

# Wolf Laurel Property Owners' Association Newsletter Winter 2020 Edition

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# WLPOA Community Center & Village Club Hours of Operation

WLPOA Community Center Hours of Operation for Winter 2020 – From now through April 2020, our hours of operation for the WLPOA Community Center will be: 7:30am – 3:30pm Tuesday through Thursday. This schedule may change due to inclement weather. So, it's a good idea to call our office to make sure someone is in before you make a special trip down the mountain. If Madison county schools are out, the community building will be closed, if the schools are on a delay, there will be a delay in opening the community building.

# **President's Notes**



The POA staff and Board of Directors are deep in the planning phase for another season in Wolf Laurel. We look forward to the spring weather and everyone returning to the mountain. Our Village Club program continues to grow and if you are a member, please check out the Wolf Laurel Village Club page on Facebook. We encourage you to send photos to the site administrator and check the page frequently for updates and pictures from various activities or events. If you are not a Village Club member, now is the time to join so you can experience all the club has to offer for the full 2020 season. Please contact Jeannie or Ronnie for more information on the Village Club.

Did you know the Wolf Laurel Nature Trail leads to the Appalachian Trail? The POA extends many thanks to Joe Capers for maintaining the nature trail. If you have not been on the trail recently, please consider taking a hike and seeing how nice the trail is. John Muir summarized it best when he said, "And into the forest I go, to lose my mind and find my soul." Once you reach the Appalachian Trail, you can take an extended hike to Big Bald if you are looking for more adventure.

Lastly, please keep in mind some nearby community events that will occur over the coming weeks including:

- Burnsville Spring Fest\*
- The 14th Annual The Fiddlers of Madison County\*
- Madison County Arts Council events\*
- Bucktown Stables Horse Camp\*

(Announcements on pages 24 & 25)

Please watch your email inbox or reach out to Jeannie to learn more about the upcoming events in Wolf Laurel, and I look forward to seeing you around the mountain.

John Brackett

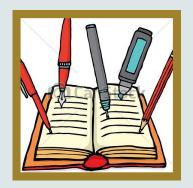
### **POA Board Business**

# The Wolf Laurel POA Board of Directors Meeting 2/14/20:

- ◆ Financial The proposed POA budget for 2020 was presented, discussed, and approved. The surplus for 2020 will be small but adequate, and "Retained Earnings" appear to be adequate at this time. The membership numbers continue to be favorable.
- ◆ Facilities The Facilities Committee is working toward providing access to hot water at the pavilion for use in the bar area, the rest rooms, and the pool shower. The POA is addressing the need for a new lining for the pool, a new playground and some roof repair at the pavilion. Good things are happening at the WLPOA.
- ◆ Top of the Bald TOB Fall 2019 edition printed version was presented. A copy has been placed in the TOB archives and a copy is available at the VC desk. Both copies are to be labeled as "View Only, Do Not Remove." So far there have been seven ads requested to be placed in the Winter TOB. These businesses have requested ads in the Winter edition and future editions providing revenue of \$1,105 thus far. The Winter TOB is scheduled to be published on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and to be announce as available via the website. Printed copies will be available via Amazon.com for approximately \$8.
- ◆ POA Board Membership Residents who might be interested in being on the WLPOA board are encouraged to attend meetings, attend social functions, review the POA Bylaws and Standing Rules, the latter two being available on the WLPOA website.
- ◆ The RMS to POA liaison Cynthia Kessler, reported that RMS is investigating options to resolve the need to relocate the maintenance facility. It was said by another person that the POA should encourage residents to direct their concerns and questions to the RMS office, and that discussions on social media platforms tend to sometimes lack thorough information. The POA board agreed that we should support the RMS's request that we encourage residents to contact the RMS regarding their concerns and questions regarding the RMS's investigation to develop the most efficient and practical solution to the need to relocate the maintenance facility.
- ♦ There was a house fire in WL on 2/13/20. No further information was provided.
- ◆ Also, a new WL Village Club ID card system is being implemented; watch for more announcements.

# **Editor's Notes**

1. Thanks to all those who have made contributions to this TOB, which we strive to make enjoyable and informative.



2. The TOB seems to have survived the transition to a digital format. All POA residents (with email addresses) are notified that the TOB is available, via an email, which includes the link to the TOB on the POA website. The TOB seeks to provide valuable information to residents, and seeks to provide

interesting news about past and future events in our community - WL, Mars Hill, Marshall, etc. We also provide local businesses the opportunity to advertise to the WL Community, which provides the residents with information about services and real estate that is available. The fee structure for the ads has recently changed (See page ). The POA did not need to sell ads for the publishing of the TOB, but Ad fees assist the POA funds needed in other areas.

5. I would like to thank Lynn Cagney for her assistance with the TOB publication process.

6. A new addition to the TOB this edition is monthly calendars for the next two months (pages 11 & 12).

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# The Village Club

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General Information:
Village Club / POA Office:
Tue-Wed-Thur
7:30am-3:30pm
Pool: Closed

WLPOA: 828-689-9229 Village Club: 828-689-4089

> Gate: 828-689-2111 RMS: 828-680-9162

# Notes:

- Invoices for WLPOA & Village Club have been sent out for 2020 either by e-mail or USPS. Payment is required by 3/15/19. Please note credit card service fees of 3% will be applied if payment is made by credit card.
- Our Wi-fi is accessible from your car parked close to the barn.
- The Roads Maintenance and Security office is located across the street, last door closest to the creek.
- New Village Club Director contact information: Jeanne Wilson 828-689-4089, jeanne@wolflaurelpoa.com

# **Village Club / POA Announcements**

We are looking forward to our 2020 Village Club Season!

