

Around the Horn – Fall 2005

Discovering Lake Buckhorn - by Joel Hampton

Joel Hampton is the president of the Roscoe Village Foundation in Coshocton, Ohio. He and his wife Mindy purchased buildable lots in October 2004. They have two college-age daughters, Alisha and Katherine, and a son, Christopher, who lives in the Pittsburgh, Pa., area.

Jeanne Horton called and asked me to write a message for the Lake Buckhorn Newsletter detailing my perspective of Buckhorn as a new property owner.

Jeanne and I worked together at Roscoe Village and she is paying me back for all of the assignments I gave her over the years! She also gave me a deadline and I'm late!

I've heard this statement from a lot of people when asked about Lake Buckhorn: "I've driven by it many times over the years, but never knew what was back there." That statement is true for me also. I thought maybe it was a campground, maybe some cabins, obviously a lake, but in the ten years I lived in Coshocton, I never really knew anything about it until Jeanne and Dick Horton bought some property there in the late 1980s.

When my wife Mindy and I decided to move back to Coshocton in 2003 and were looking for a home, I mentioned Lake Buckhorn as a possible location, but we never pursued it. We ended up buying our old home back from the people we had sold it to some 12 years before. Kind of freaky, old job, old home...

We were settled into our old house (it was an easy move, we knew where the furniture went and some of the nail holes for our pictures were there waiting for us!) when Mindy ran into Jeanne and Dick in downtown Millersburg. That was the beginning of our Lake Buckhorn adventure. Jeanne and Dick invited us up for an afternoon on the lake in July of 2004. While out on the Horton's pontoon boat, I looked at Mindy and said, "This is where I want to live." OK, I am an easy sale!

Dick showed us lots 1135 and 1136 up on the north end of the development. The property has a gazebo and the view is spectacular, looking down over the length of the lake, seeing the smoke stack of the Coshocton Stone Container plant in the distance. Dick even mentioned to me that if there were problems at Roscoe, they could send smoke signals! Again, I looked at Mindy and said, "This is where I want to live." I told you I was easy!

We made a deal on the property and started thinking about what kind of house we might want to build there. We had no schedule in mind for building as all of this had happened rather quickly. A week later, Mindy was at a meeting and overheard a friend of ours talking about their recently married son and daughter-in-law looking for a house they liked with not much success. Mindy told her we had purchased property and may be putting our home on the market shortly. Our friend extracted a promise that when we decided to sell, we'd let them know first. When Mindy arrived home, we discussed it and decided that since real estate didn't move very quickly in Coshocton, we take advantage of this possible opportunity; a week later our house was sold! So now we had some property, a closing date, and no home to move to! Fortunately, Roscoe Village has some very nice apartments and by December 1, 2004, we were in an apartment in Roscoe.

Mindy has a sister whose husband is an architect. He is enormously busy, but we did get him down to look at our property and a house of some friends of ours that we have always admired. We are not very high on his priority list for designing (it might be what we are paying him!) but he has discussed our plans with us several times.

Shortly after buying the property, and actually before it closed, Dick mentioned to us that his cousin Glen had a pontoon boat for sale. A couple of days later we were the proud owners of our first boat (easy again)! We had some beautiful October (2004) days on the lake and enjoyed the peacefulness and quiet most times we were out there.

This spring we were anxious for the Lake to fill and to get the pontoon boat back in the water. We were surprised at how quickly the lake got warm enough for swimming. In June, (while Mindy was helping one of our daughters drive to Maine for an internship), I spotted a nice ski boat for sale in Coshocton and surprised her with the news of our latest purchase when she returned (easy and sneaky too)!

We have had a great summer on Lake Buckhorn! We are usually up two or three nights a week for dinner on the boat and at least once on the weekend with family and friends for tubing and waterskiing. We are

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pleased at how little traffic there is on the lake, even holidays and weekends. We had boat trouble one Sunday and found lake residents more than willing to help us out with a tow back to the dock.

We also learned a hard lesson on how quickly the weather can change and how dangerous the lake can be in the middle of a storm. My brother and his two teenage children were here on a Monday in July and we were having a great day on the lake. In the blink of an eye, a storm came over the trees and we were scrambling to get both boats back to the dock. Heavy winds, waves, and rain! By the time we got to the middle of the lake, the storm was at full force. The wind caught our tube which knocked over the grill (I hope the fish on the bottom of the lake are enjoying it!) and a huge crack of thunder and lightening scared the heck out of us. Some other residents helped us get tied up and another found our tube. My cell phone got soaked - that was an expensive lesson!

