Route 601 Fence Replacement to Begin

by Fritz Alderman, Director of Facilities, LOWA

Spring is just around the corner, but before it gets here and the leaves start coming out, the Hurricane Fencing Company is going to replace the fence along Route 601. The project consists of removing and replacing 3.5 miles of 40-year-old wire fence and replacing it with a new, high-tensile-strength wire fence. The new fence will run from Section 6A, Lot 186 to Lot 198 and then along State Route 601 to the 9.9 Maintenance Lot. The fencing at the rear gate will be replaced with a four-rail, four-foot wooden fence to improve the appearance of that entrance. The board fence will match the black board fence across the road at Flat Run Farm.

The construction portion of the project will begin on or about February 25 in sections 6 and 12 and take approximately 60-90 days. Construction will affect lots abutting the fence in Sections 6, 6A, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12. The contractor will notify residents by placing a yellow hang tag on the door indicating when their section of fence is being removed and rebuilt. The contractor’s employees will wear identifying outerwear, such as a safety vest with the company’s logo, indicating that they are working for the fence contractor.

Before construction begins in your area, members living next to the back fence are being asked to remove or pull back anything they do not want damaged so that the fence contractor will have working access. The contractor will save as many healthy trees and shrubs as possible to retain a green screen from the road. LOWA is requiring the contractor to remove and recycle the metal of the old fence and gates.

Scheduling information can be viewed on the association’s web site by clicking on the “601 Fence” tab at www.LOWA.org. If you believe you have a special circumstance, please call the LOWA Maintenance Department at 972-2240.
President’s Letter
by Jim Walsh, Board President, Lake of the Woods Association

In the last issue of Lake Currents I wrote about the Board’s goals and mentioned some may be done quickly, while some may take a long time. I am pleased to report that one of our goals, the implementation of the lakes management plan and schedule, passed unanimously at the Board Meeting on February 2. Management can now plan and proceed in an orderly manner to fully restore our beautiful lakes. So many people have worked hard to develop the plan, and I want to thank them for their dedication and hard work.

Another area on which to bring you up-to-date is a potential senior housing project. I appointed an ad hoc committee to examine any plan we may receive. The members of the committee are Pat Rowland, Chairman; Tom Sheridan, as the financial analyst; Jack Walker, a long time ECC member; and Leighton Cummings, who has extensive homeowners’ association experience. This committee will do a thorough analysis on any proposal and make sure it is in the best interest of Lake of the Woods. Prior to finalizing any agreement we will have extensive community education for our members.

As of this writing we still have not received a proposal from Orange County regarding the trash compactor. If we receive it in time, we intend to put it on the March 2 agenda. For your information, the county has no intention of opening a new compactor anytime soon on Route 601, and the nearest compactor is on Route 611.

• Supporters of keeping the trash compactor at its current location mention the convenience; fewer garbage trucks on our roads; and perhaps an increased fee of $210 on some of our members who may be forced to, or opt to, use Waste Management for convenience.

• Those who favor the removal believe it will eliminate unauthorized people coming in and using our amenities; we can make better use of the land; and we do not want to be known as the place people go to dump their trash. Both sides make valid points. The Board would like to hear from you on the trash compactor, so please submit your comments by noon on February 28 to feedback@LOWA.org. As a reminder, this is an informal survey; so if a Board member votes for or against your position, he or she is doing what they believe to be the right thing for LOW.

Finally, CapSure, our new front gate management system, is operational. I encourage all members to go to the Holcomb Building to pick up your registration form. I tried it this past weekend for the first time and found it easy to use but most importantly it worked.

Treasurer’s Report
by Olive Kelly, Treasurer, LOWA Board of Directors

I wish I could say spring is in the air, but that would probably be pre-mature, at any rate the FY13-14 Assessment period is just around the corner, and our Finance Department is busy preparing the mailings and other forms to assist members in preparing for the upcoming year. This year we will again offer a pre-registration period for boat registration from Monday, March 11 through Saturday, March 30. All who registered boats last year will receive a letter sometime in early March providing more information about how you can get an early start on the season by taking advantage of the pre-registration period, and avoiding the Holcomb Building crowds in April.

As in the past, the Assessment billings for the FY13-14 will be mailed on March 31, and members may select a payment plan approved by the Board. Under any circumstance, the Assessment payment will be due May 1, or the first payment on one of the Board authorized payment plans, as the member chooses.

The Board is scheduled to review and approve the Budget for FY13-14 at the February 20 Board meeting, so by the time this issue of Lake Currents is published, the Budget and the related Assessment for FY13-14 should be final. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who gave their time and efforts unselfishly to the process. It is always an intense process but the final product is one we can be proud of. My hats off to the General Manager and his staff, as well as the Operation Center Managers, Committee members, the Board, and all the members who attended meetings and provided input.

The Year-To-Date financial statements are included in this issue of Lake Currents. Please take a few minutes to review the information provided and let us know if you have questions. During the last few months of our fiscal year, we review our cash position very carefully to assure that we are operating within the budgeted guidelines. Our review at this point indicates we are within our overall budget, and anticipate our cash position to be strong for the balance of the fiscal year.

As always, copies of the unaudited financial statements are available in the Reading Room of the Holcomb Building for review during normal business hours by members at their convenience.

Trash Compactor Opinions

Let the Board know your opinion (Should the trash compactor stay in the Lake or be moved to another location?) at feedback@LOWA.org.

Submit your comments by Noon on February 28
ASSOCIATION NEWS

Tentative Agenda
Lake of the Woods Association, Inc.
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, March 2, 2013, Community Center

9 AM
1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10 AM
2. OPEN SESSION
2.1 Call to Order
2.2 Pledge of Allegiance
2.3 Approval of Agenda
2.4 Approval of Minutes: February 20, 2013
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 – Gary Brown
3.4 Report from LOW Fire & Rescue President – Tim Bettendorf
3.5 Report from Orange County School Board Member – Jim Hopkins
3.6 Reports of Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary
   A. Committee Changes
   B. Executive Session Actions
3.7 Report of General Manager
   A. January Financials
   B. Lakes Management Plan
3.8 Committee Reports
4. MEMBER COMMENTS ON BUSINESS AGENDA
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
5.1 Consideration of Final Approval of Amendments to Bylaw Article V, Organization, Policy Resolution 2013-2
6. NEW BUSINESS
6.1 Consideration of Publishing in Lake Currents Proposed Amendments to Administrative Resolution 2013-3 Regarding Employee Use of Facilities
6.2 Discussion of Draft 2013 Orange County Comprehensive Plan
6.3 Discussion of Orange County – Lake of the Woods Association Compactor Agreement
7. SCHEDULED MEETINGS
   • Board Meeting and Workshop, Wednesday, March 20, 2013, Community Center, 2 PM
   • Regular Board Meeting, Saturday, April 6, 2013, Community Center, 9 AM Executive Session, 10 AM Open Session
8. MEMBER GENERAL COMMENTS
9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Boating Season at LOWA

Whether powered by wind, paddle or motor, being waterside on the Main Lake or Keaton’s Lake is great fun. Here at LOWA, we are preparing for a successful boating season beginning with the launch of boat registration on Monday, March 11.

