150th Anniversary of the Battle of the Wilderness Fills May with Special Events
by Pete Rainey, Chairman, Civil War Study Group, Inc.

Starting in May, the 150th anniversary of the Civil War’s longest and bloodiest campaign will be commemorated from Lake of the Woods to Petersburg with a series of events marking Gen. U. S. Grant’s Overland Campaign against Gen. Robert E. Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia. It was an 11-month struggle that finally ended with Lee’s surrender at Appomattox.

The Overland Campaign began with the Battle of the Wilderness, May 5-7, 1864. The area that is today’s Lake of the Woods community was included in that fighting. Almost all of Lake of the Woods is included in the federal government’s Wilderness Battlefield Official Boundary. The Civil War Study Group (CWSG) at LOW will hold special activities to help kick off the month and be joined by the Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park, Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, Civil War Trust, Orange County, and Spotsylvania County, among others, throughout the month of commemoration.

LOW’s Civil War Study Group Hosts Several Events
The Civil War Study Group (CWSG) at Lake of the Woods has special events taking place inside LOW:

May 3, Noon to 2 PM, CWSG hosts the awards recognition reception for winners of the Virginia/Orange County History Day Poster Contest for fourth-graders from Locust Grove and Lightfoot Elementary Schools at the LOW Clubhouse.

May 5, 10:30 AM, Unveiling and dedication ceremony for the CWSG Battle of the Wilderness Memorial at the southwest corner of the Lake of the Woods Church main parking lot. The memorial is dedicated to all the men, both North and South, who died in the Battle of the Wilderness and whose bodies were never recovered and still lie buried on the battlefield, including in Lake of the Woods.

LOW Seeks Honor Awards Nominations
by Barb Davidson, Honor Awards Committee

The LOW Honor Awards Committee is offering members and residents their annual chance to bring to public attention LOW residents and members whose volunteer activities notably contribute to the welfare of LOW and Orange County residents.

The LOW Honor Awards Committee will mail a letter to the many clubs and organizations seeking nominations for the Honor Awards program. Winners will be identified at the LOWA Annual Meeting on Labor Day weekend.

Nominations are invited in the following categories:
- **Warren J. Lodge Award for Excellence**: In recognition of outstanding service by an individual representing Lake of the Woods within Orange County.
- **Distinguished Service Award**: For accomplishments of highest significance to Lake of the Woods that have major impact on the general welfare or meet a major need.
- **Outstanding Service Award**: For beneficial accomplishments or performance of duty beyond what is normally expected of volunteers.
- **Heroic Act Award**: For heroic or courageous acts in the protection of life and/or property.
- **Outstanding Youth Award**: For activity by someone 18 or younger that is a credit to the community and exceeds normal expectations.
- **Community Service Organization Group Award**: Recognizes the Lake of the Woods Club that provides the greatest impact/service to Lake of the Woods and surrounding communities.
- **President’s Award for Committee Chair**: This award is to be given at the discretion of the Lake of the Woods Association President, normally recognizing the Committee Chairperson of the Year.
- **Certificate of Appreciation**: For services or accomplishments that benefit the community.

For more detailed descriptions of the award categories, see the nomination forms available at the Holcomb Building and the Woods Center and online at LOWA.org. Click on Administration, Forms, then scroll down to Honor Awards Nomination Forms.

When considering any particular nomination, The Honor Awards Committee may decide to place it in a different category. Fully completed forms must be submitted by June 30 to Kathleen Bradie, Honor Awards Committee Vice Chairman, 832 Eastover Parkway, Locust Grove, VA 22508.

### Corrections

The April 18 issue of Lake Currents incorrectly stated the fine for the absence of a boat decal. The correct information is shown below:

Beginning May 1, Security will be issuing fines of $50 for noncompliance. Lack of appropriate decaling is the top violation cited by Lake Patrol, year in and year out. Save the dough and the aggravation – get decaled!
President’s Letter
by Jim Walsh

Has spring finally arrived? I surely hope so. It is always good to see all of my snow bird friends and to learn about their warm weather adventures.

Several issues have recently been brought to the Board’s attention regarding violations of our rules. Over the past several weeks, we have had complaints about some of our younger members playing soccer on the golf course, riding bikes on the greens, and doing some minor damage to the restrooms. Children should not be playing on the course when it is open for play. This is a safety issue. I would hate for someone to be injured by an errant golf shot.

At the last Board workshop, we had a very good discussion on Regulation X, our Lake Rules. We will be voting at the May 3 Board meeting to send to Lake Currents two of the proposed rule changes. Those changes are: no longer requiring use of PDFs for stand-up paddle boards in the no wake zone, but requiring that PDFs at least be available on board, and that wearing a PDF is recommended. The Board plans an exemption for LOWA members who are part of a community such as Lakes Management Co. to wear a PDF from the gas engine ban on Keaton’s Lake. We will be discussing Lake Regulations again at the May 21 Board Workshop. If you have an interest in this area, please come out and let the Board hear your thoughts.

Every month our Security Force issues about 100 tickets for speeding. We still have too many speeders driving more than 20 miles an hour over the speed limit. If you have a lead foot, lighten up! We are working with the Orange County Sheriff’s Office to have excessive speeders sent to court in Orange County where the fines could be up to $200 and points.

Each year at our annual Meeting of the Membership on Labor Day weekend, we recognize members who have made notable contributions to our community. The Honor Awards Committee will be sending letters to various clubs and organizations seeking LOW members worthy of recognition. At the last meeting, the committee discussed what to do about hardworking volunteers who may not be part of a group, but who do wonderful things on their own. If you know of someone who is deserving of recognition, send me an email at jimwalsh928@gmail.com, and I will arrange for you to be mailed an application. You can get an application at the Member Services area in the Holcomb Building and at LOWA.org. Click on Forms and scroll down to the Honor Awards section.

Have a nice week and use our amenities. After all, you pay for them.

Lake of the Woods Open House:
Sunday, May 18
by Pat Licata, Open House Working Group

It’s less than a month away! Please join the LOWA Board of Directors and LOWA volunteers in this great endeavor by inviting your friends and relatives to our “community open house” on Sunday, May 18, from Noon to 4 PM. The Open House will allow visitors a chance to view many of the available homes for sale in Lake of the Woods, as well as our fantastic amenities. LOWA volunteers will be standing by at our major amenities to show how LOW is such a great place to live.

After passing security, prospective purchasers will be directed to the Clubhouse where Clubhouse Committee members (great ambassadors of LOW) will then usher visitors to their choice of four separate categories of listings (waterfront, golf course, interior, and lots). Here, they will be provided with information regarding those listings they would like to view from information provided by REALTORS or homeowners.

You will begin to notice traditional real estate signs and directional signs placed throughout LOW on Saturday, May 17, in preparation for this exciting event and the showcasing of our community.

Thank you for your participation and “spreading the word!” We are looking forward to another successful Open House!

Please call Brenda Rogers at 972-8117, Kathy Merritt at 540-538-6605, or Pat Licata at 540-735-7998, with any questions or for additional information.

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Lake of the Woods Association, Inc.  
Regular Board of Directors Meeting and Workshop  
April 16, 2014, 2 PM, Community Center  

Note: These minutes are unapproved and provided for members to review.

Present  
Jim Walsh, President  
Jon Anderson, Vice President  
Mike Rugless, Treasurer  
Louisa Rucker, Secretary  
Olive Kelly  
Jim Hutchinson  
Dick Delio

Others  
Phil Rodenberg, General Manager  
Linda Brooks, Recorder

Call to Order: With a quorum present, President Walsh called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM in the Community Center.

1. OPEN SESSION
   1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
   1.2 Approval of Agenda: Motion by Delio, passed unanimously, to approve the Agenda.
   1.3 Approval of the Minutes of April 2, 2014. Motion by Rucker, passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2014, Board of Directors Meeting.

2. REPORTS
   2.1 Reports of Officers
   Vice President Jon Anderson reported that help is needed on the following Committees: Pools, Equestrian, Nominating, Youth & Community Activities (newly reconstituting), and Tennis.

   2.2 General Manager’s Report
   General Manager Phil Rodenberg announced that two people felt to be responsible for the mailbox thefts have been arrested. He thanked all the key players involved with the investigation and apprehension of the offenders, which was a county-wide collaborative effort involving the Sheriff’s office, local postmaster, US Postal Inspector, Congressman Eric Cantor’s office, LOWA Security and Neighborhood Watch. LOWA is moving forward with installation of a hardened lock system for package boxes at the mail stations. Director Hutchison requested that outgoing mailboxes also be included in the project, since they were also vandalized.

   Mr. Rodenberg noted the 150th Anniversary of Civil War battles in our area is this year, and we can expect visitors to our community May 3-6. Boat decal enforcement will start May 1. Mr. Rodenberg advised all members with boats in the water to insure they have stickers applied by that date.

   2.3 Committee Liaison Reports. No reports at this time.

   2.4 Speaker: Mr. R. Bryan David, Orange County Administrator
   Mr. Rodenberg introduced the new Orange County Administrator, Mr. R. Bryan David, who has just been promoted from interim status to full-time. Mr. Bryan commented on what he saw as priority needs in the county, including economic growth, development of the Route 3 corridor, and improved availability of health care facilities. He welcomed the opportunity to be an occasional visitor at LOWA Board meetings to update members on Orange County issues.

