

SHORELINER



WHAT'S UNDER OUR WATERWAYS???

Boone Lake Residents and others in the area got a historic opportunity to see what is under the water in our lake. Boone Lake was drawn down to its lowest level since it was created to facilitate work on the dam. It was the perfect opportunity to see what lies beneath and also to do some cleanup that has been impossible in the past (see related articles inside).

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WATCHING THE WATERS

April 2014

Your opportunity to win CASH FOR TRASH



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15th Annual

Boone Lake Cleanup Day
Saturday ~ April 26, 2014

Pick up your Cleanup bags
9 am to 3 pm at the following locations:

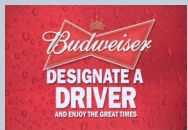
Bluff City Ramp	Sonny's Marina	Boone Lake Marina
Davis Boat Dock	TWRA / 11-E Devault Bridge	Rockingham Marina
Jay's Dock	Lakeview Marina	

1. Pick up Lake Litter during the day using trash bags provided.
2. Take your trash to the marinas / docks / ramps named above and get a "door prize" ticket for every bag of trash you turn in. Each registered participant will receive a wristband for admission to the volunteer picnic and an event T-shirt.
3. Come to Winged Deer Park for a Free Picnic; Food Serving starts at 4 PM; Prize Drawing starts at 5 PM. (You must be present to win.) Bring along your lawn chairs.

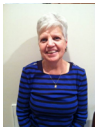
For more info, call the Boone Lake Association at (423) 956-6615

Johnson City Parks & Recreation at (423) 283-5827

2014 Sponsors to be determined. Supported in 2013 by the following:



BLA Participates in Johnson City Christmas Parade



Ann Larson

Cold weather could not dampen the Christmas spirit evident in downtown Johnson City during the annual Christmas parade, held on December 7, 2013. For the first time since the parade's inception, your Boone Lake Association entered a float to increase community awareness. Several board members and their families donned hot pink Boone Lake Cleanup t-shirts over their winter coats and braved the cold to ride the float or walk the route, passing out candy to the young and young-at-heart that lined the parade route. The float, one of the Boone Lake Association's clean up pontoons, was festively decorated with lights, garland and bows. In keeping with the theme, "I'm dreaming of a clean Boone Lake", the centerpiece was the trash tree, created by Boone Lake residents for the 2013 Cleanup Day. The crowd loved the tree and so did the judges who awarded us third place in the non-profits category. We are looking forward to participating in the parade again this year, and are even considering expanding our efforts to include other events throughout the tri-cities area.



BLA volunteers ready to ride on float and pass out candy



Asiana Haaf, our youngest volunteer, with our "trash" tree



Ann displaying the spirit of Christmas

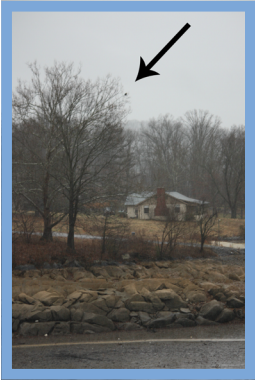
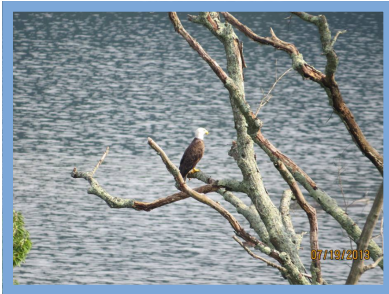


Volunteers decorating the float the night before the parade



BLA's santas, elves and reindeer

BALD EAGLES



Bald Eagles are becoming a regular sight on Boone Lake. Over the last few years, nesting pairs have been seen near Jay's Boat Dock and Winged Deer Park.

