Lake Currents

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TWO More Chances to Win!
Return Your Referendum Ballot Today

A series of drawings will be held for a credit equal to a quarterly payment toward your annual assessment. To be included, mark your ballot and return it before the drawing dates.

Schedule of Drawings:
- February 12 - winner - Rick and Bev McInnis
- February 19 - (2 winners)
- March 1 - (1 winner)
- March 17 - (1 winner)

Congratulations to Rick and Bev McInnis for winning the 1st drawing held February 12. They were selected from the 1,700 ballots to receive a credit for one of their quarterly payments, approximately a $320 value. Get your ballots in soon to be entered in the last two drawings for your chance to win!

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Reminders

March 1
LOWA Board Meeting
10 AM, Community Center

March 9
Daylight Saving Time begins. Turn clocks forward 1 hour.

March 15
Referendum Ballots due
LOWA.org
Members can login and watch Association-related videos under the Administration tab click on Videos

Security at Front Gate
Info: 972-2210 or 972-2020
or use CapSure
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Photo by Josef Rokus
If only snowmen could do the shoveling.
President’s Letter
by Jim Walsh

Major Gary Brown of Allied Barton drew the winning ticket in our first drawing for the quarterly assessment. The winning member is Richard McNiris. Congratulations! The next drawing will be at the February 19 Board Meeting (too late for this writing). I hope by this time you have voted and submitted your ballot. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to vote.

When you write a letter to the editor of the Free Lance-Star, why not write something positive about our community? The only thing negative letters do is give the community a black eye and make prospective buyers wonder what is wrong with LOW. If you think things need to be changed, write to Lake Currents and keep our squabbles internal.

I will tell you this, plain and simple, if amendment two of the referendum fails, your assessment will go up and the services you have requested and have come to expect will go down. That is not a threat, it is a fact. It will create a revenue shortfall of $400,000. In other words you will be paying more for less. It will be the members, not the Board, who will be rejecting the tenant fee.

On voting for or against amendment 1, it will be the members, not the Board, who do not want to continue counting votes as we have historically. We are using the recorded in Orange county by March 7. This action will create additional revenue for the Association on an annual basis. Goal 5. Lakeview Parkway Walkway Feasibility Study. This is being conducted to tie in some existing walking paths and make it safer for walkers. We are evaluating about one mile to determine the cost. The Board is scheduled to receive information on this project at the March 19 Board Workshop. Goal 6. Disposition of the Roundhouse. The Director of Facilities has consulted with contractors on rehab costs. The director has estimated demolition costs at $7,800. Options will be presented at the March 19 Board Workshop. Due to space restraints, I will continue to list the Board Goal updates in the next issue of Lake Currents.

Coming meetings - We will be having another evening Board Meeting on April 2. This meeting will take the place of the Saturday meeting on April 5. It will be a long day. We will have a Retreat beginning at 9 AM and ending at 4 PM to look where we are on our goals and see if any additional goals will be added. At 6 PM we return for our monthly review of LCC appeals and finally the Board meeting starting at 7 PM in the Clubhouse. I hope we get a good turnout for the meeting.

Kudos to Maintenance - Finally, I would like to thank our Maintenance Department for a job well done during the February 12-13 snow event. We did get a few positive suggestions from members on how we can make a few improvements, and the suggestions are under review. The GM and Director of Facilities looked at these areas as part of an ongoing review of all our procedures. Stay warm and remember, spring is just around the corner.

Lake of the Woods

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Tentative Agenda
Lake of the Woods Association, Inc.
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Community Center, Saturday, March 1, 2014
9 AM CALL TO ORDER
1. EXECUTIVE SESSION
10 AM
2. OPEN SESSION
2.1. Pledge of Allegiance
2.2. Enter Into Open Session
2.3. Approval of Agenda
2.4. Approval of Minutes: February 19, 2014
3. REPORTS
3.1. Report from Orange County District 5 Supervisor - Lee Frame
3.2. Report from Orange County Sheriff - Mark Amos
3.3. Report from Security Chief – Scott Walker
3.4. Report from LOW Fire & Rescue President - Joe Clontz
3.5. Report from Orange County School Board Member – Jim Hopkins
3.6. Reports of Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary
A. Executive Session Actions
B. Committee Changes
C. Committee Liaison Reports
D. Referendum Ballot Status Report
3.7. Report of General Manager
A. January Financials
B. Lakes Management Report
C. Golf Irrigation Project Report
3.8. Committee Reports
A. Fitness Committee
4. MEMBER COMMENTS ON BUSINESS AGENDA
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
5.2. Consideration of Approving Amendments to LOWA Regulations on Disorderly Conduct (Policy Resolution 2014-3)
6. NEW BUSINESS
6.1. Consideration of Approving Amendments to the Legal and Compliance Committee Charter
6.2. Consideration of Sending to Rules Proposed Changes to LOWA Regulation XVI., Environmental Control and Construction Procedures, Regarding Roof Regulations
6.3. Consideration of Authorization Final Funding for Clubhouse and Bathroom Parlour Project
7. MEMBER GENERAL COMMENTS
8. SCHEDULED MEETINGS
• Regular Board of Directors Meeting and Workshop, Wednesday, March 19, 2014, Community Center, 2 PM
• Regular Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, April 2, 2014, Community Center 6 PM Executive Session, 7 PM Open Session
9. ADJOURNMENT

*The Board reserves the right to remove, add and/or relocate agenda items as necessary.
I Heard it on the (LOWA) Grapevine
by Louisa Rucker, Secretary, LOWA Board of Directors

Where to start? The rumors are flying and here are the most interesting of the lots.