   3. Member Comments on Business Agenda
   Two members spoke in opposition to proposed changes to Section X relating to the dry sail storage area.

   Adjournment: Motion by Hutchison, passed unanimously, to adjourn the Open Session portion of the meeting and enter into the Workshop at 2:25 PM.

See Minutes on p. 23

General Manager’s Column
by Phil Rodenberg, General Manager, LOWA

I recently met Lucy Lawliss, the new Superintendent of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. She visited LOWA at my invitation with her NPS colleague Chief Ranger Keith Kelly to pre-plan the May 3-6 Civil War Sesquicentennial events taking place inside the community. Superintendent Lawliss, Chief Kelly, Civil War Study Group Chair Pete Rainey, Security Chief Scott Walker, and Major Gary Brown, and I looked at trail access points from LOWA into the National Park and discussed how much residents appreciate having easy access to the park and Battle of the Wilderness trails. We also toured the Equestrian Center. At the stables, we discussed with Operations Manager Carolyn McFarland LOWA’s popular horseback trail rides into the park, and talked about ways NPS and LOWA can cooperate to continue access into the scenic, protected woodlands. We truly have a national treasure located right next door to us!

Who says there’s nothing for teens to do at LOWA? There’s plenty to do! Community Operations Manager Sylvia Zalinsky is excited for middle school students to suit up for the Dive-In Movie on Friday, June 13 at Sweetbriar Pool. Call Sylvia at 972-9680.

Bob Doan reports he still has openings for the June 23-June 28 Junior Sailing Camp. Participants need to be age 8 to 15. Contact Bob at 972-8969. Golf Pro Rea Hargraves offers junior golf camp on July 28-August 1 for ages 7 to 15. Sign up beginning June 30. Contact the Pro Shop at 972-2230.

Equestrian Center Operations Manager Carolyn McFarland offers riding lessons all year long from beginners to advance riders for ages 5 and up. Contact the stables at 972-2238. This is just a taste of what we have to offer. Watch Lake Currents and LOWA.org for more ideas.

What’s new with the brush and leaf disposal at the 9.9 Maintenance Area? The Roads Crew is repairing the entrance and side ditches to better direct members to leaf and brush drop off areas. In mid-May, our tub grinder contractor will be back on site to produce our popular double-ground mulch available to members who can haul it away, while supplies last.

Phil Rodenberg

(Lef to Right) Keith Kelly, Chief Ranger, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park; Lucy Lawliss, Superintendent of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park; and Phil Rodenberg, LOWA General Manager.
Neighborhood Watch at LOW: What it is and What it is Not!
by Larry Morlan, Coordinator, LOW Neighborhood Watch

It is time to provide some information, and perhaps clarity, concerning Neighborhood Watch here at the Lake. Some misinformation has been surfacing in both the air and on Facebook. Thanks to our Block Captains for responding to many of these and clarifying some of these rumors and/or misconceptions.

Neighborhood Watch is an organization of volunteers, lake residents, whose sole responsibility is to observe and report. They help watch over our community for the benefit of all residents. If one of our members observes any suspicious incident or behavior, he/she can call our Lake Security or the Orange County Sheriff (who in turn will radio our Security) to report it. Neighborhood Watch has an excellent record of being the eyes and ears of incidents, involving such things as vandalism; speeding; careless or reckless driving; suspicious behavior; unauthorized solicitors; and, assisting an elderly or handicapped “neighbor,” etc.

Neighborhood Watch does not take an active role beyond reporting. It does not patrol the community, on foot or by vehicle, and it does not get actively involved with any actual or potential incident. This is the responsibility of our Lake Security and/or the Orange County Sheriff’s Department. Bottom line, Neighborhood Watch is not intended to be an organization of vigilantes who take action in their own hands. Also, we do not share email addresses.

Neighborhood Watch is an organization of 50 Block Captains and an additional 710 members, the highest number of participants to date! I am the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, and in that role, I furnish Block Captains with emails that point out security concerns (i.e., making our homes more secure); trends in security (i.e., thefts from cars); and, items that could impact the safety and well-being of members of our Lake community. Block Captains then disseminate this information to their assigned members.

Neighborhood Watch works with the support of Security, the Orange County Sheriff’s Office, and the LOW Administration to contribute to the safety and security of the Lake. Neighborhood Watch meets approximately three times a year, and there are no dues or membership fees to be a member.

If you are interested in joining Neighborhood Watch, email me at larrymorlan@comcast.net

Friday Night 9 Hole Couples Event

May 9, 2014 - 5:00 pm Shotgun
Sign up in the Pro Shop or contact Janet Thompson at 972-6758 for more information

Clubhouse Manager’s Letter
by Joey Welsh

On Easter Sunday we served nearly 400 people for Easter Brunch. What a wonderful time everyone seemed to have. This is a true testament to the popularity of the Clubhouse, and we appreciate it very much.

While the final numbers are just coming in, it looks like we had another $1+ million year in sales. Just outstanding! Thanks to all members who come here to enjoy themselves, and thank you to my staff for doing such a great job year round.

Mother’s Day is just a week away. It’s another busy Sunday here so, if you plan on joining us, please call NOW for your reservations. Chef Nick will be preparing another sumptuous buffet and you can read the details in our ad running in this Lake Currents.

The deck is open, but please be advised it is always pending on the weather of the evening. The quick changing weather at this time of year makes it tricky to manage, so please be patient if bad weather arises. Someday we hope to have a huge awning out there to make the deck more useful to us all.

Our new spring/summer menu is being served, please stop in and give it a try. New seafood items include Blackened Mahi-Mahi, Honey Glazed Bourbon Salmon, Yellow Fin Tuna, along with Steamed Old Bay Shrimp and Coconut Shrimp for starters.

Shrimp & Grits is back as well as some new salad choices and sandwiches. Our choice–cut steaks remain as popular as ever, and we have added Prime Rib (while supplies last) on Friday and Saturday evenings. Are you getting hungry yet? See you soon!

Clubhouse Point is the place to be
Friday, May 30th, from 7-9pm!

You are cordially invited to enjoy the beautiful sunset and sounds of the Dave Goodrich 3D Band, the first installment of the new LOW Summer Concert Series on the Point! So get those lawn chairs and blankets ready!

One Friday evening of each month of the summer season, May through August, from 7-9pm, a band will be performing at clubhouse point!

What’s the cost to you or the Association? Nothing; nada; zilch!

A group of businesses that serve our residents, and whose owners are all members of LOW, are sponsoring this series. Please give a special “thank you” to Design Craft Homes, Evergreen Electric, Helping Hands Home Health Care, JK Carpets, Lakeside Title & Escrow, Locust Grove Veterinary Clinic, Pittman Florist, Pat Licata-Realtor.

More info to follow, so “stay tuned” and save the date!
Tips from the Pro
by Rea Hargraves, PGA and Woods Center Manager

Coming Events:

May 9
Friday Night Couples Golf Tournament, 5 PM, Shotgun

10
Orange County Athletic / Activities Golf Tournament, 1:30 PM, Shotgun

15
Senior League - LOWA vs. Culpeper, 9 AM, Shotgun

17-18
Spring Two-Person Team, 9 AM, Shotgun

19
Golf Committee Meeting (Dogwood Room-Woods Center), 3 PM-4:30 PM

For more information, call 972-2230 or sign up in the Pro Shop

On Tuesday, April 8, Lake of the Woods sent a group of members to Farmington Country Club in Charlottesville, VA. This half-day class was put on by the VSGA and PGA to go over several golf rules of concern to tournament committees.

After watching the Junior Drive, Chip, and Putt contest at Augusta National Golf Course during Masters Week, I contacted Executive Director, John Guhl of the Middle Atlantic Section of the PGA and asked him if we could hold a similar event at Lake of the Woods. Unfortunately, we cannot, but I got information for our junior golfers who want to participate locally in the event. Our local event will be at Birdwood Golf Course in Charlottesville, VA, on June 19. You must make sure that they have your entry by June 14 at 5 PM. For more information, you can call Birdwood Golf Course at 434-293-4653.

I’ll see you on the course.
Lake Wakes
by Lakes Committee

Have you noticed that the Main Lake is a lot rougher over the past few years? This change can be related to larger boats with bigger wakes, different hull designs, and new water sports geared to large wakes (e.g., wake surfing), and the spread of shoreline bulk-heading (the bulk heads reflect back the wakes, compounding the wave action).

So what’s the problem? Well, boat-generated wakes differ from nature’s waves, both in terms of amplitude (the height of the wave, as measured from the top, or crest, to the bottom, or trough) and frequency (the distance between crests), as well as in speed (how fast they move) (http://fishandboat.com/anglerboater/2007/05sepect/feat1wakes.pdf). Storm-generated waves can have high amplitudes, but are low in frequency and also in speed. Boat wakes are much more destructive owing to their greater frequency and greater speed (the speed of the generating boat).

The pounding of boat wakes can damage other boats, worsen shoreline erosion, and can even lead to fatal boating accidents. Recall the death of the Virginia Deputy a few years ago on Lake Anna when his boat was tossed by large boat wakes.

The Lakes Committee has been discussing the issue of wake mitigation for the past several months. The Committee wants to avoid some of the draconian measures taken at other lakes (see: http://www.countyofamherst.com/egov/docs/1325083282345.htm; http://www.lakecorp.com/wakedevices.aspx; http://www.jacksonline.com/news/ozwash/95287719.html, for just a few examples).

