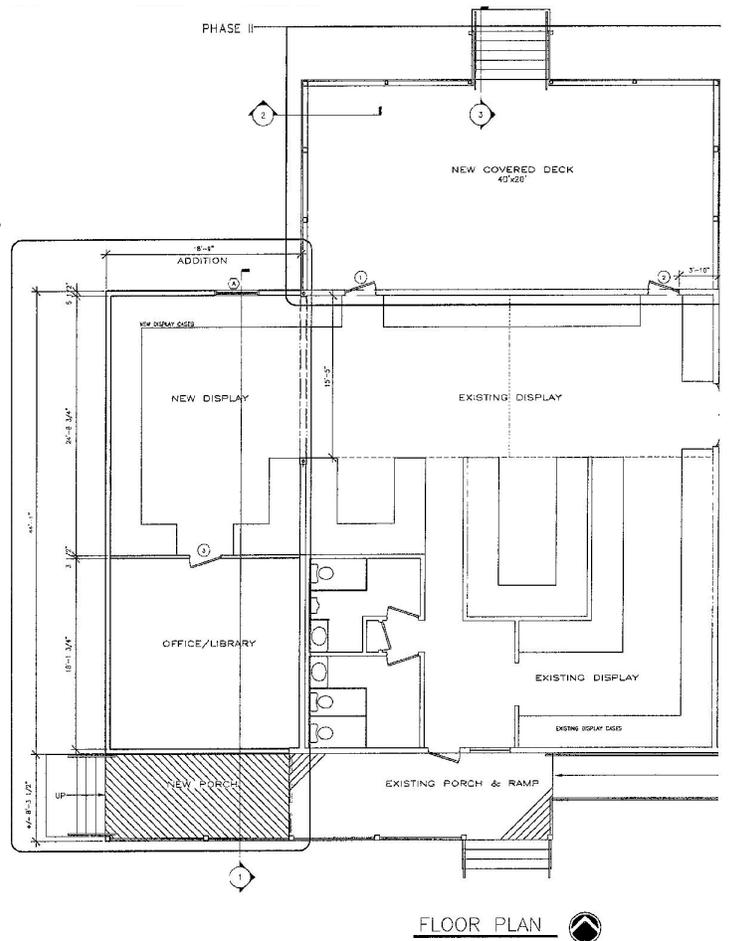
BUILDING ADDITION AT THE NATURE CENTER!

The Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center is in the middle of a building campaign. We need to raise \$170,000.00 to add office space and a covered porch. These additions will give us the space we need for introducing more interactive and interesting exhibits and programs, as well as expanding our existing programs, including Nature Camp and Wild Tuesdays.

With these additions, particularly the porch, we can run our camp and Wild Tuesday programs on bad weather days. We can expand these programs to include more technology such as providing microscopes to see organisms and a large screen to show images related to whatever theme we are studying. We can also add some live animal displays.

\$30,000.00 has already been raised for the additions, We are holding fund-raising events and have written proposals to several organizations that grant funds for groups like the LEINWC. Some of the grantors have responded with promises to match funds we raise through other means. This is where we need your help. Please consider making a donation to help us build these facilities.

Take a look at the building plans on this page so you can visualize our projected changes. We look forward to seeing you at the Wildlife Center and we are most grateful for your help with our campaign!



Fall Donations

Building Fund

Bob & Jean Hilt

Monarch Butterfly- Family Sponsor

Jeanne Burgess

Christmas Bazaar 12-3-2015

3-7PM at the Town Hall



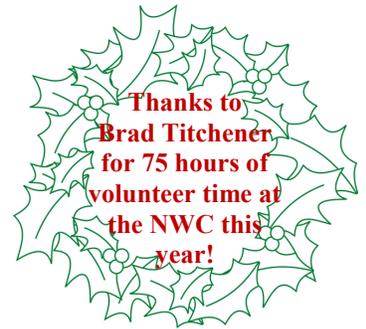
Mark your calendar for this year's holiday shopping extravaganza - the Christmas Bazaar on Thursday, Dec 3 from 3pm to 7pm at the Town Hall. Over 20 artists and crafters

will be selling their wares at the Town Hall. A few of the items for sale this year include "sail" bags, PIB jewelry, island