• Boat owners will soon receive a letter from LOWA inviting them to mail or bring paperwork to the Holcomb Building to get new decals. LOWA Regulation X (Use of Lakes) requires decals to be affixed to watercraft, and the Security Boat Patrol will be on the lakes enforcing this rule.
• Registering boat owners will need to show proof of insurance or sign an affidavit.
• Boat operators need to pass the boat operator test. We require that all persons operating a powered watercraft of 10 horsepower or more or a personal watercraft be certified by passing the LOWA Boat Operator’s Safety Course. Find the course link at “Boat Test Information” at www.LOWA.ORG.
• We plan to open the Main Marina gas station on weekends beginning Saturday, April 13.
• We are arranging to sell ethanol-free fuel as we did mid-summer last year.
• Beginning in May, we are expanding our merchandise to include whistles, sunscreen, floating key chains, diver down flags, and night crawlers.
• Watch for helpful boating tips from the Lakes Committee and Environmental Resources Manager in coming editions of Lake Currents.

Back Gate Board Fence Construction

There are a lot of LOWA residents who come and go from the back gate and rarely use the front gate. Some of these folks have said they wish LOWA would spruce up the back gate somehow. They will be happy to know our fence contractor, Hurricane Fencing, is installing a wooden board-on-board fence similar to the one across Route 601 at Flat Run Farm. (See photo on p. 1.) The new four-rail fence will not only enhance the entrance but improve the appearance of that section of 601. Look for construction to begin the week of March 11 or sooner.

Phil Rodenberg

Spring arrives
March 20
## Lake of the Woods Association, Inc. Balance Sheets
### (Unaudited)
January 31, 2013 and 2012

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### LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS’ EQUITY

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## Lake of the Woods Association, Inc. Statement of Revenue and Expense
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January 31, 2013

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Lake of the Woods Association, Inc.

Summary, Operation Center Income Statement Comparative to Budget

January 2013

(U.S. dollars)

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Lake of the Woods Association, Inc.

Reserve Analysis FY 2012/2013 - YTD
(Unaudited)

January 2013

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2013 Pony Camp

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

**Because Camps:**
- June 24-28
- July 1-5
- July 8-12
- July 15-19
- July 22-26
- July 29-Aug 2
- Aug 5-9

**Advance Inaugur Camp** (9 am to 11 am)
July 23-29 (must be able to walk the center) (Only 3 spaces left)

Camp will fill up fast - please sign up early!
Hours for camp: 8:30-1200 - You may pick up an application at the Equestrian Center or download App from LOWA.org

Call for more information: 972-2238
ASSOCIATION NEWS

Top 10 Environmental Resources Violations
by Jessie Graves, Environmental Resources Manager

This is an ongoing addition to Lake Currents to educate members of the most often cited violations. In each issue we will highlight one of the top ten violations and give the Regulation information as it relates to the violation. If you have any questions, please call Jessie Graves at 972-5548.

1. Placing leaves and debris into LOWA right-of-ways
2. Placing leaves and debris into drainage easements
3. Placing leaves and debris into lakes
   Regulation X.9. Under no circumstances shall trash, garbage, yard debris, litter of any kind, pollutants, or any other substance or objects be dumped into the Lakes. (See photo and related article on p. 1.)
4. Failure to obtain approved permit for right-of-way improvements
5. Failure to maintain driveway culverts
6. Failure to maintain shoreline stabilization
7. Littering in LOWA right-of-ways
8. Failure to use proper Erosion & Sediment controls during new construction
9. Uncontrolled downspout runoff
10. Improper Use of Phosphate Lawn Fertilizer

Covenant Enforcement Statistics
by Fred Ripley, Site and Covenant Inspector

During the month of January, 15 new issues were addressed. Of these and ongoing issues, 16 were resolved, three summonses were issued. The most common violations were unsightly lots, lots with dead/down trees to remove, and unlicensed vehicles. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the ECC office at 972-2211.

Special Winter Golf Rates with Cart

Play anytime for:

| Property Owner | 18 holes | $21 |
| Guest          | 18 holes | $26 |
| Owner or Guest | 9 holes  | $17 |
| LOWA PASS      | 18 holes | $15 |

Call the Pro Shop at 972-2230 to book a Tee Time.

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Don’t Show Your Butts in the Lake!

Have you seen these butts alongside the entry and exit roads to LOW?
Let’s all be on board and Keep LOW Beautiful.
Don’t throw your butts out the window!

Channel 18 Volunteers Needed
by Dick Martin, Videographer, LOWA

LOWA Communications Channel 18 needs more volunteers to cover the increasing number of events and activities we are being asked to videotape for programs on Channel 18.

If you are interested in learning the basics of videotaping—or to increase your capabilities in taping/editing/program production—we will welcome you to our training sessions. We can tailor your training to your specific interests.

We offer opportunities to cover interesting and important events such as LOWA Board of Directors meetings, Town Hall Meetings, and social group presentations such as the Civic Club, AARP, and others.

If you’d like to be part of the exciting world of Channel 18 television, your first step is to register your interest with Melanie Parmelee, Communications Coordinator, at 972-2278 or email mparmelee@LOWA.org.

We’ll then make training session arrangements with you at mutually convenient times.

New York Life Insurance Company
4435 Waterfront Drive
Suite 400
Richmond, VA 23229

Bus: 804 359-5100
Fax: 804 359-5100

Cell: 540 230 8040
nwright@newyorklife.com
The Company You Keep
Tips from the Pro
by Rea Hargraves, PGA Professional and Woods Center Manager

On Friday, February 8, while most people were looking outside of their windows at the snow falling, several groups were improving their short game. Below is a picture of one of my short game classes learning how to hit bunker shots. The next class will be March 4-8 on Irons. You can sign-up now in the Pro Shop.

On March 16 we will be hosting the 3rd Annual St. Patrick’s Scramble. The cost for Annual Golf Members is $10, for LOW Club Pass Members $25, and for LOW Members and Guests $30. You can sign-up as an individual or in a foursome. This event will be handicapped with a 10 AM shotgun. You can sign-up in the Pro Shop from February 27 to March 8. Come out and enjoy the day!

