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## President's Corner

Mike Bryant ( [mjbryant@email.com](mailto:mjbryant@email.com) )

It's been a very busy spring and summer, but fortunately I have been able to find time to go fly fishing. Fishing in my annual tarpon trip in May was the slowest I have seen in eight years. High winds since January dropped the water temperature. We saw very few tarpon and the few we did see weren't biting. But we were in the Keys, and the weather, food and sunsets were great. And there is nothing like catching a tarpon on a fly, so we'll be back again next year. On a different trip my wife, Jan caught her first trout on a fly in April. We fished the Davidson and Tuskegee Rivers in western North Carolina -- beautiful country and nice trout streams that are only 5-6 hours away from Cincinnati.

Though we're into the summer, our club is still very busy. As announced at the June meeting, we've met our funding goal (over \$10,000) for the upcoming Casting For Recovery Retreat in August. **This is a huge milestone!!** Thanks to everyone who helped in the fundraising and in your donations. This is going to be a great opportunity for women with breast cancer to spend a weekend away from the worries of the world and a great opportunity to for our club to give back. **Many thanks to Debbie Hampton and the team for all their hard work.**

Summer time also means casting classes. Beginner Casting Classes are schedule for July and Intermediate Casting Classes are scheduled for August.

Summer time also means outdoor meetings. The July and August meetings will be held at the private picnic grounds on a 17 acre island owned by Little Miami Canoe Livery in downtown Morrow (same location as last year's August picnic). It's an easy location to reach, right on the waters of the Little Miami River.

**The July meeting on the 14th, will include a swap meet, so it's time to clean out the closet and tying desk of equipment and materials you will never use. We will conduct an auction for the materials and equipment donated by Mike Suo's wife. Proceeds will be used in our education programs. And to top off the evening, Jim Hampton will have an expanded raffle program with some great prizes.**

**The August meeting will again be our annual family picnic.** It's a great opportunity to relax, fish the Little Miami or Todd's Fork and maybe practice your casting.

And don't forget about our Day Trips scheduled once per month through September. It's a great way to learn new fisheries, make new friends and improve your skills. Check the calendar or our website for more information.

Finally, we've started planning for the fall trips, including the annual fall salmon trip on the Pere Marquette River. This is always one of our most popular club trips. So if you plan on attending, please contact Joe Guenther to make your reservations.

Have a great and safe summer. Hope to see you at the July meeting.

## The July Swap Meet is Finally Here!!!

### Jim LeBlond

The July Swap Meet is a meeting you can't afford to miss. We will have some incredible deals on some gently used fishing equipment and extra tying materials. If you have some items you don't need or use anymore, bring them to the meeting. If you really are looking to upgrade your equipment, bring the old equipment to the meeting and offer it for sale. All items should be clearly marked with your name and asking price. So bring your gently used quality fishing equipment, bring your extra tying materials bring your friends, bring your family, bring your neighbors, bring your cash and you might just come home with a "reel bargain."

## Giving Back

### Jim LeBlond

The mark you leave in this world is not measured in worldly goods, but rather it is measured in the good you do and the lives you touch. Although **Mike Suo** is no longer among us, I would like to think his generosity & spirit will continue on with us forever. After careful contemplation, his family has very graciously decided to give BUFF his prized fly tying and rod building equipment. The Board has decided to designate his rod building equipment for use in our rod building classes. The fly tying equipment will be available for purchase at our July swap meet. Mike was prudent in his choice of materials and equipment. His **Renzetti vice, hand tied flies**, and **quality hackles** in particular, should hold a very special place in the memory of all those that tied with him. Please make a point to come to the July meeting and bid high for these items. If you are unable to attend the July meeting and are truly interested in placing a high bid on an item, please let a board member know. All proceeds will be earmarked towards the purchase of an outdoor battery operated PA system with wireless head microphone. I don't think we could have come up with a more fitting tribute to honor his memory.

Along these lines, we are seeking 14 quality individuals to give back and help to touch the lives of the 14 breast cancer survivors that will be attending our Casting For Recovery event in August. Specifically, we are **seeking 14 "River Helpers"** to act as guides & assistants for these women on Sunday August 29th. You will be expected to arrive at 8:30 AM at Deer Creek State Park and assist as needed until around 1:00 that afternoon. We will also need volunteers to go up and scout the area and determine 14 suitable fishing sites. We will also hold a training meeting before the event.

