

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

Cathy Young, Editor



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Editor's Comments

Those of us who live in Alpine year-round are being treated to some typical winter weather here on the mountain...snow! So far, it has been manageable for our hard-working maintenance crews and we appreciate their efforts to keep Alpine roads open so life can go on normally. That said, please take note of our Security Chief's report in the "Management & Staff" news section. He offers positive solutions to anyone who may find themselves stuck alongside our snow-covered roads. We welcome Ralph Hauger as our newest contributor to the section of FWIW that serves as a valuable resource to keep us all better informed. Don't forget to come out and enjoy the good food, drink, and camaraderie that goes on during the winter months at our Lounge. You are guaranteed a warm welcome and a good time. Lots of positive changes are being made during our slower time – all good. Thanks to everyone involved – we are a real community!

If you have contributions for FWIW, please email them to me at youngcl2@frontier.com. Or you may use the FWIW box on the counter in the lobby. The deadline to submit items for the next issue of FWIW is Wed., Feb. 5th and the *next issue will be published on Fri., Feb. 7th*. Enjoy reading all the news in your newsletter, which is available in the lobby or on Alpine Lake's website – www.alpinelake.com; then click on FWIW and choose the date. Happy Reading!

TIMELY NOTICES & REMINDERS...

NEXT EGG DELIVERIES – Wed., Feb. 5th & Feb. 19th - approximately 11:15 AM

During Needlework Session in the Rhododendron Room, (see dates above). Call or email Sheila Amato to order eggs – (304) 789-5555 or email: brltrans@frontier.com. Can't beat his fresh eggs - \$2.50/doz.

Do not regret growing older – it's a privilege denied to many.



Our snowmen don't look very happy...guess it's harder to smile when you're COLD.



Thoughts, Prayers & Thank You Messages

This section of FWIW is one of the best loved because it gives us an opportunity to keep up with our neighbors and friends by reporting good news as well as offering support when folks are going through difficult times. Thank you for passing along updates and news.

Louise Dobeck lost her valiant battle with cancer on Jan. 14th, passing peacefully surrounded by family at their home in Las Vegas. Anyone who met this lady immediately loved her for her quick wit, down-to-earth attitude, and positive outlook on life. She will be sorely missed by everyone who knew her. We are all better for having her a part of our lives. Mac and the family plan a memorial service for Louise on Feb. 8th in NV and a Celebration of Life in Alpine on July 7th. We extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Mac and their entire family, and ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers. God bless.

Thank you from **Dave Crane** – “What a great place to live – Alpine Lake, with 3 or 4 great healthcare facilities nearby, and the greatest friends and neighbors in the world. Thanks to all of you for your good wishes, prayers, kind offers of support, and cards. A special thanks for your support shown to Grace. I love you all!!!!” - Dave

John Bowers had his defibrillator replaced this past week and Donna reports he is doing really well. They both send a big hi to all their Alpine friends from NC.

Please continue to keep the folks we’ve mentioned here recently and others in your prayers for their continued healing and peace: **Cindy Vantries**, **Ann Harris**, **Sonja Cuppett** (Charlotte Wiles’ niece), **Joe Burns** (Alpine paper carrier), **Skip Keppler** and **Herman Mason**. (Check previous issues of FWIW for more information or address to send them a card.) We’re sure there are others dealing with health issues, family losses and other various challenges. If you know of someone who would like us to remember them in this section of FWIW, please let us know. God bless all.



COMING SOON...

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Thur., Jan. 30, 2014 – 12-6 PM

The Terra Alta Civic Club will host this blood drive at the Terra Alta Ambulance Squad Building. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-733-2767, or online at redcrossblood.org. Helping save lives is always in season. Please give blood this winter. Thank you. (Jenni Mills)

Note: With recent cancellations due to inclement weather, the need is even greater!

