

For What It's Worth

Janice Nelson, Editor



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Editor's Comment

I suppose this rollercoaster weather pattern we have been experiencing recently is indicative of and in anticipation of the soon to be SPRING season! Next week promises to be 50 degrees or above. Let's hope that's the end of winter. Unfortunately, one never knows around here. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, you can enjoy some Irish fare and, at the same time, do an Irish jig, if you wish. A St. Patrick's Day celebration is in the works by Seasons, so read more about it in this edition. Another Movie Night & Dinner is being planned for this month with an Irish theme, of course. Please find more information below. Enjoy the upcoming taste of spring!

The next FWIW will be issued on *Friday, March 18th*. Please email all articles to me, *Janice Nelson*, at mamaj11@yahoo.com, or use the FWIW box on the lobby counter. Please keep your articles brief so we can fit all the news in each issue. Remember that folks outside Alpine can read FWIW.

Thanks for your cooperation and participation. Enjoy!

TIMELY NOTICES AND REMINDERS

NEXT EGG DELIVERIES

The egg schedule is mixed-up due to James' ability/inability to do this. His chickens and/or the weather have not cooperated. Please either stay in touch with Sheila through email notifications (who will send them out as she finds out from James or Jennie about the availability), the Friends of Alpine Lake Facebook page or call/email Sheila if you do not do email or follow Facebook.

Sheila is sure that all will get back on schedule in the spring... but for now, this is the best she can do, and such decisions are not within her control.

FREE LIBRARY

Just a reminder to our community members that we have a well-stocked, free library in the Rhododendron Room. In addition to books of all genres, we have magazines, children's books, and boxes of jigsaw puzzles that can be borrowed. Feel free to browse and borrow a book (or many books) for your reading pleasure. Donations of your gently-read books are always appreciated; just leave them in the Rhododendron Room near the bookshelves, and they will be filed for you.



SEASONS RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE

We would like to thank those who attended the Valentine's Day Dinner, suffered through the chilly air, and to let you know we are addressing the heating and cooling units (with Linette's help). Customers have been asking us how we're doing and our reply has been that we are hanging in there. Our volume fluctuates greatly and is unpredictable, but it's still our "off" season. We have been adjusting our hours on slower nights. We are planning events for the upcoming summer months and hope to offer something for everyone.

Starting this week we will be providing Linette with a copy of our specials for the week. There is going to be a St. Patrick's Day dance on March 12th, 8pm – 11pm with a new D.J. There will be a \$5 cover charge. DJ Moose promises to play a variety of music for all age groups. We will offer two St. Patrick Day specials, Corned Beef & Cabbage and Shepherd's Pie for the day along with green beer.

As plans are made for weddings and other events, there will be a calendar posted for all of the property owners to see so everyone can be informed of the closing of the large dining area. A heartfelt thanks to all of you for supporting us.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LAKE & NEARBY...

SHUFFLEBOARD *by Bob Bayer*

This report will be briefer than normal as school work and impending mid-terms are taking up too much of my time. On 2/18, we had a standoff on whether to use little pucks or big pucks. Ginger won out on the little pucks (guess you gotta go with what you're used to?). Barry commented that he doesn't like the little ones, and Pat confirmed that she likes the big ones (after throwing 2 near hangers!). Janice had the only hanger of the nite with a 3 pointer for a win. Results to follow.

On 2/25, the Barras pulled off the comeback of year with 10 unanswered points after the Engels' had them all but buried (Barried?) That prompted Judy to confirm my remark that Kurt was quick out of the gate but had no stamina! Tonight's only hangers were the one Michele knocked off of her own, and the one Ginger bumped Tony into! Dave (the "sniper") pulls the commishes' "hidden puck in the hand trick" against him for a win. And here's the results:

Feb. 18th 1st place: Pat & John Laing (dreaded again, had to win 2 in finals)
2nd place: Ginger & Dave Tucker(claim to fame: beat the Bayers & Laings on same night!)
3rd place: Janice & Rich Nelson (beat everybody else!)

Feb. 25th 1st place: Sheila & Tony Amato (undefeated)
2nd place: Ginger & Dave Tucker (bridesmaids again...still relish in beating Bayers' tho)
3rd place: Kay & Bob Bayer (never should have fallen to my own hidden puck trick!)

I guess I'm censored from using "puck" as a verb, never meant to offend anyone, just thought it was kinda catchy. But you'll find us playing with our pucks every Thursday evening at 6pm in Seasons Lounge at Alpine Lake Resort. All are welcome. Come early for dinner and to sign up. "Be there or be square."

DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT by Kathleen Berry

The next Dinner and a Movie night will be on Monday, March 14th at 5pm at the Boathouse. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, the movie is "Waking Ned Devine," a comedy set in Ireland. Corned beef and cabbage will be provided. Bring your favorite Irish dish, table service and beverage. If you wish to attend, please take the time to sign up at the front desk of the Lodge for Movie Night. Thank you!

CALL FOR HOMES by Joyce Wachter

The *Annual Alpine Lake Home Tour* is **Sunday, June 26th**. This is the day where hospitable Alpine homeowners open their homes for four hours for a tour. There are many beautiful and unique homes in Alpine Lake to be shared with the community. If you are interested in opening your home for this event, please contact Joyce Wachter at joyceann.wachter@gmail.com or 240-383-0220.

JULIETS' LUNCHEON by Trish Birch

Our next luncheon will be at UNO's on Wednesday, March 16th. We'll meet at the lodge parking lot at 12pm to car pool.

Please let Trish know if you can attend via 434-944-6184 or email bb9063@msn.com by March 14th.

OF INTEREST TO OUR COMMUNITY

BLOOD DRIVE

Two blood mobiles are set so far for this year: March 24th and May 26th. Both are noon to 5:30pm at the Ambulance Hall.

TERRA ALTA FOOD BANK

There is an ongoing need to replenish supplies at our local food bank so please add your donations whenever you can to help this worthy cause. There is a box inside the front foyer of the Lodge for your convenience. Please continue to be generous in your giving.

TERRA ALTA AMBULANCE SQUAD GUN BASH

The Terra Alta Community Ambulance Squad is sponsoring its annual gun bash on Saturday, April 16th, at the Craig Civic Center in Kingwood, WV. Doors open at 11:30am, last gun drawn at 6pm. That drawing begins at noon, a gun given away every 15 minutes. You do not need to be present to win. Additional raffles will be available. Smokin' BBQ and refreshments will be available all day.

Tickets are \$30, additional guests \$20 at the door and children 12 and under, \$10. Tickets available at Street's Store in Masontown, Craig Civic Center and Surveyor and Associates in Kingwood, Shaffer Ford in Oakland, Groves Hardware, J & J Choice, Kam's Florist, and Terra Alta Ambulance. You can also call 604-789-6566 or 304-789-6006. Alpine resident Tony Amato also has tickets.

The folks at Alpine have been very supportive of the ambulance squad and we are deeply appreciative. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Marilyn Metheny, at 304-789-6006. Thank you so much for your help.

LIVING LAST SUPPER PLAY

On March 19th, 6:30pm, at Terra Alta Methodist Church. Presented by Brockton Charge Methodist Churches.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – by Boris Nazaroff

2016 Board of Directors Positions

Two (2) ALPOA Board of Directors positions will be up for re-election in June, 2016. Any interested Alpine Lake property owner in good standing is eligible to run for one of these positions. Each position entails a term of three (3) years. All interested candidates are encouraged to contact me in any of three ways:

1. Via Mail:

Boris Nazaroff, Chair, Nominations & Elections Committee,
700 West Alpine Drive, Terra Alta, WV 26764

2. Via Telephone: 571.926.6388

3. Via E-Mail: bnazaroff@gmail.com

Please remember that the deadline for submission of your intention to be an ALPOA Board of Director candidate is 5pm, Tuesday, March 15, 2016. If you have any questions regarding the nominations process, please feel free to contact me as indicated above.

(Good Standing means ((a)) association dues are up-to-date and ((b)) have not been declared to be in violation of restrictive covenants of ALPOA.)

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE by Sally Rocchi

We have just returned from our cruise and a visit with Jim's sister in Florida. I so wanted to buy flowers and pots to bring home, but the weather forecast was for freezing temperatures and inches of snow here at Alpine, so the flowers and pots stayed in Florida. I look forward to April when the committee can start planning projects for the upcoming season.

ECC – by John Laing

Remember the ECC guidance: Tarps used to cover woodpiles, boats, etc. should be of a brown or green color. When the blue or silver tarps wear out, replace them with new brown or green ones. All blue or silver tarps should be replaced by December 31, 2016.

For those who ordered Redbud trees, they will arrive in the middle of April so you need to plan on where and how you are going to plant them. They will be 3 year old trees, bare roots, so they will need to be planted before they leave dormancy.



FROM MANAGEMENT & STAFF

Linette Sines – Interim General Manager

Spring is on the horizon, and the staff and I are gearing up for our summer season!

