



Tishomingo News

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The wellhouse (above) has been repaired and painted and the adjacent area is being restored to a wildflower garden. And the new garden in front of the sales office (below) is filled with bright yellow daffodils.

Lake View

by Janet Hirsch,
 Tishomingo News Editor

Many are small and inconspicuous. They're out there and all you have to do is step outside to see them. Recently at Jason Covington's and even just along the road – we took a little walk and were rewarded with dozens of wildflowers without much effort.



Yesterday I sat on the dock in the sunshine, just soaking it up and watching the reflections on the water. Looking deeper I saw hundreds of little fish darting back and forth, they stop only to nibble on the bright green algae on the top step of the ladder.

I know the spring peepers are active. We have bats in the bathhouse and seven speckled pink chickadee eggs in one of the bird houses. Flocks of cedar waxwings fill the trees and the phoebe is making that rusty-porch-swing-like chirp to call her mate. The purple martins and hummingbirds are back.

The flowers, the fish, the birds – these all contribute to the beautiful environment we have here. But more than the flora and fauna it's the folks that really make this a good place.

This place could be a paradise and we're on our way now because -- thanks to a lot of folks

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Dinner Meetings

6:30 pm Sat **May 8** -- Fried chicken
 6:30 pm Sat **Jun 12** -- Pork Steaks

Bring a side dish and enjoy a pleasant evening of food and fellowship with your neighbors.

Bass Tournament

6 am - 3 pm Sat **May 15**
 Entrance fee \$10
 Good fishing and cash prizes

Lakeside Gardeners Plant Sale

9 am - 1 pm Sat **May 1**
 Community House

This is a brand new event. The Lakeside Gardeners will be hosting this sale of plants, decorative ceramic tiles, bird houses, and lots of other stuff.

The men and women of the Gardeners are working very hard on lake beautification. You have all seen the improvements made so far around the sales office, the flagpole, and the well house. All of their work is funded by donations and these fund-raising events.

Everyone is invited to come to the sale, visit with the Gardeners, and maybe buy some plants, tiles, a birdhouse, or an interesting decorative item. The tiles are on display and can be viewed at the website: www.laketishomingo.com.

Lake Tishomingo's Early Spring Wildflowers

- Rue Anemone
- Spring Beauty
- Toothwort
- Sweet William
- Buttercup
- Violet
- Wild Ginger
- Chickweed
- Pussytoes
- Bloodroot
- May Apple
- Dutchman's Britches



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New Stuff

The Lake Tishomingo website, www.laketishomingo.com, continues to grow and new material is always being posted. Two recent additions are the catalog showing the tiles for sale by the Lakeside Gardeners and the Lake Tishomingo Opinion Survey.

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

- Apr 24 Sat **9:30 am Tishomingo Clean up Day.** Free lunch for all workers.
- May 1 Sat **9 am - 1 pm Plant Sale.** Plants, ceramic tiles, bird houses, and decorative items. Community House. For info contact Dixie Bryant, 285-6043.
- May 8 Sat **6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting.** Fried Chicken. Bring a side dish.
- May 15 Sat **6 am - 3 pm Bass Tournament.** \$10. For info contact Rick Hannick, 274-1385.
- 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**

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Classified ads are free for LTIA members

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Special Thanks

All the volunteers are doing a splendid job around the lake. And we offer special thanks to new resident **Paul Juedemann** for helping the LTIA by painting the restrooms and portal windows at the Community House.

Trivia Night

Trivia Night, March 20, was again a great success! The players filled eight tables, bought raffle tickets and participated in silent auctions. Everyone had fun trying to figure out the answers to those questions.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed gifts and prizes and to all the helpers: Kathy Hopfer, Dixie Bryant, Dale Farwig, Barb Rohm, Jan Hunnicutt, Sheila Wintjen, Kim Teklinski, Natalie, Sammy, and Alex Farwig.



Team Lents.



Team Kardell.



Team McGlynn-Scheirich/Hannick.



Team Jarus: knowledgeable in television commercials, sitcoms, unimportant facts. Won.



Trivia Night staff: Kathy Hopfer, Dixie Bryant, Dale Farwig, Barb Rohm, and Jan Hunnicutt. Not shown: Sheila Wintjen, Kim Teklinski, Natalie, Sammy, and Alex Farwig.



Abigail Farwig tired of all those questions.

