# LAKE LORMAN COMMUNITY NEWS

February 2021

#### **Around the Lake**

Diane Pumphrey, President Lake Lorman Board of Directors

We are blessed to live in a beautiful area full of magical skies, lyrical birds, serene waters and people with good hearts. With all that going for us, I would encourage you to be involved in the Board meetings and decisions made regarding the neighborhood. The Board meets on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. We practice social distancing and everyone wears a mask. If you attend, you may learn about what is going on with the dams. They require constant vigilance and there is a plan in place to make sure the integrity of the dams remain intact. You may also learn about the plan for liming the lakes and the reason there has been a catfish harvest. There is a discussion each meeting about the streets and roads maintenance plans. Your street may be next. Your neighbors on the Board work hard at keeping you informed of what is happening in the neighborhood on the web site and with the newsletter. Thank you all for making this a neighborhood we look forward to coming home to every day.

#### A Note from the Lake Lorman Utility District

Don Seagrove, president

The electronic meters have all been installed. They are up and operational. No problems have been encountered. Several dual readings were conducted and no problems were evident. We are pleased with this achievement.

As a board we inherited two forty year loans with the United States Agricultural Department. One of the loans was for water. The other for water and sewage. We have over the years attempted to reduce that debt by making double payments. The longest loan term is recommended to be twenty years. Why forty?? Only can assume it was only a few residents and most of them were in a fixed income or retired. Regardless, it was in our plate to handle. Our records indicate those loans have been paid off. Our auditors will confirm with USDA. Once we get our auditors' report, projections etc, we will look at the feasibility of a base rate adjustment for water only. The Trump administration relaxed guidelines and policies on EPA regulations. We anticipate those EPA guidelines under the new administration will be reviewed and perhaps implemented. Thus, we will be monitoring those developments.

Now to a personal note. Thank you for your renomination to the Lake Lorman Utility District Board. My awesome wife, Trice, has been beside me for nearly 47 years during life's journey as many of you have been. Every action we have taken on the board has been in the best interest of Lake Lorman and our community. I thank you for your continued confidence and trust. I shall never betray that trust. Together, we've got this. Again, I thank you.

# **Coping with Covid at Lake Lorman**

by Kelley Dickinson

Like the rest of the country, and indeed the rest of the world, Lake Lorman residents have had to make adjustments in light of the pandemic. We got a variety of responses when we asked neighbors for their path through the virus, although a couple of themes did emerge.

Luke Andries said his family is doing more outdoors. "Any day that's dry, we're outside," he said and that includes meeting with friends and playing with his two children. Kimberly Cleland also commented on doing more outside activities and having more family time. "We're thankful we live here. Not everyone gets to quarantine at a lake." Walkers have enjoyed colorful chalk artwork Kimberly's children drew on Lorman Lane. Karen Hulett commented, "We have gotten to know our neighbors because of many walks in the neighborhood." Ben Hawthorne also mentioned the virus has given him more family time. He said they've been playing board games and cards and enjoying being outside in their yard together. Matthew McLaughlin reported his family has also spent more time outside – buying and enjoying a lake house at Lake Lorman last May. He and his daughters especially enjoy kayaking here.

In addition to increased outdoor activity, another theme is food. A fair number, who shall remain nameless, report they gained weight as they spent more time at home and did more home cooking. Mary Ann Sones said she "watched a ton of cooking shows and attempted to cook new dishes after ordering groceries. Some recipes went in the recipe file and a few were discarded in Tuesday's garbage."Lisa Chiang mentioned making homemade pizza from scratch frequently. Karen Hulett noted, "I have learned to make edible biscuits! And I perfected my dumplings."

Sarah Lea Anglin reports, "When I was a child my grandfather made sourdough bread and I always

wanted to make it (but didn't think I had the time.) Shortly after the lock down and I started working

from home a dear colleague left a "happy" of a small tub of yeast with instructions how to make a quick

starter. And then my husband found a video of our favorite cyclocross racer making sourdough that took

the viewer through the process step-by-step. Because the recipe makes more than the two of us can eat.