BLA ANNUAL MEETING



Left to right: (Front Row) Larry Larson, Ken Bronner, Jay Wise
(Back Row) Frank Young, Russ Harrison, Ann Larson, Dennis Scheer, Ron Siegfried, David Haaf, Sue Doyle, Connie Deegan, Denny Devereaux, Jerry Frank, Dan Nowack

The BLA Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday December 3rd at the Winged Deer Park office. The main item of business was the proposed slate of Officers and Board for 2014, which was affirmed unanimously by the 22 members present. The elected officers and board were as follows: President: Russ Harrison; 1st VP: David Haaf; 2nd VP: Sue Doyle; Treasurer: Larry Larson; Assistant Treasurer: Vacant; Secretary: Connie Deegan; Board Members: Ken Bronner, Jerry Frank, Ann Larson, Dan Nowack, Dennis Scheer, Ron Siegfried, Jay Wise, Frank Young, and Denny Devereaux was welcomed as our newest Board Member. Denny serves as Lake Operations Supervisor on the Watauga side of the Lake. Normal business issues were discussed and refreshments were enjoyed. The meeting ended on a "sweet" note when Dennis Scheer handed out jars of his famous honey, harvested from his very own bee hives.

BLA BOARD UPDATE

There have been a couple of unfortunate changes since this meeting. Sue Doyle, who was our 2nd V.P. for 2014, has since resigned due to unforeseen business commitments. Sue has been a valued member of our Management Team, particularly as the liaison with "Boone Watershed Partnership" and TDEC. She will be sorely missed.

Connie Deegan, our Secretary for the last two years, has informed us that she will need to vacate this position as soon as a replacement is found. This is dictated by Connie's work commitments. Fortunately Don Cross, who served as the BLA Secretary for about 25 years until 2009, has agreed to take over in April on a temporary basis until a replacement can be found. We owe Connie a huge debt of gratitude for the knowledge and energy she has brought to BLA over the last two years.

As a result of these changes, three of our six Officer positions are now vacant: 2nd V.P., Assistant Treasurer, and Secretary. If you are interested in serving in any one of these positions, please contact us at "boonelakeassociation@gmail.com". If you do decide to serve, you would be surrounded by a group of people committed to helping you through a period of transition.

Our Management Team at BLA accomplishes its work through the following committees: Lake Operations, Water Quality, Nominating, Membership, Public Relations, Boone Lake Cleanup Day, Shoreliner, and Audit/Review. The people who serve on these committees are all volunteers who bring their individual talents to the committees they choose to join, to meet the needs of the organization. However, all of the committees are in great need of more volunteers to help execute their planned initiatives.

