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## Steering Committee News

A Steering Committee meeting was held on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Tim Hoyman, the Aquatic Ecologist from Ontario was in attendance.

The meeting was held to discuss the upcoming Buffalo Lake Fair scheduled for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Montello High School. The Lake Fair is a very ambitious event. The purpose of the Fair is to raise awareness of the true condition of Buffalo Lake and what can realistically be done to improve and sustain it. Tim is the guest speaker and will present the findings of the lake studies, with particular emphasis on Buffalo Lake's aquatic plant community, and possible ways of managing that community,

the lake's watershed, and information about shallow lake ecology.

Professionals from the WDNR and Marquette County Land and Water Conservation and Zoning Departments will also be available to answer questions and provide information on local ordinances, shoreline restoration, exotic plant invaders, shallow lake ecology and fisheries. Steering Committee Members will be available to talk about the Website and Newsletter. Although the primary goal of the lake fair is to disseminate information to the district members, the fair will also serve to extract thoughts and opinions from attendees.

Your attendance is important!

Shortly after the fair, the Steering Committee will create a summary of the fair, including brief outlines of the booth information, posters, and the main presentation. Each member of the district will receive this summary along with a comment form.

The comment form will have specific questions and space for you to provide feedback. Your feedback is necessary in order to complete a Comprehensive Lake Management Plan for Buffalo Lake. This information, combined with information received verbally at the fair, will be used in the development of goals for the Lake Management Plan.

See you there!

## Buffalo Lake has a Website

Congratulations to Al Rosenthal and Gary Doudnal! They worked many hours to get the Buffalo Lake Website up and running. Why was the Website created? We realize many people use the World Wide Web to fulfill their information needs. We want to

be able to inform district members and others about upcoming events, ongoing projects, Newsletters, meeting minutes and other information relevant to our lake. If you have Internet access, go to [www.buffalolakedistrict.org](http://www.buffalolakedistrict.org) today and see what is avail-

able. If you don't have access you can visit your local library for free access.

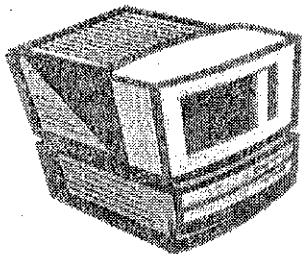
We are looking for suggestions on ways to improve the appearance and value of the Website. Let us know if you have improvement ideas.

## Can We Remove Your Name from the Mailing List?

Now that we have a Website, the Newsletter will be available for reading on-line.

In an effort to reduce mailing costs, we are hoping individuals with internet access will opt to read the Newsletter on-line instead of receiving it via snail mail.

The Newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis; March, July and



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November.

You can view the Newsletter at our Website. Using this feature allows you to share the Newsletter with family and friends as you can e-mail the Newsletter to keep them informed on what is happening on Buffalo Lake.

And remember, you are saving the district money by doing so. If you would like to be removed from the

mailing list, please send your name and address to the address listed at the end of this Newsletter. Indicate you do not want to receive Newsletter mailings and we will remove your name from future mailings.

You will also be able to provide this information at the Lake Fair. Come to the Newsletter booth and a binder will be available where you can sign in and indicate you no longer wish to be on the mailing list.

Just another reason to mark your calendars for the Buffalo Lake Fair!

## Volunteer Help is Needed

We have two volunteer positions we need to fill.

The positions are for a Webmaster and for an individual to perform an audit of the Buffalo Lake books for 2004. The Webmaster position would require an enthusiastic individual who would be willing to donate approximately 5 hours per month posting information to our Website.

The audit position requires an experi-

enced individual who will work with Al Rosenthal, the Treasurer. Funds are not

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available to contract out for these services.

Please, become an active member of our team by contacting Al as soon as possible. It is important that we keep information on the Website current and we need to have an audit performed of the Buffalo Lake books for 2004.

Help is needed.

## Sponsors for Newsletter & Lake Fair

Gary Doudna is actively pursuing sponsors for our Newsletter and for the Lake Fair. To date, Gary has signed up 16 sponsors with more on the way! Great job Gary!

Each sponsor contributes \$40 per year in order to have their business listed in the Newsletter. And, for an additional \$10, they will be listed as a sponsor for the Buffalo Lake Fair.

All sponsor money collected was turned

in to our treasurer, Al Rosenthal, to offset printing and mailing expenses.

If you know of a business in the area that would be interested in donating to this cause, please ask them to contact Gary Doudna at Lakeside Design: 1-608-297-9065. All they have to do is tell Gary they are interested in being a sponsor for the Buffalo Lake District Newsletter.