This is the only portion of the weekend that may be attended by men. This is your opportunity to help these women put into practice some of the recently learned fly fishing skills & knowledge learned during the retreat. All assistants are required to complete volunteer applications available on our Website and we're seeking the best people we can get to help. I have an outline of the duties of a River Helper, but it begins with a love for the sport, the willingness to serve and the desire to help. You do not need extensive skills and guiding expertise to participate – you just need the basic knowledge, patience and willingness to help. If you are interested in helping us, please contact Jim LeBlond (tel. 561-8957 or email [jimleb@fuse.net](mailto:jimleb@fuse.net)), or Patti Howell (tel. 683-7138 or email [phowell@fuse.net](mailto:phowell@fuse.net)).

# FALL SALMON TRIP 2004

## Joe Guenther

As the temperature rises and the dog days of summer are here, it's time that we start thinking about our fall fishing. One trip you should definitely take part in is the annual Buckeye United fall salmon trip to the Pere Marquette River in Michigan.

This has been one of our most popular trips year after year, and for good reason. The weather is generally very pleasant. The accommodations are second to none, and, last, but not least, the fishing – that is what it's all about! The King Salmon go on their annual fall spawning run. The dates of our trip coincide with this great event. The number of fish in the river vary from year to year. If you have been on this trip before, you know exactly what I am talking about, and if not, you've probably heard other members telling fishing stories that were almost unbelievable. If you have never been on this trip before, we strongly encourage that you sign up and go. All of our members should experience this chance for some of the best fishing anywhere to be found. Fish range from the 15 to 30 pound class, and it is not unheard of for anglers hooking well over a dozen fish a day!

We will be staying at Barothy Lodge, which are newly built log cabins with fireplaces, pool tables, and jacuzzis. These are not your average fishing cabins – they are plush! Also, each evening we will have a catered dinner served at your cabin. If you were to do a trip like this on your own, it would cost well over a thousand dollars. Working together, we are able to divide the cost making it very affordable for everyone. Please consider this memorable trip – we need sign-ups as quickly as possible!

**Equipment needed:** 7—9 weight fly rod, disc drag reel, light weight waders will suffice, polarized glasses are a must ( this is sight fishing), wading jacket with large pockets is a good idea.

**Suggested Flies:** Egg patterns, Michigan green caddis, black stoneflies, streamers, nymph patterns.

**Dates and Price:** **September 21, 22, 23.** Check In time is 4:00 pm on September 21, and we will be leaving Michigan on the 24<sup>th</sup> – departure time is noon. **The price is \$220 per person**, based on full booking. This includes your lodging, catered evening meals, and gratuity, to be paid in full in advance. This way you have nothing to worry about while you are up there!. Fish , eat and enjoy! Additional nights are available on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> for an additional charge, if anyone is interested.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please **contact Joe Guenther at 513-724-6343**, as soon as possible, to get signed up on the list, or if you have any questions. Payments **MUST** be made by July 20. Checks need to be made out to Buckeye United Fly Fishers. Everyone is welcome and we hope you can make it!

## The Education Corner

### Lou Haynes

**The education directors will continue to have an education table at each of the indoor meetings starting in September. The intent is to present helpful tips/information that will expand the fly fishing skills of our less experienced members. We are looking for 1-2 members who would like to help plan the program and setup the table at the meetings. Anyone interested please call or e-mail me (513-777-4854; bdhaynes@one.net).**

# Three Hours on the Cumberland River

## Dave Jones

On a recent trip to Lake Cumberland State Park, I had the chance to fish the Cumberland River. I had talked with Steve Groome about locations where wading would be available, since I would only have a few hours to fish. He suggested Helm's Landing as the place, and what a place it was!

I fished about three hours and caught four rainbow trout in the 9-10 inch range. I had two other hits, but I was either sleeping at the switch or admiring the scenery. For the better part of my time, I used a wooly bugger with and without a bead head in black, green, brown, yellow and white. I also tried the elk hair caddis but it didn't produce either. Finally, I switched to a Variation Clouser Nymph and began having the fun noted above. This was my best outing fishing a nymph.

Power generation started at noon and the increased flow was to arrive at Helm's Landing around 1PM; it came at 1:10PM. It is scary and amazing how quickly the water rose. The website indicated the flow at over 21000 cubic feet per second; that is a lot of water! It is no place to fish alone!!



## Parky's Farm

### Ken West

We couldn't have asked for a nicer day last Saturday at Parky's Farm. Beautiful weather, catfish and large bluegill seem to be the order of the day. The turnout was great with plenty of fish caught by all. The largest was a catfish that was 24 inches long, caught by a young girl. The smallest was a bluegill just shy of 2 inches, caught by a 'nameless person'. If you haven't been yet, you've missed a wonderful opportunity to see a bunch of kids smile.

