

Lake Lorman Board of Directors 2016

L to R: Karen de Kock, Kelsey Daniels, Mandy Robertson, Clint Brantley, Myra Hester Cook, Tommy Draughn

Thanks to All Attending the Annual Meeting**Roads, Roads, Roads**

Clint Brantley, who is chairing the roads committee this year, reported at the January board meeting on the continuing efforts to improve our roads. He said he has met with Barry Woodward with an eye to developing an eight to ten year program to improve our road system. Clint said it's time to start looking at something substantial.

"We can't do this piecemeal each year." He added that he wants to begin to come up with a long term plan with substance, but acknowledged "it will cost". He added a special assessment may become necessary.

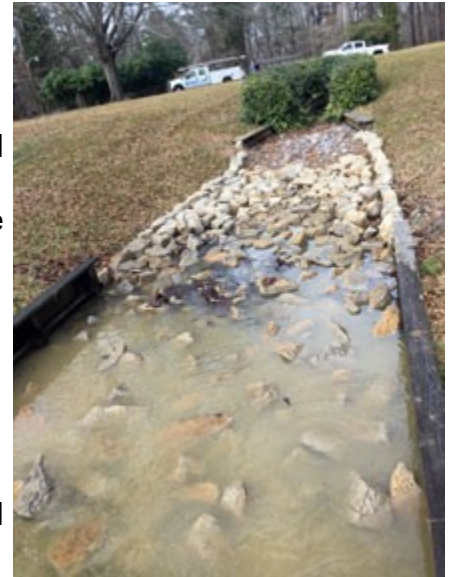
Clint said he has been in touch with our county supervisor David Bishop about getting Coker Road upgraded and more lights placed around the curves on Coker Road. He said Bishop, whose election is being challenged by Karl Banks, is waiting to get his legal status resolved by the court. New Board member Tommy Draughn asked about the possibility of having Madison County take over responsibility for our roads. Bob Marsh, a former board member, told him it would be not be advantageous because then our roads would be open to the public and we would have to get the roads up to county standards before the county would agree to maintain them.

Lakes and Dams



Before

Tommy Draughn, the new chairman of the Lakes and Dams committee, has hit the road running. He recently had a crew re-do the emergency overflow near the north end of the dam. The team cleared out the refuse, beer cans, tennis balls, and 2 dead fish before placing the broken concrete pieces on the rip-rap. That will make it easier for water to flow out the pipe at the end of the spillway if the lake becomes too full and it will prevent vegetation from growing in the overflow and it will prevent land on the sides of the overflow from eroding. Tommy, who was elected to the board at the annual meeting, was a volunteer on lakes and dams committee last year and helped with cleaning up the dam. He has asked several neighbors to help serve on the



After

committee this year. Tommy said he has plans to do some work on the little dam next.

Landscape/Maintenance Contract

Attention to anyone desiring to submit a quote for the April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017 Landscape/Maintenance Contract for Lake Lorman properties:

Contact Clint Brantley at e-mail address clintbrantley@lakelormanms.com or call 601-624-2114 for more details. Quotes may be mailed to Clint Brantley, 3858 Coker Road, Madison, MS 39110. Applicant must show proof of being licensed and bonded and have Workman's Compensation Insurance. **Deadline to receive quotes is March 11, 2016.**

Lawsuit Settled

As long -time residents know Lake Lorman was developed in several sections over a period of years, resulting in different deeds and rights and restrictions. Some lots were sold as parcels rather than lots, some lots had lake rights and some didn't, there were different dues and voting structures. In 2014 there were questions raised about the enforcement of the covenants and the board appointed Steve Smith as counsel. While researching the covenants, Smith learned about the different treatment of some properties based on their deeds. He reported at the June 2014 meeting that certain lots were not required by their deeds to pay the annual maintenance fee and he believed that all lots should pay the fee.

Based on Smith's research, in September 2014 the board sent out corrected bills to several lot owners who had been paying one annual fee for more than one lot based on their deeds. One of

these lot owners was Azordegan Building LLC, owned by Sherry Azordegan, whose family purchased six lots fronting Coker Road between gates 6 and 7 in 1973.