*Lessons learned in life...
I’ve seen better days – but I’ve also seen worse.
I don’t have everything I want – but I do have all I need.
I woke up with some aches and pains – but I woke up!
My life may not be perfect – but I am blessed.*



COMING LATER(mark your calendars now & watch for details)

BIG HAPPY EVENT COMING... Fri., Feb. 14th - 6:00 PM

VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION

Dinner: Choice of one: Prime Rib/5 oz. Flatiron Steak/1# Crab Legs OR Grilled Tilapia
Plus: Salad, Twice-Baked Potato, Vegetable, Roll & NY Strawberry Cheesecake
Dinner Buffet Served from 6-8 PM

Music – From 8 PM to Midnight by *The Channel Cats Band* – for Dancing/Listening
Variety of Jazz, Blues & Rock ‘n Roll

Prices for Dinner/Dance: \$65/couple or \$35/person (tax included in all pricing)

Sweetheart Package includes above, plus 1 night lodging in Motel - \$115/couple

Advanced Tickets Are Required & Available at Front Desk NOW

Join your friends and neighbors at this fun celebration!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS – March 9, 2014

June, 2014 - ALPOA Board of Directors – Start thinking about getting involved in your community by throwing your hat in the ring – 3 positions will be up for election this year. Please see more detailed information from Marty Wright’s committee under Committee Reports in this issue. Get involved!

Note: *We will continue to remind folks of this very important issue, as directed in the procedures and policies of the Nominations Committee, in FWIW. Please give it some serious consideration. Thank you.*

ALPINE LAKE 5K FUN RUN/WALK – Sat., Oct. 4, 2014

Watch for more information on this event, being held at our own Alpine Lake! Sponsored jointly by Mon General Hospital and Preston Memorial Hospital. Deadline to register is Sept. 4, 2014. \$15/participant w/T-shirts to the first 350 registered runners/walkers. Additional cost for golf afterward. More information? Tag Stiles – fstiles@frontier.net - Check it out and sign up.

(Check FUTURE DATES on last page of FWIW for other important dates to remember & note)

*If you’re depressed, you’re living in the past.
If you’re anxious, you’re living in the future.
If you’re at peace, you’re living in the present.*

OF INTEREST TO OUR COMMUNITY

CHECK listings on the last page of FWIW for a complete line-up of activities that are on-going in Alpine, even in winter months. There's something for everyone, so choose your favorites and participate. It's a great way to enjoy your friends and neighbors and do fun things, too.

ALPUC NEWS – *from Kim Mayne, ALPUC*

A reminder that you can elect to have your ALPUC bills automatically deducted from your banking account, in order to ensure your bills are paid on time even if you're away. Visit our website for forms to set this up: **alpuc.com** or call our office for more information or to have appropriate forms mailed to you. Our number is: (304) 789-6996.

Another Reminder: ALPUC is looking for any eligible member who would be interested in serving on the ALPUC Board of Directors. We will have two (2) positions this June and would like the opportunity to discuss the positions with you. This is a great way to support your Alpine community. Please contact any of the current board members or the ALPUC office if you are interested. All board members and office info is on our website (see above). Thank you.



ALPINE LAKE FOUNDATION – *by Dean Reger, Foundation Board Member*

Each year, the Alpine Lake Foundation awards as many college scholarships to Preston County students as our earnings on investments will allow. In 2013, after reviewing 16 applications from Preston High School seniors, we were able to provide four \$1,000 college scholarships to students who started college in the fall of last year. As a 501c3 non-profit organization, we rely on tax-deductible contributions to grow our assets, which are invested conservatively in mutual funds. Each year we use all of the earnings for that year to fund scholarships. We appreciate the many generous donations received over the years, and thank those of you who have contributed to our cause.

Please include the Alpine Lake Foundation on your list for charitable donations this year – perhaps in memory of, or on behalf of someone you love. The Foundation Board will be meeting in May to review student applications and determine the number of scholarships we will be able to fund in 2014. Donations can be sent to: Alpine Lake Foundation, Inc., 700 W. Alpine Drive Terra Alta, WV 26764.

If you wish to speak to a Board member, please contact our President, Pat Arnone, or Liz Beck, Joan Evans, Shirley Melmed, Dean Reger or Marilyn Sedlack. Thank you.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – *by Fred Isenock, ALPOA Board President*

Warning: Recently we experienced some of the coldest weather ever here at Alpine, the result being some frozen plumbing pipes. If you are not in the area, it would be a good idea to have a friend check your home. Volunteerism is alive and well here even in the winter. Thanks to volunteers Bob Kertesz, Darrell Shaffer, Gary Cox, James Rocchi and Tony Amato for all their hard work during the ongoing renovation at the upper level of the Lounge.

Chester (Maintenance) has received some calls about the lack of non-skid materials on the roads. We have an ample supply of non-skid material in inventory; however, when the temperature is as cold as it is this week, the non-skid material we are forced to use by the state, freezes as soon as it is loaded on the truck, making it impossible to spread. Be patient and you can be assured, when the temperature cooperates, our crews will be out there spreading the materials. Thanks.