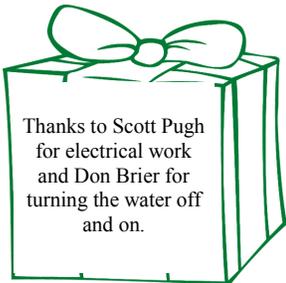
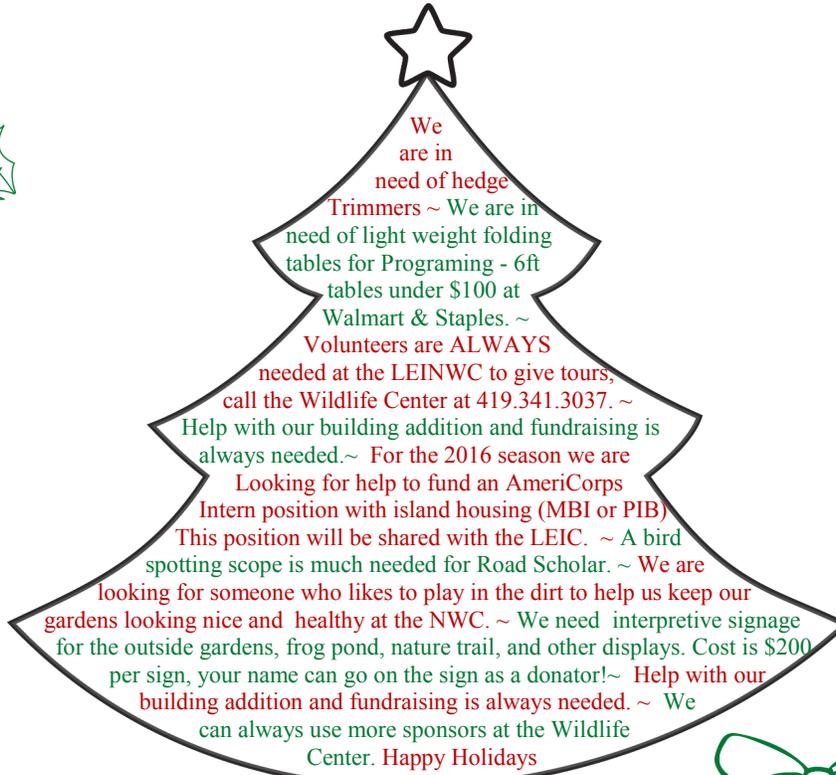
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The Market Family donated \$500 for signage at the NWC! Thank You!



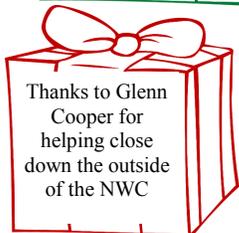
Thanks to Brad Titchener for 75 hours of volunteer time at the NWC this year!



Thanks to Scott Pugh for electrical work and Don Brier for turning the water off and on.



Thanks to Alice Lentz for helping at our Wild Tuesday programs



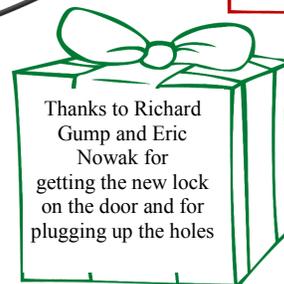
Thanks to Glenn Cooper for helping close down the outside of the NWC



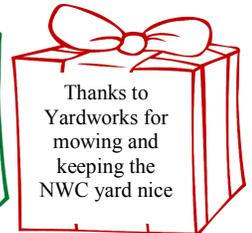
Thanks Russ Brohl for cleaning the gutters at the NWC



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Thanks to Richard Gump and Eric Nowak for getting the new lock on the door and for plugging up the holes



Thanks to Yardworks for mowing and keeping the NWC yard nice



Road Scholar 2016

We have a busy and exciting schedule of Road Scholar planned for 2016 from the LEINWC-from Birding to History to Photography! Our Coordinator Susan Byrnes, is busy planning over the winter. Group leaders Lisa Brohl, Dianne Smith, and Valerie Chornyak will be with the groups daily in the spring and fall. It is a great program that brings participants from all over the country to enjoy our islands' resources. We are excited to announce two new professional photography instructors for the photography program - Tim Daniel from the Ohio Division of Wildlife and Nina Harfmann. Their photos appear in Wild Ohio magazine as well as various other publications and websites.

For more information go to Roadscholar.org

Wildlife Moons in the Heart of Winter

Jackie Taylor



Explore Native American moon names that honor North America's wildlife.

We have all heard of the “Harvest Moon” and “Hunters Moon.” But have you heard of the Worm Moon, Sturgeon Moon, or The Little Frog Moon? The North American Indians had much respect for the moon and used its phases to measure time. They called the months “Moons,” and gave each one a name that symbolized what was occurring around them as the seasons progressed. The names were influenced in tribal customs, beliefs, daily life, and the natural world.