We are looking forward to a beautiful fall on the lake, working on our house plans, and dreaming of the day we will live at Lake Buckhorn full time.



Continuing growth of Lake Buckhorn

by Dick Horton, Resident Specialist, Realtor with Kaufman Realty, Inc.

Otto and Betty Prada were the first settlers to build a house at Lake Buckhorn on lot 620 Zurich Dr. in 1967. Today that house is undergoing a major expansion and remodeling by Jennifer Evans, a new member in 2005. Wouldn't the Pradas be surprised and interested? By the spring of 1968 there were 15 houses and today there are 309 houses with 205 full-time residents who live in this beautiful place. Settlements continue with eight new houses being constructed this year. Lake Buckhorn continues to be discovered!

Local realtors assist in helping new members to discover Lake Buckhorn. At the writing of this article, there are currently 15 houses, or 5 percent, listed for sale plus three houses under contract with sales pending. Twelve houses have sold thus far this year. Any "bubble" in housing pricing has been with lakefront properties driven by supply and demand by second home buyers.

Although the local area is experiencing a downturn in the housing market as evidenced by reports from the Ohio Association of Realtors with sales units down 10.5 percent from last year, the attraction of the lake and the quality of living continues to attract second home buyers, retirees, and growing families to our Lake Buckhorn.

———— NEW MEMBERS ————

New members from the Millersburg area are:

William and Amy Patterson, lots 593-594-595.

Jennifer Evans, lots 1619-1620-1621.

Richard and Kathy Strausbaugh, lot 433.

Rachel and Joseph Miller, lots 1470-1471.

Jeanette Schonauer, lots 700-701-702.

Thomas Arnold, lots 1266-1267-1268.

James and Sharon Overman, lots 44-45-46.

J. Michael and Glenda Stephens, lots 191-192.

John Scott and Grace Felton, lots 728-729-730.

Lewis and Jennifer Hindman, lots 854-855.

Pat and Jerry Woods, lot 1501.

From Wooster we have:

James and Nancy Jackson, lots 1010-1011-1012.

David and Jennifer Walton, lot 914.

Steven and Paula Johnson, lots 1017-1038, are from Rittman

William and Paula Stanley, lots 1556-1557, from Dalton

Jason and Jane Mink, lots 195-196, from Akron.



Making the Dream a Reality – by Michael S. Seamon

Michael S. Seamon, principal with Seamon Architects of Columbus, Ohio, uses his expertise to advise property owners about many considerations as they convert their dreams to drawings.

Situating your home on the lot

There are several key factors to consider in determining the appropriate location on your lot for your new home. Following are several fundamental issues to consider.

If zoning codes are enforced in your neighborhood, allowable building locations are determined by law. Often, front yard, backyard and side yard setbacks are stipulated in the language of the code. In some jurisdictions, homeowners face limits on building height and percentage of lot coverage. Most zoning codes are beneficial, helping to preserve open spaces, allowing sunlight and air movement between adjacent properties. Most are written with the intent to also protect property values. Location and size of septic systems and other utilities on your property are also things to consider.

Building orientation refers to the position and location that your home will occupy on your property. For smaller lots, options may be somewhat limited, as your house will only fit in certain ways. On larger lots, one should take into account matters such as existing topography, potential views, privacy from neighbors, and potential cost of specialized construction in selecting the best location for your home.

Style and layout of the home itself are also important considerations in situating the building. Placement of rooms within the house should also play an active role in determining location on your lot. Think about which rooms should have the best view. Do certain rooms require greater degrees of privacy? Is this privacy away from external noises such as road traffic or lakefront activity? Or internal noises such as family room high jinks? We'll talk more about home style throughout this article.

Solar orientation should also be a key factor in determining lot location. As energy costs continue to rise, smart homeowners should attempt to employ many of the timeworn examples of passive solar design. Use solar angling to orient your home to take advantage of winter sunlight, which can help brighten and warm you on cold days. Choose an orientation that allows you to place service functions on the cold side of your home, limiting the number of window and door openings. Use architectural building features, such as overhangs, to protect intense summertime solar gain. Again, consider placement of windows so that south and west facing rooms are comfortable throughout the day - just don't forget about the view. Consider building materials, such as light colored roofs, that will help to reduce energy costs. Look for value in the location of existing trees and vegetation. Are these deciduous or evergreen? Can these trees offer shade to your home in the summer?

On a related topic, does existing vegetation offer privacy? Your home should be located to protect against harsh winter winds. This is something that appropriately placed evergreen trees can help accomplish. The architecture of the home should also provide for outdoor spaces, both private and public. These spaces should take advantage of cool summer breezes.