FROM MANAGEMENT & STAFF

GENERAL MANAGER’S CORNER – by *Freddie Harrison, GM*

Boy – two weeks can go by fast! If you haven’t been to Alpine lately, rest assured it is covered in white. I think winter is truly here. The snowmobile was out blazing trails this past week. The Lakers’ Lounge now has a new look. The project is not fully completed yet. If you get a chance, stop in and go upstairs. You will notice the upstairs has doubled in size. The wall that was to your left once you got upstairs is removed. The beautiful wood trusses pop and it has a feel of openness, yet cozy. When you look to your right, you’ll notice two doors at the far end of the loft. These are restrooms that have not been in service for quite some time. A room was removed giving us even more square footage. The Lakers’ Lounge was great before, and it’s even better now. I want to thank all the volunteers involved in helping make this happen.

Just a reminder – when weather conditions are bad, please drive with caution. Thank you.

PROPERTY OWNER ACCOUNTS NEWS – by *Linette Sines, Business Manager*
Deadline Soon - The final quarterly payment for 2013/14 will be due on February 1st.

News from this department should increase in the next issue. Thanks for the support of all our property owners.

NEWS OF INTEREST – by *Denise Moon, Dir.Group Sales/Marketing/Motel & Guest Services*

The 2014 events and rates are now available on the website at www.alpinelake.com. Golf membership rates for this year will be updated soon. Save the date for this year’s Bluegrass Festival, scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 9th. If you have a favorite band or have suggestions for bands, please email me at alpinelakemail@yahoo.com. The boathouse is filling up very quickly for the summer months. If you would like to reserve a date, please give me a call as soon as possible at 800-752-7179, Ext. 152. The beach pavilion is also available to reserve and is the perfect setting for a family reunion or social gathering.

Reminder: Pull-over and zip hoodies are still available at the front desk of the lodge. These are perfect for the cold Alpine Lake winter days. ***Valentine’s tickets*** are on sale at the front desk. Stop by or call 800-752-7179, Ext. 0 to reserve your spot today. Tickets are \$65/couple or \$35/person for the dinner/dance. Thank you and stay warm.

ALPINE SECURITY NEWS – by *Ralph Hauger, Director of Security*

Yes, it’s winter and with that comes slippery roads. There has been an issue this winter about vehicles being left in the roadways when they cannot make it to their destination. That creates a traffic hazard for everyone and it severely hampers the efforts of our snow-removal crews to safely and effectively clear our roadways. I would like to ask all property owners and their guests that, if you find yourself in a situation where you are stuck in the road when the weather is bad, **please do not leave vehicles in or along the roadways.** **CONTACT SECURITY...let us know where you are and we will assist you in getting your vehicle turned around safely and get you to park at the lodge or boathouse parking lot.** Renters will be notified of this, as well. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.

“Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.”
– Albert Einstein



COMMITTEE REPORTS

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE – by Barb Conway & Wilma Rumble, Co-Chairs

The lodge is decorated for Valentine's Day, with shiny red hearts galore! Thanks go out to all who joined in to help stow away the Christmas decorations and replace them with Valentine trim. Sharing the job with a group always makes the work easier, as well as a lot more fun. Thank you, Cathy Young, for bringing fruit to prime our engines (and give us a chance to visit before work). Special thanks to Renee & Michael Myers, who braved the cold and flurries to box outdoor garlands and swags. Looks like we are all set – until it's time to prepare for the "Wearin' of the Green". Again, THANK YOU, everyone!! What you do is greatly appreciated.

Editor's Note: As usual, Barb recognizes the good deeds of everyone except herself...she supplied bagels and all the fixings to also help "prime our engines". She even brought her new toaster, which was initiated for the first time. Thank you, Barb.

2014 HOUSE TOUR REQUEST – by Joyce Wachter, House Tour Chair

The Beautification Committee is looking for homeowners to showcase their home at the annual Alpine Lake Leisure Living Home Tour. The date of the tour is June 29th – the Sunday after the annual board meeting. The homes on tour will be open from 1-5 PM, with several docents stationed throughout your home. If you are interested in including your home in the tour, please contact Joyce Wachter at (240) 383-0220 or joyceannwachter@gmail.com. Thank you.

