

For What It's Worth



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Editor's Comment

I don't want to say I'm superstitious, but on the rare occasion when I mention we're experiencing pleasant weather conditions for the season, we end up with some type of horrific storm. So, I'm not going there! Can you believe we are already in the second week of January? Still lots to do at Alpine. Just check out the *Dates to Remember* section to see what you might be interested in trying out. The next Movie Night at the Boathouse is Monday, February 13th. "Valentine's Day" will be the featured film. See the ad posted on the last page of this issue for more information. FYI...please feel free to email me any well wishes, good thoughts, or a "thank you" for anyone you may have in your prayers. Alpine residents are great people and always willing to be there for you, if possible. Have a great weekend and see you around the Lake!

The next FWIW will be issued on Friday, January 27th. Please email all articles to me, Janice Nelson, at mamaj11@yahoo.com. Only use the FWIW box on the lobby counter IF you do not have access to a computer. Please keep your article brief so we can fit all the latest news in each issue. Thanks for your cooperation and participation.

PRAYERS, THOUGHTS AND THANK YOU'S

"I want to thank all of my friends in Alpine Lake for all their visits to the hospital to see me, and since I have been home. Thanks for all the cards, calls and great food as well. To everyone that has come to clean the snow out of our driveway and to the ones who called or came by to see if we needed them, thank you! Grace and I also thank everyone who have come to sit with me while she runs errands. Alpine Lake is a great place to live and the people are the best!"

~ Dave Crane

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LAKE & NEARBY

POSSUM TAIL FARM

Possom Tail Farm will be delivering Certified Naturally Grown beef, chicken and eggs to the Lodge on January 18th from 11-11:15am. Orders can be placed by calling (304) 789-5556. Online ordering is also available. Our meats are pasture raised with no GMO's, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, hormones or antibiotics. Our beef is born and raised on our farm, grass-fed and grass finished. www.possumtailfarm.com

REMINDER: TERRA ALTA FOOD BANK

There is an ongoing need to replenish supplies at our local food bank so please add your donations to help this worthy cause. There is a box inside the front foyer of the Lodge for your convenience.

PROPERTY OWNER'S COMMITTEE by *Bernie and Birgit Stock*

As the holiday lights dim and reality comes back to Alpine Lake, we must all focus on continuing to make our community a viable Resort as well as a home for those who live here or come to get away from the maddening crowd. Our BOD, GM, COMMITTEES and EMPLOYEES will, hopefully, continue to work on making this possible. The PO's need to do their best to assist in this regard. Positive input is needed in all decisions but the buck stops at the top. If you don't like it, get your ducks in order and run for the Board. Some PO's have done this and found the job to be overwhelming. New blood is always needed. Our future depends on our comments, commitments and constitution. It can be very good. . . .

Monday nights' Dinner/Movie was well attended in spite of the cold weather. We all saw some famous names from 1964. Haven't they changed... haven't we?

Shadow Boxes are presently current. Approved notices should be removed after the date of activity by responsible person(s). PLEASE BE CAREFUL! GLASS IS FRAGILE.

A white hat was found recently at the mailboxes near the dam. Retrieve at the Front Desk.

The lounge at SEASONS is open for business. I say this because the PO's and visitors don't seem to be gathering for the football and basketball games like the past. The TV's are big and many, and the company can be great if you come up. Specials...?

The Thursday night Shuffleboard crowd is what I'm talking about. Always a good time. Remember, this weekend is a Holiday weekend (Martin Luther King). Let's fill it up. . .GO STEELERS, MOUNTAINEERS, ETC.!

SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS by *Curtis Walker*

Greetings, Shuffleboardians! Out with the old (Bob Bayer) and in with the new, myself, of course. From here on out, I'll be writing the article for FWIW. I'll try my best! December 29th, the Thursday between Christmas and New Year, was a short night. Only 6 teams (one of them was actually the Amato's grandchildren) showed. Jim and Joyce Wachter showed up, only for Joyce to inform Dave Tucker that she "wasn't playing." Jim gets partnered with Bernie Howe and in the first game of the night against the Amatos, Jim swears he has never played before (we think he's lying). Lisa and I had to play the grandkids (Annika and Blake) and were supposed to take it easy on them. We almost lost! The Tucker's daughters, Bevia and Cassidy, played as a team against their parents and actually helped them win. The night had only one hanger and that was by Sheila Amato, and only one skunk as well (Dave and Ginger skunked Bevia and Cassidy).

Dec 29th 1st place: Curtis and Lisa Walker (undefeated all night)
 2nd place: Sheila and Tony Amato (Sheila with the only hanger)
 3rd place: Ginger and Dave Tucker (with help from their kids)

January 5th, the first Thursday of the New Year! We had our biggest showing to date with 14 teams (John Laing had a heck of a time with the brackets). We only played to 7 which yielded seven skunks for the night. The best one was Pat Laing scoring 13 against the Hoadleys. Sam Berry pulled off two hangers in one game against the Berras. John Laing had a hanger until Berry Berra knocked it off the board. Hanger club for the night: Sam with two, Lisa Walker with one, myself with one. The "longest game of the night award" goes to Lisa and me during a win over two-time champs, Jim and Barb Herndon.

Jan 5th 1st place: Sam and Kathy Berry (Sam had two hangers in one game)
 2nd place: Lisa and Curtis Walker (I'm pretty sure I was drunk by now)
 3rd place: Dave and Ginger Tucker (Ginger clearly outplayed Dave)

FROM MANAGEMENT & STAFF

Linette Sines - General Manager

Those of you who spend time on the treadmills in the Fitness Center will notice a new feature! We have added a security mirror. Now you can see the room behind you so you will notice if someone else enters the room without having to turn around and look and risking a fall from the treadmill. One of the donated treadmills is out of order, and will be removed; however, we have ordered parts for an existing inoperable commercial grade treadmill that we had not moved over into the new area. It should be up and running in the next few weeks.

