

*** *For What It's Worth* ***



Janice Nelson, Editor

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Editor's Comments

The weather can't seem to make up its mind. One day it's balmy, the next we are thrown into frigid temps. I hope everyone is staying warm and healthy. Keep that flu bug away from Alpine! It seems like just yesterday that I was wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Now it's time to think about Valentine's Day! You and your sweetie, or whomever, may want to consider attending a Valentine's Day Dance in the Evergreene Room at the Lodge on Saturday, February 17th from 8pm to 11pm. Music will be provided by the band *BACK IN THE DAY* playing their fifties and sixties oldies but goodies! The cost is \$20 per couple or \$12 per person. And if you and your sweetheart wish to have dinner prior to the dance, the Evergreene Room will be opened from 4pm to 8pm for your dining pleasure. For more detailed information regarding the menu, please refer to the flyer at the end of this publication. Speaking of dining, the Lounge is opened for breakfast every Saturday and Sunday from 7am to 11am. There are a variety of delicious items to choose from, so please give it a try one weekend morning. The Terra Alta Ambulance squad is in need of a new ambulance. To raise funds there will be a GUN BASH Saturday, March 24th held at the Craig Civic Center in Kingwood. Movie and Dinner Night at the Boathouse is coming up quickly on Monday, February 5th. Please sign up at the front desk of the Lodge for this event, if you wish to attend. On Tuesday, February 6th, starting at 6pm, there will be a presentation on the history of Terra Alta at the TA Library in town. More information on this event and other activities are in this edition of FWIW. That's it for now. Stay well and hope to see you around the Lake!

The next FWIW will be issued on Friday, February 9th. Please email all articles to me, Janice Nelson, at mamaj11@yahoo.com.

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to Kay Bayer who celebrates her day on the 4th. Jim Sheets, Happy Birthday to you on the 6th. Kandy Bucy has a birthday on the 8th and Marilyn Wade celebrates her special day on the 12th. A very Happy Birthday to Sally Rocchi on the 14th! Cindy Vantries celebrates her day on the 15th. Happy Birthday to Skip Keppler on the 18th and a very Happy Birthday to Dottie Creamer on the 19th. Congratulations to all!

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.

SHUFFLEBOARD by *John Laing*

Jan. 18, 2018

We had eight teams and more hangers than any Thursday in memory: Birgit, Charlotte (knocked off by Jim), Gary knocked Jim's puck into a hanger, Sam knocked Barbara's 1 into a hanger to lose the round, Sally threw a hanger, Jim knocked off Charlotte's hanger to score 3, and Kris threw a hanger which Sally promptly knocked off. Other notable throws: Kathy threw 6 points to win the round. Final standings: 1st John & Pat, 2nd Jim & Sally, 3rd Barbara & Kris.

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT by *Kathy Berry*

The next Dinner and a Movie Night will be on Monday, February 5th, hosted by Kathy & Sam Berry and Kris & Dave Iskow. The movie is "Hidden Figures" which, in addition to the WVU connection noted on the flyer, tells the incredible untold story of three brilliant African-American women working at NASA who served as the brains behind the launch into orbit of astronaut John Glenn, a stunning achievement that turned around the Space Race. Beef Bourguignon will be provided, along with mashed potatoes by the Berry's and a jello mold and dessert by the Iskows. The theme is 1960's cuisine, but, of course, any sides, salads, and desserts will be great. Please sign up at the Lodge before February 5th so we can get a headcount.

FRITZ by *Wolf Roggenbach*

Fritz, our family's Doberman pinscher and my constant companion since he was a puppy, was lovingly put to sleep today at age 16.4 years old (98.4 in human years) surrounded by his family and in his own bed with his blanket. It was dignified and beautiful. It's so funny how slowly time is going by since he has passed, I took a nap and was convinced it was 8am when I awoke. But instead it was 8pm. Only 8 hours since Fritz was put down. Feels like days at least. I wish we could do the same for our human families. We all are aging, some faster than others, and we are crushed at each successive loss at each and every passing. We all should view it as sign of our own impending mortality, having lost so many family members, friends and dogs over our years. Yes, Dr. Kevorkian was a saint for what he did and look how they lambasted him, they threw him in jail and took away his license to practice medicine. For what, not wanting to prolong interminable suffering and drive the cost of care up in skyrocketing amounts to bankrupt families financially, emotionally and ultimately provide the patient quality of life and preservation of dignity we cherish too much in life but abandon in the end? Why is it good enough for our pets but not good enough for human family and friends? I am happy I got to have a few more days to further strengthen the bond we had, a bond we build with our dogs that is sometimes deeper than with humans...they never lie or hurt or disappoint us. They love us unconditionally and rely on us to take care of them all their days. A void is left that will never be filled and a love is left that can never be replaced. We only learn to move forward without them. When we grieve, all we can hope for is they will wait for us on the other side and that our hearts may mend quickly, to spur us to celebrate the long and wonderful lives led and honor the memory of loved ones we have lost. Every day must be a blessing and a gift and we must cherish our short lives that race by far too quickly. Our mortality is a heavy subject, sure, but a necessary dialogue and the eventuality for all of us. Thank you for taking the time to read this piece.