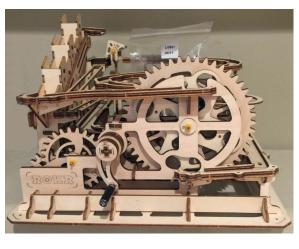
it provided an opportunity to share with neighbors, which has been an absolute joy to me. I've given starter kits with instructions to two neighbors. I'll definitely continue baking bread."

Nancy and Pete Mills cooked much more, Nancy reported. "And watched lots of Netflix!!!" Dan Dickinson discovered an old movie channel, which he has been enjoying, especially film noir nights. He also commented he spent much of Covid era running for political office as county election commissioner.

A third common theme was an increase in gardening. Linda Marchetti wrote she and Kathy Warren and Rebecca Broom started container gardens in the spring and even did smaller winter ones. There is a web page at the Lake Lorman website with tips for container gardening.



Bill Hulett has been busy with two new hobbies. He resumed beekeeping after a lapse of almost 50 years. He constructed two hives for his yard and reported he has only been stung once. His hives produced some honey, but were not as productive as



fellow beekeeper and Lake Lorman neighbor Chuck Tasma. Bill has also been putting together balsa plywood models, whose components are designed by computers and then cut with carbon dioxide lasers, using a new technology - CNC or

computer network carpentry. So far he has made a train and clock, which have moving parts and no glue is used.

Don Seagrove explained he went into hibernation after a discussion with one of his doctors about the risks he faced. Don said the doctor offered to take him up to some wards to see really sick people. "He was deadly serious," Don commented.

Judy Lyons has said the virus gave her some opportunities she otherwise would not have had. She has been teaching a class on pastoral counseling for Wesley Biblical Seminary by Zoom and has been leading a Bible studies discussion group with participants from Kenya, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Ghana, and Canada, as well as the US. She explained, "The lock down opened up the opportunity to be involved in more different groups and with different churches." She also added a puppy to her household. Kay French says she installed a bird watching app on her cellphones. 'I try to identify a new bird everyday."



Lisa Chiang said the best part of the pandemic for her and Tony was having their youngest daughter, Peggy, who lives and works in New York City, stranded at Lake Lorman when the lock down started in March. Peggy stayed here for four months. "It was a gift to empty nesters", Lisa said. She also reports she kept busy chasing her cat, who has become quite demanding.

The virus has not been able to kill all sense of humor in the neighborhood. Larry Foote claims to have become "a better quality couch potato" as a result of his hibernation. "I took my game up a notch." Mary Roach Ford has been busy. She reports, "In addition to losing and regrowing hair, I sorted my paper clips into sizes of all metal and plastic coated. I also used a toothpick to remove all the lint from my hairdryer." She reports, "Finished my obit after daughter begged for it - cause of death skydiving accident, date not yet determined. Now working on JG's. Date undetermined, but I'm sure I'll be a suspect."

# Lake Lorman Artist Beth Dean Awarded Prestigious International Honor by Allie Elkin



Long time Lake Lorman resident Beth Dean was recently awarded the Artists-in-Residence Denis Diderot A-i-R Grant to paint at the Chateau d'Orquevaux in Orquevaux, France. She will have a 2 week residency at the Chateau, experiencing life there with other artists from all over the

world. As part of her grant, Beth will donate a painting from her time there to be part of the permanent collection in the Art Museum of Orquevaux.

Due to international travel restrictions related to the pandemic, her time in Orquevaux may be pushed back until 2022. Each grant recipient is free to schedule their residency at their own convenience, so we look forward to having a follow up



Chateau d'Orquevaux, France

story to hear about her time in France.

#### **Eagle Scout's Project**

by Kelley Dickinson



Cooper Williams, 18, who lives at Gate 5 with his parents Joe and Sherry Williams and brother Joe, has become used to giving media interviews since he built his hugging booths for Mary Coker Homes in Yazoo Clty. The booths have been a big hit with residents who had not been able to have physical contact with family members for almost a year. Cooper has been featured in newspapers and on television for constructing the booths, but he was modest as he explained his mother had given him the idea for the project for his Eagle Scout badge after reading about the concept on Facebook.

