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On the Trail

Chief Frank Fools Crow of the Lakota Nation once taught that we must pass on what we learn so that important knowledge gathered throughout one lifetime is not lost, otherwise what is the real value of learning it in the first place? While Fools Crow was speaking about cultural and spiritual knowledge, his lesson sums up the importance of an oral tradition in general. In this way we of the BTA today have a connection to those who originally inspired Ohio's Buckeye Trail and the Buckeye Trail Association. The ideas, hopes, details and techniques of building, maintaining and hiking the BT have been passed down, added to, shared around and are being handed to those who are just discovering the BT today. As people come and go our idea continues to live and grow.

Jim Sprague is a well-known BTA volunteer. He created the Buckeye Trail Crew several decades ago and has held many positions with the BTA. He is our current Trail Maintenance Supervisor. The photograph here captures a moment where Jim is teaching Adelaide Bashaw how to tie the BT trail flagging knot. They were where the BT, North Country National Scenic Trail, and American Discovery Trail are being constructed for the first time at The Nature Conservancy's Edge of Appalachia Preserve in the West Union Section of the BT. And she did tie one herself! I happen to know that she will remember this moment, the work party, the place, the people, and receiving her 5 hour BTA Volunteer patch, and she'll be back to help build the remaining +/- 13 miles there at the Edge.



Andrew Bashaw

Adelaide Bashaw and Jim Sprague working on the Buckeye Trail Crew. Separated by only 80 years and the width of the newest length of the Buckeye Trail.

Jim is passing down what he knows about the BT and the natural world to whoever will hear him, and Adelaide is being introduced to these ideas even earlier than Jim ever was. Being exposed to the BT as the daughter of the Director of the BTA, Adelaide's life interests may grow towards other things that she doesn't take for granted. Even so, these lessons, people, and events will help to form her understanding and appreciation of the world no matter where she focuses her life.

As you read through these pages you will see more examples of how we continue to share our trail experience with others,
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ON THE TRAIL

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across generations, and the impact it has. Bruce "Poppie" Purdy shared his love for the outdoors, hiking and the BT with so many, including a host of Boy Scouts during his time as the BTA's Scouting Liaison. Sadly, we lost him this past season. Barb Crompton shares with us how the impact of her childhood Buckeye Trail experiences with her father are carried along the trail and in her life today. Jim Sprague continues to share his understanding of caring for the trail, in the hope of inspiring the future stewards of the BT to provide a place for these personal impacts in perpetuity. You may gather from the BTA's Trustee meeting review and introduction of our Americorps Members how we as a volunteer-driven organization wrestle with the challenge of inspiring others to devote their attention to one of Ohio's greatest ideas.

The Buckeye Trail not only takes us to many of the most beautiful and interesting places around Ohio, but also to personal moments with others. As Andy "Captain Blue" Niekamp reminds us during his presentations of his BT thru-hike, the Buckeye Trail is just as much about the people of Ohio. The BT is about you. As hikers, members, volunteers, trail angels, agency partners, decision makers, and trail town citizens, you are our connection to the past and our present, and you will shape the legacy of the Buckeye Trail Association and the Buckeye Trail.

Have you passed on what you know and care about to others? If you have stopped a moment to wonder on the question, might I suggest you pick up the phone and take your loved one for a hike, drag a friend along to one of our many volunteer events, or give the gift of a BTA membership to someone you think could use it. Who will write Barb Crompton and Jim Sprague's articles in the *Trailblazer* 50 years from now to inspire yet another generation? It could be someone you know. Check out our calendar of events and use it to your advantage to make an impact on your life and others.

See you on the Trail,



Andrew Bashaw
Executive Director

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News and Notes from the Board of Trustees

Melissa Reed

On June 8, 2013, the Board of Trustees held its first meeting since the election and our meeting at TrailFest in April. We welcomed four new trustees—Franchot Ballinger, Dan Crandall, Liz DeBraul and Scott Kamph.

Executive Director Andrew Bashaw announced that the National Park Service/North Country National Scenic Trail has approved our applications for two grants. One, for \$3,950, will enable us to bring to fruition the interpretative panel project that member and former trustee Jeff Yoest has developed over a period of several years. The second grant, for \$4,850, is for trail protection planning and will help finance the project, which our AmeriCorps volunteer, Richard Lutz, will undertake.

Trustee John Knouse reported on the status of Buckeye TrailFest 2014, to be held next year at Camp Akita, near Logan, Ohio, on April 24–27. John has begun the daunting task of organizing the multitude of events to which we've become accustomed, thanks to the successful TrailFests of 2012 and 2013.

We said goodbye to two longtime *Trailblazer* staffers, editor Lisa Daiber and graphic and layout artist Darlene Karoly. The summer issue was their last in those functions, although Darlene will remain as liaison with the printer. Both have graciously agreed to help with the transition to their replacements. Liz DeBraul will edit the next issue and Derek Atkinson will be the graphic designer.

Robert and Connie Pond have begun work on a second edition of *Follow the Blue Blazes*, an informative and popular guide to the Buckeye Trail. The Buckeye Trail Association helped sponsor the first edition and offers it for sale through our store. The Board agreed to continue the arrangement for the second edition.

We discussed plans for the annual Board retreat, which will meet this year on August 24–25 at the Barn on Tappan Lake. During the retreat, the 2014 budget which was assembled under the leadership of Vice President Connie Pond, will be presented. Dates for next year's events, including work parties, will be decided. Bylaw committee members will have the opportunity to begin discussing the process by which we elect trustees. Although we expect to enjoy the weekend, there will be no shortage of work to do.

BTeasers

Pat Hayes

Q On March 1, 1986 the BTA Board of Trustees approved the formation of which new standing committee, and who was appointed as the first state chairperson?

A The BTA Board of Trustees created the Membership Activities Committee (MAC) with Mary Hamilton of Dover as its first state chairperson.

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Building Trail on the 'Edge'

Randy Edwards, *The Nature Conservancy*

On the map, the trail between Ohio's Shawnee State Forest and The Nature Conservancy's Edge of Appalachia Preserve is a winding dervish of a footpath, rising over wooded ridges and dropping into narrow gorges. The thing is, right now a map is the only place where most of this trail exists.