Instead, the Lakes Committee hopes that LOWers can strive as a community to voluntarily limit boat wakes whenever possible. In the next three articles, the Lakes Committee will present its ideas re wake abatement, community to voluntarily limit boat wakes whenever possible. We also have other members or tenants who simply choose to let their grass grow well over knee height before cutting. This is considered unsightly and is in violation of our Restrictive Covenants and Regulations (Section V.F).

If you are a weekender, and do not get to the lake often enough to keep up with the yard work, please make arrangements for someone to do the work in a timely manner in order to prevent the property from becoming overgrown. In order to help us expedite the process of getting overgrown yards cleaned up, the Board of Directors has given ECC the right to send a property owner a non-compliance letter specifying a time frame to bring the property into compliance. Should the property owner elect to ignore this letter, and the property continues to be unsightly, LOWA may hire a contractor to do the work needed and charge the cost (plus a reasonable profit) to that particular member’s account.

The ECC would prefer that members and their tenants take proper care of their individual properties on their own. By doing so, you show respect for the rights of other property owners here in Lake of the Woods who work diligently to maintain their property and our community. Please help us by doing your part to keep Lake of the Woods an attractive and beautiful place to live.

May 10 Tennis Social Opens Season
by Ken and Sharon Kaltenmark, Members, Tennis Committee

The first Tennis Social of the 2014 season will be held on Saturday, May 10, at the Hollyfield Park courts. Play begins at 9 AM and lasts until about 11 AM, with serious socializing to follow. This is a social event, not a competitive event, so everyone is welcome. Players at all levels will be attending and playing. This is a round robin format - everyone gets to play. We change partners every 20-25 minutes. Thus, you will play with a variety of players during the two hours, a great way to get to meet other tennis players and neighbors.

As in previous years, we ask each player (or couple) to bring a brunch item to share. We’ll furnish the drinks and tennis balls. The cost is only $2 per player.

Please call Sharon or Ken at 972-2616 by Thursday, May 8, to reserve a spot so we know how many players to expect to set up initial pairings. (If you don’t know until the last minute, come anyway, we’ll fit you in.) Need a racquet? Someone there will likely have a spare to borrow.

We are looking forward to seeing you. Have fun, and hit ‘em ‘tween the lines.

Overgrown Lots Can Be a Real Problem!
by Joe Takacs, Chairman, ECC

Our community continues to deal with the problem of unsightly, overgrown lots here at Lake of the Woods. This is the time of year when grass needs attention at least every couple of weeks in order to prevent one’s property from becoming unsightly due to the overgrowth. Many of the overgrown properties are homes that are vacant, and others are the homes of weekenders. We also have other members or tenants who simply choose to let their grass grow well over knee height before cutting. This is considered unsightly and is in violation of our Restrictive Covenants and Regulations (Section V.F).

ECC Approvals Needed to Move or Erect Structures or Improvements
by Joe Takacs, Chairman, ECC

Spring is here and many of us will be turning to outside projects. Before you buy or build outside items, please be aware of LOWA Restrictive Covenants, paragraph 5A which states: “All plans and specifications for any structure or improvements whatsoever to be erected on or moved upon or to any lot, and the proposed location thereof on any lot or lots, the construction material, the roofs, and exterior color schemes, any later changed or additions after initial approval thereof and any remodeling, reconstruction, alterations or additions thereto on any lot shall be subject to and shall require the approval in writing before any such work is commenced of the Environmental Control Committee (herein called the “Committee”), as the same is from time to time composed.”

In addition, the LOWA Regulation does not allow rubber, plastic or metal sheds or storage containers as permanent structures. Such items, if used for temporary storage, must not be visible from the Lake, Golf Course, or street. We appreciate your cooperation and are available to answer any questions you might have at 972-2211.

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LOWA External Affairs Meeting
by Bruce Kay, Chairman, External Affairs Committee

The next meeting of the LOWA External Affairs Committee will be held on May 12 at the Community Center at 7 PM.

In its charter, the Committee is charged with monitoring civic and public utility activities outside of LOW and with keeping abreast of local, county, and state government actions that might affect our community. Committee members gather information from news media, interface with county committees and commissions and often attend public meetings to collect information for the BOD and members.

The agenda for this meeting will be shortened so that a guest will be able to make a visual presentation. The guest is Mr. David Ross, Chairman of the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Ross will present a plan for an outer bypass of Fredericksburg connecting central Stafford County to Orange County. The proposed road would link the Centerport area of Stafford near the airport to Route 17 near the graduate campus of the University of Mary Washington, and ultimately to the area near the intersection of Routes 3 and 20.

This meeting is open to all LOW residents.

Do you Receive Emails from LOWA?

If you do, then you have already signed up for Constant Contact emails the Association sends out.

If you don’t, here’s how you can sign up to stay in touch with your Association, including receiving our popular “Weekend ahead” notices. Go to LOWA.org and Login. (If you haven’t set up your account yet, we can help you do that too!) Once you have logged into LOWA.org click on Member Central. The first item on the page is “Sign up Here for Constant Contact Emails from LOWA.” Click on it and fill in the form.

The system will automatically send an email to you with a link in it. You must click on the link to confirm your registration.


Lake of the Woods Players Present

A Larry Shue Comedy
Directed by Barbara & Mel Cochran

Performance Dates: 2014
June 6, 7, 13, 14 at 8 PM
Matinee June 8 at 2:00 PM

To order tickets:
www.lowplayers.org or 540-972-6385

Lake of the Woods Community Center
110 Sweetbriar Park Rd
Locust Grove, VA 22508

Lake of the Woods Golf Course

Friday, May 23rd (Memorial Day Weekend)
9 AM Shotgun Start - $50 per person (includes green/cart fees)

Two person scramble match play format: two Confederate vs. two Union in each foursome. The team winning the hole receives one point, no points for ties. The total points for the Confederate or Union teams will determine the winning side.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 16th

Name:

Phone:    Email:

Team: (Circle One)      Union         Confederate

Mail this form and a check (payable to Civil War Study Group) for 350 per person to:
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Cub Scouts Busy with Spring Activities
by Tabitha Abramson, Asst. Den Leader, Wolf Scouts

As usual, the Cub Scouts of Pack 19 are keeping busy between earning belt loops on their own time, and spreading goodwill at community service events.

We are planning our Annual Fishing Derby for Saturday, May 17. Come join us down at Clubhouse Beach at 1 PM! The boys will bring their own poles for fishing, and each group of children will be given 30 minutes to fish. After each child has had a turn to fish, awards will be given out for the most fish caught, the biggest fish, the smallest fish, etc. This event is open to all Cub Scouts and all boys and their families who would like to learn more about Scouting! For information, contact Tabitha Abramson at tabitha@abramson.net.

Pack 19 was also on hand for the Saturday, April 5, Friends of Wilderness Battlefield (FoWB) Annual Park Day event that was nationally sponsored by the Civil War Trust and HistoryTM. Many Cub Scouts and their families showed up bright and early, rakes in hand, to help clean up the Wilderness Battlefield on Route 20. From 8:30 AM to 1 PM our boys raked leaves onto tarps, dragged the tarps away from buildings and into the woods, where they spread the leaves about to leave the forest floor looking natural.

Helping other people, spreading goodwill, and taking care of the environment are all integral parts of Scouting. Participating in community service events like this help to instill these ideals into our boys, while also offering opportunities for teamwork, quality time with family and friends, and a sense of satisfaction with a job well done. We are very proud of our boys, and we are grateful for the support of their families and Scout leaders who make these activities possible.

Any boy who is entering first grade, or older, is eligible to join our pack! A boy can join Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts at any age and will be placed in whichever den falls in their age/grade level. Starting at an older age does not limit a boy’s chances to progress or what achievements he earn through Scouting. We encourage everyone who is interested in Scouting to please come and join us to have some fun and learn more about who we are!
18th Annual Children’s Fishing Tournament
by Terry Hileman, Chairman, Children’s Fishing Tournament

Gather your fishing gear and bait buckets for the Lake Youth Foundation’s 18th Annual Children’s Fishing Tournament which will be held on Saturday, May 17 from 9 AM to 1 PM. The event will be held at the front entrance pond for children ages 5 to 14 years old.

Registration forms can be picked-up at the Holcomb Building, the Security station or from our website lakeyouth.org. Completed forms should be dropped-off at the Security station or emailed to info@lakeyouth.org. Please do not drop-off completed forms at the Holcomb building. Pre-registration is required since only 100 participants are allowed for safety reasons.

Registration ends on May 14, and no registrations will be taken on the day of the tournament.

Check-in on the day of the tournament will begin at 8 AM. The actual fishing tournament will start at 9 AM and end at 11 AM. Lunch will be served for the children and their families who participate in the event! The awards ceremony will start at Noon.

If your child needs a rod and reel to participate or if you have any questions, please contact Terry Hileman by phone at 540-972-8634 or by email at info@lakeyouth.org.

Photo by Dennis Kramer

This child had a great time at the 2013 Children’s Fishing Tournament sponsored by the Lake Youth Foundation. The tournament this year is scheduled for Saturday, May 17. Register now to participate.

