

Lake Lorman Community Newsletter

January/March 2025

Lake Lorman Utility District

from Woody Holt

Chairman of the Lake Lorman Utility District, Woody Holt, recently answered questions for the newsletter to keep neighbors informed about our water and sewer system.

The most common reason for a break in water service, he explained, is a leak or rupture in the pipes. There was a leaking pipe under North Shore Drive earlier in August which required a repair and a two-day water boil alert. This kind of problem results because of our Yazoo clay. When the ground gets dry it shifts but the pipes don't move with the shift, he commented, so they rupture. Late in July there was another water stoppage that he described as "freakish". A tree on someone's property fell at the well site and hit the protective fence which went into the ground, rupturing an eight-inch water line.

Woody said our water system is tested every other month by the Mississippi Department of Health. Currently, only chlorine is added to our water, no fluoride is added. In July the system pumped about 1,300,000 gallons of water.

If neighbors have a problem with their water or sewer they should contact the North Hinds Water Association in Pocahontas at 601-981-1657. North Hinds handles our billing and answers calls for us. Woody said the LLUD uses the IRIS system to communicate with Lake Lorman residents when there is a problem with our water via text, email, or telephone. KD

Repairs and Upgrade and Clubhouse

by Kelley Dickinson

I spoke recently with Candace Powell, the chair of the Clubhouse/Social/Beautification Committee, about the changes and work occurring at the area around the clubhouse and boat ramp. She explained the board had planned to do maintenance and beautification this year and had set aside funds. That is ongoing with the gate entrances cleaned and repainted.

The board had voted to remove the large pine near the entry way to the clubhouse. But when that work was done, it was discovered that the root system had invaded the nearby seawall. Candace explained that the more the board examined the seawall the more damage they found. "There was more damage than we knew about." Water had washed up under the seawall compromising its safety and integrity.

Seawall repairs have been made for as much as was necessary to keep the water at bay but the area at the point has not been repaired. The boards on the steps from the clubhouse leading to the side porch and piers had separated and created unsafe conditions. The steps had to be redone and a wheelchair





ramp was installed to facilitate access. There were rotten boards and unsafe posts on at the boat ramp, which were also replaced. Candace explained that all the work done has made the area near the clubhouse and boat ramp safe now but there is still work to be done. "We were fortunate to have the funds available to pay for the work." She also complimented Woody Holt for all the work he has done on the project. She stressed that the board's priority is for the lake to be safe and enjoyable. If any lake member sees something that is unsafe or a problem a board member should be contacted.

In another matter related to the clubhouse, at its April meeting Candace told the board that revenue from clubhouse rentals had fallen since the fee had been raised to \$300. At her suggestion the board voted to reduce the fee to \$200. KD

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun



Calling all the ladies of Lake Lorman – we want you to be a part of the Lake Lorman Ladies Club! We just held our quarterly social at the home of Lisa Cobb in Gate 7 this past week and had at least 40 ladies of all ages in attendance. You missed out on a good time, and some good food, if you missed this party!

If you are wondering just what the Lake Lorman Ladies Club (LLLC) is, then read on. The club was created in October 2024 as a means for all of the women living at the lake (weekenders included) - the young moms, the middle-aged and those retired - to gather regularly to nosh and network, to get to know our neighbors and build community. And we have had a lot of fun along the way!

After our initial meeting last October, we resurrected the annual Lake Lorman Christmas Party in early December, held a LLLC Valentine's Social in February, a LLLC Cinco de Mayo party in May, hosted the community-wide Memorial Day event at the clubhouse, and most recently the LLLC End-of-Summer Social mentioned above. This weekend, our group is spearheading the

community-wide Labor Day event at the lake's clubhouse. And the year isn't over – we still have our LLLC October gathering, a community-wide Halloween Party and the annual Lake Lorman Christmas party in the works.

The LLLC October gathering is our Membership Drive Meet & Greet. It will be held at the lake's clubhouse on Tuesday, October 7th from 6-8pm. If you haven't joined the group yet, this is the time! Dues are \$75 each year and the monies go toward paying for the socials, as well as paying for any upcoming needs we might see in the community, such as upgrades to the gates or clubhouse. So, membership doesn't just mean fun quarterly socials and community events, but also a means to improve our surroundings here at the lake.

We have a unique community at Lake Lorman and lots of fun ladies to get to know. We hope you will all make plans to come hang out with us.





