

For What It's Worth



Janice Nelson, Editor

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Editor's Comments

Oktoberfest has come and gone and what a success it was. The weather was perfect, the food and desserts delectable, the entertainment enjoyable and, most importantly, the comradery (well, what superlative can I use to describe my fellow Alpiners and non-Alpiners, alike)...just absolutely...FABULOUS! A HUGE thank you to Bernie and Birgit Stock for all their hard work! Planning for Oktoberfest is quite an undertaking and they always manage to hit it "out of the ballpark!" Also, another shout out to Sally Rocchi and the Beautification Committee for all the autumn plantings and decorations that adorn our community. Great job, ladies! The fall season is now officially upon us and with that in mind, activities are slowly changing from the warm outdoor events to cozy inside get-togethers. The always well attended and enjoyable Dinner and Movie Night is approaching quickly, as well as that rip-roaring, competitive (but friendly) Shuffleboard evening at the Lounge. Also, for all dog owners, the Dog Park is scheduled to have a Grand Opening next month. Thank you to all who have donated money towards the park. There is still time to do so, if you haven't. A few doggies have used the park recently, and they personally told me they had a great time! Yes, they certainly did! Thank you to Bev Serpone and Clark Sharpless for all their planning and hard work into making the park a reality. So, just keep on reading about all these events/activities planned for Alpine, and many more in this issue of FWIW. Enjoy the autumn breeze...until next time...

The next FWIW will be issued on Friday, October 12th. Please email all articles to me, Janice Nelson, at mamaj11@yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATE by Barb Conway

As many of you have heard, Bill and Phyllis Teets will be relocating to Grantsville, Maryland, in early November. There will be a "Happy Trails to You" get-together at the Boathouse on Sunday, October 15th, from 2pm - 4pm. Please bring hors d'oeuvres to share and your drink of choice. Share the afternoon with good friends; no additional gifts, please.

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to Vickie Mastalerz on October 7th. Celebrating a birthday on the 18th is Skip Creamer. Happy Birthday, Skip! Happy Birthday to Norleen Hoadley on the 19th! George Fetcho celebrates his special day on the 26th! Happy Birthday to Barbara Conway on the 28th! And Peggy Caudry's day is on the 31st! Happy Birthday, Peggy! Congratulations to all and celebrate hardy!

OKTOBERFEST THANK YOU by *Trish Birch*

Many thanks to all the wonderful BAKERS and volunteers! Again the desserts were amazing and delicious. Such a great variety of baked goods displayed made it difficult to choose. Thank you so much!

PROPERTY OWNERS COMMITTEE by *Bernie & Birgit Stock*

We are happy to let everyone know that our Oktoberfest was very successful. The weather cooperated and people came to see our beautiful Alpine Lake at the start of autumn and enjoy the food, fun and music.

A special thanks to everyone who, in any way, helped to make it happen. We grossed over \$11K. A final report, taking into account our expenses, will be given upon our return.

We definitely made a good impression on all our visitors. This will, hopefully, promote more home sales and positive attitudes toward our community. Now all we need to do is keep up this feeling within...they will know we are for real!

SHUFFLEBOARD by *John Laing*

The 2017/2018 shuffle board season at Alpine Lake will start Thursday, November 2nd. Playing will start at 6pm and you need to be ready to go at that time. If you are going to eat at the Lodge, come early or have the food delivered upstairs. We will not be scheduling the initial matches based on who is still eating. There will be a shuffle board orientation in the upper lounge area starting at 6pm on Thursday, October 26th to explain the rules and provide tips on shuffling. This is as much a social event as a sporting one. Everyone is welcome, even if you do not "shuffle."

NIFTY NEW GADGET by *John Laing*

Every now and then I come upon a gadget that is really useful. Lowes, and I imagine other hardware outlets, has what they call a touchpad. You plug your nightstand lamp into it and its plug into an outlet and there is a small sensor about the size of a half dollar you place on your nightstand. When you touch the sensor the light comes on and with each touch gets brighter and on the final touch goes out. It is much simpler than trying to find the switch on the lamp and works with all types of lamps. The cost is about \$10 but well worth it.