In June, hardy volunteers from the Buckeye Trail Association, joined by some Conservancy volunteers, began the work to make this trail a reality. Starting at "the Edge," the work crew built about three-quarters of a mile of new trail—the first of the 14 miles that will pass over rugged and wooded terrain to the Shawnee State Forest (vicinity of West Union, pts. 1–7).

Making all of this possible is an ambitious project by the Conservancy to join these two protected areas by purchasing up to 6,000 acres of land between the Conservancy's 16,000-acre preserve and the 60,000 forested acres that make up the Shawnee State Forest and State Park. When complete, the project will create the largest block of consolidated forest in Ohio, habitat for bobcats, wild turkey, and uncommon birds like cerulean warblers.

The Conservancy has already purchased about a third of the property, with less than a quarter-mile now separating these two protected areas. "When completed, this section of the trail will provide a great opportunity for those looking to experience one of Ohio's wildest areas," says Andrew Bashaw, the Executive Director of the Buckeye Trail Association.

It will take several years to complete, but some of us just couldn't wait to see it. Staff from the Conservancy joined Bashaw for a cross-country bushwhack on Conservancy-owned land to ground-truth the proposed trail. Josh Knights, Executive



Eric Albrecht

Portion of the Edge of Appalachia Preserve.

Director of the Conservancy's Ohio program, gave us a peek at his field notes.

DAY 1

We stop early for lunch the first day. Andrew talks about trail design. This isn't the Conservancy's first experience with the BTA. A few years ago, a portion of the Buckeye Trail was routed through our Strait Creek Preserve. "You have to let the trail take people where they want to go," Andrew tells us. That sounds



Eric Albrecht

A portion of the Buckeye Trail Crew during the Work Party on The Nature Conservancy's Edge of Appalachia Preserve.

reasonable, but where do we want to go? Today, it seems we want to visit an old tobacco barn, find a box turtle muddling next to a stream, and take a detour to a rocky outcropping we dub “Apothecary Rock” for the abundance of medicinal plants it supports.

DAY 2

Although the trail has been roughly sketched out on a topographic map, Andrew makes notes along the way about how to change it. Unexpected obstacles and features that would interest a hiker lead Andrew to stop and scribble on his map.

A difficult climb in the afternoon is rewarded with a magnificent view from a ridgetop, but the sky is becoming increasingly overcast. Soon it is raining. The rain seems to bring out the smells of the forest, and when our path takes us through a thicket of spicebush, we’re all pleasantly surprised by the fragrance. On the slippery forest floor we pay more attention to our steps and are rewarded with the discovery of the nest of an ovenbird, an intercontinental migrant that nests in these forests we are trying to save.

DAY 3

After breakfast, we venture off the map trail to take a “short cut” down a steep slope to a creek. We are rewarded by multiple encounters with showy yellow ladyslipper orchids, which seem to appreciate this stream. When we stop to eat our lunch in a small barrens where a thin layer of soil coats a rocky outcrop, we find Indian paintbrush plants thriving. We ford a shallow stream that is guarded by a pink ladyslipper orchid, a lone sentry among the reindeer lichen.

I lag behind a little, hoping to delay the inevitable end of my time in the woods. But as I walk down the last hillside, I am reassured by the knowledge that our work with the Buckeye Trail Association will allow many hikers to enjoy this special place.



Editor’s Note: Poppie organized a number of popular Buckeye Trail section-hikes around the state over the past few years. CW Spencer hiked with him a number of times and wrote about his friendship with Poppie on his website at <http://cwspencer.com/remembering-poppie/>.

Walk a Mile in Poppie’s Shoes with a Scout

Deb Zampini

**IN MEMORY OF BRUCE “POPPIE” PURDY
MAY 13, 1950–JUNE 25, 2013**

If anyone understood scouting it was Bruce “Poppie” Purdy. Having himself been a Scout and a Scout Leader, he knew firsthand how reaching out to the younger generation would be a grand investment, not only for organizations such as the Buckeye Trail Association but also for the individuals themselves.

In the few short years that Poppie moved the Buckeye Trail Association forward to bring the two organizations together, he climbed mountains with the work he did. Especially close to his heart were Eagle Scout projects, the final step in the “Trail to the Eagle”. Poppie helped create the scouting brochure we use today; he also made sure there was money budgeted to assist projects.

Poppie also attended as many scouting shows as possible, presenting classes to leaders as well as scouts. To carry on what Bruce worked so hard to accomplish, if you know of a scouting project or a Boy Scout or Girl Scout who would like to complete a project, please contact the Buckeye Trail Association’s Scouting Liaison at scouting@buckeyetrail.org. Anyone interested in continuing Poppie’s wonderful and much-needed work with the Scouts, please contact Andrew Bashaw, Executive Director at director@buckeyetrail.org.



Schedule of Hikes & Events



Always check www.buckeyetrail.org/events.html for last-minute updates

AUGUST

August 31-September 2

BTA Work Party, Old Man's Cave Section.

Description: We will be constructing a backpacking shelter on the Pretty Run property in Vinton County as well as constructing a BT foot bridge near the maintenance building on Tar Hollow State Forest property. Saturday-Sunday we will start work at 8:00AM and quit at 3:00PM. Monday: start work at 8:00AM and quit at Noon.

Camping: Pretty Run property, portable shower will be available.

Meals: Bring your own food and water.

Contact: Trail Management Team, stc@buckeyetrail.org

SEPTEMBER

September 7, 2013

Local Hike, Walk for Sunshine 5K, Defiance Section. Monclova Elementary School, 8035 Monclova Road, Monclova, OH 43542.

Description: Join the Sunshine staff, residents, family members, volunteers, and friends for the 16th Annual Sunshine 2013 Walk, 5K Run & Roll to raise funds for Sunshine Acres, the animal activities and horticultural program at Sunshine. Call 419-335-3763 for information or register online at www.Sunshine.org under current events. Registration begins at 7:00a.m., 5K run starts at 8:30a.m., and the Walk & Roll starts at 10:00a.m. The 5K Run has cash prizes. The BTA will host an information booth to promote the Buckeye Trail.

Contact: Mike Alt, mikefishone@buckeye-express.com, or Liz DeBaal, lizdebaal@hotmail.com, to volunteer.