The Bird's Eye View

by
Dale & Sarah Lea Anglin

August, 2025

Why are the LBJs so hard to understand, and how many of them are there? Trust us, this is an apolitical question, having nothing to do with the 36th President of the United States of America (LBJ) nor his wife, former first lady (also LBJ...Lady BIRD Johnson, hat's off

to the nursemaid who derived that nickname, which, by the way, Lady Bird used on her Marriage license)! All birders struggle with the LBJs—"little brown jobs". These are the varieties of small birds that are, you guessed it, brown, and the bane of existence of many a student of ornithology. Here, we will give you a few tips on how to distinguish LBJs from each other, starting with the oldest trick in the book: simplify, simplify, simplify. Lake Lorman's location in the middle of the State (and not along the coast, where there are so many LBJs it is mind-boggling) makes this an easier task, as does our purpose: to help us learn about the birds we see around our lake.

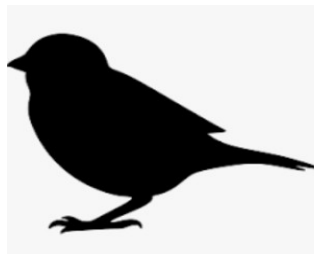
To simplify, we will restrict our comments here to the most common LBJs we observe at Lake Lorman, including year-round residents and winter-only residents. These include the Carolina Wren, Chipping Sparrow and House Finch (female), which are year-round residents, as well as the White-Throated Sparrow and Purple Finch (female), which are winter residents which should arrive mid-October.

When identifying any bird, there are a few key patterns to recognize: color (the need for which is obviated here, as all of these are brown!); size (again, all of the birds we discuss here are "little", but that being a relative term, it is good to consider); shape; and field markings. Behavior is also an excellent indicator, but a bit more than we want to deal with here. As for size, the LBJs are typically 5 to 7 inches in length beak tip to tail tip, so the body is even smaller, about 3 inches for some, a little more for others. The most defining characteristics for distinguishing our LBJs will thus be the shape of the bird and the markings of the bird.

Getting a good feel for the silhouettes of birds is a major step toward identifying them. For example, wrens have tails that point upward; this is the best way to identify a wren. Sparrows and finches are more similar to each other. Note the sparrow in the silhouette below is a stockier bird and that its posture is rotated more forward, its tail closer to parallel to the ground; this is because sparrows are typically ground feeders. They will scratch on the ground and hop a bit as they forage. Finches, on the other hand, are slightly more lean, with a posture that is more upright and rotated more toward the tail. This is because finches typically perch or feed from low-lying stalks and grasses rather than on the ground, and the tail points more downward to balance the bird.



Wren



Sparrow



Finch

Distinguishing between birds with similar silhouettes requires a bit more work, which is where field markings come in. There exists a wide variety of field markings from beak shape to tail shape and everything in-between; for our purposes we will give you the field markings that help distinguish the LBJs we've chosen above. Note also that for some birds, it is the female that is brown (or the male in non-breeding plumage); dimorphic males are much more easily identified and are shown here along with the more confounding LBJs.

The images below show some of the most distinguishing marks for our group of LBJs. The Carolina wren has a bold white eyestripe and long, curved beak (and females and males have the same markings and colors). The White-throated sparrow has, you guessed it...a white throat! Note also the stripes on the head of both the male and female. In contrast, the female House finch is smaller, has no head stripes, no throat patch, a thinner beak, and bold stripes on its chest and belly. The most difficult of the birds below to distinguish are the House finch and the Purple finch. The Purple finch is larger, males are more boldly colored than male House finches, and both the male and female Purple finch have a stripe above the eye and below the cheek. It is these stripes that we use for a clear identification if the two are not side-by-side for a size comparison. Finally, one of our small sparrows, the Chipping sparrow, has a red-brown cap and a black eyeline. The "chippy" is much smaller than the White-throated sparrow, smaller even than the House finch.

This is certainly not a comprehensive list of all the LBJs we see around Lake Lorman, and there are several more sparrows (particularly the Song sparrow), at least one more wren (a Winter wren), and one more finch (the American goldfinch-- not brown!) that we observe at our feeders and around our property. All of these birds eat from a platform feeder that we stock with a general wild bird seed mix and supplement with dried mealworms. We hope that those of you who have wondered about these “little brown jobs” will find that you can identify some of the more common ones in your own yards! You can go to allaboutbirds.org for more information on many of these birds (most of the images below were taken from this website).