1. Rumor: The referendum is related to the failed senior housing effort which the Board wants to resurrect. To the best of my knowledge, this is 100% false. The community spoke about its disinclined in and suspcion of the 55+ Adult Housing proposal loudly and clearly; it was never even brought to a vote, and the idea has not been the focus of any further Board discussion.

2. Rumor: The referendum items are designed to allow the Board total power over the community’s affairs. False. Items 1 and 2 are written to allow LOWA to go about its business as it has for the last 40+ years. The only “power” in the passage of Item 3 is the Board’s ability to grant hardship waivers to owners who have a need to rent their properties before owning them two years (i.e. long-term illness, death, deployment, transfers).

3. Rumor: This referendum effort is a front for the Board’s hidden agenda (or the Board members’ ulterior motives). Please help me here: What are these thought to be? Each Board member is a volunteer, is a member of this beloved community who is making themselves and their time available in service to LOWA. If one of my colleagues has a hidden agenda, they are certainly hiding it well, because I have no idea what this is about. You, friends, have elected us to work for you, and I hope that you will talk to any of us about your concerns or our motives.

4. Rumor: The Board is biased regarding passage of the referendum item. True: the seven of us are unanimously hopeful the three items pass. Why? The association lawyer has given his best counsel that items 1 and 2 are needed to continue to count election results as we always have and to collect tenant fees as we always have. Item 3 is seen as the way to encourage LOW to remain primarily an owner-occupied community, which will protect property values and maintain the character of community. There you have it. If you hear a rumor that concerns you, pass it on, and the answer will be sought: true or false.

Covenant Enforcement Statistics
by Fred Ripley, Site and Covenant Inspector

During the months of December 2013, and January 2014, a total of 48 new issues were addressed. Of these and ongoing issues, 43 were resolved, and five summonses were issued. The most common violations were unsightly lots, conspicuous trash cans, trailers needing to be moved, and unlicensed vehicles.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the ECC office at 540-972-2211.

Excessive Speeder Punished. What happens to a driver who repeatedly gets stopped by Security for excessive speeding in LOW? One such driver found out when LOWA sued him in Orange County Circuit Court resulting in a judge banning him from driving in LOW. When he continued to drive, we told the judge, who ordered him to pay LOWA’s court costs as punishment for disobeying a judge’s order. For the most part, speeding matters are handled inside the Association by our Legal and Compliance Committee. LCC does a great job at the hard task of sorting through the facts of each situation. This case is an exceptional one, but it goes to show the Association will bring an excessive speeder before a county judge for flouting our rules. Our regulations require a person who has “flagrant” traffic offenses, such as excessive speeding, to meet with the Board. The Board sternly warns the speeder to curb the problem or face possible legal action in county court. We hate to take this extra step, but the Association will do it when the safety of others in LOW is a stake.

Election Process Bylaw Under Review. Members may want to comment on a pending Bylaws change regarding the election of the Board of Directors which is tentatively set for Board action on March 1. The pending change to LOW Bylaws was initiated by the Elections Committee and would accomplish three changes.

The first and most wide-sweeping change is the ballot due date would be moved from the close of business at the Annual Association Meeting of the Membership on Labor Day Monday to the new time and date of 1 PM on the Saturday before Labor Day. This is so the Election Committee can count ballots and announce the winners at the Annual Meeting. A Saturday deadline will still give weekenders time to arrive and turn in ballots. This is a big change from our decades of tradition, but is a reasonable change nonetheless. We will get the word out when the bylaw is finalized.

Secondly, Board candidates would need to register by April 30 rather than March 31. This shortens the campaign season by one month. The thought is the election timeframe is too long.

Thirdly, the election winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting rather than later at the Board’s first business meeting in September. The intent is to recognize incoming directors in a large gathering of members. (See February 7 Lake Currents for the proposed text changes.)

Disorderly Conduct Rule Under Review. Members may want to comment on a pending rule change to strengthen disorderly conduct language in our LOWA regulations, which is tentatively set for Board action on March 1. The change was initiated by the Legal and Compliance Committee. The LCC saw a gap in our regulations when it came to verbal abuse of Security Officers and rude behavior that causes annoyance or alarm. The new language makes it clear that Security Officers doing their best to protect our community’s front gate, roads or lakes deserve our respect. (See February 7 Lake Currents for the proposed text changes.)