Children's Easter Party

The Easter Bunny came early to Lake Tishomingo. Sunday April 4 we had fifteen kids participating in the fun. There was, of course, the Bunny, games, crafts, candy, and a little mayhem. Many thanks to those who helped make this a success: Gail Lents, Kathy Hopfer, Janet, Natalie, and Samantha Farwig, Neil Higgins, and Sheila Wintjen.



photo: Kathy Hopfer

LTIA Meetings Summary

by Dixie Bryant, Janet Farwig, and Barb McGlynn

March 13, 2004

President Kathy Hopfer opened the meeting at 7:25 by complimenting the cooks.

Treasurer – We now have 115 members. AC bond paybacks finished. Thanks to everyone who contributed and worked as a team.

Welcome Wagon – 2 baskets were delivered. Welcome to our visitors – Lisa Juedemann, and John Hindrichs and Kathy Zuresku. The Juedemanns joined LTIA.

Tishomingo News – deadline for the next newsletter is April 12. The last newsletter was the first joint LTIA/LTPOA newsletter and it was very well received.

Ways & Means – Trivia Night is March 20. We have 11 tables booked but several had open seats. We have gift baskets to raffle, a silent auction for Busch Garden tickets, and a jellybean-counting contest. We are still accepting donations. Please notify any board member if you have anything to donate.

Ms. Tishomingo – we have 1 person to run and would like at least one more. Anyone who has a grand daughter, grandson, niece or nephew, please let us know before the May meeting if you know of anyone.

Social & Recreation – Janet Farwig reminded everyone that the kids Easter party is April 4th from noon – 2 p.m. Bring 1 bag of non-chocolate candy to her house by March 28th at 6519 S. Lakeshore. Bring a snack to share. The Easter Bunny will be there.

Maintenance – Dale is making arrangements to have the damaged aluminum fascia replaced. Paul Juedemann has volunteered to repair the round portal windows. We are also talking to Paul about painting the bathrooms and concrete block walls. We have most of the materials for this.

Rich Hirsch was thanked for working on the PA system and working on the TV and VCR. They are in working order and just need to be hooked up to an antenna or cable to get a clear picture. Rich is also working on replacing/repairing the faulty electrical boxes outside.

Dale wanted to remind the people who have volunteered to clean the community house to call him when making arrangements to gain access. Cleaning should be done the week before the meetings. The next month's volunteers are: April – the Hunnicutts, May – Kathy Ziebold and Wanda Fisher, and in June – The Fitzgeralds.

Spring Clean Up Day is scheduled for April 24 at 9:30 a.m. John Dauernheim will coordinate the Tishomingo Road clean up and the LTIA board members will coordinate the community house cleaning. There will be hotdogs, chips, and sodas for lunch. A thank you was given to the Volunteer Corps who have been raking and burning leaves in the ditches and culverts along the lake roads. This has eliminated work in this area for clean up day.

TAA – Rick Hannick announced that would be putting fish covers in the lake on March 21 at 12:30 at the dam. They need lumber and concrete blocks to make the covers. He invited anyone interested in helping to join them. He also added that they are planning the first fishing tournament of the year,

probably the second weekend in May. Stay tuned for more details.

Lakeside Gardeners – Gail Lents reported that the Gardeners have a work day scheduled for March 20 at the pump pavilion/ wild flower area. They will be removing rocks and getting the beds ready to plant. The next meeting will be at Jason Covington's home on April 3. The Gardeners are planning a plant sale and white elephant sale on May 1. Everyone was asked to help with donations. You do not have to be a member to donate or to shop. The money raised will be going toward paying for new signs at the flagpole and buying plant materials. No broken items, clothing, or appliances.

Kathy Hopfer then asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries this month. We serenaded Rick Hannick, Mike Higgins, Janet Hirsch, Hilda Schryver, Sandy Uhlenbrock, Lew Dinsmore, and Betty Melchior.

Rick Hannick won the drawing for the oxalis plant. Sandy Uhlenbrock's mother won the raffle for the rubber tree plant. \$24.00 was raised for the Garden Club.

April 10, 2004

President, Kathy Hopfer, opened the meeting with a compliment to the cooks and a thank you to all for attending.

