

## \*\*\*For What It's Worth\*\*\*



Janice Nelson, Editor

November 11th, 2016

### Editor's Comment

Since the next issue of FWIW will not be published until **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, I want to take this time to wish one and all a very Happy Thanksgiving! Speaking of Thanksgiving, why not enjoy time with family and friends at SEASONS restaurant on that day. They will be providing a buffet of various holiday dishes and scrumptious desserts from 10am – 2:30pm. So give it a try! **Movie Night** is Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Boathouse. (See last page for more info.) Just bring a side or a dessert, then sit back and relax and watch a fun flick while eating dinner with your fellow “Alpinites!” Christmas, a busy time of year here at Alpine, is just around the corner. Lodge decorating, the PO Christmas Dinner/Dance, Christmas Eve Dinner at the Boathouse and, of course, the tree lighting are the main activities that you can participate in this time of year. Check the Coming Events section and mark your calendars so you don't miss anything. Again, have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving! Until next time...

**The next FWIW will be issued on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please email all articles to me, Janice Nelson, at [mamaj11@yahoo.com](mailto: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.**



### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LAKE & NEARBY

**“THANK YOU”** by *Melanie Miller, Marketing Coordinator*

Thank you to all of the Alpine Lake Property Owners who have made me feel welcome here! I appreciate everyone who has tried to be of assistance in helping us find a home, and even just asking how things are going with finding a place. We are very fortunate to have found a home to rent right here at Alpine! The biggest thank you of all goes out to our new landlords/friends, whom we now consider family, Darren & Rony Coker and Diane Barry. Now that we are moved in and settled, we feel like we are truly "Living Our Dreams!"

## **EGG DELIVERY**

Possum Tail Farm will be delivering Certified Naturally Grown meat and eggs to the Lodge between 11am and 11:15am on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Orders can be placed by calling (304) 789-5556. Online ordering is also available. Their meats are pasture raised with no GMO's, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, hormones or antibiotics. [www.possumtailfarm.com](http://www.possumtailfarm.com)

## **TERRA ALTA RESCUE SQUAD AND FIRE DEPT.** *by Bob Hart*

We at Alpine are part of the whole community that surrounds us. At times, we have to call upon the local services and expect them to be available and respond to our needs. The Terra Alta Rescue Squad and Fire Department are volunteer organizations that have responded to AL emergencies. They depend upon donations to keep them operational. Please consider donating monetarily to them so when you have such a need, they will be available. Rescue Squad (1124 E. State Avenue) and Fire Department (1120 E. State Avenue) Terra Alta, WV 26764.

## **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.

## **SAVE THE DATE** *by Sheila Amato & Ann Isenrock*

The Alpine Lake tradition of Christmas Eve Dinner at the Boathouse continues in 2016. You and your family are invited to share food, drink, conversation and companionship, starting at 5pm on Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve). Dinner will be completed in time for those who wish to attend evening church services. More information will be forthcoming in future issues of FWIW.

## **ALPINE LAKE LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION (ALLGO)** *by Bev Serpone*

The ALLGO 2016 season officially ended on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Several intrepid ladies tried to get in one final game but were “rained out” at the end of the second hole!

The 2017 golf season will be here before we know it, so please get out your calendars and mark a couple of opening golfing and non-golfing events:

\***Ladies Spring Luncheon on May 4<sup>th</sup>**. This event welcomes long awaited Spring to Alpine Lake by bringing all ladies, non-golfers and golfers, together to share stories of how we made it through the winter, whether it was spent north, south, east, west or at our home base at Alpine. All are welcome.

\***ALLGO season officially opens on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**.

\***The Margarita Scramble will take place on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**. The event will return to the traditional Margarita Format, a nine-hole, par-three scramble to be followed by food and Margaritas at the Boathouse. One goal of this event is to invite and encourage new golfers to join the ALLGO ladies at our weekly games. The Margarita Scramble will be promoted at the Ladies Spring Luncheon on May 4<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet will be available for all. ALLGO ladies: start thinking about a “non-golfer” to invite to the Margarita Scramble. And “non-golfers,” please consider signing up for a day on the course, as well as food, fun and friendship at the Boathouse.

And, finally, a special thanks to Tom Hawkins and his staff for making the ALLGO events fun and successful. It was a pleasure working with all of you. Wishing you all a warm and wonderful winter.

## **FERAL CATS** by Ron Miller

In the October 28<sup>th</sup> edition of FWIW, I read the article about folks that are caring for "groups of feral cats here in Alpine." I hope that this practice is curtailed and discouraged. Our native small wildlife population is, most likely, being decimated by this practice.

