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Living the Log Home Lifestyle

Fall 2013

A VIEW FROM THE MILL

By Levi Hochstetler

Every year about mid-May when the song-bird migration is going at its peak, I like to take a week vacation to bird watch.

On May 13th, the first day of my vacation, my two boys and I decided to bicycle over to the Mohican State Forest area to try our luck there. As expected, we had a good morning seeing and hearing a good number of birds.

One area of the forest we visited, the state did several different samples of forest management ideas, called Discovery Forest. Besides being a good place to learn about forest management, you can normally see plenty of birds.

Leaving Discovery Forest we headed down a steep hill looking around for birds as we went. Not minding my business (after all, I was on vacation) I ran into the back of my son's bicycle. Fortunately, he stayed upright, but it threw me off balance and resulted in me paying my dues at the emergency room.

After checking me out and stitching me up, they sent me home diagnosed with a broken collarbone and a few ribs fractured. I ended up taking an extended vacation on the recliner for about 4 weeks!

Finally, this year it appears like I'll get my dream fulfilled of having a steam engine here for Log Cabin Days. Also new this year is our design studio workshop on Thursday, Sept. 12, the day before Log Cabin Days. For anyone in the design stage of building their log home, this should be beneficial.

Hope to see y'all at Log Cabin Days!



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Log Cabin Days - Sept. 13 & 14

See our special 4-page pull-out section inside for more information and a schedule of events.

Log Cabin Days is slated for Friday, September 13 (11-7) & Saturday, September 14 (9-5) at the Hochstetler Milling site 5 miles north of Loudonville, Ohio at 552 Hwy. 95.

Among the exciting things visitors can expect to see include:

- Self-Guided Log Home Tour
- Lumberjack Competitions
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Test proves that Log Homes are more Energy-Efficient than Conventional Homes - By Steve Lykins

It is a common misconception among the public as well as many Architects, Engineers and Builders, that solid log homes use an antiquated building technique. Some might even say that solid log homes are not relevant in today's energy-conscious building atmosphere. However, when we apply current log construction techniques and we use current technology to test solid log homes against conventional stick framed homes, the results are often surprising to skeptics as well as proponents of log construction. Indeed log homes are relevant in today's 'green' building environment. In fact, those who understand the building science through testing might consider log homes to be high performance homes.

Probably one of the most credible and therefore popular tests in recent history was performed by the National Bureau of Standards during a 28 week period from 1981-1982 near Washington, D.C. This test was named "Mass Wall Field Study." The purpose of the

experiment was to study the thermal mass effect of a solid log home and how it impacts energy usage of a solid log home versus a conventional stick framed home. The test period included a winter heating season (January - April), an intermediate heating season (April - May) and a summer cooling season (July - September). The buildings and their solar orientation were identical besides the exterior wall construction. One of the test buildings had exterior walls consisting of solid, 7-inch square lodgepole pine log construction

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with a tongue & groove locking system, which had a tested R-Value of 9.25. Another building had exterior wall construction consisting of painted 0.625-inch exterior plywood sheathing, 2x4 studs at 16-inches on center, R-11 batt insulation between studs, a 0.002-in. polyethylene vapor barrier and 0.5-in. gypsum board on the interior. This wall construction had a tested R-value of 11.14.

Here are some basic observations about the energy consumption of the buildings based on the results of the testing. The solid log walls contained approximately four times as much mass as the stick framed walls. The solid log walls absorbed more than two times as much heat from the sun in the winter (when the sun is low in the sky) than in the summer (when the sun is high in the sky). The stick framed building used approximately the same amount of energy as did the solid log building during the winter heating season, so a significant thermal mass effect was not observed during the winter heating season. The stick framed building used approximately 32% more energy than the solid log building during the summer cooling season and approximately 82% more energy than the solid log building during the intermediate heating season, so during the intermediate heating season (spring/autumn) as well as the summer cooling season, a significant thermal mass effect was observed. Across all seasons, the solid log building performed about 38% better than the stick framed building, even though the tested R-value of the solid log wall was about 20% less than the tested R-value of the stick framed wall.