The original deed stipulated that as long as the six lots were held as one parcel only one annual maintenance fee was required and the lots were granted six votes at the annual and special meetings until the lots were sold separately. When the board challenged her deed by sending her a bill for six maintenance fees, Azordegan took the corporation to chancery court in November 2014 to enforce her deed as written.

Through intermediaries and direct negotiations the 2015 board successfully resolved the disputes with other lot owners. However, the issues in the Azordegan case remained in dispute. In May 2015 Chancery Court Judge Cynthia Brewer refused to dismiss the case against the Lake Lorman Corporation and in January of this year the case was scheduled for trial in Judge Brewer's courtroom.

Just before the trial was set to begin Azordegan's lawyer and Lake Lorman's lawyer, Steve Smith, met in the judge's chamber and worked out an agreement whereby Azordegan would continue to pay one fee for the six lots as per her deed as long as the lots remain undivided and unsold and have six votes for the next fifteen years, or until the lots are sold and divided. When they are sold as lots, the new owner(s) will be required to pay an annual assessment for each lot and have one vote at the annual and special meetings. The board also agreed in the settlement that it will not claim Sherry's limited liability corporation, Azordegan Building LLC, violates our covenants. It was set up to protect her from personal liability from the unauthorized use of the lots.

Based on the figures presented by treasurer Myra Cook at the annual meeting in December and the January 18, 2016 meeting we have paid \$24,020 in legal fees in 2015 and to the January 18th meeting.

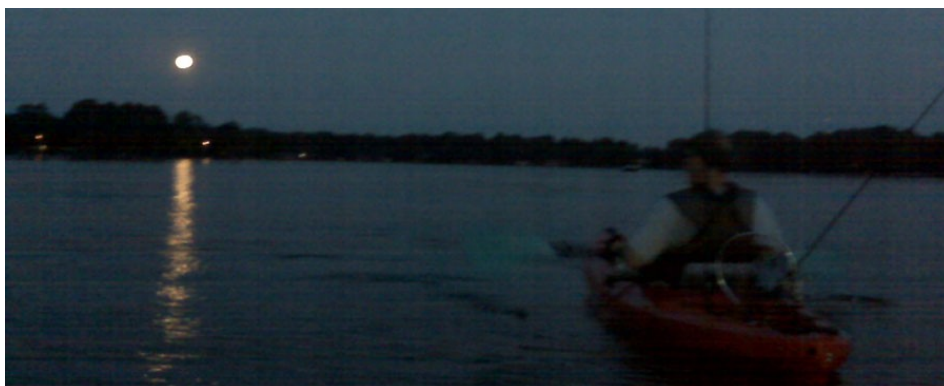
Steve Smith issued the following statement for publication in the Lake Lorman newsletter:

"The Azordegan litigation has been resolved and a Final Agreed Order and Judgment was entered on January 22, 2016. The current Board of Directors made a prudent business and financial decision to resolve the lawsuit based upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreed Order/Judgment.

The termination of the Azordegan lawsuit, at this time and at this juncture of this litigation, has saved and will save the Lake Lorman Corporation thousands of dollars in legal fees and litigation expenses. The termination of this litigation allows your Board of Directors to focus its time, attention, and financial resources on more proactive and positive matters. We appreciate everyone's patience and support in getting this matter resolved."

Board President Clint Brantley said he will comment on the settlement at the February 15th board meeting. Sherry Azordegan declined to comment.

After asking both Sherry Azordegan and Clint Brantley in open court if they accepted the terms of the agreement, Judge Brewer praised the parties and lawyers. She said it is always better to settle cases rather than have a stranger set the terms.

