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Tri-Moraine's programs continue on January 6 in Fellowship Hall, lower level, Market Street Presbyterian Church, 1100 West Market Street, corner Cole and West Market Streets, Lima. You may use the courtyard entrance off the rear parking lot or the elevator entrance on the west side of the church where handicapped parking is available. Follow the Audubon signs. Meetings and events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Dates and times appear in calendar write-ups. In case of bad weather, meeting cancelations will be posted on WLIO (NBC/channel 35) and WOHL (FOX/channel 25). **A good idea! Bring a donation of food for the West Ohio Food Bank to the Jan. 6 potluck.**

CALENDAR

Jan
6th

ANNUAL PHOTO SAFARI & POTLUCK, Tuesday, January 6, 6:30 pm. Fellowship Hall will open at 6 pm. TMAS will provide fried chicken and beverages. Members and guests should bring a hot or cold dish, salad, rolls, side dish, or dessert and their own table service. Slide/PowerPoint presentations will be given by those attending who opt to share some of their favorite nature photography accompanied by brief narration. Slide projector, carousel, digital projector, laptop, and screen will be furnished. Join fellow nature enthusiasts for a most enjoyable evening.

Feb
3rd

WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT THE OHIO CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER NATURALIST PROGRAM?, Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 pm. Barb Snyder from Mt. Victory, member of both TMAS and the Hardin County Herb Society, will share her enthusiasm for the OCVN program. What does the program offer to the individual and how does the program impact communities? Many of us remember taking a walking tour of the Silver Creek Center for Environmental Studies in Hardin County. The center needs some TLC and Barb has adopted it for her community volunteer project. Hear all about her revitalization plans, take a look at her display of OCVN materials, and get a shot of gung-ho volunteerism. She'll even share some of what she's learned about birds.

Feb
7th

WINTER BIRDSEED SALE, Saturday, February 7, 9 am - 4 pm pickup at DeHaven Home & Garden Showplace, 775 Shawnee Road in Lima and 15276 US 224 E in Findlay. The winter sale was started at the request of purchasers who lack space to store large quantities of birdseed. The sale is by preorder only. Order forms will be mailed on January 2 to those who made purchases at any time in

2007 and 2008. If you would like an order form or have questions, contact Anne Smedley at 419-222-3271. Your completed order form must be mailed by Wednesday, January 21, to ensure sufficient stock on sale day. All proceeds fund local conservation and education programs and projects. Remember, prepaid orders only and pickup at either DeHaven location.

Feb
13th
thru
16th

12TH ANNUAL GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT (GBBC), Friday through Monday, February 13-16, hosted by the National Audubon Society and Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. Participation in the GBBC is free, educational, easy, and best of all FUN! This online citizens science census counts birds anywhere at any time during the scheduled weekend and data is sent in via the Internet. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Help scientists define the status of winter birds. Obtain more details and participate by visiting www.birdcount.org. This is a great activity for individuals, classrooms/groups, and families. Need a list of species native to your area that you might see? Regional lists can be found on the website. Need to learn about common backyard birds? A helpful online bird guide can be found at www.birds.cornell.edu/programs/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/.

Mar
13th

CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM, Friday, March 13, 7:30 pm, Ohio Northern University's Freed Center. Advance notice about this important program so you can get it on your calendar and perhaps read the speaker's book *Field Notes From a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change*. Elizabeth Kolbert, well-known journalist and author, traveled from Alaska to Greenland and visited top scientists to get to the heart of the debate over global warming. Kolbert has been a staff writer for *The New Yorker* since 1999 (a reporter for *The New York Times* from 1984 to 1999). The program is free, but a donation will be requested. Proceeds will be donated to Polar Bear International, a nonprofit organization dedicated to polar bear conservation and education. Her book will be available for purchase. Copies of the book are available for loan from ONU's library. If your local public library doesn't have a copy you can borrow one via interlibrary loan. For additional information about ONU's Polar Bear Nation project, including Polar Bear Day on Feb.21 (event focused on activities for children), see www.onu.edu/pbnevents.

HANCOCK COUNTY NATURALISTS PROGRAMS & EVENTS. All are welcome. For information about the organization and details about upcoming programs and events contact Betsy Worden, newsletter editor at bworden001@woh.rr.com or Jill Taber, program chair, at 419-423-2415 or mysilvervette@sbcglobal.net.

UPPER MAUMEE VALLEY NATURALISTS CLUB PROGRAMS & EVENTS. All are welcome. For info about the club and upcoming programs and events contact Lyn Warren, president, at 419-749-2999 or wlwval@verizon.net or Jean Perchalski, publicity chair, at 419-232-4108, 419-231-0495 (cell) or jeperch@roadrunner.com.

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE BY EMAIL. Contact Bill Askins, chapter membership database chair, at waskins@woh.rr.com. State name, mailing address, email address, and your desire to receive *Flight Patterns* via email. You will receive an email notice of website availability containing a URL you can click on that will take you to the newsletter (in PDF format) on the chapter's website.