The digital sign has been installed on the front portion of the Welcome Center. Bob Berry of Reliable Electrical Services will work us into his schedule and hook up the electrical portion of the sign, so hopefully by the end of next week the sign will be up-and-running. The Welding Rod came by last week to look at installing the larger sign on Route 7, and we are awaiting their proposal. Installation for that sign will not happen until spring. Our Maintenance Supervisor, Chester Fitchett, is working on obtaining estimates for paving in hopes that we can get on the schedule in May rather than the fall, as we have in the past.

We now have two Certified Pool Operators here at Alpine. Both Frank Slack of our Lodge Maintenance Department and homeowner Tony Amato have obtained the certification. Recreation Coordinator Darryl Simpkins and Jeff Delaney of our Lodge Maintenance staff will take the test to obtain certification at the end of the month. Representatives from the State and County Health Department was here on the 3rd to get started on the application and inspections necessary for us to open the pool. The opening date for the pool will be announced soon.

Our new Marketing Coordinator, John Corbin, has been hard at work over the past two weeks. We will now use promo codes to offer discounts, which will also allow us to track the success of each offer. He is also linking all of our social media so consistent posts go out to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and even Pinterest with the click of a button. Beginning next week, we will do weekly email promotions with special offers to past guests and others who have shared their email address with us via our website. John and I will be attending the Greater Morgantown CVB's spring lodging meeting at the Waterfront Hotel on March 15th as well as attending the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours on March 10th.

Golf Director, Tom Hawkins, is working hard on various programs and offers to save us payroll dollars by reaching out to retired individuals willing to volunteer a few hours a week for a free rounds of golf. He's also looking to increase play by enticing the younger generation to golf here at Alpine Lake. I will provide a better overview of these programs next month once all the details worked out, as there is some planning that must be done with our accountant and insurance agent to make sure the volunteer program is done properly. Recreation Coordinator, Darryl Simpkins, will officially start on Monday, March 7th and begin working in collaboration with Tom to prepare for our upcoming golf season.

Ginger Tucker, Tom Kinsey and I traveled to Charleston earlier this week to attend Preston County Day at the State Legislature. We were able to meet with some of our Legislatures and other representatives from various State agencies, as well as network with other owners and managers of Preston County businesses.

In an effort to collaborate with other Managers and HR Directors, Business Manager Tammy Heavner and I attended an HR Round table event sponsored by the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce. The inaugural program focused on "Employee Benefits." The presenter discussed how to design employee benefit programs, determining what's most valuable to your employees and how to communicate these benefits. The HR Roundtable will meet the first Wednesday of each month to discuss different human resource topics and challenges facing local companies. Tammy and I both found the event to be beneficial and will be attending each month.

August 28th will be the 50 year anniversary of the Mt. Top Vacationland groundbreaking. I will be working with John Corbin, our Marketing Coordinator, to come up with some type of celebration/ acknowledgement of that day. Any suggestions for celebration ideas are welcome.

ALPOA BOARD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – by *Ginger Tucker, President*

March came in like a lamb with 60 degree temperatures which portends she will exit like a lion as seasoned prognosticators indicate we will see snow for Easter (March 27th) so that makes sense. Even so, Alpine Lake residents continue to enjoy opportunities to participate in numerous activities.

The board hosted CBIZ insurance agent, Mike Fletcher, and Atlantic Broadband representative, Scott Randall, for presentations at the 27th February meeting. Mike explained our liability coverage through AIG Resorts, workmen's compensation coverage through Rockwood and Director and Officer coverage through RSUI. He entertained questions and provided handouts for board members.

Scott Randall presented the Atlantic Broadband proposal to install fiber optic cable from Route 7 to every home in Alpine Lake for \$1.2M dollars billed to the Association on a monthly basis. He outlined three different service level options ranging from \$69-\$99 per month, all service level options included internet. The challenge is he requires 75%-100% commitment from all home owners before he can begin installation. Several property owners in attendance suggested that the board schedule a presentation at the annual meeting with a Q & A session in the Allegheny room after the annual meeting. Lot owners would also benefit in the long run as the fiber optic cables would already be in place and connectivity would be easy should they decide to build.

While on the communications topic, the board approved pursuing the cell tower proposal through Diamond Site Management Corporation. There are a lot of details and the board has not signed any proposal yet. More research for both Diamond and ALPOA is necessary before progressing to next steps.

