

Tishomingo News

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New flag and flagpole donated by Jim Anderson.

Lake View

by Gail Lents, LTIA Way & Means

Hi, my name is Gail Lents. I first visited Lake Tishomingo in 1965 and have lived here full time since 1982. Sometimes it surprises me when I realize I have known the lake longer than most residents at a meeting or get together. Sort of like the feeling of surprise when you are filling out a questionnaire and find that you need to check the last or next to last box when listing your age!

Our house was built for Ralph and Ruth Samples by Vernon
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Tishomingo News & LTPOA Report

The Urge to Merge

In January this year, the boards of the LTIA and the LTPOA voted to combine their newsletters.

Benefits for the LTIA include increased cost savings (because postage will be paid by LTPOA) and more publicity for LTIA events since *Tishomingo News* will be mailed to all owners. We hope this lead to greater participation in LTIA events. Benefits for the LTPOA include better communications with property owners due to increased frequency of publication (every two months) and lower production costs.

And our entire lake community benefits from this new spirit of cooperation.



Dinner Meetings
 6:30 pm Sat **Mar 13** -- Corned beef and cabbage
 6:30 pm Sat **Apr 10** -- Ham

Children's Easter Party
 12 n - 2 pm Sun Apr 4

Trivia Night
 7:30 pm Sat Mar 20 -- \$10 per person

Tishomingo Cleanup Day
 9:30 am Sat Apr 24 -- free lunch!

Trivia Night

by Dixie Bryant

Last August, the LTIA sponsored our first Trivia Night at the Community House.

It was an overwhelming success. We had gag gifts, raffles, a cash prize that went to Carol Kline's table for being the best "know it all's" in the place, but most importantly, we had FUN. Gift baskets and donations were made from people here on the lake, and from companies that we were associated with so that EVERYONE left with something.

March 20th, at 7:30 p.m. is the date and time of our next **Trivia Night**. Tables are already being reserved. Prizes are being donated. Why not call and reserve your table today. It's a great way to spend your Saturday evening. Bring your guests. I know I will.

If you have any items you would like to donate, give me a call and I will arrange for pick up. Dixie Bryant, 285-6043.

Spring Cleaning

by Dixie Bryant

Earth Day is on April 22nd this year. Know what that means? It means that Road Clean Up Day is coming up.

John Dauernheim, a long time resident of the Lake and past board member, has for many years arranged the road clean up day here at the lake. Typically, there have been anywhere from 8 – 15

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Tishomingo News is the official publication of the Lake Tishomingo Improvement Association. Articles, letters, photos, and classified ads should be sent to newsletter Editor.

Subscription to this newsletter is included with membership to LTIA Annual membership fee is \$25.

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New Stuff

The Lake Tishomingo website, www.laketishomingo.com, continues to grow and new material is always being posted. Most recent addition is the unofficial report of the LTPOA Communications Meeting, Feb 22, 2004.

We now have an Opinion Box on the News page so you can voice your opinions about anything at the lake.

Email

We have a list with many lake owners' email addresses and send them meeting and event notices. If you would like to receive these messages or if you have questions, comments, or suggestions for the website or this newsletter contact Janet Hirsch, F-29, jhirsch@catenary.com, (314) 962-7833 or (636) 285-0813.

2004 Calendar

- Jan 10 Sat **6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting.** Bring your favorite casserole to share.
- Feb 14 Sat **6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting.** Bring an ethnic dish to share.
- Mar 13 Sat **6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting.** Corned beef and cabbage. Bring a side dish.
- Mar 20 Sat **7:30 pm Trivia Night.** \$10 per person. Bring snacks for your table.
- Apr 4 Sun **12 n - 2 pm Easter Party for children.**
- Apr 10 Sat **6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting.** Ham. Bring a side dish.
- Apr 24 Sat **9:30 am Tishomingo Clean up Day.** Free lunch for all workers.
- May 8 Sat **6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting.** Fried Chicken. Bring a side dish.
- Jun 12 Sat **6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting.** Pork steaks. Bring a side dish.
- Jul 4 Sun **Boat parade**
- Jul 4 Sun **Fireworks display**
- Aug 14 Sat **7:30 pm Casino Night**
- Sep 11 Sat **6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting.** Bring pasta or a salad.
- Sep **Golf Tournament**
- Oct 9 Sat **6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting.** Octoberfest, brats and saurkraut. Bring a side dish.
- Oct 31 Sat **12 n - 2 pm Children's Halloween Party**
- Nov 13 Sat **6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting.** Turkey. Bring a side dish.
- Dec 11 Sat **6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting.** Chili cookoff!
- Dec 19 Sat **12 n - 2 pm Children's Christmas Party**
- Dec **Christmas Caroling**