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M-F: 8:30 AM-5 PM; Sat. 9 AM-1 PM
Clubhouse: 
Office Hours: Wed-Fri, 9 AM-5 PM
Info/Reservations: 972-2221
Menus online: LOWA.org/clubhouse.htm
See p. 7 for Specials & Hours
Community Center: 972 -9680

ECC Office: 972-2211, M-F,
7 AM-3:30 PM
Equestrian Center: 972-2238
Fareways Café at the Woods
Center: 972-2216
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Fitness Center: 972-9680
Open Daily 5 AM-11 PM
Equipment Trainer: Jennifer 972-8880
Sarah 703-408-9184
Pro Shop (Woods Center): 8 AM daily
Reserve a tee time 972-2220
Golf Course: 8:30 AM daily (seasonal)

Marina: (open mid-April to mid-October)
Pools: 972-9680 (open May-Sept.)
Security/Front Gate: 972-2210 or 972-2020
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Tennis: Hollyfield Park
Info: Jim 972-8888
Courts available 24/7 with code or key
Tips from the Pro
by Rea Hargraves, PGA

This past week I held my Intermediate Golfers Class in the Community Center. During the week, we worked on set-up (aim, grip, stance, posture), chip shots, pitch shots, hybrids and fairway woods, especially - getting the most out of the driver club. Each student was filmed so they could see how they had improved. I feel that the students enjoyed the week, and everyone got a lot from the class!

Coming Events:
March 9  Time changes to Daylight Saving Time
March 15  St. Patrick’s Day Scramble 10 AM shotgun
March 19-20  Deep Tine Aeration of Greens
March 28  LGA Ladies Spring Luncheon, 11:30 AM at Clubhouse

A Note from the Pro: You may sign-up for the St. Patrick’s Day Scramble on February 26.

Photos by Sara Wharton
The Intermediate Golf Class held at the Community Center (from left to right): Kathy George, Mary Malatros, Karen Woods, the "Pro", Lisa Halpin, Louise Hoh, and Chuck Spruce.

Rea Hargraves, LOWA’s Golf Pro giving Karen Woods a lesson during the Intermediate Golf Class.

Candidates for Board of Directors
by Peter Williams, Chair, Nominating Committee

The LOWA community is fortunate to have a wealth of talent and skills among its members. Perhaps you are already serving on one of our committees and giving us the benefit of your experience. Have you given any thought to serving on our Board of Directors? Committee service is not the only prerequisite for candidacy - you may have invaluable experience in other organizations in LOW or outside LOW in similar capacities. As a Director, you will find your time to be well-spent, and you will enjoy the satisfaction of addressing and solving the problems and challenges that exist in a community as large and as diverse as Lake of the Woods.

We have two three-year terms to fill this year, and we are seeking three candidates to compete for these two vacancies.

If you are considering service on our Board, I ask that you submit your application before April 30. You may download the application form from our website, LOWA.org, or pick up a hard copy from the Members Services Area in the lower level of the Holcomb Building. Your application should be submitted in hard copy to LOWA to the attention of the Chair, Nominating Committee. Applications will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee in the early days of May and the slate of candidates will be submitted to the Board at its May 21 meeting.
LGA Getting Ready for the Season
by Karen Woods, Publicity Co-Chair, Ladies Golf Association

Thirty-nine days and counting... to the start of the Ladies Golf Association 2014 Season! There is still plenty of time to get those golf muscles in working order.

Do you need to establish a handicap for 9- or 18-hole play? The handicap system enables golfers of all skill levels to compete on an equitable basis. The handicap fee is $35 payable to the VSGA (Virginia State Golf Association). It’s best to talk with one of our Pro Shop staff members who can help you with the process and introduce you to the computer where you will be posting your golf scores. A total of five scores must be posted in order to establish your handicap. You will continue to post all scores in order to maintain your handicap. Although it’s not required for the LGA’s first five games, it is advisable to obtain your handicap prior to the start of the season as the 9- and 18-hole golfers play competitive rounds.

The LGA Spring Luncheon will be held at the LOW Clubhouse on Friday March 28. There will be a sign-up sheet for the luncheon in the Women’s Lounge at the Woods Center the first week of March. All members are invited, Golden Girls, Farm Team, 9- and 18-Hole Golfers. The cost of the luncheon is $20. There will be more information closer to the date.

Our opening game will be an 18-hole scramble on Tuesday April 1, with a shotgun start at 9 AM. The foursome teams will be made up of 9- and 18-hole golfers. This is a fun event, as you might expect on April Fool’s Day!

Reminder: LGA Annual Dues are $25 for all members with the exception of $5 for Golden Girls. Make your check payable to LOW LGA and note “LGA Dues” and your membership status (9 Hole, 18 Hole, Farm Team or Golden Girl). Put the check in the lock box in the Women’s Lounge at the Woods Center.