September 14-18, 2013

BTA Work Party Week, West Branch State Park, Mogadore Section. *BTA Chuck Wagon Event* Description: Build new and maintaining existing Buckeye Trail in West

Branch State Park. We will leave camp at 8:00 am for work site.

Camping: West Branch State Park Horse Camp Area on the north side of the lake.

Directions: From Rock Spring Rd. turn east onto Copeland Rd. In 0.5 miles turn left (N) onto unnamed road leading to horse camps in 2.25 miles. Campground GPS coordinates: Lat 41° 8.999'N Lon 81° 6.751'W

Meals: Contact Jay Holwick, holwick@columbus.rr.com for FREE meal reservation for first 20 volunteers.

Contact: Trail Management Team, stc@buckeyetrail.org

September 20-22, 2013

BTA Hike, AEP ReCreation Land Buckeye Trail Celebration. Belle Valley/Stockport Sections.

Description: Celebrate the more than 15 years of work by the Buckeye Trail Crew to create a 26-mile backpacking destination within AEP's ReCreation Land. The organized hike includes shuttles and "slackpack" service to hike the whole thing, but there are shorter options as well. There are 15 shuttle spaces available.

Meals: Friday dinner at 4 pm is a potluck and celebration dinner – bring a side dish or dessert. Bring your own food and water for all other meals.

Location: ReCreation Land Campground K (Bicentennial) - 10766 Lincoln Highway, Caldwell, Ohio 43724. Hike begins Friday, September 20th at 9:30 am.

Contact: Andrew Bashaw, director@buckeyetrail.org to RSVP

September 28-29

BTA Work Party, Next to Serpent Mound, Sinking Spring Section.

Description: Construct a backpacking shelter on property adjacent to Serpent Mound State Memorial. Saturday: Work will start at 8:00AM Saturday and quit at 3:00PM. Sunday: Work will start at 8:00AM and quit at Noon.

Camping: Camping will be at the work site.

Meals: Bring your own food and water

Contact: Trail Management Team, stc@buckeyetrail.org

OCTOBER

October 12-13

BTA Work Party, Burr Oak State Park, New Straitsville Section. *BTA Chuck Wagon Event*

Description: Improve existing BT throughout the New Straitsville Section. We will leave camp for work site at 8:30AM.

Camping: Burr Oak State Park Group Campground near Boat Dock 3. From SR-78 on the east side of Burr Oak Lake, take C-14 (Mountville Rd.) west toward the lake and the group campground.

Meals: Contact Jay Holwick, holwick@columbus.rr.com, for FREE meal reservations.

Contact: Trail Management Team, stc@buckeyetrail.org

October 12-13

BTA Work Party, West Branch State Park, Mogadore Section.

Description: We will mainly be building trail but will also work on constructing a culvert, a boardwalk and a bridge. We will leave camp at 8:00 am for work site.

Camping: West Branch State Park Horse Camp Area on the north side of the lake.

Directions: From Rock Spring Rd. turn east onto Copeland Rd. In 0.5 miles turn left (N) onto unnamed road leading to horse camps in 2.25 miles. Campground GPS coordinates: Lat 41° 8.999'N Lon 81° 6.751'W. Showers will be available at the main campgrounds for anyone helping us. The gate to the Horse Camp area will NOT be open until 6:00PM on Friday. Please time your arrival.

Meals: Bring your own food and water.

Contact: Steve Latza, green.boonie@gmail.com

Chuckwagon Reservations

For meal reservations for the chuckwagon at work parties (where available), contact Chuck Wagon Master, Jay Holwick at:

holwick@columbus.rr.com
740-743-3813

BTA Barn Directions

Take I-77 south to US-250 east (just south of New Philadelphia). Follow US-250 past Tappan Dam almost to the end of the lake. There is a causeway with a sign that reads "Tappan Lake Park". Turn right (this road also takes you to Deersville). Approximately 3.1 miles from the US-250 turnoff is Beall Rd. on the right. Follow this dead-end road 1.3 mi. It ends at the BTA Barn down a long gravel driveway.

Remember the house side of the driveway is absolutely and strictly off-limits. It is a private residence so please respect their wishes and stay on our side of the driveway and please do not block any roads.

October 20

44th Annual Walk with Nature, Memorial Park, St. Marys, Ohio. Along the Miami-Erie Canal Towpath Trail (BT/NCT).

Registration for the "Walk with Nature" and "Road to Fitness" will be in Memorial Park in Downtown St. Marys.

Description: Noon-5:00PM, the "Walk with Nature" is a pleasant, level walk along the Miami-Erie Canal Towpath and can begin or end at several points. The length of the walk can be from 3.3 miles-10 miles. Buses are available for transport to and from starting and stopping points. The Towpath extends north from St. Marys, Memorial Park to 40 acre pond and on to Lock 14.

Note: Last year this hiking event had over 1,300 participants.

Note: Inquire about being transported out to one of the ending points of the hike and hike back into town. By doing so, you will not have to wait for transportation back from the end of the hike.

Directions: Downtown St. Marys

Contact: For further information concerning this event, contact the St. Marys Kiwanis, Heritage Trails Park District or Preston Bartlett at stmarys@buckeyetrail.org, or St. Marys Area Chamber of Commerce, wwwstmo@bright.net, 419-394-4611.

October 26-30

BTA Work Party Week, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Akron Section.

Description: We will be working in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park to improve trail in wet areas by building puncheon boardwalk and a bridge. Work will start at 8:30AM and quit at 3:30PM.

Camping: Robinson Field off Akron Peninsula Rd between Wetmore Rd and Northhampton Rd. Trailers must be entirely self-contained. No grey water release is allowed. All garbage must be removed from the premises. Bring your own drinking water and fire wood. Directions: Exiting I-77 between Akron and Cleveland, take SR 176/Wheatley Rd Exit east (2.7 mi) which becomes Everett Rd just before it reaches Riverview Rd (0.8 mi). Go South on Riverview Rd for 0.3 mi to Szalay Farm Market, then go East on Bolanz Rd to Akron Peninsula Rd (0.4 mi). Go NE on Akron Peninsula Rd past Northhampton Rd (0.7 mi) to a driveway (0.1 mi) that exits South and leads in another 0.1 mi or so into Robinson Field.