Classified Ads

Classified ads are free for LTIA members

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KITCHEN STOVE, Free, 4-yr-old bottom-of-the-line Frigidaire, seldom used. White, 4 electric burners, electric oven, 30 inches wide. Janet Hirsch, F-29, (314) 962-7833 or (636) 285-0813. **New Listing!**

BALDWIN CONSOLE PIANO - Excellent condition \$1,200 Ask for Liz 636.274.4886. **New Listing!**



Tishomingo Ice Floes

by Barbara Fitzgerald

Where were you, Friday morning, February 20th? Did you see the break up of the ice floes? It was quite a spectacle. I hadn't realized that the ice was as thick as it was, nor as powerful. I have witnessed the power of wind and water as my husband and I sailed off the coast of the New England in gale force winds, so I have a deep respect for the power of the ocean and the force of the wind. But I had never before seen firsthand, the power of ice floes.



I happened to glance out the window, that Friday morning, and noticed that large sheets of ice were being pushed east by strong winds, up the lake. I found it interesting, but not alarming. Later I mentioned to my husband that he might want to see what was happening to the ice. Just as we both looked out the window again, a huge flat ice floe met a (hopefully) immovable object . . . our boat and the dock it was tied to. All at once the boat started straining at the lines, and pushing eastward. The ice crunched and forced itself into and under the boat pontoons. You could see the dock shuddering. My husband

said, "We could loose our boat and the dock . . . look at that ice." There was nothing we could do. It seems that we stood watching a long time, but actually it was no more than a minute or two, before the ice actually started pivoting around the boat, releasing the pressure. Smaller pieces of ice broke loose and floated free between the pontoons. The entire ice floe, which covered half the width of the lake, released itself and spun slowly in a counter clockwise direction, away from the dock and

seawall. Then large cracks formed across and down the ice sheet. Slowly it moved eastward and damage was avoided. Then I wondered what would happen after the wind changed its direction and the ice came back down the lake. Hopefully by that time it would be broken up into smaller and less dangerous pieces.

I now have a new respect for the power of ice. Hope everyone's docks and boats survived the break-up of the ice floes. Here's to spring . . . with just the wind to contend with. Tighten those lines and get ready!



Spring Cleaning continued from page 1

people show up on a bright and sunny, or cool and cloudy spring day to put on their little orange vests and pick up trash along the road. If we've been REALLY lucky, there have been enough volunteers that we could also get some spring-cleaning done in the Community House.

There have been many thanks given to John for arranging and participating in the annual Road Clean Up Day, but what he appreciates most is PEOPLE. As he explained it to me, Tishomingo Road is 2-1/2 miles long. With 12 people, 2 people get dropped off at half-mile increments and that's all they have to do - a half a mile. With 12 people, it takes about an hour.

This year we want to "kick it up a notch". With enough volunteers, we can also walk our lake roads, bag up leaves that are clogging the ditches, clean out clogged culverts. We can make sure the windows get washed on the Community House and the bathrooms get painted. Afterwards, LTIA is providing lunch for the volunteers. So you can get in your exercise and get fed too. Also, remember to involve your children. They are an important part of our community.

John wants what all of us here at the lake want: A nice cozy home, good friends, AND a beautiful lake to fish in and enjoy. Let's make John happy. Put **April 24th** on your calendar today. Join us at the **Community House at 9:30 am**. Together we can make a difference. Please call Lou Harting at 285-7271 to volunteer and reserve your lunch.





Raffles

TRIVIA NIGHT
March 20th, 7:30 p.m.

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**The Great Lake Tishomingo
Clean up Day!**

Volunteers needed to help clean up Tishomingo Rd., the roads around the lake, and the Community House.

Celebrate Earth Day

Lunch will be provided by LTIA.