Rea Hargraves

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Come join us for a day of Leprechaun fun!
Raffle! Prizes! Guests welcome!
LOW members and Guests - $30
LOW Golf Members - $10
LOW Club Members - $25

Please call the Pro Shop at 972-2230 to sign up and for more details

St. Patrick’s Day Golf Tournament
Saturday, March 16th
10 a.m. Shotgun
Four Person Scramble Format (Handicapped)
Lake of the Woods Golf Course
Raffle! Prizes!
Mulch
And Other Soil products
Free Driveway Delivery
With 10 Bag Purchase
On Saturday, April 6
By the Catholic Students
At The University of Mary Washington
Mulch $4.00 for 3 cu. ft. bag
Blended Compost $3.50 – 1 cu. ft. bag
Planting Mix $4.00 1 cu. ft. bag
(Mix or Match for 10 bags)
Ask about special rates for large orders.
To Order Call 373-6746
or email mulch@umwccm.org
Deadline for Ordering is March 25

NOW ENROLLING
The Lake of the Woods Church
Child Care Center & Preschool
is Now Enrolling 3s and 4s for
the 2013-14 School Year.

To enroll or for more information please contact
Belinda Divelbiss,
Director
or Tracy Dodson,
Asst. Director

Morning Preschool
8:30 AM to 12 Noon
Day Care
6:30 AM - 6:30 PM

540-972-2349  Fax 540-972-2209
cccbelinda9722349@yahoo.com
Serving the community for over 25 years

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**ASSOCIATION NEWS**

**ASSOCIATION BULLETIN BOARD**

Board Meeting: Saturday, March 2, 10 AM, Community Center

Board Meeting/Workshop: Wednesday, March 20, 2 PM, Community Center

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

February 22 through March 13

Members are encouraged to attend.

- **Golf:** 2/25, 3 PM (WC) (February only)
- **Planning:** 2/25, 7 PM (CR)
- **Communications:** 2/27, 3 PM (WC)
- **ECC:** 2/28, 8:30 AM (WC)
- **Investment:** 2/29, 9:30 AM (CR)
- **Finance:** 3/2, 7 PM (CR)
- **Fitness:** 3/6, 7 PM (CR)
- **External Affairs:** 3/11, 7 PM (CR)
- **Clubhouse:** 3/13, 1 PM (CH)

**Dinner Specials at the Clubhouse**

**February 22 to 24**

- **Friday:** Prime Rib Dinner, 8-oz. or 12-oz. or Salmon in Puff Pastry
- **Saturday:** Prime Rib Dinner, 8-oz. or 12-oz. or Pan Seared Scallops
- **Sunday:** Chicken & Dumplings

**February 27 to March 3**

- **Wednesday:** Steamed Shrimp Dinner or Fish & Chips
- **Thursday:** Jack Daniels Ribs or 1/2 BBQ Chicken
- **Friday:** Prime Rib Platter or Salmon in Parchment with Orange Cream Sauce
- **Saturday:** Prime Rib Platter or Surf & Turf—Sirloin w/Lobster Tail
- **Sunday:** Coconut Crusted Chicken

**March 6 to March 10**

- **Wednesday:** Steamed Crab Legs Dinner or Tilapia Almandine
- **Thursday:** Jack Daniels Ribs or BBQ Pork Platter
- **Friday:** Prime Rib Platter or Grouper Oscar
- **Saturday:** Prime Rib Platter or Surf & Turf—Sirloin w/Shrimp Scampi
- **Sunday:** Meatloaf Dinner

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

Serving breakfast and lunch 7 days a week! Open Daily 8:30 AM to 4 PM

**Farways**

CAFÉ AT THE WOODS CENTER

**SANDWICHES ● SALADS ● BURGERS ● BREAKFAST ALL DAY**

**Daily Specials**

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Serving Breakfast All Day along with sandwiches, soup, salads and burgers. Call your order in at 972-2218.

**CHANNEL 18 PROGRAMS**

*Please check Channel 18 for a list of show times. Watch for new Amenity infomercials at the end of most programming.*

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|            | LOW AARP Chapter 5269 – U.S. Flag History & Current Etiquette (1:00) |
|            | Larry Fernandez, Principal Speaker for VFW and American Legion  |
| 7:30 AM    | 11:30 AM                                                       | 7:30 PM | 11:30 PM
|            | LOW Church Opens “Movies Way” Exit Street                      |
| 9 AM       | 1 PM                                                           | 6 PM  | 1 AM
|            | Orange County School Board – January 7 Meeting (1:45)          |
|            | 2 PM    Saturday                                               | 2 PM  | Monday

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|            | Neighbors Watch, Community Meeting (February 23) (1:30)        |
|            | “Emergency and Disaster Response”                              |
| 10 AM      | 3:30 PM                                                       | 10 PM  | 3:30 AM
|            | LOW Civic Club “Orange County’s Fiscal 2013-14 Budget” (1:00)   |
|            | Loe Prinz, District Supervisor                                 |
| 9 AM       | 11:30 AM                                                      | 6 PM   | 11:30 PM
|            | Orange County Board of Supervisors (February 12 Meeting) (1:00) |
|            | 5 PM    Saturday                                              | 5 PM   | Monday

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Friday, February 22
8:30 AM-9:30 AM  Aerobics (LOWC Friendship Hall). Fee. Info: Church -9060.  
9 AM  Yoga Class (call for location). Fee. Info: Phyllis -1457.
10:30 AM  LOW Civil War Study Group Meeting (WC). Info: Craig -2844.
1:30 PM-3:30 PM  Open Tennis (Hollyfield). Intermediate/above players welcome. Info: Charles -5858.
7:30 PM-9:30 PM  Square Dancers (LLCH). Info: Darby -7696 or Boyd -0674.

Saturday, February 23
9 AM  Neighborhood Watch Program (CC). All invited. Info: Jim -3282.

Sunday, February 24
1 PM  LOW Democratic Club (LLCH). Info: Kerry -2737.
6:30 PM-8 PM  Choreographed Ballroom Beginner Class (LLCH), Free. Info: Ron/Melissa -2586.
7 PM-9 PM  Duplicate Bridge (WC). Info: Bob -8211.
8 PM-9:30 PM  Choreographed Ballroom Class, Phase III-IV (LLCH), Free. Info: Ron/Melissa -2586.

Monday, February 25
8:30 AM-9:30 AM  Aerobics (LOWC Friendship Hall). Fee. Info: Church -9060.
1:30 PM-5:30 PM  Open Tennis (Hollyfield). Intermediate/above players welcome. Info: Charles -5858.
7 PM  Monday Night Bridge (WC). Info: Kovanik -7866.

Tuesday, February 26
9 AM  Horseshoes for Fun (HF Park). All levels. Info: Ron 412-2872.
12 PM-3 PM  Closet Quilters (LLCH). Info: Marie -4358.
5 PM  TOPS weigh-in/meeting (LGMS). Info: Carla -3436.
7 PM  Tai Kwon Do class for ages 8-12 (CC). Fee. Info: Mike -2058.
7 PM  LOW F&R Auxiliary (CR). Info: Marguerite -3681.
7:45 PM  Tai Kwon Do class for ages 13-adult (CC). Fee. Info: Mike -2058.