Topography of your location can also be of critical importance. Reasonably flat lots should allow for normal construction practices. However, please remember that below grade issues may need to be addressed. Questions about issues such as soil stability and soil-bearing capacity should be addressed to a soils engineer. Steeply sloped lots have their own special set of circumstances. Severe changes in grade can have a profound impact on the size and shape of your home. For example, hillside lots are probably not the best choice for large, sprawling, single-story homes. Large expanses of exposed foundations are not desirable. To limit this problem, the house should be oriented so that any slope occurs along the short side of the building. Steeper slopes may also require additional construction. A lower level, perhaps even a walkout basement, would be an obvious and economical way to use this space. Garage space could also work on this lower level, provided it is separated from the living space to prevent the transfer of dangerous fumes.

Architecturally designed multi-story homes can respond well to steep site conditions. Bear in mind that construction costs will be somewhat increased due to the need for additional foundation work and site preparation and re-grading.

Situating your home on the lot (continued)

One must also consider drainage issues on a sloping lot. Buildings should be located so that surface water does not flow toward or collect behind any part of the house, including the foundation. Proper finish grading, including the creation of swales (depressions between slopes that provide for drainage) and good foundation design that incorporates sub-grade drainage are all vital concerns.

Locate your home on your lot so that it provides comfort. Consider how far from the roadway it should be. Are you looking for seclusion? If so, consider a location deeper in the lot. This might not be true for a lakefront lot. Or are you looking for your home to make a welcoming statement? Also think about access through your property. For example, garage location on steeply sloped lots is critical. Walkways and entrances are important too. How many steps will you have to traverse to reach the entrance to your home?

When it comes right down to it, though, it is all about the view. Spend some time on your new lot. Familiarize yourself with the intricacies of your woodland setting. Try to imagine views from within the house. Use a ladder to help envision views from upper level rooms. Keep in mind that existing site features such as nearby trees and rock outcroppings are just as important in framing views as are mountaintops across the lake.



The process of building your new home – by Matt Rohr

Matt Rohr and his wife Amy own lakefront lots 10-11. One frequently sees that family enjoying the lake. Matt's work with Rohr Construction converts the architectural drawings into a reality.

Building your dream home is an exciting time. You have purchased your lot and have building plans in hand, but you might find yourself asking questions. Where do I start? Who can build my home? How long will it take? When can I move in?

Before construction can begin, you will want to contact a General Contractor. Ask for recommendations from your realtor, your neighbors, or a resident of a newly constructed home. Once you receive a list of builders, set up appointments to meet with them and ask to see some homes that they have constructed. This will allow you to speak with one or more of their customers and to see their completed home. The contractor will want a full set of plans that show all measurements as well as all finish materials, such as floor covering selections, siding selections, and window and door sizes. This should be the time that you talk about other systems that you may want; for example, central vacuum, pre-wired for stereo, computer networking or security system. This allows for an accurate estimate on your home. Once the estimate is submitted it should be reviewed to be sure that it includes all the items you have asked for, i.e. hardwood floors, fireplace, whirlpool bathtub, etc. The estimate should have allowances for items that require your selection such as lighting, floor covering, siding and cabinets. You will use this estimate to obtain a construction loan. A construction loan is a 12-month interest only loan that is usually dispersed to the builder four times during construction. At the end of one year, principal payments begin.

After choosing a builder and signing a contract, permits will need to be obtained before construction can begin. The Health Department needs to choose the location of the septic system and leach field before the house is staked. It will take approximately four to six months to complete your home from the date it is staked on your property, depending on the size and complexity of construction. Before construction begins, you will want to sit down with your builder so that you can go over the details of the contract, discuss specifics of your home and set a tentative start date. This is the best time to finalize any structural changes you desire that will make your home vary from the original plans.

Although the specific sequence of construction steps varies and overlaps, generally your home will be built in the following sequence. Foundation stage includes excavation of property and digging of basement, installation of footers and basement walls. Once the walls are built, a perimeter drain will be installed and the basement will be waterproofed and backfilled. The next step is what creates excitement for the homeowner - the frame-up. The frame will go up and you will get a sense of how your home will look when finished. You

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will be able to walk through doorways and visualize the size of a room. By the time your roof is in place, all of your decorator items must be selected to keep your home construction on schedule.

Once the house is framed-up, the rough-in electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems are installed. This would also be the time that you would add a central vacuum system, security system, stereo system or an in-house network system. Once all systems have been roughed-in, sheetrock will be hung and the *finish work* will begin. At this point, the builder can give a more accurate idea of when the house will be completed.