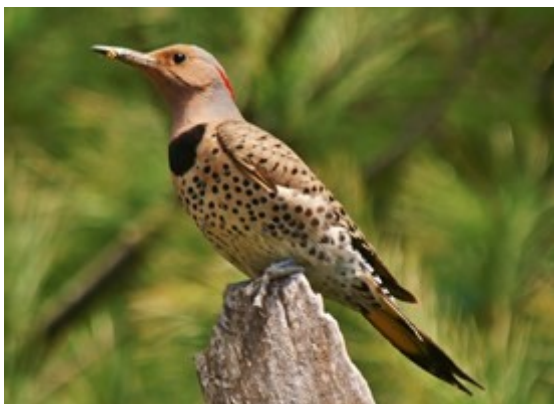


The Bird's Eye View

By Dale and Sarah Lea Anglin

Winter may be cold, but it is also one of the best times of the year to actually see birds: the absence of leaves on deciduous trees makes it much easier to find and carefully observe birds. Some of our favorite non-water birds to watch during the winters at Lake Lorman are woodpeckers. Their striking black and white plumage, often accented with bright reds, are simply spectacular. Of the eight woodpecker species found in Mississippi, the only one not seen at Lake Lorman (and most other places) is the endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker. Some of the seven common woodpeckers will even frequent suet feeders, allowing a close-up view. Below are photos of the seven woodpeckers you may see around the Lake, with a few hints for easier identification. Hint number one, true for almost all woodpeckers: they undulate when they fly. While most birds will fly from one tree to another in a fairly straight line, woodpeckers dip lower with each wing beat, cresting just before the next beat. (Note that bluejays do this also...so look at more than the flight pattern!).

The largest of North American Woodpeckers, the Pileated Woodpecker is more often heard than seen. It inhabits mature hardwood forests—such as the ones that surround Lake Lorman, and can often be seen and heard flying just behind the Dam. Think “Woody the Woodpecker”: this large bird is named for its red crest, or “pileum”.

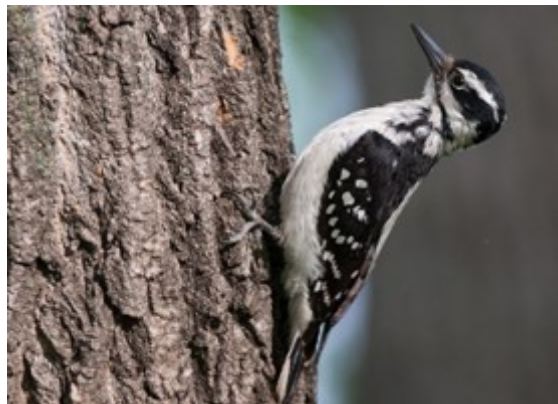


Northern Flickers are common in wooded areas with openings, and are easily identified by their spotted breast and also in flight by a white rump. The males have a black “moustache”, or malar stripe. We often see these in trees near some of the more open lots near the woods. These will sometimes feed at suet feeders.

Our smallest woodpecker, the Downy Woodpecker, is frequently seen near woods with patches of smaller trees or brush, and will also sometimes come to suet feeders. The Downy gets its name from its descending (or downward) call. For new birders, the Downy is very difficult to differentiate from its larger cousin, the Hairy Woodpecker. These are much more



Downy Woodpecker



Hairy Woodpecker

rare, are large and strong with a larger bill, and generally are only seen in mature trees. We've only seen a Hairy at the Lake once in the past six years!

Probably the most common woodpecker seen at Lake Lorman is the Red-Bellied Woodpecker. This woodpecker has a ladder-back (barred stripes) and always has a red patch on the back of its neck. The slight red on its belly, for which it is named, is rarely visible.



The only migratory woodpecker in Mississippi is the Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker, which graces us with its presence during winter months. These are small woodpeckers with what looks like an “S” stripe from its beak down the neck to the wings. Sapsuckers drill small, shallow holes in trees (which do not harm the tree) and feed on sap and insects attracted to it. They generally drill horizontally until a sap vein is found, after which they drill vertically, moving up the vein. Look for signs of these holes on trees as you walk around the neighborhood!



Finally, the most unmistakable of all our woodpeckers: the Red-headed Woodpecker. The bright red head and bright, broad white wing stripe of this bird are simply magnificent. These beautiful birds are declining nationwide, but are often seen in open, park-like woodlands and clear-cut areas. We see them more often near open lots rather than wooded lots at the Lake.

We are fortunate to have such a wide variety of woodpecker habitats and woodpeckers at Lake Lorman. Try to see how many you can find as you look out your windows or take a walk around the lake this winter!