If you have any questions about membership in the LGA, please contact any of the following members:

- 9-Hole and Golden Girl Memberships: Ellen Bearden, 972-3739 or bebearden@verizon.net.
- 18-Hole Membership: Betsy Simprini, 972-3739 or poligator@comcast.net.
- Farm Team Membership: Nancy King, 972-0984 or nanjking@aol.com.

LOWA Mail Stations Broken Into Again
by Fritz Alderman, Director of Facilities, LOWA

Security was notified that the RV/Boat Storage Mail Station has been vandalized again. The outgoing mailbox was broken into between February 8, at 10 AM and 3 PM on February 9. If you left mail during the times listed, you may want to contact the recipients that may be affected.

Please help protect your mail and your identity by taking your mail to the Locust Grove Post Office. If you notice anything at all unusual, such as an unlocked compartment or damaged doors, notify security at once.

Pay close attention to your personal affairs to protect yourself against identity theft. If you suspect identity theft contact the post office immediately.

Piano, Organ, and the Lakers Concert
Saturday, March 15 ~ 7 PM
by Marthellen Hoffman, LOW Church

Mark your calendars for our March concert in the Making Joyful Noise Concert series which features LOW’s own Irene Robinson and Kathy Pellegrino on the Church’s magnificent Steinway piano and organ performing as soloists and in duet. The ever-popular Lakers singing group will be performing as well as in their fun style, singing both old familiar favorites and some new songs as well. The Lakers will also lead the audience in a sing-along of popular “oldies” and familiar hymns. This show should be a delight for everyone in Lake of the Woods; a cookie concerto reception will follow. Admission is free; donations will be accepted at the door. All performances start at 7 PM.

The remaining concerts on this season’s Making Joyful Noise series include:

- Saturday, April 5 - Enduring Freedom Honor Team, Fredericksburg Christian Academy
- Thursday, April 17 & 18 - Last Supper/Good Friday Remembrances with the LOWC Chancel Choir
- Saturday, May 24 - Orange Community Band & Chorus Spring Concert

NOTICE: The Dave and Erin Shafferman Concert has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 22, at 7 PM. The concert features Dave and Erin singing a variety of musical selections with one theme - Reflected Love. Admission is free; donations will be accepted.

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Budget Recommendation not seen on Channel 18

As a member of the Board of Directors, I have taken out this AD to make known to the members the recommended change I wanted to make to the Proposed Budget at the February 1st Board meeting. Jim Walsh, the President of the Board, refused to allow me to make this budget recommendation at the meeting. It is unfortunate that this AD could not fit into the last issue of Lake Currents so that you, the members, would have seen this AD before the majority of the Board had approved the budget on February 19.

My recommendation was to reduce the total increase in operating expense centers to 3% plus any incremental engineering studies while maintaining the same level of service to the members. The effect of my proposed change would be to reduce next year’s total assessment by about $150,000 or $35 per lot.

From April 2011 to April 2015 (the budget year-end) - salaries and benefits will have increased $655,000 or 23%; that is almost 6% a year and this increase equals almost $155 in the assessment.

The proposed budget continues the cost increase:
- While subsidies to the Revenue generating centers decreases $118,000; this is good.
- The operating expense centers total budget increases by $317,000 or 3%. This is not good.

The large increase in the operating expense centers continues the trend of increased expenses in a stable operating environment. The plan by the general manager includes neither a cost reduction program nor a process improvement program.

Although the assessment has risen significantly over the years, it is, in my opinion, still reasonable when compared to comparable HOAs. But that does not mean we should not constantly improve our operating efficiency and the effective use of the assessment paid by the members. It would make sense, I believe, to have used the recommended savings from my proposal to be set aside for needed infrastructure costs that have a long term benefit. Good infrastructure projects will increase property values. Higher assessments caused by increased operating expenses decrease property values.

I hope you found this helpful in forming your opinion on this and future budgets.

Dick Delio
Board Member

Culpeper Has Talent Semi-Finals
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 • 8 PM • $15–$25
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Library of Congress presents: Lawrence of Arabia
SUNDAY, MARCH 2 • 2 PM • $6
Sponsored by The Camileer

Lin Rountree, The Soul-Trumpeter
FRIDAY, MARCH 7 • 8:30 PM • $20–$25

Culpeper County Public Schools Art Show
SATURDAY, MARCH 8 • 10 AM–4 PM
Sponsored by K Art and Design

Gold Top County Ramblers
SATURDAY, MARCH 8 • 7:30 PM • $12

Culpeper Tells, A Festival of Words
FRIDAY, MARCH 14–SUNDAY, MARCH 16
Board Meeting:
Saturday, March 1, 10 AM, CC

Board Meeting:
Wednesday, March 19, 2 PM, CC

Committee Meetings:
February 21 through March 10
Members are encouraged to attend.

