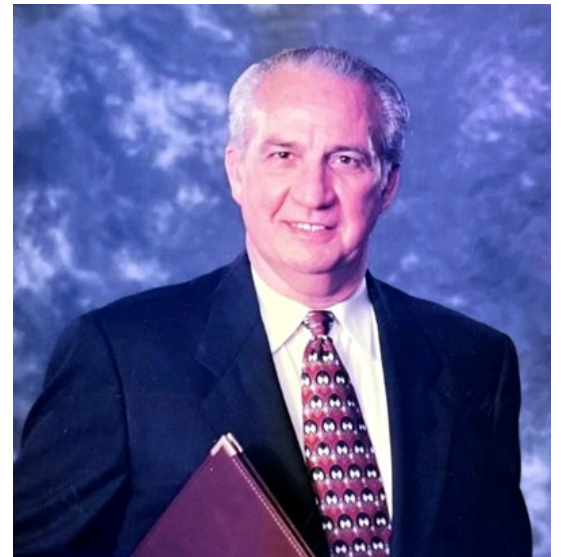


Lake Loses Two Dedicated Neighbors

Former president of the Lake Lorman Corporation Board **Clint Brantley** passed away last month. Clint moved to Lake Lorman eleven years ago after serving as an alderman in Clinton for eight years and Mississippi Power and Light for many years prior to that. Clint jumped right into helping make our community a great place. He served on the Lake Lorman Corporation Board and was elected president. He also served on the Road Trust committee. An Army veteran, Clint is survived by his wife Anita, daughters Donna and Karen, three grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and his brother.



Attorney Bill Cox wrote, "I knew Clint Brantley on a personal level, and before that, on the level of me as a Board member overseeing a work project, then on a business level. He first of all was a man of God and a man of truth. If he said "yes", it meant yes, not "maybe" or "however". He was a man you could trust, and with that came the personal respect I had for Clint. My own life was richer for having known Clint and having been his friend. His leadership on the Board who knew of his character and talent made all of us better as we tried to follow his example."

"I had a relationship with Clint I truly enjoyed," wrote Lucky Chaplain. "Our conversations were both difficult and funny. Both of us are heard of hearing so you can imagine. We served on certain lake committees together. He loved living at the lake. I was most impressed with his problem solving skill and I respected his commitment to serving our community. He was a friend and I will miss him."

Danny Broom wrote, "I first met Clint in the early 80's. He was my Church basketball coach and was well loved by everyone. We stayed in contact over the years and then surprisingly ended up in the same community at Lake Lorman about ten years ago. Clint made it a point to check in with me if too much time passed in between us seeing one another. His love for friends and family was always a part of his conversation and he never failed to encourage me every time we talked. I'm thankful our paths crossed so long ago and will miss him dearly."



Long-time neighbor **Don Seagrove** died earlier this month. One of the earliest residents, Don was active in the community from the start. He was president of the Lake Lorman Utility Board where he served for almost forty years. He also served on our lake board and the Southwest Madison County Fire District commission. Don is survived by wife Patrice, their sons, Christopher and Stephen, and daughter Tristan, and seven grandchildren.

"Don was a people person," wrote Mary Ann Sones, "always concerned about friends and neighbors. His ministry was providing encouragement via social media each morning. He loved all things Lake Lorman and he loved Twin Lakes Baptist Church. He leaves a legacy that will go in in perpetuity. Don Seagrove crossed our path in life and made a difference in our lives."

Woody Holt commented, "I worked with Don on the lake board for two terms and on the utility board for many years. Don never failed to do the right thing no matter what it was and was one of the most compassionate people I've ever known. Don changed many people's lives for the better and will be missed tremendously."

Larry Foote told me, "Don and I had similar challenges, both being diabetic and amputees. He checked on me every day either by phone or text, even when he had his own health problems. I appreciated that...I found out he checked on others around the lake who had medical issues or had been to the hospital. He took time out of his day to reach out and offer to help if he could. He was very unassuming. One of the stories that came out about him at his funeral was that as a substitute teacher, he would always leave a \$100 check in the regular teacher's desk with a note asking her to use it to help a needy child that he had noticed. I don't think we will ever know all that he did for others," Larry concluded.

**Thank you to Mary Ann Sones and Kelley Dickinson for putting together this tribute to our fallen neighbors.*

Boating life on Lake Lorman..... this is in memory of my Father-in-law, Mark's father **John Marley**, aka Papa who passed away in November. Almost every nice weekend for 2 years we loaded Papa, with dementia and a wheelchair onto our pontoon boat, wine in hand, Johnny Cash blaring on the stereo and a smile from ear to ear, usually shouting "go to hell Ole Miss". He loved an afternoon cruise and seeing the beauty of our lake! Thank you all for always speaking, waving and helping out when we needed it, we are blessed to be part of the Lake Lorman Community. Spring is here and the boat is ready, see you out there!