Announcements: Rose Will's sister has passed away. A moment of Silence. Kathy Ziebol – Prayers for a speedy recovery. Birthdays - Charlie Lents. Anniversaries - Dale and Janet Farwig 17years 4/10/04

Welcome Wagon: We had 2 baskets to deliver. Tom Kramer & Nancy Glass, 5712 South Lakeshore Amy Wells and Hans Neudecker, 6508 South Lakeshore .

Lakeside Gardeners: Last month the ground around the pump house was cleared to get ready for spring planting. We discovered several varieties of wildflowers while touring Jason Covington's garden last week.

May 1 the Lakeside Gardeners are having a May Day Sale. There will be many varieties of plants and "White Elephant" items for sale. Any donations can be brought to the community center on Friday, April 30 from 6:30–9:30 pm or call Dixie Bryant at 636-285-6043 if you have items that we need to pick up. All proceeds will be used to help beautify the lake area.

Hand decorated tiles were available for purchase at the meeting. The tiles are handmade by members of the garden club. We can make special orders from photos. Call Fran Hovis or Marilyn Meyer for more details.

Ways & Means: Lake Tishomingo Coffee Cups made by Gail Lents are available for \$6 each.

Social & Recreational: Janet Farwig announced the Kids Easter Party was a huge success there were a total of 15 kids in attendance. The kids all had a good time making crafts, hunting for eggs and a special visit by the Easter Bunny himself.

The Tishomingo King and Queen Fourth of July event is coming soon and so far we have one person who would like to compete. Anyone who has a grandchild, niece or nephew, please let us know before the May meeting.

TAA: Fish covers were put in the lake last weekend, and we are planning to put in 20,000 minnows April 17 for anyone who would like to watch how this is done. The Spring Fishing

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Gardening Tips for April-June

by Chryee De Roode and Jason Covington

Clean up garden areas, shorelines, and ditches

First, rake leaves and clean out ditches. Rake leaves off of shorelines and out of the shallow water areas of the lake. Leaves left in the shallow water will contribute to the silting problem and ultimately make it more and more difficult for you to park your boat on shore or swim. (It will become a thick, mucky area if you don't remove the leaves in the Fall and Spring). You can remove the leaves with a metal rake. Leave them on shore for a few days to dry and then bag them, burn them, or create a mulch pile in an area where they will not be dispersed with Spring winds.



Emily and Jason Covington with the undesirable Japanese Honeysuckle.



Marilyn Meyer and Rich Hirsch identify Sweet William.



Fran Hovis, Pat Harting, Bill Reininger, Lew Dinsmore, Dixie Bryant, Hilda Schryver, and Lori Patton.

Also, this might be a good time to haul away the junked-out cars, boats, and other refuse you find under the yard debris. Removing that '74 Plymouth that stopped running five years ago, along with the junk pile from the weeds, will provide you with new areas to plant.

Plant wild irises and arrowheads on lake shorelines. These native Missouri flowering plants love the water and are not invasive.

Plant calamus, sweet flag, or spike rushes on lakeside ditches or on exposed areas for erosion control. All of these are desirable native Missouri plants that are not invasive. These act as nature's filters from contaminants that might try to filter into the lake and help hold shorelines and banks together.

April

Once you have cleaned out old dead growth and leaves, etc., prune azaleas and wisterias just after flowering to encourage compact growth. Prepare beds for planting. Start seeding fast-growing annuals such as zinnias indoors. Give indoor seedlings plenty of light to encourage bushy, compact growth. Don't remove foliage from spring-flowering bulbs until they have started to dry out on their own. Dethatch and aerate lawns if not done earlier or in the Fall. Overseed lawns with suitable grass seed in sparse areas. Protect tender plants from possible late frosts.

May

Prune tent caterpillar nests from trees and destroy them. Plant remaining annuals when the danger of frost has passed. Apply summer mulch around established planting. Deadhead perennials after flowering to promote plant vigor and rebloom. Fertilize lawn lightly if it has lost some of its color or is not growing well. Establish a regular mowing schedule. Never cut more than 1/3 of the leaf. Watch for signs of fungus and insect damage. Give 1 inch of water per week with one deep soaking if weather is dry. Establish zoysia grass by sodding, plugging, or sprigging. Monitor patio and potted plants daily for water needs and insect pests.

