

Lake Views

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WELCOME TO LAKE VIEWS

■ Hello everyone and welcome to the second issue of Lake Views, I'm hoping everyone is enjoying their summer and of course the Lake.

I would like to take just a moment to introduce the newest addition to the "lakeman Team," my partner Tammy Polk. Tammy, an experienced Realtor, holds

an Associate Brokers license in addition to being educational trainer for Coldwell Banker. Her knowledge of real estate contracts is amazing. Together, we will provide you with a superior level of service and performance, no matter what your real estate needs may be. So please give us a call soon.



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LAKE SINCLAIR NEWS

■ Putnam County Board of Education has purchased and approved the site for a new elementary school. The site will be on Pea Ridge Road approximately midway between the BP station and the recycle facility.

The proposed school is still 5 yrs down the road but the future looks great.

■ Crooked Creek Marina and Restaurant — Most of us at

the lake know this familiar old name, but that's where it ends. Reopened about a year ago by Rick and Lisa Howell, the old lake landmark now has a full service restaurant with some of the best food in Putnam and Baldwin Counties. With 30 years of experience, Chef Willie Ward puts together some incredible fare like Prime Rib and stuffed Grouper and Snapper.

All is fresh daily — nothing frozen here! CCMR also has great breakfast and lunch. By the way, save room for dessert; you won't be sorry!

And the best thing is you can drive your boat there, something we have really been missing.

CCMR is closed Monday & Tuesday.

RICE TO THE RESCUE

■ Eat rice for sore muscles? Well not exactly, but this great home remedy really works well.

Take a 1 pound bag of long grain rice like Uncle Ben's or Mahatma. Empty it into a long

white athletic sock and knot the end of the sock. Place it in the microwave for 1.5-2.5 minutes. Be careful— it's hot!

The sock is a great heat compress that contours to the

area you need. The heat lasts for about 20-30 minutes.

It can be used over and over again. Just re-heat it when you need it.



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REAL ESTATE CORNER

Most of us know the increase in consumers using the internet to search for answers regarding their Real Estate needs. Everyone is curious about the value of their own home, and homes of people they know, and the possible value of homes they would be interested in buying.

Richard Barton, co-founder of Zillow, an internet Real Estate website, however, says that the best information about real estate is locked up in people's heads. The best way to root out the true

value of a property is to tap into community knowledge.

Mark Lesswing, a senior vice president of the National Association of Realtors, says real estate agents don't fear Zillow. They use it as a way to show how their services are more valuable than something people can get free on the web.

Consumers can count on the fact that their agent is familiar with the property and knows what it is worth based on community pricing and other

factors, rather than a computer estimate.

Fortune also notes that hiring a real estate agent is like hiring an attorney. You might have every bit of legal information that the lawyer does, but would you want to represent yourself?

The same is true with buying or selling real estate. You might have a lot of information about a home or building, but representing yourself in a real estate transaction could be pretty risky, too.

CHICKEN CASSEROLE

We all remember "mom" making casseroles like this, sure brings back memories.
2 cups cooked chicken (save broth from cooked chicken)
2 cans cream of chicken soup
1 cup of sour cream

½ cup chicken broth from cooked chicken
2 stacks of Ritz crackers
Preheat oven to 350°. Spray Pam in the bottom of a 13x9 pan (glass or metal). Place broken up cooked chicken in bottom of dish.

Mix soup, sour cream and broth together. Pour over chicken. Crush Ritz crackers and sprinkle on top. Squirt butter on top of crackers and place dish in oven Bake for 30 to 40 minutes or until bubbly.