LGA News
by Karen Woods, Publicity Co-Chair Ladies Golf Association

Jeanne Woodard, Chair of the 2014 Member/Guest Tournament invites all members to participate in a contest to design signs for posting at each tee box in the theme of this year’s tournament, “Rock Around the Greens.” Incorporate the number of the hole and let your imagination travel back to the 50’s with style and music in mind. The size of your sign is not to exceed 15” x 18.” The deadline for submission is May 27 at 7:45 AM at the Woods Center. Even if you’re not playing in the Member/Guest Tournament, you can still join in the fun.

The Member/Guest Tournament Registration Forms and Sign-Up Board are in the Woods Center lounge. The event will start on Tuesday, June 10, with a social at the home of Kathy Smith from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. On Wednesday June 11, a continental breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 AM. The tournaments’ shotgun start is at 8:30 AM. The 18-hole game is One Best Ball for the Twosome. There will be three handicapped flights. The game will be followed by an awards luncheon at the Clubhouse. The cost is $50 per person, payable by check to LOW LGA with Member/Guest noted on the memo line. The check for both member and guest fees and the completed registration form are to be placed in the LGA box in the Woods Center lounge.

This is a fun event, and you should start looking for your partner right now. If you need assistance in finding a “guest” contact Nancy King at 972-0984 or Jeanne Woodward at 972-3611.

If you are a new golfer or looking to practice and improve your game, join our Farm Team. It’s a great way to learn more about the game. Sessions are conducted in a fun, relaxed, and supportive manner. Contact Nancy King at nankking@aol.com or 972-0984 for more information. The fee is the membership dues for the LGA of $25 and applicable course fees. Farm Team starts on Wednesday, May 7, and meets on alternating Wednesdays through September.

The 9-Hole and 18-Hole Spring Tournament will take place over three Tuesdays, May 13, 20, and 27. This is an individual stroke play tournament. Winners are elected based on the best two scores of the three matches. You can participate even if you miss a round. The entry fee is $2, and the tournament is run in conjunction with our regular Tuesday games.

The LOW Spring Two-Person Tournament will be held on May 17 and 18. This tournament is open to all golfers. You can sign-up in the Pro Shop from May 3-14. Reminder: May start time is 8:30 AM, check-in time is 8 AM.
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Orange Community Chorus & Band To Perform at Making Joyful Noise Concert
by Marthellen Hoffman, Coordinator, LOW Church Concert Series

This eighty-member ensemble, a perennial favorite at The Lake of the Woods Church’s Making Joyful Noise concert series will perform once again this year on Saturday, May 24, at 7 PM in the LOWC Worship Center. Come share an evening with the Orange Community Chorus and Band as they perform popular musical selections, including classical pieces, Broadway favorites, and foot-tapping swing. Choral Director, Al Packard and Band Director, Charles Torian, invite you to bring your family and friends to an evening of music that will make you feel good.

The Orange Community Chorus and Band have been providing musical entertainment in and around Orange for more than ten years. The chorus and band were organized to provide an opportunity for and encouragement to anyone in our community, who is of high school age or older, to play or sing in a large ensemble or choral group. New members are always welcome.

Choral director, Albert Packard holds a B.A. in Music from the University of Maine and B.S. in Education from Gorham State College with graduate studies in choral conducting from Boston University and the Academy of Music in Vienna, Austria. He taught public school music and performed in professional summer stock theater for 18 years. He has been active in church choirs for over 40 years. Currently he is director of Music Ministries at the Orange Presbyterian Church.

The community band’s director, Charles Torian, is a native of Hampton, Virginia. He graduated from the U.S. Navy School of Music, and became a member of the U.S. Navy Band in Washington, D.C., where he performed as an Oboist and English Horn soloist. Subsequently earning a B.S. in music from Frederick College and a M.S. in Music Education from Virginia Commonwealth University, he taught band and choral music in public school systems for 25 years, and functioned as music director in a number of churches. Today he not only serves as director of the Orange Community Band, but as one of two Assistant Conductors of the Charlottesville Municipal Band. He also performs as a free-lance Oboist and English Hornist, and has composed or arranged nearly 200 works for a variety of musical ensembles.

This show should be a delight for everyone in Lake of the Woods; a cookie concerto reception will follow. Admission is free; a donation will be taken at the door. Come on out on May 24 to One Church Lane, off Lakeview Parkway, for this evening of fun entertainment.
May 2 - May 4
- Friday: Prime Rib or Grouper Oscar
- Saturday: Prime Rib or Filet w/ Crabcake
- Sunday: Chicken Piccata

May 7 - May 11
- Wednesday: Pecan Crusted Chicken or Tilapia Romesco
- Thursday: Jack Daniels Ribs or Chicken Marsala
- Friday: Chicken Saltimbocca or Fish Trio
- Saturday: Coconut Crusted Chicken or Pesto Chicken Pasta
- Sunday: Stuffed Manicotti or Chicken Madiera

May 14 - May 18
- Wednesday: Lilly’s Chicken or Broccoli & Chicken Alfredo
- Thursday: Lobster Ravioli or Steamed Crab Legs
- Friday: Petite Filet W/ Shrimp Skewer
- Sunday: Chicken Caprese

Come join us on the deck, now open!
- Lunch: Sat & Sun, 11 AM-4 PM
- Dinner: Wed & Sun 5-9 PM - Thurs, Fri & Sat, 5-10 PM
- Brunch: Sunday 10 AM-1 PM
- Menus: LOWA.org/Amenities

The entire menu is not available during lunch hours on Saturday or Sunday. It is a modified menu to include: sandwiches, burgers, salads, appetizers and soups.

We do not serve dinner/chef specialties for lunch

To make reservations, call the Clubhouse at 972-2221.

Program Schedule

May 2-8, 2014
- Tips From the Pro: Rea Hargraves, LOW PGA Pro (:10)
- LOW AARP Chapter 5239 Presentation (from January 2010) (1:00)
- “Battle of the Wilderness” Jim Smith, FoWB (1:00)
- LOW Veterans Club (from March 2009) (1:00)
- “My World War 2 Memories” Joseph L. Argenzio, Youngest Soldier (16 yrs. old) on D-Day’s Omaha Beach (1:00)

May 9-15, 2014
- LOWA Board of Directors – May 3 Meeting (3:00)
- Channel 18 Special Report (from August 2010) (1:10)
- Tips From the Pro: Rea Hargraves, LOW PGA Pro (:10)
## Calendar of Events

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The Lake of the Woods Church Celebrates Its 40th Anniversary
by Dick Rankin, Elder for Outreach, LOW Church

The Lake of the Woods Church (LOWC) will observe its 40th Anniversary during the weekend of May 3 and 4. The weekend will kick off with a Saturday evening dinner followed by an entertainment gala, directed by Donna Blackiston.

A handful of residents, persistent in their belief that every community should have a church, formally organized the church. The early founders came from varied backgrounds and many different denominations and religious traditions. For nearly a decade the members led their own worship services or depended upon visiting pastors for preaching. These factors made the church very unique in that it became, and remains, multi-denominational, not affiliated with any denomination, but accepting all believers and united in a focus on Jesus Christ.

It was not until 1982 that the church welcomed its first permanent Pastor, Rev. Glen Cannon, and its first church building was dedicated in 1987 on four acres of land actually adjacent to Lake of the Woods (LOW) with access through LOW only. From these modest beginnings, the church has flourished and grown substantially to a present membership in excess of 900 members. Our current Senior Pastor, Rev. Tom Schafer, arrived in 1995 and has been joined over time by Youth Pastor Rev. Adam Colson, Young Families Pastor Rev. Tom Savage, Visitation Minister Mike Lemay, and Director of Children’s Ministry Sherri Gaskill, as well as Director of the Child Care Center Belinda Divelbiss.

The church has expanded from the original sanctuary for contemporary and blended worship, meeting halls for fellowship and large gatherings, classrooms and offices. The church has evolved from a neighborhood church to a regional focus serving Lake of the Woods as well as communities in Orange and neighboring Spotsylvania counties. From that modest, first worship experience in a member’s home, there are now four worship services every Sunday, including traditional, blended, and contemporary worship as well as a weekly Communion Service every Wednesday evening. With a world view of Making Christ Known the church supports mission partners around the world.

Over the past three years the church family contributed $1.4 million dollars to a special stewardship program and, as a result, paid off a $1.5 million mortgage, hired a pastor specifically for Young Families and financially supported its mission partners. In recognition of this, the weekend celebration will culminate with the burning of the mortgage during Sunday worship services.
National Park Service Plans Several Tours and Events

The National Park Service will be presenting a Living History Program at the Union infantry encampment at Ellwood and at Saunders Field (Wilderness Tour Stop 3 on the map). At both locations, tactical and firing demonstrations are scheduled for May 3, 4, and 5. On May 6, at sunrise in Widow Tapp Field (Wilderness Tour Stop 6), the program will include cannon firings.

The complete Living History schedule is available at http://www.nps.gov/frsp/planyourvisit/living-history-schedule.htm. May 3, 1 to 3 PM, A walking tour to the area of Grant’s headquarters, Wilderness Tavern and other sites associated with the Battle of the Wilderness. Two miles. Meet at Ellwood Manor.

May 4, Noon to 1 PM, A walking tour across Saunders Field. Tour Stop 3 on Hill-Ewell Drive.

May 4, 2 to 3 PM, The Higgerson Farm. A walking tour that departs from Tour Stop 4, Hill-Ewell Drive.

May 4, 4 to 5 PM, A walk in the Wilderness. Park off Longstreet Drive, inside the entrance to Fawn Lake, off route 621.