Golf: 2/24, CANCELLED
Communications: 2/26, 3 PM (WC)
Planning: 2/26, 7 PM (LLCH)
Investment: 2/27, 9:30 AM (ULH)
Finance: 3/3, 7 PM (CC)
Fitness Center: 3/5, 3 PM (WC)
Tennis: 3/10, 4 PM (CC)
External Affairs: 3/10, 7 PM (CC)
Equestrian Center: 3/11, 1:30 PM (CC)
Clubhouse: 3/12, 1 PM (CH)
Community & Youth: 3/13, 7 PM (CR)

Meeting Facility Key:
CC  Community Center
CH  Clubhouse
CHGH  Clubhouse Great Hall
CH-PR  Clubhouse President's Room
CR  Craft Room
EQ  Equestrian Center
LLCH  Lower Level Clubhouse
M-CR  Maintenance Conference Room
RR  Reading Room
TC  Teen Center
ULH Upper Level Holcomb
WC  Woods Center

Program Schedule
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February 21-27
LOWA Board Proposed Declaration Amendments (1:00)
LOW Residents and Board Members Discuss Pro-and-Con of the proposed changes to LOW Declaration
7 AM  11 AM  7 PM  11 PM
LOWA Declaration Proposed Amendments Explained (:30)
Jim Walsh, President, LOWA Board. Presented at the LOW Veterans Club Meeting on January 23
8 AM  12 PM  8 PM  12 AM
LOW Civic Club “What’s Ahead for Orange County” (1:00)
Lee Frame, District 5 Supervisor
8:45 AM  12:45 PM  8:45 PM  12:45 AM
LOW AARP Chapter 5239: Sherri Lasover Sings and Chats (1:00)
6 AM  10 AM  6 PM  10 PM
Orange County Board of Supervisors – February 11 Meeting (3:00)
2 PM…Saturday – 2 PM…Monday

February 28-March 6
LOWA Board of Directors – February 19 Meeting (3:00)
6 AM  1 PM  6 PM  1 AM
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10 AM  4 PM 10 PM  4 AM
LOW Neighborhood Watch (1:30)
10:30 AM  4:30 PM  10:30 PM  4:30 AM
Calendar of Events

SPORTS & EXERCISE  (subject to change)

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New! Lake of the Woods 4-H Club Activities for Lake Youth with a
Science and Technology Focus
by Kasey Ewing, Lake of the Woods 4-H Club

Most people recognize the name “4-H” from county fairs and agricultural clubs. But, did you know that 4-H is the nation’s largest youth development program, with over 7 million 4-H’ers in urban, suburban and rural communities? 4-H represents a vast organization of resources and activities for youth that continues to grow and adapt based on the needs of surrounding communities. That’s why I’m excited to get a 4-H club started, right here in Lake of Woods, based on the needs of our unique lake community!

As a single mom and former public school teacher, I’m always looking for opportunities to enrich my child’s life in a hands-on, exciting and economical way. When I discovered the local 4-H extension office in Orange, I knew I’d struck gold! The local extension agents worked with me to develop a concept for LOW kids that incorporates all of the traditional opportunities through 4-H (nature, camps, leadership) with a modern twist: technology, science, and global concepts.

Beginning March 2, Lake youth in grades 6-8 are invited to attend the first meeting of our project-based 4-H Club. Our club will focus on (but in no way be limited to) STEM projects (science, technology, engineering, math), as well as local and global experiential learning opportunities.

Take it from a teacher, kids learn best when they pursue their own ideas and projects. They can test out their leadership skills by running for office in our club, and later decide what projects they want to pursue in 2014. I can’t say exactly what we’ll do this year, because that depends on our kids! I CAN say that 4-H is supported by university-backed curriculum, and offers opportunities that range from political science (debate and mock congress) to international travel and exchange programs. I am just one mom/teacher, so any volunteers or interested co-sponsors out there, please email me! 4-H embodies all of the characteristics that I wish we had in our public schools. I think you’ll be impressed with what 4-H has to offer, and I look forward to meeting you and your children!

If you are interested in the program or would like to volunteer, please contact me at Lake4H@comcast.net.

AARP Smart Driver Course In March
by Su Bielmeier, LOW Lions Club

Seniors, refresh your driving skills on Thursday and Friday, March 27-28.
You will learn:
• Defensive driving strategies
• New traffic laws and rules of the road
• Discover ways to handle highway traffic, right-of-ways, and blind spots on today’s roads.
• Reduce your chances of having a crash or committing a traffic violation.
• Upon completion, you will receive a multi-year discount on your car liability insurance that is good for three years.

The two-day course will be held in the Community Center Teen Room from 9 AM to 1 PM each day. The cost is $15 for national AARP members and $20 for non-members. Checks should be made payable to AARP. To register, mail check to Su Bielmeier, AARP Instructor, at 1310 Eastover Pkwy, Locust Grove, VA 22508. Please include your name, address, phone number and email address.

For questions, email Su at driversafetyclass@gmail.com or call Su at 540-208-1914 (cell). This course is sponsored by the LOW Lion’s Club.
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Tony Aris, AARP’s new president, has a special invitation for you! Would you like to hear an interesting speaker? Help with a community project? Take a bus trip or a cruise? There are many worthwhile events coming up this year at AARP, and many worthwhile people to get to know. Every third Monday the Great Hall of the Clubhouse is crowded with people who are interested in being a part of this enthusiastic group. Tony would like you to be there, too, to benefit from this organization and be a part of its many diverse activities. Everyone is welcome.