A quick reference search of moon names will reveal many lists with some variation in names, but in general, the same ones were current throughout the various northern tribes from New England to Lake Superior. European settlers adopted some of the Native American moon names, and created some of their own. Most moon names are literal descriptions of natural events relating to wildlife, plants, and weather. Wildlife played an important role in Native American culture. Indian folklore tells of some species that were admired and represented by tribes. Animals were not looked upon as lesser beings, but respected as part of earth's large, living web that shared a common spirit. The following are some of the moon names used by Native Americans, most of which reflect the importance of native American wildlife and its role in life.

January Moons

Full Moon: January 24th, 2016

The harsh winters of the northern regions of North America made survival a challenge for northern tribes, as well as the native wildlife, during the winter months. Food became scarce in heavy snows and frigid temperatures. January's full moon was named the **Wolf Moon** because the hungry howls of wolves could be heard from Indian villages as they roamed in packs in search of prey. This species was much respected by Native Americans who regarded wolves as teachers or pathfinders. Other January Moon names: Wolves Run Together, Month of the Bear, Hard Times Moon, Moon after Yule, and Old Moon.

February Moons

Full Moon: February 22, 2016

As if January's weather wasn't harsh enough in eastern North America, the month that followed traditionally brought even heavier snows, prolonged cold snaps, and blizzards. Food supplies provided by plants and animals were scarce and hunting became more difficult, hence the full moon names the **Hunger Moon or Snow Moon**. Some tribes call the February moon the Trapper's Moon, most likely because trapping provided one of the most successful ways to obtain meat during the winter, as well as pelts for clothing. Other February Moon Names: Month of Rabbit Conception, Raccoon Moon, Moon When Geese Come Home, Dark Red Calves Moon, Fish-Running Moon, and Storm Moon.

March Moons

Full Moon: March 23, 2016

March is truly a time of transformation. The weather is unpredictable with cold temperatures or even snow one day, then a warm spell the next. But winter is fading and nature is slowly transforming and renewing itself. The first signs of spring are observed with plants and animals shedding off winter's strong grip and preparing for rebirth. Many native people referred to the March full moon as the **Worm Moon**, because the seasonal thaw brought earthworms out of the ground, heralding the return of the robins. It was called the Crow Moon by some tribes because the cawing of crows signaled the end of winter. Other March Moon names: Catching Fish Moon, Buffalo Dropping Their Calves Moon, Sap Moon, Sugar Moon, Crust Moon, and Windy Moon.

2016 PIB Nature Camp!

Jackie Taylor, Kate Ptak, and Debbie Larcey are busy planning for another fun-filled Nature Camp this coming July! The 2016 PIB Nature Camp will take place over three weeks: **Intro to Nature Camp** July 11th-13th, **My 1st Nature Camp** July 11th-13th, **Nature Camp** July 18th-20th, **Environmental Adventure Camp I** July 18th-21st, and **Environmental Adventure Camp II** July 25th-28th. This year's Nature Camp themes will be Birds & Trees.

Intro to Nature Camp and **My 1st Nature Camp** will be exploring the birds and trees found at the Wildlife Center's Nature Trail and Perry's Monument. **Nature Camp** will go to Jane Coats Wildflower Trail, Ohio State University's Stone Laboratory to band birds, the State Park, and the monument to learn more about the island's trees and birds. **EAC I** will be bird banding with Ohio State, kayaking, and camping out at the State Park. **EAC II** Will be using a new program called

i-naturalists during camp. They will be banding birds with OSU, kayaking, and camping at Middle Bass Island. There will be a Post Camp Appreciation Party at the Wildlife Center following camp, the date is still being determined. For more information contact Jackie Taylor- 419.279.3199 Or jaytay24@ymail.com.



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2016 LEINWC Yearly Sponsorship Form

Categories- all will get free newsletter!

Black Squirrel \$15.00 Individual Member- Unlimited admission into LEINWC

Monarch Butterfly \$25.00 Family Member- Unlimited admission, 5% discount off of Nature Camp

Lake Erie Watersnake \$100 Business Member- Unlimited admission, includes ad in each newsletter and a link on our web, 10% discount off of Nature Camp

Bald Eagle \$500 Life member- Unlimited admission, 25% discount off of Nature Camp, Name on a tile on the Eastern Fox Snake that will be displayed outside of the building

Name _____ Spouse/Companion _____

Island Address PO Box _____, Ohio _____ E-mail _____

Permanent Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Island Phone _____

In addition to my sponsorship, I would like to donate to:

Nature Camp Fund

I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center, to be used only for expenses and equipment related to the Nature Camp Program.

Building Addition Fund

I would like to donate \$ _____ to build an addition for the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center.

*Please make checks payable to (LEINWC) Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center
Please Send to: PO Box 871, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456 All donations are tax deductible*

Thank You!