The following conclusions can be made from the results of the experiment. The exterior walls of a solid log home have the ability to absorb and store thermal energy and then release it at a later time, much like a battery stores electrical energy. Further, the amount of solar energy absorbed by the logs is determined by the angle of the sun. A log wall will naturally absorb about twice as much solar energy in the winter (when it is needed) than in the summer (when it is not needed). One might think of logs as a "smart" building material. The thermal mass effect of a solid log home is most beneficial when heating/cooling is not constantly supplied by the heating/cooling equipment (during spring, summer and fall). Even in the winter heating season, when the thermal mass effect of a solid log home is not as great, a solid log home still insulates about the same as a conventional stick framed home.

For years, owners of solid log homes have told me that their homes are more energy efficient than any conventional stick framed home they have ever owned. As a skeptic, I had to see some scientific test data to support this claim. This testing proves that it costs less money annually to heat and cool a solid log home than a conventional stick framed home in all but the coldest climates (like northern Alaska, climate zone 8). Even in the coldest of climates a solid log home will likely cost about the same amount of money annually to heat as would a conventional stick framed home.

Although this test was performed more than 30 years ago, solid log home construction techniques and materials have improved significantly during that time, specifically through the use of dimensionally stable kiln dried, precision milled logs and a gasketed tongue & groove air sealing system. During the same 30 year period conventional stick framed home construction techniques have remained nearly unchanged besides a greater emphasis on air sealing and insulation R-value. As the results of this experiment show, R-value alone does not describe the overall thermal performance of a home. When we do consider all factors that affect energy usage in a home, it is clear that solid log homes are, in fact, high performance, low energy usage homes built from a highly sustainable material. This is exactly what educated homeowners demand in today's energy-conscious building atmosphere.

All observations and conclusions are based on the data presented in the technical paper "A Field Study of the Effect of Wall Mass on Heating and Cooling Loads of Residential Building". The paper was authored by D.M. Burch, W.E. Remmert, D.F. Krantz and C.S. Barnes and was originally presented at the Building Thermal Mass Seminar at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, TN on June 2nd, 1982.