- Lake Tishomingo Needs YOU!
- Saturday, April 24th, 9:30, 2 - 5 hours of FUN.
- By working together, we can make our lake clean and beautiful, just in time for spring.
- Everyone, big or small, young or old can make a difference.
- Get your children involved in the community
- Contact Lou Harting at 285-7271 or Dixie Bryant at 285-6043 for more information and to sign up.

Lake Tishomingo Improvement Association
Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association

Tishomingo Anglers Association
Lakeside Garden Club

LTIA Meetings Summary

by Marilyn Hannick

January 10, 2004

Vice-President Kathy Hopfer opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Marilyn Hannick (in the absence of Barb McGlynn, Secretary) read the minutes from the last meeting. Janet Farwig motioned to accept the minutes as read and Gail Lents seconded it.

Dixie Bryant then read the Treasurer's Report. We now have 82 members for 2004. Also we collected \$265 in our non-carolling attempts for the Food Pantry. Kathy reminded us that we now have a healthy balance in our checking account. But we must be prepared for our upcoming taxes and insurance bills. Gail Lents motioned to accept the report as read and Janet Farwig seconded it.

Kathy then asked us to take a moment of silence for the passing of Charlie Lents' mother, Evelyn Bill.

Kathy asked if anyone had a birthday or anniversary for January. Turns out that Kathy Hopfer and Kathy Ziebold both have January B-days and we sang to them.

Welcome Wagon, Dixie, reported that we have 2 baskets to be delivered to new residents.

Ways n Means, Gail Lents, reported that we donated \$265 to the Food Pantry and 3 bags of canned goods.

Wanda Fisher won the Christmas lighting contest and donated back her cash prize to LTIA.

Our next Trivia Night will possibly be on Saturday, March 20, which is the Saturday after our monthly dinner meeting. There will be 8 persons at a table and a cost of \$10 per person. We are accepting any gifts for donations for this event.

Social and Recreation, Janet Farwig, announced the following for the Kids' Parties:

April 4 – Easter Bunny will arrive

October 31 -- Halloween Party

December 10 – Santa Claus will visit

We need any girls and boys who are interested in running for Mr/Ms Lake Tishomingo to contact a board member.

Maintenance, Dale Farwig, was absent but he is getting the schedule together for the cleaning of the Community House.

Kathy Ziebold and Wanda Fisher volunteered to clean the Community House for the month of May.

Tishomingo News, Janet Hirsch, reported that 378 copies of the last newsletter were mailed out but not all were delivered as of yet. Janet had extra copies for anyone who didn't receive one yet. Janet reported that the Hillsboro Post Office told her that it would cost \$15 per mailing in order for the Hillsboro-addressed newsletters to stay at the Hillsboro P. O. and be mailed from there. She told us also that she had \$150 worth of advertising so the newsletter is getting to be a money-maker. Deadline for the next newsletter to include any photos, ads, letters, etc. is February 20.

Kathy Hopfer said that she has been receiving phone calls from residents about LTPOA news being in the LTIA newsletter. Janet Hirsch said that if anyone has a question about the newsletter to call her directly. Kathy thought that maybe we could denote LTPOA news as such and keep it separate. Jan Hunnicutt thought that maybe the two newsletters could just be

combined. There was a lot of discussion about this. Gail Lents motioned that Ron Sansone, President of LTPOA, bring up at this Tuesday's LTPOA meeting, the idea of combining LTPOA and LTIA newsletters; that it would be published 6 times a year; and that it would be mailed to all property-owners and LTPOA would contribute to the cost of this publication. Janet Farwig seconded the motion. Then there was some discussion about renaming the newsletter.

Lakeside Gardeners, Dixie Bryant, reported that they removed the Christmas decorations from the Sales Office this morning. Jim Anderson donated the new flag and flagpole and these were also put up this morning. February 7 will be the Orchid Show. Meet at the Community House at 9:00 am. March 20 will be a workday to clean out the planting beds, etc. Also, they will coordinate with John Dauernheim for Clean-Up Day on April 24. We will be cleaning up on Tishomingo Road and also around the Lake. For those who do not want to do the walking, we can clean the Community House that day. Hotdogs, chips, soda and coffee will be provided.