Remember, anything we can do to solicit contributions towards the Lake District

will be used to aid in future communication efforts pertaining to Buffalo Lake.

**Do you know someone who would be interested in Sponsoring the Buffalo Lake District Newsletter?**

## Buffalo Lake Association Fisheree Results

Over 200 people participated in the event, held on Feb. 12th, which was organized by the Buffalo Lake Improvement Association. In case you didn't see the results in the Marquette Tribune, the winners were: Raffle winners were Jack Otto (\$300), Chester Jozwik (\$50), Warren Standard, Patricia Stefawczyk, Ronald Alexander & Art Schick each won \$25. Fish prizes were: (Northern) Drew Barney - 38 7/8" & Don Dixon - 34 1/2", (Bass) Dennis Schwanke - 20 3/4" & 19 1/8", (Perch) Bruce Uttech - 10" & Rachel McGraw - 9 5/8", (Bluegill) Jasmine Nero & Bruce Uttech (tie) - 8 1/2" Steven Nero - 8 3/8", (Crappie) Jessie Arndt

12 1/4" & Tim Erickson - 12". The Buffalo Lake Association very much appreciated the donations from the following: White-tail Shack, Angler's Pub, Log Cabin R & R Trading Post, Thirsty Beaver, River's Edge, Sportsmen's Tavern, Town Pump, Parker Lake, Grampa's Swampside, Irrigation Station, Burreson's Bayview, Lawn Care Plus, Thai Acres, Chateau, Kral's Auto Salvage, Westfield Super-Valu, Veda Moore, Yahooz, Westfield Hair Creations, National Exchange Bank, Moore's Resort, Generations, R Place, Good Old Days, Rustic, C & D Truck Repair, Mazurek's Buffalo Lake Lodge, Jim Sanders & Markita Schoechert. A word

of gratitude is also given for all of the members working the event and providing food. Special appreciation went to Greg Neve and Linda Morgan for their timeless efforts and event hosts, Donna and Ed Webb. All proceeds go to Buffalo Lake projects. Congratulations on a successful event!



Nice Northern Pike!

## Time Table for Completion of the Lake Management Plan

Below is a list of the target dates for completion of the Lake Management Plan. NOTE: Date format is MM/YY Any changes to these dates will be posted on the Website.

Planning Grants Submittal (02/05)  
 Planning Grants Notification (2/05)  
 Spring Newsletter Ad for Fair (3/05)  
 Mail Lake Fair Reminder (4/05)

Buffalo Lake Fair (5/05)  
 Comment Cards Mailed (05/05)  
 Comments Compiled (06/05)  
 Goals Creation Meeting (6/05)  
 Goals Published in Newsletter (07/05)  
 Goals at Annual Meeting (08/05)  
 Draft of Lake Management Plan (10/05)  
 Implementation Plan Meeting (11/05)

Report & Lake Management Plan (12/05)  
 Implementation Plan/Newsletter (01/06)  
 Board of Directors Vote (02/06)  
 District Board Votes on Plan (02/06)  
 Plan available to all (04/06)  
 District Vote on Implementation (05/06)

## Buffalo Lake Logo Contest

Are you a budding graphic artist? Well, here is your chance to show off our talent and help the district at the same time. The Steering Committee is holding a contest to choose a brand new Buffalo Lake District logo at the Buffalo Lake Fair in May 2005. The qualifying entries will be displayed at the Newsletter booth. Members can view the submitted entries and vote for the entry they believe fits our district and lake best. Here are the rules:

- 1) The logo must have "Buffalo Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District" contained within it.
- 2) Entries should be mailed to the attention of "Logo Contest" at the district P.O. Box.
- 3) All entries must be postmarked by May 2, 2005 and received by May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 4) Only black and white or grayscale entries will be accepted.

5. Entries should be scaled so they can be photo-reduced to approximately 2x2"
  6. The only prizes you will receive are: pride, bragging rights and admiration of your peers.
  7. The Steering Committee and District Commissioners have the final say on what the logo will actually contain.
- Get your pencils sharpened and submit a logo entry by May 10th!



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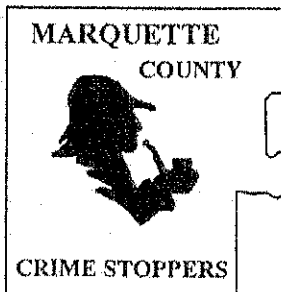
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