

LETTERS

IN THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Drainage unjustified

I am writing in regard to Bohemia Inc.'s draining of the Horton mill pond located near the town of Blachly. This was a waste of a recreational resource and a scenic reservoir.

It used to be common to see fishermen along the banks and in boats throughout the pond. Fishing is entirely impossible now. The pond was also a very popular local swimming hole. That, too, has been taken away. As a recreational source, the pond is now a waste.

Aside from recreational activities, the Horton mill pond was once pleasurable to look upon. Now it is nothing more than a barren mud flat. Upon that barren mud flat, there is everything from fish flopping aimlessly within the mud to raccoons feasting on the fish without realizing that their source of food will soon be permanently exhausted. A very large portion of local wildlife will suffer from Bohemia's draining of the pond.

By draining the pond, Bohemia also took away a major source of fire prevention. If there were to be a fire near the area, the biggest source of water with which to fight the fire would be gone.

Bohemia may believe its drainage of the pond was justified for its own reasons, but the losses should seem obvious to all. In my opinion, the drainage of the pond was not justified, and the disadvantages outweigh the advantages by far, removing many aspects that were important to the wildlife and people around the former Horton mill pond.

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