

Jack Smith In-Depth

By Publicity Chair Cathy Priebe

Jack Smith, who has always been concerned about the environment, is a charter member of BRAS, started in 1958, and of the Firelands Land Conservancy (now part of Western Reserve Land Conservancy). He was instrumental in starting and currently maintaining the BRAS Bluebird project, which has over 400 nest boxes monitored by 25 volunteers throughout the county. He also helped through the Elyria Rotary Club in getting funds for the Cascade pool house being renovated into a nature center. He started a program of introducing National Audubon environmental education kits into the schools of third through sixth graders, which has grown to over 150 classrooms in the county. His vision has not only helped preserve good wildlife habitat but has helped educate our young people about conservation of our natural resources.