

Area woman designs home on cover of Timber Home Living

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Sue Amstutz was thrilled to check her mail recently and find the cover of "Timber Home Living" magazine showcases a home that she designed.

The Ashland resident has been designing custom homes for Shrock Premier Custom Construction in Loudonville for 10 years and Oakbridge Timber Framing, also in Loudonville, for two years.

Both Shrock and Oakbridge were involved in building a get-away home located on Apple Valley Lake in Knox County. Amstutz said that while

working with the homeowners, they told her, "the kitchen sink must look out to the lake." So she designed the home around that idea with lots of views of the water.

"It is a beach home — very open concept," she said. "It has a very welcoming, open, warm and earthy feel to it. It has elements of a traditional style with rustic touches and, of course, being a timber frame, it's a very organic feel."

The issue is expected to be on newsstands until February.

This isn't the first time one of Amstutz's designs has been featured by the magazine. She designed her fam-

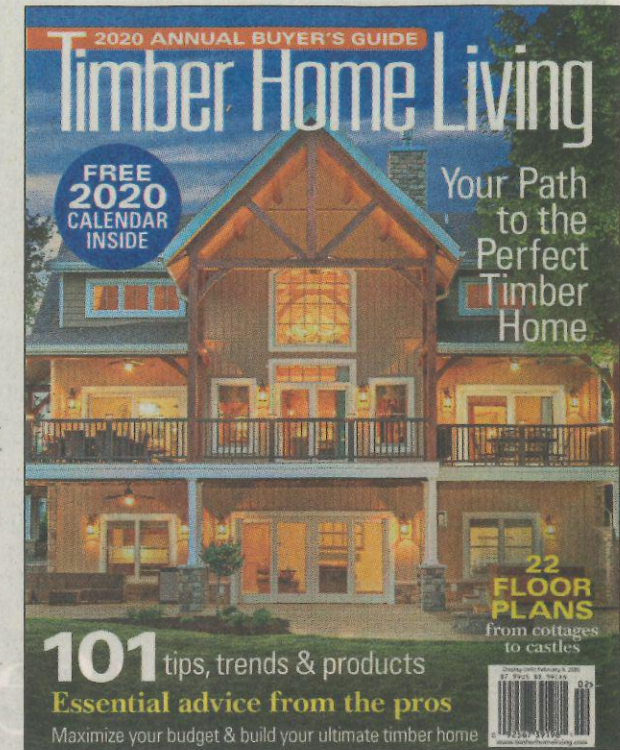
ily's home, a hybrid of a timber frame and traditional frame, that was featured in "Timber Home Living" in 2004 but not on the cover.

Amstutz has always been in the arts. She taught on and off in Ashland University's Theater Department for 10 years. Her classes included teaching theater aesthetics.

"I was looking ahead to another creative challenge," she said about moving on to home design.

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This home featured on the recent cover of Timber Home Living is on Apple Valley Lake and was designed by Sue Amstutz, of Ashland. This get-away home has three floors and 4,745 square feet.



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