Real-time program events are scheduled for May 5 and 6

The following National Park Service programs are scheduled to take place at the exact hour as they did 150 years ago. These events held in “real time” will give participants a sense of how the soldiers saw the fighting unfold as they went into battle.

May 5, 1 to 3 PM, Opening shots at Saunders Field. One-mile walking tour. Meet at Tour Stop 3.

May 5, 5 to 7 PM, Life and Death at the Crossroads. Two-mile walking tour. Park off Longstreet Drive, inside entrance to Fawn Lake, off Route 601.

May 6, 6 to 8 AM, Sunrise at Tapp Field. A walking tour featuring live cannon firing. Tour Stop 6, Hill-Ewell Drive.

May 6, 9:30 AM to Noon, First-ever public walk of the route of Longstreet’s Flank Attack; ending at the site of his wounding. Two miles of challenging walk through woods. Meet at Longstreet Drive inside entrance to Fawn Lake, off Route 601. Wear protective clothing and bug spray.

The last real-time event starts inside Lake of the Woods.

May 6, 6 to 8 PM, Gordon’s Flank Attack. Two miles through the woods as the sun is setting. Meet at Lake of the Woods Church parking lot. Wear protective clothing and bug spray. Bring a flashlight.

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The 1864 Overland Campaign Begins with the Battle of the Wilderness

Press Release

Friends of Wilderness Battlefield (FoWB) in collaboration with the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park (FRSP) and in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of the Wilderness will offer Programs and Events beginning on Friday, May 2, through Sunday, May 4.

In early spring of 1864 while headquartered in Culpeper, Virginia, General U. S. Grant, USA devised an historic plan to end the American Civil War, which became known as the Overland Campaign. Though it would take the better part of a year and the massing of casualties in the hundreds of thousands to reach its goal, it would begin with the horrific two-day battle at the Wilderness on May 5 and 6 of 1864.

With casualties reaching nearly 30,000 during the two days of fighting, it is our duty and responsibility to keep their stories alive. “It is not so much a need to relieve the past as it is an obligation to honor our ancestors be they military or civilian, black or white, Confederate or Union. At the very least, we owe them that,” said Zann Nelson, President of Friends of Wilderness Battlefield.

Through August 17, Ellwood Manor will be open seven days a week from 10 AM to 5 PM. After August 17, the Ellwood house hours of operation will resume its Saturday, Sunday, and holiday schedule through October.

There is never a fee to enter Ellwood or participate in any of the events offered on the grounds, though donations are always welcomed. For more detail, visit www.fowb.org.

Schedule of events

May 3-4: “Living History at Ellwood Manor” ongoing 10 AM to 5 PM
May 4: “Tours of Historic Ellwood” will be extended until 7 PM

Special Programs at Ellwood Manor will include the following activities, which will be ongoing throughout the day:

- Military Hospitals during Battle: “With nearly 3,000 union soldiers killed and an additional 12,000 wounded, the Battle of the Wilderness was one of the fiercest battles of the Civil War and one of the busiest for their doctors. Come listen to surgeons explain how the wounded were transported off of the field to the hospitals. They will also go in depth about how the sick and wounded were cared for once they arrived at the various hospitals set up around the region.” Presented by “Doc” Dumvall and John Pelletier, well-known authorities on the subject of military medicine.
- Union Staff Officer: Bob Broadwater, seasoned historical presenter, will interact with visitors regarding the role and duties of the staff officer to such commanders as Generals Grant, Meade, or Warren
- The Heritage Tent: Sponsored by FoWB’s Heritage Program. Visitors can hear the stories and view photos of the men and women who lived or fought in the Wilderness area during the time period of May 1864 and the Battle of the Wilderness. Descendants are encouraged to visit the tent to share their stories. Visitors are welcome to come with information to see if their ancestor may qualify for the Heritage Program. Staff will be on hand to answer questions and assist visitors with their ancestry quest.
- Wet Plate Photographer: Sunday May 4 only: John Milleker, Jr., professional photographer and skilled “wet plate” artisan of Baltimore, MD, will demonstrate and explain the process of Civil War era photography utilized to chronicle the events of the four years of struggle. Mr. Milleker’s art work will be available for purchase in either the wet plate format or digital photographs of you and your family in a historic setting.
- Sketch Artist: Local artist David Mitchell will explain the role of the Civil War era sketch artists such as Alfred Waud in reporting the stories of battle to the home front newspapers and magazines. David will be offering personal sketches of visitors for a small fee.

In addition, to these programs the National Park Service is sponsoring the following activities on the Ellwood Manor Grounds:

- Children’s Activity Tent
- Military Living History Encampment (Friday through Monday)
- Two-hour Guided Walking Tour (1:30 PM on Saturday, May 3)
- One-hour presentation on the Impact of the War on Civilians (Saturday, May 5 at 3:30 PM)
- Campfire Program: 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM on Sunday, May 4.

Please see http://www.nps.gov/frsp/special.htm for further details.

Ellwood Manor is a circa 1790 house within Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. The cemetery contains the grave of Confederate General “Stonewall” Jackson’s amputated arm from the Battle of Chancellorsville, and the house was a Federal headquarters during the Battle of the Wilderness. Friends of Wilderness Battlefield is pleased to steward the property in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS). For directions and additional information, visit www.fowb.org.

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Don’t Miss the LOW Garden Club Home and Garden Tour
by Karen Kovarik, Publicity Chairman, LOW Garden Club

The LOW Garden Club proudly presents its bi-annual home and garden tour on Saturday, May 17, from 10 AM to 3 PM. Five homes and three gardens are putting on their spring hats for your admiration. Our late spring should promise even more springtime blossoms than usual. The homes you will visit include three on the main lake, and one on the golf course. Their styles range from a contemporary cottage to a traditional lake house. All are filled with eye appeal including family treasures, art and creative touches. From stenciled furniture to window treatments to bedrooms with fanciful names (“frog haven,” “seashell retreat,” “captain and first mate”), there are bound to be touches that inspire you to do more than just spring clean your home! The exteriors are equally intriguing with a variety of inviting patios and docks, and even a lighthouse!

Tickets are $20 in advance, $25 the day of the event. Mail your checks made payable to the LOW Garden Club to Joyce Haring, 220 Beachside Cove, Locust Grove, VA.

Want a sneak preview? Drop by our Wilderness Branch Library. That garden is maintained by our Garden Club, and while not on the tour deserves your attention. Bee-Dazzled!
Notices

May 3, Annual Plant/Bake Sale at the James Madison Museum, 129 Caroline St, Orange. From 9 AM-4 PM May 3 and May 4 from 12 PM-5 PM. Info: 672-1776 or email info@thejamesmadisonmuseum.org.

Through May 31, the Rappahannock Area Community Services Board (RACSB) Annual Art Show, “The Art of Recovery.” Hours: 5 PM-9 PM at PONSHOP Studio and Gallery, 712 Caroline Street, F’burg. The exhibit features original artwork of adults with mental illness, and coincides with National Mental Health Month.

May 4, The Blue Ridge Chordale and Youth Chorale will perform Songs of the Movies. 3 PM, State Theatre, 305 S. Main St, Culpeper, tickets at the door. Visit our website, brcsings.com, or call 540-717-9023.

May 6 & 13, Story Time Tuesdays at the Wilderness Library: 10:15 AM, Toddler Time, 15-20 minutes of stories, finger plays, nursery rhymes, and music for children ages 18 months to 3yrs old with a caregiver. 11 AM, Preschool Story time, 30-45 minutes of stories, action rhymes, music, and crafts for children 3 to 5yrs old with a caregiver. All story times are drop-in, registration is not required. For more information call 854-5310.

May 10-11, Rappahannock Choral Society, Inc., Spring Concert. Presenting choral music from West Side Story. Saturday, May 10, at 8 PM; or Sunday, May 11, at 3 PM, both performances will be held at Chancellor High School. Tickets available at the door. rappahannock-choral-society.org, for more information.

May 17, Orange County Electronic Recycling, from 8 AM to 1 PM, Ruritan Building, Route 522 and Route 20, Unionville.

May 25, McGowan’s Brigade Talk with Jayne Blair, at the James Madison Museum, 129 Caroline St., Orange at 3 PM. Free will donation. Info: 672-1776 or info@thejamesmadisonmuseum.org.

June 11, the Art of Aging: Life Begins at 50. 10 AM to 2 PM. Join us from the Fredericksburg Expo Center (behind Wegmans). Info about health and community services. Over 80 area organizations and businesses. Fun activities and health screenings throughout the day.


Fireworks Notice: The Mid-Atlantic Pyrotechnic Arts Guild will be displaying fireworks on the last weekend of the month (Thurs-Sat ending by 11 PM) from April to October. Located outside and west of the back gate.

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

Hearing Aids/Eyeglasses 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

May 17, United Methodist Women, Salem United Methodist Church Yard Sale, from 8 AM-1 PM. Various household items, miscellaneous items and clothing. Ham biscuits and doughnuts will be available for breakfast. Lunch (hot dogs, chips and soft drinks) will be available beginning at 10:30 AM. Salem UMC is located on Rt. 20, at 28123 Constitution Hwy, Rhoadesville. Info: 540-903-9242.

Through May 10, Rappahannock Adult Activities Plant Sale at 750 Kings Hwy, Fredericksburg. Benefits adults with an intellectual disability. Hours: Mon-Sat, 10 AM-4 PM; and Sun, 12 PM-4 PM. Info: 373-7643, or celebrateatmayfest.com.

