



David Brown took this stunning sunset photo of Schaefer Lake in 2015, soon after he and wife Susan moved into their Lakeshore Drive home. David liked the photo so much that he had the image enlarged and framed.

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Fishing season lures Lewis back onto the lake

Bill Lewis has a strong motivation for being the first lot owner to pay his Schaefer Lake association dues each spring. “Because I want to go fishing,” he said.

You’ll find Lewis, 79, eagerly paying his annual lake dues, allowing him to pick up his boat launch key and place his new registration sticker on his blue 17 and ½-foot Bass



Tracker boat – in search of feisty crappie and largemouth bass when water temperatures rise and muddy water from turbulent spring storms clears up enough for prime fishing season during May and June.

Bill Lewis has been living on and fishing on Schaefer Lake since June 1996 (Tom Jekel photos)



Bill Lewis went out in search of crappies, his favorite Schaefer Lake fish, on May 21. His lure also attracted a large catfish (top), however.

This is Lewis's 24th year on the lake. "The fishing is now the best ever," said Lewis, who lives on Lot 16, attributing some of that to the lake association's annual stocking program.

Already this spring, Lewis has caught a 6-pound, 4-ounce largemouth bass – the biggest he's caught on the lake -- along the shoreline in the deeper, southern end of the lake. "There's a world of bass 5 to 6 pounds," he said.

The morning of this interview, he caught two 12-inch crappies that were more than a pound each in a similar area of the lake. Bill has caught crappies up to 14 inches long in prior years. He likes that Schaefer Lake crappies are plentiful, meaning there are more to catch. His advice: When you feel a crappie bite, wait a second or two before setting the hook and then reel them in slowly to avoid losing them due to their soft mouths.

His go-to artificial lure for crappie is a chartreuse (green) Twister Tail. For largemouth bass, there are many more successful lures to use, but his favorites are purple artificial worms (close to natural color) and a variety of buzz baits, which make a buzzing sound as they skim the surface.

Lewis has a 50-horse Mercury motor on his Tracker boat to get across the lake, but uses a foot-operated trolling motor to work the shoreline. He prefers fishing in water that's 3 ½ to 4 feet deep, casting toward shore. "I throw for the rocks," he said.

According to Lewis, the best times to cast a lure are early morning, as early as 6 or 6:30 a.m., and early evening until it gets dark.

Lewis grew up in Burney, a town of 250 to 300 people in nearby Decatur County. He graduated from Burney High School in 1957, among a 17-person senior class. He started working in a factory after high school, but was able to make the switch to banking and ultimately became a branch manager for Union Bank and Trust in Greensburg and later Cummins Credit Union, now known as Centra Credit Union, in Greensburg and Columbus. Lewis finished his professional career with 8 years as a flight dispatcher for Rhoades Aviation at the Columbus Municipal Airport, retiring at age 67.

Bill and Ellen Charlene Lewis spent 55 years together as husband and wife until her death last April. The two had met on a blind date arranged through her cousin. Bill continues to be surrounded by family, especially daughter and son-in-law Kathy and Larry Houchens of nearby Columbus, who help him out with various things around the house each week. The household also includes Cricket, his 4-year-old Chihuahua.

If you see Bill out on the lake, don't hesitate to ask how the fishing is. He will be quick to tell you what's biting and where.

Fast start for spring fishing

The urge to go fishing came early this season for Caleb Teltoe, who has lived on Lot 15 for about five years with his wife Kim and their children. When he got a new promotional bass lure, he decided to try out the green pumpkin Z-Man TRD TubeZ lure.

On March 22, Teltoe borrowed a daughter's pole and was bouncing the lure on the lake bottom from his pier when he caught a 4-pound bass. It also worked when he fished off the pier of neighbors Mike and Jamie Champlin, landing a 2-pound bass. Teltoe likes fishing for bass, crappie and catfish when time allows.



Caleb Teltoe (right) with a bass he landed March 22, and the lure that attracted it (above).

Pay lake association dues before launching watercraft

Annual \$500 lake dues for members of the Schaefer Lake Lot Owners Association can be paid by contacting association board Treasurer Diane Jekel. When paying dues, association members should also turn in their boat-registration forms and pick up their launch gate keys and boat stickers. Dues must be paid before watercraft can operate on the lake for the new season. Many association members took advantage of a new distribution plan offered on Saturdays during April, but some payments are still outstanding. Contact Diane at 317-446-1414 to arrange payment and pickup of this year's launch key.

Garage sales around the lake June 15

A number of Schaeffer Lake residents are planning to hold garage sales on Saturday, June 15. Among them, Lois Vorthmann is holding hers from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feel free to join in and hold a sale yourself, or shop at your neighbors' sales. Watch for the signs.

Meet Your Neighbors: Mike and Maddy Williams

By Susan Brown



On the north side of the lake at Lot 65 live Mike and Maddy Williams. For some of you, they are old neighbors, but they are new neighbors to me since I had never met them until this interview. I am pleased that I now know them because they are easy to be around and fun to talk with.