ECC COMMITTEE – by John Laing, Chair

As a service to other property owners at Alpine Lake, please complete a contractor evaluation form when you have work done by a contractor. The forms are available on the AL website under ECC Forms and by requesting one from the front desk clerk in the lodge. After you complete the form, leave it at the front desk at the lodge, marked for ECC.

Editor's Note: The racks of forms at the end of the counter have been moved – please ask for form from front desk personnel during regular business hours. Thank you.

I solicit your comments on the following proposals which are under consideration. Best way to communicate is to send an email to laingjc@juno.com. You can also leave a note for the ECC at the front desk.

- ***Require all tarps to be green, brown, or camouflage starting in 3-4 years, to allow for wear out of current tarps. The blue & clear tarps are a visual distraction.***
- ***Create a standing variance to Par. 5A of the Declaration of Restrictions so that structures or improvements under 3 feet tall and of subdued color do not require ECC approval. (Is 3' the right height? Is this a good idea?) As written, anything added to a lot needs ECC approval, and failure to obtain it could result in being cited for work without a permit.***

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – by Charlotte Wiles, Chair

Don't forget to get your 2014 calendar at the front desk...first to POs is free. Also, we will be publishing an Addendum to our Phone Directory soon...please email any changes you may have to Nina Sheets at vjs_njs3179@frontier.com or Charlotte at wileschar@frontier.com. Do it now so the Addendum can be as up-to-date as possible. Thank you.

Editor's Note: This committee report had Beautification as the title last issue...sorry for the error. Charlotte didn't realize she'd been made chair of Beautification and Barb & Wilma were surprised they'd been replaced, too. ☺



More COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – by *Marty Wright, Chair*

Important Notice to All Alpine Lake Property Owners: As part of the established policy and procedures for ALPOA elections, we are publishing more detailed information about the upcoming election.

- Three (3) ALPOA Board of Directors positions will be elected in June, 2014.
- Announcement of the open positions and request for candidates/nominations must be publicized in FWIW at least once a month during Jan., Feb. & March, 2014
- Active recruitment of property owners to run for one of the 3 open positions is ongoing from Dec., 2013 until close of announcement on March 15, 2014.

Watch for additional procedures and policies as we near the March 15, 2014 filing deadline. Most important – ***please consider running for one of the (3) open positions. Get involved.*** Contact Marty Wright, Committee Chair if you have questions or need additional information.

PROPERTY OWNERS' COMMITTEE – by *Bernie & Birgit Stock, Co-Chairs*

Here we are, in the middle of cold and white, wondering what we'll do tonight. Believe it or not, the POs on campus have been keeping quite busy with our activities in spite of the weather. Shuffleboard, Game Night, Needlework/Quilting, Aerobics and numerous outings off campus are keeping all who wish in good spirits. If you're not a part of the action, put down your shovel and start now.

Some activity is changing things around at the lodge, so don't be surprised if you haven't been there for a while. It looks like a work-in-progress... We're sure it's from all the suggestions the BOD and GM have been getting from their box in the lobby from the property owners – or is it? Don't forget to support the Lounge. There will be a Super Bowl Party (buy a square) and a Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance coming up, so let them know so they can plan ahead.

Lastly, don't forget the TAVFD and TACAS with your annual donation. Thanks. B&B

Think about it...

Luvs & Huggies vs. Depends

Okay, here's the reason why baby diapers have brand names such as "Luvs" and "Huggies", while undergarments for old people are called "Depends".

When babies poop in their pants, people are still gonna' Luv'em and Hug'em.

When old people poop in their pants, it "Depends" on who's in the will.

There now... wasn't that simple?





HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LAKE & NEARBY...

SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS – from Bob Bayer, Shuffleboard “Commissioner”

After a 2-week hiatus for Christmas & New Year’s the “Winter Warriors” gathered again on Jan. 9th without their fearless leader...yeah, even the Commish gets a vacation once a year. Kudos and thanks to John Laing for leading these folks to the promise land – or the shuffleboard table – this night. John doesn’t give me a lot to work with “funny-wise” – just the facts. Looks like newcomers for the night included Joyce Wachter as well as Jan & Mike Ackley. They must not have had too much fun because they didn’t play the next week. (Way to go, John!) John reports “hot hand” for tonite belonged to Birgit, who had a 6-pointer with a hanger; and a 7-pointer with a 3 and (2) 2s. Congrats, Birgit (if she only had a partner). John pulled a Loring on me by leaving him in charge...happens every time! Results to follow.