June

Apply acid fertilizer to magnolias, rhododendrens, and other acid-loving plants. Direct-seed annuals that require warm soil, such as zinnias. Cut flowers in the early morning for longer-lasting arrangements. Remove foliage of spring-flowering bulbs when they are brown and dry. Leave green foliage alone. Maintain a good mowing and watering schedule for the lawn. Leave grass clippings on the lawn. Give zoysia grass a light application of slow-release fertilizer to keep it healthy over the summer. For patio and potted plants, apply water-soluble fertilizer or foliar feed to plants as needed for healthy vigor—usually every 2-4 weeks.



Chryee De Roode and Barb Rohm pause while moving rocks at the wellhouse.



Fran Hovis and Liz Higgins work the soil at the wellhouse.



Dixie Bryant, Hilda Schryver, and Lori Patton identify Wild Buttercup.

Lake Happenings

Thanks

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped assemble the last *Tishomingo News & LTPOA Report*: Dixie Bryant, Lou &

Pat Harting, Mike & Liz Higgins, Bev & Ken Jost, Gail & Charlie Lents, and Hilda Schryver.



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Deaths

We are very saddened to report that **Carl and Rose Will** had two tragedies in their family: granddaughter Hallie Rose died shortly before being delivered by mother Tricia Darden. Rose's sister, Bridget Brown, died of a sudden cardiac arrest.

Welcome New Neighbors

Tom Kramer & Nancy Glass, 5712 South Lakeshore.
 Amy Wells and Hans Neudecker, 6508 South Lakeshore.

Illness

Our much beloved neighbor **Kathy Ziebol** has been in the hospital recently. We pray for her speedy recovery.

Congratulations

Joel Schatzman's son Scott qualified for the Olympic Trials in 133-lb wrestling. He'll be competing May 21-23 in Indianapolis. That's the week after he graduates from Law School, May 14-15.

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Tishomingo Anglers

by Rick Hannick

For the past four years, the Tishomingo Anglers Association (TAA) has been working to improve the size, quality, and variety of the fish in our lake. Through a combination of stocking, habitat placement, spawning structure placement, and management of slot limits, we have seen a dramatic increase in the success ratio of the residents who regularly fish here.

Four years ago, most fishermen could go out and catch between ten and fifteen bass in a half day of fishing, but most, if not all of them, would be under fifteen inches. Now, of those same ten or fifteen bass, more than half are likely to be over fifteen inches, with one or two in the three- to four-pound size range. In another year or two, most anglers should feel the thrill of a five-plus-pound bass a few times a year.



Planning the construction: Rich Hirsch, Gary Ryan, Rick Hannick, Tim Schryver, and Ken Jost.

Fishing Success



Big bass caught and displayed by Arden Fahning, O-5 3/6/2004. Large mouth bass estimated to be 6 lbs (no scale).

The same goes for those of you who fish for the other species in our lake. Catching a five- to seven-pound channel catfish can be a fairly regular occurrence now, and that will only get better as the 3000 ten-inch channel catfish we stocked in 2001 grow up. Those 3000 fish we stocked should be between three and four pounds each this year.

For the bluegill and redear fishermen, who enjoy a great fight on ultra-light tackle, we stocked 1000 redear sunfish in 2001 that should now be around 10-12 inches in length.

In response to several requests from the anglers who want to fish for crappie, we began a stocking program in 2003 with 1000 5- to 6-inch crappie.

In order to sustain the success and growth of these various species, we have also stocked golden-shiner minnows in large numbers as a forage base. We stocked 26,000 in 2002, 4000 in 2003, and will be adding 10,000 more in the next week or two. The golden shiners spawn three or four times a year, so there should be plenty of food to fatten up our fish. This year we are also introducing 10,000 fat-head minnows to the mix. The fat-head minnow spawns the same three or four times a year, but produce a lot more eggs per spawn.

We have spent \$6,700 over the past four years, as well as many hours by the TAA members constructing and placing habitat in the lake, in an effort to make this



Gary Ryan (Sr.), Tim Schryver, Rich Hirsch, and Jason Covington.

an enjoyable and productive fishery for all residents. Each year we spend whatever money we have to stock the lake and buy materials for the construction of habitat. The TAA is not supported financially by either board, so our only sources of revenue are the aluminum cans donated by all of you, the annual membership dues to TAA (\$12 per year), and donations from anglers who appreciate what we are doing.

