

For What It's Worth

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Editor's Comment

Hope everyone has been enjoying the nice weather we have been experiencing here at Alpine in recent days! Along with the nice weather, it's great to see the return of more of our "snow birds" who are settling into their daily routine at the Lake. Welcome back to all! A few interesting activities/field trips are in the works for the month of June. One of which is Alpine's very first Summer Solstice Festival scheduled for June 20th. It promises to be a fun time for all. Also being planned by our esteemed members of the Alpine Learning group is a visit to the Lavender Farm in Accident, MD on June 28th. I, personally, am looking forward to that day! Those who are celebrating a birthday in June have their special days listed in this issue. Here's wishing all of you June babies a Happy Birthday...you know who you are! Alpine's Memorial Day/Mountaineer Picnic will be held this coming Sunday, May 29th at 1pm. What a great way to celebrate and honor our military, past and present! Hope you will attend. Read about the picnic, the trip to the Lavender Farm, the Summer Solstice Festival and many more articles in this issue of FWIW! See you around the Lake!

The next FWIW will be issued on Friday, June 10th. Please email all articles to me, Janice Nelson, at mamaj11@yahoo.com, or use the FWIW box on the lobby counter. Please keep your article brief so we can fit all the news in each issue. Thanks for your cooperation and participation. Enjoy!

TIMELY NOTICES AND REMINDERS

NEXT EGG DELIVERIES by Sheila Amato

James Stemple will deliver eggs to the Lodge at Alpine Lake every other Wednesday around 11:15am. Upcoming delivery dates are June 1st & 15th. He will continue this schedule until the Farmer's Market opens up in Terra Alta; typically that happens towards the end of June. Anticipate his future deliveries of flowers to plant... he always has a wonderful selection and his prices are very reasonable. Be on the lookout for an email message on the Friday before his delivery date to place your order. If you would like to be added to this list (or removed from it), please let me know.

Jennie Kahly from Possum Tail Farms comes to the Lodge on alternate Wednesdays around 11am to sell her organic eggs and organically raised meat. You can place orders and pay her directly via her messages on the Friends of Alpine Lake Facebook page or directly online at <http://www.possumtailfarm.com/>

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LAKE & NEARBY...

SUMMER SOLSTICE FULL MOON FESTIVAL *by Jim and Norleen Hoadley*

Weather permitting, our first Summer Solstice Full Moon Festival will be held at the beach pavilion on Monday, June 20th at 7:30pm. Kayaks and canoes will be permitted to “dock” at the beach for this celebration. Bring a dessert or appetizer to share for an evening of fun. Make s’mores, visit with friends and boat around the lake. Glow necklaces will be supplied for night-time boaters.

ALPINE LEARNING PROGRAM *by Norleen Hoadley*

The Alpine Learning Program’s first field trip of 2016 will be on Tuesday, June 28th, to the Lavender Farm in Accident, Maryland. The cost is \$25 which includes lunch, tour and a lavender craft. A choice of three options for lunch will be listed on the sign-up sheet at the Lodge. Mark which option you prefer. The last date for sign-up is Sunday, June 26th. We will meet at 10am in the Lodge parking lot to carpool to the Lavender Farm. Pre-payment is required. More information about payment will appear in the next issue of FWIW.

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.

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Let’s start the month of June by wishing **Liz Kertesz** a Happy Birthday on June 1st. A very special birthday greeting to my dear husband, **Rich Nelson**, on the 4th. **Judy Engel’s** special day is June 6th and **Hunter Harrison’s** is on the 12th. A very Happy Birthday to **Darrell Shaffer** on the 15th and to **Nina Sheets, Nancy Witte** and **Chas Minor** who celebrate their day on the 16th. A very Happy Birthday to **Phil Gardner** on the 17th and to **Carol Moran** on the 19th. **Merrie Lee Roller** celebrates her special day on the 20th and birthday wishes goes out to **Sue Thompson** celebrating her day on the 22nd. **Joe Heath** from Security celebrates his day on the 26th. And a big birthday wish to **Marg Gearhart** whose day is the 28th and to **Sue Riley** celebrating her day on the 29th. Happy Anniversary to **Bob & Liz Kertesz** on the 29th! Everyone, enjoy your special day and CELEBRATE!

