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# Corrections

*Barbara Bedau Brow of the White Lake Area Historical Society would like to make a few additions and corrections to recent Historical White Lake articles that have appeared in the Beacon.*

**The Ark:** Long story short - there were two Arks.

Earl Sherman built his Ark in the 1930s and sold it in 1947 to Robert Benner. The Benner family operated the Ark until around 1963 when the fishing in the area dropped off. Except for getting loose after a storm, it was always on the south side of the lake. Around the same time that Earl Sherman built his Ark, the Ohrenberger family also built a fishing barge. It was a bit smaller than Sherman's Ark but it too operated year-around. It was located in the middle of Indian Bay, near Long Point.

Around 1940, Ohrenberger sold it to Gerald Baker. Lake waves on the lake, it seemed to have its ups and downs. Some of the things State regulators sited it for were lack of toilet facilities, inadequate safety lighting, lack of life preservers and fire extinguishers. It was sited as a navigation hazard because it sometimes swung and drifted from its moorings.

In the 1950s, in several separate articles, Lozier Wantz's name was associated with the Ark. Property owners brought several lawsuits, some of which reached all the way to the Michigan Supreme Court which ruled that the Baker/Wantz Ark be banned from the lake. And that's the end of the story.

**Murray's Inn:** The original plans to transform the former Murray's Inn property into twenty-eight condominiums were proposed in May-June of 1984. In 1987-1988 ownership of the property changed hands. The number of proposed units was scaled back to eighteen. Nine units were constructed in the former Murray's Inn hotel. Several of the other older buildings were removed and nine units built in a newly constructed building. In July 1999, the classified section of the local paper listed several of the recently built condos for sale.