Wednesday, February 27
8:30 AM-9:30 AM  Aerobics (LOWC Friendship Hall). Fee. Info: Church -9060.
9 AM-2 PM  Wednesday Ladies’ Bridge (WC). Info: Joan -7548.
11:30 AM  Susan Allen Republican Women’s Club Luncheon (CH). Info/Reserve: Carol -8196 or Connie -0083.
12:30 PM-1:30 PM  Beginner Pickleball lessons (CC). Info: Shirley 540-878-8130.
1:30 PM-3:30 PM  Open Tennis (Hollyfield). Intermediate/above players welcome. Info: Charles -5858.

FUNDRAISERS

Girl Scout Cookies on Sale – Direct delivery until early March. Info: 703-795-8588 (Cell, Lana Marr, GS Troop 804). Cookies $4/bx. Cookie sales are the biggest fundraiser for Girl Scouts and are vital to our national organization, our Skyline Council, and our local troops. Thank you for your support.

Cause 4 Paws Monthly Sale will begin again on the 3rd Sunday in March. We are still in need of cat food, any monetary donations that you can give, and volunteers. Please contact Trish -8951 or Mary Kay -5764. All proceeds benefit feline rescue. Donations are tax deductible as we are a 501(c) charity.

LOW Lioness Book Sale. Used books will be sold on the last Saturday of the month from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM at the Ferris Building. Profits go to the benevolence fund. Book donations are accepted at our book sales and on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 AM to 11 AM. Info: Pat -5727.

Car & Boat Donations: LOW Lions Club accepts car, boat, canoe, or other large equipment donations that are in working, safe condition. Info: Lion Bob -0783.

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 pickup, call Norm, 540-205-5529.

The 2012 LOW Directories are on sale for $9 at the Holcomb Building. Sales benefit F&R. If you have changes, deletions, or additions to the LOW Directory, please email by May 1 to LOWDirectory@comcast.net.

Deadline for submissions to the March 8 issue of Lake Currents is February 25.
Deadline for submissions to the March 22 issue of Lake Currents is March 11.
Lawn Care Tips for March
by Maureen Daly Hamm, Water Quality Technician, Virginia Cooperative Extension, King George

- Do not fertilize this spring, even if you were unable to last fall. Research shows that spring lawn fertilization makes lawns more susceptible to drought and disease. In experiments lawns that were fertilized in spring had 22 to 40 percent fewer roots than lawns that did not receive spring fertilizer. In contrast, lawns that received fall fertilization showed an increase in disease resistance and greater ability to recover from summer damage.
- Test your soil if you haven’t in the last three years. Sample kits are available from the LOWA Maintenance Department or your local Extension Office. The test will tell you what kind of fertilizer to use next fall and if you need lime.
- Take care to keep off soft and soggy lawns. Lime spreaders, wheelbarrows and other equipment will leave compaction marks. Seed new lawns and do repairs after the land has drained.
- Seed bare spots or start new lawns.
- If thatch layer is greater than one-half inch, dethatch using a rake or vertical cutting mower to remove it. Thatch that is too thick can cause insect problems and reduce the amounts of water and nutrients that get into the soil.
- Aerate your lawn to reduce compaction if you didn’t get a chance last fall. Use a core aerator that takes small plugs out of the lawn. You can hire a lawn care service or rent and aerator.
- If you have had problems with crabgrass in the past, apply a pre-emergent herbicide when the forsythia blooms. These herbicides work by preventing the seed from germinating. Therefore, it is important that the herbicides be applied in early spring, before growth starts. Don’t use a pre-emergent in areas where you plan to seed this spring. There are several chemical formulations, or you can use an organic product, corn gluten meal. Corn gluten meal is a non-toxic by-product of corn syrup manufacture and is available under a variety of labels. It is also 10% nitrogen by weight and serves as a spring fertilizer as well.
- Apply lime if your soil test indicated it was necessary. Funding provided by the Virginia License Plate Fund

Cause 4 Paws Plans Fundraiser
by Mary Kay Wilks, Cause 4 Paws

Cause 4 Paws, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization supporting feline rescue operations, will be having a fundraiser on February 24 at Lake of the Woods Clubhouse. If you have a meal at the Clubhouse between 5 and 8 PM on February 24 and present your server with a donation ticket, Cause 4 Paws will receive 15% of the sale of your meal, excluding alcoholic beverages, tips and tax. A ticket is attached to this article or one can be obtained before the event from Trish Jurta, president, at 972-8951; Lois Miller, treasurer, at 972-0155; Mary Kay Wilks, fundraiser chairperson at 972-5467, or any Cause 4 Paws member.

We will also have a 50/50 raffle during this time where the winner will receive half of the proceeds from the raffle with the drawing at 8 PM. The winner does not have to be present at the drawing.

We will have a table with our adoption book of cute and adoptable kittens, our Paw Prints Newsletter, T-shirts selling for $15, and cat and dog jewelry outside the dining room. If you wish to volunteer, give a donation (cat food or monetary), or have a question, a member will be there to assist you. For further information, please contact one of us listed above.

Cause 4 Paws Donation Ticket

Take this coupon to the LOW Clubhouse on February 24, 2013, between 5 PM and 8 PM and 15% of your dinner sales will be donated to C4P.

Thank you.
LOW COMMUNITY

February 22, 2013  Lake Currents

“MAKE THIS PLACE YOUR HOME”

Lake of the Woods

If you are thinking of buying or selling a home please give me a call for proven, professional service with a personal touch. Please be sure to visit my website www.pennyhomes.com featuring “MAKE THIS PLACE YOUR HOME” video on Lake of the Woods

Penny Ostlund
pennyostlund@mris.com  540-903-9732

LGA News

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

At the start of each golf season our members are given a booklet full of helpful information to guide us through the season. It contains a membership directory, LOW local rules, important dates for the year, monthly starting times as well as the season’s officers and committee chairs. It takes a lot of work to get this information and to keep it current. Diana Duffy has been the force behind this project for many years. At the close of the 2012 season Diana turned over her responsibilities for the LGA Membership Booklet. LGA President Pat Shreader and the members thank Diana Duffy for her excellent work and dedication over the past years in keeping us connected and informed by producing this useful tool.

The sign-up sheet for the Ladies Golf Association Spring Luncheon will be posted in the women’s lounge of the Woods Center on March 1. Our luncheon will take place at 11 AM in the LOW Clubhouse on Friday, March 29. All members, 9- and 18-hole golfers, Farm Team members and our retired members are invited. Make your $20 check out to “LOW LGA,” note “Spring Luncheon” on the memo line, and put the check in the lock box in the women’s lounge at the Woods Center. If you haven’t paid your annual dues of $25, please contact Lisa Halpin, 9-Hole and Farm Team Membership Chair at mehalpin@comcast.net or Betsy Simprini 18-Hole Membership Chair at poligator@comcast.net. Retired members (Golden Girls) dues are $5.

Only 40 more days until the LGA golf season starts on April 2. I can’t wait!