The pool opening is coming. I know I have been saying that for a while but the Interim GM has contacted the State Health Department to schedule the inspection. Two individuals have obtained Pool Operator Certifications and our water is finally within normal range. All systems appear to be working as expected. The board readdressed the pool access card fees and approved the following:

- Each property owner will receive two (2) free access cards for the 2016-2017 year
- There is a \$5 fee for an employee access card
- There is a \$5 fee for each additional access card
- There is a \$10 fee for replacement cards

Finally, the Board approved the Lake Management Committee's recommendations for Night Fishing and a Moonlight Cruise. The Night Fishing is to be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, May through October. Bank fishing only for Alpine Lake property owners and their guests, hotel guests and renters. The Moonlight Cruise is scheduled for Monday 20th June and this will be the only time that boats can be launched from the beach. They plan to have a bonfire with other beach activities. No rain date has been set at this time.

Just to let everyone know: August 28th is the 50th anniversary of the groundbreaking for Mountaintop Vacationland, later renamed Alpine Lake Resort. The Interim GM is planning activities to recognize this historic event in our history. If you have ideas, please share them with Linette via email linettesines@alpinelake.com or leave a note at the Front Desk.

So our upcoming meetings at this point are as follows:

- March 12 Workshop
- Mar 19 POA Meeting
- April 9 Workshop
- April 16 POA Meeting
- May 14 Workshop (this may be moved to Friday, 13th May so we can conduct Community Pride Day. More to follow.)
- May 21 POA Meeting
- That takes us up to the Annual Meeting in June.



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.

Remember to notify me if your item is no longer available, too. Thank you.

Tax Services: Dorinda Kisner, CPA, and staff providing professional services for individuals, businesses, estates and trusts. Tax planning, compliance, estimated payments, consulting and accounting services locally in Terra Alta. Contact us at 304-789-6082 or email at questions@kisnercpa.com

Pet Sitting & House Checks. Call Kay Bayer 304-789-2111

House Rental: Retired couple would like to rent a place in Alpine for the month of August 2016. Internet service would be nice; definitely want a washer/dryer. Alpine resident happy to recommend the couple. If interested in renting your place, call Don or Judy at: 352-391-5540. (3/4)

NEW IN BOX: Empire NON VENTED 24" log set 34,000 BTU WITH remote control, easy hookup. \$550. Call Pat 304-789-6520. (3/4)

ALPINE LAKE LODGE HOURS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY (HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FRONT DESK

Mondays – Saturdays: 8am-4pm

Sundays: 8am-3pm

SEASONS DINING ROOM – CLOSED

SEASONS LOUNGE

Mondays – Fridays: 4pm – 9pm

Saturday & Sunday: 12pm-9pm

FITNESS CENTER

OPEN DAILY from 6am – 10pm

PRO SHOP – CLOSED

Note: Our Alpine Lake website is: www.alpinelake.com Call (800) 752-7179 or (304) 789-2481

DATES TO REMEMBER (*A 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. 9am -10am – FUN-FIT Aerobics Classes, Lodge, Allegheny Room

Mondays 10am - 3pm – Sew Together, Rhododendron Room, Lodge

Wednesdays 10am – Needlework Club - Rhododendron Room, Lunch Follows
6 -7 pm - Jammers – Rhododendron Room (except the first Wed. of each month)

7pm – Property Owners Game Night, Boathouse

Thursdays 10am - Noon – Braille Workshop – Rhododendron Room

6pm - Close – Shuffleboard – Seasons Lounge

Note: Dump Open: Tues/Thurs 7am – 4pm & Sats. 7am-4pm

T.A. Recycling Plant Open: Tues/Weds/Thurs 8am –4pm, and Sats. 8am ‘til Noon

Also – monthly events:

2nd Sunday of each month – 7am – 1pm – Kingwood VFD Breakfast

3rd Saturday of each month – 9am – ALPUC Board Meeting (meets March, June’s annual mtg., Sept., Nov.)

10am – ALPOA Workshop Board Meeting (see note below)

ALPOA WORKSHOP BOARD MEETING

Saturday, March 12th @ 10am

Also, March 19 POA Meeting, April 9 Workshop, April 16 POA Meeting, May 14 Workshop,
May 21 POA Meeting, all @ 10am

Please continue to email Board Members w/questions, suggestions (addresses are on website)

OR use Comment Box in Lobby

COMING EVENTS (Please put on your calendar now – don’t miss a thing – watch for details):

Sat., March 12th – 8pm – 11pm – St. Patrick’s Day Dance at Seasons

Mon., March 14th – 5pm – Dinner & Movie Night

Wed., March 16th – 12pm – Juliet’s Luncheon (meet to car pool)

Fri., March 18th – Noon – Next FWIW published; submit articles no later than Wednesday, March 16th

Sat., March 19th – 6:30 pm – Living Last Supper play – Terra Alta United Methodist Church

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