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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

January feels like a new beginning, almost a rebirth. It is a time to reflect on the year gone by. To remember both our triumphs and missteps, our promises kept or broken. Think of the times we opened up ourselves to great adventures or closed ourselves down for fear of getting hurt.

Even though we might not keep them, those resolutions are a head start on accomplishing personal goals. This year, try to stop wondering about 'what if' and start embracing 'what will be'. As we live our everyday life, let us remember to be kind to each other all year long.

This year let us take the opportunity to connect and/or reconnect with a neighbor or loved one. This is what New Years' is about; getting another chance to forgive, do better, do more, give more, and love more.

*"May your troubles be less and your blessing be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door."*

*unknown*

## HAPPY 2022

A bimonthly newsletter for all Woodland Lake lot owners.

This newsletter is intended to inform and entertain you. It contains articles and announcements such as:

- Board Updates & Announcements
- Classifieds
- Events
- Fishing Report
- Recipe of the Month

## Want to help?

### ARTICLES

Want to contribute an article or information to add to our monthly topics? Send it to [harrisonjlori@gmail.com](mailto:harrisonjlori@gmail.com)

### Recipes

Got a favorite recipe? Or a good quick and easy recipe?

### Photos

Living at this beautiful lake we know you have landscape or wildlife photos to share.

### Contacts

- . Ann Warman 901/438-4824
- . Lori Harrison 901/485-8012
- . Shirley Harris 662/429-5144
- . Mark Kelley 901/340-9416

# BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

The January board meeting was cancelled due to illnesses around the lake. We will have the next board meeting as scheduled on February 3rd.

**DID YOU KNOW...** Everyone is welcome to attend a board meeting. Be on the lookout for an email each month for details.

If you would like to bring a topic to the board, send an email to [info@woodland-lake.com](mailto:info@woodland-lake.com). New agenda items, must be submitted at least 1 week\* prior to the meeting.

\* last month it showed 2 weeks, correction made it is only 1 week.

## SPILLWAY UPDATE

We are still in wait mode for the work to start on the dam. Board members continue to monitor the situation on a regular basis. As more information becomes available, we will provide updates.

## BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meetings are scheduled for the

FIRST THURSDAY

of each month.

- Feb. 3rd
- Mar. 3rd
- Apr. 7th
- May 5th

**June 4th - Annual Meeting**

**DID YOU KNOW WE ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA?**

Woodland Lake Website: [Woodland-Lake.com](http://Woodland-Lake.com)

Facebook: [Woodland Lake, MS](https://www.facebook.com/Woodland-Lake,MS)



**Pets Of  
Woodland  
Lake**

**The Woodland Lake website now includes our furry friends.**

On occasion, our best furry friends sometimes get away from us. It happens and everyone understands. If you are lucky enough to have one visit, just go to the Woodland Lake webpage to locate the owner.

**How does it work?** Just click on the picture that matches your visitor and it will provide you the details needed to get them back home safe.

If you would like your furry friend to be listed in the pet directory, please send an email to [info@woodland-lake.com](mailto:info@woodland-lake.com) and provide any information you would like us to include.

# MEET THE NEIGHBOR

## MR. JOHN LAUZON

By Ashok Kara

LOT 42  
2ND CYPRESS CV

### THE PORTRAIT OF AN ARTIST AS A SIMPLE MAN

John Lauzon was born in 1942 in Ironwood Michigan. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Army, and stationed near Wertheim, Germany. There he met and married a beautiful German girl named Luise. From their union came 6 children, 12 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren with another 'great' currently on the way. John and Luise moved from northern Wisconsin to Woodland Lake about 6 years ago to be closer to most of their children. Their second daughter Chris and her husband Dave Bowen live just across the street. Artistic skills run deep in this family, among her many skills, Luise is a quilter and a painter, Chris is a silversmith and jewelry maker, their other two daughters and grand-daughters all possess a creative streak that they each express in different ways.



John's creative skills were evident from the start. He especially loved to draw as a child and young adult. His father enabled his talent by mounting a blackboard in the home for John to decorate for the seasons. The year he turned 40 he took a woodcarving class and discovered his true artistic calling.

"Everywhere I look, a field of grass, the sand on a wind-swept beach, a mound of stones, the clouds drifting by, but especially when I look at trees and leaves, I see faces, hundreds of them. All forms and shapes, all looking back at me. Sometimes they speak to me, and we may even carry on a conversation." As we talked, John showed me a video of a tree in his yard and helped me to find the face of John 'the Baptist'. It almost seemed that the breeze moving across the tree caused this face to move and change expressions.

Not every piece of wood or stone speaks to John, he has to be moved by it, or, as he says, the image within has to summon him and ask to be brought forth. He will then feel compelled to answer by bringing the hidden form within to the light of day. In the mid-2000s, John had an opportunity to acquire some chunks of 600 yr. old trees, which spent the last 100 years sunk in Lake Superior as a result of logging operations in northern Wisconsin in the late 1800s. He named the resulting series of carvings the 'Water Logged Lumberjacks'. As he chiseled away, John says he imagined the entire cacophony of an old time logging camp: singing cooks, banging pots and pans, snorting draft horses, buzzing saws and steam engines, and his formerly waterlogged lumberjacks finally warming near a hearth.