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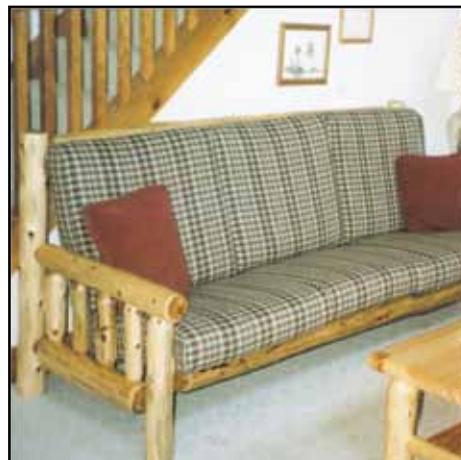
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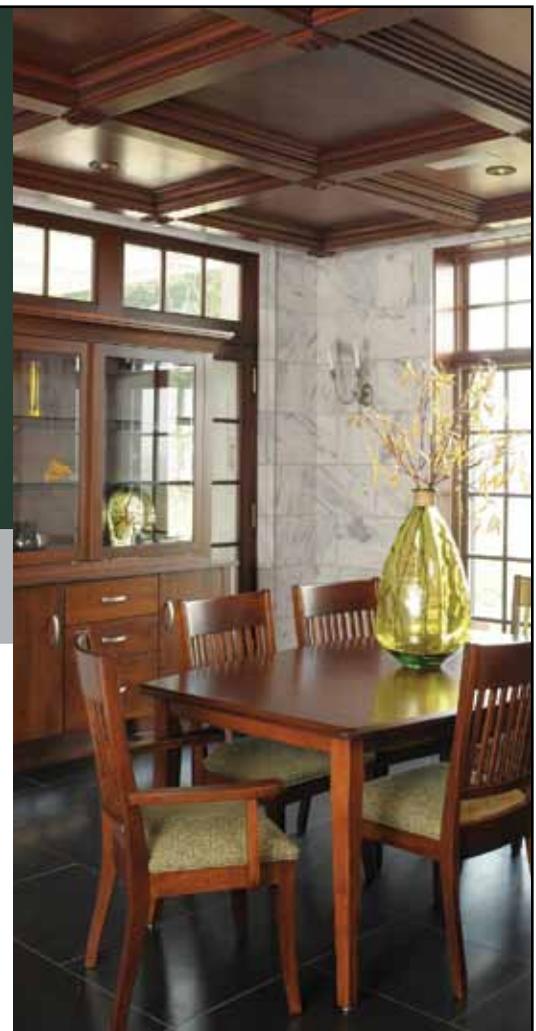
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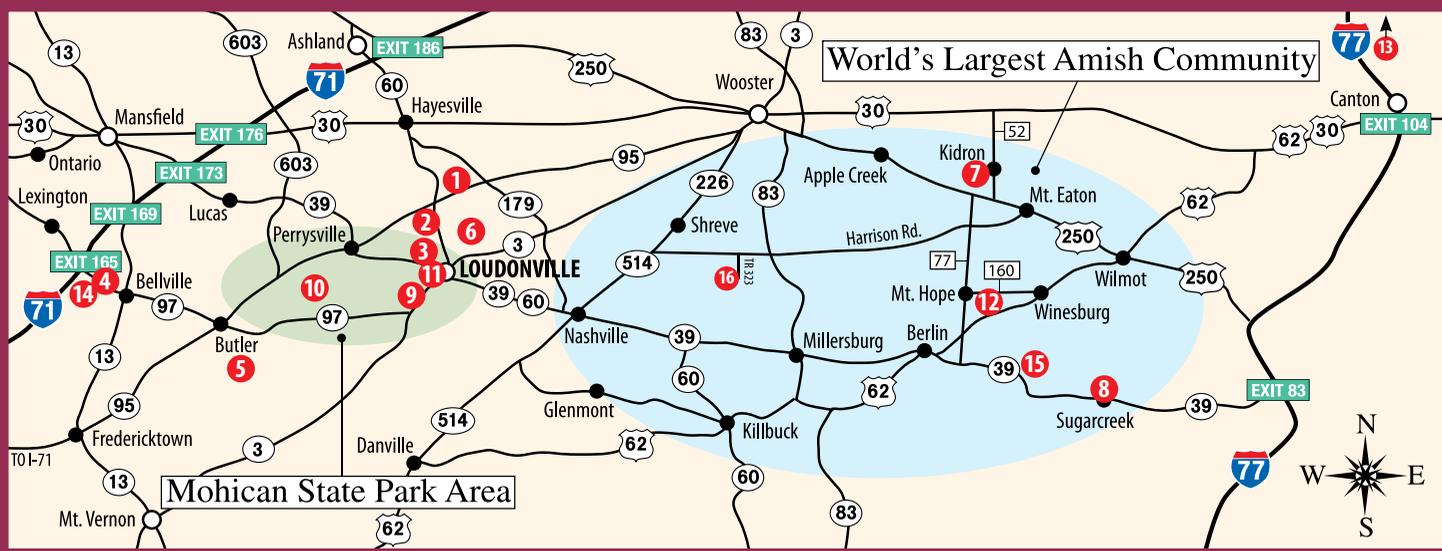
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LOG CABIN DAYS

September 13 & 14 at Hochstetler Milling

Log Cabin Days Hours: Friday, September 13: 11am-7pm • Saturday, September 14: 9am-5pm

If building a log home is in your dreams, or you are lucky and already own one, or just like the back to basic lifestyle – then you won't want to miss Log Cabin Days.