Jan. 16th Commish is back, and first quote from Cathy...”You want us to hold that for you?” Well, certainly! Naturally, followed by a...”don’t quote me on that!” The usual suspects tonight, other than Bev Tucker, who proved to be a good partner for Sheila. Bev throws a 4-pt hanger for the win in her first game! More highlights: Charlotte (who carried Bob tonight) all 7 pts with a hanger to win in the middle rounds; then overcomes a 6-pt turn by Bev in the finals. Gotta love my Thursday Nite Wife! Michelle Barra recorded the first 4-pointer tonight, followed by Cathy and then Sheila. 5-pt turns from Loring for a win, then Teddi & Loring in the same game. Tonight’s “excessive celebration” award goes to...Norlene Hoadley, who just has too much fun at this event, week in and week out. Final quote from Ginger...”Already been tapped tonight!” Which only goes to prove...this is the most fun you can have here at Alpine Lake...with your clothes on. Results to follow. We will continue these “shenanigans” throughout the winter months every Thursday at 6PM in Lakers’ Lounge. Join us early for dinner specials and sign up! Be there or be square. Here are the results:

Jan. 9th - 1st place: Pat & John Laing (see what I mean? – who wants to keep score next time I’m not there?)

2nd place: Birgit & Bernie Stock (get a partner, Birgit...Bernie shot?)

3rd place: Cathy & Loring Young (dreaded or dreadful?...you decide)

Jan. 16th – 1st place: Team Charlotte & Bob (happy to have me home, honey?)

2nd place: Team Sheila & Bev (outlasted Mom & Dad, Bevan)

3rd place: Teddi & Gary Cox (really? How did the Tuckers & Youngs lose to them? Congrats!)

NEEDLEWORK GROUP NEWS – Each Wednesday – 10 AM – Rhododendron Room

We are meeting in the Rhododendron Room to work on our individual hand projects – or just to visit and catch up with each other. We welcome anyone who spends winter in Alpine and would enjoy this laid-back group of ladies – great way for newcomers to meet your neighbors. We meet all year, so come join us.

Next fresh egg delivery is Feb. 5th - local farmer, James Stemple delivers right to Alpine.



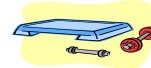
Live your life and forget your age!



More HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LAKE & NEARBY...

FITNESS CORNER – Compliments of the AM Aerobics Group

Unfortunately, our aerobics classes have been pretty sporadic, given the weather we've had - remember, if Preston County schools are delayed or closed because of inclement weather, we don't have class. We meet whenever we can, though, and are always glad when we make the effort to get out of our comfort zone and join others who are working to stay fit, too. We meet Mon./Wed./Fri. in the Allegheny Room of the lodge at 9 AM. Men and women are welcome and we have fun exercising together and encouraging each other, so give it a try. Start anytime – first visit is FREE.



Some 6-word thoughts to keep you focused on good health:

- ***Love food, but love me more!***
- ***Make wise choices – eat, move, repeat!***
- ***Fit feels better than anything tastes!***

OUR NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES

KINGWOOD VFD MONTHLY BREAKFAST – Next date is Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014 – 7 AM-1 PM - \$8./person. Meet your friends, eat hearty, and help support a worthy cause.

DONATIONS NEEDED for OAKLAND CIVIC CLUB PROJECT – by Jo Gallagher

I will be collecting items for these projects into spring 2014. Suggested items for the Garrett County Lighthouse *Treasure Chest Store* are: audio books (tapes or CDs), new cosmetics, children's toys, plush animals, holiday items/decorations, jewelry, men's ties, belts, mugs, kitchen gadgets, books, pictures, purses, wallets, artwork, frames, plaques, puzzle books, scarves, tools, etc. Please, no clothes other than small items like ties, socks, gloves, hats, etc.

With the *Purses of Promise* project, the Dove Center will be able to give abused women purses filled with shampoo, facial tissues, lotion, comb, brush, wallet, toothbrush/toothpaste, nail clipper, new lipstick and many other personal items. You may donate a purse and/or any number of travel-sized personal items to fill the purse.

Please place your donations in the appropriately marked box just inside the front door of the lodge. If you have any questions, please call Jo Gallagher at (304) 789-3189. Thanks to the VERY generous response by Alpine Lake, the Civic Club of Oakland delivered 19 purses to the Dove Center just before Christmas!!! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Note: Jo has asked that we continue to run this article as a reminder that the need is ongoing.