Water Fitness at Wilderness Presidential Resort

by Carol Greeney, Member, LOWA

Wilderness Presidential Resort, located six miles east of LOW, has opened its doors to non-members for their Water Fitness Program starting March 1. Now Lake of the Woods residents will have the opportunity to work out in the water all year long! Wilderness has an indoor pool that is kept at a constant 84 degrees. In addition to a variety of water classes, the pool features a water slide, hot tubs and a water basketball court.

There will be three 3-month sessions: spring (March, April, May), fall (September, October, November) and winter (December, January, February). The cost for the 3-month session is $100. There will be no summer session at Wilderness since Lake of the Woods has its own summer program and this is the high season at Wilderness. Classes will be held Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 1 PM. Classes will be added throughout each session as needed.

Sign-ups began February 20 at the Reservations Building at the resort. Participants will be issued an I.D. Card upon completion of payment and paperwork. If you’d like to take a tour, go to the Reservations Building to get a pass to look at the facility.

Instructors Carol Greeney and Kay Potter are very excited about this new venture and hope to see many of our “regulars” March 1.

CHILDHELP AUXILIARY

LOW Childhelp Auxiliary

Birthdays at Tyler Village

by Ruth Beverina, LOW Childhelp Auxiliary

Birthdays are special to us all, but imagine being away from home, family, and friends on your special day. Doesn’t sound so happy, does it? To help make the day better for children at Childhelp’s Tyler Village, our Auxiliary fills a backpack with several gifts for each child’s birthday. We have been doing this for about 15 years, with volunteers shopping for and wrapping the gifts. The committee gets a list of birthdays from the Village and a date is set for wrapping. The backpacks are then delivered to the Village. We are told that the children really look forward to their presents, and we love doing this for them.

We also provide each child with a new pillowcase upon arrival, made with fabrics patterned especially for children. When leaving the Village, each child receives a monogrammed duffel bag. Between arrival and departure, the children are treated to a number of holiday parties and special events sponsored by the Auxiliary. The most recent special event was the Planetarium Dome Theater, teaching the older children about astronomy and the younger ones about dinosaurs. Then came the Valentine party, featuring a magician plus cupcakes and juice and a container of treats for each child. Plans are already in place for March and April fun.

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We are happy to have several new members in our group, and feel confident they will enjoy being a part of our activities. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall of The Lake of the Woods Church. We welcome everyone who wishes to join us.

February Date Night Scheduled

by Al Sanborn, Coordinator

Here’s looking forward to another nice group and a fun evening starting at 6 PM, February 28. Dinner and drink orders will be taken from 6 PM and music for background, listening, and dancing will begin at 6 PM. Folks eating elsewhere in the Clubhouse (or elsewhere after bowling) are welcome after 6 PM.

Please contact the Copes at 972-9838 or the Sanborns at 972-3508 if you are planning to attend or to offer suggestions for creating more variety in the evening musical time. For special music requests, please contact Don Cope at d.cope@juno.com

Announcement posters will be placed in the Clubhouse, Woods Center, and the Community Center. We are looking forward to another pleasant evening with the “regulars” and more new folks for a “full” house.

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Childhelp Auxiliary members show birthday backpacks prepared for the children living in the Village; (l to r) Jill Humphries, Dorothy Walker, Karen Kovarik and Pat Shrader.
Civil War Study Group to Assist in Wilderness Park Day Clean Up
by Dwight Mottet, Board Member, Friends of Wilderness Battlefield

The Civil War Study Group (CWSG) at Lake of the Woods will partner with Friends of Wilderness Battlefield (FoWB) in the 13th annual Park Day on Saturday, April 6, to provide cleanup and refurbishing efforts at Wilderness Battlefield. More than 100 historic sites nation-wide are participating in this event. Park Day is sponsored by the Civil War Trust and History, formerly The History Channel.

FoWB in overall partnership with the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, is overseeing Park Day activities at four battlefields: Chancellorsville, Mine Run, Spotsylvania Court House and Wilderness. CWSG will join with FoWB on the Wilderness Battlefield. Everyone in Lake of the Woods is invited to participate on Park Day, an annual, hands-on preservation event to take on maintenance projects large and small at Civil War battlefields and historic sites. Projects on the Wilderness Battlefield include roadside trash pick up, monument refurbishing, leaf and debris cleanup, painting of cannons and historical markers and replacing park boundary markers.

Volunteers will meet at 8:30 AM at the Exhibit Shelter at Saunders Field on Route 20. They should wear comfortable clothes and bring work gloves. Tools and supplies will be provided, along with snacks and beverages. CWSG will have a display set up at the registration desk to explain the group’s purpose and to show its activities in LOW. Early-bird registrants will receive a free commemorative Park Day T-shirt if they register by February 28. Register by calling 972-7866.

For more information, email parkdayregistration@fowb.org.

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**HUMAN SERVICES**

- **Blood Pressure Screening.** The LOW Lions and Nurses United Network do screenings on the 1st Wed. of the month in the CH Presidents Rm, 5:30-6:30 PM, and in Room 216 at LOW Church on 3rd Sun., 9:30-11 AM. Free!
- **LOW Lions Wilderness Food Pantry** located behind LG Town Center, Rt. 20. 1st and 3rd Thurs from 9 AM to Noon; second Wed. from 6-8 PM; last Sat. from 9 AM to Noon. Info: Betty -1872.
- **Lions Sick Room** Equipment for loan. Call Noel -0018 or Vinnie -3721 for items. We have wheelchairs, crutches, potty seats, shower seats, etc.
- **The Woods Cares:** an AARP program, will run errands and do small repairs, light yard work for shut-ins and caretakers. Free service. Call Jeanette -0726, Marion -4085, or Gail -7436.
- **Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group.** 3rd Wed. at 10 AM, Room 210/211. Info: LOW Church -9060.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** Every Mon. (Rm 505) and Wed. (cabins) and Fri. (cabins) at LOW Church, 7 PM daily. Info: LOW Church -9060.
- **Al-Anon Meeting:** Every Tues. at 7 PM, LOW Church Founders Room. Info: Holly -8607.
- **Seeking Counseling?** The LOW Church offers free counseling, by appointment. Info/referral: Church -9060 or a Pastor. We care.
- **Diabetes Support Group** of MW Hospital meets 2nd Thurs. of the month from 7-8 PM, LOW Church Founders Room. Free. Info: Suzanne Amoruso, RD, CDE, 741-2219 or suzanne.amoruso@mwhc.com.
- **GriefShare Support Group.** Tuesdays, 7 PM, LOW Church Library. Weekly support group for anyone grieving the death of someone close. Info: Lynn -7714.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive.** 4th Tues. every other month. LLCH from 1-7 PM. To give blood, you must be generally healthy, 17 years of age or more, and weigh at least 110 lbs. The next blood drive is March 26. Info: Joe -8403.
- **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 appointment and on Tues. evenings (walk-in). 13296-A James Madison Hwy, Orange. Volunteers needed. Info: 672-0793.
- **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 Lacey, 825-3100 ext. 3012.
- **Monthly Nutrition/Wellness Talks** with Registered Dietitian. Various topics discussed. Info: Suzanne, 760-5337 or suzyrd67@yahoo.com.