The highlight of this event is the self-guided log home auto tour. At this writing we have 8 private log homes scheduled to be on the tour. Of these 8, 6 are homes that were not on last year's tour, which include 1 modified McKay, 1 44' McKay, 1 Pleasant Hill, 1 Hudson, 1 modified Honeycreek, and 3 customs. These are in addition to our own furnished models, the McKay and Blackfork.

We will be taking a suggested \$10 per couple or \$15 per vehicle for the tour, benefitting the American Cancer Society. These homes are private residences, so please thank them for their generosity to open up their homes and give us this rare opportunity during this

2-day event. If you want to see all of the log homes on the tour, plan on most of one day for it.

We are very excited about our line up of speakers to lead our free seminars.

Log cabin financing will be covered by Ashley Weaver of Farm Credit. She will be explaining how to come up with a budget and the loan process.

Steve Lykins of Hochstetler Milling will be sharing with you his years of design experience and talent for good design. Certainly you will be able to pick up ideas for your own log home.

Bill Dinkins will be doing the "Log Basic 101", a helpful presentation in selecting log sizes, wood species, and profile types for your dream home.

Log home maintenance will be covered by yours truly and a Sikkens Company representative, a normally popular workshop for both future and existing log home owners.

New this year is a 5-hour design studio and workshop Thursday from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m., the day before Log Cabin Days,



Lumberjack competitions Fri. 4-6 & Sat. 11-1.

presented by Steve Lykins and Bill Dinkins. Please see the sign up information on page 3.

Again this year we are very grateful and pleased to have Log Home Living bring their Log & Timber Home University to Log Cabin Days. Their presentation is on Saturday from 8:00 to 1:00. Cost is \$98 per couple or \$75 per person. To register see ad page 9.



← Two of the ten homes on the tour. Pick up tour map at Information Booth. →



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Self-Guided Log Home Tour • Lumberjack Competitions • Log Cabin Works

Walk the exhibit hall and meet the various exhibitors showing their wares, including interior and exterior wood finishes, cabinets, solid oak furniture, log home furniture, bent hickory rockers, windows, and both interior and exterior doors. Builders and log stackers will be on hand to answer all your construction questions, along with a bank that specializes in log home lending to take care of all your financial questions. A landscaper will fill you in on landscaping. Wouldn't hurt to bring a trailer!

During the two days, a crew will be building an actual log cabin from start to finish. This 13' x 24' cabin with an 8' porch on the end is on skids and sized to be shipped on the road. At 4 p.m. on Saturday the 14th, it will be auctioned off. This would make an excellent guest or hunting and fishing cabin. If interested contact us for more details.

The mill can be toured at your leisure. We will have people explaining the operation.

There will also be demonstrations of hand-hewing, hand-peeling, portable sawing, and chainsaw carving, not to mention the blacksmith pounding out unique iron items for your log home. Also on board is a wood carver carving one-of-a-kind fireplace mantels and a watercolor artist giving a demonstration.

Watch a vintage Case steam engine sawing various size logs into timbers and dimensional lumber (just like the good ole' days!).

Always a favorite is the can't miss lumberjacks competing for the prize, with axe throwing, crosscut sawing, and axe chopping.

There will be plenty of fun things to watch. Amateurs, and not so amateurs, compete in the log-stacking contest for the prize. Or better yet, compete yourself. Take a covered wagon ride or educate yourself with forestry information. Be sure and sign up for a free bundle of white pine seedlings and don't forget to register to win a free chainsaw carving.

Make sure the children get the chance to dig through shavings to find nickels and candy. They will, no doubt, be fascinated by our small petting zoo with a chance to visit up-close animals like a pony, a calf, puppies, rabbits, and kittens.

Check out silent auction where you can bid on an Amish made quilt and hand crafted log home related items including rustic furniture, bird feeders, and more. The closing for the silent auction is 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Enjoy homemade ice cream, delicious kettle-cooked popcorn, fresh pressed apple cider made in an antique cider press, apple butter being stirred, an Amish bake sale highlighted by fresh pies and homemade bread, and delicious food including barbequed chicken, noodles, potato salad, and open-kettle baked beans, along with dessert. Don't forget to take some locally made Swiss cheese and trail bologna, along with fresh produce home with you.