Carolina wren



White-throated sparrow (male)



White-throated sparrow (female)



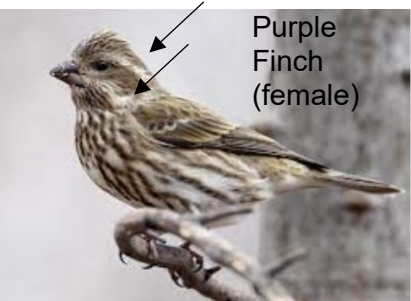
House Finch (female)



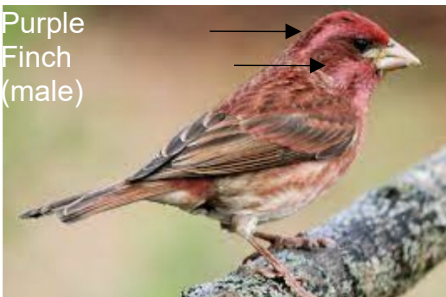
House Finch (male)



Chipping sparrow



Purple Finch (female)



Purple Finch (male)



Myra Hester Cook



Every year in August, the hot and dry begins to wear on me. My garden is getting a bit crunchy and the only things thriving are the okra, peppers and basil. But when I am in the garden early in the morning, I will sometimes feel a slight breeze and hope springs eternal! Fall is just around the corner – right?

This dish has become a favorite of ours. It is an adaptation of a NY Times Cooking recipe by Ali Slagle. It is quick, hands off and very versatile. The recipe uses broccoli, but I often sub with zucchini and onions...or whatever vegetable I have on hand. If you don't want to use sausage, try shrimp.

Crispy Gnocchi with Sausage and Broccoli

1 (12- to 18-ounce) package shelf stable potato gnocchi (found in the pasta section of the grocery store)
1 large head broccoli (about 1 pound), florets cut into 1½- to 2-inch pieces, stems thinly sliced (or use zucchini, onions)
¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 garlic cloves, finely grated
Salt
Crushed red pepper (optional)
1 pound hot or sweet Italian sausage, casings removed – I love the Homeplace Pastures garlic/basil sausage from The Farm Store in Flora!
¼ cup grated Parmesan, plus more for serving
½ lemon

PREPARATION

TIME 45 minutes (**Prep** 10 minutes | **Cook** 35 minutes)

In this easy dinner, store-bought gnocchi, broccoli and little meatballs (made by pinching pieces of Italian sausage) roast together on a sheet pan. When everything comes out of the oven bronzed and crisp, sprinkle it with Parmesan and stir. The heat from the sheet pan will help the cheese gloss the gnocchi. Some lemon juice lightens the mix; for a little heat to balance the richness, use hot Italian sausage or a sprinkling of crushed red pepper.

Step 1

Heat the oven to 425 degrees. On a sheet pan, toss together the gnocchi (DO NOT COOK first), broccoli, olive oil and garlic until well coated. Season with salt and crushed red pepper, if using. Spread into an even layer. Pinch off pieces of the sausage that are roughly the size of the gnocchi and place them on top of the gnocchi and vegetables. Roast until the sausage and broccoli are golden and crisp, 20 to 25 minutes.

Step 2

Squeeze the lemon half over the top (about 1½ tablespoons juice) and sprinkle with the Parmesan. Stir until the cheese has melted. Serve topped with more Parmesan and crushed red pepper as you like.

Enjoy!



Lake Lorman Yard of the Month

Our Spring/Summer Yard of the Month award has once again begun!
Sponsored by Cindy Holt, winners receive a gift card from Lowes or Home Depot.
Put on your gardening gloves and let's beautify Lake Lorman!



Kathy &
Mark Chinn
May



Rebecca & Danny Broome
June



Clara and Mason Draughn
July



Mary Brock and Griffin Draughn
August

Around the Lake

Rivers and Kenny Avery



What brought us to lake Lorman? We were not looking to move. We lived in Reunion and happened to see the house was for sale and decided to ride by and take a look. We thought it was pretty and once we looked at (several times), we decided it would be a great place for us to live and being on the water would be great!

My family - I am Rivers Avery and my husband is Kenny. We have 3 children together. Our daughter Milla is a sophomore at Ole Miss. Rachel is married and lives in Dumas, Arkansas with her husband Rankin and Taylor lives in Memphis. We have 5 pets: Roxie, Tito, and Roe are the dogs and Dusty and Kiki are the cats.

I work in Insurance at HUB International and my husband Kenny is the CEO for Advanced Agrylitics out of Indianapolis. We attend Broadmoor Baptist Church. Our newest hobby is boating and we do that more than anything. We are loving lake life and Roxie and Tito are, as well. They can't wait to go on a boat ride every afternoon! We also enjoy going to concerts, traveling, walking, going to restaurants, and football games.

Everyone has been so friendly at Lake Lorman and we have gotten to know so many people. We can't imagine being anywhere else.



Katie and Kyle Howe



What brought you to Lake Lorman?

We love the feeling of being a bit away from the city, the mix of old and new homes, and, of course, the lakes!

Tell us a little bit about your family.