TAA, Rick, reported that about 8 Christmas trees were put into the lake this morning by Jason Covington's house. The next meeting will be the second Thursday of March.

Old Business:

Dixie reported that the kitchen and walkway projects will be tabled for now.

New Business:

Janet Hirsch wanted us to know that Joel Shatzman, a veterinarian, would be willing to donate time for an animal vaccination event. There was some discussion, but not a lot of interest.

Marco Griffero suggested that we wear name tags at our meetings and the Board thought it was a good idea.

Kathy reminded us that for next month our menu would be ethnic dishes.

Marco then asked if our TV works. Apparently it does not work and a board member will call the cable company to see if we would have a good picture if we had cable installed. Rick said that the Derelicts are willing to donate \$500 towards a new TV (or cable) and Marco said that he would donate \$100 to this cause.

The winners for the drawing were:

1. Hilda Schryver

2. Rich Hirsch

3. Kathy Hopfer

For the A/C Bonds buy-back:

1. Ken Lanning

2. Rich Hirsch - who donated his money back to us

3. Gepharts

Janet Farwig motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm and Dixie Bryant seconded it.

February 14, 2004

President Kathy Hopfer opened the meeting by asking us to take a moment of silence for those who have passed away: Gary Sutter, Yannish's son and Ken Lanning's mother.

Dixie Bryant then read the minutes from the last meeting in

Lakeside Gardeners Roadtrip: MBG Orchid Show

by Rich Hirsch



*Lady slipper orchid
sketched by Bev Jost.*

Two cars left at 9:30 am from the Sales Office on Sat. Feb. 7. There was no snow, but the temp was still a nippy 20. Leading the way was Charlie and Gail Lents with Chyree DeRoode onboard. The second car was driven by Bev Jost with Hilda Schryver riding shotgun and Barb Rohm and Rich Hirsch in back.



Lakeside Gardeners at the MBG Orchid Show. back row: Charlie Lents, Gail Lents, Hilda Schryver, Barb Rohm. front: Bev Jost, Chyree DeRoode, Rich Hirsch.

The orchid show was very good with the usual bunch of showy cattleyas, but also lots of lady slipper orchids (paphiopedilums), moth orchids (phalaenopsis), and exotic species orchids. While the orchid show was enjoyable, the group

spent almost as much time in the garden's gift shop snapping up plants, candles, and even a music cd. The group arrived home about 2 pm after a short stop at a Hardees to pick up a fountain diet coke for Hilda.

Next Lakeside Gardeners meeting: Mar 3 at Hilda Schryver's, next work project: Mar 20 9 am at the entrance.



the absence of Barb McGlynn, who was absent. Janet Farwig motioned to accept as read and Kathy Hopfer seconded it.

Dixie Bryant then read the Treasurer's Report. We now have 110 members as of tonight. Janet Farwig motioned to accept as read and Kathy Hopfer seconded it.

Kathy then thanked Barb Rohm for her great job in cleaning the Community House last month. Kathy also announced that for next month's dinner-meeting, we will be serving corned beef and cabbage. Please bring a side dish or dessert to go along with this.

Kathy then asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries this month. Jan and John Hunnicutt celebrated their wedding anniversary February 6 and Alex Farwig's birthday will be February 25.

Welcome Wagon, Dixie, had no report.

Dixie Bryant (in absence of Editor Janet Hirsch), Tishomingo News, told us that the deadline for any news, photos, advertisements would be February 20. She also reminded us that the meeting for the assessment information will be on Sunday, February 22, at 2:00 p.m.

Social & Recreation, Janet Farwig, reported that the Kids' Easter Party will be on Sunday, April 4, from noon until 2 p.m. Please bring a bag of non-chocolate candy to the Farwigs by March 28 and a snack to share on the day of the party.

Dixie then announced that we will be having a Trivia Night on Saturday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. We have three tables so far that have signed up. Please contact Dixie at 285-6043 to reserve your table. So far LTIA has put together 3 gift baskets for the

raffle that night. If anyone else could put together a basket or would have items to donate, please bring them to the March 13 dinner meeting or call a board member to pick up.