Libby Marley



Update from Utility Board

by Kelley Dickinson

I spoke with Lake Lorman Utility District president Don Seagrove last month shortly before his death. Don answered some questions to provide an update on our water and sewer systems.

Don reported that damage to our system's pipes has been done by the crews working to install AT&T cables. He noted our water operator is keeping a running tally of the work he has to do to repair that damage. Don said that when all the AT&T work is completed, we will submit a bill for reimbursement of those expenses.

It is expensive for a small community to maintain and upgrade its own water and sewer systems and in the past we have taken out loans. All but one have been paid off. The remaining loan is for the 2008 construction of the high-rise water tank and system. It was a 20 year loan with an anticipated payoff in 2028, but Don is hoping we are able to pay it off sooner.

I also asked Don about the computerized water meters which we now use. Their installation is almost complete with only six meters to go. He mentioned that we read the meters both electronically and manually as a double check to make sure all are operating correctly and any discrepancy between the two readings is investigated.

Don also mentioned with our pride our computerized pumping station at the lagoon. There is an electronic panel which constantly measures fluoride and oxygen levels and other components. This can be monitored remotely so if the operator sees a problem with the pumping station or in the system when he is elsewhere, he can respond promptly.

As a reminder the sewer light at your property should not be on. If you do see a flashing red light, that indicates there is a problem that needs to be checked. Don suggests waiting 10 minutes after a heavy rain to see if the system will correct itself. If it doesn't residents can call Ivan Holder at 601-978-0406.

Around the Neighborhood



Meredith Kochtitzky – new neighbor on Lakeshore Drive

Brought me to LL:

My son, Johnny, moved to Lake Lorman in 2020 and I quickly fell in love with the area and community.

Favorite activities:

Spending time with family and friends is my favorite. Travel ranks right up there, especially when done with family or friends and includes hiking. I enjoy walking and do so almost every day. Now that I'm retired, I plan to do more gardening, reading for pleasure and enjoying new adventures.

About self:

I feel fortunate to have spent the majority (31 years) of my working life following my passion as a teacher at St. Andrew's Lower School and Early Childhood Center. Retirement began in May 2023. My daughter and two sons are adults. I also have one grandchild and a daughter-in-law.

Favorite thing about living at Lake Lorman:

When it comes to neighbors, I won the lottery! I look forward to meeting more community members now that spring is here and we'll all be spending additional time outside. To me, walking in this neighborhood feels like a little piece of heaven. Seeing the variety of waterfowl is exciting and quite a treat!



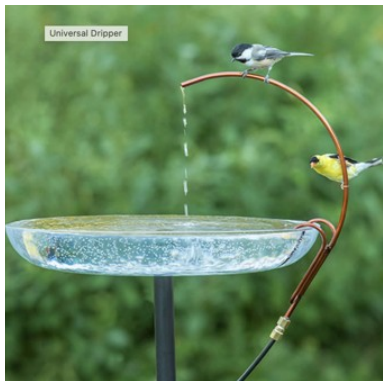
The Bird's Eye View

by

Dale & Sarah Lea Anglin

One of the most common questions we are asked (other than "What's that bird?") is "How do we attract birds to our backyards here at Lake Lorman?" In a little re-vamp of a *Bird's Eye View* (BEV) article from a few years ago, we're giving you some info on what works best for us this time of the year, and what birds are attracted to which

kind of feeders. Two things are needed to attract birds: a water source and a food source. Some trees for staging and protection also help! The Lakes provide a water source, although if you want to attract birds to your yard, a bird bath—particularly one that has moving water or a drip—will work very well. Wild Birds Unlimited (WBU) has items that work well as additions to bird baths, including rocks that vibrate or attachments to hoses that will drip slowly. We have a few static bird baths (although Sarah Lea dreams of having one of those rocks that creates ripples in it!), and we've found that the deeper bird baths often don't work well, because the small birds simply can't hop in and drink or bathe.



As for types of bird feeders, there are as many as you can imagine, many of which are "squirrel resistant"—and these work if you set them up correctly AND can keep the raccoons and deer away. Correctly, by the way, is reported to be at least 6 feet from any structure (tree, house, fence, whatever). We even tried stringing wire from our trees and dropping feeders to high points at least 10 feet away; following a very short learning period, our efforts were foiled. After many years of

waging battle with wildlife that come to the buffet we provide for our birds, we threw our hands high in surrender, decided we could not fight the nature of nature, and agreed to coexist with them (albeit not always peacefully).