WORLD WAR I PHOTOS NEEDED *by Ron and Norma Eckard*

Ron and Norma Eckard, residents of Alpine Lake and Caswell Beach, NC, organized a non-profit, Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range, Inc., to raise funds for the historical preservation of a 1918 World War I rifle range that sits in the center of their subdivision in NC. It was once the property of historic Fort Caswell that is located a few miles down the beach. They are appealing to Alpine Lake owners to send military photos of family members that served in WW I. Please include rank, if known, and any stories pertaining to the Great War.

The pictures will be mounted on a 4' x 8' “Wall of Honor” for a commemorative event held during the 2018 Centennial and fund raisers in 2017. A booklet will also be constructed with photos & stories collected. Please send photos to 544 Clover Drive, Terra Alta, WV 26764 or by email to norma_lee@mindspring.com. Thanks for any assistance!

FRACKING IN GARRETT COUNTY BY 2017 (Excerpted article from The Republican, 5/19/16)

“Scientists find evidence that deep water injections can pollute ground water.” That is the headline of a story released last week and appearing—of all places—on the Shale/Gas International website. The scientists conducting the studies are not representatives of any anti-fracking organizations. The two studies were conducted by scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey, the University of Missouri, and Duke University, near an underground injection site near Fayetteville, WV.

The studies are the first to demonstrate negative water-quality impacts to a surface stream due to activities at a fracking injection disposal site. So, despite the injection of this highly toxic liquid thousands of feet below the surface of the earth, this study produced evidence that the liquid ultimately makes its way back toward the surface threatening surface waterways—streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, etc.

Water and sediment samples collected both upstream and downstream from the disposal site showed evidence of elevated elements, such as sodium, chloride, strontium, lithium and radium, all of which are contaminants of varying degrees of toxicity. Not only does contamination make water unsafe for human consumption, it also threatens the various forms of aquatic life and thus the ecosystem food chain in general.

According to the EPA, more than 36,000 of these wastewater disposal wells are now operating in the US. “Considering how many wastewater disposal wells are in operation across the county, it’s critical to know what impacts they may have on the surrounding environment,” said Duke University scientist Christopher Kassotis, the lead author on one of the studies.

The state of Maryland is barging right ahead with establishing regulations to bring this devastating industry into our Garret County backyards and playgrounds by October 2017.

TAX SCAM by John Laing

A Preston County paper gave several useful contact numbers. If you get a call from someone about your tax debt and claiming to be from the IRS, call the IRS Scam Hotline at 1-800-366-4484. If you get a call saying you have won a prize but need to send money to process your prize, call the WV State Attorney General's Consumer Protection at 1-800-368-8808. If you feel you have been the victim of computer fraud, go to www.ic3.gov to report it.

ALPINE LAKE FOUNDATION by Dean Reger

On the evening of May 25th, Pat Arnone, Gerry Pops and Dean Reger attended the scholarship awards program at Preston High School, on behalf of the Alpine Lake Foundation. For those of you not familiar with our purpose, we invite Alpine Lake residents and others to contribute to the Foundation in memory of or on behalf of someone you love. We, in turn, invest that money and use the annual earnings from our investments for scholarships for graduating seniors of Preston High School. This year we were able to provide four \$1,000 scholarships to the following students: Grace Childs, Mariah Murray, Rylee Roy, and Emilea Warnick. We had received 23 applications from worthy students and would have liked to fund additional awards but our earnings on investments limited what we could do. We encourage all of you to contribute to the Alpine Lake Foundation so we can grow our assets and contribute more to Preston High graduates. Thanks for considering our Foundation when you are making contributions to charity.

GOLFING NEWS

Nick Barrett made Alpine proud, in the USGA FOUR BALL CHAMPIONSHIP, finishing 5th out of 128 golfers.

Strokers: Every Monday - show up at 4pm, play at 4:30pm. All golfers welcome, no experience necessary. Play 9 hole scramble format. No pressure, just fun, and stay for food with the group if you like, jokes, etc.

Wednesday Morning Men's League: Show up 8:30am, play at 9am . Different game each week. Earn points for the "Race to the Lake". Prizes awarded weekly

ALLGO RESULTS FOR 19th MAY 2016

FEWEST PUTTS:

18 Holes

1st – Dottie Schwer – 32

2nd – Ann Dunson - 33

3rd – Sandy Teets - 34

9 Holes

1st – Connie Shaffer – 19

2nd – Jenni Mills - 20

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Things are starting to shape up on campus as the weather has finally broken. The beach is ready, a golf group filled the course the other day, and music returns to the Boathouse and SEASONS. Also, some new faces have been seen around, either looking around or spending a few days at a rental or the Motel. Let's make them feel welcome...they might be potential buyers.