*From: 'Nature Communications' 4, Article number: 1396 (2013): "We estimate that free-ranging domestic cats kill 1.3–4.0 billion birds and 6.3–22.3 billion mammals annually. Un-owned cats, as opposed to owned pets, cause the majority of this mortality. Our findings suggest that free-ranging cats cause substantially greater wildlife mortality than previously thought and are likely the single greatest source of anthropogenic mortality for US birds and mammals."*

*From: NY Times, Science Section: "...scientists from the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and the Fish and Wildlife Service estimated domestic cats in the United States —both the pet Fluffies that spend part of the day outdoors and the unnamed strays and ferals that never leave it — kill a median of 2.4 billion birds and 12.3 billion mammals a year, most of them native mammals like shrews, chipmunks and voles rather than introduced pests like the Norway rat.*

The estimated kill rates are two to four times higher than mortality figures previously bandied about, and position the domestic cat as one of the single greatest human-linked threats to wildlife in the nation. More birds and mammals die at the mouths of cats, the report said, than from automobile strikes, pesticides and poisons, collisions with skyscrapers and windmills and other so-called anthropogenic causes."

For the sake of our native birds and small mammals at Alpine Lake, all efforts to "rescue" cats on this property should be halted immediately. We should, at a minimum, stop publication of sympathetic articles promoting these practices. I'm sure this started as a genuinely humanitarian effort, but the consequences are just too great for our defenseless native species. Also, now that the word is out about our "rescue" services, we can expect additional dumping.

## **SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS** by Bob Bayer

We kicked off our season on Thursday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> in the SEASONS Lounge. Looks like this year we will, once again, be using a "commish by committee" format. With my ever-changing work schedule, I don't know from one week to the next whether I'll be working or playing. Tonight, our seasoned "bracketeers" (and I do mean "seasoned"), Dave & John worked the scoreboard, while Curtis took notes for me to use in this report. In my absence, my two favorite wives teamed together! Sheila doubled her odds of winning by playing with both Marilyn and Barb. Sounds like most of the usual suspects were there.

Here's some of the highlights according to Curtis. If I get any of these wrong or miss a few, you know who to blame! Looks like two hangers were recorded tonight: Sally and Teddi; 6 pt. shots were thrown by John and Kay.

Throwing 5 pointers were Sheila and Barb. Three teams pitched a shutout: Sheila/Marilyn and Michelle/Barry as well as Ginger and Dave. And I guess everybody about fell asleep when Lisa & Curtis played Michelle & Barry in a never-ending game. Sounded like an exciting finish though with the winners having to win 2 games coming from the losers' bracket, so let's get to the results:

- Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1st place: Pat & John Laing (more "dreaded" than the Youngs ever were?)  
2nd place: Sheila Amato & Barb Conway (went undefeated until the rematches)  
3rd place: Teddi & Gary Cox (Teddi throws a hanger to no avail...Gary?)

Folks, come out and enjoy the fun on Thursday nights throughout the winter. Sign up by 6pm. Come early for food and drink specials. No experience necessary: we prey on... I mean welcome all newcomers. Lessons are free! Come see why we say you just can't have this much fun here at Alpine Lake...with your clothes on! See you next week: Be there or be square!

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

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Christmas/Holiday Dinner & Dance to be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at SEASONS. Time, cost and menu will be forthcoming in FWIW and shadow boxes. So, save that date NOW!

As in years past, Property Owners may freely send money to our Committee to help with the gift cards given to our employees at their Christmas/Holiday Party to be held in December. It will most likely take place at the Boathouse with the PROPERTY OWNERS COMMITTEE hosting it. Send donations to the Stocks at 2181 W. Alpine Dr., Terra Alta, WV 26764 or just drop it off. ALPOC /EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS FUND. Any amount is appreciated.

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE** by *Sally Rocchi and Wilma Rumble*

It's that time of year again. We will be putting up the Christmas decorations on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please meet at the Lodge at 10am. There will be coffee and munchies for all volunteers. The weather, hopefully, will be nice for this activity.

**ECC** by *Kurt Engle, Chair*

Here is the ECC winter meeting schedule (Thursdays at 10am.):

November 3 and 17  
December 1 and 15  
January 5 and 19 (2017)  
February 2 and 16 (2017)  
March 2 and 16 (2017)

Weekly ECC meetings begin on Thursday, April 6, 2017.