If you would like to join TAA, make a donation to TAA, or both, please make checks payable to Tishomingo Anglers Association (we take cash too) and mail to Gary Ryan, Treasurer, 5933 S. Lakeshore Dr., Hillsboro MO 63050. Our meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at the community house at 7:00 p.m. (next one is May 13) if you would like to attend and participate in the increasing improvement of our fishery. WE NEED YOURHELP!!!

from Missouri Conservationist, May 2004

Avoiding Venomous Snakes

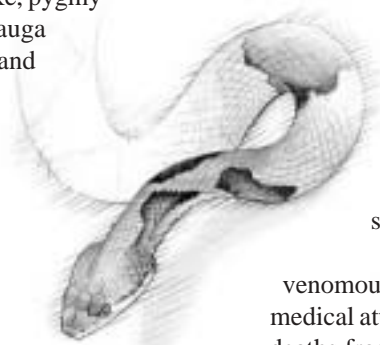
Missouri is home to five species of venomous snakes: copperhead, cottonmouth, timber rattlesnake, pygmy rattlesnake and massasauga rattlesnake. All are shy and normally avoid people, but when cornered, they are capable of defending themselves.

Medical literature reveals that most people are bitten by venomous snakes while trying to kill or handle them. If

you come across a venomous snake or a snake you can't identify, leave it alone. In areas that harbor venomous snakes, wear protective footwear and always look where you put your hands and feet.

Do not straddle logs or rocks. Step on them, then step over.

A bite by any of Missouri's venomous snakes warrants immediate medical attention. However, no human deaths from bites by native venomous snake have been recorded in Missouri in more than 30 years.



Copperhead snake



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helping all of us – you can see that things are changing. You can see it when you drive in at the front entrance and see the new wildflower gardens and improvements made by the gardeners.

The volunteers are contributing hundreds of hours of service, you can see the results of work being done everywhere. All over the lake the roadside ditches are cleaner than they've been in years. The Community House is being cared for and monthly LTIA dinners are prepared by our neighbors.

Those horrible winter pot holes in the entrance road were repaired and the trash and litter all along the road has been removed. The electrical system for the security gate has been thoroughly checked. And a neighborhood watch program is being started.

When you catch that big one it's 'cause the anglers have placed fish cover and stocked the lake. And when that rogue pontoon boater is out there the lake patrol will be maintaining order on the water.

Pretty soon it'll be Fourth of July and the fireworks put on by the LTIA. We are fortunate -- every year we have kids and their parents who volunteer to go door-to-door and stand at the entrance gate to collect donations so we can enjoy the display.

These folks and everyone who works on the committees and the boards of the owners' associations contribute their time – that most scarce of assets – without reward or recognition.

How can we thank them? My answer is to join in. Help the helpers. These are your neighbors, your friends, and folks that you should get to know.

You know that you benefit from the work they do and every

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Tournament is scheduled for May 15 so mark your calendars and get ready for the big ones. As always the TAA is accepting any donations of aluminum and any other means from the lake residents to help in stocking the lake and making the fish covers.

Maintenance: A big "Thank you" goes to Paul Juedemann for painting the Ladies' Room. Paul is also volunteering his time to paint the Men's Room and to repair the portal windows.

Spring Clean up day is right around the corner on April 24. Our thanks to John Dauernheim for once again coordinating the Tishomingo Road clean up crew. LTIA board members will be coordinating the cleaning of the Community Center and will have plenty of hot dogs, chips and sodas for lunch.

A big Thank you went to Rick and Marilyn Hannick for donating a very nice hosta to raffle.

Winners: Abby Farwig – Kids drawing – Kite kit, Arlene Stenmetz – Door Prize – Live plant centerpieces, Janet Hirsch – Raffle – Hosta.



one of them would appreciate another set of hands to lighten the load. So, if you haven't pitched in lately, do it now. If you know whom to contact, do it now. If you don't know, call or email me, but do it now.

[Janet can be reached by phone: 285-0813, email: jhirsch@catenary.com, or in person: F-29, 6089 S Lakeshore.]



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*the Cookin' Cove***Hearty Party and Low Fat Dishes**

by Janet Hirsch

Our first recipe is by Barb McGlynn and was served at January's LTIA dinner. Barb made a wonderful casserole version of pierogis that we really enjoyed. The pierogi is a dumpling filled with vegetables, fruit or cheese and comes to us originally from Poland. In concept it is similar in some way to the Chinese Potsticker or the Italian Ravioli. This dish reminded me of Christmas Eve at my sister-in-law Virginia's house. It's a tradition that she make homemade potato and saurkraut pierogi.