Our last Carry-In Picnic was not well attended. Was it the weather? Hope to see a good turnout for the Memorial Day Mountaineer Luncheon/Picnic. It will take place at the Boathouse on Sunday, May 29th, starting at 1pm (rain or shine). The POC will supply hotdogs/buns with other libations offered at a very reasonable price. Please bring a dish to share (salad, covered dish or dessert) and set-up. Bring your boat, kayak, tennis racket, fishing gear, etc. and make a great day of it. We'll have some games and music/karaoke for you as well. We'll start with a small service to HONOR OUR FALLEN HEROES OF WAR. Please join us.

Our next regular Carry-In Picnic is on Thursday, June 16th (the 3rd Thursday of each month unless mentioned otherwise).

It's not too early to start thinking about the Annual Yard Sale. As you finish up your spring cleaning, don't forget to set aside those treasures collecting dust and donate them to this Fundraiser the first weekend in August. As in the past, donations will be collected on Wed. & Thurs. 8/3-4, for sale on Fri. & Sat. 8/5-6. No clothing or electronics, please.

Start enjoying the summer months in and around Alpine Lake. There's lots to do, so stay connected...

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE by Sally Rocchi and Wilma Rumble

Joyce and I want to thank everyone who helped dig holes and plant the bushes in front of the Lodge. It looks very nice and refreshing. The next project will be to lay landscape material and cover that with mulch. We'll send out a call for assistance when we get the materials.

We would like to have a Beautification meeting on Wednesday, June 8th, at 11am, in the Rhododendron Room at the Lodge. We have to make final plans for the House Tour, Swap, Shop and Share, and a few other items.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE by Charlotte Wiles

FINAL NOTICE: Please check the Alpine Lake Telephone book for the accuracy of your address, phone number, email, etc. All additions, corrections and deletions must be submitted to Nina Sheets or me by June 3rd. We will be updating and printing a new Alpine Lake telephone directory for 2016/2017 and it will be distributed at the annual June board meeting.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE by Boris Nazaroff

2016 Board of Directors Positions

The following members of the ALPOA in good standing have officially announced their candidacy for the ALPOA board:

Pat Arnone Xavier Gramkow Craig Stevens Ginger Tucker

We thank them for their willingness to serve and wish them well. Their biographies are provided in the Newsletter and in the Community Chat.

They will be elected at the ALPOA annual meeting to be held on Saturday June 25, 2016, at 10AM in the Lodge. Members of the association in good standing who wish to vote by Absentee Ballot must request a ballot by mail, email, or telephone from the Business Manager, Ms. Tammy Heavner, Alpine Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., 700 West Alpine Drive, Terra Alta, WV 26764, Email tammyheavner@alpinelake.com, Tel.304-789-2481 ext. 151. The ballot must be returned by U.S. Mail/FEDEX/UPS to Tammy Heavner at the above address so that the committee receives it no later than 5 PM, Wednesday June 22, 2016. Instructions on how to submit the ballot are included in the ballot.

Property owners may query board candidates prior to "Meet the Candidates Night" using Community Chat from June 1-15. You are reminded that candidates are one of seven board members and may not have all the answers or be familiar with past actions therefore a lack of response should not be considered as an effort to evade a question as candidates have varied backgrounds and history with Alpine Lake.

This venue should not be considered a debate with endless back and forth. A property owner may ask the candidates a question and if the answer is not clear they can then submit a clarifying question.

We remind all that we are neighbors and friends and wish all discourse to be respectful and courteous.



FROM MANAGEMENT & STAFF

Linette Sines – Interim General Manager

Community Pride Day has been rescheduled for June 11th. This is a great way to volunteer your time to help your community, as well as to enjoy fellowship time with your neighbors. Participants should arrive at the lodge at 9am to receive their work assignments—and enjoy coffee and donuts to start the morning off right. Lunch will be served in the Rhododendron Room at noon for all participants. A sign-up sheet is available at the Front Desk.

With the arrival of the summer season, Alpine Lake has many events that we need to promote. There is limited space in the information boxes located at each of the mailbox clusters, and I ask that you do not place anything in these boxes. If you have an event that you would like to share, please bring the fliers to me—or to John Corbin, Marketing Coordinator, and we will place them for you (if there is space available).