CAMP HORSESHOE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT – by Norma Eckard

We had an article about this worthwhile project in last issue of FWIW and want to remind folks of the need for donations to help give young people from Preston County schools the opportunity to attend. For more information, please contact me by email: normaron@mindspring.com.



FREE CLASSIFIED ADS - "A Service for our Readers"

Editor's Note: Ads will run in 4 issues, and then be deleted, unless new ones are resubmitted. This will be accomplished by inserting the date the ad was first run, with new ads at the top of the listing.

Service ads requesting longer-term might consider using the bulletin board at the lodge in the basement hallway or the Beautification Committee's Alpine Community Directory. This Directory is published annually at a very nominal fee for advertisers and is a valuable resource to residents looking for services they need because it is distributed free at the front desk to anyone requesting a copy.

We appreciate your help to make this section of FWIW beneficial to our readers. Thank you.

Services: Let it Snow – Let it Snow – Let it Snow. No driveway too big or too small – “If you’ve got snow, call Joe.” Small \$30; Medium \$55; Large \$95. Shoveling extra. Call (304) 789-6838 or Cell: 1-304-777-7212. (1/24/14)

For Sale: Used Chest of Drawers 55” tall; 33” wide; 6 drawers w/hidden compartment on top; unknown wood w/some laminate; light blond wood-tone; perfect for spare room. \$50 OBO

Also: Used Chest of Drawers 29 ½ “ tall x 72” wide; 9 drawers; unknown wood w/some laminate; light blond wood-tone; also perfect for spare room. \$75 OBO – Would take \$100 for both. Call (304) 789-6278 – leave message if no answer. (1/24/14)

For Sale: Garden Art made from repurposed vintage glass & china. No weeding or watering, and deer won’t munch on these flowers & mushrooms, made from 2-4 layered pieces of glass/china & secured w/waterproof adhesive. A short capped PVC pipe attached to the back allows for installation over a post for display. Some free-standing pieces for deck/garden or bird baths. Prices range from \$12-\$30. Interested? Call (304) 789-6278 – leave message if no answer. (1/24/14)

Services: Rentahubby handyman services has changed phone numbers. Anyone looking to schedule handyman work in the spring & summer of 2014 should call the new number, effectively immediately. Old #: (301) 616-6523 – New #: (813) 545-7969. Email address is: rentahubbyhandymanservices@gmail.com (1/24/14)

For Adoption: Gorgeous pure white Persian cat just under a year old; neutered, has had shots and is negative for any feline viruses. His name is “Cotton” because his fur is like a fluffy cotton ball. Also looking for a good home: short-haired female calico cat just 8 months old; spayed and has had all her shots. “Sissy” is an adorable little love bug. She and Cotton need a warm lap to sleep on. (1/10/14)

Caretaker Needed: Most of you know I have a shelter with several abandoned cats I have rescued, spayed and neutered. I am now 80 years old and need a single woman who needs a home to take care of 10 of the rescued cats in my cat sanctuary in downtown Terra Alta. She will have her own attractively-furnished quarters in my 2-story building, with furniture, appliances, TV and everything she might need. I am offering FREE RENT for the care of the cats and keeping their quarters clean. Single woman only, please – no children or dogs...must love cats. Contact: Lorrie MacArgle (304) 789-6710 or email: felinerescue@frontier.com. (1/10/14)

(See additional Classified Ads below)



More FREE CLASSIFIED ADS - "A Service for our Readers"

For Sale: Oval/Round Oak table with 6 chairs. \$350. Call: (304) 789-5557 (12/27)

Tax Services: We provide a wide spectrum of services, including but not limited to, tax preparation for individuals, businesses and estates. We also provide tax planning (including gas leases) and estimated payments payroll and all related taxes & reports, W2s, 1099s, financial statements Public Service Commission (PSC) annual reports, Business Personal Property Returns, Raffle & Bingo annual reports, non-profit procedures, and sales & use tax returns. Call Dorinda Kisner, CPA PLLC – (304) 789-6082 or email: Dorinda@kisnercpa.com. (12/27)

Pet Sitting – Call Kay – (304) 789-2111. (12/13)

For Sale: New in Box – Pro Lift for lawn mowers, most lawn tractors and snow blowers. Rugged steel construction, raises the unit up to 22” in height; lifts up to 350# per axle, easy to assemble; has an adjustable wheel span of up to 48”; safety lock; rubber padded platform prevents scratches; non-slip foot pedal allows effortless lifting; hydraulic power; easy to maneuver and adjustable for a wide variety of machines. Cost \$200/Sell \$170 OBO. Call: (304) 789-6520 (12/13)

With all the new technology at our fingertips, many seniors are getting into TEXTING....here are some of their unique abbreviations.... (Can you relate?)