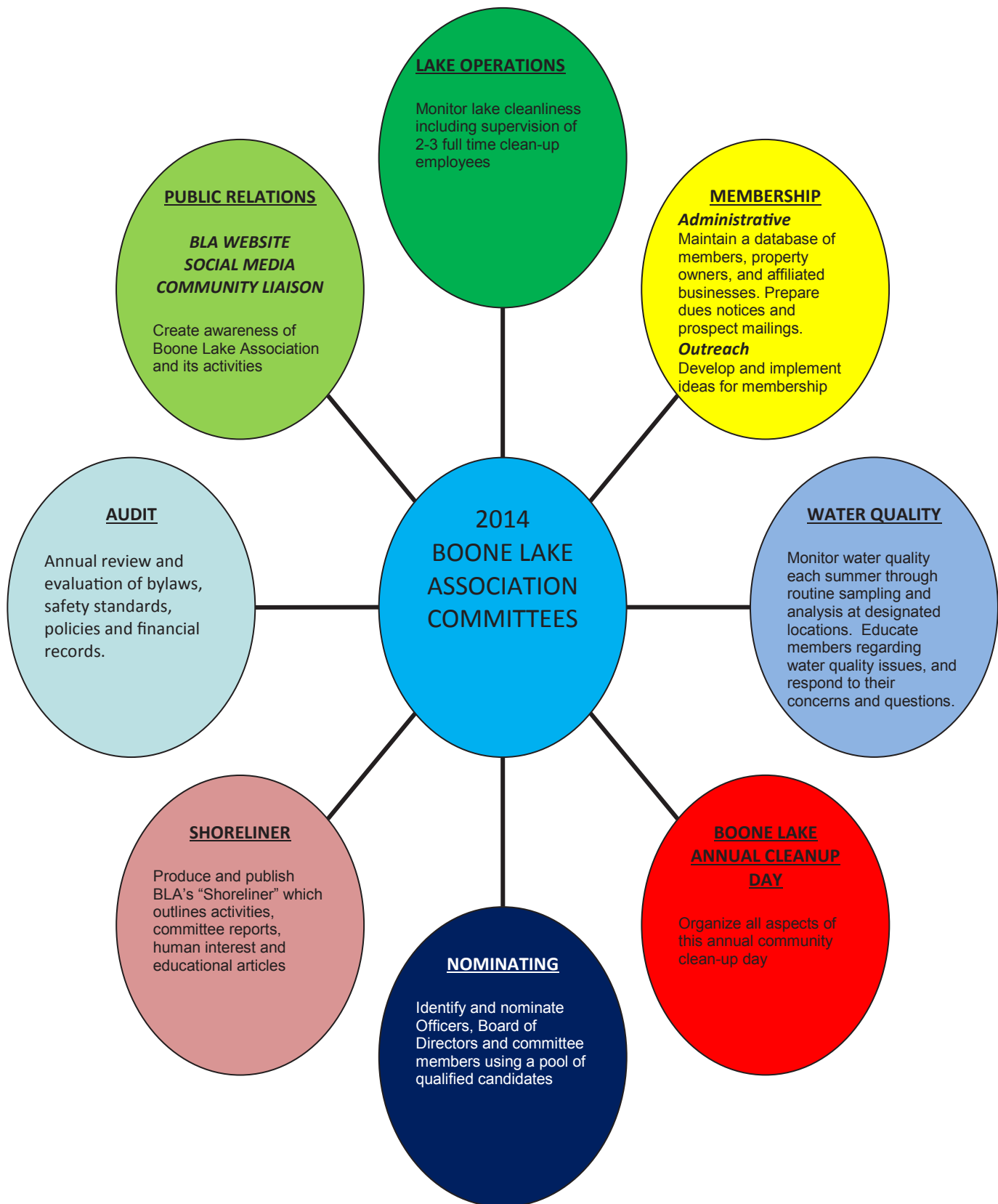
As the scope of BLA's outreach is expanding each year, we attempt to manage all aspects through the work of the committees. BLA's current Management Team consists of approximately twenty volunteers. In order to accomplish all of our goals, we need to at least double the number of volunteers serving on the committees. If you are considering joining us, you can rest assured that the work is fun and rewarding, and you will be joining a group of dedicated "Boone Lakers" just like you.

We are asking you to contact us at "boonelakeassociation@gmail.com" to start the ball rolling.



BOONE LAKE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES FOR 2014

Boone Lake Association seeks additional volunteers for the various committees shown below that form the backbone of the organization.



Please contact a member of the Board or email us at boonelakeassociation@gmail.com if you are interested in serving on a committee. The Lake needs your help.

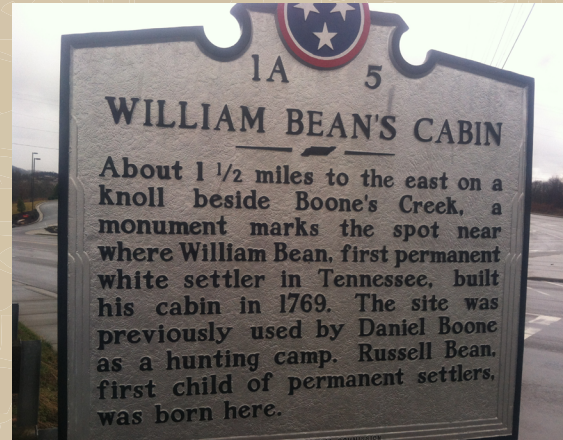
The following article paints a rich portrait of early pioneering around what would later become Boone Lake. The "Shoreliner" will carry it in two parts, with part two appearing in this summer's edition.