Thanks very much to all who helped with the program:

Charles Svarda  
Davy Jones  
Greg Johnson  
Bruce James  
Bob Rohrbach  
Bill Huber  
Donn Rubingh  
Larry Hake

*Editor's Note: This is a reprint of a past Buffer article written by a Buff member who was then relatively new to the sport of flyfishing. He has since become deeply involved in Buff, has served as Vice President, and has established the Buff Education program – and has become an accomplished fly fisherman!*

## **A Rookie in West Virginia Trout Waters**

### **Lou Haynes**

A couple of local retired friends of mine, Joe Mohlenkamp (NKFF) and Ralph Hamrick, traveled with me to West Virginia to explore trout fishing. We met Charles Brown in Rainelle on Friday afternoon. Charles is a cousin of Ralph's who has fished trout all around WV most of his life. He agreed to show us some good spots to try. On Friday evening we stayed in Richwood, an old lumber town on the edge of the Monongahela National Forest.

The next morning Charles took us on a 1 ½ hour drive through the park along the Highland Scenic Highway to a catch-and-release section on the Slatyfork of the Elk River. We arrived at the stream at about 10 am to see, much to our disappointment, several cars in the parking lot. Fortunately, most of the people were on a TU stream cleanup mission and weren't fishing.

We piled out of the car, put on our gear, and headed for the water. We crossed over an old railroad trestle to the other side of the stream where access was better. The stream was fairly large – about the size of the Little Miami River. Charles and I took the second pool below the trestle. The pool was about 100 feet long, deep and fast upfront tailing into a nice riffle below. Charles took the lower end. I tied on a size 12 pheasant tail with a size 16 bird's nest in tan and gray as a dropper. My first few drifts yielded zip, while Charles landed a couple of nice rainbows. I decided the nymphs weren't getting deep enough in the fast current, so I added some lead putty to the leader and tried again. About the third drift, my line tightened, I lifted the rod and wham a solid snag! I broke my tippet, losing both nymphs. I retied, and, about 10 minutes later, I was ready to go again. Over the next half hour or so I managed to land 3 nice rainbows between 12 and 14 inches. Dave Feldman will be glad to know that the first fish christened the net I built in his net building class this past winter.

It was about noon and the guys were on their way back to the car for lunch. I decided to try a few drifts in a nice deep pool just below a large log lying across the stream. I stealthily crept up to a good spot (ha!), made a few drifts without success when suddenly a giant flying critter came fluttering across the water directly toward me. I think it was a March Brown. It hit the water about five feet in front of me, and to my surprise a trout immediately inhaled it. I quickly tied on a March Brown imitation Joe bought for me from Delamere and Hopkins. On the first drift I hooked and landed a nice 12 inch brown. On the third cast I caught another the same size. An awesome experience for this rookie!

After lunch we drove back near Richwood to the Cranberry River. This river was slightly larger than the Slatyfork, with some deep pools and nice riffles – at places at least 100 feet across. That afternoon I caught 5 or 6 fish on nymphs – mainly gray and tan bird's nests which I might say I tied myself. Great feeling!. The area we fished on the Cranberry was a 2 ½ mile stretch of catch-and-release water. Sad to say I saw a couple of worm boxes at one of the deep pools, (and picked them up, and deposited them in a proper trash can)..

On Sunday morning we decided to try another catch-and-release area on the North Fork of the Cherry River. The Cherry River passes right through Richwood, so we didn't have far to drive. Before heading to the stream we stopped at the local fly shop for the latest update. While there I picked up a couple of elk hair caddis and tan caddis fly imitations as suggested by the owner.

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We parked in the National Forest Ranger parking lot which is streamside, geared up and walked down the bank to the river. The river, about the size of the East Fork, was clear with a few deep holes, but mostly shallow riffles in this stretch. Joe and Ralph headed upstream, and I started down. Since no hatches were evident, I tied on an elk hair caddis as my offering. The darn fly wouldn't sink, so I added some lead putty to my leader (I didn't know at the time that the elk hair is a dry fly – a rookie mistake!). I did catch a couple of small 6 – 8 inch brookies with this set-up. I noticed a fish take something from the surface in a riffle near me so I decided to try the tan caddis dry fly and proceeded to catch 4 more small brookies by lunch. It sure was exciting to see the fish attack the dry fly!

This was a rewarding and successful trip for me. The streams were great, and the scenery beautiful.