Come for coffee and a chance to chat with old and new friends at 9:30 AM. The meeting begins at 10 AM. We look forward to meeting you!

LOW Democratic Club to Sponsor Mental Health Forum
by Pat Ivey, LOW Democratic Club

Alan C. Rasmussen, an authority on mental health and suicide prevention, will speak at a community forum on mental health issues on Sunday, March 16, at the LOW Community Center. The event, which will take place from 2 PM to 4 PM, is sponsored by the Lake of the Woods Democratic Club.

More than 30,000 suicides occur in the United States every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, making suicide the tenth leading cause of death for Americans.

Mr. Rasmussen is a suicide-prevention specialist with the Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services Board and a faculty member for the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Students program at the University of Virginia. He graduated from UVA in 1975 with a bachelor’s degree in sociology and earned a master’s degree in counselor education in 1977.

This event is open to the public. More information is available at the club’s web site at LOWdemocrats.org.

Got Junk?
by Carol Greeney, LOW Lioness Club

The LOW Lioness Club is having a Flea Market at the Locust Grove Middle School on Saturday, March 29, from 8:30 AM until 1 PM. We will be there with our White Elephant Table again this year. In the past we have had wonderful, nearly-new items to sell at ridiculously low prices. Be sure to check it out!

Now, if you are more interested in getting rid of items, rather than buying more, our Club would welcome your donations! We will be collecting all items (no clothing please) the evening before the Flea Market on Friday, March 28, from 4 PM until 7 PM at the Locust Grove Middle School. If this time is not convenient for you, please call me at 972-6739 to make alternate arrangements. It is so true that your “trash” may be someone else’s “treasure”.

Brass 5 Concert March 6
by Peter Williams, President, Stage Alive!

The Stage Alive! February 8 concert by Brass 5 was postponed due to uncertain weather forecasts. The concert has been rebooked for Thursday, March 6, at 7.30 PM at the Culpeper County High School auditorium.
The American Red Cross Blood drive at LOW on January 28, sponsored by the LOW Lions Club, was a great success. Despite frigid temperatures and an occasional snow shower, 62 LOW community blood donors showed up at the lower level of the Clubhouse to give the gift of life for those in need. There were 29 male and 33 female donors that resulted in 50 persons being accepted to donate blood and 12 persons not accepted based on Red Cross donation criteria (i.e. travel, medical, donation cycle). Four persons donated by the process of “Double Red” which results in two units of blood being taken during the process. This gave a grand total of 54 units of blood donated by the LOW community. These donations will be processed by the Red Cross and distributed to meet local and national blood supply needs.

Since being organized in the spring of 1982, the LOW Lions Club has taken on many projects and programs to assist and give back to the community. However, it was not until 1992 that the LOW Lions started to sponsor American Red Cross Blood Drives within the community. The first drives were conducted using mobile (Blood Mobile) buses that were driven into LOW and donations taken on the bus. Because of the support from the LOW community, the donation process quickly became overcrowded. Working through LOWA, the Lions were able to secure the use of the lower level of the Clubhouse for future blood drives, where it will continue for 2014. The LOW Lions Club therefore would like to thank LOWA and the LOW community for making this a successful community project.

The LOW Lions Club looks forward to seeing everyone at future American Red Cross blood drives at LOW. Drives are planned for March 25, May 27, July 22, September 23, and November 25 of this year.

Book Club News
by Helen Nolan, Member, Book Club

Angela Davis Carter’s novel, *Butterfly’s Child*, received mixed reviews from the members of the Book Club. All agreed, however, that the novel, based on the opera “Madama Butterfly,” allowed for spirited discussion of the plot, the characters, and a comparison of the book to the opera.

The March selection, William Hoffman’s novel, *Tidewater Blood*, is the story of Charles LeBlanc, a dishonorably discharged Vietnam veteran, who also spent time in Leavenworth. Estranged from his family, LeBlanc becomes the prime suspect in the deaths of some of the family members. Released on bond, he sets out to find the murderer. Critic Joanne Wilkinson of Booklist describes the book as “a well-crafted novel” that “offers a quintessential portrait of the outsider and displays an evocative sense of place.”

Copies of *Tidewater Blood* are available through the Wilderness, Salem Church, and Culpeper Libraries. Pick up your copy and join in the discussion at the next meeting of the Book Club on Wednesday, March 12, at 1 PM.

For information, please call Helen Nolan at 972-9068.
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Human Services

LOW Lions/Lioness
Wilderness Food Pantry located behind LG Town Center, Rt. 20, 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 9 AM to Noon; second and last Wed. from 5-7 PM; last Sat. from 9 AM to Noon. Clients may come to the pantry two times each month. Info: Betty 972-1872.