Cause 4 Paws. We are still in need of volunteers, cat food, and monetary donations. Proceeds benefit feline rescue. Donations are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)(3) charity. Info: Mary Kay, 809-2156 or CC, 972-7902.

LOW Lioness Book Sale - Used books will be sold on the last Saturday of each month from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM at the Ferris Bldg. Proceeds 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 Sherrr, 412-9854.

Bargains, Bargains, Bargains! The Lions/Velona Bldg. will be open for sales and drop offs 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.

Cars for Homes. Donate your car, boat, RV, trailer and proceeds will go to Orange County Habitat for Humanity. Call 877-277-4344, and they will pick up. All donations are tax deductible.

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.

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 loan to those with needs. Lions also gratefully receive donations of used equipment, in good condition, that can be used by others. Info: Noel 972-0018, Dave 972-2125, Florence 972-2505, or George 540-840-2740.

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


Looking for a Baby Sitter? 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 Groups. Call to confirm group is meeting. Info: Kathi Walker, 825-3100, ext. 3416, or kwalker@ rcrcsb.org.

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: LOW 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 May 27. Info: Larry 972-9107.

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

Orange County Free Clinic offers primary medical care and prescription assistance to the uninsured in OC. Medical care available Mon., Wed., and Fri. by appt and on Tues. evenings (walk-in). 13296-A James Madison Hwy, Orange. Volunteers needed. Info: Dorren Brown, 672-0793.

Wi-Fi available at the Holcomb Building, Woods Center, and Community Center.

To reserve meeting space in all facilities: Woods Center, Community Center, Lower Level Clubhouse, and Sweetbriar Park/Pavilion, contact Sylvia 972-9680, or see “Forms” at LOWA.org.
Who's Playing Who in *The Nerd*  
by Sandie Frame, Co-Manager, LOW Players

Rehearsals for *THE NERD* are well underway so let me take some time and introduce the cast of this upcoming comedy:

The architect, William: Joel McCormick  
The architect's girlfriend, Tansy: Ally Dodson  
The roommates, Axel: Michael Taylor  
The hotel owner, Warnock: Lee Frame  
The wife of Warnock, Clelia: Cathy France  
The bratty child of Warnock and Clelia, Thor: Dylan McFarland  
The visitor, Rick: Jarrod Champagne  
The Director: Barbara Cochran

So who, what, or why *THE NERD*? I guess you will just have to come and see the whole comedy to find out. The play will be performed June 6, 7, 13, and 14 at 8 PM, and Sunday, June 8, at 2 PM. Tickets are on sale now. See the various choices at www.lowplayers.org or by calling Sandie Frame at 972-6385.

OCFC is Participating in Giving Day  
Press Release

The Orange County Free Clinic is participating in a unique online “giving day,” locally sponsored by the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation (CACF) and the Center for Nonprofit Excellence (CNE).

On Tuesday May 6, from 12 AM to 11:59 PM, your online donation of $10 or more goes to the Orange County Free Clinic. The Clinic will also have the opportunity to win an additional $5,000 through the 100th anniversary of the first community foundation in the United States. Nationally, over 100 community foundations are participating in this one-day event.

It is the goal of the Orange County Free Clinic to raise $5,000 for diabetic supplies!

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For more information, you can go directly to our website at orangecountyfreeclinic.org or call us at 540-672-3530.

LOW Swim Team News  
by Megan Harlan, Publicity, Barracudas Swim Team

Spring is upon us and summer is right around the corner. Join us on Wednesday, May 14, from 7 PM to 8:30 PM in the lower level of the Clubhouse for registration for the Lake of the Wood Barracudas Swim Team. Swim team is open to children ages 5-18, but there are lots of volunteer opportunities for parents as well. The Barracudas Swim Team provides a great opportunity to meet new friends and compete against teams all across the region, no matter what the swimmer’s ability level.

Afternoon practice will begin June 9 at the Sweet Briar Pool, switching to morning practice beginning June 16. Registration forms can be filled out prior to the meeting by going to www.lowswim.org.

New this year, we will be encouraging parents and area businesses to place ads in the Meet Sheet prior to July. You will have the opportunity to submit them at registration on May 14.

This year the Barracudas will be competing in the Patriot Division, having moved up after our first place finish in regional competition last year. Our rivals include Country Club Estates, College Heights, Chancellorsville, Grafton, Ferry Farm, and Lee’s Hill. As we begin in this new division, we will be starting with a new two-year swimsuit as well.

Please note the following important dates:

- May 14, Wednesday: 7 PM-8:30 PM  
  Registration, lower level Clubhouse
- June 9, Monday:  Afternoon practice begins
- June 13, Friday: LAST DAY to register
- June 16, Monday:  Morning practice begins

Also, the 2013 Barracudas team was able to raise enough donations that our registration fees will be the same as last year: 1 Swimmer: $150; 2 Swimmers: $225; 3+ Swimmers: $275.

AttentioN: All VETS – and I mean all VETS - not just current members of the LOW VETS Club.

On Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 17, we will again have our very successful annual VETS picnic, honoring all veterans who have served, or are still serving, to keep us free. From 1300 hours on, at the Campground Pavilion, bring your whole family and enjoy the “All You Can Eat” picnic, along with music and fun games.

In conjunction with the picnic the LOW VETS will be conducting their May meeting, promising to keep it interesting and short, leaving more time for the “FUN.”

Burgers, dogs, drinks provided by the LOW VETS. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. If you are planning to attend or need more information, please contact John Klopfier, at johnhenrystout@yahoo.com, or 540-388-2185. See you there!
Fourth Battle of the Wilderness Memorial Golf Tournament Set for May 23
by Craig Rains, President, Civil War Study Group, Inc.

The Civil War Study Group, Inc., (CWSGI) is hosting its fourth annual Battle of the Wilderness Memorial Golf Tournament at Lake of the Woods Golf Course on Friday, May 23. Funds from player registrations and tournament sponsorships are used to support CWSGI’s ongoing projects that bring attention to the May 1864 Battle of the Wilderness that was fought in and around Lake of the Woods.

Tournament Director Bill Wilson said the format will be Two-Person Scramble Match Play, with each foursome consisting of two Confederate team members and two Union team members. The team that wins a hole gets one point, and the total points combined from all teams at the end of the tournament will determine the winning side.

Prizes and gifts will be given away in drawings following the tournament, and a raffle for donated items will be held.

Player fees are $50 per person, with $25 of that amount being a tax-deductible donation to CWSGI, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Green fees and carts are included.

CWSG is also seeking corporate sponsorships of $100 and $250, as well as donations for the drawings and raffles.

To register to play or to become a sponsor, download a form at www.civilwarstudygroup.org or contact Bill Wilson at 972-1824 or email him at wrosser@comcast.net.

Wilson said funds from previous tournaments have been used to install three interpretive panels that depict events inside Lake of the Woods during the battle of the Wilderness. In addition, funds provided a display cabinet that now holds Civil War artifacts on exhibit in the LOW Clubhouse. CWSGI cosponsored a seminar on the Mine Run Campaign last fall and is underwriting a scholarship for a Locust Grove Middle School teacher to attend the Civil War Trust’s National Teachers Institute in Atlanta this summer.

The Civil War Study Group was formed primarily to research and present the historical events and actions that took place during the Battle of the Wilderness, especially in and around what is today’s Lake of the Woods area.

The group meets at the Woods Center, 104 Fairway Drive, at 10:30 AM on the fourth Friday of each month, except May and November through January. For details, go to www.civilwarstudygroup.org.

Dogwood Village celebrates National Nursing Home Week, May 11-17. The theme this year is “Living the Aloha Spirit” as established by the Virginia Healthcare Association. The week will be filled with exciting, fun-filled events as staff, residents and family members interact and participate in numerous activities.
On April 16, at 9 AM the Lake of the Woods Red Hat group Scarletts of the Wilderness held a Road Rally and Scavenger Hunt. Ten, 9, 8, 7…3, 2, GO! The rally and hunt begin!

It was a chilly but sunny morning, our goal, in groups of two, was to travel through Orange County starting in Lake of the Woods and end up in Gordonsville. No, not the direct route, it wasn’t going to be that easy! In our goody bag we found a question sheet with a landmark map that guided our way. Not to forget, a list of items that had to be collected on the way.

Did you know that the Wilderness Campaign was in 1864? Or, that there is an old church in Rapidan on Everona Road that was used as a schoolhouse? It is frozen in time. You can still see how the children learned in it. Do you know how hard it was to find a branch of a tree or shrub with berries this time of year? Nowhere else, other than at the Grelen Nursery, can you find the craziest rooster in the county? Too bad, only the passenger was allowed to sample the wines at the Barboursville Vineyard. Perfect timing!

For the end of our hunt, we ended up at The Barbeque Exchange in Gordonsville for lunch. Good luck trying to count all the pigs! With a finish like this, we were all winners!