Michele Hall has generously donated two instructional CD's for Aqua Aerobics. These CD's are available at the Front Desk if you would like to borrow one. Simply bring your own CD player with you, pop in a CD and start exercising!

Thank you to all who contacted me to sponsor a hole on our mini golf course. All 18 holes have been sponsored; however, if you would still like to donate to the cause, contact me and we can come up with recognition/sponsorship opportunities.

Lifeguards will be on duty at the beach 7 days a week from 10am - 6pm (weather permitting). Please remember that there is no swimming at the beach when there are no lifeguards on duty.

Boat stickers are available at the Front Desk for \$42.40 (tax included). Please be sure to place your sticker on your boat ASAP. Any boat without a current sticker will be removed from the boatyard area on July 1st.

Owners are encouraged to help us celebrate the longest day of the year with a moonlight paddle on the lake. Join us on Monday, June 20th at 7:30pm at the beach pavilion (weather permitting). Bring an appetizer or dessert to share, along with your choice of beverage. You can then take your boat out onto the lake for a moonlight paddle. Feel free to stop by and enjoy the celebration even if you don't have a boat. . .you can enjoy the moonlight from the shore.

Actual Announcement from a Church Bulletin:

“Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.”

ALPOA BOARD NEWS

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

Someday the rain will stop and the sun will shine on Alpine Lake. We are all waiting patiently and keeping busy at the same time.

If you have been at the boathouse lately you've noticed the new posts have been set for the railing. The cable will follow probably this week if the weather holds.

We have rescheduled Community Pride Day for June 11th.

We are asking all committee chairpersons to submit your yearly report to the IGM for the annual meeting by 17th June. Please limit your report to highlights in no more than 500 words and include financial information as appropriate.

The Board approved the Lake Management Committee boat rentals proposal, pending insurance liability and legal reviews. The rental proposal included 2 adult and 2 youth kayaks with paddles and appropriate personal flotation devices (PFD). The kayaks will be locked at the boatyard and guests will be able to rent them at the Front Desk. Property owners who have good kayaks they are no longer using can donate them to the Lake Management Committee for rental purposes.

We are seeking several new committee members. We have openings on Compliance, Finance and Marketing committees. Please consider supporting our community in one of these capacities.

Gary Cox has met with committee chairpersons regarding consolidating some committees and has reduced the number from 18 to 11 committees. We will post the proposed consolidated committees on Community Chat.

We plan to meet Camp Dawson representatives to plan the helicopter drop exercise and will notify property owners with the planned activities.

We have run into problems installing the digital sign on Route 7. Apparently WV State Highway Code prohibits a business from installing both a static and digital sign on the same highway (thank Lady Bird Johnson and billboards for that). We were not informed of this code before the sign was ordered and the company does not take returns. We are trying to sell the digital sign to repay the Property Owners Committee. If anyone knows of a business in need of a digital sign, please contact the IGM at your earliest convenience.

We remind everyone about Prodigy's broadband offer. The Preston Journal recently carried an article about Prodigy completing fiber cable through Kingwood and preparing to carry it through Terra Alta. We still need to have 250 homes interested to be a spur off Route 7. Please notify Linette Sines if you are interested. We plan to have a table with Prodigy brochures at the annual meeting.

Actual Announcement from a Church Bulletin:

"A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow."

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: NEW IN BOX: Empire NON VENTED 24" log set 34,000 BTU w/remote control, easy hookup \$550.00 call Pat 304 789 6520. (5/27)

For Sale: NEW IN BOX for any heavy lawn equipment. Steel construction, safety lock, rubber platform, non-slip foot pedal hydraulic power, maneuverable and adjustable. Cost \$200.00 - Sell \$170.00, or M.O. Call 304 789 6520 or email mr.prp@hotmail.com (5/27)

For Sale: Love Seats: 2 dual reclining seat units in classic burgundy leather/vinyl. Originally sold for over \$600. One in perfect shape \$200, one with minor damage \$100. Call 304-730-2989 (5/13)

For Sale: Pine Furniture settee - Four cushions blue plaid. \$50.00 – Call 304-789-6600 (5/13)

For Sale: Craftsman 16-inch Variable Speed Table Scroll Saw only lightly used. User Manual included. Original price \$130. Your price: \$40. Call Allan at (304) 789-2290. (4/29)

