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**MARBLEHEAD RESIDENT CAPTURES JUDGES' FAVOR IN 2008
"LIFE ON LAKE ERIE" PHOTO CONTEST**

TOLEDO, OH - Marblehead resident Julie Oglesbee caught the judges' attention and received the overall favorite award in this year's "Life On Lake Erie" Photo Contest for her image entitled, "A Little Bit of History" depicting an action sailboat shot along Middle Bass Island. Ms. Oglesbee was recognized for her winning photo along with 12 other "Judges' Favorites" by the members of the Ohio Lake Erie Commission at their September 30 meeting in Bay Village. The Ohio Lake Erie Commission sponsors the contest annually and encourages camera aficionados to submit what "Life on Lake Erie" means to them as they enjoy Ohio's Great Lake year round.

This year's photo contest winners are from all along the Lake Erie shoreline from Curtice to Conneaut, OH.

The photo contest, which drew over 200 entries this year, is aimed at capturing the day-to-day lives of people, plants and animals that live and thrive in the Lake Erie Watershed. Winning photos are featured in the Commission's Lake Erie Photo Gallery that tours Ohio's north coast and will be exhibited at the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center in October as well as other destinations along the shoreline in the coming months.

Other Judges' Favorites Winners Were:

- Madeline Bates of Canton for her picture entitled, "Heading Home" of a sailboat at sunset near Catawba State Park.
- Maggi Dandar of Curtice for her photo entitled, "Trapper" of a trapper in a canoe at Magee Marsh in Oak Harbor.

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- Bryan Hall of Amherst for his two photos entitled, “Heron on Buoy” of a Great Blue Heron near the Lorain Lighthouse at sunset and “Black River Draw Bridge” on the Black River in Lorain, OH.
- Dena Kraft of Oregon for her picture entitled, “Toledo Harbor Light” of the Toledo Harbor Lighthouse in Toledo.
- Richard McBride of Conneaut for his photo entitled, “Boats In Ice” of freighters and a Coast Guard cutter in ice at Conneaut Township Park.
- Julie Oglesbee of Marblehead for her second photo entitled, “End of the Day” of a Lake Erie sunset in Channel Grove.
- Rona Proudfoot of Lorain for her photo entitled, “Lorain Marina at Sunset” of sailboats in the marina at Lorain Harbor.
- Monnie Ryan of Niles for her photo entitled, “Harbor Works” of the railroad along the shipping harbor at Ashtabula Harbor.
- Minnie Salinas of Curtice for her two photos entitled, “May-Be-Fish” and “Nor’easter” along the south shore of Lake Erie in Curtice.
- John K. Spears of Oregon, OH for his photo entitled, “Sunset on the Marsh” of a fall sunset on the marsh at Maumee Bay State Park.

The Ohio Lake Erie Commission was established for the purpose of preserving Lake Erie’s natural resources, protecting the quality of its waters and ecosystem, and promoting economic development in the region. The director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources serves as the commission’s chairman. Additional members include the directors of the state departments of Transportation, Health, Development, Agriculture and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

The Commission also oversees the Ohio Lake Erie Protection Fund, which is the source of grant money for projects that benefit the Lake Erie watershed economically and environmentally. This fund is supported by Ohioans who purchase a Lake Erie license plate displaying the Marblehead Lighthouse or Toledo Harbor Lighthouse designed by Ohio artist Ben Richmond

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