Lakeside Gardeners, Barb Rohm, reported that for their last event, they attended the Orchid Show at the Missouri Botanical Garden. The next meeting will be on March 3 at 7 p.m. at Hilda Schryver's home. On March 20, they will work around the pump house and re-beautify it. Barb would be happy to accept any wildflower seeds that we might have for this project. April 3 will be the meeting at Jason Covington's home. He will supply lunch and the gardeners will help identify plants in his yard.

Maintenance, Dale Farwig, was absent.

TAA, Rick Hannick, reported that the next meeting will be on Thursday, March 11, at 7 p.m. at the Community House. At that meeting they will plan possible fishing tournaments and how to stock the lake, etc. and also how to raise money.

Old Business:

The lake clean-up day will be Saturday, April 24. It will be a joint venture with the Lakeside Gardeners, John Dauernheim and all of us. The Community House needs painting, windows washed and general cleaning. We will also be cleaning up the lake roads that day. Hot dogs will be provided for lunch. The week before, the Girl Scouts will be delivering their cookies and will try to check on any clogged drains areas, etc. and will report their findings to the board.

There was no New Business.

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The names for the drawing were: Men's drawing – Ken Lanning, Kids' drawing – Alex Farwig, Women's drawing – Jan Hunnicutt, Add'l drawing: John Hunnicutt (won spider plant).

We then held the drawings for the A/C buy-back bonds. This drawing completed the process with these names:

Diebold, Fitzgerald, Quigley, Hannick (donated back), Rogers, Hoffarth, and Melchior (donated back). At 7:30 pm., the meeting was adjourned.



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Lake Happenings

Deaths

We are very saddened to report the passing of **Charlie Lents'** mother, **Gary Sutter**, **Yannish's** son and **Ken Lanning's** mother.

Travel

Mike and Liz Higgins had an exciting trip to Florida recently. They took grandson Cameron to Daytona Beach to see lighthouses, seagulls, alligators, and best of all the Daytona Rolex 24 race.

Thanks

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped assemble the Jan-Feb *Tishomingo News*: Hilda Schryver, Lou & Pat Harting, Ron & Charlene Sansone.

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Letters to the Editor

An open letter to the Lake Tishomingo community

My name is Rick Hannick, and, as most of you know, I served on the LTPOA Board of Directors for six years, five as president. My first year on the board, I served as building director. I spent a lot of time talking to various property owners and past board members in an effort to learn how the board operated, but more importantly, what the major concerns of the property owners were. At the start of my second year, I was chosen by the elected board members as president, and remained in that position for the next five years. The most pressing need at that time was the total reconstruction of the spillway. There was a very real probability of the spillway walls totally washing out, which would have put our entire dam in jeopardy of failing. We put a plan in place to repair the entire spillway, funded by a special 2-year assessment. That repair was accomplished at a cost of approximately \$80,000, which was \$25,000 under budget. The balance of the proceeds from that special assessment were rolled into a special projects fund as seed money for the road and silt projects.

In 1998 the board published a survey asking the property owners what their priorities were concerning the improvements needed within our community. The order of priorities from that survey were: roads, sewers, silt, security gate. Based on that survey, the board set out to make those things happen. With the exception of sewers, it was determined that the other three were attainable. The security gate was paid for from surpluses in the general assessment budget. The road and silt projects were a totally different funding level. The original estimate for the road project was \$225,000 (which turned out to be unrealistic), and \$275,000 for the silt project, with a five year completion (which also proved to be unrealistic). The next set of numbers that the board considered were \$325,000 for the roads, and the same \$275,000 for the silt. Using these numbers, we went to Eagle Bank and discussed an interest-only loan to fund these projects over a five year life, with principal payback to begin in 2003. Using Eagle

banks numbers, and our own projections of the cash flow through 2003, it was decided that we could accomplish both projects by initiating a \$450,000 loan to be funded with the \$1.00 permanent assessment increase. When this proposal was presented to the property owners, it was overwhelmingly supported, with the exception of the people on the cove roads who felt that they were being shortchanged. The board then decided to commit an additional \$79,000 to pave the cove roads at the same time the main roads were done. This additional money was projected to create a financial crunch, primarily in 2004. Based on the original projection of a five year duration for the silt project, that project was expected to be winding down in 2003, and wrapping up in 2004. Obviously, that didn't happen, and we find ourselves in our current financial corner. The board originally thought that when the silt project was completed, it would become a revenue source to help pay back the loan, either by selling the dredge outright, or leasing it to other lake communities. This may still happen, but it's not going to be for at least the next two or three years, if then.