Meals: Bring your own food and water

Contact: Trail Management Team, stc@buckeyetrail.org

NOVEMBER

November 9-10

BTA Work Party Week, Hocking Hills State Park, Old Man's Cave Section.

Description: We will be working in Hocking Hills State Park to reroute the BT near the SR-664 entrance to the park. (OMC point 19, November 2010 map). Saturday: Start work at 8:30AM and quit at 3:30PM. Sunday: Start work at 8:30AM and quit at 12:30PM.

Camping: TBD

Meals: Bring your own food and water.

Contact: Trail Management Team, stc@buckeyetrail.org

DECEMBER

December 14

BTA Board Meeting.

Location: Command Alkon in Columbus, 10:00AM.

Contact: Melissa Reed, president@buckeyetrail.org

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Email your change of address to: membership@buckeyetrail.org



BTA AmeriCorps Program— Working Hard for the Buckeye Trail

Andrew Bashaw

The Buckeye Trail Association is fortunate to host two full time AmeriCorps Members from August 2013 to August 2014, by partnering with the regional nonprofit Rural Action. Richard Lutz and Barry Unger are your AmeriCorps Members who report to the Executive Director and work from the BTA office in the Village of Shawnee, OH.

AmeriCorps is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service. It engages more than 75,000 men and women in intensive service each year at more than 15,000 locations including nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country. AmeriCorps members help communities tackle pressing problems while mobilizing millions of volunteers for the organizations they serve. Members gain valuable professional, educational, and life benefits, and the experience has a lasting impact on the members and the communities they serve. AmeriCorps programs focus on disaster services, economic opportunity, education, and environmental stewardship.

HOW DOES AMERICORPS WORK FOR THE BTA?

Rural Action is the grantee of about a dozen AmeriCorps positions through Ohio's community service agency ServeOhio under the environmental stewardship program known as the Ohio Stream Restore Corps. For the past two years we have shared half of an AmeriCorps position and cost with another nonprofit partner, the Little Cities of the Forest Collaborative. Each AmeriCorps position is a one year term, 1,700 hours of service, focused on building our volunteer capacity to fulfill our own mission. It is important for us to remember this timeline and focus the work of our AmeriCorps members to work with and through our devoted BTA volunteers so that at the end of a term we are more capable and not dependent on an individual who will be moving on.

Rural Action takes the brunt of the administration of these positions, including managing payroll and benefits, while the BTA is responsible for work planning and supervision. We are limited a little in scope of work by the geography of Rural Action focused on Appalachian Ohio; fortunately this is a region in which the BT needs a lot of assistance. With relatively few limitations, the BTA gains two full time positions focused on supporting and improving the BTA at a fraction of the cost of an actual full-time staff position, while the AmeriCorps members gain a year of experience, a modest stipend, and an education award while working on a job they can bring their passion to, working with people like you.

RICHARD LUTZ, BTA AMERICORPS MEMBER

Trail Corridor Preservation, gis@buckeyetrail.org

Richard Lutz is re-upping for a third and final year of AmeriCorps with the BTA—thank you Richard! For those that haven't met Richard, he has a BS in Park & Resource Management from Slippery Rock University in his home state of Pennsylvania. Richard has spent the past two years focused on service learning projects, trail development, volunteer recruitment and engagement mainly in the challenging Little Cities of Black Diamonds region. Richard has helped build our capacity by organizing or co-organizing events that broaden awareness of the BT, engage volunteers, recruit new members and actively plan, build and maintain the BT.

Over the past two years Richard has assisted BTA volunteers in recruiting more than 854 volunteers who worked 2,378 volunteer hours and recruited 68 new BTA members through a host of trail improvement projects and trail promotion events. That doesn't even cover what Richard has done in his free time on GPS'ing and cartography around the BT.

For his final year Richard focus more on his mapping and planning skills to increase our ability to prioritize and eventually preserve the BT corridor. Richard says "planning trail events and projects with BTA volunteers for the Little Cities Region has been exciting and challenging and I have greatly enjoyed them over the last two years. However, working towards Buckeye Trail corridor preservation in the upcoming year excites me even more!" Richard currently resides in the Village of Shawnee, Ohio.



Richard Lutz

Eric Albrecht



Barry Unger

Barry Unger, BTA AmeriCorps Member

BARRY UNGER, BTA AMERICORPS MEMBER

Member and Volunteer Recruitment and Retention,
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We are excited to welcome Barry Unger to join our BTA team. Barry has been a member and volunteer of the BTA for the past few years. Barry was born in a small town on the shores of Lake Erie. At age 18 he moved to Columbus where he started a small business managing musicians and doing event coordination and promotion. While there he met his wife Leanne. After Leanne's graduation from OSU they decided to move to Nelsonville so Barry could pursue a degree in wildlife management at Hocking College. Since graduation, Barry has worked in various areas ranging from wildlife rehabilitation to environmental education. Barry hopes to use his experiences and background to help kids become excited about conservation and open their eyes to how amazing our natural world is.

Barry has a deep love for Ohio's Buckeye Trail and the volunteers that work hard at building and maintaining the trail. Barry thinks "the Buckeye Trail is a phenomenal asset to any Ohioan who is interested in the outdoors. I love the fact that no matter where I am in the state I am always close to the trail, and that means I am close to an adventure. I think one of the truly unique experiences about hiking the BT is the amount of Ohio's history that you are exposed to as well." Barry currently resides in Nelsonville with his wife and daughter.

While Richard will be focusing on more the physical trail, Barry will spend his time helping BTA volunteers recruit more members and volunteers, targeting key volunteer staff positions and just more volunteers in general. While these two young men are and will be quite an asset to the BTA it is important that we all help them succeed. They are here to build our capacity to do better and do more, not just do the job for us. We have a one year window of opportunity with Richard and Barry. Please reach out to them if you would like to lend a hand.



THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION



You know the quote "take only pictures and leave only footprints" applies to many adventures along Ohio's State Trail. You can leave your lasting footprint on the Buckeye Trail by sharing your trail experiences and inspiring others, enjoying the spirit of membership or the camaraderie of fellow volunteers. Now you can also share a planned gift with the Buckeye Trail Association thanks to our partnership with the Columbus Foundation.