Barb McGlynn's Lazy Pierogi

- 1 large or 2 small cans sauerkraut
- 1 large onion
- 1 can mushroom slices
- 2 sticks butter or margarine
- 8 oz flat egg noodles

Rinse the kraut in cold water. Put into pot. Cover with water and parboil. (Bring to a boil and boil for 5 to 10 min.) Rinse under cold water and squeeze out very tightly.

Sauté chopped onion in 1 stick of butter or margarine until transparent. Add can of drained mushrooms. Add kraut and cook for 1 hr. at low heat. Boil noodles according to the package directions and then add to kraut mixture along with the second stick of butter or margarine. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Barb and Ron Rohm took a vacation cruise to Alaska and came back with this next great recipe for salmon pate. When she placed it on the table a huge crowd gathered with crackers ready. No one left until the plate was empty.

Barb Rohm's Salmon Pate

- 1 pound smoked salmon
- 16 oz cream cheese
- 1 c mayonaise
- 1/2 T lemon juice
- 1 t dill weed
- few pinches black pepper

Remove skin and finely shred the salmon. Add softened cream cheese in small chunks. Process all ingredients in food processor. Enjoy on crackers, bagels or bread.

At the April LTIA dinner Gail Lents cooked two hams for our main course (thank you very much).

In addition Gail also brought a side dish.

Gail Lents' Easy Corn Pudding

- 1 can cream-style corn
- 1 can whole kernel corn
- 8 oz. plain no-fat yogurt
- 1 pkg. Jiffy cornbread mix
- 1/2 c melted margarine or canola oil

Combine all ingredients. Pour into 2 quart greased baking dish. Bake at 400 degrees- 35-40 min.

Clothes Dryer Fire-safety

[A lake neighbor experienced a fire in a clothes dryer in Apr. This article, contributed by Charlie Lents, offers tips to help prevent dryer fires.—RHH]

Clothes dryers start more residential fires than any other home appliance. The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that there are over 24,000 dryer fires each year in the United States, causing over \$96 million in property damage. Inadequate maintenance is the leading cause of dryer fires, and lint is the material which usually ignites. Even well cleaned lint-screens remove only 75 percent of the lint produced. When lint builds up in dryer vents, the dryer motor has to labor harder and can overheat, thus igniting the lint.

Reduced airflow and the resulting lint build-up cause overheating by preventing rapid drying action. When this happens, the "high temperature limit" safety switch has to cycle on and off continuously to control the heater. These switches were never designed for continuous cycling; therefore, they may fail over a period of time. Warning signs of inadequate dryer venting include clothes, especially towels and jeans, that take a very long time to dry; clothes which are hotter than usual at the

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Gail says "I like things that don't take much effort and taste good." She also reminds us that many folks are diabetic and many are on fat- and sugar-restricted diets. This next strawberry cake recipe is the perfect springtime treat. It's satisfying and tasty but fat-free and sugar-free.

Gail Lents' Strawberry Cake

- 1 angel food cake, pulled apart
- 3 c strawberries, hulled and sweetened with Splenda.
- 2 envelopes sugar-free strawberry Jello
- 1 large pkg instant vanilla pudding, sugar-free, fat-free
- 1 8-oz. pkg fat-free cream cheese, room temp.
- 1 container fat-free Cool Whip

Spread cake evenly over the bottom of a 9x12 inch cake pan. Dissolve Jello in 2 cups water, add strawberries, pour over cake in pan. Mix up pudding as directed, blend in cream cheese until smooth. Chill. Top with Cool Whip.

Carleen Licari's meatballs have been very popular whenever she makes them. We are very fortunate that she is sharing her recipe with us. It's a surprising combination, but oh boy, is it ever good!

Carleen Licari's Best Ever Meatballs

- 3 lb frozen meatballs
- 1 can saurkraut
- 1 can whole cranberry sauce
- 1 bottle chili sauce
- 1 c brown sugar

Combine all ingredients. Simmer in a crockpot or cook in a covered casserole dish in a low-heat oven (about 250 deg) for two or more hours.

The frozen meatballs are available in a 5-lb package at Sam's Club. Use about 3/4 of a bag. (If you use the entire bag you should double the quantities of the other ingredients.)



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Stupid Attorney Questions

These statements were actually said in court. They are from a book called "Disorder in the Court."

Judge: "Well, Sir, I have reviewed this case and I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week."