*"It comes from deep within myself, something I don't recognize or understand, and after all this time I still don't. It is something I can't live without. It is like an extension of God's love for us brought forth from Nature. It is breathtaking, it can give joy or sorrow, love and even hate, all the emotions of life." A pause. "I know I'm missing saying something, it's a bit of my life's blood."*

## THE PORTRAIT OF AN ARTIST AS A SIMPLE MAN

There is a bond between John and each of his pieces. Each lives in John and John lives in each. He names and numbers every one. John says he does not know how a work is going to develop and that when he finishes he always feels a sense of surprise. When you look at one of John's pieces, try to look and listen or the stirrings of the invisible that called and guided him. Let us look at some of John's creations.

**Monk Looking at a Skull** – this was John's first ever sculpture. It is made of hard, dense cherry given him by a fellow carver. This is a familiar and often represented motif: the contemplation of one's own mortality. When you look beneath the monk's cowl, you will see the face carved there is his own.



**Buck Fever** – You will not find this piece in John's shop because I purchased it. John's inspiration for this piece was a friend who suffered this ailment. This man was a steady and skilled man, a fine shot who understood the forest. Each year, he would prepare to take down a fine buck, and each year, when he got a deer in his sights, his trigger finger would freeze. There would be an internal battle between his will and his body, the more his mind said shoot, the more his finger would refuse to cooperate. Within the space of those seconds, the buck would escape and John's friend would find himself utterly spent, his mind and body exhausted from going in different directions.

**Bear Hunter** – This is one of John's larger pieces and sits in his home. It was carved from Basswood and depicts the face of a Native American bear hunter. This man is attired in claw and bone, above him, in totem form, a bear on all fours on a mound. It is a magnificent work. This piece has won several awards and has been displayed at the state capital in Lansing, MI and in Washington DC.



So neighbor, go and visit John's workshop and be delighted, and perhaps even enrich your soul. John bids you a hearty WELCOME. You may reach John at 901-618-4388. You would do well to explore his work on his website before making a visit: <https://chiselerinwood.weebly.com/>



**The Sunshine Committee** is here for you, the association, friends, and neighbors. We not only welcome new lot owners, we do many different things to bring a little sunshine to our neighborhood, our fellow association and lake neighbors.

Do you know a lot owner that could use a helping hand?

- Ride to the doctor
- Pickup an RX
- Other errands for the quarantined, housebound, sick or hurt.
- Need a Meal

That's not all, we also like to spread the Good News! If you have an announcement or want to SHOUT OUT and say Happy Birthday, Anniversary or Congratulations. . .

Whatever the need, please don't be shy, reach out to any of our Sunshine Committee Members. They are a fantastic team of caregivers and this is what they love to do.

### Sunshine Committee Members

- Brenda Magill
  - Elaine White
  - Julie Roeder
  - Luise Lauzon
  - Nancy Christian
  - Sandra Stafford
  - Sheila Deese \*
  - Shirley Harris
- \*Sheila - sdeese2@gmail.com

*Thank you!*

### A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

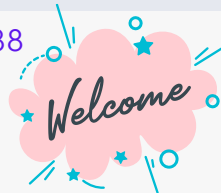
The Sunshine Committee was extra busy the last few months, as there have been many illnesses on the lake. Having a meal delivered when you're sick and fatigued is life saving. Thank You!

### WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Kyla Cottam/Chad Williams, Lot 188

Jesse Zenner, Lots 246, 247, 255

Danny & Vivian Spain, Lot 253



Wishing a speedy recovery to our lake neighbor and friend, **Jimmy Stafford**, who is healing nicely from ankle surgery! And singing praises to his wife, Sandra, for the good care she's given him.



*Congrats!*

Congratulations to our Lake Neighbors

**Keith & Delaney O'Brien Ellis**

on their recent marriage. If you see them out and about, they have a great wedding story to tell.

# EVENT COMMUNICATIONS

## PREVIOUS HAPPENINGS

**THANKS TO ALL THAT ATTENDED THE PREVIOUS EVENTS.**

**Christmas Party** - Big thanks to Roland and Shirley Harris for hosting the Christmas Party. What a great turn out and a big time for all. There was an abundance of finger foods, sweets, drinks and laughter. Karaoke and Christmas Carol songs were an added bonus.

