

birds, reptiles and amphibians. There are wildcats around again, but you likely won't see any.

For real adventure, one can drive the scenic byway that stretches along state Route 78 between Glouster and McConnessville.

It is a winding, roller-coaster ride of a highway with stunning views of Ohio's upland forest country.

Burr Oak State Park also features a 60-room lodge and 30 family cabins that overlook the lake on its eastern side.

The park's centerpiece is the timber-framed, balconied public lounge with a cathedral ceiling and picture windows overlooking the lake.

Facilities include a 500-foot swimming beach, tennis courts, basketball court, nature center, picnic shelter, lounge, gift shop, playground equipment, indoor pool and a boat launch ramp.

The park offers 95 camp sites plus three rent-an-RV. Primitive camping is also permitted at Boat Docks No. 2 and 3.

The main campground is especially popular on summer holiday weekends and the cabins book early from Memorial Day through the end of deer-hunting season.

There is a 10-horsepower limo on the lake. Five boat launches and rental boats are available at the two marinas on the lake.

The lake is long and narrow with quiet coves and backwaters. It is popular with anglers.

There are seven old covered bridges at the bottom of the lake that are popular with scuba divers.

Named for tree

The park - it was created in 1952 - got its name from the hamlet of Burr Oak. It in turn was named after the tree (usually spelled bur oak) that were once plentiful in southeast Ohio.

The old giants rose more than

structures will be similar to the re-created On-A-Slant Village at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park near Mandan.

There will be another big L&C event in 2006 in New Town, N.D., focusing on the Indian guide Sacagewea, who joined Lewis and Clark in North Dakota.

For more information, check out the Internet site at www.circleofcultures.com. You can also contact the Bismarck/Mandan Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800-767-3555.

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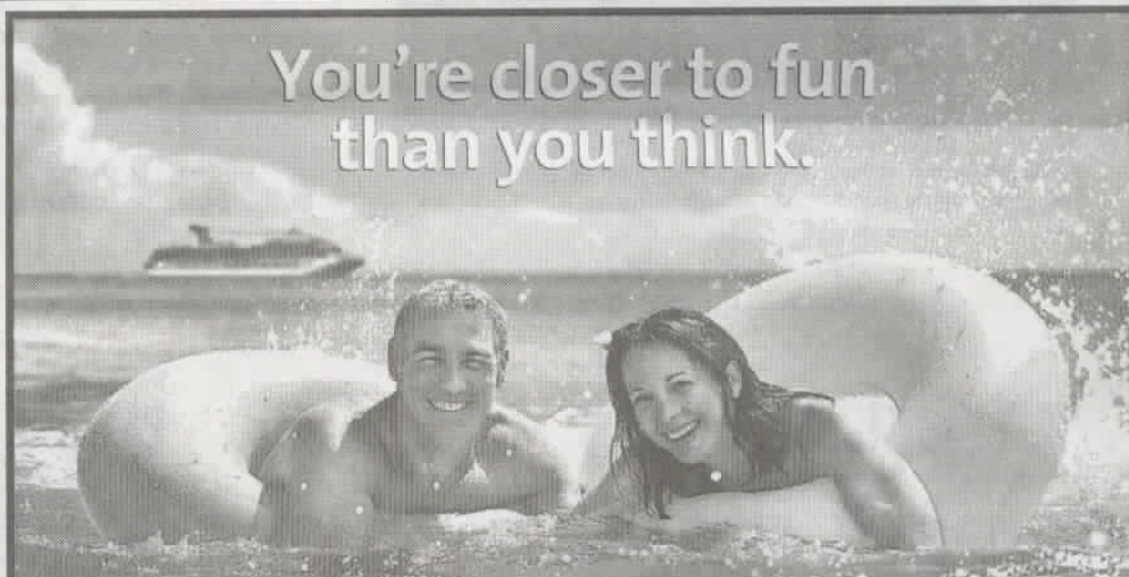


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