LAKE LORMAN COMMUNITY NEWS

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AirCare from UMMC

Lake Lorman might be out in the country, but Jackson has gotten a little closer for us when we need emergency medical care thanks to a joint effort by the Southwest Madison County Fire Department and the AirCare team from University of Mississippi Medical Center. Captain Ben Hawthorne, a gate 7 neighbor, reported that a helicopter pilot and flight medic from the AirCare team recently conducted a training class at the station on Lake Cavalier Road for the volunteer firemen of the Southwest department.





Ben explained the men learned how to establish a landing zone for the copter and how to communicate with the crew. Several landing locations around the area were identified, including Twin Lakes Baptist Church and behind the fire station, where the helicopter landed for the training. From the time the firemen in our district put in a call for the helicopter from UMMC to the patient's arrival at the hospital can take less than twenty minutes. The plan is to get here in 10 minutes and arrive back at the hospital in 5 to 7 minutes, he said.

There are three scenarios in which a helicopter might be dispatched here, Ben noted. The first is if there is a bad accident and someone needs to be extricated from a car or some machinery. A copter would also come in certain high risk cases of cardiac arrest when advanced personnel are needed on the scene. Thirdly if there is an ambulance service overload and an ambulance would be delayed in arriving here, the AirCare helicopter would be sent.





In addition to the pilot, the crew consists of flight nurses and flight medics. If warranted, such as in the case of some "jaws of life" situations a surgeon might also be on board the helicopter if a long extrication time is anticipated. Ben added the copter also has special equipment and capabilities and some advanced things can be done by the AirCare crew that the ambulance staff cannot do.

According to the UMMC Department of Helicopter Transport website there are now two helicopters at the hospital and one in Meridian. The AirCare teams have safely transported 16,000 patients over two million miles.

In other news about emergency medical transport, the Board of Supervisors recently signed a contract with Pafford Emergency Medical Services to provide ambulance service to Madison County residents. The supervisors say the response time will be quicker than with the current provider because Pafford will have four ambulances with advanced life support services stationed in the county around the clock. AMR only has one ambulance in the county. Additionally, Pafford will provide an ambulance with basic support for non-emergency transportation needs, such as between nursing homes and hospitals. One ambulance will be stationed in Flora, one in Canton, and two in the Madison/Ridgeland area.

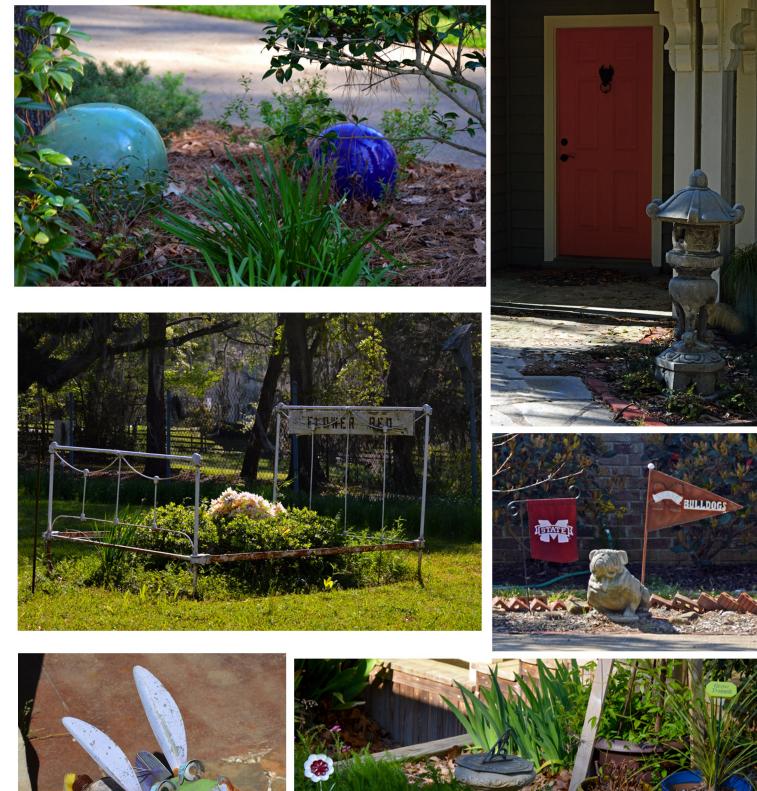


Around the Neighborhood



Lake Lorman has never been a cookie-cutter subdivision. One way we express our individuality is via yard art, ranging from the classic to the whimsical. Bill Jones and Glenn Sanford photographed some of the unique pieces of yard art displayed throughout our neighborhood.





