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See Feb. 7th for Winter Birdseed sale Info!

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FALL FUNDRAISING RESULTS

WAPAKONETA RECYCLE. On Saturday, September 13, 22 volunteers worked TMAS's annual stint at Wapakoneta's recycling center. Thanks to the following for unloading vehicles of various recyclables and sorting 3,292 pounds of plastic: Lesley Achterberg -Florida visitor, Fern & Wayne Albertson, Priscilla West (Ada); Mary Neeley, Blake Williams, Megan Williams (Alger); Eugene Brandon (Cairo); Evelyn Prater (Harrod); Don & Mary Rosenbeck (Jackson Center); Bob and Carol Bertrand, Eric Broughton, Gino DiMattia, Dave Gratz, Mike Hanafée, Janel Hollar, Jeff & Kathy Reinhart, Jason Smedley (Lima); Beth Seibert (Spencerville). Special thanks to Fern Albertson and Evelyn Prater for rounding up additional volunteers and to Habitat for Humanity-Lima Area for providing 3 volunteers on short notice. TMAS earned \$674.79 and Habitat for Humanity earned \$109.85 for a total of \$784.64.

FALL BIRDSEED SALE. Anne Smedley reports that 8,250 lbs. of food for our feathered friends were sold and that the sale raised \$1,371.59 (including \$290.10 in donations). The Society thanks those who purchased seed, DeHaven Home & Garden Showplace for providing both Findlay and Lima store locations for the sale and for all the other great backup support, and Northland Quick Print for printing the sale flyers. Thanks, too, to the volunteers who picked up and distributed seed in their communities, made the posters, prepared the mailing labels and mailed the flyers, waited on customers, answered questions, and toted those heavy bags: Dick Carpenter (Ada); Joanne & Bob Antibus (Bluffton); George Bilbrey (Delphos); Don & Mary Rosenbeck (Jackson Center); Bill Askins, Bob & Carol Bertrand, Dennis Bucholtz, John Daley, Bill Light, Tom Sciranka, Anne & Arianna Smedley, Carol Wright (Lima); Tim Kennedy (Mendon); Bill Angel (St. Marys)

SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION -- AUDUBON ADVENTURES is a National Audubon Society program that publishes full-color educational materials about birds, wildlife, and their habitats for grades 3-6, a classroom resource manual for the teacher and unit newspapers for each student. This year's theme is "Feats of Nature" and four units are included: Migration, Animal Builders, Animal Defenses, and Plants. AA integrates reading with science and other core disciplines and meets national and Ohio standards for science and language arts. TMAS has supported the AA program since its inception in the fall of 1984.

Tri-Moraine ordered 70 AA 2008-2009 classroom resource kits and is a leader among Ohio Audubon chapters. We thank the following for their contributions in support of this program: Ann Beat - AA teacher, St. Girard School, Lima; Benjamin Logan Local School District, Logan County; 4th grade classes, Celina East Elementary School, Celina CSD; Celina City School District, Mercer County; Walter James "Jim" Wright Memorial Fund (Allen County classrooms).

Participating school districts are listed by county - ALLEN: Bath LSD (1 grade 4 classroom); Bluffton EVSD (3 grade 3 classrooms); Elida LSD (4th and 5th grade students, 4 grade 6 classrooms); Lima CSD - Heritage ES (2 grade 3 classrooms), Lima South MS (5th grade students, science magnet students), Unity ES (2 grade 4 classrooms); St. Gerard School, Lima (3rd and 5th grade students); St. Rose School, Lima (5th and 6th grade students); Perry LSD (3 grade 4 classrooms, grades 3-6 students in the enrichment program); Shawnee LSD (3rd and 4th grade students); Spencerville LSD (grades 3-6 students in the enrichment program) - AUGLAIZE: Wapakoneta CSD - Northridge ES (2 grade 4 classrooms) - LOGAN: Benjamin Logan LSD (4th grade students) - MERCER: Celina CSD - Celina East ES (4th grade students); Celina IS (6th grade students); Celina West ES (4th grade students); Immaculate Conception School, Celina (grades 4-6 students).

There are three Special Education teachers using AA in their upper-grade classrooms, one in the Ada EVSD in HARDIN County and 2 in the St. Marys CSD in AUGLAIZE County. Another teacher in Celina is using AA as a bridge between her preschoolers and their parents. Creative teachers can use AA in the classroom in myriad ways.

PRESIDENT'S CHAPTER NOTES.....TMAS board meeting Tuesday, January 27, 7 pm, Market Street Presbyterian Church.....Many of you will remember past TMAS members Billy Leffler and Kate Altenburger both from Lima. Billy died on October 20 and Kate on November 27. The chapter extends its sympathy to the families of both these individuals. I know that my life has been richer for having known them.....NAS has been updating its membership database. If you have any membership concerns contact Bill Askins, chapter membership/database chair, at 419-339-9751 or waskins@woh.rr.com. He's also the one you contact about an address change or new email address.



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