How did Mike and Maddy end up at the lake? In 2005, Mike's brother Jim and his wife Sally bought the house on Lot 66 of Schaefer Lake. When Mike and Maddy came to visit them, they really liked the lovely setting. Interestingly enough, the house next door to Jim and Sally was for sale at that time. So, Mike and Maddy contacted the Realtor without Jim and Sally's knowledge and bought the house. What a surprise when Jim and Sally found out! Like most of us on the lake, Mike and Maddy wanted to add their own personal touches to their new home; and since they were living in Cincinnati at the time, they were able to make the desired changes over a period of years. This particular house is their favorite of the many places they've lived.

Maddy grew up in Pennsylvania, attended parochial schools there, and then went to Michigan State University where she earned degrees in anthropology and psychology. Afterward, Maddy stayed in East Lansing, Michigan, for about 15 more years. She was director of an art school for five years and then worked as a human resources manager and consultant at companies in Michigan and Ohio. As an avid reader, she wanted to pursue her dream of working in a library before retiring. What started out as a one-year experiment ended up being an enjoyable 11-year job at a public library.

Mike was born in Washington, Indiana, but he grew up in numerous places because his father worked for the railroad. Mike's family moved about every four years, so he also lived in Mattoon, Illinois; Bellefontaine, Ohio; Beech Grove, Indiana; and Cincinnati, Ohio. After graduating from Purcell Catholic High School in Cincinnati, Mike attended Ball State for 2 years, traveled for a year, and then enlisted in the Indiana National Guard. After basic training, he moved back to Cincinnati and attended the University of Cincinnati to earn a Criminal Justice degree. He then worked in several jails in the Cincinnati and northern Kentucky area before attending graduate school in Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. Desiring a career change, Mike worked as a property insurance adjuster for five years. After moving back to Cincinnati, he worked in various capacities in professional liability insurance. Then he worked five years at Sisters of Charity Health Systems, earned an MBA, and worked 23 years at Mercy Health Systems.

Mike and Maddy met in Michigan and were married in 1993. Mike had 3 sons from a previous marriage. Oldest son Terry lives in New York City, middle son Reid lives in South Carolina, and youngest son Ben lives in New Jersey. When Ben and his wife Nikki were expecting their first child, Mike and Maddy moved to New Jersey to be grandparents-on-call and assist with childcare. Thus, they ended up staying three years in New Jersey. When they moved permanently back to the lake in September of last year, the hardest thing was leaving their now-3-year-old granddaughter and 2-year-old grandson. However, Mike and Maddy now make a point to go to New Jersey multiple times a year to get their grandparent fix. They also have another grandchild who just graduated from high school in Michigan and will be attending Michigan State in the fall. Besides visiting children and grandchildren in Michigan and New Jersey, Mike and Maddy also have family in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin to visit periodically.

Favorite things about being at Schaefer Lake: the peacefulness of living on the lake, having Jim and Sally as next-door neighbors, and spending time with extended family since Jim and Sally's 5 daughters and 18 grandchildren come down from the Indy area to enjoy the lake. Mike and Maddy also really like the people who live on Schaefer Lake – of course!

OFF THE DEEP END

.....The lighter side of Lake living



By Mike Champlin



Healthy Living Recipe

By Shannon Dailey

Easy Shrimp Tacos

This recipe is perfect for those busy summer nights! It's quick and easy to whip up, tasty, and even healthy!

INGREDIENTS

2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

1/2 lb of shrimp peeled and deveined

Fiesta lime seasoning (Mrs. Dash) to taste but you can use any kind of seasoning with a spicy kick. I also add lime juice.

1/4 tsp Himalayan sea salt

1 small onion thinly sliced

1 green or red pepper thinly sliced

Hard or soft whole grain tortillas (I used corn tortillas) or you can use leaf lettuce instead of the shell

Optional Toppings

Lime to squeeze on the shrimp

Greek yogurt instead of sour cream

Black beans

Avocado

Tomatoes

Cheese (I used bleu cheese)

Lettuce

Salsa

Brown rice

Steamed corn

DIRECTIONS

Place oil in pan and heat on medium. In a small bowl combine the shrimp, fiesta lime seasoning, sea salt and stir. Then place in pan and cook 4 minutes or until done. Remove shrimp from pan and add in the onion and peppers and brown. Stir in shrimp and toss to combine then spoon into whole grain tortillas hard or soft! Serve with a side of grilled asparagus or side salad.

Upcoming area events



Monthly cruise-ins will be held the first Friday of each month June through

October on the Hope Town Square.

JUNE 2: Sunday Social at Yellow Trail Museum, 644 Main St., 2 to 4 p.m. Focus on Hartsville.

JUNE 5: A Universe of Stories Summer Celebration, 4:30 to 6 p.m., Hope Town Square. Organized by Hope Branch Library; games, other activities, food.