THE HISTORY OF TERRA ALTA by *Bernie Stock*

A presentation on the History of Terra Alta will be given on Tuesday, February 6th at 6pm in the Terra Alta library. This presentation is **not** a repeat of the tour that Barbara Beerbower gave for the Alpine Learning Program but a look back at how Terra Alta came about from the very beginning. There is no charge for this event and everyone is invited to attend.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION COMMITTEE by Boris Nazaroff

2018 Board of Directors Positions

Two (2) ALPOA BOD positions will be up for re-election on Sat., June 23rd at the annual meeting. Any interested AL 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 W. Alpine Dr., 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 a ALPOA Board of Director candidate is 5pm, Thursday, March 15, 2018. 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.)

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE by Charlotte Wiles

A new Alpine Lake phone book will be published in June to be distributed at the annual Board meeting. Please submit all changes, deletions, or additions to Nina Sheets vjs_njs3179@frontier.com or drop your changes off at the Front Desk in the Lodge.

The Information Committee would like to keep track of people living here that are alone and may need someone to check on them, especially in inclement weather. Please contact Charlotte, (304) 789-6371 or Pat Greaser, (304) 789-5126.

BOARD NEWS by Barbra Conway, President

Access to correct contact information allows management to reach you promptly in the event any emergency situation arises related to your property. Please ensure that management has current information to reach you, or an alternate contact. The form to record Emergency Contact Information is available online, in the property owners section of our website, or at the Front Desk in the Lodge.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the cell phone usage survey. Provider information has been relayed to Diamond Communications, which may assist them in their efforts to market an Alpine cell tower location. General results of the survey will be available through the minutes of the January 20th Board meeting.

Suggested updates to the Articles of Incorporation will soon be available for property owner comment. Please remember that this document is the general overarching governing document, and does not provide the detail included in the by-laws and declarations. The draft can be found online in the property owners section of our website or at the Front Desk of the Lodge. We hope to have this document available for lawyer review in February.

Guidelines for use of common property for sledding, cross-country skiing and snowshoes are available for property owner comment, again on our website or at the Front Desk. Approval of a policy will occur in February.

As many of you are aware, a new company will be replacing Preston Sanitation. The Board plans to meet with a representative of the new company to discuss options for trash collection in Alpine Lake.

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS – “A Service for our Community”

FOR SALE: 10,000 BTU Vent-less LP Gas heater. This heater is in very good condition and would be perfect for a smaller room. Priced low to sell at \$50. Call Lorrie MacArgle at (304) 789-6710 or e-mail me at solitude33@frontier.com (1-12)

WINE AVAILABLE: Have more than I need Premium red and white wines. Call Pat at (304) 789-6520. (12-15)

WANTED: Cross-country skis, boots & poles. Sizes; Men 11 or 12; Women 9, 10 or 11. Also, if anyone has snowshoes they want to sell. Call Pam @ (443) 904-7100 or email; pgough106@gmail.com. (12-1)

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.

Insurance: Carrie See Insurance is located on Alpine Lake Road. We love working with Alpine residents, the homes are so beautiful and well maintained! 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 us at carrieseinsurance@gmail.com.