It's a new year, so if your resolution is to lose weight or improve your diet, you are not alone! We have a group of owners who have formed a support group, and meet here in the Lodge every Tuesday at 10am. Feel free to join in and share your tips or gain motivation from one of the other attendees.

While we have a day or two of warmer weather, I encourage all homeowners to check their driveway culverts and ditches along the front of their property to make sure they are clear of leaves and other debris. Keeping the culverts and ditches clear helps keep the rain water and melting snow from washing into the roads, which could cause ice patches and road erosion.

The Board and I have taken great strides in becoming as transparent as possible. Our meetings are open to the membership, we utilize our "Members Only" Community Chat by answering questions and communicating any major business decisions/actions, and I send out a weekly email to all owners to keep them "in the know." With that in mind, please remember that the "Friends of Alpine Lake" Facebook page is not an official Alpine Lake page. I **will never** respond to questions posted on that site that deal with management or operational issues. This page is visible to many people who are not ALPOA members. When business and/or operational questions are posted, it often strikes up a dialog that may be somewhat negative in nature. These negative posts are a detriment to Alpine Lake when they are visible to potential owners, visitors and guests.

Owners who want information should either contact me directly at (304)789-2481 ext. 149, email me at linettesines@alpinelake.com, or post your question on the Community Chat located in the "Members Only" section of our website. If you are posting anything that questions Board and/or Management decisions on the "Friends of Alpine Lake" Facebook page, it is not productive because you are not going to get official answers—all you are going to do is create a long thread of varied opinions and rumors that make the Alpine Lake community look as though it's full of negativity and infighting. I appreciate everyone's cooperation in this effort to enhance our community's overall social media presence.

CRITICS (submitted by "Anonymous")

"It is not the critic who counts . . . The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by the dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly. . . who, at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly; so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

– Theodore Roosevelt

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS – “A Service for our Community”

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.

For Sale: Brand new Lift/Recliner chair, neutral color. Retail \$800 plus. \$450 or Best Offer - Call 304-789-6862 (1/13)

For Sale: Bought more than I need! Frozen breaded oysters, two pound bags \$25. Like new, TWO canvas folding camp chairs with arms and cup holders. \$30 for the pair. NEW IN BOX: Empire NON VENTED 24" log set 34,000 BTU WITH remote control, easy hookup. \$550. NIB Pro Lift easily adjustable for most heavy lawn equipment. Steel construction, hydraulic power. Cost \$200. Sell/ make offer. Bought too much: Adult unisex diapers/briefs and underpads. If interested, call (304) 789-6520 (12/30)

Rental Needed: Looking to rent a fully furnished house/condo for two people for the months of June – August 2017. Please contact with details at jim.sandy.teets@gmail.com, or by phone (304) 698-9063. (12/30)

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.

Plowing Services: Driveways: Small- \$20 & \$25, Medium - \$30 & \$35, Large- \$50. Also, decks & roofs – Call Joe at (304) 789-6838 (12/2)

Watch Batteries: Batteries available for most watches – \$1 installed for most or under \$1 if you install it yourself. Contact John Laing (304) 789-6120.

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

ALPINE LAKE LODGE HOURS

FRONT DESK

Monday – Thursday: 8am – 4pm

Friday & Saturday: 8am – 5pm

Sunday: 8am – 3pm

SEASONS

Monday - Friday: 3pm – 9pm

Saturday & Sunday - 12pm – 9pm

PRO SHOP

Closed for the Season

FITNESS CENTER

OPEN DAILY from 7am – 9pm

POOL

OPEN DAILY from 8am-9pm

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:

- Mondays** 10am - 3pm – **Sew Together**, Rhododendron Room
Tuesdays 10am – 11am – **Weight Loss Support Group** – Rhododendron Room
Mon., Wed., Fri 9am-10am – **Power Aerobics** – Lodge
Tues. & Thurs. 8am- **Water Aerobics** - Pool
Wednesdays 10am – **Needlework Club** - Rhododendron Room, lunch follows
6 -7pm - **Jammers** – Rhododendron Room (except the first Wed. of each month)
7pm – **Property Owners Game Night**, Boathouse
Thursdays 6pm – **SHUFFLEBOARD** – SEASONS Lounge
Thursdays 10am - Noon – **Braille Workshop** – Rhododendron Room
Note: **Dump Open:** Tues/Thurs 7am – 4pm & Saturdays 7am-4pm
T.A. Recycling Plant Open: Tues/Thurs 8am–4pm, and Saturdays 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.)
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month: 7pm - **East Preston Lions Club Meeting**
First Tuesday meeting is held at Shorthorns
Third Tuesday meeting is in the Rhododendron Room

Next Board Workshop Meeting - Saturday, January 21st at 9am

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

- Thurs., Jan.19th -** 10am – **ECC Mtg.** - Lodge
Fri., Jan. 27th - Next **FWIW** published – articles must be submitted by Wed., Jan 25th
Mon., Feb. 13th - 5pm – **Movie Night** - Boathouse

“VALENTINE’S DAY”

DINNER
AND A
MOVIE
AT THE BOATHOUSE



*Featuring:
**Chili &
Chocolate!***

**Bring Chili,
Salads, Breads
& Desserts To Pass!**
Dishes, Flatwear & Beverages



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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH @ 5PM
PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE LODGE FRONT DESK