Now that I know how a scavenger hunt works, you may be able to participate in one at the end of the summer in Lake of the Woods.
OC Office on Youth Announces Programs for Parents and Youth
Orange County Press Release

The Orange County Office on Youth is pleased to announce several upcoming opportunities for parents and youth. Beginning Tuesday, May 6, the Office on Youth will offer two classes for families of youth ages 13-18.
- Thinking for A Change is an innovative, evidence-based cognitive behavioral curriculum for youth ages 13-18. The three main components of the program are cognitive self-change, social skills, and problem solving skills. This 14-week program will be held every Tuesday at 5:30 PM at the Taylor Education Administration Complex in the Town of Orange.
- Also a fourteen week program, the Positive Action Parenting class is designed for parents of youth ages 13-18 and is intended to improve parent-child bonding, family cohesion, and family conflict. This program will also be held on Tuesdays at 5:30 PM at the Taylor Education Administration Complex in the Town of Orange and will run for fourteen weeks.

Both classes are offered free of charge and childcare is provided for younger family members. Parents and their children are encouraged to attend both the Thinking for a Change program and the Positive Action Parenting program which are held simultaneously and designed to improve overall family functioning.

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SOLOs Planning for May
by Judy Ayers, Member, SOLOs

Spring is finally here and thoughts turn to gardening, mowing, and just getting out of the house! If you are a single person, you may be looking for someone with whom to share a meal at a local restaurant. That is what our group does every Wednesday, and we would love to have you join us. Here are the places we’ll be heading to in May.

May 7 - Ruby Tuesday in Culpeper. Meet in the Lower Level Clubhouse parking lot by 5:15 PM for carpooling. RSVP to Bob at 972-9971 by noon that day.
May 14 - LOW Clubhouse. Meet there at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP to Bob by noon that day. If the weather is good we may eat outside on the deck.
May 21 - Tim’s Seafood Restaurant, located toward Lake Anna on Route 522. It’s about a 20-minute drive. Meet in the Lower Level Clubhouse parking lot by 5 PM for carpooling. We need to call the day before so please RSVP to Bob by noon on Tuesday. It’s a casual place, so jeans are fine.
May 28 - Tokyo Restaurant in shopping center across Route 3. Meet there at 5:30 PM. RSVP to Bob by noon.

Thanks to Phyllis for planning our venues this month. We hope to see you soon.

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State Senator Bryce Reeves and Delegate Ed Scott will make a joint appearance at the Tuesday, May 20, meeting of the Civic Club. The meeting will be held at 7:30 PM in the Woods Center. They have been asked to present an overview of the recent session of the General Assembly. They will tell us about any changes which may be coming about as a result of the actions of that body.

The Civic Club is nonpartisan and this meeting is open to all the owners and tenants of the lake. These two representatives deal with a broad range of issues in the course of their duties. As always, there will be plenty of time for audience questions. The Civic Club thinks having this joint appearance is a special opportunity for our community and encourages your attendance.

Annual Shamrock Charity Golf Classic
by Bill Halpin, Organizer, Charity Golf Classic

The Shamrock Charity Golf Classic played at the LOW Golf Course on April 21 was a tremendous success. Seventy-six golfers enjoyed the best spring day of the year, playing a fun-filled Captain’s Choice tournament.

The winning foursome each won a beautiful Waterford Crystal Golf Club Head. Pat Shrader and Gene McKenna won closest to the pin, while Lou Ann Carithers and Doug Cross won closest to the line honors. They were presented with an Irish Crystal Shamrock. About 30 donated raffle prizes, Krispy Kreme donuts, and the Outback Steakhouse meal added to the festivities.

The tournament was sponsored by the General Thomas F. Meagher Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. We sincerely thank Rea Hargraves, PGA, for the great support given to the tourney organizers and for adding to the fun by offering his drives off the first tee. All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to local area charities.

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www.rappahannock-choral-society.org

2014 Pony Camp
Come join the fun here at the LOW Pony camp! The dates are as follows:

Beginner Camp:
1) June 23-27
2) July 7-11
3) July 28-Aug 1
4) Aug 4 - 8
5) Aug 11-15

Mini Advanced Beg. Camp
July 14-18 9 am – 11 am
(Open to campers who are taking lessons on a weekly basis - MUST be able to trot & canter)

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4092 Germanna Hwy, Locust Grove, VA
Next to LOW Fire & Rescue on Bie 3 East
4. WORKSHOP

4.1 Lakes Management Implementation Plan: Semiannual Report

GM Phil Rodenberg introduced Jessica Graves, Facilities Director (promoted from the Environmental Resources Manager), who reported on progress made in the areas of the 13th Fairway stream restoration and pond retrofit, roadside ditch reconstruction, dredging, and public education. Grant funding has been sought for projects on the 13th Fairway and for tree planting at the Clubhouse lower level parking lot.

Updates on works still in progress included water quality testing, aquatic plant management and installation of underwater structures to improve fish habitat, which has the potential for reducing the number of fish stocked annually. Charts were provided to illustrate the changes in phosphorus, nitrogen, and chlorophyll-a measured in both lakes over recent years, along with the test results monitoring basic physical water quality properties (e.g., pH, dissolved oxygen, clarity, etc.) Overall, it was felt that the health of Keaton’s lake is improving.

4.2 Lakes Regulation Amendments from the Rules Committee

The Lakes Committee has proposed several changes to LOWA Regulation X; Use of the Lakes. The General Manager has asked the Board to review the proposed changes for further comment and/or action. A list of priority topics was provided to guide the discussion.

President Walsh allowed one hour for the initial discussion on the proposed changes. Specific topics not discussed today would be addressed at a later date.

Rules Committee Chair Cliff Wilkes and member Jack Spadarro provided a comprehensive review of the proposed changes in each section of Regulation X; Lakes Chair Julie Wilson provided input on the changes from the Lakes Committee; and Board of Examiners (BOE) members David Blackstone and Dan McFarland summarized the recommendations of the BOE relative to the proposed changes. It was recommended that regulations governing the Ski Club be tabled to allow for further study.

Guidance was provided by the Board on two of the priority topics during the time allotted for the presentations and discussion. A majority of the Board felt that it was acceptable to not require PFD’s to be worn by stand-up paddle board users in the no wake zones, but that a PFD needed to be carried on board for use if needed, and further felt that wearing a PFD would be highly desirable and is recommended. The General Manager suggested the current wording pertaining to the use of gasoline engines on Keaton’s Lake needed to be clarified, and the Board requested it be modified as proposed by the GM.

4.3 Uniform Traffic Citations for Excessive Speeding on LOW Roads

Sheriff Mark Amos and Security Chief Scott Walker currently support a proposal that the Board authorize Security’s Special Conservator of the Peace (SCOP) Officers to issue Uniform Traffic Citations (UTC) instead of LOWA summonses when drivers are caught exceeding posted speed limits by 20 mph or more. The General Manager is referring this proposal to the Board for preliminary consideration of making such a change.

Following GM Phil Rodenberg’s initial summary of the pros and cons of this proposal, Security Chief Scott Walker provided additional comments in response to questions from the Board. Adopting the UTC within LOW would result in potentially higher fines for the offender, court fees, and license/insurance point consequences, and eliminate significant court costs to LOWA when we are forced to pursue flagrant cases in Orange County Circuit Court. Loss in revenue from Legal & Compliance Committee fines and the additional expense of a SCOP Officer has the potential for costing much less than the collective cost of taking one such case to court.

Additional review of this proposal is currently being requested from the Safety and Security and Legal and Compliance Committees, as well as Commonwealth Attorney Diana Wheeler.

President Walsh asked the General Manager to continue to develop the details of this proposal for consideration by the Board at a later date.

4.4 Room Use and Outdoor Facilities Reservation Policy

Management has proposed changes to the current Room and Facilities Reservation and Use Policy to help minimize scheduling conflicts.

Assistant General Manager Rob Martin summarized the key changes being proposed:

1) that reservation due dates be changed to January 1 and July 1 (versus May 1 and October 1);
2) a deposit policy be adopted, and;
3) that “responsible party” information and alcohol rules be clarified. The majority of the Board members favored a deposit policy for selected renter categories.

President Walsh asked the General Manager to incorporate suggested changes to the draft policy made by the Board and put further consideration of the policy on the May 3, 2014, Board meeting agenda.

4.5 Purchase of New Security Cameras

Recent theft incidents at LOW mailbox stations and random acts of vandalism at LOW amenity facilities could be reduced by installing additional security cameras at key, high risk amenity locations to protect LOWA and member property. A list of current and proposed new security camera locations was provided by the General Manager. The estimated cost was $14,000 to purchase eight new cameras with accessories to be installed at four locations. Axis Communications was identified as the preferred vendor for the variety of cameras needed to meet specific facility and networking needs for each location. One Board member asked that the tennis courts be included on the list of sites for camera installation.

President Walsh asked the General Manager to put this item on the May 3, 2014, Board meeting agenda for further consideration.

4.6 Planning Committee Survey

The Planning Committee distributed a draft “test” version of their proposed 2014 Member Survey to the Board members for their review and comments. The survey focuses primarily on the topics of member usage of amenities and asks for member feedback on where priorities for improvements should be placed. Board members offered comments and suggestions for changes to several of the draft questions, which were duly noted by Planning Chair, Tom Sheridan.

5. Member General Comments: Members had no comments.

6. Scheduled Meetings

• Regular Board of Directors Meeting: Saturday, May 3, 2014, in the Community Center. Executive Session: 9 AM. Open Session: 10 AM.
• Regular Board of Directors Workshop: Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at 2 PM in the Community Center.

7. Adjournment: There being no further business, motion by Rucker, passed unanimously, to adjourn the Workshop at 4:52 PM.