The BTA is able to benefit from a variety of planned gifts to the BTA Greatest Needs and Buckeye Trail Preservation Funds at the Foundation. The Columbus Foundation is available to assist you and your professional advisor in creating the most effective and efficient plan for your current or planned gift. Current gifts could include cash, mutual funds, stock, real estate, IRA assets, or personal property.

You may also consider a planned gift through a bequest by will or trust, charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust, charitable lead trust, retirement plan assets, life insurance policy, or remainder interest in a residence or farm to support the Buckeye Trail Association regularly and in perpetuity.

Established in 1959, and continually growing today, the good work of the Buckeye Trail Association is the result of many who share the vision of Ohio's Buckeye Trail. In whichever way you choose to leave your lasting footprint on the BT we thank you.

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The EGGS Challenge

Byron Guy

What started as a challenge to hike an entire section of the Buckeye Trail in one day, has become the backpacking challenge simply referred to as “EGGS”. For those of you not familiar with EGGS, (the Emma Grandma Gatewood Solstice Hike) it is a hiking challenge that requires both physical and mental stamina for 24 hours and 40 miles. As it was last year, and will be for many years to come, the challenge took place over the summer solstice weekend at Burr Oak State Park and the adjacent section of Wayne National Forest known as Wildcat Hollow. What simply began with two brothers has turned into over 60 people testing their ability to hike continuously for an entire day.

Starting this year at the 4th Annual EGGS hike, we added a 20 mile challenge, which was well-received by a number of hikers. We anticipate trying to add a 60 or 80 mile challenge next year. The 20 mile challenge started at the Wildcat Hollow Hiking Trail and followed the Burr Oak Backpack Loop around Tom Jenkins Reservoir to the Group Camp located near Dock #3. Twenty miles may not sound like much to most of you, but ask those that made a wrong turn and didn't finish just how hard it can be.

As for the 40 mile challenge, even with all the trail work that was accomplished by this year's volunteers, the heat proved to be overwhelming for all but a select few who earned the coveted EGGS patch. Just what does the 40 mile challenge encompass? The challenge started at the Group Camp by Dock #3, followed the Burr Oak Backpack Loop east to the Wildcat Hollow Hiking Trail, followed that trail for the entire 15 miles, then re-joined the Burr Oak Trail once again to complete the hike around Tom Jenkins Reservoir back to the starting point. It is all off-road, varies in tread path, and contains enough elevation to make people wonder why they call Ohio flat! It is not for the faint of heart, and personally speaking, one of the hardest things you will ever try in your life.

So why would you ever want to do this? It is a challenge, both mentally and physically. Like a marathon, a triathlon, or any of the like, it is a challenge. At the same time, you get to meet like-minded people, enjoy some of the most beautiful trail and scenery Ohio has to offer, and most importantly, support the Buckeye Trail.

Planning for next year's EGGS hike is already underway, and we plan on over 100 people participating in the challenge. Will you be one of those? Do you have what it takes to complete the hike? We hope to see you there!



EGGS hiker Levi Miller shows off his hiking patch.

Shannon Chaney



EGGS Hikers Ready for the Challenge

Shannon Chaney

An Unexpected Visual Feast

Susan Doolittle

Hiking the “Little Loop” of the Buckeye Trail is a marvelous way to discover and experience up close the byways and greenways of Northeast Ohio. I hiked the “Loop” with a congenial group of fourteen people over a two year period encompassing 26 outings. As we walked along, we forged a bond that continues today as we explore the trails around us. I found wonder, joy and new vistas around every bend.

I kept a journal of our adventure and would like to share one entry to illustrate that even a 9.7 mile road hike can be enjoyable.

Journal Entry: August 16, 2008.

Goodell Farm (Mogadore Pt. 4) to Newton Falls Road (Mogadore Pt. 6.2)

When you start out at a junkyard and end up at a gas well you may wonder if there is any hope for this hike. Aha – it’s all about the discoveries in between! An absolutely perfect day doesn’t hurt, either.

We enjoyed wildlife sightings of boisterous turkeys, contented cows, and curious horses. Angry buzzards were waiting to scoop up the road-kill after we passed—an ominous sign. Visual feasts were provided by the lovely gardens and century-old homes as well as the abundant fields and wildflowers along the roads. A military helicopter and two biplanes flying in formation directed our eyes upward. Then there was a mysterious tower near the Ravenna Training and Logistics Site which provoked much speculation as to its purpose. Ambling along the road provides lots of time for this type of conversation.

Susan Doolittle



“Here’s Looking at You”—Curious Horses in the Mogadore Section.

So the dreaded 9.7-mile road hike turned into a nice stroll along an easy route which fostered lots of friendly camaraderie. We had time for a roadside picnic and were even invited to a wedding celebration along the way. We declined because we didn’t think we were dressed for the occasion.

BTA Little Loop Patches Available

Have you hiked BTA’s Little Loop but did not get a patch? Is the Little Loop in your future plans? Here is incentive to get it done! Contact Debbie Zampini, half-marathoner@hotmail.com with date of completion and maybe a photo to receive your patch at no charge. Please put “Little Loop Patch” in the subject line. *Happy hiking!*





Building a Statewide Voice for Non-motorized Trails—BTA Helping to Revitalize the Ohio Trails Partnership

Rory Robinson, Outdoor Recreation Planner,
National Park Service, Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program

Over a year ago, the BTA Executive Director, Andrew Bashaw, met with the new Great Lakes Regional Director for the International Mountain Bicycling Association, Andy Williamson, to talk about common interests. At the time, there was concern by both organizations over the proposal to turn much of Burr Oaks State Park into a motorized trail facility. One idea that came from this was to revitalize the Ohio Trails Partnership (OTP).

The Ohio Trails Partnership was formed in 1999 as “a unique coalition of organizations that have an interest in muscle-powered trails.” Several organizations belonged to the OTP including user groups and land/trail managers. The trail users were primarily hikers from the Buckeye Trail Association (BTA), equestrians of the Ohio Horseman’s Council (OHC), and mountain bikers of the Ohio Mountain Bike Association (OMBA). These three groups worked together with state agencies and other organizations to provide education, advocacy and events related to trail interests around the state.