Husband: "That's fair, your honor. I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."

Q: What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke up that morning?

A: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

Q: And why did that upset you?

A: My name is Susan.

Q: Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?

A: All my autopsies are performed on dead people.

Q: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

A: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

Q: And Mr. Dennington was dead at the time?

A: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy.

Q: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

Q: What is your date of birth?

A: July fifteenth.

Q: What year?

A: Every year

Q: What gear were you in at moment of the impact?

A: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

Q: Trooper, when you stopped the defendant, were your red and blue lights flashing?

A: Yes.

Q: Did the defendant say anything when she got out of her car?

A: Yes, sir.

Q: What did she say?

A: What disco am I at?

Q: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

Q: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition that I sent to your attorney?

A: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

Q: All your responses must be oral, OK?

A: OK.

Q: What school did you go to?

A: Oral.

Q: Did you blow your horn or anything?

A: After the accident?

Q: Before the accident.

A: Sure, I played for 10 years. I even went to school for it.

Q: Were you present when your picture was taken?

Q: So the date of conception of (the baby) was August 8th?

A: Yes.

Q: And what were you doing at that time?

Q: She had three children, right?

A: Yes.

Q: How many were boys?

A: None.

Q: Were there any girls?

Q: How old is your son, the one living with you.

A: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

Q: How long has he lived with you?

A: Forty-five years.

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end of the cycle; and when the "flapper" on the vent hood does not open when the dryer is on.

The following tips will ensure the safest dryer operation. For certain maintenance issues, you may need to call a licensed contractor, particularly if you have a gas dryer that cannot be easily moved.

- Clean the lint trap after each use.
- Move the dryer and vacuum lint that has collected behind and underneath.
- Vacuum inside the duct. This is easily accomplished by removing the clamp connecting the dryer and the duct.
- Do not place a nylon stocking or bug screen over the vent hood or other openings.
- It is preferable not to use soft flexible ducts for vent piping. These are typically plastic films or some foil material placed over wire coils. Metal ducts will not burn if lint inside the duct catches fire.

- Do not kink or crush the vent pipe or fittings to make up for a lack of room behind the dryer. Vent only to the outside - do not vent the dryer into an attic or crawl space.
- Make sure the exterior vent cap is not obstructed. Trim shrubbery around the vent in order to maintain at least 12 inches of clearance.
- Do not use the dryer for drying clothes or rags which have been used to absorb flammable liquids.
- Never use your dryer when you are asleep or away from home.

Proper unobstructed venting can decrease both drying time and operating costs. More importantly, adequate airflow helps prevent the dryer from relying on its "high temperature limit" safety controls. The use of proper venting materials to achieve maximum performance may also extend the life of the dryer and increase the life of clothing due to lower drying temperatures.



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Last year I gave you a list of contractors I work with regularly. I'm repeating this list as there are now many more folks receiving this newsletter than received it last year.

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Septic Pumping & Drain Line Rooting - All Weather Pumping - 636.797.2345

Keith Hawkins Septic Pumping Service - 636.931.7177

Plumbing & Hot Water Heaters - Charles Higgins & Sons (no, he's not related to me) 636.479.4244

Bulk Trash Removal - Tim's Hauling - 636-274-3279

Pest & Termite Control - Frank's Pest Control - 636-677-1137

Locksmith - Boss Locksmith Services - Howard Wilder - 636-671-4216

Heating & Cooling - Bone Heating - 636-931-4030

If you have a company that's worked for you, done a good job, at a realistic price, please give me a call & I'll add them to the list. This will save all lake residents time & \$\$\$ searching for a good contractor.

If you're thinking of selling, now is the time to get your home ready to market! Any painting, carpet cleaning, closet cleaning & yard clean up, now's the time to do this! I have buyer's looking for homes. They want to be moved in fast to enjoy the lake this summer! Call me for a current price on your home & a marketing plan to sell it fast!

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The Community House is all spruced up, air conditioned, and ready. We have lots of new people to meet and everyone's bringing all these new tasty dishes to share. Don't miss out. Don't wait. Do it now.



from Barb Rohm

Mole Chaser Tonic

by Jerry Baker

- 1-1/2 T Tabasco sauce
- 1 T liquid dish soap
- 1 t chili powder
- 1 qt water

Mix all ingredients together and pour this tonic in mole runways -- and they'll run away.