Around the Neighborhood

Shirley Grace is now home and recuperating from her surgery. She will be starting Chemo and Radiation in a few weeks. As always, Shirley is upbeat and positive and would be glad to hear from any of her friends.





"Mississippi's Stone Forest"

by Dan Dickinson

If you were to visit the area around our lakes some 33 million years ago, you would walk in a different world.

For one thing, it would be a lot warmer. During the Eocene Epoch, the scientific name for those days, temperatures were about 6 degrees hotter on average than now. We managed to have "global warming" then, without cars, factories, or United Nations pronouncements; though it was starting to get a bit cooler. It was a wetter world, too, with enormous, drenching storms. There were swamps and vast forests, forests that covered North America all the way up to the arctic. Just fifty or so miles below us were the shores of a warm, tropical ocean. A few miles to the west was a huge river that swept from Ohio down to that sea.

Where we see deer, possums, and the occasional foxes at our lakes, a time traveler going back to that age would have spotted a cornucopia of strange creatures. The dinosaurs were long gone, but in their place were enormous hoofed animals, the ancestors of today's cows and horses, smaller mammals, and a host of reptiles, often of fearsome shape and size. Not too far away to the south in that sea were sharks and whales – fossils of both have been found in Scott County. Such a world would be an interesting place to visit. But you probably would not want to live there!



Eocene wildlife. Courtesy Jay Materness2, Smithsonian

About ten miles from Lake Lorman you can pay a visit to a remnant of that long lost world. The privately owned **Mississippi Petrified Forest**, a recognized National Landmark since 1966, embraces a chunk of that ancient forest, and rests directly over the bed of that forgotten river. And while the living vegetation of the Eocene forms the clays and fossils in the ground below us, many of the trees swept down from the north in those times exist in the park today in "petrified" form. Invaded over ages by minerals and turned to stone, they look just like downed trees, but are rock solid. The Mississippi Petrified Forest is, in fact, the only park in the eastern U.S. where petrified trees can be seen in their natural environment.



33 million years ago, ancient logs from the North swept through Mississippi



The main feature of the park is a winding trail that passes through the river bed. Several dozen examples of petrified trees are exhibited where they were found, encased in ancient sands. Exhibits explain the geological significance of many of the logs. You can touch them. The trees themselves were often enormous; in some cases as big as today's Sequoias – an example of which starts the walk.

Today's forest is also of interest. Deep rooted firs and lush vegetation line the path which weaves through Mississippi's own "badlands," loamy soils and cliffs formed by the ancient river. The "badlands" were unsuitable for farming but are very appealing in their way. It is a pleasant, interesting walk on a sunny day.

Once you are finished with the trail, the site hosts a small museum full of rare stones and minerals (fluorites, geodes, amethysts, rubies), interesting fossils (shark's teeth, trilobites), and exhibits on petrification. It turns out that petrified wood can be found all over the state. There are also mastodon bones

found nearby; something surely to be of interest to the kids! There's also a gift shop where many of these items can be purchased.

"The past is not dead." William Faulkner said. "In fact, it's not even past." Mississippi's Petrified Forest reminds us that, even if we are talking of the Eocene, Faulkner's words still ring true.

Details: The Mississippi Petrified Forest is located in Flora. From the lake, take Coker Road to Pocahontas. Drive north on 49 until you hit Petrified Forest Road. Turn left and you will be there. The park is open year round except Christmas and Thanksgiving, 9 am – 5 pm in winter, 9 am to 6 pm in summer. \$7 for adults, \$6 for children, taxes not included. There's a pleasant picnic area at the entrance.

Notes from the dirt dauber

Now is the time of year, with one spring day and one winter day alternating, that "Cabin Fever" sets in and gardeners want to start digging in the dirt, but for some things it is a bit early and some a bit late; so it may be a good time to discuss what we should do.

Now is a good time to repair and sharpen mowers and tools and check conditions of sprayers. Shrubs and trees can still be planted as well as early cold weather sweet peas and Larkspur. January through March is the proper time to fertilize trees and shrubs and apply lime to lawns if needed. After February 15 is an excellent time to plant new roses or move old ones and to apply a top dressing of organic fertilizer.