For more information on building your dream home, please call Matt at (330) 276-4304.



Add beauty and value with landscaping - by John and Ruth Ann Ware

John and Ruth Ann Ware purchased their home at 111 Bern Dr. in 2002. They had retired from the ministry and teaching and immersed themselves in the landscaping challenge of that property. They speak here from experience.

When we first arrived in the Lake Buckhorn area, we took a ride around the area and checked to see what plants, shrubs, trees, etc. the residents had planted that the animals were not eating.

We also looked at the topography of our property. In one area there was a grove of trees on a slope. We didn't want to mow around them all the time so we decided to put all our leaves there that fall to kill the grass and weeds. When the unwanted vegetation was eliminated, we planted hosta, iris, daylilies, mums, and moved some of the native vegetation such as spring beauties, ferns, violets, into that space. (We have also found that large piles of grass clippings kill unwanted weeds.)

A very steep hill located on the other side of the house needed to be terraced since we felt it was too steep to mow. We had the terracing, which included bringing in large cut sandstone from the quarry and moving in topsoil, done by a local contractor. That provided a gold mine of planting opportunities. For that hill we purchased plants, trees and shrubs at the Lake Buckhorn plant sale, Cancer Society plant sale, area benefit auctions and from many local nurseries.

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We enjoy watching, as the season moves from early spring to late fall, the new flowers and colors that appear weekly. In the spring redbuds, spirea, daffodils, weeping pussy willow, rhododendron, hyacinth, narcissus, followed by bleeding heart, iris and peonies bloom. Then come the daylilies, golden locust, and other flowering trees and shrubs. In the late spring we plant many annuals - geranium, asters and petunias - as they bloom continuously if conditions are good; plenty of rain and not too hot in the daytime. In the fall many mums in different colors bloom.

In the back of the house, much building material had been deposited on another of our lots. It was such an eyesore, that this spring we had a contractor move the huge chunks of concrete, level the area, and cover much of it with loads of topsoil. That provided another area to plant not only annuals and perennials but several unusual trees.

We have tried to put many different plants on the steeper hills to stop erosion. Low foliage such as ivy, rockcress, pachysandra and other ground covers serve that purpose.

Slopes and hills usually make for interesting landscapes but they are also challenging. We have tried to put many different plants on the steeper hills to stop erosion. Low foliage such as ivy, rockcress, pachysandra and other ground covers serve that purpose.

Good books on plants that do well in Ohio have been helpful; not only in suggesting what plants are suitable in the area, but they also tell what diseases or insects to look for if your plants seems to have a problem.

Add beauty and value with landscaping (continued)

Books also help one learn the difference in life cycle of annuals, biennials and perennials. We especially like the perennials, such as those mentioned above, and also coneflower, ajuga, bee balm, phlox, foxglove, hardy geranium, astilbe, columbine, coreopsis, oriental poppies, Russian sage and the great variety of herbs. The books also tell what plants grow well together and other characteristics of a plant - such as marigolds, which help keep harmful bugs from the area where they are planted.

When one is gardening, toads, snakes and helpful insects should be treated as welcome friends.

We have also tried to grow plants and shrubs which attract butterflies and we have observed many varieties at different plants. We have observed over three dozen species of beautiful birds at our feeders and in the gardens. Nine birdhouses, almost all occupied this year, are placed around our 2.9 acres. And the other day we found two little bats in one of them. We plan to build a bat house soon.

As you might guess, we love to work outside and enjoy the great help that nature provides as we watch things grow.



Maintaining the Quality of Lake Buckhorn

Issues and information - by Gary Mattison, LBPOA Board President

I hope all of you have enjoyed this summer and its beautiful weather as much as my family has.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the Board Members and other members who have volunteered their time to make Lake Buckhorn a better place to live. Recently, a new volunteer, Jeanne Horton, offered to restart the Lake Buckhorn Newsletter. Ruth Ann Allison, Lots Hauser, Nancy Miller, Shirley Croft and Kay Mullins plan to help her. For this newsletter we thought the Board Members should give a brief update on committee projects for 2005. This will give you an idea of what the Board is working on.

The Environmental Committee, which I am on, is focusing for 2005 on a program to educate and inform members on the importance of maintaining their septic systems. The Board's goal is to prevent a sewer from being installed at Lake Buckhorn. To that end, we have included articles on septic maintenance in the last two mailings to members. We are also reviewing a videotape that may be of help to members.