He explained that he designed the booths and constructed them at his home at Lake Lorman making frames from PVC pipes and then taping clear plastic shower curtains to the frames. Next he made sleeves from plastic sheets and then cut out holes in the

shower curtain for the sleeves. After the sleeves were attached the nursing home residents and family members could reach through the shower curtain and safely give each other a big hug. Cooper said he had only gotten to see one family use the booth when he delivered one to the home in Yazoo City. Later he went back to be interviewed by WLBT and saw the impact on the many family members who were using his booths. He explained there was so much joy and crying. "It made me super happy that I was able to help be a part of that." He constructed six, one for each of the Mary Coker homes.



Cooper is a senior at Madison Central High School. He also works part time at the Gathering at the Livingston Mercantile. He was recently award his

Eagle Scout badge after completed his "Hugging Booths" leadership project. He is a member of Troop 164 at Parkway Hills United Methodist Church. And when he is not studying, working, or scouting, Cooper likes to play the drums and skateboard. Cooper said he has lived at Lake Lorman his entire life.



The Bird's Eye View
by
Dale & Sarah Lee Anglin

"What's the deal with so many folks maligning the vultures?" As we sat one morning watching our daily show of songbirds feasting at the buffet we provide them, we asked this question of each other. Colloquially referred to as

"buzzards", two species are found in Mississippi: the Black vulture and the Turkey vulture. We'll get to how to distinguish the two in a moment, but for now, back to the question. Posts on social media have of late tended to mention groups of vultures, followed by how they are disliked and wanting to know how to eradicate them. We are quite the opposite: one of us (SLA, of course) greets each vulture in the area as a visitor, thanking each one for its service (we've been in quarantine for a while, cut her some slack, please!). When viewed through the binoculars, the Turkey vultures in particular have some subtle yet beautiful color patterns. The birds are nearly silent; they coexist rather peacefully in large congenial groups; they don't kill other animals (they are carrion eaters—they eat dead animals); they are thought to form monogamous pairs that share in the parental care of chicks. If we were to wax anthropomorphic, we would say they are the perfect neighbors (our current neighbors not withstanding). Realistically, these "neighbors" perform "a crucial but massively underrated ecosystem service: the rapid cleanup, and recycling, of dead animals". Simply stated—without vultures to clean up dead animal carcasses, our roadsides and other locations would reek of dead animals, insect populations would rise significantly,

and animals and humans alike would be exposed to disease-causing bacteria and fungi that degrade animal flesh. If an animal dies or is disposed of in a water source, all the more important that we have vultures to clean up the mess. We ask again, then, why are vultures so maligned?

It turns out that this attitude has been passed down for quite a while. The Old Testament refers to vultures as unclean and an abomination (and that's some pretty old stuff!) Darwin called them disgusting, and said that their bald heads were "formed to wallow in putridity"; we have no idea where folks were given the false idea that vultures kill animals, but it is a widely-espoused bit of misinformation. That being realized, it is understandable that so many persons dislike them. One must look closely to see the beauty in some things. The head of vultures is without feathers, making them look quite bizarre. As naturalists, we look at this with awe rather than disgust: structure and function beautifully intertwined, as is usually the case in biology. If the head had feathers, bits of rotting animal flesh would stick to the feathers as the vulture does its due diligence to clean our roads and lands (and, in doing so, feed itself and its offspring)—thus potentially carrying those leftover, feather-clad morsels back to the nest or roost, or dropping them on our front doorstep as it flies by. We are grateful for the structure and the clean doorstep! As they feed, vultures can appear to be voracious and without common table manners (so carefully taught to us as children!); this, however, is necessary behavior, as much of the tissue they must get through is tough. Pull hard, young vulture, like you're playing tug-ofwar; your very existence depends on your ability to jerk tissues from bone while they have not yet rotted. Yet again, placed into context of necessity and environmental service, this is an exquisite example of biological form and function.