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT by *Norleen Hoadley*

The first Dinner & a Movie will be on Monday, October 9th at 5pm at the Boathouse. *The Big Year* stars Jack Black, Steve Martin & Owen Wilson, "a comedy to crow about!" per Pete Hammond, *BoxOffice Magazine*. Three amateur bird watchers are on a quest to spot the highest number of species in a single calendar year. How about a bird themed dinner? Chicken, grains, fruits? Whatever you want to bring is perfect!

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.

ALPINE LAKE DOG PARK NEARS COMPLETION by *Bev Serpone*

The fencing is complete and the gates have been installed. There are only a few small details remaining to be finalized, i.e., the DOG PARK RULES “sign” should be done at the end of the week, benches placed inside the fence at the DOG PARK (thank you, Herman!), and two small, covered trash cans purchased for the “poop bags.”

The park is already being used, which is great; however, we would like to have an official **GRAND OPENING** of the Alpine Lake Dog Park. This will take place on Sunday, October 8th, from 1pm - 2pm. Hot dogs and water will be available for the first 25 guests. Please join us for this event with (or without) a dog. This will be a great opportunity for owners and dogs to get to know each other.

Do we need more money? Yes, we did spend a little more than planned. Checks should be made out to ALPOA, memo line—DOG PARK. Donations can be taken to the front desk at the Lodge or at the **GRAND OPENING**. Some of the money will be used for a donors sign and for continued park maintenance/repair. Dog Park accessories may also be purchased if enough money is donated. We look forward to seeing you and your dogs!

AMERICAN CHESTNUT TREE SEEDLINGS AVAILABLE by *Jim Hoadley*

The West Virginia State Tree Nursery has a limited supply of American Chestnut seedlings available this season. Orders are being taken this month for seedlings that will be shipped in the spring of 2018. The seedlings are sold by the 100 -- \$200 for 100 seedlings. I would like to start a chestnut grove of about 50 trees on an Alpine Lake common area. I am taking orders for the other 50 seedlings at \$3 each. The extra \$1 goes toward subsidizing the cost of the chestnut grove.

The American Chestnut tree was at one time the predominant hardwood tree of the forests around Alpine Lake. A few small American Chestnut trees remain but I have not seen them bear nuts. It was wiped out in the early 20th Century by the chestnut blight. Any chestnut tree that did not die outright from the blight was logged while it still had timber value. The result is that no mature American Chestnut trees survive anywhere in Appalachia.

A couple of decades ago the WV State Nursery began gathering chestnut nuts from mature trees that survived at the margins of the tree’s native range on a hunch that there may be some disease-resistance genes in these trees. Second generation nuts from this project are being grown at the WV State Tree Nursery for distribution across the state. The idea is that in time some disease-resistant American Chestnut trees will arise from this stock.

The parentage of these seedlings are American Chestnut trees with a lower susceptibility to chestnut blight—but they are not truly disease resistant. The seedlings you purchase have a good chance to survive long enough to bear nuts for one or two years, and grow to about 20 feet tall before succumbing to the chestnut blight. However, the bet is that among these seedlings there will be a few that will survive for the next generation of Alpine Lake residents. If you would like to be part of the experiment, contact me at (304) 676-5129 or Jehoadley@gmail.com to put your order in at \$3 per seedling. I hope to see you at the 1st Annual Alpine Lake Chestnut Festival (about 2047).

BRaille WORKSHOP by *Sheila Amato*

Our braille workshop will resume on Thursday, October 5th. We meet every Thursday in the Rhododendron Room at the Lodge from 10am–12 noon. We welcome all returning and new members! The members of this group transcribe children’s picture books into braille. This group started in 2011, and have transcribed over 2,500 books so far! The books are donated to the West Virginia School for the Blind and to various programs for the blind in the Pacific Islands around Micronesia (Guam, Chukk, Pohnpei, etc.). All instruction and materials are provided; no prior knowledge is necessary...just a willingness to learn and to help bring literacy to blind children. If you’re not sure about this venture, you are invited to come down and observe or cheer us on. We will gladly show you what we do. Hope to see you there!

ALPINE LAKE WALL OF HONOR by Sheila Amato

Thank you to Herman and Jim for their work on the Wall of Honor by adding another row for our proudly growing numbers. We presently have photos and identifying information for 62 veterans who have lived/live at Alpine Lake honored on this wall. The wall is located at the lower level of the Lodge; be sure to check it out.