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**CALENDAR of EVENTS**

**Friday, March 8, Cont.**

1:30 PM-3:30 PM Open Tennis (Hollyfield). Intermediate/above players welcome. Info: Charles -5858.
7 PM LOW Anglers preseason enrollment meeting (WC). Info: krobsfer@yahoo.com.
7:30 PM-9:30 PM Square Dancers (LLCH). Info: Darby -7696 or Boyd -0674.

**Saturday, March 9**

1 PM Susannah Chandler Chapter, DAR meeting with guest speaker Neva Morrison (WC). Info: Susie -7554.

**Sunday, March 10**

7 PM-9 PM Duplicate Bridge (WC). Info: Bob -8211.

**LOW Anglers Announce New Tournament Schedule**

by Joe Lentine, Member, LOW Anglers

Now that football season is officially over, it won’t be very long until it’s time to take a look at your fishing gear to see what you need to get ready for that first 2013 launch back on the lake! If you reside in LOW, and have an interest in fishing, you may want to consider becoming a member of the LOW Anglers and test your skills against other LOW fishermen (and fishermen), for some tournament-style fishing.

Membership in the LOW Anglers is only $15 per person and will entitle you to register teams and discuss the upcoming 2013 tournament season. Anyone who has an interest in tournament fishing at LOW is encouraged to attend and to ask any questions that you may have. Tournament rules and regulations, as well as other information about the LOW Anglers, can be viewed on the website at www.lowangler.web.com. For more information, please email Tournament Director JD Krobsfer at krobsfer@yahoo.com.

**LOW Anglers Tournament Schedule with start/end times are as follows:**

- **March 8:** 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- **April 20:** 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- **May 18:** 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- **June 22:** 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- **July 13:** 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- **Aug 17:** 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- **Sept 17:** 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- **Oct 6:** 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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- **Oct 6:** 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- **Nov 10:** 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- **Dec 8:** 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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- **February 22, 2013**
Wine Talk
by Joe Szadvari, Sommelier

Exploring new wines (and wine regions) can be a very humbling experience – not just for the wine novice, but for those of us who have (or think we have) some level of wine knowledge. This is no less true than the happy discovery of an area in Italy – most specifically within Tuscany – called Maremma. Located in southwestern Tuscany, it is very flat and heavily mineral-rich, much different from the mostly mountainous Tuscan countryside. This newly discovered wine area (for me, anyway!) produces very robust, intense red wines, made from Sangiovese (there, called Morellino), with other grape varieties, to include Alicante (also called Grenache in France). These red “monsters” are very intensely flavored, yet reasonably priced, as can be seen by the following two examples:

Fattoria Mantellassi, Le Sentelle, Riserva, Morellino di Scansano, Tuscany, Italy, Vintage 2007 – Usually a “riserva” (reserve) wine is elegant and smooth in taste. Wine Spectator magazine calls this 90 point beauty a “melodious” wine with firm tannins – a gross understatement! Even though it has been aged in small French oak barrels for 20 months, it’s still very intense and robust with a beautiful, creamy mouth feel. Aromas include dark fruit, dark berry, black plum, cherry, raspberry, licorice, tobacco, and spice flavors. If you like easy-drinking wines, do not try this wine! If you love to embrace red wines that make you say “WOW!” then this is the one. Try it with any foods – it can take anything. It can also be “laid down”/cellared for at least 15 years and still contain the same intensity. Price: An unbelievable $20 a bottle.

Terre di Talamo, Tempo, Riserva, Morellino di Scansano, Tuscany, Italy, Vintage 2006 – This incredible 91 point, unfiltered red wine (i.e., includes sediment) goes beyond what would be called a “robust” wine. In its present state, this powerhouse is very intense in flavors of sweet cherry, ripe plum, and smooth oak. I had to aerate this great wine three times and then let it “rest” for three hours prior to serving! If you wish to cellar wines (I do), this is another perfect candidate. Price: About $17 a bottle.

NOTE: Laying down, or cellaring red wines takes patience. Trying to overcome the desire to open your cellared wine(s) can be a test within itself, but it’s worth the wait! The actual cellaring must be under the right conditions:

- A cool (i.e., consistent temperature of around 55 – 60° Fahrenheit), dark place (i.e., no sunlight at all).
- No noticeable vibration.
- Humidity level should be between 50 and 75%. This is not a big challenge, especially if you have an unfinished basement or a closet which sits on a concrete floor (with or without carpeting).

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Press Release

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Has Lyme Disease Affected You?
by Terry Salis, Resident, Lake Of The Woods

My husband and I moved from the Poconos in Pennsylvania to this most inviting and wonderful community on November 11, 2011. We felt so fortunate to have found our home on the lake and looked forward to many of the rewarding activities offered here. One month before our move I noticed a small, black bug stuck in my thigh. I removed it with tweezers and made nothing of the bite. Soon after, I developed a bulls-eye-shaped rash. At that time, not knowing anything about Lyme Disease, I didn’t think much about the bite because I was more excited planning our move to Virginia and being closer to our children and grandchildren.

Roughly two months after our move I became aware of extreme joint pain, and it got worse. It was so painful that one evening my husband rushed me to the emergency room where the doctors gave me an IV loaded with morphine. We knew something had to be done—and soon. I started with an orthopedic doctor. His plan was not working well at all, and he then referred me to a neurologist, who had a splendid reputation. In a short amount of time, I had an appointment with him, and he strongly suggested that I be tested for Lyme Disease. A few days later it was confirmed that I did have it. I truly did not know where to go to for help. The neurologist put me on a strong antibiotic for one month. It involved a daily use of a PICC line to administer antibiotics. Still searching for help, I ultimately did find a Lyme-literate doctor in Pennsylvania who specializes in Lyme Disease only. Even though each trip to the doctors involved a five-hour drive one way, I was under treatment with him for about six months. It takes a long time to get rid of it. Be patient, and make sure that you find the appropriate Lyme-literate physician.

I became educated about this horrific disease, and I want to pass on the information to help others in their healing. One thing I learned in coping with its strange symptoms (and I truly mean strange) is to have support from others who have Lyme Disease or folks who have had it and recovered. Of course there are so many people that have never encountered Lyme and how fortunate they are. The majority of folks will never get it—but there are enough folks who do have this disease. I am starting a support group to give emotional support and help to find solutions to aid in their healing. Lyme disease is becoming more prevalent today than ever before. I hope that this group (for those who have the disease, their friends, and families) will support those affected by the disease and educate others living here at the Lake. For further information, call Terry at 540-412-2282 or terrysalis@aol.com.

Be Alert for Ticks!
by Ruth Hood, Publications Editor, Lake Currents

The tick season is upon us. Why is this of note? After mosquitoes, ticks are the leading culprit in the transmission of diseases to humans. Ticks that endanger humans choose deer hosts and are often found where deer are plentiful. Although the rate of infection is not as high in Virginia as it is in the Northeast, there is a risk here due to our large deer population.