Louisa Rucker, LOWA Secretary
“Landscape Design in Woody Terrain”
by Karen Kovarik, Publicity Chairman, LOW Garden Club

Marybeth Chandler will present an irresistible program for all of us who live here in the “Woods.” It will be interesting for us to pick up some new insight into “Landscape Design in Woody Terrain.”

The Garden Club meets on May 12 at 12:45 PM in the Clubhouse Great Hall. The meeting starts at 1 PM, and refreshments and socialization follow the meeting, so remember to eat before you come (but leave ample room for the goodies). Visitors are welcome. If you miss a meeting, don’t forget you may check out our monthly newsletter on LOWA.org website under Clubs.

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Friday, May 2 (7:30 PM) - The Host (Magnolia Pictures, 2006 - R-rated)
In Seoul’s River Han, a giant mutant creature has developed as a result of toxic chemical dumping. When the squid-like monster scoops up the teenage granddaughter of humble snack-bar owner Hie-bong, he races to track down the murderous beast. “No one under the age of 17 will be admitted without a parent or guardian. In Korean with English subtitles. 119 minutes. Free.

Saturday, May 3 (7:30 PM) - Them! (Warner Bros, 1954)
The inhabitants of a small Southwestern town feel the fallout when radiation from bomb tests creates a mysterious killing force that infests their community. Facing human extermination, a team of scientists scrambles to figure out how to stop “them.” One of the first of the 1950s "nuclear monster" movies, and the first "big bug" film. 94 minutes. Free.

Thursday, May 8 (7:30 PM) - Monsters Double Feature
Godzilla (Toho, 1954)
In the wake of American nuclear weapons testing over the Pacific Ocean, a 400-foot dinosaur springs to life. The fire-breathing Gojira (aka Godzilla) ravages Japan and brings back the horrors of World War II’s nuclear devastation to the very nation that experienced it first-hand. The original Japanese-language version will be screened with English subtitles. 96 minutes.

Gigantis, the Fire Monster (Toho, 1955)
This second film in the Godzilla series aka “Godzilla Raids Again,” was a direct sequel quickly put into production to capitalize on the box office success of “Godzilla” the previous year. 78 minutes. Free.

Friday, May 9 (7:30 PM) - Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde ( Paramount, 1920)
With its grim naturalism, this version is one of the more faithful of the many screen adaptations of Robert Lewis Stevenson’s famous tale. Legendary actor John Barrymore stars as London doctor Dr. Jekyll, who is progressive in his research, yet repressed in his personal life. 73 minutes.Free.

Saturday, May 10 (7:30 PM) - Monsters Double Feature
Black Friday (Universal, 1940) - College professor George Kingsley is seriously injured when he is caught in the middle of a gangster shootout. To save his life, Kingsley’s best friend Dr. Sovac (Boris Karloff) performs an emergency operation, implanting part the brain of a criminal who has died at the scene into Kingsley’s skull. Though the surgery is successful, the mild-mannered Kingsley occasionally lapses into the brutal personality of the dead man. 70 minutes.

House of Frankenstein (Universal, 1944) - Mad scientist Dr. Niemann (Boris Karloff) and his hench back assistant pose as traveling horror-show operators as a cover for their diabolical dealings - to revive Count Dracula, the Wolf Man and the Frankenstein monster - in order to extract revenge upon their many enemies. 71 minutes. Free.

Thursday, May 15 (7:30 PM) - King Kong (RKO, 1933)
Filmmaker Carl Denham (Robert Armstrong), his recent discovery Ann Darrow (Fay Wray), and his team discover a giant prehistoric ape, dubbed Kong, while searching for locations on an uncharted jungle island. The crew manage to subdue the primate and bring Kong to New York to exploit him in a stage show where he promptly escapes, spreading mayhem. 100 minutes. Free.

Friday, May 16 (7:30 PM) - King Kong Escapes (Toho, 1967)
At the behest of his wealthy benefactress, evil Dr. Who (Eisei Amamoto) builds a robotic King Kong to retrieve a rare radioactive element. But when the simian machine falters, there’s only one alternative: the real King Kong. 96 minutes. Free.
What is the Common Core?
by Jim Hopkins, Orange County School Board Member

In 2009 when the national economy fell apart, states were frantic to find adequate funding for public schools. The federal government seized on this opportunity and tried to coerce the states into adopting the Common Core Standards for K-12 education. Virginia declined the invitation which included some federal funds. But over 40 states accepted the federal dollars and Common Core. But now some of these states are having second thoughts about their decision.

Common Core’s official website: www.corestandards.org is a wealth of information. The Common Core Standards are owned by two national organizations. They are The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and The Council of Chief State School Officers. (Virginia’s chief school officer is the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.) I have reviewed some of Common Core’s standards, its suggested class lessons, and its proposed teacher lesson plans. The Common Core recommends high standards and the course content for the most part is excellent.

However, the Common Core Standards expect reasoning and decision making that is far beyond most K-12 students. Critical thinking requires a strong core of basic knowledge, which is the purpose of K-12 education. The Common Core methodology might succeed with 30% of K-12 students but what would happen with the other 70%? But it is the nation-wide takeover of K-12 public education that is my major concern.

The Common Core Standards are NOT part of the federal government. The organizations that own Common Core say on their website: “Federal funds have never and will never be used to support the development or governance of the Common Core or any future revisions of the standards.”

It is clear that the owners of Common Core and other private organizations that own the tests will support themselves by charging the states and local school boards for their services. They will be private single source providers, so there will be no competitive pricing. The two national organizations that own the Common Core Standards refer to themselves as “state-led” but in reality they are not accountable to any publicly elected body at the federal, state or local level.

For states that adopt the Common Core, local school boards would be accountable to these national organizations and also to the federal government. The Common Core Standards are intended to raise the bar for all students and the federal government wants “no child left behind.” These are admirable goals but the local school systems are going to be caught in the middle. As school systems raise the bar, more students will be left behind. Finding the correct rubric for K-12 public education is a decision best left to state legislators, local officials, and parents. This is why I will continue to oppose any national takeover of K-12 education.

It is an honor and a pleasure to represent District 5 on the Orange County School Board. If I can be of assistance, please contact me at: jhopkins@ocss-va.org.

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Orange County Supervisor’s Letter
by Lee Frame, District 5 Supervisor

In my last article, I mentioned some of the recommendations that the charette members made for development along Route 3. The formal findings and recommendations of the charette will be presented to the Supervisors at their May 13 meeting at 7 PM in the Board of Supervisors meeting room in Orange. An additional presentation for easier attendance at the eastern end of the county will be made on May 14 at 7 PM in the cafeteria of the Locust Grove Elementary/Middle School on Flat Run Road.

Recently, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute conducted a national study of health outcomes and the factors affecting those outcomes. The study allowed states to see how its counties and cities compare on a number of factors that impact health. The study looked at 133 counties and cities in Virginia, and I thought it would be of interest to see how Orange County compared to the rest of the Commonwealth.

Overall Orange County ranked 40 of 133 in health outcomes and 37 of 133 in the factors affecting health. The outcome factors and affecting factors have specific measures that are consolidated to arrive at the overall results. The highest ranked counties were Loudoun, Fairfax, Arlington and Albemarle. The lowest ranked counties, as expected were in the southwestern corner of the state.

The health outcome factors were length of life, measured by premature death; and quality of life, measured by low live birth weights; self-ranking of health as poor or fair; and number of days reported as unhealthy for physical or mental reasons. Orange County ranked 54 of 133 on length of life and 20 of 133 on quality of life.

The factors affecting health were health behaviors, medical care, social/ economic, and physical environment. The individual county results were given and the counties and cities were comparatively rated. The rating system places every county in quartiles from 1 to 4 so you can see how we compare to the rest of the state. A rating of 1/4 indicates that Orange County is in the healthiest top quarter of the population in the state for a particular factor.

With only 19% of the people who smoke, Orange County people are in the healthiest top quarter (1/4) of the state’s population. With an obesity rate of 33%, Orange county's people are in the unhealthiest bottom quarter (4/4) of the population. The other factors are physical inactivity (26% or 3/4), access to exercise opportunities (45% or 3/4), excessive drinking (18% or 1/4) and alcohol-impaired driving deaths (24% or 1/4). Also included were teen births (2/4) and sexually transmitted infections (1/4).

For medical care, Orange County rated 36 of 133 with uninsured (16% or 2/4) and lack of local primary care physicians, dentists and mental health providers on the downside. On preventable hospital stays and screening for diabetes and mammograms, the county was better than state average.

On social/economic factors, Orange County ranked 39 of 133. The measures affecting this included high school education (88% or 1/4), some college (53% or 3/4), unemployment (6.6% or 2/4), children in poverty (14% or 2/4), and children in single parent households (27% or 2/4). Violent crime and injury deaths are measured per 100,000 of population and with violent crime (64 vs. 212 state average) (1/4) and injury deaths (60 vs. 53 state average) (2/4).

Orange County rates 66 of 133 on environmental factors. Air pollution is 3/4, drinking water quality is 1/4 and severe housing problem is 13% or 2/4. The most negative measure for environmental is a long commute, where the county was better than state average. For medical care, Orange County rated 36 of 133 with uninsured (16% or 2/4) and lack of local primary care physicians, dentists and mental health providers on the downside. On preventable hospital stays and screening for diabetes and mammograms, the county was better than state average.

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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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