## **ALPOA BOARD NEWS**

**BOARD NEWS** submitted by *Barbara Conway*

Autumn has been absolutely glorious this year, with warm, sunny days extending into November. However, we know that winter is on its way, bringing wind, cold, and snow. Please be sure that you have provided contact information in case power outages, extremely cold temperatures, or excessive snowfall create problems with your property. The Emergency Contact form, available online in the property owners section of our website, or at the Lodge, allows us to communicate with you to relay any issue with your property. All homeowners should have this form on file; the ability to inform you of trouble could significantly reduce possible damage to your property.

Also, for those who will winter in Alpine, having contact information, including a mobile phone number, lets us check on your safety in case of an extreme weather event. We must hope for the best, but prepare for the worst. Thank you.

A Board Workshop will be held Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10am and the next Open Board meeting will be held on Friday evening, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm, in the Rhododendron Room. This is a departure from our Saturday morning schedule, and can gauge property owner interest in holding an evening meeting occasionally. Next month, the Board will resume a winter timetable, with Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10am, being the only meeting for the month.

Save the date: Alpine's Light-up Night, Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. More information to follow.



## **FROM MANAGEMENT & STAFF**

**Linette Sines** – *General Manager*

The November work session of the ALPOA Board of Directors will be held this Saturday at 10am in the Rhododendron Room. All property owners are welcome to attend, but since this is a work session, owner participation is limited to comments at the beginning and ending of the meeting. If you cannot attend, you can access the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone via <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/323519597>. You can also dial-in using your phone by calling (646) 749-3122 and using access code: 323-519-597.

The work in the pool area is coming along nicely. The floor has been sanded to promote the paint adhesion, and we hope to begin the painting process in a day or two. Thank you again for your patience as we complete the project. Our target re-opening date is on or about Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Remember, you can still golf by stopping in at the Front Desk to register. Greens fees are \$18/18 holes (cart included). Carts, however, are limited, as the main fleet have been winterized. Frost can also cause delays/closings, so be sure to call ahead to check the course status.

Very few owners have completed our winter sports survey. The online survey, which polls the interest in various winter activities here at Alpine, open for one more week. Some of the activities, such as ice skating and cross country skiing, require participants to have their own equipment, so it is important we know how many people have (or would be willing to purchase) the necessary equipment for the activity. Please [click here](#) to access the survey.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and SEASONS is planning a feast. A buffet will be served from 11am-3 pm, featuring Ham, Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, Christmas Salad, Rolls and Dessert for \$15.95. For reservations, contact Seasons at (304) 789-6679.

**\*\*REMINDER** - if you have not yet completed a [Prodigy service contract](#), please do so! With 183 commitments, we are getting closer to the number needed to bring broadband service to Alpine Lake!

### **ALPUC NEWS** by *Kim Mayne, General Manager*

If you will soon be leaving your home for the winter and decide to have your water turned off at the meter as part of your winterization process, please contact our office immediately to have that scheduled. We do require your request to be in writing or you can email it to [alpucoffice@frontier.com](mailto:alpucoffice@frontier.com). Also, contact our office if any of your contact or mailing information needs to be changed.

I'd like to invite you to our meeting on **November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am** at the Lodge. We will be updating everyone on our water line replacement project, "Project Woodbine," as well as follow up on a project Heather Hammack, from our office, began one year ago on "wipes clog pipes." Heather began by educating us last November on the issues wipes can cause to a sanitary system and she also spoke on the subject at the annual meeting. Well, November being a full year of the test, we are going to check up on her experiment and see how well those wipes have broken down in a year. I think some will be surprised! See you then!

The ALPUC office will be closed Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving. May each of you and your families have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

## 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.**

**Items For Sale:** Nice, sturdy indoor/outdoor bench for \$25. Adjustable Chaise w/thick pads. One for \$25 or two for \$40. Call Marilyn at (304) 789-3134 (10/28)

**For Sale:** Alpine Lake – 2 adjoining lots – Bavarian 122 & 123 on Redwood Dr. – all utilities available, excellent level building site, low traffic area, not far from beach – lots must be purchased together – motivated sellers are seeking any offers – Call (724) 583-2829 (10/14)

**Services:** Property maintenance. Lawn care. Gutters cleaned. Lots cleaned. Painting. House checks & more. Firewood: \$70/load. 8 foot truck. Bed stacked and delivered. Seasoned. Call (304) 789-6838. (9/30)

**Items for Sale:** Wood Coffee Table – 3’ long. 18-1/2” wide. 16” high. \$20 OBO. Small Wooden Table (Folding) - 28” long. Closed (leafs down): 15” wide. Leafs opened: 3’ wide. 2-1/2’ feet high. \$40 OBO. Vanity Table - 29” high. 42” long. 19” wide. 5 Drawers – Needs TLC. \$40. Call Amy Hanks (304) 698-9166. (9/30)