Another concern for our Environmental Committee is the large quantity of goose droppings, particularly in the beach area. We are starting a bacteria monitoring program to ensure the safety of our beaches for the members. This program will be in place by late August.

Building Committee - by Ed Zebrak, Chairperson

Your Building Committee, consisting of Dave Fullerman, Paul Miller, Gary Scheeff and Ed Zebrak, has been quite active this summer season. So far this year, we have approved eight building permits. Working with the County Board of Health, five septic systems have been corrected.

In an effort to serve the membership and best interests of Lake Buckhorn, we welcome and encourage ideas and suggestions as well as assistance in enforcing the current Building Rules and Regulations.

Environmental Committee - by Paul Miller, Chairperson

Lake Buckhorn is in good health despite some geese problems which we are working on. We have contacted the Ohio Department of Natural Resources who have given us some guidelines to follow and by next spring we hope to solve the geese problems. Several years ago we had a similar plan and it proved quite successful.

Our common areas - such as beaches, restrooms and docks - could be so much cleaner if people using them would be more responsible by not littering and cleaning up after using these facilities. I have noticed an improvement since security has gotten a handle on trespassers getting into our facilities by the abuse of pin

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numbers. Members should be aware of who they give these numbers to since the members themselves are responsible for the actions of their guests.

I want to thank Larry Sheets, Joe Stephens and Dan Wolph for their help with monitoring the lake. We take tests six months of the year to assure the lake's condition and send the results to Citizens Lake Awareness Monitoring (CLAM). We are pleased to report that of the 38 lakes involved, we are the cleanest lake in the state.

Finance Committee - by Dan Coole, Chairperson

We are fast approaching the halfway point of Lake Buckhorn's physical year. With 600 members, a budget of \$450,000, and our expenses being different each month because of the seasons and activities of the lake, it is important to monitor and project future spending to stay within the budget. We don't always get everything done that everyone wants. Six hundred people can come up with different priorities and the Finance Committee has to make the budget to satisfy as many members as possible and keep assessments at an affordable level.

Last year with the ice storms, road damage and culvert problems, moneys had to be shifted to take care of these repairs. Your dues and assessments are due the beginning of our physical year in May and the finance committee has put all members in arrears on notice that they must pay up and are not eligible to use the amenities that we all pay for - i.e., boating, swimming, fishing, etc. - or have guests use these facilities.

If interested in serving on our Finance Committee or putting in your two-cents worth of advice or opinions, contact me or send me your input by letter or e-mail through the office.

Dam Committee - by Paul Miller, Chairperson

The Dam Committee is responsible for the maintenance and inspection of Lake Buckhorn's dam. We have guidelines to follow mandated by the Ohio Division of Dams and the Ohio Emergency Action Plan.

We are implementing an emergency action plan in conjunction with the emergency action people of Holmes and Coshocton counties. Our meetings have included the emergency action directors of both Holmes and Coshocton counties, the county engineers, and the postal directors.

The purpose of these meetings is to locate all the people and their addresses who are in the flood zone below Lake Buckhorn. We also coordinated the equipment and responsibilities of each organization.

I am planning some training sessions in the near future regarding the maintenance and inspection of the dam which is required by the Ohio Emergency Action Plan.

I'm finding that working with the emergency people and our committee is very rewarding considering that we are contributing to the safety of the dam and at the same time enhancing the value of Lake Buckhorn.

Safety and Security Committee - by Shirley Croft, Chairperson

Our beaches and lake facilities have had heavy use this summer, due in part to the many 90+ degree days. Along with the increased usage there were problems with people bringing in unauthorized watercraft and recreational vehicles. Rose Miller has been working as security guard this summer and has been stopping watercraft and recreational vehicles without a Lake Buckhorn sticker and requiring them to leave.

A problem also occurred on the beaches with people using pin numbers to enter even though they were not actually anyone's guests. In some cases, they did not even know whose pin number they were using. If we find a pin number that is being used in this way, we are asking the member to change the number. We will be setting up a rotating system, whereby everyone will be asked to change his/her pin number periodically to try to stop this kind of abuse of the system. In the meantime, we have covered the telepad the last few weekends and required anyone without a key card to proceed to the gate guard to gain admittance and receive a hang tag. This has greatly reduced the illegal entry of people coming to use our beaches.

We are also working with the Sheriff's Department to have Sheriff's Deputies, periodically, come in for traffic control and boat patrol. Please remember that the speed limit around the lake is 25 miles an hour and that applies to everyone, including those on 4-wheelers, go-karts, scooters, etc. Also, not coming to a full stop at the stop signs is an offense for which you may receive a ticket.