Although we can "feel spring" in the air some days, we are still in for about six weeks of winter... if you rely on groundhog shadows, so don't get too early a jump on tender spring flower sets quite yet.

Dauber would like to pass on some information on MADISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE PICK UP in our area. The county has a truck known as the "knuckle boom" with a hydraulic arm that can pick up limbs that are stacked by our roads by home owners. I have contacted the department and they will be glad to pick up our large limbs and branches, but there are some rules that have to be followed:

- The limb pile should be stacked where there are no overhead obstructions *i.e.* power lines, tree limbs, etc. The hydraulic arm has to be able to swing free both above and around to deposit the debris in the truck.
- It will be more likely to be sent to the area if more than one family or lot has debris available for pickup... so it would be advantageous to coordinate with neighbors.

The contact person is Ms Banks in the SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT. Her direct number is 601.855.5672. Let her know you live at Lake Lorman, your gate number and the street address where the pick up is located. She is very nice and is willing to schedule our pick ups, but it may be up to a week or ten days till pick up... especially when the crew is experiencing a lot of activity such as spring clean up. Keep in mind that the knuckle boom service is county wide and they have only one truck.

A special Thank You to Luke Andries and Charles Lane for clearing the drain on Lakeshore Drive to allow water to flow down to the lake. If all the homeowners would watch for clogged pipes and drains under their road or drive way and keep them open it would help our roads by not letting the water stand and leach under the asphalt and create a situation for slough off of edges and in some cases pot holes. Policing and correcting drainage problems on each of our properties goes a long way in helping maintain our roads.

Dirt dauber is, like everyone else, looking forward to spring!

~ Peace & Love,

 dirt dauber

Got Questions? Our website has answers!

Many of the answers to your everyday questions about living on Lake Lorman can be found at the Lake Lorman website. It can be your go-to resource when many problems arise. Links on the left-hand side of the home page will help you navigate the site.

All the current board members are listed on the **Contact Info** page with their committee assignments, telephone numbers, and email links. For questions about using boats on the lake or to get a boat sticker, call or email Tommy Draughn, the lakes and dams chair in 2016. If you want to use the clubhouse, you can click on the **Clubhouse** link on the left-hand side of the home page. There is a link to Karen de Kock, who is in charge of the clubhouse/social committee this year. Myra Cook can answer your questions about getting approval for construction and renovation projects. Board president Clint Brantley said that you can also email him using the link on the contacts page and he'll put you in touch with the right person if you are not sure whom to contact. Clint is also heading up the roads committee this year so you can contact him if you have a problem in that area.

Also on the contacts info page is information about our water and sewer systems. If you spot a water break or have a flashing red light or no red light at your pumping station, you can call 601-981-1657 twenty-four hours a day. You can also call that number about your bill. Check our website for all the Lake Lorman Utility District commissioners, who are listed on the Contact Info page just below the Corporation Board members.

Just below the Clubhouse link on the left-hand side of the home page is **News and Events**. This link will take you to a calendar of events as well as about two years worth of the most recent issues of Lake Lorman Community Newsletters. Issues prior to 2014 can be found in archives. There are also links to your editors if you have news, announcements, or suggestions for the newsletter. If you scroll down the News and Events page you will find a **"Have a Question?"** form to fill out... your questions will be directed to and answered by the appropriate person as soon as possible. You can also use this form to update your email address or submit items of interest to be added to the Lake Lorman Calendar (please allow ample time for your calendar listings to be added).

Interested in casting your lot with the **Fishing Club**? The link is on the left-hand side of the Lake Lorman home page just below the News and Events link. It gives information about the club and a link to join.

There is also a link on the left-hand side of the home page to **Covenants, By-Laws, and Forms**. Everyone operating a boat on the lake is expected to be familiar with and adhere to the Boating Regulations posted. There are also two forms for construction and renovation that need to be completed and filed to obtain the board's approval for building projects.