Jay Wise

William Bean's Cabin

William Bean, (1721 1782) was the first registered permanent European-American (white) settler in what is now known as Tennessee. He was a gunsmith and hunting companion to Daniel Boone, the 18th century trailblazer for whom Boones Creek and Boone Lake are named. In 1769 William Bean built a cabin on a knoll beside Boones Creek where it joins the Watauga River near what is now Sonny's Marina. This site was a favorite camping site for Daniel Boone and William Bean on their hunting expeditions through the area. William's wife Lydia Bean gave birth to Russell Bean, the first white child born in Tennessee, at this site in 1769.



A marker that had been placed at the site of William Bean's cabin was moved in 1952 by TVA to higher ground as Boone Dam was near completion. The stone marker was moved 90 feet to the northwest because the original cabin site would soon be underwater.

As pioneering families from Virginia and North Carolina joined the Beans, a colony was formed that was outside of any governmental control so they founded the Watauga Association. The political history of Tennessee begins with a convention of the settlers on the Watauga River in 1772, who organized the Watauga Association and appointed a court consisting of five members which was entrusted with the entire administration of its laws. There were 13 members on the committee, and one of the names was William Bean. In 1775 a committee was formed that included William and they declared themselves the "Washington District." William served in the Revolutionary War from 1776 - 1780 as a Captain in the Watauga Riflemen. At the Battle of Kings Mountain, Captain Bean and his men scattered a band of Tories and hanged 9 of them. Captain William Bean was granted 3,000 acres of land by North Carolina for his service in the Revolutionary War. Remembering the tall timber, fertile soil and abundant wildlife from his trips with Daniel Boone, he claimed the land near what is now known as Bean Station.



In July 1776 Lydia Bean (1726 - 1788) was captured along with 13 year old Samuel Moore, by hostile Cherokee Indians as she made her way from her home on Boones Creek to Sycamore Shoals, now in Elizabethton, Tn. Lydia was sentenced to execution and was being tied to a stake, but Nancy Ward, "beloved Woman" of the Cherokees, told the Indians that they could use Mrs. Bean's knowledge of making butter and cheese. Her life was spared and she was returned to her home. However, Samuel Moore wasn't so lucky. The Indians killed him at the stake. Lydia took dairy cows to Nancy Ward and taught the Indians how to prepare and use dairy foods which provided nourishment when hunting was bad. Lydia also taught them how to set up a loom, spin thread or yarn and weave cloth for clothing. Indian women had always planted crops in the fields while the men hunted but with these changes the women took new jobs making clothing and dairy products. The men had to start planting the fields.



The Beans built a fort not far from their cabin to protect themselves from the unfriendly natives. The fort was built over a spring with water flowing from underneath the fort to prevent the Indians from poisoning their drinking water. The fort still stands today just off Flourville Road. The logs and rock from which the fort was originally constructed from have been covered with strip board siding. A house close to the fort was built around a 2 story log cabin that Russell Bean (first white child born in what is now Tennessee) built and it also still stands today.

(Jay Wise is a Boone Lake Association board member who serves on the Shoreliner committee. He has lived most of life on the shoreline of Boone Lake).

LAKE OPERATIONS



Ron Siegfried



We ended 2013 busier than we have ever been! This continued into 2014 with our three full time employees (Aaron Warren, Keith Britt and David Whitaker). Our crew completed all cut, pile and burn activities at our current retention sites and headed into coves which had never been cleaned before. Our team cut, burned and picked up trash in these coves. We had calls from several BLA members pointing out other coves that needed cutting and burning. The lake is cleaner than it has ever been! Our team also cut and stacked wood at the various TVA campsites. I am sure our campers will appreciate these efforts!

In compliance with our Standard Operating Procedures, we purchased for our employees new metatarsal safety work boots, leather cutting chaps and face shields.