Come early on Saturday morning for the "Early Bird" breakfast, which will be served starting at 7:00 with scrambled eggs and bacon done on an open



kettle, real stuffed sausage, pancakes, donuts and coffee or juice.

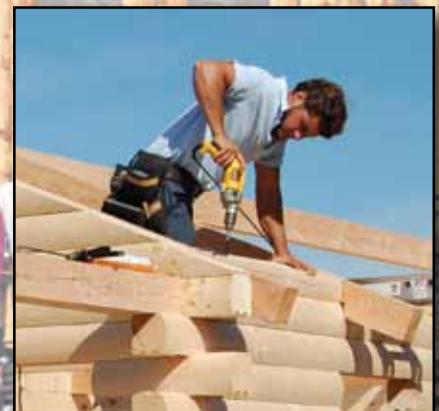
Proceeds from the sale of refreshments, bake sale, and silent auction will benefit the Mohican Parochial School and the American Cancer Society.

Last, but not least, both our models – the McKay and Blackfork – will be open for tours as well. While the Blackfork is at the Mill where the event is held, a trolley will shuttle people down to the McKay model.

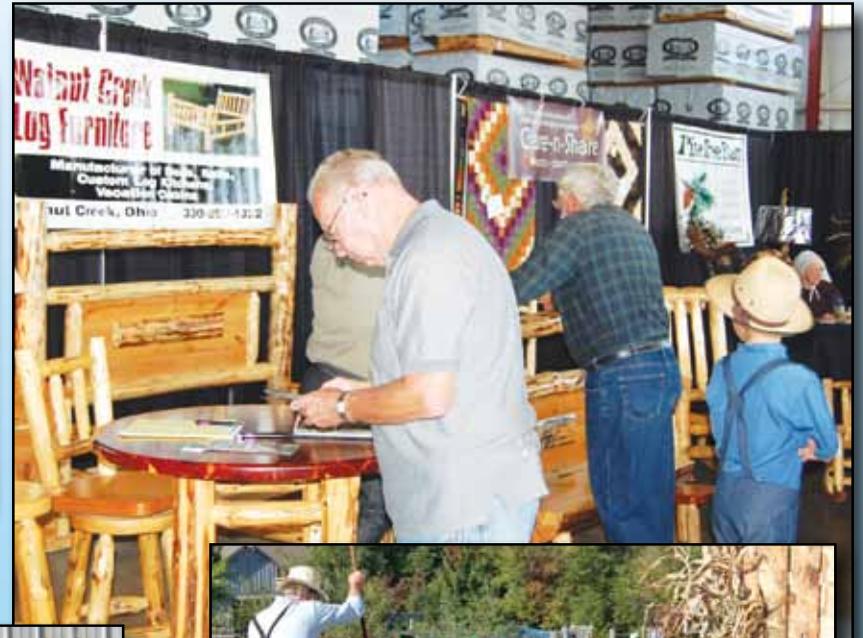
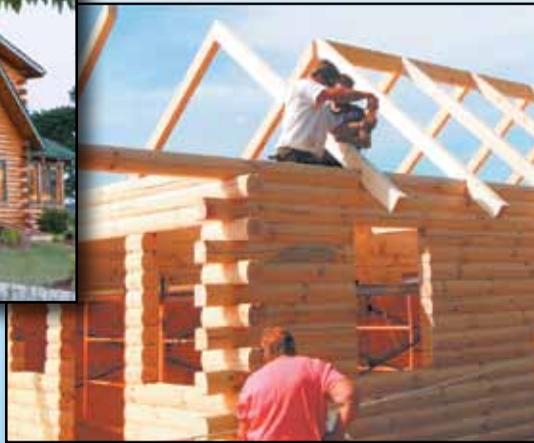
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1 DAY BEFORE LOG CABIN DAYS - SEE PAGE 3.