I am still seeking contact information for the following individuals. If you know how to reach any of them, if you ARE any of them, or if you are a newcomer to Alpine Lake and are a veteran and would like to be included on this wall, please let me know.

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| Albert Potter | Robert Dunbar |
| Robert Thoms | David White |
| Jim Wilson | Dick Nagel |
| Bill and Ellen Weltman | Dan Mapel |
| Benjamin Dobeck | Boyd Ketterman Weese III |
| Wolf Stronzik | Marty Wright |
| Mac Dobeck | |

GOLF CART SURVEY by Brian Collins, Board Member

As the Board is working on the review and revision of the founding documents of Alpine Lake Resort, the Board is interested in receiving input from the Property Owners (POs) regarding the array of vehicles allowed to operate on the roadways of Alpine Lake. Currently, in the Declarations of Restrictions, the following is the guiding provision:

Section 13, B: No vehicle except a duly licensed vehicle shall be operated on any streets and no such vehicle shall be operated except by a duly licensed operator.

The current Board has interpreted that restriction to mean only vehicles with license plates and current inspections will be allowed to operate. From time to time the question of operating golf carts has been raised by POs.

To that end the Board is conducting a survey to poll the position of POs. The Board is not conducting this poll as a form of referendum/vote but to allow for a non-threatening/non-debate location to express positions. The results of this survey will be part of the Board's consideration as they review and revise that provision.

We are interested in getting input from each PO. We would like to hear from each person whose name is on the deed/tax bill for property at Alpine Lake.

For the purpose of this survey, the following operational definitions will be used: Licensed vehicle—vehicles with current State issued licensed plates and current inspections. Golf carts, Mopeds, All Terrain Vehicles, Utility Terrain Vehicles or Side-by-Side ATV/UTVs—standard manufactured vehicles without any street ready modifications. Alternative vehicles—any motorized vehicle other than those fitted with a State issued license plate and current inspection. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ALPOAGolfCart> if you haven't yet participated.

REMINDER: INFORMATION COMMITTEE by Charlotte Wiles

The committee is soliciting good quality pictures for the 2018 calendar. Please email your pictures to Charlotte Wiles at wileschar@frontier.com. We hope to have the calendar available by November.

WEEKLY GOLF EVENTS by Skip Creamer

STROKERS – Sept. 19, 2017

The last Monday in summer and beautiful weather provided the backdrop for tonight’s Scramble in the hills. From now until the snow and cold catches us we will meet at 3pm. Come on out and enjoy the actions on the greens. Afterwards, munch on some “green” in the Lodge.

RESULTS:

| <u>1st</u> | <u>2nd</u> | <u>3rd</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Skip and Dottie Creamer | John “Bionic” Bowers | General Bob and Mrs. General Peggy Caudry |
| Rich Finsterbusch | Lough Cosner | Bryan Finsterbusch |
| Denise “Dynamite” Kerr | Sue Aamodt | Barry “Champ” Krewson |

STROKERS – Sept. 25, 2017

The 14th week of play saw Alpine at its finest: sunny blue skies, warm temps, a slight breeze and a fast track. Four teams all shot under par, only separated by one stroke. The infamous card-off system had to be employed to produce all results.

RESULTS:

| <u>1st (-2)</u> | <u>2nd (-2)</u> | <u>3rd (-1)</u> | <u>4th (-1)</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| John & Rhonda Schmidt | John Bowers | Skip & Dottie Creamer | Dan & Julia August |
| Sue Aamodt | Lough Cosner | Bob & Peggy Caudry | Carl Donald |
| | Les Gunderson | | |

AN UPDATE FROM THE BOARD by Barb Conway, President

The final applications of candidates for GM and RM have been received, and the posting has been removed from Zip Recruiter. Resumes have been matched to the skills and qualifications sections of our job description to determine those applicants who seemed most qualified for the position. Those candidates are being contacted to verify their continued interest in interviewing for the GM position based on the salary we will be able to provide.

The Board also met recently with representatives of US Hotel and Resort Management, the company that currently manages Canaan. We are in the process of determining whether a partnership with this company could be feasible, and recognize that there is much to consider before forming any partnership with a management company.

ALPUC by Kim Mayne, General Manager

Happy fall to all! We would like to invite all customers to our next meeting on November 18th at 9am at the Lodge. This is a good time to get updates on current projects and helpful tips.