Who You Gonna Call? Not Ghostbusters!

New neighbors, and sometimes even not-so-new ones, might need the following information to successfully navigate living at the lake.

Beavers, muskrats, nutria enjoying your seawall? According to Lake Lorman board president Clint Brantley, the board has a monthly contract with Scott Wells, "the Critter Man". Email Tommy Draughn, chair of the lakes and dams committee this year, if you are having a problem with these water rodents. He'll contact Mr. Wells to inspect your property and have the pest dealt with. Go to the LakeLormanMs.com website and click on Tommy's name under Contacts.

Boat registration is necessary to operate a boat on either lake if your boat has a fuel-powered motor. Proof of insurance and state registration are required to get a Lake Lorman sticker and key to the boat ramp near the clubhouse. Only powered-boats owned by Lake Lorman property owners may be registered and used on the lakes. Contact Tommy Draughn by email at the LakeLormanMs.com website. Boat owners and operators are also required to know and adhere to the Boating and Safety Regulations, which can be found at the Lake Lorman website.

Clubhouse rental for parties and meetings can be arranged by contacting the clubhouse/social chair, Karen de Kock, via the website. Information about charges, exemptions, and other requirements can also be found at the website.

Flashing red light at the sewer pumping station or no red light at all? Don Seagrove, president of the Lake Lorman Utility Board, says that can happen after a heavy rain when too much water is going into the pump faster than it can be pumped out, the pump is running but the float in it is stuck, or the pump could be completely cut off. You should call North Hinds Water Association at 601-981-1657 24 hours a day if you notice the red light is flashing or not shining at all or if there is a break in the sewage line or the pump is overflowing. These are problems that need to be checked, Don said. You can also call that number for questions about your water/sewer bill.

Recycling old newspapers, plastic bottles, or pizza boxes? Madison County uses Waste Management, which has weekly pickup in our neighborhood on Wednesday mornings. Recyclable materials include aluminum, steel and tin cans, newsprint, magazines, office paper, plastic bottles and containers, and flattened cardboard boxes. NO GLASS. If you need a bin, call Vickie Miller at 601- 855-5534.

Noticed a red flag flying on the flagpole at the clubhouse or at Clint Brantley's pier (about mid-point on the south side of the lake)? Tommy Draughn explained the red flag will be raised whenever the water level on the big lake is too high or too low. Our boating regulations state that no boat may travel above the no wake speed when the red flag is up or the lake level is zero. Tommy explained the no wake rule means maximum boat speed is "idle speed only". In early March the flag was raised because heavy rains caused the lake to fill to overcapacity. When this happens boat wakes can cause water to spill over the rocks on the levy. Tommy added that with the eight inch valve we are now able to regulate the water flow faster. When the water level gets extremely low which happened several years ago the red flag is raised as a precaution to prevent damage to boats, Tommy said. When the red flag is raised no skiing is allowed anywhere on the lake. There is also a scale on the pier at the clubhouse which measures the level of the lake. Tommy said when the scale is in the red zone no skiing is permitted because of the fullness, but when the scale registers in the green zone skiing is skiing permitted.

Regardless of whether the red flag is up or down, boats are not allowed to create wakes outside the buoys, which is in the coves and near the dam and shoreline. The little lake is always a no wake zone.

Street light burned out? Wires down? Or gas leak? Call Entergy at 1-800-ENTERGY or 800-368-3749.

Need to call the county to pick up larger items or fallen branches and limbs? Call Shirley Brown at 601-855-5670 for extra trash pick-up. The trash needs to be placed away from overhead wires or tree limbs in order to operate the hydraulic claw which is used to lift the large items into the truck. Finally, board president Clint Brantley said that if you don't know the contact person for a problem, you can email him via the website and he'll try to steer you to the right person.

Lake Lorman Boating & Safety Rules

1. No keys to the boat ramp gates shall be duplicated or provided to any third party.

2. Only lot owners' trailers containing a current decal may be used to launch or retrieve boats. All vehicles with boat trailers not having a valid trailer sticker found parked on the corporation property in the vicinity of a boat ramp will be towed at the sole expense of the vehicle's owner.

3. Lessees (and their guests) of vacant lots or homes in the subdivision shall not be entitled to operate boats on the lakes unless it is a lot owner's boat when accompanied by the lot owner.