**For Sale:** 2009 Vespa GTS-250cc Scooter. Silver scooter has fewer than 1,500 miles. Asking price is \$3,500. Tony (304) 694-0561 (c) or (304)789-5555 (h). (9/30)

**Items for Sale:** NIB Pro Lift easily adjustable for most heavy lawn equipment. Steel construction, hydraulic power. Cost \$200 Sell \$160 OR M.O. 1987 Trans Am, flame red showroom condition, 14,000 miles. Send email address for pictures to [mr.prp@hotmail.com](mailto:mr.prp@hotmail.com) ULINE CO2 Beer dispensing system all steel inside, chrome & wood grain on outside. \$200. NEW IN BOX: Empire NON-VENTED 24" log set 34,000 BTU WITH remote control, easy hookup. \$550. DESA Propane Non-Vented working fireplace insert 24" with artificial log set and extra parts. Easy hook-up to your propane line. Used two seasons, still works. \$75. Like new, canvas folding camp chairs with arms and cup holders \$30. Call Pat at (304) 789-6520. (9/30)

**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](mailto:questions@kisnercpa.com). (9/30)\*

**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 (9/2)

**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 - Thursday:** 4pm – 9pm

**Friday - Saturday:** 7am – 9pm

**Sundays:** 7am – 8pm

### 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:

<b>Mondays</b>	10am - 3pm – <b>Sew Together</b> , Boathouse
<b>Mon., Wed., Fri</b>	9am-10am – <b>Power Aerobics</b> - Lodge
<b>Tues. &amp; Thurs.</b>	8am- <b>Water Aerobics</b> - Pool
<b>Wednesdays</b>	10am – <b>Needlework Club</b> - Rhododendron Room, lunch follows 6 -7pm - <b>Jammers</b> – Rhododendron Room (except the first Wed. of each month) 7pm – <b>Property Owners Game Night</b> , Boathouse
<b>Thursdays</b>	6pm – <b>SHUFFLEBOARD</b> – SEASONS Lounge
<b>Thursdays</b>	10am - Noon – <b>Braille Workshop</b> – 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:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month – 7am – 1pm – **Kingwood VFD Breakfast**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Board Workshop Meeting - Saturday, Nov. 12th at 10am**

**Board Open Meeting – Friday, Nov. 18th at 6:30pm**

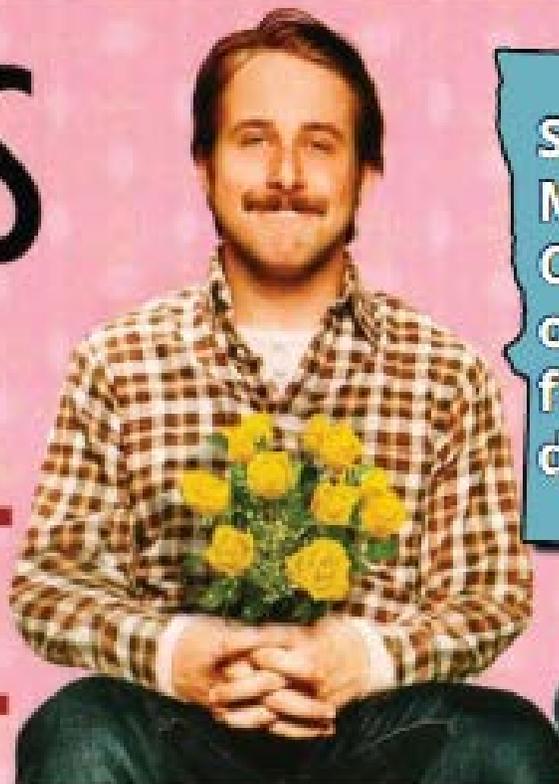
**ALPUC Meeting – Saturday, Nov. 19th at 9am**

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

- Mon., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> -** 5pm - **Movie Night** – at the Boathouse
- Thurs. Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> -** 10am-2:30pm – **Thanksgiving Buffet** @ SEASONS
- Wed., Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> -** 10am – **Christmas Decorating** – at the Lodge
- Fri., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> -** Next **FWIW** published – articles must be submitted by Wed., Nov. 30th
- Sat., Dec.3<sup>rd</sup> -** **Light-up Night** (more info to follow)
- Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> -** **Christmas-Holiday Dinner & Dance** @ SEASONS
- Sat. Dec.24<sup>th</sup> -** 5pm – **Christmas Eve Dinner** - @ Boathouse
- Wed., Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> -** Noon – 5:30pm –**Blood Mobile** – at Ambulance Hall

# DINNER AND A MOVIE AT THE BOATHOUSE

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