All watercraft must comply with all the rules of Lake Buckhorn as well as all rules of the State of Ohio. If you do not know the rules, you can obtain a copy of them at the office or the county license bureau. In the past, many members have not registered their watercraft with the State of Ohio. We have recently been told by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) that it now requires every watercraft, including

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canoes, kayaks, etc. to have the Ohio registration sticker. ODNR now applies this rule to private lakes such as Lake Buckhorn. You can obtain your Ohio registration stickers at the county license bureau.

Lake Buckhorn has an emergency cell phone number that may be used by members during evenings and weekends to report telepad and security problems, water line breaks, fallen trees on roads, or other emergencies involving lake facilities. The number is 330-231-2439. This number is manner 24 hours a day; however, there are some dead air spaces on the north end of the lake, so depending where the security guard is at a given moment, you may not receive an immediate answer. Please keep trying and you should get through in a few minutes. Of course, you will continue to use 911 for all medical, fire, or criminal emergencies.

Just a reminder that if you have guests using the lake facilities you are required to be on Lake Buckhorn property. That means that if you are a lot owner, your guests may not fish, swim, boat, etc. unless you are present. Also, all boat trailers and boats at launching areas or storage areas must have the owner's lot numbers and a current year's stickers.

Please place an orange safety flag on your recreational vehicles and remember that anyone under age 16 must wear a helmet.

Our goals are for everyone to be safe and to restrict the use of the lake and its facilities to members and their guests. With your cooperation and help, we can maintain those goals.

Stocking (fish) Committee - by Dan and Lisa Jackson

The stocking committee, formed in the spring of 2005, has the following goal: Recommend courses of action for the Board to ensure that Lake Buckhorn offers a family friendly recreational fishery, offering quality angling experience for folks of all ages and skills, for a wide variety of fish. Concentration of effort should not be upon one or two species to the exclusion of other popular species.

History of Stocking

- 1998** - 2,500 walleyes, 2,000 perch and 1,000 crappies (\$5,000)
- 1999** - 3,000 walleyes, 670 smallmouth bass and 400 crappies (\$5,000)
- 2000** - 2,400 walleyes, 1,000 wipers; 120 trout and 10 white amur (\$5,007)
- 2001** - 2,400 walleyes and 50,000 flathead minnows (\$6,000)
- 2002** - 500 shell crackers, 335 perch and 100 white amur (\$2,600)
- 2003** - 800 perch, 668 shell crackers, 600 crappies and 167 trout (\$3,000)
- 2004** - No stocking.

Current Stocking

2005 - 1,250 perch and 1,000 crappies. (\$1,500 worth of walleyes are to be stocked in the fall for a total of \$3,000 stocking budget.) The plan is to obtain walleyes in the 7-9 inch range.

Recommendations

Use flathead minnows as a safe and renewable source for forage. Don't introduce forage species to the lake which grow large and will out-compete bluegill and crappie for food such as shad and shiners.

Continue to stock the most sought after game fish such as walleyes, crappies and perch. To maintain a good environment for these species, no new predators such as pike, muskies, etc. should be stocked.

The largemouth bass population is abundant. Ensuring adequate forage of bluegill species and fatheads, along with harvesting of the juvenile bass, will help maintain Buckhorn as a good source of bass fishing.

The Next Step

The stocking committee will meet in the fall to review this year's stocking process and to address issues of interest to the members. Among the issues to be discussed is a review of the decline in the stocking budget; commitment to regularly stock flathead minnows as a source of forage for game fish; survey of other associational lakes; and the identification of the best type of bluegill species for stocking.

Current Members

Thank you to the current members who were willing to serve at such short notice: Harold Snyder, Daryl Hellor, and Arnold Oliver.

Stocking (fish) Committee (continued)

—— **New Members and Input** ——

If you would like to be a part of this committee or to offer input, please send an email to danlisa@valkyrie.net or call Dan Jackson at 330-674-0868.

If you have impressions of the fishing or suggestions you would like to make, we would love to hear from you.



Delivery drivers need your help

When ordering any type of merchandise, PLEASE - out of courtesy to the UPS, Fed Ex, DHL, Air Express or other drivers - use your LOT number and road name along with your U.S. Postal Service mailing address in the "SHIP TO" address box. These drivers are doing you a courtesy service when they go to the office to find out where your house is. During inclement weather, (snowy roads, icy conditions, etc.) they may just leave your package at the office and you will have to pick it up there during normal business hours.

Also, to help make delivery of these items to your house easier, PLEASE remember to have some type of house (lot) numbers visible from the roadway, preferably a reflective type and at the end of your driveway.