Some things this rookie learned from this trip:

1. I found it more fun to fish with dry flies than nymphs. Strikes are sure more obvious, and it's exciting to see the fish take the fly.
2. The water is cold – when you accidentally sit down in midstream. It's also embarrassing when someone is watching!
3. I talked to a few local fly fishermen who were catching lots of fish and were willing to tell me what they were using. In most cases I didn't know what their flies were or looked like. Clearly I need to bone up on my fly and aquatic insect knowledge.
4. Beavers can scare the c--- out of you! There is a long quiet pool headed by a long shallow riffle near where we parked. A couple of beavers were busily working in the pool, and didn't seem to be shy of people. I was standing in mid-riffle, casting to a rising fish, when suddenly I looked down to see this beaver swim by within 2 feet of me. He must have been 6 feet long, and weighed about 300 pounds (I had learned to exaggerate a little from Bob Goldsberry at the Hardies Lie and Tie sessions). Anyway, I almost did a flip in midstream!
5. I found it very hard to tie on flies late in the evening and in the deep shadows during the day. Three pound tippet is hard enough to see in bright daylight. Try as I might, light weight tippet seems to have an aversion to going through the hookeye in low light. For my next trip I'm thinking of pre-tying some appropriate flies to tippets, storing them in little bags, and simply attaching them to the later with loops when it gets hard to see. 🐟

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## Intermediate/Instructor Fly Casting Classes

### Jim LeBlond

Sign up for the Intermediate / Instructor Fly-Casting Classes will begin at the July meeting. If you are interested, please sign up at the meeting or contact Jim LeBlond (tel. 561-8957 or email [jimleb@fuse.net](mailto:jimleb@fuse.net)). To participate in the class you must be able to cast 45 feet on command. You must also have a commitment to attend the classes and earmark time to practice and improve your stroke. Fee for the class is \$40 and is non-refundable. The five classes will be held on Sundays in late August and throughout September. Exact locations, times and dates are still to be determined. The sign up will be limited to the first twelve paid, after which we will begin a wait list. This class will be a lot of fun and a great learning experience. If you think you have good cast, we'll make it better. If you think you know a good bit about casting, you will still learn a thing or two. If you've plateaued we can give you the skills and knowledge to take yourself to the next level. (PS - BUFF Certified Instructors, I will definitely need your help too!)

# 2004 Calendar of Events

## JULY

- Jul 1 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Jul 10 **Day Trip Twin Creek**
- Jul 11 **Beginning Casting Class** Dave Uckotter
- Jul 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7 – 9 pm  
Little Miami Canoe Park  
Social and education hour 6 pm
- Jul 17 **Women in Outdoors w/Bass Pro - Colerain Twp.**
- Jul 18 **Beginning Casting Class** Dave Uckotter
- Jul 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 – 9 pm  
Outdoor World Members welcome
- Jul 25 **Beginning Casting Class** Dave Uckotter

## AUGUST

- Aug 5 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Aug 14 **BUFF Picnic** Little Miami Canoe Park
- Aug 14 **Day Trip** on Little Miami River
- Aug 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 – 9 pm  
Outdoor World Members welcome
- Aug 21 **Little Miami Program**—Nisbet Park
- Aug 25 **Lie & Tie East** Batavia Presbyterian Ch. 7-9 pm General fly tying and storytelling
- Aug 27 – 29 **Casting for Recovery Retreat**
- Aug 29 **Casting Instructor Class**

## SEPTEMBER

- Sep 2 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Sep 3 **Parky's Farm Field Trip Day**
- Sep 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7 – 9 pm  
Raffel's on Reading Rd.  
Social and education hour 6 pm
- Sep 10 **Parky's Farm Field Day**
- Sep 11 **Parkey's Farm Fishing Program Family Day**
- Sep 12 **Casting Instructor Class**
- Sep 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 – 9 pm  
Outdoor World Members welcome
- Sep 17 **Parky's Farm Field Trip Day**
- Sep 18 **Day Trip Little Darby**
- Sep 19 **Casting Instructor Class**
- Sep 21-23 **Fall Salmon Trip**
- Sep 24 **Parky's Farm Field Trip Day**
- Sep 25 **Green Acres Foundation Family Day**  
On Little Miami River
- Sep 26 **Casting Instructor Class**