We could continue with a list of "what's so cool about vultures", but if you're interested, check out the National Geographic article linked below. Photos and descriptions of our two native species are below. It is always refreshing to get a different perspective on a subject, so if you've always been "turned off" by the sight of vultures (we don't call them "buzzards", as this is a bit derogatory, in our humble opinions)...try acknowledging their essential contributions to us and our ecosystem, or at the least, being grateful for the fact that we don't have to wait for all of the dead animals to decay on their own. Just don't expect the vulture to answer when you thank it for its service (we've tried...they're just so quiet, they're disinclined to respond!)

1 https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2016/01/vultures-endangered-scavengers/

Black Vulture: black head, white wing tips underneath (seen in flight)





Turkey Vulture: red head, brownish color (if seen in sunlight or with binoculars), white underneath entire half of wing (seen in flight)





# As Our Lake Community Grows We Welcome Our New Neighbors Kay French

The McLaughlin Family consists of Shannon, Matthew, and daughters Tinsley and Tatum.

Shannon is corporate event planner with McLaughlin Garner Group. MGG coordinates conferences, educational sessions and business events for clients throughout the southeast. Matthew is an attorney with McLaughlin PC. Matthew's service areas include business, community & economic development, intellectual property & technology, trademark & branding, and venture capital & angel investment. The couple also renovated and manage historical buildings on State Street in downtown Jackson. They, along with partners, will be opening Fertile Ground Beer Co., a taproom-focused brewery in Belhaven later this year.

Their daughters Tinsley (11) and Tatum (9) attend St. Andrew's Episcopal School. The family has two pets. Lyla is their Australian Shepherd, Lab, something with a curly tail rescue. Ben is their golden point Siamese cat.

We have always loved the Lake Lorman area. We have friends with houses out this way and have enjoyed spending time on the lake with them. It is so quiet and peaceful. We appreciate

amazing gardens.

all of the different house styles, narrow roads with a low speed limit, the wildlife and the friendly people in the neighborhood. It's a slower pace of life and invites time to unwind. Our favorite lake activity is kayaking. Kayaks were our first purchase when we bought the house. We started out with the two-seater kayaks and then our daughters were ready for their own. They love

playing in the little lake and being able to jump on and off the floating mat. We also enjoy taking walks through our gate. We like seeing all of the different plants and vegetables growing in the neighbors'





John Hilburn and his two dogs Dust and Punky now reside at 117 Northshore Drive. John works for Southern Healthcare.

The major attraction to moving to Lake Lorman was the safety and security of our neighborhood.

He soon discovered the real perks after moving. He has yet to meet a stranger and he likes how everyone waves as they drive by. He enjoys having access to the lakes.

John says there is always something to do. He wishes he had moved out years ago!





Darden and Sally

The North Family, Sally and Darden, and Kelsey, William, and Lillian call 32 Lakeview Court their home away from home.

Sally is a Realtor with Nix Tann and Associates and Darden is a physician at Jackson Healthcare for Women. Some of you may have met Darden when he visited our book club. He has authored several wonderful mysteries!

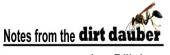
Kelsey works part time as a Physician's Assistant and full

time mom to Lillian, 2 1/2. William is a plastic surgeon with North and Runnels. They chose Lake Lorman because they were looking for a get-a-way spot close to Jackson, but not too far.



Kelsey, William, and Lillian

They love all of the beautiful views from their house and their favorite activity while at the lake is sitting by the fire pit or gazebo watching the sunset.



#### "A Rambling Commentary on stuff about gardening from one person's perspective"

aka. Bill Jones Not much gardening going on now in February unless you are starting seeds inside to be transplanted when the ground temperature reaches 55 degrees F

at 8:00 a.m... or as one old farmer said... "it's time to plant when you can fish in the creek sitting on the ground and not on the bait bucket".

We are still in line for some hard freezes and frost for the six weeks according to Punxsutawney Phil and this week when I'm writing this, Sat. Feb. 13, snow, sleet, freezing rain and power outages are expected in our area.