For Sale: Black and Decker 2-amp Orbital Sander, 4 ½ x 4 ½ inch surface, only lightly used. Original price \$30. Your Price \$10. Call Allan at (304)789-2290. (4/29)

Home for Sale: I would like to sell my big, beautiful house at Alpine Lake (397 Betony Lane) and buy a small cabin here. If you are interested in seeing my house, or you have a small house to sell at Alpine, please call Marilyn at (304) 789-3134. (4/15)

Insurance: Carrie See Insurance, located on Alpine Lake Rd. We offer great rates on homeowners and automobile insurance, annuities and investments, life insurance, and business operations coverage. Give us a call for a free quote! (304) 789-5585 or email carrieseeinurance@gmail.com. (4/15)*

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 (4/15)*

Handyman Services – White Oak Works LLC ~ Property Maintenance, Lawn Care, & more!
Call (304) 698-7710 (4/15)*

Wanted: Reliable contractor to complete various projects at my Alpine Lake home. Projects range from painting, pantry shelves, drywall repair and deck staining to new kitchen, deck expansion, new shed and bathroom remodel. Looking to complete some of the priority projects before the summer rental season. Phone: (412) 400-9240 (4/15)

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

ALPINE LAKE LODGE HOURS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY (NOTE CHANGES)

FRONT DESK

Sundays – Thursdays: 7am-5pm

Fridays & Saturdays: 7am-7pm

SEASONS LOUNGE

Daily: 11am-9pm

SEASONS DINING ROOM

Breakfast: Fridays – Sundays: 7am-10:30am

DAILY: 7am-6pm (weather permitting)

PRO SHOP

FITNESS CENTER

OPEN DAILY from 7am – 10pm

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:

Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9am -10am – **FUN-FIT Aerobics Classes**, Lodge, Allegheny Room

Mondays 10am - 3pm – **Sew Together**, Boathouse

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 8:30 a.m. - **ALLGO Ladies' Golf** - Rhododendron Room (18/9/Golf Buddies)

Thursdays 10am - Noon – **Braille Workshop** – Rhododendron Room
6pm – 9pm- **Open Mic** – Boathouse
6pm – 9pm – **Karaoke** - SEASONS

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

T.A. Recycling Plant Open: Tues/Weds/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.)

ALPOA WORKSHOP & POA BOARD MEETINGS

Saturday, June 18th, Board Workshop @ 10am

June 25th Annual POA Meeting

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

- Sun., May 29th** - 1pm – **Memorial Day Picnic** – Boathouse – (rain or shine)
- Wed., June 1st** - 11:15am – **Egg Delivery** @ Lodge
- Fri., June 10th** – **Next FWIW published** – submit articles by Wednesday, June 8
- Mon., June 6th** - **Women's Mountaineer League** – Oakland Golf Club, Oakland, MD
- Wed., June 8th** - 11am - **Possum Tails Farm** @ Lodge
- Wed., June 8th** - 11am – **Beautification Meeting** – Rhododendron Room
- Wed., June 15th** - **Women's Mountaineer League** – Clarksburg Country Club, Clarksburg, WV
- Thurs., June 16th** - 5:00pm – **Carry In Picnic** - Boathouse
- Mon., June 20th** - 7:30pm - **Summer Solstice Full Moon Festival** @ Beach
- Fri., June 24th** 7pm – **Meet the Candidates Night** – Allegheny Room - Lodge
- Sat., June 25th** - 9am – **ALPUC Annual Mtg.** - Lodge
- Sat., June 25th** - 10am – **ALPOA Annual Mtg.** – Lodge
- Sun., June 26th** - 12pm-5pm - **Annual Alpine Lake Home Tour**
- Mon., June 27th** - **Women's Mountaineer League** – Alpine Lake
- Tues., June 28th** - 10am – **Lavender Farm** – Meet at Lodge parking lot to carpool
- Thurs., July 21st** - **Garden Club Trip** – Flight 93 Memorial & Bedford Village
- Wed., July 6th** - **Women's Mountaineer League** – Sunny Croft, Clarksburg, WV
- Wed., July 13th** - **Women's Mountaineer League** – Green Hills, Fairmont, WV
- Thurs., July 28th** - **Women's Mountaineer League** – The Pines, Morgantown, WV
- Thurs., August 18th** - **Women's Mountaineer League** – Bridgeport Country Club, Bridgeport, WV