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Hold The Shovel! - By Levi Hochstetler

Every now and then we run into folks who approach us for a log home with their foundation already in. Their train of thought is to use their own cash today, put in the basement, and when financing comes through they will buy the package and finish their log home. This way, they reason, it won't be as long to finish their home once financing comes through.

Problem #1

Good luck getting financing! Banks don't like to lend on projects already started. This is because how do they know that you paid all the contractors and that there is no lien going against your property. Even if you have proof and know you paid all the contractors, that's not proof the contractors paid their suppliers. If per chance the mason didn't pay for the blocks, you might end up with a lien on your property. This could become a cat and mouse scenario where you don't want to pay them until they release the lien and they won't release until they have check in hand and it clears the bank. The bank's solution is to not give you financing until past the statute of limitations, which generally is around 3 months. So you could get stuck with an open foundation for a while.

Problem #2

You put in a foundation large enough for a 2,000 square foot log home. The bank had preapproved a \$200,000 loan based on your down payment of \$50,000. You finally sell your existing home for \$20,000 less than what you were expecting - money you were planning to use as part of your down payment.

Now the bank will only lend you \$150,000 with your down payment of \$30,000. Suddenly your budget has shrunk from \$250,000 to \$180,000. The dilemma is, you have a foundation for a 2,000 square foot home and you can only get financing for a 1,500 square foot home!

Problem #3

It reduces your flexibility when designing your log home. You or your designer have a bright idea, or you see something that you would like to incorporate into your plans, but can't because of the way the foundation is done. Sometimes you can make changes to the foundation, but it would be an added cost. Basically the foundation becomes the tail that wags the dog.

Problem #4

Codes can change over time. What you planned to build today may not be acceptable when you finish the home.

Problem #5

Subfloor decks and open foundation can deteriorate real fast, particularly in the winter. Even when you cover your decks, they are hard to completely seal off and if you do it's easy to get leaks in them.

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For anyone with dreams of owning a log home, **Log Home University** offers a unique opportunity to delve deep into the process of buying and building a custom log or timber home. Hochstetler Milling is honored that **Log Home University** has chosen to offer its half-day course on September 14 at this year's Log Cabin Days.

With over 20 years experience in the log and timber home industry as a builder, presenter Rob Clutter will share his knowledge, as well as his personal experiences from building his own log home dream. The class is organized by Home Buyer Publications, producers of *Log Home Living Magazine*, *Country's Best Cabins*, and *Timber Home Living Magazine*, as well as LogHome.com.

The class uses the premise that "Knowledge is Power." Participants will leave the course as well-educated buyers who will be able to avoid making costly mistakes that could derail their project of building the home they have always dreamed of.

The course will cover such topics as:

- Choosing the right location • Budgeting
- Design • Material selection • Incorporating "green" concepts into your home
- Choosing a builder • The construction process
- Proper care and maintenance

