

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



Janice Nelson, Editor

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Editor's Comments

From my family to yours, here's wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah! Stay warm and I hope to see you around the Lake. Until next time...

The next FWIW will be issued on *Friday, December 29th*. Please email all articles to me, Janice Nelson, at mamaj11@yahoo.com.

A BIG, BIG THANK YOU!

"Shirley and I thank all of you who so kindly attended our farewell party. We were very touched by the nice things several people told us, and we harbor fond memories of everyone." ~ *Allan & Shirley Melmed*

BLOOD DRIVES *by Jenni Mills*

Life's a gift. Give more of it. Donate Blood. The Terra Alta Civic Club will sponsor a blood drive Wednesday, December 27th from 12-4pm at the Ambulance squad building. Please call (800) 733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org. Please enter "tacc" to schedule an appointment.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER *by Tom Kinsey*

As most of you know, I've been working on a video as a fund raiser for a scholarship in memory of a friend of mine who was killed in Vietnam. Finally, I finished that video. It features Sammi Roller (Merrie Lee's daughter) and Dave Long performing "Amazing Grace" in the background of a slide show. Please check out the video (enjoy the music)....please contribute...and, ***most importantly, please share the link with others...email...Facebook...Twitter...word of mouth.*** Thank you for taking the time to watch the video! gofundme.com/SaxonScholarship

REMINDER: 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

CHRISTMAS EVE GATHERING by *Sheila Amato, Ann Isenock*

A sign-up sheet is now located at the front desk of the Lodge. Please sign in with your name, how many people will be in your party, and indicate the food item you will contribute (e.g., appetizers, side dishes and dessert/breads). Please sign up early. . .both to help us prepare, and to ensure that you will be one of the 50 people who will attend. Yes, we discovered that a maximum of 50 people makes a comfortable group where folks can mingle freely.

Due to the changes in times for some local church services, the doors to the Boathouse will open at 4:30pm. Appetizers will be available from 5:00-5:30pm, and dinner will be served promptly at 5:30pm. Turkey, ham, and a leg of lamb will be provided. Plates, silverware and cups will be provided. Coffee and tea (yes, Herman, TEA!) will be provided. Please bring any other beverages you wish to drink.

Any question? Please ask Sheila or Ann. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS by *John Laing*

Be sure if your outside Christmas lights shine on a neighbor's window you have them timed to go out by 10 or 11pm. Some at Alpine Lake go to bed early.

MOVIE AND DINNER NIGHT by *Norleen Hoadley*

The first movie of 2018 will be held on Monday, January 8th at 5pm at the Boathouse featuring the recent release, **Logan Lucky**, starring Channing Tatum and Daniel Craig. Trying to reverse a family curse, West Virginia brothers Jimmy (Channing Tatum) and Clyde Logan (Adam Driver) set out to execute an elaborate robbery during the legendary Coca-Cola 600 race at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. This Dinner and a Movie is hosted by Pat and John Laing. They will provide a ham and would like a "West Virginia" cuisine theme. Sign-up sheet will be at the Lodge.

This is a change of date as previously noted because John said you will be home in time to watch the College Football National Championship game!

SHUFFLEBOARD by *John Laing*

November 30th

We had six teams for Shuffleboard. On one turn Tony and Herman both threw hangers, but Herman's got knocked off. Patricia with one shot knocked off 6 of Pat's points. John had a hanger that stayed on. John and Pat lost their first game but came through the loser's bracket and Pat won the second finalist game with a six-point volley. Final standings: First - John/Pat, Second - Patricia/Doug, Third - Jim/Sally.

December 7th

Thanks to Denise Kerr who managed the evening's activities. There were 9 teams on a snowy and icy evening. Play finished by 8:35pm. Tony & Sheila Amato finished first, winning without one loss. Barb Conway and Gary Cox came in second after losing their first game, and Dave and Diane Phillips finished third after losing their first game. So a loss in the first round can be overcome. Play starts at 6pm Thursdays in the Lakers Lounge.

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.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION COMMITTEE *by Boris Nazaroff*

2018 Board of Directors Positions

Two (2) ALPOA Board of Directors positions will be up for re-election on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at the annual meeting. 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 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.)

NEW YEARS DAY POLAR PLUNGE *by Jim Hoadley*

All ye hearty souls who wish to get 2018 off with a splash – please join us at Alpine Lake beach at 12 noon on New Year’s Day for the Annual Alpine Lake Polar Plunge. Come early to be sure that you get your spot at the front of the crowd.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING *by Jim Hoadley*

We will be collecting Christmas trees again this year to be placed in the lake. The submerged Christmas trees provide cover for the small fish on which are sports fish feed on. Adding structures in the lake for the feeder fish to breed and live in will increase their populations, which in turn should improve fishing in the lake. When you are done with your tree, please drop it off at the boat ramp next to the boat storage area. If you need help in getting your tree down to the lake, please leave a note at the Lodge. Also, we are in need of concrete blocks to weigh down the trees. If you have any concrete blocks you would like to get rid of, give Jim Hoadley a call at (304) 789-6600.



NATIVE TREES FOR SPRING PLANTING by Jim Hoadley

I will be purchasing native tree seedlings for planting this coming spring. As of now, there are two species ordered: *American Chestnut* and *Canaan Fir*. There are 100 seedlings of each species. My plan is to sell one-half of the seedlings and plant the other half in Alpine Lake common areas. The price of the seedlings for sale will include a surcharge sufficient to cover the cost of the trees planted in common areas. The trees will be 2 year old seedlings; relatively small plants (making for easy planting!). If interested, please call me at (304) 789-6600.