4. All boats using the Lake must be registered with the Board of Directors and have a current State boat registration and a current Lake Lorman decal displayed at all times. All boats with fuel powered motors must have registered with the Board of Directors, liability, insurance policy/policies covering their boat(s) of at least \$300,000 per boat or an umbrella policy that covers the watercraft(s) of the same amount. No more than two boat and two trailer decals will be issued for each lot. To obtain boat and trailer decals, the member must: be current on all dues and assessments, have a current State registration for each boat, and pay a fee set by the Board to cover the cost of the decal and key.

5. No lot owner shall convey, lease or grant permission to any third person(s) the right to use the lakes or boat ramps.

6. No person shall tamper with or move any signs, markers or buoys from the lakes or boat ramp areas.

7. No boats exceeding twenty-two (22) feet in length shall be operated on any lake.

8. Use of the lakes is restricted to lot owners and guests only. Guests must be accompanied by a lot owner at all times. Guests' boats are not permitted. ALL UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE LAKES BY THIRD PARTIES WILL BE PROSECUTED.

9. Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed by the driver of a boat or anyone being pulled by a boat.

10. No garbage, trash or refuse of any kind shall be deposited in the lakes.

11. Jet skis, jet boats or motors of excessive horsepower are prohibited. Motors no more powerful than 7.5 horsepower may be used on the little lake. NOTE: The entire little lake is a no wake zone.

12. Boats pulling skiers or otherwise traveling at wake speed must travel counter-clockwise around the lake.

13. Boats pulling skiers must have an observer aboard other than the driver and the observer must be 11-years-old or older. No motorboat may be operated by any person under the age of 12 years unless he/she possesses a boating education certificate on board and is accompanied by someone

who is at least 21 years of age. Persons born after June 30, 1980, must have a boating education certificate on board while the boat is in operation. This applies to the boat operator, not passengers.

14. Wake surfing is prohibited. Use of wake-enhancing devices such as bladders that hold water to produce larger wakes are prohibited on lake. Any intentional act to create a wake or operation of a boat with a specific hull design to create a larger wake is also prohibited. Jet skis, jet boats, or motors of excessive horsepower are prohibited. Motors no more powerful than 7.5 horsepower may be used on the little lake. NOTE: No wake outside buoys on big lake or on entire little lake.

15. Sailboats and other non-powered boats have the right-of-way.

16. No skiing is permitted between official sunset and sunrise as defined by the U.S. Weather Bureau. All boats using the lakes after sunset must be properly illuminated and must proceed at no wake speed.

17.With the water at "0" level or above, no boat may travel above the no wake speed. During this condition, a red flag will be flying at the clubhouse.

18. No boat will be operated in a reckless manner that could cause personal injury or damage to property. Operating a fuel powered motorized boat/watercraft in a manner producing excessive wakes or operating outside buoy/channel markers or in any way that would imperil or otherwise endanger swimmers and/or any boat/watercraft (canoe, kayak, fishing boat, etc.) also occupying either lake is prohibited.

19. No trotlines shall be placed in Lake Lorman waters.

20. Boats shall leave no wake outside the buoys and in the coves.

21. Coast Guard approved flotation devices must be on board for each occupant.

22. No boats will be tied to buoys, and buoys are not to be moved.

23. Boat owners and operators must know the Lake Lorman Boating Rules and Regulations and state boating laws and are responsible for themselves and their guests acting accordingly.

24. Boat operators must be aware of the possibility of floating debris in the lakes. Each year structure is added to the lake to make habitats for the fish. The Board urges everyone putting structure in the lake to take every precaution to insure that it will not break up and/or float to the top; however, boaters must take their own precautions.

25. Breaking the above rules and regulations will result in a fine, or for serious violations, loss of lake use for the boat operator, the lot owner, or both. Any unauthorized use of the lake will be prosecuted for trespass to the fullest extent of the law.

Please report all unauthorized persons using the lake to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks (1.800.BESMART = 1.800.237.6278). Be sure to record the boat registration number of any unauthorized boats to provide to the authorities.

Please report all other violations of these to any Board member.

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The Bird's Eye View

By Dale and Sarah Lea Anglin

Prey for Lake Lorman. Predators and prey, that is! This month we look at three birds of prey often seen around the lake: the majestic Bald Eagle, unmistakable in its adult plumage; the Red- Shouldered hawk, commonly heard and seen; and the Cooper's hawk, easily mistaken for the smaller and more elusive Sharp-Shinned hawk.