During the six years I spent on the board, I had the privilege of working with 19 or 20 different property owners, all of whom ran for the board out of a sincere desire to make our community a better place for all of us to live. Any time that a decision was made to try to improve the conditions here at the lake, those decisions were made by a majority of the board members, and all were made with the perceived best interests of the community as a goal. To those of you who choose to blame past boards, or me personally, for the financial status of the lake, that is your prerogative. My only goal, and the goal of the various members that I served with was to address the infrastructure problems crippling our community, and find ways to cure them. I am proud of the accomplishments that were achieved while I was on the board, and will apologize to no one for the decisions that were made by the board during that time, nor for my part in those decisions.

Thank You,
Rick Hannick



Tishomingo Anglers

by Jason Covington

The next TAA meeting will be Thursday, March 11, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. Members will discuss plans for the next bass tournament in April. Dale Farwig and Gary Ryan will report on the aluminum recycling project and the funds available for fish restocking. We will decide at that time what efforts will be made to restock fish.

Tishomingo Anglers Association is a group of concerned fishermen and lake residents who want to take care of the beautiful lake and its resources.

A reminder: The best thing we can do as lake residents to protect our resource is to stop anyone who does not belong on the lake. Get their license plate number and report them to the police if they are trespassing. Also, please give the license plate number to Gary Ryan.

The next most important thing we can do to improve the lake is to follow and enforce the restricted slot limit on largemouth bass. All anglers should release ALL bass larger than 14 inches. You may harvest up to 6 fish per day per person under 14 inches; however, to ensure the success of the fishery, release the larger

fish for spawning success and to help create a trophy fishery.

If you catch a trophy fish, measure it, release it, and get a fiberglass reproduction made if you want a mount. Fiberglass reproductions are as realistic and beautiful as skin mounts, they cost the same, and they last forever. Skin mounts deteriorate in a short decade and they later smell from the fish oils. There is really no reason to keep fish over 14 inches when we have an abundant supply of 10-13.99 inch fish for harvesting and eating. We also have an abundant supply of grass carp, catfish, bluegill, and green sunfish, which are all excellent eating.

Report on Christmas Tree Project

In January, 8 or 9 Christmas trees were collected and anchored in the lake in 8-12 feet of water for minnow and other fish habitat. Please recycle your trees again next year. Although they provide a great habitat and cover for fish, these trees deteriorate in just a few years and have to be replaced. Thanks!



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Engelman, a fellow lake resident. It was completed in 1963. There was only one other house in A-cove at the time and few other full time residents at the lake.

Over the years some things have changed a great deal. For instance:

The well pump was an oasis where one could get a fresh cold drink of water on a hot day.

The roads were chip and gravel which were oiled and chipped each summer by resident volunteers. There were far fewer items of trash tossed from car windows.

The community house was built by volunteers in the early '60s. Each summer there was a two-day picnic at which a new Ford was raffled off.

Our lake water was extremely clear, I remember treading water and seeing the pink polish on my toe nails.

The telephones were on party lines. Our ring was 2 longs. If you wanted to catch up on the local news those phones made it easy!

Goldman fire department was a all volunteer department. You had to purchase a small metal medallion to post on your house each year. If you did not have the medallion the department would not respond.

The closest place to buy bread and milk was 30 minutes away.

It was common to see flying squirrels soar from one tree to another in the evening.

Our electric service was interrupted so often we joked that there was one long extension cord serving the lake and it got kicked loose far too often.

Livestock from farms nearby have often wandered through our yard. Cows, horses, chickens, pigs, goats, turkeys and once a peacock have visited us. Some stayed for a few minutes, some a few hours, the peacock hung around for days.

When the lights were turned out at night it was total darkness. You couldn't see your hand in front of your face. The stars were so bright and there seemed to be so many of them.

Some things remain the same:

Lake Tishomingo remains a beautiful place to live. The sunset viewed from your boat with a glass of wine and with our best friends is unbeatable. Usually an 11 on a scale of 1 to 10.

We sometimes bicker amongst ourselves.

The best thing is that when one of our neighbors experience misfortune, we all purr together. That is something that has never changed and I hope it never does.