Update of well field and water company renovation

- by Larry Sheets, Bloomfield Water Board President

All of the engineering documents have been completed on the well field and water company renovation project and we are ready to proceed as soon as all of the easements are obtained.

For the well field below the dam, we have one easement in place and are waiting for the other one. All the work has been done on that easement and the only thing necessary is a signature from the property owner granting the easement. To date 625 feet of pipeline has been completed on the properties between the dam and the beach area. This was done in the spring to minimize inconvenience to the lot owners of the access to their docks and shoreline area.

We hope to complete the raw water pipeline to the Bloomfield Water Treatment Plant this fall and also to drill the required additional well below the dam. The renovation of the treatment plant would be done over the winter months when the water use is at its lowest level. This renovation consists of an additional filter added to the system and rewiring of the plant - all to meet EPA compliance standards.

The ODNR required valves that have been installed on the dam still remain operable. The problem with the valves is not that they don't close when we have a leak in the line running across the dam, but that they don't remain open in normal operation. The valves remain a baffling dilemma that our engineers are working on and remain optimistic about solving. The agreement we have on the installation of these valves was that Dick's Plumbing would install the manholes and valves. The company that supplied the pressure reduction valves would be responsible for seeing that the valves function properly and teach our maintenance people how to operate and maintain the valves. Dick's Plumbing completed their part of the installation to our satisfaction and the inoperable valve problem is the responsibility of the company which supplied the valves. As was stated earlier, we remain optimistic.

We are finding that progress on a project like this is slow, but we are doing our best to see that it is being done right so that we have long lasting benefits on its completion.

Update of well field and water company renovation (continued)

We think that the water being supplied to you is of high quality and we intend to do some things to make further improvement. One of the things that we are concerned about is air that accumulates in the main lines going around the lake. Due to the fact that large fluctuations take place in the main line elevation, there are places where air can accumulate. If that air suddenly moves through the line, the disturbance can cause cloudy water for a period of time. We will be looking into strategically locating air release valves to eliminate this problem. We remain open to your suggestions and input.



Community voice - by Jeanne Horton

By simply volunteering, I have been given the opportunity to make the newsletter *AROUND THE HORN* available again to the Lake Buckhorn property owners. I cannot claim this as my very own brainstorm, but merely the renewing of fine editorial efforts in the past by Lois Hauser. As a 16-year resident of Lake Buckhorn, I looked forward to each issue of the newsletter as a means of keeping informed about the happenings at the lake. Although board minutes have been posted and the web page is up and running, some of us still like to communicate with *PAPER!* The newsletter has been missed.

To reinstate the newsletter project, my first endeavor was to put together a staff of able volunteers. These include: Nancy Miller, Assistant Editor and Contributing Writer; Lots Hauser, Layout Manager; Kay Mullins and Shirley Croft, Co-Advertising Managers; and Ruth Allison, Circulation Manager.

With the initial goal of publishing the newsletter bi-annually, the same basic format will be continued with updates from the president, the trustees, the board members and the various committees. Individual writers will contribute articles to support the chosen theme. The project will be financed through advertisements and perhaps printing in color could be another goal. The theme for this issue is "Discovering Lake Buckhorn and Making That Dream a Reality."

Suggestions for themes or articles for the spring newsletter would be appreciated as we endeavor to make *AROUND THE HORN* the voice of our community.



Meet your neighbor – by Ruth Coole

What a joy to have our newsletter going again!

What a joy to meet my neighbors on a lovely hot morning in August to interview them for our newsletter! Maybe you know them, maybe you've seen them, or maybe neither of the above.

In any case, let me introduce you to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wolph. They live on Buckhorn Drive not far from the pond and the North Beach. Daniel and his wife Karen have four children: Terra, who is 33 years old; Jared, 19, (who has four children of his own); Joseph, 23, who attends Bowling Green State University; and Daniel, 15, who is home schooled.

It is always interesting to find out where a person was born. Karen was born in Oakland, California, but moved to Henderson, Kentucky, when she was 5 years old. Her dad's brother lived in Fostoria, Ohio, and worked in a flourmill there. Eventually, Karen's family moved to Fostoria.

Dan was born in Fostoria - so now you know the rest of the story! Dan and Karen met approximately 27 years ago through a neighbor of Karen's. Their first date? At an auction! This was the beginning of a year-long courtship. In 1980 they were married in Karen's house with about 50 people in attendance for the wedding and reception.