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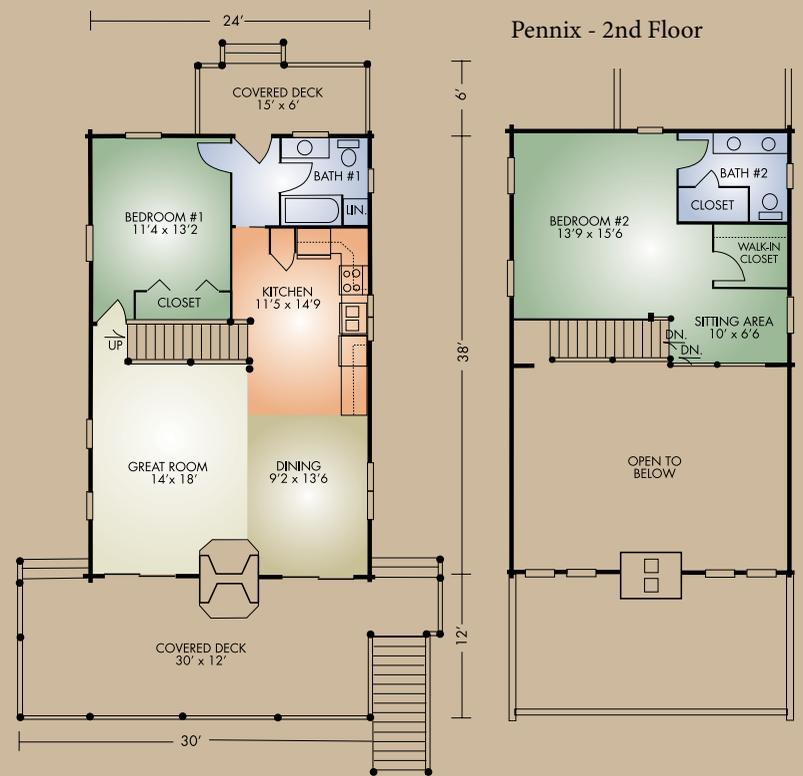
Best Kept Secret

In a rural area about 6 miles north of the small town of Mt. Gilead, Ohio lies Candlewood Lake, a picturesque lakeside community which is relatively unknown except for the residents who call it home. It is, indeed, a “best-kept secret” and probably will remain that way especially for folks like Dan and Judy Pennix, who cherish its solitude. The lake occupies about 250 acres of the total 1500 acres and includes the main lake, used primarily for recreational boating, and numerous secluded bays - perfect for fishing or just relaxing.

The Pennix’s purchased their lakefront lot six years ago with plans to build there when they retired. When Dan retired they started giving their “lakefront lifestyle” more attention. But not until they attended a Columbus log home show did their plans suddenly include one.

Although Hochstetler Milling had a booth at that show it wasn’t until they spotted a log home featured in a magazine that they noticed it was from Hochstetler - located in nearby Loudonville. They visited their two models and liked features of both the McKay and Blackfork - so they decided to combine them. Since theirs was a narrow lot the final plan resembled the Blackfork, especially from the outside but is considerably larger. Dan calls it, “a Blackfork on steroids.” They both started working with the “Hochstetler team,” and after making several preliminary plans finally settled on a plan they both liked. One of the major alterations was adding a walkout basement which led out to a full-length covered rear porch and was perfect for the barbecue grill and seating for guests. The large great room has a cathedral ceiling with large timbers and a massive stone fireplace. It opens out to a rear deck and offers a wonderful view of





the lake. The master bedroom is on the first floor and includes a walk-in closet and master bath with “his -and-hers” sinks.

Judy basically liked the log home ambience of the interior of the Blackfork but didn't want it to be too rustic - so her decorating is a tasteful blend of the traditional log style with contemporary furnishings and colors. She chose the 8X8 square log with dovetail corners and a light interior stain so the rooms are well-illuminated and inviting. Interior walls are mostly wood except for some areas like the kitchen cabinetry which is painted off white. Dan wasn't about to question his wife's taste (smart man!), so the decorating was mostly her ideas. His involvement was mostly focused on the construction and he seemed to really enjoy overseeing that.

Mahlon Hochstetler, owner of Buckeye Builders, was chosen as the builder and along with several members of his family, started construction in August, 2012. After about seven months the home was finished in March of 2013. Dan was lavish in his praise of Mahlon's work ethic and appreciative of his craftsmanship and how easy he and his crew were to work with. “I probably spent about 90% of my time along with them, not working but just observing.” The last part of the construction was the building and installation of the staircase. Dan wondered why they didn't put it up when they started on the second floor instead of using a ladder. Mahlon, a perfectionist, explained they didn't want to take a chance on scratching up the treads or railing in the staircase and possibly delaying the installation.