The week of February 24th, we partnered with the Johnson City Public Works Department (Dean Minier) and Washington County Sheriff's Detention Center (Sheriff Roger Phillips) to clean the entire shoreline and boardwalk of Johnson City's Winged Deer Park. We had huge stacks of logs piled on the boat ramps. Friday, the JC Public works truck picked up and hauled away all the logs. It looks GREAT!



After a few meetings and conversations with TVA and TWRA, our retention site at the 11E Boat Ramp has been approved. The Lake Operations Committee has met twice to discuss the logistics of the construction and location of the retention site due to new restrictions placed upon us by the TWRA. We will be ready to install the retention line in late March/early April. BLA and Johnson City Public Works have agreed to empty the site every Friday. We will have our crew there to assist. This site was a real asset last year for BLA. We saved on labor, time and gas money not having to tow the logs for 10+ miles to our Marker 19 retention site. We would like to thank TVA and TWRA for approving this program.



WJHL'S Chris McIntosh does story on cleanup of Winged Deer Park



Large loads of wood and trash were removed

LOW LAKE LEVEL PHOTOS



Pickens Bridge



Near Tri-City Airport



Beaver Creek



Cave that became visible near 11E Bridge



Watauga River/Knob Creek at Hidden Cove



Winged Deer Park

Photos provided by Allen Shipley, Fran Perry and Jay Wise

VOLUNTEER GROUPS HELP CLEAN AREAS AROUND BOONE LAKE

Raytheon Park, formally known as Raytheon Bristol Alumni Association (RBAA) is located just north of Boone Lake Marina on the shores of Boone Lake. On Saturday, March 1st, several members of RBAA along with the help of 5-7 Boy Scouts from troop #160 cleaned the entire shoreline and lake bed of the park. They picked up trash as well as logs. It was great to see our youth involved in this community project. A special thanks to the Boy Scouts! The Boone Lake Association would also like to thank Allen Puryear and Bob Brooks for organizing this group and the many members who participated. The end results were great.

The Boone Lake Association has observed many acts like this along the lake shoreline this past winter. It is OUR lake and its beauty reflects everyone's efforts. Please continue to clean your shoreline and if necessary, please clean your neighbor's! Again, The Boone Lake Association sincerely wishes to thank the Raytheon Park volunteers, our great Boy Scouts, and all who have cleaned their shoreline this winter.



Two East Tennessee State University students who are doing an internship for Johnson City Parks and Recreation are getting involved in the Boone Lake Association. Matt Conley and Matt Jackson are both seniors in the Park and Recreation Management program and graduating in May. During their internship they are working on a variety of different projects, including trail work at Buffalo Mountain Park and implementing a new trail at the Sinking Creek Wetlands Park. They are also running a first time Johnson City event - FootGolf! Finally, they are gaining excellent experience learning how a well-established, productive and community oriented non-profit organization, The Boone Lake Association, does what they do. They are attending BLA Board meetings as well as Cleanup Day planning meetings. They will be working with the three BLA employees each week in April, discovering the work load involved in keeping Boone Lake Clean. Finally, they will be assisting at the cleanup station at Rockingham Marina the day of the BLA Annual Cleanup. This internship is a classic win-win for them and for us!



Matt Conley

(the "two Matts")



Matt Jackson



This trailer of trash was collected in 2 hours



Science Hill High School volunteers remove trash

Tricia Huffman, along with several other adults, spent several days cleaning the lake bed and shoreline at and around Jays Boat Dock. They also supervised the community volunteer work of several boys from the Science Hill High School Soccer team (John Huffman; Sam Flere; Jared Lady). The volunteers collected chairs and carpet as well as the usual lake trash. Their efforts continued as long as the lake bed stayed dry.

The Boone Lake Association would like to sincerely thank this group for all their cleanup efforts. It is hard work, but the end results are well worth it!