This year has brought our nesting Bald Eagles back to the lake! These spectacular birds are quite large and can also be quite loud if alarmed. While there must be two here (given that they are nesting in the area!), we've seen only one at a time—and the males and females look too similar to tell the difference, at least to us. We have seen them flying across the lake as well as in the occasional large tree. The call of the eagle is *not* the call that most persons believe it to be (the result of the use of a Red Tailed Hawk



call instead of an eagle's on the television series "Northern Exposure" several years ago). The Bald Eagle's call is actually a rather weak sounding series of high-pitched whistling or piping notes nothing like one would imagine for such a majestic bird! According to allaboutbirds.com, in addition to eating fish, "They eat birds, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates such as crabs, and mammals including rabbits and muskrats. They take their prey live, fresh, or as carrion."



The Red-Shouldered Hawk is a medium-sized forest hawk that hunts frogs, mice, and snakes and is usually found near tall woods and water. These hawks habituate well to neighborhoods like ours that provide both, and may often nest in trees near homes. We have seen them nesting within 50 feet of our house! The Red-Shouldered Hawk is easily identified by its barred, reddish-peachy underside, its blackand-white checkered wings, and by a boomerang- shaped crescent near the tip of its wings in flight. We frequently hear these in the woods around the lake, year- round—its rising "Kee-raah" sound is a distinctive sound in the forest.

The Cooper's Hawk is an amazing bird, one of the most skillful fliers in the bird world, able to fly at high speeds through cluttered tree canopies in pursuit of other birds. We have a resident Cooper's Hawk that we have seen around our house since 2007, tearing through trees, calling from a roost, or, occasionally, checking out the smaller birds at our feeders. Our hawk, in fact, makes a daily trip to our back deck to check out the buffet... and it isn't the sunflower seeds he's after. While on occasion he will dine on a small bird near the feeders, more often he flies through, pauses a while, and then moves on through the trees. A hawk must forage, too; and we marvel in his beauty in the same manner that we marvel at the small birds at the feeder, or at the Eagle. This may be a good time to comment that, even if a hawk is an occasional unwanted guest at a bird feeder, it is actually illegal to harm or harass them. Birds of prey occupy a vital niche in our ecosystem, so vital that they are protected. The Cooper's Hawk is a very close twin to a smaller hawk that is also at the lake, although less common—the Sharp-Shinned



Hawk. They are extremely difficult to differentiate, as the smaller male Cooper's specimens and

larger female specimens of Sharp-Shinned Hawks can overlap in size as well as color and markings. Both are identified by a thickly banded tail pattern, grey wings, buffy reddish stripes on the

underside, and in adults, red eyes.

While there are other predatory birds around Lake Lorman, these are the three most common that we see. As we mentioned before, predatory birds not only occupy a vital niche in the ecosystem—they are amazing to observe. Each species has its own special behaviors and abilities that are sure to fascinate you.

Eagle at Lake Lorman spotted by Earl Hankins who alerted Norma who took the picture and shared.





Mrs. Goose & Mr. Gander have homesteaded on top of a boat house across the canal. We have been watching them over a week. There was an accumulation of pine straw available for her to build her nest. A pine limb extends out over the roof adding cover and protection. It takes 28-30 days after all eggs have been laid for them to hatch. She does not sit on the eggs 24/7. She leaves to forage for food. Mr. Gander visits and they both leave for a while. I hope the rain & wind don't disrupt her nest. This has been very interesting to watch. Looking forward to a successful hatch. An average of 12 eggs are in a clutch. **Malcolm & Carolyn Young**

On a side note: Malcolm had surgery Monday, March 28, and is now recovering at home.

Notes from the **dirt dauber**

As the old saying goes "April showers bring May flowers..." In the case of the recent rains they may turn out to be water lilies.

April is an excellent month to do some gardening chores that will pay off from early to late summer and into early fall. It is a great month to do some plant dividing. Divide Shasta



Daisies, Liriope, Ajuga, Mums and other perennials. Call neighbors and friends and share these plants... I have plants I can remember who



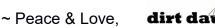
gave them to me and often say when looking at them that's so and so's rose or so and so's daisy. The plants are around long after the givers are gone, and viewing them give fond remembrances. It is also a great time to plant fall blooming bulbs... Cannas, Dahlias and Gladiolus to name a few.