**New Years Party** - Unfortunately, the party had to be cancelled. We look forward to a bigger and even better party next year.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2022	FEBRUARY 2022	MARCH 2022
Nothing Planned	<p>26<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 6 PM   <b>Mardi Gras Masquerade Party* @ The Terry's</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p> 19<sup>th</sup> - Saturday  <b>Bass Tournament</b></p>	<p>12<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 9-12 PM  <b>Lake Clean-up*</b></p>
APRIL 2022	MAY 2022	JUNE 2022
<p>9<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 12-4 PM  <b>Woodland Craft Fair* @ Clubhouse &amp; Pavilion</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday 1-3 PM  <b>Earth Day Picnic* @ Clubhouse &amp; Pavilion</b></p> 	<p>15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 1-2:30 PM   <b>Spring Plant &amp; Seed Swap* @ Clubhouse &amp; Pavilion</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p> 20/21<sup>st</sup> - Fri/Sat  <b>Catfish Tournament*</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 12-2PM   <b>Memorial Day Picnic &amp; Fish Fry* @ Clubhouse &amp; Pavilion</b></p>	<p>4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday  <b>Annual Meeting*</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> - Saturday  <b>Bass Tournament*</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 4-6 PM  <b>WL Appreciation Potluck* @ Clubhouse &amp; Pavilion</b>  <b>Band @ 7:30</b></p> 

**Note:** All dates are subject to change; this includes but is not limited to the addition of new events, date changes, cancellations, etc. Watch for change announcements on Woodland Lake website, Facebook Page or in an email announcement.

- Association Sponsored Events are denoted with an asterisk\*.
- Individual members may host events, which are not "Association Sponsored" functions. They are however, if posted on the calendar, open to all members of the association.
- Some event details will be announced closer to the date.



**BURRRRRR** its just too dang cold to fish!



# THE SNAKE PIT

## Cottonmouth / Water Moccasin

*Agkistrodon piscivorus*



The cottonmouth, the most venomous of our pit vipers, is most likely the snake you will encounter on our lake. Their beauty and intrigue should be admired from a distance. They are designed to blend in to their surroundings and are sometimes very hard to spot.

Contrary to public opinion and myth, these are not aggressive snakes and do not chase. These, and all snakes, view us as predators and would prefer to remain still or escape. Should they move towards you, it is only because you are between them and their familiar route.

When identifying, notice the dark line that travels across the eye, the scales that cover the eyes when looking at the top of the head, and the shorter stocky build.



Juveniles will have green tails as seen in the picture to the left. There are more identifiers, but these three will assist you in your determination if you are lucky enough to cross paths with such a beautiful snake.



Researched and written by M. Foshée



## Recipe of the Month

### G. G.'s Apricot Nectar Cake

Preheat oven to 350°

Tips: Bundt pan makes a very pretty cake

#### CAKE

3 oz. orange or lemon Jell-O  
1 box yellow cake mix  
12 oz. (1 can) apricot nectar  
1 c. cooking oil  
4 eggs

Mix cake ingredients and pour into a floured Bundt pan.  
Cook for 40 minutes. Cool. Remove from pan.

#### ICING

1 c. confectionary sugar  
2 Tbsp butter  
2 Tbsp apricot nectar or lemon juice

Mix icing ingredients and pour on cooled cake

**Pat Miller - Lot 187**

## DID YOU KNOW

Tunica Parks and Recreation is just 20 -25 minutes down Hwy 61. Health & Wellness memberships are dirt cheap. Training programs and classes are not only offered to citizens of Tunica but also non residents.

#### **Health and Wellness Pavilion:**

- 24,000 sq. ft. of state of the art exercise and weight lifting equipment & racquetball courts

#### **Aquatic Center**

- 38,700 sq. ft facility including a 50 Meter Pool featuring 4' - 7' depths, 1 & 3 meter springboard, 5, 7.5, & 10 meter diving boards, and a splash Pool for the kids

For more information: (662) 357-0523

<https://tunicaparks.com/parks/index.php>

#### **NOV/DEC NEWSLETTER CORRECTIONS**

**Sorry!**

We apologize to The Stafford family for several mistakes in the **Meet the Neighbor** article. Mr. Stafford is the Sr. and Jimmy Strafford is a Jr. The article also named the street incorrectly. It should have listed 'Oak Drive'.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### PETS

Free kittens, Litter trained. Male and Female, Pat 901-530-8534

### REAL ESTATE / LOTS

Lots 158, 159, & 160, Spruce Dr, 2.39 acres, \$60,000, Lisa Burnette/ Agner & Ass., 662-470-5398

Lot 72, 2nd Beach Cv, 1.56 acres, \$62,500, Saxton Haltom/Bill Sexton Realty 662-349-7920

Lots 206 & 207, 1.9 acres, \$55,000 Seth Billings/United Real Estate Mid-South, 662-470-6058

Lot 249, Woodland Lake Dr., .69 acres, \$14,500 Seth Billings/United Real Estate Mid-South, 662-470-6058

Lot 89, Beech Dr. 1.3 acres, \$14,500 Seth Billings/United Real Estate Mid-South, 662-470-6058

### WEEKEND FUN

Village Creek State Park is a 6,909-acre Arkansas state park in Wynn, AR

- Cabins
- 33 miles of walking trails
- 2 lakes
- Golf Course
- Trail of Tears

For more information: 870-238-9406

<https://www.arkansasstateparks.com/parks/village-creek-state-park>