Dale developed the best bird feeder ever—an open square with hardware cloth and screen at the bottom—which we hang from a hook in the yard. Foiled again, it turns out one can purchase these online (see the photo!), although one modification we added has not yet appeared on a web search: he nailed a jelly jar lid to the platform, so now it really is a “one stop shop” for pretty much any bird that will come to a feeder! These feeders drain so seed doesn’t rot, and they clean easily. Our truce with the wildlife is this: We put a set amount of seed and mealworms into the platform each morning, and a spoonful of grape jelly into the jar lid, and whoever gets there first wins. We readily admit that during migration and active times, we add more in the evening!



The seed we use is a mixture of a number of commercially available wild bird mixes, and we avoid mixes that have the small, round red milo seeds—they have little nutritional value and few birds eat them (even the squirrels recognize these as non-nutritious). We look for mixes that have millet (doves love this!), black oil sunflower seeds (the list is so long we can’t put it all here...but birds of all sizes love this stuff, and it is full of good protein and oils), cracked peanuts, and shelled sunflowers. A mixture of WBU’s “no mess mix” and “choice blend” works very nicely. We add some dried mealworms (for wrens and bluebirds) to complete the buffet. The grape jelly has surprised us; we initially put it out to attract orioles, but it also attracts tanagers, Prothonotary warblers, and the occasional catbird or hummingbird. The combination of the seed, mealworms, and jelly truly is a bird buffet!

Below is a list of birds that visit our “one stop shop” for their nutritional needs during the spring/summer months. We hope you can attract as many spectacular species as we do!

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| Northern Mockingbird | Northern Cardinal |
| Brown Thrasher | Downy Woodpecker |
| Eastern Towhee | Red-Headed Woodpecker |
| Eastern Bluebird | Red-Bellied Woodpecker |
| House Finch | Tufted Titmouse |
| White-Breasted Nuthatch | Rose-Breasted Grosbeak |
| Brown-Headed Nuthatch | Gray Catbird |
| Red-Breasted Nuthatch | American Crow |
| Mourning Dove | Prothonotary Warbler |
| Carolina Chickadee | Baltimore Oriole |
| Carolina Wren | Orchard Oriole |
| Summer Tanager | Chipping Sparrow |

Cooper’s Hawk (but...it isn’t eating the seeds...a hawk’s gotta eat, too!)



Notes from the **dirt dauber**



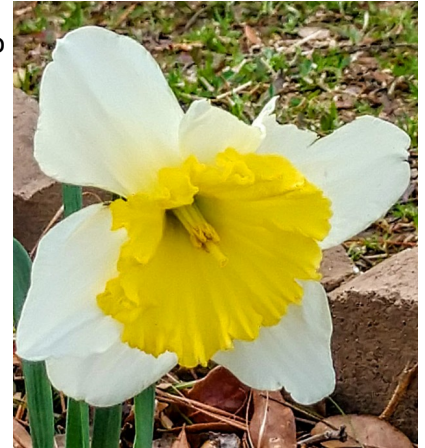
The daffodils were particularly beautiful around Lake Lorman this year, although I was not able to see as many as I would have liked, what we did see made me happy.

My grandmother Jones always called them Jonquils... she said because daffodil was not a good word for such a pretty flower and narcissus reminded her of the tragic young man, so those were her Jonquils.

I have neglected in taking care of mine, so I thought I would share what needs to be done to keep them blooming year after year. In a way they are a lazy gardener's flower for even without care they will reward you with some blooms; but if cared for they will be outstanding.

Most of us planted single bulbs in clusters 3X the width of the bulb apart and 3X the length of the bulb deep (I'm sure we all measured:-).

The first year all the bulbs probably bloomed but something else happened... they began to multiply. Second year good blooms (probably) but by the 3rd or 4th year the cluster of bulbs had multiplied and crowded each other. That is the time to divide and conquer.



If you have clusters of leaves and only a few blooms the bulbs are over crowded. Simple solution – wait until the “leaves” begin to turn yellow and fall over. That is when to take a shovel and dig the clump up. Separate the bulbs and replant. I like to plant in trenches 3” apart but one dibble stick and poke in the bulbs work fine. Even the little thumb size “daughter” bulbs should be planted... maybe not bloom this coming year but for the years after they mature.

Once the bulbs are dug up you can also brush them off and put them aside in a shady place for a week or so, then you plant them. Different gardeners handle the replanting in different ways but I know if I leave them too long and summer heat gets here I will forget... You can also just replant after digging without letting them dry. I often do this but whichever method you choose always put a teaspoon of bone meal in each hole below the bulb to feed it whenever you decide to plant.

I wish someone in each gate would do the same for the clusters that have been planted there... so little work for such reward. I am not

able to do it myself but someone should.

By the way, you will notice deer and squirrels do not eat the foliage or bulbs. That is because all narcissus bulbs and leaves contain Lycorine alkaloid poison... so don't taste the leaves, stems or flowers. You will find them repulsive to taste...