If you'd just like to see some beautiful pictures of the lake or inspired by the lake, taken or painted or drawn by our neighbors, check out the **Gallery**, which is also on the left-hand side of the home page.

There is even a **Driving Directions** page which you can reference to your friends if they are coming to see you for the first time. Map Quest will bring them right to your doorstep if they just enter the appropriate addresses.

Minutes are User ID and Password protected to limit access to Lake Lorman Residents and lot owners. The Minutes are normally posted a few days prior to the upcoming Board Meeting.

At the very bottom of the home page there are links for additional information about Lake Lorman info@lakelormanms.com and questions or suggestions about the website webman@lakelormanms.com.

NextDoor is not a part of Lake Lorman's website so you have to leave the official Lake Lorman website if you want to access it. In order to post a message there, you have to sign in at <https://LakeLorman.NextDoor.com>. Once you've signed in you should see a box with links to post a message or event, conduct a poll, or issue an emergency alert.

Websites are only as good as the people who use them... Lake Lorman's website, www.lakelormanms.com is there for its residents to use. If you are reading this newsletter then you are in a small way using the website since the newsletter is posted online in a .PDF format which is downloaded to your computer from the website for you to read. But there is a lot more to the Lake Lorman website than a newsletter. We hope you will take a few minutes and familiarize yourself with the site and take advantage of what it has to offer.

Recently in the News:

Over thirty years ago, Father Patrick Farrell saw the need to provide a quality educational setting for children that are mentally, emotionally or physically challenged. It began with two students and continues serving an average of twelve students each year. Once a year, in October, St. Richard celebrates Special Kids Day. The unique gifts of the children are recognized and applauded, and the community participates in a day full of fun, excitement and meaningful fund raising.

Recently Robert Stedman wrote an article in the Northside Sun about this program and the St. Richard Special Kids Golf Tournament, the major fund raiser that has kept the program viable for over 36 years. In his article he wrote: "And then there's John "Scooter" Chaplain. A classmate of mine. If I close my eyes, I can still see his family's van parked in front of St. Richard's. I can see his mom or dad lowering the lift to let my friend out. You see, he was in a wheelchair, which was actually pretty cool to me at the time. He wasn't different to me though. He was just another buddy in my class."



*L to R: (back) Lucky and BJ Chaplain, Monsignor Patrick Farrell;
(front) John Chaplain and Eve Walsh*

Mr. Stedman also quoted BJ Chaplain, "I always felt that the program did more for the other kids at school, getting to know and not be afraid of special-needs children." Lake Lorman is indeed fortunate to have the Chaplain family as part of our community.

Hall of Fame

An early resident of Lake Lorman many of you will remember Shirley Little although she and her husband Ron have been gone from Lake Lorman for several years. Her sons Woody Nance and Bill Nance still have their homes here.

We're proud of you Shirley and your many accomplishments both as a businesswoman, mother and now grandmother.



Gov. Phil Bryant awards Shirley J. Little with a certificate naming her as an inductee into the Cosmetology Hall of Fame.

Save the Dates:

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, February 8, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting:** Monday, February 15, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, March 14, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting:** Monday, March 21, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
- **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.

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-Bible Study** 9:30 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.

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

Upcoming Events:

- **Valentine Banquet** – Sunday, February 14th @ 6:30 pm -- Cost is \$10.00 – Menu: Chicken quarters, green beans, green salad, potatoes, bread, & dessert -- Entertainment: Ragger – Roos Washboard Comedy Band – Contact Cindy Holt for reservations.
- **Good Friday Service** – Friday, March 25th @ 6:30 pm – Communion, Special Music, & Message
- **Easter Sunrise Service** – Sunday, March 27th @ 6:30 am – Continental Breakfast served following sunrise service
- **Easter Sunday Service** – Sunday, March 27th @ 10:30 am – Sanctuary Choir presents Easter Music



Classifieds:



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.

Pet Sitting Available: 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.



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 kelleydickinson@lakelormanms.com) or **Bill Jones** (601-331-2417 billjones@lakelormanms.com) with suggestions for stories of interest, "Letters to the Editor", school awards, births, weddings, trips, etc.

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

Change Happens:

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