In this area we are most likely to see American dog ticks and deer ticks. There are three stages to their development: larva, nymph, and adult. The deer tick nymph is thought to be responsible for 90% of the cases of Lyme disease, but you most likely will never see it. The deer tick nymph is the size of the punctation mark at the end of this sentence. Female ticks are larger than the male.

Ticks hid in tall grass at the edge of the woods waiting for a host to walk by; which could be a pet, a rabbit, a deer, or a human. They cling to the host and can then spend as much as 24 hours seeking a choice spot to burrow into skin using their barbed mouth parts. Diseases are passed toward the end of the meal.

There are several ways to avoid tick bites. Do not walk through tall, grassy areas or sit on fallen logs. When you walk in wooded areas or are gardening, wear long-sleeved shirts tucked into long pants, and tuck the bottoms of the pants into your socks. Following the label directions, spray insect repellant on your clothing and exposed skin areas. Check with your doctor or product labels to determine whether the sprays can be used on young children. Check your clothing, your body, and your pets regularly for ticks.

The traditional methods for removing ticks (such as covering the tick body with paint, petroleum jelly, nail polish, or gasoline and/or burning them with a cigarette or match) are no longer advised. These methods may cause the tick to excrete disease germs into the body and cause further damage. Current recommendations are to wear protective gloves and use tweezers to pull the tick out. Their mouth pats are curved, so pull it straight out and slowly until the tick releases its grip, which may take several minutes. If you still see black lines on the skin, the head remains in the skin and a mouth part can then spend as much as 24 hours seeking a choice spot to burrow into skin using their barbed mouth parts. Diseases are passed toward the end of the meal.

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Plans for an evening out started with one couple's invitation to another to go to dinner, and the invitation spread to a total of five LOW couples vacationing in Melbourne, Florida, who all met for dinner. Left to right: Angelo and Rima Laviano, Ed and Bonnie Rowan, Jack and Marion Doherty, Pete and Pat Cassese, and Pierre and Irene Payette.

LOW Lioness Flea Market
by Sharon Kaltenmark, LOW Lioness Publicity Committee

Spring is fast approaching, and it is time to put the date for the annual LOW Lioness Flea Market on your calendar. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM, at the Locust Grove Middle School. Both buyers and sellers are welcome. If you wish to participate and sell gently-used household goods, collectibles or other items, reserve your table and space now by contacting Gayla Gamble at 972-3379. The cost is $20 per table. This is a win-win situation as everyone benefits and all profits go to the Lioness Benevolent fund to support local and national charities. Clean out those closets and join us on March 23.

Book Club News
by Helen Nolan, Coordinator

Edward Rutherfurd’s well-written historical novel, New York, was well received by the members. All agreed that Mr. Rutherfurd is an excellent and talented “story teller,” and he leaves the reader “wanting more.” For the reader who enjoys history but doesn’t like to read history books, New York provides the perfect combination of reading history through the lives of the characters.

Dorothy Wickenden’s Nothing Daunted is our March selection, the biography of the grandmother for whom the author is named, and her friend, Rosamund. The time is the late 19th-early 20th Century. Raised in affluence in Auburn, New York, Grandma Dorothy and her friend Rosamund, graduates of Smith College, have returned from two years abroad in France. A notice in the newspaper catches their attention, and they are soon on their way to become teachers in the Colorado Territory and therein lies an amazing story of two unconventional (for the times) young women.

Copies of Nothing Daunted are available through the Wilderness, Salem Church, and Culpeper Libraries, or through your favorite book store. The Book Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Wilderness Library. The March meeting will be on March 13 at 1 PM. For information, please call Helen at 972-0968.

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or on the head or neck of a child. Most tick bites are not likely to cause harm, but early removal of the tick will prevent diseases being transmitted. Be aware of the dangers and use caution.

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For the next month or two, the Supervisors will be working on the Orange County budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The three-year budget projection provided at the November meeting held at LOW showed estimates of a large shortfall in the overall revenue that would require significant tax increases.

On February 12, the School Board presented a budget that increases expenditures by $890,737 to cover a 2% pay raise for school employees, substantial increases in the cost of health insurance, purchasing two additional school buses, and preparation to open the old middle school to accommodate grades 3 through 5. Due to a drop in federal aid, the School Board has requested a $1,021,212 increase from the county to cover these and some other state mandated requirements. This increase would entail about a 3.8% real estate tax increase.

The County Administrator will consider the School Board’s request as she prepares the county’s FY13/14 budget. She will be providing copies of her budget to the Supervisors on February 26 and will make a formal presentation on February 28. That meeting on February 28 would be a good opportunity to get an early look at the budget and tax rates. If you can’t attend that meeting, I would suggest that you watch it on channel 18. At some point the draft budget will be posted on the county’s web site, but viewing the Administrator’s presentation will be helpful in understanding it.

When Walmart decided to withdraw from the site at the intersection of Routes 3 and 20, it was not just a matter of moving Walmart to another location. The plans for the Routes 3 and 20 location included a new road past the 7-11 to not only the Walmart store, but to the adjacent property. This would allow access to any new development between Route 3 and the Rapidan River without creating additional intersections along Route 3 and disrupting the wooded area along the highway. Walmart eventually purchased that property and without much expectation of success, I asked Walmart representatives if they would set aside a road right-of-way along the original planned roadway. To my delight, they have agreed and with VDOT’s concurrence a new right-of-way has been established. The building of that road is probably a long way off and will depend on a number of issues that must be considered as any development is planned. However, having a right-of-way provides some assurance that we can access new development without harming the views along Route 3.

A number of people have asked why the county was not recycling white paper. This was because the vendor where we sent our recycle materials did not accept such paper. The county is limited to just certain vendors due to the cost of transporting recyclables. Recently our recycling vendor began accepting additional materials and as you may have noticed at the compactor site there is another recycle bin for those papers that were not acceptable with the newspapers. (See photo on this page. You as you may have noticed at the compactor site there is another recycle bin for those recyclables. Recently our recycling vendor began accepting additional materials and)

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

Lee Frame

February 22, 2013

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Silent Auction Benefits Habitat for Humanity
by Melanie Parmelee, Member, Orange County Habitat for Humanity

Orange County Habitat for Humanity is hosting a Spring Fever Silent Auction event the weekend of April 12-14 in Orange to raise funds for finishing the 27th house in the community and looking to start the 28th house. There is much to do and we need your assistance, a sponsorship or donated items, and of course, your bid on items at the auction! Suggestions for donated items include products, services, entertainment, events and meals. To date we have over 60 items, of those, the largest items are a kitchen full of cabinets and countertops and two separate vacations. See some of the items on our web site www.OCHFH.org.