It might be interesting to note that daffodils can be toxic to nearby plants... cut flowers in a vase alongside other flowers shortens the life of the latter.

Till later ~ Peace & Love,

dirt dauber



Reminiscing About Tomorrow, A Personal View

by *Bill Jones*

Younger people don't realize that we older folk are well aware that most of our life is past as we review our lives, experiences and decisions. Past is not better for everyone but parts of my past were better and more pleasant than the current part with its limitations. Besides our own benefit in reviewing and recalling our lives we tell stories to pass them on to the next generations. Our past molds us into who we are today. Youth is a great gift but we don't realize it until much later in life. As an older person to a great degree we take comfort in what has already past.

Life spans vary for different animal species. Lion, horse, hippo below 50 years... under 20 canary, cat, squirrel, and then ones lasting 50 or more years parrot, rhino, elephant, and MAN. Finally the giant tortoise 125 years.

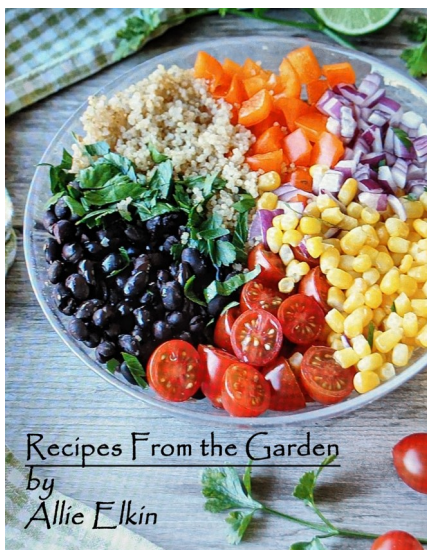
In my early thirty's I opened an individual retirement account (IRA) and was told I couldn't touch it until I was 59.5, a date that seemed as distant as Pluto.

Gradually the seven decades end point loomed as I sped through adult life. At each milestone... college graduation, first job, AARP card, colonoscopy, Medicare, Social Security, cancer, heart valve replacement, cancer again but different... my date with man was drawing closer. It became evident with each wrinkle, white hair, liver spot, high school reunion, and arthritic joint. As Ernest Hemingway said about bankruptcy in "The Sun Also Rises", It came gradually and then suddenly... so did age 80. With medical science, fortunately the average American male lives 73.2 years. Both my parents lived into their 90's so there's hope... but at 85 I know I am not just a MAN but an Old MAN.



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I made this hearty salad for the last Lake Lorman gathering and the bowl returned empty, so I always take that as a good sign it was enjoyed. Hopefully you can enjoy making this at home. Use it as a side dish with grilled chicken or fish, or add some shrimp to make it a meal on its own.

The recipe is more of a template than a hard and fast recipe.. Use what is in season or what you have in your fridge. Parsley, cilantro and kale are plentiful in the garden in this “shoulder season” but feel free to modify to suit your family’s tastes.

Don't like quinoa? Try lentils or orzo. Dairy free? Leave out the feta and add some chopped olives for a salty taste. Have some sad looking cherry tomatoes? Throw them in!

Southwestern Quinoa Salad

- 1 cup quinoa; rinsed
 - 3/4 tsp sea [salt](#); fine
 - 3 cups [kale](#); loosely packed, finely chopped
 - 1 [red bell pepper](#); or pre-chopped assortment
 - 1 [jalapeno](#); optional
 - 1/2 [red onion](#); finely diced
 - 1/2 cup [cilantro](#) – chopped
 - 1 can [black beans](#); drained and rinsed
 - 1/3 cup [lime juice](#); 3-4 limes
 - 1/3 cup [olive oil](#)
 - 1 [avocado](#) – diced
 - 1/2 cup toasted [pumpkin](#) seeds
 - 1/2 cup feta [cheese](#)
- In medium saucepan, over high heat, bring to boil quinoa and 1½ cups water, and ½ tsp salt. Reduce heat to low and simmer, covered, until quinoa is tender and all water has been absorbed, 15 minutes. Transfer to large salad bowl, fluff with fork, and set aside to cool.
 - Once cool, add kale, peppers, onion, cilantro, beans, lime juice, oil, and salt. Toss to combine.
 - Just before serving, top with avocado, seeds, and cheese.

Save the Dates:

Don't forget the 22nd Annual Lake Lorman Fish Fry
at the Clubhouse on April 27th, 11:00am to 1:00pm.
Free to Lake Lorman members and family
Donations accepted to benefit the Lake.

Live Music Featuring:
TIM AZLON & THE LOCO BAND
10:30 ~ 1:00

Pull up in your boat or bring a chair and enjoy time with
your fellow Lake Lorman Residents.

We hope to see you there!

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, May 13, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting:** Monday, May 20, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, June 10, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting:** Monday, June 17, 2024 – 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.

ALL ARE INVITED

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

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