April is a pruning month... Freeze damaged wood should be cut out and removed. Azaleas should be pruned (if needed) immediately after blooming. Many blooming shrubs set next years blooms on new spring growth so pruning later can reduce the show next year.

Almost everyone in the south grows tomatoes... April is an excellent time to plant and as they play out, a second crop can be planted for a fall crop.

Check around and repair garden furniture and other hard construction (bird bath, bird houses, mail box, deck, etc. It's still cool enough and if you put off repairs till the weather gets hot as dirt dauber has done in times past, chances are the repairs won't get done. Enjoy the beautiful weather and get out and dig dirt!









April Yard of the Month: Tommy and Darla Draughn on Cedar Ridge

Green Bean Marine

Mac Patrick, who opened his Green Bean Marine business last year, has announced the completion of a new showroom to his building on Coker Road. "We would like to invite you to come by and visit our facility at your convenience," Patrick wrote. "We want to thank all our Lake Lorman customers for their support." Mac says he offers a complete marine service, including a variety of boats for sale.

Save the Dates:

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting: Monday, April 11, 2016 7:00 p.m.
- Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting: Monday, April 18, 2016 6:00 p.m.
- Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2016 7:00 p.m.
- Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting: Monday, May 16, 2016 6:00 p.m.
- Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting: Monday, June 13, 2016 7:00 p.m.
- Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting: Monday, June 20, 2016 6:00 p.m.
- Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting: Monday, July 11, 2016 7:00 p.m.
- Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting: Monday, July 18, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Be sure to check the <u>Calendar</u> on the Lake Lorman website for scheduled activities, meetings and events.

Twin Lakes Baptist Church You Are Invited to Join Us ~ Everyone is Welcome!

Regular Weekly services:

- **Sunday**-<u>Bible Study</u> 9:30 am, <u>Worship</u> 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. Children and youth meet at 6:30 pm.
- **Tuesday** <u>Community Men's Bible Study</u> 6:15 am in church fellowship hall
- Wednesday, <u>Supper 5:30 pm and Bible Study 6:30 pm</u>. Call church at 601-856-2305 no later than Tuesday morning to make reservation for meal. Cost \$6.00.

Hugh Smith, Pastor (601-259-4567) - ALL ARE INVITED

Upcoming Events:

- **Grilled Chicken Quarter Take-out Lunch**: Saturday, May 21st Cost: \$10 (grilled chicken quarter, beans, & corn) pick-up at TLBC parking lot Fundraiser for Mission Cortez Summer Mission Trip to Navajo Indians tickets pre-sold call or come by church office (601-856-2305)
- Mission Cortez Trip: June 4th June 12th Cortez, Colorado Navajo Indian reservation

<u>Classifieds:</u>

Sail Boat for Sale

14 foot Laser Sailboat for sale for \$750. Very good condition. Contact Bill at 601-607-4163 or email <u>wbhulett@gmail.com</u>

<u>Pet Sitting Available</u>: Lake Lorman residents **Emma** and **Sarah Elkin** (who live in Gate 7) are available for pet sitting, pet bathing, and pet walking in the Lake Lorman community. They will also water plants if needed. Rates are negotiable depending on services needed. Please contact **Emma or Sarah Elkin** at **601-212-5658** or elkin6@comcast.net .





Babysitting Available: Lake Lorman resident **Reagan Leeper** is available for babysitting young children in the Lake Lorman community. Rates are negotiable depending on services needed.

Please contact Reagan at 601-502-4223 or danajwhite@gmail.com.

Classifieds are your opportunity to tell your neighbors about anything you might have for sale or services offered. If you are a Lake Lorman Corporation member in good standing (dues paid, etc.) advertising a personal item (boat, lawnmower, table, etc.) listings are **free** – just send us your listings and remember the **Lake Lorman Community News** publishes approximately bi-monthly.

A **Business Advertisement Price Guide** is available upon request. All advertising fees go toward Lake Lorman Community News expenses.

Contact **Kelley Dickinson (**601-856-7371 <u>kelleydickinson@lakelormanms.com)</u> or **Bill Jones** (601-331-2417 <u>billjones@lakelormanms.com</u>)_with suggestions for stories of interest, "Letters to the Editor", school awards, births, weddings, trips, etc.

For additional lake information: <u>http://www.lakelormanms.com</u>and on Facebook <u>http://www.facebook.com/pages/Madison-MS/Lake-Lorman/309416818289.</u>

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