Keeping the original intent and mission of the OTP... “to unify all users of non-motorized land and water trails in Ohio for the purpose of improving the quality, quantity, safety and sustainability of all of Ohio’s trails through education, advocacy and volunteerism”, meetings began last year to revitalize this important forum. In addition to the original three user groups, the organization now includes other non-motorized trail interests such as parks and recreation managers, and managers and users of water trails and shared-use paved trails.

The Ohio Trails Partnership is an innovative collaboration working proactively to develop and maintain the nation’s best close-to-home, non-motorized statewide trails system. The guiding principles of the OTP are to operate by consensus to facilitate communication between OTP members; encourage proactive planning and partnership on trail development, use and management; work together to resolve trail user conflicts; promote separate but equal trails wherever possible; educate trail managers and users by promoting best design and management practices to create sustainable, user-friendly trails; participating in user group education; and advocating for strong support of trails from state and local government, regional agencies and the private sector.

Organizations such as the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, US Forest Service—Wayne National Forest, and National Park Service Rivers and Trails Program form the core of an advisory group that will assist the OTP to define strategies, approaches and new partners, help to deliver the OTP message, and provide opportunities for activities and growth.

If you are interested in seeing us work together to improve the Buckeye Trail, join us during the next OTP Work Party scheduled during our regular October 12-13 Buckeye Trail Crew Work Weekend at Burr Oak State Park. Come prepared for a Saturday evening campfire!

Visit the OTP Facebook page, www.facebook.com/OhioTrailsPartnership, for more information or contact Andrew Bashaw at director@buckeyetrail.org, or Rory Robinson, Outdoor Recreation Planner, National Park Service River and Trails, at rory_robinson@nps.gov.



Partnership in Action: Hocking State Forest Manager, David Glass, supervises trail work by the BTA and Ohio Horseman’s Council during the April OTP Work Party near the Hocking Hills Rappelling area on the Buckeye Trail.

Andrew Bashaw

Barn Report

Mary Hamilton

On July 12–14 approximately 20 members of the Central Ohio Hikers & Backpackers organization visited the BTA barn and camped on the barn property, which is located on Tappan Lake near Deersville in eastern Ohio. They hiked the Clendening section on Saturday. This well-organized group set up a canopy tent outside the barn where they cooked up some amazing food. They hope to return in September for another weekend of hiking.

On July 14–18, 20 first-year college students from the Columbus Catholic Diocese camped on the grounds to conduct the Gospel Road 2013 mission trip. Herb Hulls, Pat Hayes, Earl Garn were the leaders in trail clearing in the Bowerston section, which included the trail from the barn to Tappan Lake Park, 11 miles of clearing in the Clendening area and a portion of the Willis Run Road area. Susie Hulls, with the help of Herb and Mary Hamilton, cooked the meals. The young adults who worked on the trail truly enjoyed the experience despite the HOT weather.

Mark and Chuck Henry were the construction guys back at the barn. A new cupboard for the dishes was constructed, the picnic tables were power-washed and the stained, steps were installed to improve access to the kitchen area, the second floor, and the back of the barn. The floor in one of the upstairs rooms was swept, scrubbed and stained. The shed across from the barn was painted and the bat boxes that the scouts made approximately three years ago were given a new coat of paint prior to installation.

The young adults stayed in tents on the grounds of the barn or outside under the stars. They spent many a late night talking. Tappan Lake Park was very kind to provide free swimming and showers. It made for a great way to work off the heat of the day.

Gospel Road mission trip
volunteer running DR Mower on
trail near the BTA Barn



Members of Gospel Road 2013 volunteer group doing trail maintenance in the Bowerston Section



Mary Hamilton



Mary Hamilton

A Series of Remarkable Experiences and Other ~~Hiking~~ Life Lessons

Barb Crompton (*Blue Blaze Bugie*)

Today's hike is lovingly dedicated to the memory of Cormac Galen Everett Bashaw.

After spending hours the night before preparing my route and gear for today's hike, I discovered my bike had a flat. While talking to my mom about it over breakfast, she offered to take me. Elated, we head out to Squaw Rock (Bedford Section, pt. 12). En route I talk to her about the blazes and how to identify them as we near today's starting point. I add that sometimes they are right on the road, but that others indicate turns that would take me off-road for long periods of time.

She takes the driver's seat and I start hiking. She followed slowly behind me, lights flashing. I'd turn and smile at her once in a while, or she'd comment on how I walk like my dad (eye roll, "Mom!") as she'd drive past, but soon the inevitable separation came. As we waved, my throat began to ache as I felt that old familiar "parents just dropped me off at Girl Scout/band camp" feeling. I didn't see her again for two hours. We'd made plans to talk every hour and I couldn't believe it when I got the first call. Up on a major road again, I thought I would get to see her, but the blazes peeled off immediately and into the woods I went.



Barb Crompton

Water crossing? The trail at Willey Creek in BTA's Bedford Section

A beautiful thing about hiking—I'm realizing how full Ohio is of rivers, streams and waterfalls of all shapes and sizes! It is just amazing how much nature is hidden, as we whiz by on the road. Busily processing this in my head, I was stunned when the trail took a dip right into Willey Creek!

Amazed that the trail would actually ford what appeared to be a river to me, I started hunting for a way around, which took me up to a bridge on Chagrin River Road. With blazes few and far between, I had difficulty locating the trail again, but a chance turn took me through a meadow to a pond thick with algae and

water plants. While exploring, I hone in on the lowly reeds, a favorite from my Girl Scout camp days. An observation deck brought me out over the water to see the fowl frolic and play. It was very peaceful.

I ran into more people on this walk than I'd had to date and was happy to see people using their parks. I also learned, Lesson #20: If you're lost and cannot find a single person to help you, all you need to do is duck into the bushes; I get found almost every time! A dog suddenly appeared two inches from my face, startling me so badly that I yelled out in surprise. The owner, apologizing profusely, rushed into the bushes with another dog. Seeing my camera she assumed, "Are you photographing birds or something?" "Oh, yes! Everything, actually! Then my belt came undone and my knife fell to the ground as I was bending over to pick it up your dog..." She went back to apologizing about the dog as she retreated one way and I, embarrassed, went the other.

After exiting the serenity of the South Chagrin Reservation, the long stretch along Chagrin River Road was the hardest, but as I crested a hill at South Woodland Drive, there was my mom and I felt lighthearted again. She drove with me sometimes leading, sometimes following, as we crawled through places like Hunting Valley and Gates Mills. At one point a concerned police officer asked me if I was hiking and if that person was bothering me. I laughed, "Not today, sir!" and told him about my mom and about the Buckeye Trail.