Did you know. . .the largest customer leak was slightly over 250,000 gallons of water! That is enough to fill the pool at the lodge six times! Why do we share this information? WINTERIZE YOUR HOME! Please visit our website at www.alpuc.com for tips on winterization and other helpful information. If you are planning on leaving Alpine for the winter and would like to have your water turned off at the meter as part of your winterization plan, please submit your request in writing. We will respond to your request, so you know we have received and scheduled the water-off request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (304) 789-6996. Please also be mindful to update mailing addresses and phone numbers as well as email contact information.

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS – “A Service for our Community”

FOR SALE: Werner 24-foot extension ladder. Just \$75. Call Rich at (304) 698-9650.

FOR SALE: WEEDEATER FeatherLite, FL1500 Gasoline powered leaf blower \$20. Call Allan at (304) 789-2290 (9-29)

FOR SALE: Two adjoining lots at Alpine Lake Resort. Bavarian 122-123. located on Redwood Dr.. utilities available. level building site. low traffic area. lots must be purchased together, \$1200 for both lots, OBO. Call (724) 583-2829 or Text (724) 208-1395 (9-29)

WANTED: Wanted: Legacy smart phone loaded with Android version 4.3, that I could use off line 'Voice to Text.' Please email haltec@frontier.com (9-15)

FOR SALE: Bought too much, 1/2 inch OSB 2 pieces 24” x 8’ both pieces \$16. Call (304) 789-6520 (9-15)

FOR SALE: File Cabinet Tan Metal, 15" wide, 18" deep, 52" high, 4 draws. Okay condition. Only \$10 Call Allan at (304) 789-2290. (9-15)

Fire Wood for Sale: Seasoned hard wood delivered and stacked, \$70 a load, 8 ft. truck bed. Call Joe at (304) 789-6838 (9-15)

NEEDED: Does anyone have experience selling items on eBay? Please call Allan at (304) 789-2290. (9-1)

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.

WANTED SEWING MACHINE - Does anyone here have a simple sewing machine that just sews forwards and backwards. and zig-zags. and does not have a bunch of fancy stitches I'll never use? I need it mostly for mending and making cat blankets for my cat shelter. I don't sew new clothing. I just mend them. Please call me. Lorrie MacArdle. at (304) 789-6710 if you have an older model machine you are not using. I will pay a reasonable price for a good working machine. (8-18)

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 carriesinsurance@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

Sunday – Thursday: 8am – 4pm

Friday & Saturday: 8am – 7pm

FITNESS CENTER

OPEN DAILY from 5am – 11pm

POOL

OPEN DAILY from 5am-11pm

RESTAURANT

7am – 9pm Friday & Saturday

7am – 2pm Sunday

LAKERS LOUNGE

4pm- 9pm Monday-Thursday

4pm- 10pm Friday

Noon – 10pm Saturday

Noon – 9pm Sunday

PRO SHOP

OPEN DAILY from 8am – 6pm (weather permitting)



\$2 Drafts

**Monday – Thursday
4pm – 6pm**





DINNER & A MOVIE THE BIG YEAR

"So this is a real thing: a "big year" is an adventure and competition among North American birdwatchers to see who can spot the most different individual species of avian in a single January-to-December span. This actually happens, and The Big Year is based on a nonfiction book by journalist Mark Obmascik." – MaryAnn Johanson,

FlickFilosopher.com

**Starring Steve Martin, Jack Black
and Owen Wilson**

**Bird Watchers'
Dream Movie!**

**Bring tableware
and a beverage of
choice**

**Bring a large dish
to share**

**Monday,
October 9th
at 5pm**

Boathouse

HOSTS

**NORLEEN AND JIM
HOADLEY**



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10/16/2017

10am-12noon

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AND
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Flu Shots [BY THE NUMBERS]

200,000 Average number of people hospitalized with the flu each year in the U.S.

6
MONTHS

Age at which flu shots should begin

2
WEEKS

Time it takes your body to develop antibodies after vaccination

140-160 MILLION

Number of doses projected to be available in the U.S. this flu season



6

FEET

Distance someone can spread the flu virus

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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PARTY

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8PM-12AM

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\$25 Funniest/ Most Original Costume

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