We are seeking sponsors for this event and/or donations to be auctioned. Interested sponsors can choose from three levels: Cottage ($100 to $249), Cape Cod ($250 to $500) and McMansion ($500+). Checks can be made payable to Orange County Habitat for Humanity and mailed to OCHFH, PO Box 65, Orange, VA 22960. To make an item donation for the auction, please contact Melanie Parmelee at 972-2278 or Carol Couch at 672-0820.

Orange County Habitat for Humanity is a Christian organization partnering with low-income families to help provide them safe, decent and affordable housing. Homes are built using volunteer labor and donated materials when possible. Partner families put in sweat equity working on their homes and the homes of others, as well as working for the betterment of the community. The donated labor and materials help keep the cost of their houses in the affordable range.

Partner families are given a hand up, not a hand out. You can help Habitat and help alleviate poverty housing by making a donation of cash, goods or services to Orange County Habitat for Humanity. You may even help yourself as your donation qualifies as a tax deduction.

Lee Frame

February 22, 2013

Lake Currents

Office Paper Only
The results of our January 22 Blood Donor Drive were statistically good (102.8%), although our donor count was significantly less than usual due to the extreme coldness of the temperature that day and many people in the community have headed south during the colder months of the year. Our goal as set by the AMRC was 54 pints of usable blood, and we received 36 pints of usable blood. The reason for 36 good pints of blood to 35 donors was the result of three double red donors.

There were 35 donors—20 men and 15 women. There were 11 donors between 1 PM and 2 PM; 6 donors between 2 PM and 3 PM; 5 donors between 3 PM and 4 PM; 7 donors between 4 PM and 5 PM; 2 donors between 5 PM and 6 PM; and 4 donors between 6 PM and 7 PM.

The need for blood is constant. Your contribution is very important to maintain a healthy and plentiful blood supply. When you donate through the Red Cross, you help save lives by giving of yourself in just about an hour. You may never meet the person who receives your blood, but you’ll feel good knowing you helped change a life.

You may give blood if you are at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in general good health and feeling well on the day of donation. Minimum donor age may vary by state. Virginia allows 16 year olds to donate with parental consent.

Our next Blood Donor Drive will be March 26.

**Hurry! Application must be in by March 4 for the Peter D. Johnson Scholarship Fund**

*by Casey Hu, Foundation Specialist, Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region*

**Description**

This scholarship is in memory of Peter D. Johnson. Mr. Johnson was a loving husband and father, a concerned and giving member of the community, and had a passion for enjoying all the benefits of water-skiing. He also had a strong passion for enjoyment all the benefits of water-skiing.

This scholarship is intended to promote the pursuit of excellence in youth and encourage mental and physical development through involvement in community, academics, employment, water ski clubs, and other social activities.

A scholarship of at least $500 will be awarded to a senior from one of the following counties: Orange, Stafford, Spotsylvania, King George, Caroline or the City of Fredericksburg.

**Eligibility**

Applicants to the Peter D. Johnson Memorial Fund must:

- Attend a high school in one of the following localities: Orange County, Stafford County, Spotsylvania County, King George County, Caroline County or the City of Fredericksburg.
- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have completed at least three (3) years of high school.
- Be a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident.
- Be an active member of the school community.
- Demonstrate plans to attend an accredited undergraduate college or university located within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**How to Apply**

- Download the Community Foundation’s Scholarship Application Form – Checklist – Guidelines document at: [http://www.cfrrr.org/page33165.cfm](http://www.cfrrr.org/page33165.cfm)

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**Citizen’s Police Academy**

*Press Release, OC Sheriff’s Office*

The Citizens’ Police Academy, sponsored by the Orange County Sheriff’s Office, will be held each Tuesday night from April 2, 2013, through May 28, 2013. The majority of the program will be held at the Waugh Harley-Davidson Hog Parlor from 6:30 to 9:30 PM, but the first night will be held at the Sheriff’s Office.

The Citizens’ Police Academy is a program developed to enhance the relationship between the Orange County Sheriff’s Office and the community it serves. The academy is designed to dispel any misconceptions about how the Sheriff’s Office operates and to give the community a better understanding of how police work is done.

Participants will take a tour of the Sheriff’s Office and learn about every division of the office. Classes will include patrol operations, traffic and motors, animal control, school resource, gangs and narcotics, TRIAD, victim witness, courts and civil process, investigations, and S.W.A.T.

Participants will also be given the opportunity to ride along with a deputy, and spend the day at our firing range learning about our weapons and testing their marksmanship using departmental weapons. Citizens’ will take a tour of our courthouse and participate in a mock trial. The academy is finalized with the participants “assuming the role as law enforcement officers” responding to scenarios that we have created in one of our schools. This program is not designed to certify anyone as a law enforcement officer, but to give a better understanding of real law enforcement, not as depicted on television.

The Citizens’ Police Academy is open to all Orange County residents over the age of 18, Orange County business owners, and people employed within the county who have passed a criminal background check. Participants must attend 8 of the 10 classes to graduate. For an application; come by the Sheriff’s Office, contact Capt. Jason Smith at 672-1200, Donna Lucas at 672-7219, or by email at dluca@orange-countyva.gov. A maximum of 26 participants will be allowed, so sign up quickly.

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**CLASSIFIEDS**

**LOTS FOR SALE**

**GREAT BUILDING Lot in LOW w/89’ road frontage, across from Golf Course on a Cul-de-sac, $18,700 Century 21 AdVenture Redwood, 540-220-3788.**

**WATER FRONT Lot on main lake w/68’ water frontage, partial driveway, bulkhead and dock, $175,000. Century 21 AdVenture Redwood, 540-220-3788.**

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**A HELPING HAND with compassionate care. Where Professionalism with Compassion come first. Excellent references with 20 years experience in LOW. Provides services for you or your loved one in the comfort and safety of your home. A staff of medical professionals to provide care a few hours a day, a week, or 24 hours in the following areas: Alzheimer’s, dementia, personal, health, medication management, hospice, palliative, respite, pre-op, post-op & recovery, doctor visits, hours a day, a week, or 24 hours in the care of any professional to provide care a few hours a day, a week, or 24 hours in the care of any professional.**

**ANIMAL CARE: Lake of the Woods Pet Care, LLC. Laurie Knights, Owner/Operator (Mobile) 703-203-0011. For a complete listing of our pet sitting services and prices, please visit www.lowpetscare.com.**

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**ARMON - 540-972-3953.**

**BULKHEADED DOCKS, Boat Slips, Ground Level Decks, and Beaches. Since 1993 we have provided quality, affordable services to our neighbors in LOW. We are licensed and fully insured. The Association at LOW has contracted our services numerous times. We average over 2000 ft. of bulkhead replacement and many custom docks each year. Nobody in LOW does more bulkhead and dock work than we. We build year round and don’t use any large, yard-destroying equipment in our work. For a free estimate or second opinion, call Gary at D&B Services Inc., 972-7361.**


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**GUTTER CLEANING, mulching, leaf removal, and more. Call Justin Pitman 1-540-212-3692.**

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