On what turned out to be the very last mile I called for a position confirmation, and as I kept walking I excitedly motioned to my mom that we only had one mile left. She rolled down the window and yelled, "Thank heavens! I'm tired!" Four hours and almost 9 miles after starting we rolled into quaint, historic Gates Mills, crossing the footbridge next to the Old Livery Tavern (pt 17).



Barb Crompton

A View of Ohio's History: Old Livery Tavern in Gates Mills, Bedford Section

Four-Season Backpacking Trip to Buckeye TrailFest 2013

CW Spencer

It was a diverse group of hikers shuttled by our trail angels to point 9 of the Bedford section of the Buckeye Trail. Bob had hiked the entire AT twice. On the greener end of the scale, it was Paula's first backpacking trip; she had borrowed some nice gear from a neighbor. The rest of us fell somewhere in between. The first day's hike was glorious and all off-road. We camped at Squaw Rock Shelter in South Chagrin Reservation after a ten-mile stroll in the Emerald Necklace. The fire in the shelter took the slight chill off as darkness forced the last gasp of the sun. We stayed up late talking about the mystery of Squaw Rock and the beauty we had experienced on the trail that day.

On the second day we hiked past Look About Lodge, along Chagrin River Road, through Gates Mills, and on to the Church in the Vale. It had been a very interesting but long 13 miles, a lot of it on the road, and we were glad to be shuttled to Oak Shelter in the North Chagrin Reservation at the end of the day. After camp was set up and meals were consumed, we were attracted to the blazing fire. Pat and Bob entertained us with tales from the AT. Pat had hiked a large portion with his son, and the retelling brought the emotion of it back to the surface. It was a special time. We barely noticed the rain-chilled air working its way through the structure.

It was raining when we rose on day three, and the temperature dropped as the day went on. Luckily the road took us to Patterson's Apple Farm. After ten cold, wet miles those snickers donuts and the robust coffee went down effortlessly as we loitered around the fire-place near an amazingly lifelike Johnny Appleseed manikin.

We reluctantly left the warmth and hospitality of Patterson's and hiked the last few miles of the day. Ten cold, weary hikers finally waddled into the shelter at Chapin Forest. Pappy (aka Bruce Grashel) quickly transformed a heap of twigs and logs into a pile of dancing flames, around which grateful, shivering hikers huddled like penguins. As we discussed the blustery wind and the late-April sleet, we realized that we probably should not have complained so much about the merely cold drizzle we had marched through all day. The unexpected winter conditions caused some of the group to even consider bailing.

In the morning, I struggled with icy shoelaces and the frozen zipper on my tent. This couldn't be! Back in my Kentucky home spring had sprung. Then I remembered that this is northern Ohio. The good news is that we survived the night frostbite free and nobody bailed, but one or two did cook their supper in the bathroom.

On day four we hiked over Gildersleeve Mountain, through Penitentiary Glen, and on into TrailFest 2013. Everyone enjoyed the trip, and we were very grateful to our three trail angels, Debbie Zampini, Bob Morecki, and Rosanne Kay, as well as John Rethman for leading the hike. Though some had to head home, many of us stayed to enjoy a great time at our destination.

For more on this hike and other CW "Clockwise" hiking adventures, visit www.cwspencer.com.



Trailfest 2013 Backpackers Assembled and Ready to Hike

Front: Dave Baker, Lis Kroepel, CW Spencer, Bruce Grashel, and Jim Gilkie.
Back: Bob Leon, Paula Wright, Pat Hayes, John Rethman, and Danielle Schwan.



Patterson's Fruit Market

Just Chillin' with Johnny Appleseed

John Rethman, Dave Baker, CW Spencer, Lis Kroepel, Bob Leon, and Jim Gilkie.

Trail Maintenance Corner

Jim Sprague, Maintenance Supervisor



One of the characteristics of members of the Buckeye Trail Association is that we as a group live predominantly in cities or suburbs. One of the characteristics of the Buckeye Trail itself is that many miles of the trail are not located near where we live. These two facts alone create a problem for maintenance of the trail. If the trail is not located nearby, how can most volunteers be expected to maintain any amount of trail? While one can understand the problem, understanding does not change the fact. Understanding simply allows one to face the fact. And the fact is that the trail needs attention far beyond what it gets. Did you ask, "What kind of attention can I give?" My answer: "Let your creative imagination run wild! Do not let some functionary like me inhibit you."

I would urge all of you who believe that the Buckeye Trail is important to reconsider your own positions. Consider adopting and visiting trail in remote sections of the state. If that cannot be done, do something close to home. The odds are that you may not be able to adopt your very own piece of trail exactly where you want to. The need varies enormously with location. For example, urban locations all have city Park and Recreation systems or larger Park District entities. Some cities have both. In many of those locations, the need for Buckeye Trail volunteers is minimal. The BTA is not well adapted to work within organized park systems. While it hurts to make this suggestion, people who cannot find something to their liking on the Buckeye Trail close to home should consider working within the local park system. Let me point out that in many of these park systems, the BTA is not even permitted to paint our traditional blue blaze! As an organization, the BTA would be well served by volunteers who would work within their own park systems to gain their trust and respect in order to permit the blaze.

For those who want to do maintenance work but do not want to undertake the responsibility to adopt a segment, please consider the Buckeye Trail Crew or the Traveling Buckeyes. Both groups work throughout the state. Recently, the Trail Crew has been spending more of its time on purely maintenance activity – brush hogging, weed whacking, tread repair, etc. Trail Crew activities generally are weekend events but may extend several days. On longer events, meals are often provided by the BTA. Check the Events page, www.buckeyetrail.org/events.html, for "Chuck Wagon" events. If the Chuck Wagon will be there, you will be fed.

Each event is called a Work Party because that is what we do. At any work party, participants generally camp somewhere reasonably close to the work site. Some people stay in a motel; others commute, even a hundred miles or more. Some people come for a day, some for the entire event, or anywhere in between. We work 7 or 8 hours on trail, except on the last day, when we work

half-day. The "party" comes at the end of the day, when we relax and consider the progress we've made.