We are so fortunate to have this wonderful place to call home. If we want to take a walk in a pretty place we don't have to drive there, we live there. There are so many things that make our lake special, we all need to "stop and smell the roses" more often.



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Wild Sides

by Rich Hirsch

Since the lake seems to be “blessed” with Canada Geese this winter, a neighbor suggested we offer ways to cook geese or side dishes that accompany geese. The first recipe served up today comes from Gail Lents and could very well be served with goose, although probably not Canada Goose, since we think harvesting Canada Geese is illegal. Gail’s dish features both wild rice and brown rice. Contrary to what many believe, wild rice is not rice at all but a grass. Much of it sold in the world today is not even wild but rather cultivated varieties that do not occur naturally. Wild rice is really an annual aquatic seed *Zizania aquatica* found mostly in the upper freshwater lakes of Canada, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota in North America.

Gail Lents' Twice the Rice Casserole

1 c wild rice
1 c brown rice
1 c currants or raisins
1/2 c pine nuts or walnuts, toasted
1/4 c chopped fresh parsley or 1/8 c dried parsley
1/4 c olive oil
2 T grated orange zest
2 T orange juice
grated parmesan cheese
salt and pepper to taste

Bring 3 cups of water to boil in a medium size heavy saucepan. Add wild rice, stir, and reduce heat. Cover and simmer rice for 35 minutes. Drain rice and transfer to large bowl.

Bring 2 cups of water to boil in heavy sauce pan. Add brown rice, stir, and reduce heat. Cover pan and simmer 20 minutes. The water should be totally absorbed and rice tender.

Combine cooked wild and brown rices. Add remaining ingredients except cheese. Toss everything together to combine. Transfer mixture to an ovenproof casserole, cover tightly with aluminum foil. Bake until rices are soft but not mushy about 20 to 30 minutes. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese, return to oven to brown the cheese a little bit. Serves 12-15 people.

Our next recipe comes from Kathy Hopfer and received rave reviews when served at the LTIA dinner meeting in January.

Kathy Hopfer's Broccoli Salad

1 bunch broccoli, chopped
1/2 c sun flower seeds or sliced almonds
1/2 c raisins
8 slices bacon, cooked, chopped
1/2 red onion, chopped
1/2 c mayonnaise
3 T cider vinegar
1/2 c sugar

Combine all ingredients. Mix well and let set for at least one hour.

Longtime readers of TN’s Cookin’ Cove will recognize Dixie Bryant as a frequent contributor. Dixie’s recipes just seem to stand out and always have a rich, satisfying, hearty flavor. This

recipe, a variation on an old favorite, lasagna, is no exception.

Dixie Bryant's White Lasagna

2 c. cooked chicken (diced)
2 jars (16 oz. each) Alfredo pasta sauce
1/2 c. chopped roasted red bell peppers (optional)
1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 c.)
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
3 T chopped fresh parsley
8 uncooked lasagna noodles (from 16-oz. package)
1 container (15 oz.) ricotta cheese or small curd creamed cottage cheese (2 c.)
1/2 c. grated Parmesan cheese
1 T chopped fresh or 1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano leaves
2 c. shredded mozzarella cheese (8 oz.)

Saute onion and garlic. Stir in chicken, 2 T of the parsley, optional red peppers, and the Alfredo sauce. Heat to boiling, stirring occasionally; reduce heat.

Heat oven to 350 deg. Cook and drain noodles as directed on package. (Or, use precooked noodles.)

While noodles are cooking, mix ricotta cheese, 1/4 c. of the Parmesan cheese, the oregano and remaining parsley.

Spread half of the meat mixture in ungreased rectangular baking dish (13x9x2 inches). Top with four noodles. Spread half of the cheese mixture over noodles. Sprinkle with 1 c. of the mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers, ending with mozzarella. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 c. Parmesan cheese.

Cover and bake 30 minutes. Uncover and bake about 15 minutes longer or until hot and bubbly. Let stand 15 minutes before cutting. 8 servings.

Let’s end with a healthy desert — Lou Harting’s banana nut cake. What makes this desert healthy? The bananas. My father lived to be 93 and for the last 30 years of his life ate one banana a day as an afternoon snack. While Lou is best known for his deviled eggs, he also is a master of the banana nut cake.