JUNE 7: Summer cruise-ins, first Friday of each month, June to October, 5 to 8 p.m., east side of square sponsored by Main Street of Hope. Night Owl Country Band, 6 to 8 p.m. Food, craft, produce vendors.

JUNE 28: Old-Fashioned Independence Day, 5 to 9 p.m. Opens with crafts, games, contests, food; Miss Sparkler and Lil Mr. Firecracker Competition, 5:30 p.m.; kiddie parade, 5:45 p.m.; Banister Family Band, 7:15 p.m.; fireworks at dusk. Free event at Hope Town Square. Info: 812-546-4673.



Minutes of recent board discussion, actions

SLLOA Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 9, 2019 7 p.m.
Brad Anderson's House

Attendance: Rob Daly, Rob Dailey, Diane Jekel, Brent Engel, Brad Anderson, Candy Towsley, Dean Parrish

1. Review March Minutes Candy
(Provided electronically) Dean move, Rob Daly 2nd pass
2. Treasurer's Report & Financial Update Diane
 - Strong start on collections
 - Each board member to have stickers, keys & registrations so if someone comes to us, we can provide.
3. Easter Egg Hunt Candy
 - Cards sent, will post on Facebook, then complete
4. Update on Dredging/Spillway Brent
 - Dredging
 - Lay out next steps: Create committee, research properties, visit Santee, other site visits, etc.
 - Have received both positive & negative feedback.
 - Spillway
 - Scott to send the final quotes from Burke to Board. Board will vote via email on which to proceed.
5. Follow up with actions from discussion with lawyer
 - bylaw and convents Rob D
 - One volunteer for a bylaws committee
6. Update on smart lock proposal Dean
 - Not finding an easy solution, continue with standard lock, key distribution
7. Key distribution results Diane
 - 1st week went well, Diane, others to be available rest of April Saturday mornings
8. Follow up on volunteer's card responses Candy
9. Action items Updates:
 - Update to LOA Emergency Action Plan Candy
 - Minor corrections from markup
 - Can email blast & Facebook post when we update the directory
 - Follow up on LOA park Rob Dailey
 - No action taken
 - Follow up on valve maintenance Anthony
 - Need something firm under dock by spring. – Done
 - Brent, Dean & Anthony to address
 - Follow up with lawyer on bylaws change, other Rob Dailey
 - See above
 - Follow up on GoDaddy, Stamps.com & adobe accounts Candy
 - Still working on these.
 - Board voted to pursue a new LOA credit card
 - Moved by Rob Daly, 2nd by Dean, motion passed

- Once received, cancel previous one.
 - After board transitions, we need to develop a better transition plan.
 - Where are the binders for board member's roles?
 - Need to avoid massive turnover like happened in 2018
 - Need a document that describes what happens 1st meeting of new board (Excel file?)
 - Candy to compile
 - Follow up on Lake Santee (selling dredging materials?) Dean
 - Covered above
 - Brent to ask for dredging committee members, offer visit to Santee
 - Covered above
10. Walk In's Anyone
- DNR Report
 - Mole tracks on dam
 - When it's warm, need to reposition dam buoys
 - Directories
 - Need to re-print.
 - Use dock key handout to update information
 - Candy to pursue with Membership committee
11. Next meeting: where, when, who host?
- May 16th, 7:00 Brad Anderson's house

Our leadership team

Officers and other board members on the Schaefer Lake Lot Owners Association board:

President – Rob Dailey

Vice President – Brent Engel

Treasurer – Diane Jekel

Secretary – Candy Towsley

Members at large – Rob Daly, Anthony Paul, Dean Parrish and Brad Anderson (there is one board opening).

What's next: The SLLOA board's next meeting will be 7 p.m. June 12 at Brad Anderson's house. While anyone is welcome to attend, it is helpful to let the board know in advance if there are issues you would like to address so they can be placed at the top of the agenda.

Helpful information links

SLLOA website:

sloa.com/

The Republic daily newspaper in Columbus:

therepublic.com

Town of Hope, 404 Jackson St., Hope

Townofhope.org

HSJ (Hope Star Journal) Online:

hsjonline.org/

Community Center of Hope, 543 Washington St., Hope

communitycenterofhope.org/

Yellow Trail Museum, 644 Main St., Hope

yellowtrailmuseum.wixsite.com/yellowtrailmuseum

Columbus Area Visitors Center

columbus.in.us/

Bartholomew County Public Library (536 Fifth St., Columbus; 635 Harrison St., Hope)

<https://www.mybcpl.org/home>



From the newsletter editor

Thanks to all of the contributors for this edition of the lake association newsletter. If you have questions or content suggestions, please contact newsletter editor Tom Jekel at 812-344-4325, through his email at paperguys2@gmail.com or the LOA email: Schaefer.lake@yahoo.com. See you on the lake!