This year the Trail Crew has done maintenance at AEP ReCreation Area (4½ days, 588 total volunteer hours, Morgan Cty), BTA's Pretty Run property (1½ days, 156 hr., Vinton Cty), East Fork State Park (1½ day, 120 hr., Clermont Cty), Hang Glider Hill (2 days, 189 hr., Ross Cty), Hocking State Forest (1½ day, 157 hr., Hocking Cty), Providence MetroPark (1½ days, 72 hr., Lucas Cty), Tar Hollow State Forest (1 day, 129 hr., Ross Cty [mostly]), and bridge construction near Newport (1 day, 74 hr., Shelby Cty). In addition, the Trail Crew put in 3 weekends at West Branch State Park in Portage County (3 days, 227 hr.) and 4½ days at the Edge of Appalachia in Adams County (514 hr.) as part of multi-year projects to build many new miles of scenic hiking trail. If you are interested in this sort of group activity, keep an eye on our website at www.buckeyetrail.org/events.html. While there are many good activities listed on the site, I hope you focus on the Work Weekend events!

If you want more information about volunteer opportunities with the BTA, visit www.buckeyetrail.org/help.html.

By the way, I personally owe an apology to whoever hiked recently through the southernmost segment in the Belle Valley Section. I have been at most Trail Crew Work Weekends this year but I did not visit my very own adopted segment until this last weekend in July. Where you struggled through tall grass, probably just a week before I was there, you would now find very pleasant hiking. For any person who questions the need for more Adopters, if you have any doubt about whether or not you could make a difference, you would!

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BTA Service Awards

Mary Hamilton

THE FOLLOWING AWARDS WERE PRESENTED AT THE BUCKEYE TRAILFEST IN APRIL 2013

SUPER STAR (SUPERIOR SERVICE OVER TIME)

Steve Latza, Mogadore section supervisor. Steve was recognized for his activity in the Mogadore section. Through his work with a number of different entities, Steve has been instrumental in the planning and construction of the trail around the reservoir at West Branch State Park.

Mary Hayes: Mary serves as webmaster, posting the calendar of events, and serves as chair of the By-laws committee. She tends to many organizational tasks of the BTA with a high degree of professionalism.

Lisa Daiber: Lisa served for many years as editor of the *Trailblazer*, and has done a magnificent job creating a high-quality publication. While Lisa has stepped down as editor, she is actively mentoring her successor.

Darlene Karoly: Darlene has been instrumental in the design of BTA brochures, pamphlets, and TrailFest booklets.

She worked with Lisa Daiber for many years in the design and production of the *Trailblazer*. Like Lisa, Darlene is still involved in production of the *Trailblazer*.

BOB PATON AWARD (MERITORIOUS SERVICE)

Steve Miller: Steve created the membership database and maintained it for many years. He focused on membership recruitment through membership drives and improved membership materials.

TRUSTEE EMERITUS AWARD

Connie Pond: Connie served as Treasurer of the BTA for many years and did an OUTSTANDING job. She has given above and beyond the call of duty to keep up with the growing demands of the office. She became Vice President of the BTA in 2013.

1445 MILE THROUGH HIKERS RECOGNIZED:

John Fetzer completed the trail in 2011.

Denise "Lady Bug" Hill completed the trail in 2012. She is the first woman to hike the trail alone.

There is a plaque at the BTA Barn to recognize through hikers, starting with Andy "Captain Blue" Niekamp in 2011. A framed list of all through hikers prior to 2011 is also on display to commemorate their achievements.

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The Buckeye Trail Association Funds . . .

How You Can Help

BTA GENERAL FUND

The General Fund provides for the day-to-day operation of the Buckeye Trail Association. It is used to maintain the Buckeye Trail, to make repairs to the Trail, and to provide improvements where appropriate.

Primarily funded by membership dues and contributions, the General Fund provides money for trail building tools, brochures, mailings, phone and Web site costs, and other routine needs.

Of all the BTA funds, the General Fund places the least amount of restrictions on the uses of the monies therein, which allows the Board to function with flexibility when making decisions on how to expend limited resources on the Buckeye Trail's greatest needs.

BTA TRAIL PRESERVATION FUND

The Buckeye Trail Association established the Memorial Trail Fund (Trail Preservation Fund) in 1978 as a means of generating funds to protect endangered areas of the trail. The goal of the fund is to preserve the Trail through purchasing land and easements. The fund is dedicated to the memory of Grandma Gatewood, Emily Gregor and the pioneers of the Buckeye Trail Association.

As Ohio becomes increasingly urbanized, what once were rural farmlands are now commuter routes. Township and county roads support more and more traffic every year. When these roads were incorporated into the Buckeye Trail they were little traveled and friendly to hikers. As traffic increases it becomes more important to move our trail off road.

The Trail Preservation Fund provides for land acquisition and trail protection to relocate the Buckeye Trail from local roadways to a sustainable foot path.



BTA BARN FUND

Located on the shore of Tappan Lake, the BTA Century Barn is an English style, three bay ground barn with louvered ventilation. In 2003, the BTA partnered with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District and leased the barn for 30 years. Since then, the barn has been undergoing gradual renovations, and is now ready for use as the headquarters of the BTA.

Thanks to more than 1,500 volunteer hours, some of the notable renovations include a new roof, pine flooring in designated areas, restrooms and showers available for summertime use, a kitchen, dormitory-style sleeping rooms, exterior paint, an expanded parking area, a new sidewalk and drainage tiles.

Additionally, along with its use as the headquarters for the BTA, the restored barn is now available for use by the community, for a donation.

BTA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The purpose of the BTA Academic Scholarship Fund is to encourage and assist an applicant pursuing or continuing a career related to the outdoors, such as forestry, outdoor education, natural resource management, conservation or environmental studies.

The BTA Academic Scholarship Fund is open to any BTA member or student whose parent or guardian is a BTA member. The applicant must be a student who has applied for admission to a post-secondary education program at least two years in length in one of the areas described above.

The amount of the BTA Academic Scholarship is currently \$500. Applications must be received no later than April 1. Recipients are announced at the BTA Annual Meeting held the fourth weekend in April.

To donate to any one of these funds, please visit <http://buckeyetrail.org/donate.html>.

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