Lou Harting's Banana Nut Cake

2-1/4 c cake flour
1-2/3 c sugar
1-1/4 t baking powder
1-1/4 t baking soda
1 t salt
2/3 c shortening (oil)
2/3 c milk
3 eggs
1-1/4 c mashed ripe bananas
2/3 c finely chopped nuts

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour 9" x 13" baking pan or two 9-inch or three 8-inch round layer pans. Measure all ingredients into large mixer bowl. Blend 30 seconds on low speed, scrape bowl constantly. Beat three minutes high speed, scraping bowl occasionally. Pour into pans.

Bake oblong pan for 45 to 50 minutes, layers for 35 to 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool.



from <http://www.math.iastate.edu/jdhsmith/coffee/rlmntest.htm>

Mingo, Schmingo

Real Men Test

[Note: Although this is test for men only and all real men answer "C" to all of these questions, women will also benefit by reviewing them so that they get to understand men and thereby enrich their own lives.]

1. Alien beings from a highly advanced society visit the Earth, and you are the first human they encounter. As a token of intergalactic friendship, they present you with a small but incredibly sophisticated device that is capable of curing all disease, providing an infinite supply of clean energy, wiping out hunger and poverty, and permanently eliminating oppression and violence all over the entire Earth. You decide to:
 - A. Present it to the President of the United States.
 - B. Present it to the Secretary General of the United Nations.
 - C. Take it apart.
2. As you grow older, what lost quality of your youthful life do you miss the most?
 - A. Innocence.
 - B. Idealism.
 - C. Cherry bombs.
3. When is it okay to kiss another male?
 - A. When you wish to display simple and pure affection without regard for narrow-minded social conventions.
 - B. When he is the Pope. (Not on the lips.)
 - C. When he is your brother and you are Al Pacino and this is the only really sportsmanlike way to let him know that, for business reasons, you have to have him killed.
4. In your opinion, the ideal pet is:
 - A. A cat.
 - B. A dog.
 - C. A dog that eats cats.
5. You have been seeing a woman for several years. She's attractive and intelligent, and you always enjoy being with her. One leisurely Sunday afternoon the two of you are taking it easy. You're watching a football game; she's reading the papers when she suddenly, out of the clear blue sky, tells you that she thinks she really loves you, but, she can no longer bear the uncertainty of not knowing where your relationship is going. She says she's not asking whether you want to get married; only whether you believe that you have some kind of future together. What do you say?
 - A. That you sincerely believe the two of you do have a future, but you don't want to rush it.
 - B. That although you also have strong feelings for her, you cannot honestly say that you'll be ready anytime soon to make a lasting commitment, and you don't want to hurt her by holding out false hope.
 - C. That you cannot believe the Broncos called a draw play on third and seventeen.
6. Okay, so you have decided that you truly love a woman and you want to spend the rest of your life with her, sharing the joys and the sorrows the world has to offer, come what may. How do you tell her?
 - A. You take her to a nice restaurant and tell her after dinner.
 - B. You take her for a walk on a moonlit beach, and you say her name, and when she turns to you, with the sea breeze blowing through her hair and the stars in her eyes, you tell her.
 - C. Tell her what?
7. One weekday morning your wife wakes up feeling ill and asks you to get your three children ready for school. Your first question to her is:
 - A. "Do they need to eat or anything?"
 - B. "They're in school already?"
 - C. "There are three of them?"
8. When is it okay to throw away a set of veteran underwear?
 - A. When it has turned the color of a dead whale and developed new holes so large that you're not sure which ones were originally intended for your legs.
 - B. When it is down to eight loosely connected underwear molecules and has to be handled with tweezers.
 - C. It is never okay to throw away veteran underwear. A real guy checks the garbage regularly in case somebody, and we are not naming names (but this would be his wife), is quietly trying to discard his underwear.
9. What, in your opinion, is the most reasonable explanation for the fact that Moses led the Israelites all over the place for forty years before they finally got to the Promised Land?
 - A. He was being tested.
 - B. He wanted them to really appreciate the Promised Land when they finally got there.
 - C. He refused to ask for directions.
10. What is the human race's single greatest achievement?
 - A. Democracy.
 - B. Religion.
 - C. Remote control.



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