Karen's family used to visit Holmes County. They went to Charm and stayed several times at a bed-and-breakfast called "Holmes With A View." They spoke of how much they liked it here and how nice the view was from the deck. They saw birds everywhere and lots of trees and Amish farms.

Then the thought came - "How great it would be to live here!"

Meet your neighbor (continued)

When Dan retired, they made the decision to sell their big Victorian house in Fostoria. The area had become undesirable with many house break-ins, stealing and so forth. Not a good choice to remain there. They remembered Holmes County and discovered Lake Buckhorn!

In October 2003 they moved into their present home here. They are VERY emphatic in the fact that this is a gated community and hope it will remain so. Karen especially enjoys being part of our newly formed Bloomfield Garden Club.

Dan recently went through a major health crisis and they both want to express a heartfelt "thank you" for the wonderful help that so many of you gave to them. In their words, "We feel so fortunate to have wonderful neighbors."

Lake Buckhorn is very fortunate to have Dan and Karen and their family living here - don't you all agree?!



Hiking anyone?

With hopes of getting a Hiking Club started at Lake Buckhorn, Nancy Miller offers the following:

STEPPING OUT:

1. One Step Forward - right foot
2. Second Step Forward – left foot
3. Third Step - continue pattern
4. Walking - progressive activity

Walking has proven to be the most beneficial form of exercise for our health.

THINK: Stress reduction, getting in tune with oneself, body and soul. All healthful benefits plus companionship.

LISTEN: To our heartbeats as we view natural wildlife along our path. Not to mention an occasional bear - now that would really rev up our heartbeats!

STOP: Long enough to consider joining our newly forming Lake Buckhorn Community Walking Group.

STEPPING IN: Call Nancy Miller at 330-674-2609 for a time/date for our first organizational meeting. This is your step! See ya!

Tip: Do your fingers swell while walking, producing that uncomfortable feeling? Before you take that first step make a firm fist, but not tight, with both hands. Keep this fist position your entire walk. Blood won't flow to your fingers; hence, no swelling.



Bloomfield Garden Club blue ribbon winner at fair – by Dona Majka

Founded in 2002 by a group of individuals who share an interest in flowers and the beauty of Lake Buckhorn, the Bloomfield Garden Club began under the leadership of Bev Geib, president. Bev will retire as president in September, but will still play an active part in the club. Taking over as president will be Lois Hauser. Lois has lived at the Lake for 10 years and brings many talents to the garden club.

Although there are several members who are big-time gardeners, there are others who just enjoy putting in their yards planting a few flowers and maybe beautifying their homes with flower boxes or planters. The garden club has a diverse group of members who have many talents other than gardening. These talents have helped them the last three years to design and construct a first-place, blue-ribbon garden at the Holmes County Fair. The garden competition is open only to garden clubs of Holmes County. Also, winning first place in 2005 in the niche division was another bee in the Bloomfield Club's bonnet. This year's theme was "Lewis & Clark" so history was an important part of the garden and the niche.

The garden club is affiliated with the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs (OAGC) which offers educational opportunities on garden-related topics and encourages community involvement. As part of the club's

Bloomfield Garden Club blue ribbon winner at fair (continued)

activities, they have taken on beautifying Lake Buckhorn's Lake view Hall and the front area on Route 83 by planting flowers and bushes. This year, for the first time, a senior from the Lake Buckhorn Junior Garden Club was presented a \$250 book scholarship from the Bloomfield Garden Club which was presented at the West Holmes High School Awards Banquet. Funding for this annual scholarship is earned in part from the club's perennial plant sale held each year in May.

Meetings, held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Lakeview Hall, are educational in nature with plenty of time for refreshments and socializing afterward. Interesting trips to garden or nature sites are planned throughout the year. Whether you are a longtime property owner at Lake Buckhorn or new to the Lake, coming to one of Bloomfield Garden Club's meetings is a good way to get to know some mighty fine people. If you have any questions regarding the garden club, you may call Lois Hauser at 330-674-6459 or Dona Majka at 330-674-1789.



Mark your calendars! – by Karen Wolph & Rose Miller, Recreation Committee

Halloween, Christmas parties planned

The Lake Buckhorn Halloween party and hayride will be Friday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. – Costumes optional.

Bring your treats to the office October 23 through October 27. (Grace and Brenda may be tempted to sample them if they are left too long.)

A sign-up sheet will be in the office so we can get an idea of how many kids and adults will attend. We encourage all Lake Buckhorn residents to join in the fun. The Christmas party will be held December 10 at 6:00 p.m. in Lakeview Hall. It will be a covered dish event.

Mark your calendars now so you can keep these dates open!