## OCTOBER

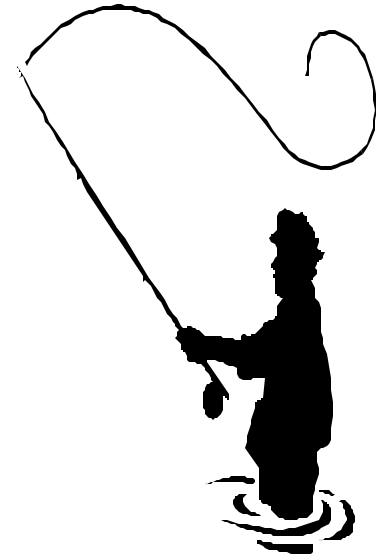
- Oct 3 **Casting Instructor Class**
- Oct 7 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Oct 8 – 10 **Roger Lowe Trout Trip**
- Oct 8 **Parky's Farm Field Trip Day**
- Oct 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7 – 9 pm  
Raffel's on Reading Rd.  
Social and education hour 6 pm
- Oct 15 **Advanced Tying Class**
- Oct 16 **Day Trip Mad River**
- Oct 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 – 9 pm  
Outdoor World Members welcome
- Oct 22 **Advanced Tying Class**
- Oct 29 **Advanced Tying Class**
- Oct 30-31 **Rockwell Springs fishing trip**

## NOVEMBER

- Nov 4 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Nov 4 – 7 **Arkansas Red River Trip**
- Nov 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting**, 7-9 pm  
Raffel's on Reading Rd  
Social hour 6 pm
- Nov 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 – 9 pm  
Outdoor World Members welcome

## DECEMBER

- Dec 2 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Dec 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting**, 7-9 pm  
Raffel's on Reading Rd  
Social hour 6 pm
- Dec 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 – 9 pm  
Outdoor World Members welcome



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Open Fly Fishing Show  
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Debbie Hampton Banquet

Patti Howell

Please note that there are open positions!! If you would like to get more involved, volunteer for a job!!!

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**6/2004 B.U.F.F. Financial Report**  
**(rounded to dollar amount)**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$19,563</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
June Dinners	\$660
Membership	\$240
Raffle	\$255
Match the Hatch	\$18
Casting Class	\$25
Interest	\$3
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1201</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Raffels – Dinners	\$670
P.O. Lock Box	\$68
Elan (Bank Charge)	\$10
Newsletter (Printing and Stamps)	\$505
Barothy Lodge Deposit	\$2250
Raffle	\$816
Out Reach	\$18
Education	\$11
Banquet	\$10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4358</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,406</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>CD</b>	<b>\$5043</b>

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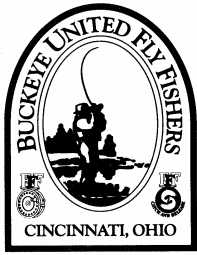
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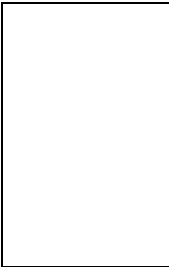


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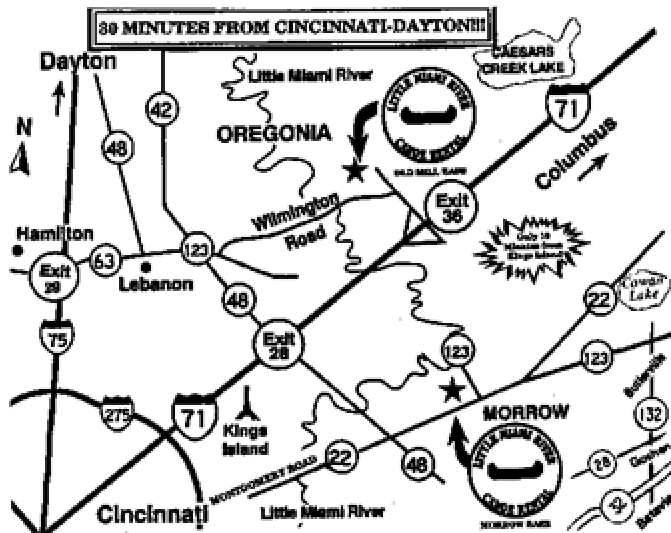
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**Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday -- July 14**

CALL 779-4489 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT [WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM](http://WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM) FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$5.00/PERSON FOR THIS MONTH'S CATERED MEAL. SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED A 7 PM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 8)



**From Cincinnati - I-71 North to Exit 28 (Lebanon / South Lebanon Exit) Turn LEFT. Follow Rt. 48 to third traffic light (Rte. 22). Turn LEFT. Follow Rt. 22 (Montgomery Road) five minutes to Morrow. In Morrow turn LEFT at second traffic light (State Route 123). Drive 1 block.**

- OR -

I-275 to the Montgomery Rd Exit (Exit 50). Turn RIGHT off exit ramp and follow Montgomery Rd to Morrow. In Morrow turn LEFT at second traffic light (Rt. 123). Go 1 block

**From Clermont County - Rt. 132 North to Butleville, Then Rt. 123 North to Morrow. Office at Rt. 123 & river.**