My husband and I have 3 fun, wild boys. Our oldest is in 3rd grade at Saint Augustine School. Katie is a piano teacher and also teaches 4th grade English, History and Bible at St. Augustine. We love being active, paddleboarding, swimming, biking, fishing and traveling in our camper.

What is your favorite thing about living at Lake Lorman?

We love being able to swim, paddleboard and fish in the little lake! We also love how neighborly and friendly everyone is. It truly is a community! We've enjoyed getting to know neighbors while walking around the neighborhood.

You can add jobs, where you were born or went to school, whatever!

We were both born in the Jackson area, but we lived in Knoxville, TN for the last 13 years. We certainly miss the mountains, but we are so happy to have bought a home in Lake Lorman. What a gem of a neighborhood!

Pictures: Elliot holding the catfish Kyle caught, a pic of Isaac riding his balance bike, plus a pic of our whole family on a climbing trip to the Red River Gorge.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Lake Lorman Ladies Club Labor Day Lunch Invitation
Hosted by: Lake Lorman Ladies Club for All Lake Lorman Lot Owners.
Labor Day, Monday, September 1, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at Clubhouse
Food & Fellowship: BBQ, potato salad, baked beans and drinks.
If you wish, you are welcome to bring your favorite dessert to share with everyone.

**HAPPY
LABOR
DAY!**

- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, September 8 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting:** Monday, September 15 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, October 13 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting:** Monday, October 20 – 6:00 p.m.

Be sure to check the [Calendar](#) 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-** Life Groups 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. Children and youth meet at 6:30 pm.
- **Tuesday** – Community Men's Bible Study 6:15 am in church fellowship hall
- **Wednesday**, Supper 5:30 pm and Bible Study 6:30 pm. Call church at 601-856-2305 no later than Tuesday morning to make reservation for meal. Cost \$6.00.

The Final Word - Bill Jones

Intro by Kelley Dickinson

Another one of “the old guard” is gone. Lake Lorman was developed and settled about fifty years ago and that generation is passing. Bill Jones had a very active life apart from Lake Lorman, but he devoted many years and much love and care to forming and strengthening our community, including his active participation in neighborhood and board affairs, defending the covenants, writing for the newsletter, sharing plants with neighbors, and acting as informal historian when people wanted information about the lake’s and past practices. Below are the thoughts of several neighbors who were close to Bill.

“There are so many things that we could say about Bill, but often what comes to mind first is best. The world will be a sadder place without Bill Jones. He was a remarkably entertaining storyteller. We loved to ask him a question about his life and experiences then sit back and listen to the stories. Stories of Bill growing up in Meridian; stories of his time in the Peace Corps; and stories of his many travels and adventures with Glenn. Bill was generous. He shared his love. He shared his knowledge. He shared his wisdom, and even shared his plants with us. Our lives are richer for knowing Bill and Glenn.” ~ Sarah Lea and Dale Anglin

“It’s hard to know where to start. I think Bill was one of the first of my neighbors at Lake Lorman that I really got to know. Probably because he and Glenn were always in their yard doing something with all their plants or goldfish when I walked by their house. There was always an invitation to stop and see something. These stops often included sending me home with a plant or two or more in a bag and Bill’s instructions on how to plant and care for it. He told me not to say “thank you” for a passalong plant – it wouldn’t grow if you did that. Just plant it! Sometimes my take home bag was filled with something he cooked and had extra. It was always wonderful – he was a really good cook!



Bill saved his copies of Architectural Digest for me when he learned that I was an Interior Designer now retired. When he found out that I was quilting, he saved and gave me every article from his newspapers and magazines that were about quilts and quilters.

Several years ago, when I was going thru chemotherapy, Bill and Glenn would call and say they were bringing something over, said they just cooked too much – “we will just ring the doorbell and leave it for you- eat it if you feel like it, we won’t even come in.” They also regularly checked to see if I needed anything from the grocery store or in town. I would not have made it thru that time without these two guys!

When I served on the Board at Lake Lorman and needed some history, Bill was always ready and able to fill in the details. He really loved our Lake and tried his best to do his part to take care of our neighborhood. I learned so much from his “dirt dauber” articles in our newsletters.”

~ Myra Cook



“Bill was the best thing to ever happen to me in this life. He loved in so much more than just words... he showed his love through actions and deeds. His last few years he did all he could to keep up with what was going on around Lake Lorman. His “dirt dauber” articles for the Newsletter were a way to pass along his knowledge of plants to residents in an effort to encourage enhancing our beautiful neighborhood. He loved to travel and see the world. Bill loved plants, feeding and watching the birds. He loved art and promoting Mississippi artists. He was and always will be my hero, best friend, teacher and spouse.” ~ Glenn Sanford

Signing Out
Peace and Love ~

dirt dauber