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 - Friday: 7am–3pm

Saturday: 7am–5pm

Sunday: 7am-3pm

FITNESS CENTER

OPEN DAILY from 5am – 11pm

POOL

OPEN DAILY from 5am – 11pm

EVERGREENE ROOM

CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

(except for special events)

LAKERS LOUNGE

Monday-Friday: 4pm- 9pm

Saturday: 7am-9pm

Sunday: 7am-7pm

PRO SHOP

CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

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
Mon., Wed., Fri 8:30am-9:30am – **Power Aerobics** – Lodge
Tues. & Thurs. 8am-9am **Water Aerobics** - Pool
Wed. 10am – **Needlework Club** - Rhododendron Room
6 -7pm - **Jammers** – Rhododendron Room (except the first Wed. of each month)
7pm – **Property Owners Game Night**, Boathouse
Thursdays 10am – 11 am – **OPEN FORUM w/GM** – LODGE – (3rd Thurs. of each month)
10am – 12pm – **BRAILLE WORKSHOP** – Rhododendron Room
6pm – **SHUFFLEBOARD** – Lounge

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:

- 3rd Monday of each month – 7pm – **Terra Alta Civic Club** – TA Ambulance Hall
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

ALPOA BOARD WORKSHOP – February 17th at 9am

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

- Mon., February 5th -** 5pm **MOVIE & DINNER NITE** – Boathouse
Tues., February 6th - 6pm **HISTORY OF TERRA ALTA** – TA Library
Thurs., February 15th - 10am – 11am **OPEN FORUM w/GM** – Lodge
Sat., February 17th - 8pm – 11pm **VALENTINE’S DAY DANCE** - Lodge
Thurs., March 8th - 12pm – 4:30pm **BLOOD DRIVE** – TA Ambulance Hall
Sat., March 24th - 12pm - 5pm **GUN BASH** – Craig Civic Ctr. - Kingwood



**DINNER AND A
MOVIE**
HIDDEN FIGURES
FEBRUARY 5TH

Katherine Johnson, the movie's protagonist, was something of a child prodigy. Hailing from the small West Virginian town of White Sulphur Springs, she graduated from the historically black West Virginia State University at 18. In 1938, as a graduate student, she became one of three students—and the only woman—to desegregate West Virginia University. This is her story and the story of NASA's "hidden computers." *Popular Mechanics*

A beef main dish
will be provided
by our hosts.

Bring a '60s dish to
share. Check out
the internet for
ideas if you can't
remember what
we ate back then!

Monday, February
5th

5:00 PM

Boathouse

Hosted by
Kathy and Sam Berry
and
Kris and Dave Iskow

Sign up in the Lodge.



Saturday, February 17, 2018

Sweetheart Packages!

Back in the Day band playing 50's & 60's music from 8-11pm. \$20 per couple or \$12 per person.

Dinner in the Evergreen Room 4-8pm

2 for \$25.00 Choice of Pan seared Chicken or Baked Steak. Served with salad, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner roll, and strawberry shortcake.

or, treat yourself to a 10oz NY Strip Steak & steamed Shrimp with salad, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner roll, and strawberry shortcake for \$30 +tax per person.

Hotel rooms- The ultimate romantic evening with a bottle of champagne and a box of chocolates for \$60 + tax on Saturday, February 17th. Extend your stay to include Friday, February 16th for only \$50 +tax.

Call 304-789-2481 x100 to make dinner reservations or to book your room today!

GUN BASH

MARCH 24, 2018

12:00 TO 5:00PM

CRAIG CIVIC CENTER - KINGWOOD, WV

Ruger 7mm-08 Bolt Action w/3-9x40 Scope

Glock 23 40 S&W

Diamondback DB15 300 Blackout

Marlin 336c 35 Rem. Lever Action

Kimber 9mm Micro w/Laser

Walther PK380 Nickel 380ACP

A. Uberti 1873 Lever Action 45LC

Stoeger M3000 12ga. 3" Mag.

S&W 9mm Stainless Semi-Auto

Remington 700SPS 308 Bolt Action

Remington 597HB 22LR

Savage Axis II Stainless 30-06 w/Scope

S&W M&P 15 Sport II 223

Savage M-110 Trophy .270

A. Uberti 1866 Yellow Boy 45LC

Ruger MK III 512 22LR

Rossi R98 Plinkster 22LR

Ruger 9E 9mm Semi-Auto

Remington 700VLS 223 w/Nikon 4-12x40 Scope

S&W 40 S&W Stainless Semi-Auto 45LC

Remington 700SRS Stainless 300 Win. Mag. w/12x40 Nikon

3 DIGIT NO. DRAWING

Taurus PT-738 380ACP

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

Franchi Instinct SL 12 gauge O/U

FREE FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

TICKETS \$30

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NEW AMBULANCE FUND



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