When asked what they liked most about living on the lake, Judy replied, “the quietness ... and, of course, my garden.” And Dan added, “its so relaxing here.” Since their home site is on one of the many small bays branching off the main lake they are isolated from the traffic and noise of the lake. One evening, while basking in the solitude of their rear deck a large shape caught her attention. A full grown bald eagle suddenly swooped down the backyard slope and deftly snatched a fish which had swam a little too close to the surface. Being close to nature is a source of constant wonderment and enjoyment but with sometimes startling consequences!

When asked what advice he would give to those considering a log home Dan said, “Determine where you want all your outlets and heat runs and put them on



your final blueprints.” Since logs are solid it is more difficult to add these later. Good advice.

The Pennix's exemplify what so many others have said about the log home lifestyle and the quiet, relaxation it provides. But an often unexpected benefit is the insulating value of the logs, and how economical (compared to a conventional home) a log home is. Judy added, “We didn't realize how cool it would be ... I set the thermostat at 72 degrees and forget it!”

I think it goes without saying that the Pennix's are very pleased with their beautiful home - located in the “best-kept secret!” 

Would you like to have your home featured in a future issue? Please submit pictures and a few words to Hochstetler Milling, 552 Hwy 95, Loudonville, OH 44842. If selected, someone will call you for an interview.

CABIN FEVER

“Water, Water Everywhere...” by Bill Dinkins



As kids, we often sought adventure without fully planning for the consequences. Our ill-fated fishing trip was no different.

We loved the great outdoors and two of our favorite pastimes were fishing and camping. This particular trip was at Pleasant Hill Lake and involved both. Armed with our little wooden boat, plus camping and fishing gear, we arrived at the lake on a bright, sunny day - anticipating a frying pan full of tender fish fillets cooked to a golden brown, later that evening. But after several hours of “dunking worms,” and with only 2 small bluegills to show for it, we headed back to shore as an unexpected rain started pelting us. It wasn't long 'till it became a torrential downpour and sunset gave way to night as a foggy mist lifted off the lake.

The four of us - William, David, Eli and myself, Joseph - decided to ride the storm out and hopefully, our luck would change come morning. So we huddled together in the boat, under a tarp, and dozed off to the musical tap, tap, tap, of rain drops all night long.

Next morning, we arose to see a lake shrouded in “pea soup” and visible for maybe 25' ahead. We were all soaked to some extent but that didn't stop us from starting a fire for breakfast. Not having dry paper to start the fire did, though. Eli quickly resolved that by “borrowing” a roll of toilet paper from the nearby outhouse and we were soon in business. Minus the fish, we had a few baked beans and jelly sandwiches for our “shore lunch” - not exactly what we had planned for.

As we sat quietly around the campfire a park ranger approached and could hardly keep from laughing as he peered through the heavy mist. “What are you boys smoking ... carp?” We all laughed and, considering the circumstances, thought that was probably not a bad idea. Eli, our spokesman, fi-

nally said, “Sorry sir, but we just spent the night here and thought we'd have breakfast.

“No problem, but you can't go out, the lake's flooded,” the ranger replied.

Soon after he left an elderly man approached with a stringer full of saugeye, nonchalantly swinging them as he walked. Occasionally, he'd look down and admire his catch - no doubt anticipating how delicious those golden brown fillets would taste later. As he got closer a broad grin crept across his weathered face and he asked, “Could you boys use a couple fish?” We were too dumbfounded to reply at first, but nodded simultaneously. David and William finally said, “Thank you, sir,” as we all looked at each other in disbelief. Maybe this day is not going to be so bad after all, I thought.



Do you have an interesting short story about a favorite memory of a log home? Maybe it's a childhood vacation, a weekend at the lake, or a day visiting a friend. Whatever you remember and love to tell others qualifies. Don't forget - a picture to go with your story makes it even more interesting. Please mail your submission to Hochstetler Milling, 552 Hwy. 95, Loudonville, OH 44842. **Hope to read about your log home adventure in a future issue!**



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