- ATD** At the Doctor's
- BFF** Best Friend's Funeral
- BTW** Bring the Wheelchair
- BYOT** Bring Your Own Teeth
- CBM** Covered by Medicare
- CUATSC** See You at the Senior Center
- DWI** Driving While Incontinent
- FWIW** Forgot Where I Was (not our little publication)
- GGPBL** Gotta' Go – Pacemaker Battery Low
- GHA** Got Heartburn Again
- LMDO** Laughing My Dentures Out
- LOL** Living on Lipitor
- TOT** Texting on Toilet
- WAITT** Who Am I Talking To?



Dates to Remember - (Use this handy summary of dates to put on your calendar now)

Please note that the following events occur **weekly** on the day and time noted:

- Mon., Wed. & Fri. - 9-10 AM – Aerobics Classes, Lodge, Allegheny Room
- Mondays – 10 AM- 3 PM – Sew Together, Boathouse
- Wednesdays - 10:00 AM – Needlework Club - Rhododendron Room, Lunch follows
- Wednesdays – 4-7 PM – Ladies’ Night, ½ price appetizers/drinks – Lakers’ Lounge
- Wednesdays – 6:00 PM – “Jam Sessions”, Rhododendron Room
- Wednesdays -- 7:00 PM – Property Owners Game Night, Boathouse
- Thursdays – 10 AM-Noon – Braille Workshop – Rhododendron Room
- Thursdays – 6 PM – Shuffleboard – Above Lakers’ Lounge (Come for dinner specials)
- Fridays 1-4 PM – Artist/Craft Group, Rhododendron Room, Lodge

Note: **Dump Open:** Tue/Thur 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM & Sat. 7:00 AM-4:00 PM

T.A. Recycling Plant Open: Tue.-Fri. 7 AM – 4PM, and Sat. 8 AM until Noon

- Also – monthly events:**
- 2nd Sunday of each month 7 AM – 1 PM – Kingwood VFD Breakfast
 - 3rd Saturday of each month – **9 AM – ALPUC Board Meeting (see note below)**
10 AM – ALPOA Community Board Meeting

NEXT ALPUC/ALPOA MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS - MARCH 15, 2014
(No Meetings in Jan. or Feb.)

COMING EVENTS:

- Thur. Jan. 30 – 12-6 PM – Red Cross Blood Drive, Terra Alta Ambulance Squad Bldg.
- Sat., Feb. 1 – Deadline for Final Quarterly AL Assessment Payment for 2013/14
- Sun., Feb. 2 – Super Bowl – watch game in Lakers’ Lounge
- Wed., Feb. 5 & 19 – 11:15 AM – Next Egg Deliveries, Rhododendron Room
- Wed., Feb. 5 – Noon – Deadline for Next FWIW
- Fri., Feb. 7 – Noon – Next FWIW Published**
- Sun., Feb. 9 – 7 AM – 1 PM – Kingwood VFD Breakfast, Kingwood
- Fri., Feb. 14 – VALENTINE’S DINNER/DANCE (see Denise Moon’s article page 5)
- Mon., Feb. 17 – Presidents’ Day Observed

FUTURE EVENTS: (Please put on your calendar now – don’t miss a thing)

- Sun., March 9 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Sat., March 15, 2014 – Deadline to File for ALPOA Board of Directors Position
- Tue., April 15 – TAX DAY!
- Thur., May 1 – ALLGO Spring Luncheon, Evergreene Room, Lodge
- Thur., May 1 – Open Mic Begins, Lodge
- June, 2014 – ALPOA Board of Directors Election – 3 positions open
- June, 2014 – ALPUC Board of Directors Election – 2 positions open
- Sun., June 29 – Beautification Committee Alpine Lake House Tour

PARTING SHOT - 2 things to remember in life:
Take care of your thoughts when you're alone.
Take care of your words when you're with people.