2014 BLA CREW



Keith, Aaron, and David

KEITH BRITT



Keith is a graduate of Unicoi County High School; studied Jazz at University of TN; Traveled the country for 10 years, over 200 nights per year until 2000. At that time, one of his hobbies became his job. Keith was a white water guide, a trip leader on the Nolichucky River and other rivers. He has been with BLA since November 2013 and loves it.

AARON WARREN



Aaron is 33 years of age and a lifelong resident of Johnson City. He loves traveling, hunting, fishing, about anything outdoors. Aaron has a background in low voltage wiring, fiber optics and construction. He has worked for BLA the last 3 years.

DAVID WHITAKER



David is a proud father and the oldest of 3 children. He is very family oriented and loves spending time with them. David spent time doing stonework and landscaping. Most importantly, he spends time with his 14 year old son, Bryce, who means the world to him. He has been with BLA since November 2013.

The entire crew would like to thank all members for supporting Boone Lake Association.



WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE REPORT



- The committee will be testing for *E.coli* earlier in the season this year in case we encounter any problem areas from the extreme drawdown last winter. It will enable us to retest if necessary. Our thanks again to Johnson City and their lab technicians for running the tests on our water samples. If you would like to help gather samples this summer, give Ann Harrison a call at 423-323-3887. We can't do this without the help of our volunteers. It's not difficult and it gives you new insights into all the ways BLA keeps our lake clean!
- There may be some areas where algae are growing in large amounts producing low oxygen levels that are dangerous to fish populations. Please report any large fish kills to TDEC in Johnson City. They are also interested in knowing if there were large quantities of mussels killed by the low water and cold temperatures in your area of the lake this winter. Contact Tina Robinson with TDEC at tina.a.robinson@tn.gov if you are aware of any major kills this spring or summer. A reminder: As always, AVOID SWIMMING IN THE LAKE AFTER A HEAVY RAIN. About 650 streams run into Boone Lake carrying all types of runoff from streets, farmland and residential areas treated with insecticides, weed killers and fertilizers. Give these potentially toxic products a chance to be diluted, dissipated or settle to the bottom. Twenty four hours is recommended.
- ETSU will be showing a documentary on April 17, entitled **Water Blues: Green Solutions**. It will be at the D.P. Culp Center, 3rd floor – Forum Room, 7 pm. This documentary tells the stories of communities in Philadelphia, Portland, San Antonio, and Bronx New York and highlights what they are doing to solve water problems in their area. The film presents a wide variety of issues associated with the global water crisis – record-breaking droughts, devastating floods, and polluted water systems – and describes how these issues have moved ordinary citizens, governments, and communities at large to look into sustainable solutions. Many innovative green solutions are introduced in this film that would be applicable to solving our water quality issues in Tennessee. This presentation is free and open to the public. No parking permit required.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

BOONE LAKE CLEANUP DAY, SATURDAY APRIL 26

BOARD MEETINGS – Monday, April 7,
Tuesday, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug 5

Bass Fishing on Boone Lake

Lake levels were lower than normal early this year, due to the work being done on the Dam. Good news is the water is rising at a good pace and should be at normal levels for this time of year.



C.B. Kinch

The last two tournaments reported it was taking around 15 pound catches to win a tournament. Most of the fish being caught were caught on an Alabama Rig and some on tight line fly. Fishing should continue to improve.

Crappie fishing is slow with a few being caught around submerged brush piles. For more information contact Watson's Marine at 538-5332 or Melbros Bait Shop on the Airport Road at 323-5579.

Good luck and as always, be careful.

RECIPE CORNER

Sherry Johnson's Hershey Bar Cake

Cake:

1 Cup Self Rising Flour
1 Cup Sugar
4 eggs
1 stick Butter
1 16oz. can Hershey Syrup

Mix together and beat for 2 minutes. Pour into 9x13 pan.
Bake 25-30 minutes at 350.

Icing:

1 cup sugar
½ cup evaporated milk
1 stick butter
4 Hershey Bars

Mix sugar, milk and butter in pot and bring to a boil for 2 ½ minutes. Add Hershey Bars and stir until melted. Pour on warm cake.

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