The *American Chestnut* would have been a dominant tree species in the woods around Alpine Lake until the early 20th Century. At that time the chestnut blight disease killed most of the chestnuts; all that were not killed by the blight were timbered on the belief that they were going to die anyways so the surviving trees were cut down while they still had lumber value. Foresters now believe that some of these chestnut trees likely had some natural resistance to the blight. Based on this hope, foresters with the WV Department of Forestry have been collecting nuts from the few surviving mature American Chestnuts and growing them in the WV state tree nursery with the expectation that among these American Chestnut seedlings there will be some that are resistant to chestnut blight. The American Chestnut seedlings that we will be getting are from the WV state tree nursery.

The *Canaan Fir* tree is native to isolated pockets at high elevations in the West Virginia and Virginia mountains. It gets its name from WV's Canaan Valley. It looks much like a Balsam Fir. Because fir trees are not native, or common, to lower elevation regions, these are the type of tree that give WV's higher elevations an Alpine appearance. Balsam Fir seedlings that I planted in my Alpine Lake yard four years ago are fast growing and, so far, have not had any deer damage.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU FROM LORRIE THE CAT LADY

Most of you know for 18 years I've rescued the cats who were dumped here at Alpine Lake, but at age 85, and with health issues, I am no longer able to do this work, and I am hoping, oh how I'm hoping and praying, that some of you will adopt a cat from us. All our cats have had their shots and been neutered or spayed, and tested for communicable diseases. There are cats of every color, long haired or short haired. Please come take your pick. Our shelter in downtown Terra Alta is clean and neat and you can sit in a comfortable chair and let the cat pick YOU. This is what Travis & Jennifer Dyer did! THANK YOU, Travis and Jenn, and the others who have adopted a cat or kitten from me. I also want to thank those of you who have given me cat food, cat litter, and \$\$ to help support my cageless cat sanctuary in downtown Terra Alta. My e-mail is felinerescue@frontier.com or call me at (304) 789-6710. Happy Holidays!

DONATED MAGAZINES by Sheila Amato

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has placed gently-read magazines in the box by the Lodge front door. I have been making weekly deliveries of these magazines and the staff at Hopemont say that the patients eagerly await their arrival. However, please do NOT include catalogues as patients do not have the resources to purchase such items. Thus, we are seeking ONLY "readable" magazines of any genre. Many thanks for your support!



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May you spend the holidays with loved ones you cherish, and friends who make the season bright. Peace, cheer, happiness, and all the best to you during the coming year, as you live your dreams at Alpine Lake.

~Barbara Conway, President, ALPOA Board of Directors

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS – “A Service for our Community”

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)

FOR SALE: 2003 Chrysler Sebring Convertible; Good to Very Good condition; 74,000 original miles; \$3700 OBO. Phone: (304) 789-5972. (11-10)

FOR SALE: 12' 3-person v-bottom jon boat w/oars, new 12V marine battery (never used), deep cell HD battery charger, electric trolling motor, 2 adult life jackets, 2 child life jackets, factory made t-shaped anchors, 20' extension aluminum ladder, Shop-Mate collapsible multi-clamp table, Black & Decker chop saw. Please call (301) 663-8217 for info. (11-10)

FOR SALE: WEEDEATER 120 volt electric weed whacker, with extended cable - \$5. Craftsman electric weed whacker, with battery and charger. Runs 40-45 minutes on a charge - \$20. Call Allan at (304) 789-2290 (10-13)

FOR SALE: Now taking pre-orders for Christmas Wreaths starting at \$30. Several different sizes and styles available. Contact ljfriend@frontier.com or call (304) 672-7467 (10-13)

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

LAKERS LOUNGE

Monday-Friday: 4pm- 9pm
Saturday: 7am-9pm
Sunday: 7am- 7pm

FITNESS CENTER

OPEN DAILY from 5am – 11pm

POOL

OPEN DAILY from 5am – 11pm

EVERGREEN ROOM

CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

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 – 12pm – **BRILLE 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 WORK SESSION – December 16th at 9am -
@ BOATHOUSE (NOT RHODODENDRON ROOM!!)**

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

Sun. Dec 17th -	5pm -	Employees Christmas/Holiday Party – Lodge
Sun., Dec. 24th -	5pm -	Christmas Eve Dinner - Boathouse
Wed., Dec. 27th -	12pm – 4:00pm	Blood Mobile – TA Ambulance Hall
Sun., Dec. 31st -	9pm - ?	New Year’s Eve Bash – Dining Room – Lodge
Mon., Jan. 1st -	12 noon	New Year’s Day Polar Plunge – Alpine Lake Beach
Mon., Jan. 8th -	5pm	Movie & Dinner Night @ Boathouse



Christmas Eve Gathering

Join us for friendship, dinner and holiday spirit!



When: December 24th at 5 PM

Where: Boathouse

What to Bring: Favorite appetizer, side dish, or dessert

Call Ann Isenock (304-789-5041) or Sheila Amato

(304-789-5555) to tell us that you're coming... and to let us

know which of your favorite appetizer, side dish, or dessert

you will bring to share.

Midnight Buffett is included with the Admission Price for the New Years Eve Celebration, along with Champagne Toast at Midnight and Hats and Noise Makers

Pulled Pork

Mashed Potato's

Seasoned Sauerkraut

Sausage Gravy with Biscuits

Seasoned Home Fried Potatoes

Muffins and Assorted Danish

Coffee

TIRESWING ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

2018

NYE BASH

Storm Creek Rising

Formally Guilty Pleasure Band



SUNDAY DEC.31ST

DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 PM - \$25.00 PER PERSON
HOTEL ROOMS \$50.00

*Appetizers available during the event!
Limited menu available from 4PM-8PM*