Lions Medical Equipment
- Durable Medical Equipment is available for temporary or loan to those with needs. Lions also gratefully receive donations of used equipment, in good condition, that can be used by others. Please call Noel 972-9018, Dave 972-2125, Florence 972-2505, or George 940-2240.

Lyme Disease Support Group
7 PM. Meeting every other week at 106 Mt. Pleasant Drive. RSVP/Info: Terry 570-228-7415.

The Woods Cares: an AARP program, will run errands and do small repairs, light yard work for shut-ins and caretakers. Free service. Call Marion 972-4085, Gail 972-7436, or Jeannette 972-0726.

Looking for a Babysitter? The Lake Youth Foundation has a list of students that have taken their Super Sitter class with lessons in fire, first aid and CPR, practiced handling babies with confidence, and learned fun activities that children will enjoy. The list can be obtained by contacting Sylvia at 972-9680 or email LYF at info@lakeyouth.org.

Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group
3rd Wed. at 10 AM, Room 210/211. Info: LOW Church 972-9060.

Alzheimer’s Support Group:
6:30-7:30 PM, Culpeper County Library, 271 Southgate Shopping Ctr. FREE. Learn tools needed in each stage of the disease to support both care partners and those diagnosed. Open to all. Meets 3rd Tuesday. By Alzheimer’s Association’s Caregiver Support Group. Call to confirm group is meeting. Info: Kathi Walker, 825-3100, ext. 3416, or kwalker@rcsb.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous:
Meetings are held at LOW Church, 7 PM, every Mon (Rm 505), Wed (Cabin), and Fri (Rm 505). Info: LOW Church 972-9060.

Al-Anon Meeting:
Every Tues. at 7 PM, LOW Church, Founders Room. Info: Diane, 540-538-7121.

Seeking Counseling? The LOW Church offers free counseling, by appointment. Info: Church 972-9060 or a Pastor. We care.

Healing Hearts Grief Support Group
Tuesdays, 7 PM, LOW Church Library. Weekly support group for anyone grieving the death of someone close. Please call Lynn 972-7714, before attending.

Red Cross Blood Drive.
4th Tues. every other month. LL Clubhouse from 1-7 PM. To give blood, you must be generally healthy, 17 years of age or more, and weigh at least 110 pounds. The next blood drive will be March 25. Info: Larry 972-9107.

Thinkin’ About Quittin’.
Free, individualized stop-smoking program. Culpeper Regional Hospital, 829-4190.

Orange County Free Clinic

Free Medication Assistance
for OC residents on limited incomes with no prescription coverage, 18 yrs and older, taking brand name medications long term. Info: Pat Lucey, 825-3100 ext. 3012.

Notices
February 27, Orange County Habitat for Humanity Informational Night at 6 PM in the Orange Presbyterian Church. This one-hour presentation is for anyone who may qualify for a Habitat home. Come and see how Habitat partners with Orange County families to build decent, safe, and affordable homes. Questions, call the Orange County Habitat office at 672-5041.

Now through March 1, the OC Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office is accepting Tax Relief for the Elderly (age 65 and over), Handicapped, and individual owner applications. Contact the office, Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM at 540-672-4441 with questions regarding the program or the application.

March 1, Downtown Culpeper Carnival - Mardi Gras Celebration. Fun for the entire family. For more details go to www.culpepurdowntown.com.

March 1, Guest host author Forrest Pritchard discusses his new book at the Culpeper County Library at 2 PM. Free. He is a professional farmer, writer and public speaker.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers (AARP) will provide free tax return service to low- and moderate-income taxpayers, especially those 60 and older. By Appointment Only; through April 1: Fridays 10 AM to 2 PM, and Saturdays 9 AM to 2 PM. Located in the lower level of the Clubhouse. Schedule appointment: in February call 703-963-5710; after February call 540-972-0350.

Rikki’s Refuge - $5000 Reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) who committed a crime on our property. On January 7, at approximately 9 AM, our Emu was shot and killed in a fenced area. We will keep the name of any informers confidential and also welcome anonymous tips. Contact us at mail@RikkiRefuge.org, or the Orange County Sheriff’s Office at 540-672-1200.

Lost or Found Pets.
A Facebook page has now been set up for posting lost or found pets in LOW. facebook.com/LOWlostandfoundpets.

Hearing Aids/Eye Glasses Recycled: Place unused hearing aids and eyeglasses in LOW Lions boxes at Wells Fargo Bank, Wilderness Pharmacy, LOW Hair Studio, LOW Security, and Dr. Stephen Lord in Orange.

The Lions Club is seeking wheelchairs and attached equipment for wheelchairs. Contact Noel, 972-0018 to donate items.

Fundraisers
February 22, Café Valentino Dinner at United Methodist Church, Lignum. Featuring David Gilmore. $13 pp; $25 per couple by reservation only. Call Nancy 540-399-1486 or Betty 540-825-1539. All proceeds go the H&R Hearts Team—Relay for Life, American Cancer Society.