By the time this article is published it will be too late for a plant bundle up... but for the future here are some tips that might help, if you follow them, in the future:

- 1. Make sure plants are well watered... as water freezes it releases heat that helps insulate roots especially in container plants.
- 2. If container plants are portable, move plants into house or garage or at least place them against the house for a degree of protection... west or south walls are best.
- 3. Landscape plants should have two to three inches of mulch to act as insulation.
- 4. If you have "jumped the gun" and have tender in ground plants... cover them with cloth, sheets of plastic or boxes. Whatever you use to cover your tender plants, try to keep the material from touching the foliage.

Dirt dauber telling you this now is like closing the barn door after the cow is out... but this cold snap will happen again in future years so be warned.

Something you can still do in the next two-three weeks is prune. I try to follow the three "D's". Prune when you need to remove <u>d</u>iseased, <u>d</u>ead or <u>d</u>ying at anytime... otherwise, based on the plant's life cycle certain times are best.

Most woody plants should be pruned in winter, when dormant... if done later, when leafing out or setting buds, pruning can have very negative impacts. Spring flowering plants often bloom on buds set the previous year. If you prune before spring flowering it will reduce the number of blooms. Always prune AFTER they flower to give them time to regenerate.

Pruning is never the answer for a plant too large for its space. Always consider the mature size before planting and "look up". Power companies don't care how they prune... they just don't want branches in their lines. I have almost wept at seeing some beautiful trees that were improperly planted under or too close to power lines and totally disfigured by crews sent out to "prune". Be careful and always "look up".

Until next time... Peace,





I don't know what a swan is to do. Frustration at every turn... my friend Goose will probably end up with a serious limp. Her tail feathers have regrown but her right wing feathers are still frayed. I think since the feathers were frayed and not pulled out she'll probably have to wait until spring molt to get new feathers strong enough to fly... my swan temperament is about at its end... and to add to that, my friends, whom I have mentioned before (Dave the goose and Darla the mallard, a

lovely couple) are great company but Dave has two brothers, Darrell and Darrell, which I cannot stand and I run them off whenever they show up.

As I mentioned... I am getting frustrated with it all... to add to the misery Ronald the Raven, the blasted crow, shows up daily to steal food and is way too fast for me to catch before he takes off... I need a break!

I think I have a plan... I've been flying around the Little Lake getting higher and wider each day and taking practice flights to the Big Lake several times. If you remember, two years ago, I left for three months and told no one where I was going or if I were going to come back. With my regular flying exercises I think I might leave all this stress behind and leave again... my feet are itchy to seek some new adventure elsewhere maybe for a time... or who knows...

Your favorite swan,

Edith

A Post Script from a human friend of Edith... She has not been seen on either lake for two weeks as of this writing... Let's hope she will come back soon.



Here is one of my family's favorite recipes for when you need a nourishing bowl of soup to warm you up. Served with a big salad and some hot bread, you have a meal that will satisfy and provide some hearty immune boosting nutrients.

#### Superfoods Soup Serves 8

- •2 T olive oil
- •2 carrots, diced
- •2 celery stalks, diced
- •1 yellow onion, diced
- •2 tsp salt
- •2 T curry powder (or more to taste)
- •3-5 cups water, depending upon how thick you prefer your soup
- •1 sweet potato, unpeeled, cut in ½-inch dice
- •1 can (13.5 ounces) unsweetened coconut milk (full fat works best)
- •1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes
- •1 can (15 ounces) chickpeas (garbanzo beans)
- •3 cups chopped kale, collards or other study greens, stems removed
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1. Heat the oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add the carrots, celery, onion, and salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until softened but not brown, about five minutes. Add the curry powder and cook, stirring continuously, for 30 seconds, being careful not to let the spices brown.
- 2. Add water, sweet potato, coconut milk, tomatoes, and chickpeas to the pot. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat, cover, and simmer, stirring occasionally, until the sweet potatoes are soft, about 10-15 minutes (be careful not to overcook the sweet potato).
- 3. Stir in the kale and simmer just until wilted. Turn off the heat and stir in lime juice. Taste and add more lime juice and salt if needed.