March 22, Montpelier 5K Race – Proceeds benefit the Montpelier Foundation. The American Heritage Series, races designed to promote healthy living, community involvement, and engagement with historically significant sites, returns to Orange County with the second running of the Montpelier 5K Saturday, March 22. Packet pickup and race day registration begins at 7 AM. The Kids Fun Run begins at 8:30 AM with the 5K race beginning at 9 AM. Register online at www.montpelier5k.com/Registration.aspx.

Girl Scout Cookies Available!
Help support our local Girl Scouts and buy some cookies. If you would like cookies delivered directly to your door, call 703-795-8588 or 854-6069 to order.

LOW Lions Book Sale - Used books will be sold on the last Saturday of each month from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM at the Ferris Blvd., except Dec and Jan. Profits go to the Benevolence Fund. Book donations are accepted at our book sales and on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 AM-11 AM. Info: Ann, 972-4338 or Sherri, 412-9854.

Bargains, Bargains, Bargains! The Lions/Velona Bldg. will be open for sales and drop off on Saturdays each month from 9 AM to Noon. For furniture pick-ups, call John at 972-1187; for Velona sales, call Dan, 972-4531; for buying/selling furniture, call Norm, 540-205-5529 or Stan, 412-9854.

LOW Directory - On sale for $10 at Member Services area in the lower level Holcomb Bldg. Sales benefit F&R. For directory changes or additions, please email LowDirectory@comcast.net.

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Wine Talk
by Joe Szadvari, Sommelier

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Friday, February 21 (7:30 PM) - FOR HEAVEN’S SAKE (Paramount, 1926) Harold Lloyd stars as a blasté young millionaire who falls in love with a preacher’s daughter (frequent Lloyd co-star Jobyna Ralston) and uses his ingenuity and money to save their Bowery mission. Free.

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Thursday, February 27 (7:30 PM) - MOSTLY MARTHA (Paramount Classics, 2001) Sandra Nettelbeck directed this gentle drama about an obsessive yet introverted chef of a popular Hamburg restaurant (Martina Gedeck) who suddenly finds herself the caretaker of her 8-year-old niece. Free.

Friday, February 28 (7:30 PM) - ENTER THE DRAGON (Warner Bros., 1973 – R rated*) Martial arts legend Bruce Lee burst onto the American scene with this pulsating action flick, climaxed with the dazzling Hall of Mirrors sequence. Although Lee unexpectedly died shortly before the film’s release. Free.

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Two weekends ago, the Locust Grove Middle School hosted a robotics competition for 28 Virginia robotics teams coming from as far as Fairfax and Bristol. I had the privilege of serving as one of the judges for this competition. Two teams from the Locust Grove Middle School and the Prospect Heights Middle School competed and both are qualified for the state championships to be held in Richmond on March 1. The Orange County High School will also compete in Richmond having qualified at an earlier competition.

Each year, the competition event changes. Last year the robots had to put plastic donuts on hooks. This year they had to scoop up blocks and put them into boxes. Although the actual performance of the robots in completing various tasks is the principal activity, the teams are judged in a variety of other areas. In addition to the elegance and sophistication of the robot design, the teams have to verbally present their design to a panel of judges who also examine their engineering notebook for its discipline in documenting their work. The team is also evaluated on its team building and community outreach on promoting science and engineering. As a judge, I spent a lot of time talking to the individual team members about their efforts. I came away very impressed with their enthusiasm and gracious professionalism.

Planning and setting up this competition is a significant effort undertaken by adult volunteers and, in this case, youth volunteers from the high school team. The support of the Orange County Schools was also critical. Given all the press on problems in schools and with young people these days, it is really great to be involved with an activity that exemplifies the best in our youth. With youth like this the future is in good hands.

Last month the Orange County Fire Chief’s Association made a presentation to the Supervisors requesting that the county implement the Virginia Fire Prevention Code. Their principal reason was that finding potential hazards before they ended up as fires would improve safety for the citizens of the county and especially cut down on the number and seriousness of fires where the volunteer fire fighters are at risk. When a building is built, it must meet the Virginia Building Code which includes fire protection requirements. That is verified by the county building inspector. Ensuring that building owners maintain these fire protection requirements and do not allow fire hazards to develop is the responsibility of a fire marshal. The state fire marshal regularly inspects public buildings such as the schools and the nursing home, but does not have sufficient resources to regularly inspect all of the facilities that could be inspected. If the county were to adopt the fire protection code, then a county fire marshal would have the authority to inspect and enforce the code. About a third of Virginia counties have adopted code. If implemented in Orange County, the annual cost would be about $110,000 per year with an additional startup cost of $50,000 for the first year.

When this issue was discussed by the Supervisors, there seemed to be little support for adopting the code. The county has an individual trained as a marshal, but his duty is limited to investigating fires. The cost of adding new county services when the costs of existing services continue to require additional taxes was one factor. However, a more important factor was that the addition a new inspector for local businesses did not fit with a culture of limited governing.

If you have questions about county government or want to let me know your feelings on specific issues, you can contact me at leeframe@orangecountyva.gov.
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