\* Adapted from Run Fast, Cook Fast, Eat Slow.

# Twin Lakes Trash Time!!!!!!

Our annual garbage pickup day has been scheduled for February 20, 2021, with the rain date of February 27, 2021. This is a chance for you to join your neighbors from Lake Lorman and Lake Cavalier as we clean our roadsides of all the trash that accumulates over months of littering. We will meet at the Lake Cavalier Clubhouse at 10:00 to get work assignments, safety vests, and garbage bags. Due to Covid, we will not share a meal this year. Come one, come all, it is time well spent!



# Recycle – Blessing or Curse

by Bill Jones

We have always tried to be good recyclers. We have a compost pile and raked leaves and all plant refuse from our kitchen is recycled into the bin which, after the organisms and worms do their thing produces rich organic fertilize for our plants. But recycling our paper, plastic and metal takes a bit more effort.

We here at the lakes have an opportunity to recycle those items nearby at the "old" Southwest Fire Station on Lake Cavalier Road. Our location is perfect for drop offs since almost all of us take that route,

at least I do, when going to Jackson or take a left just past the station, on North Livingston Road and end up on Highland Colony Parkway.

In mid-January we were taking our weekly recycle on a Tuesday (since the weekend pick up for the dumpster is Monday) and saw a clean dumpster but the load of material outside on the ground... we have seen mattresses, tires, furniture and appliances left there in the past. Not only is this an eyesore but the contract for recycle does not include anything left outside and if it continued we might lose the recycle bin.

Our county and state are way behind on the recycling chain. A few years ago we went to the Scandinavian countries for a month and



made our base in an apartment in Stockholm. A different world... small recycle bins were every couple of blocks from our apartment with three openings, Glass/Paper/Batteries. The streets were clean with very little littering anywhere. Of course many people in large cities walk to bus stops or train stations from their residences and use these bins. Wish we had the same in U.S.A.



I contacted Gerald Steen,
Supervisor for the district
where the recycle bin is
located... he was aware of
the problem and was eager to
put up the Recycle Only sign
and would try to get a tag
number of anyone violating
the site by dumping trash if
caught on camera. He would
pursue prosecution if
necessary. Within two weeks
as Gerald said, the sign went



up and so far I have seen no violations of illegal dumping. Let's hope we can continue to have this convenient recycle bin and use it to make

recycling a normal part of our lives.



Just a Reminder: As Neighbors it is important that we look out for any suspicious activity in our neighborhood. We are blessed with a beautiful, peaceful and crime free place to live. However, Lake Lorman is not immune to the opportune criminal who might attempt to take advantage should we become complacent. As an aware neighborhood we are our own best defense but we also have Law Enforcement to call upon when needed.

For non-emergency situations (such as suspicious cars or people) call the Madison County Sheriff's Department Dispatch at **(601)859-2345**. In case of emergency call **911**.

#### **Save the Dates/Scheduled Events:**

- Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting: Monday, February 15 6:00 p.m.
- Twin Lakes Trash Time: February 20, 10:00 a.m.
- Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting: Monday, March 8 7:00 p.m.
- Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting: Monday, March 15 6:00 p.m.
- Lake Lorman Home Owners Association Maintenance Fee due April 1, 2021
- Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting: Monday, April 12 7:00 p.m.
- Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting: Monday, April 19 6:00 p.m.
- Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting: Monday, May 10 7:00 p.m.
- Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting: Monday, May 17 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 ~ Everyone Welcome

**Sunday School: 9:30 a.m** (Live stream also available online and Facebook)

**Sunday Morning Worship**: 10:30 a.m. (Live stream also available online and Facebook)

Wednesday Service (Virtual on Facebook)

The church website address is: https://www.twinlakesmadison.org

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

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If you know of a neighbor who does not do "computer" please let us know and we will get a hard copy delivered... we want everyone involved in our Lake Lorman Community.

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

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