Some important dates: Mark your calendars!

POA 2020 Winter parties schedule: (Time - 6pm)

March 14th - Saint Patrick's Party; wear your green!

March 28th - Social / Party

April 4th - Spring Fling

April 25th - Game Night; bring your favorite game & finger appetizers

# **Coordinators:**

Steve Wilcox - 202-699-2790

Gene & Amelia Woolf – 828-216-9593

(With all winter parties the weather might be an issue, please call for party updates.)

# Village Club Event in June:

The 2020 *Welcome Back* Party! June 5th, 6pm in the Village Pavilion. All welcome! BYOB and an appetizer to share. We'll have some great music and a great time!

# **Rental Property Owners:**

For those of you who are Village Club Members renting your home, please contact us in the office to let us know if you will continue to rent this year and we will send you the invoice to cover all your rentals for the season.

If you are a rental without a Village Club Sponsored Membership, you need to make sure that your website reflects that your renters will not have access to the Village Club. Please set your renter's expectations appropriately!

Anyone planning a large gathering on the mountain that uses multiple rental homes needs to know that if all that are in the group would like to access the Village Club, they all must be staying in a Village Club home with a Sponsored Membership.

# **SEE YOU IN THE VILLAGE!**

# **POA & Village Club Announcements**

# **WLPOA Package Cabin:**

Because of the usable space in the cabin, we will only be able to retain packages for a limited period of time.

NOTE: We have trained volunteers who take care of the organization of packages in the cabin and if you are interested in helping out, please contact Earlene Shofi (earlenes@frontier.com) and you will receive info about how to properly organize the packages. There is no set time commitment, you may help out for whatever time you have available. Please sign up to volunteer so that we can set a schedule. If you aren't trained to do this, please do not put packages up.

# Thank you to our wonderful Package Cabin volunteers!

**Be Careful entering and exiting the Package Cabin!** 

Stephen Parker also recommends using the USPS "Informed Delivery service," "We use it. We recommend going straight to the horse's mouth, USPS customer service. Here's a link: https://informeddelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action"

# Wolf Laurel Village Club Facebook page:

Upcoming Village Club Season for 2020 is now in the works. We would like to invite all Village Club members to join the Wolf Laurel Village Club Facebook page. There, you will see the latest communications, events, and all the photos of the members enjoying themselves throughout the year. Please note this page is not for personal advertising of any services or businesses. Administrators must approve any post to the page and request to join. To get started, open Facebook and in the Facebook search bar, type Wolf Laurel Village Club and then request to join. We look forward to having you on our Facebook Page!

Visit the Village Club website for more information - https://www.wolflaurelpoa.com/wlpoa

# March 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 RMS Brd Work Session 10 AM	12	13 POA Board Meeting 10 AM	14 * Saint Patrick's Party
15	16	17	18	19	20 RMS Board Meeting	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 WLPOA Social
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Events

- Burnsville Spring Fest
- Saturday March 14th
- Fiddlers of Madison
  County
- Saturday, March 14, 2020

WLPOA: 828-689-9229 Village Club: 828-689-4089 Gate: 828-689-2111

RMS: 828-680-9162

# **April 2020**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sun- day
		Health & Longevity 10 AM - VC - RSVP *	2	3	4 Spring Fling - VC	5
6	7	8 WL RMS Brd Work Session - 10 AM	9	10 WL POA Brd Meeting - 10 AM	11	12
13	14	Tax Day	16	17 WL RMS Brd Meeting - 10 AM	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Game Night - VC **	26
27	28	29	30			

# **Events**

\* Health meeting, April - September, on the first day of each month at 10 AM. RSPV...

...The topics will include Notes: \*\* Game some of the pillars of health such as nutrition, your favorite game movement, sleep, and

Night Social - bring & finger appetizers

# **Village Club**

# **Events - Looking Ahead**

# Big Bald Vacation Bird School

June 22-26

9am - 4pm

Ages 10 - 12; \$250 per camper

Contact Southern Appalachian Raptor Research (SARR): <u>bigbaldbanding.org/vbs</u> or 252-299-2108

# Bucktown Stables Horse Camp

In The Preserve at Wolf Laurel

June 22 - 26

\$300 per camper

9am-4pm

Contact Heather McIntosh: 828-284-1961

# KIDS' CAMP OPPORTUNITIES ON THE MOUNTAIN 2020!

# Village Club Wolf Cub Kids Camp

July 6-12

9am - 3pm

Ages 5 - 10; \$250 per camper

Contact Jeanne Wilson: jeanne@wolflaurelpoa.com and register now!

### WL on Facebook and Websites

# ("The times they are a'changin'.")

Access to information regarding the POA, the Village Club, and the WL Community at large can be found via the following internet sources.

### Facebook:

Several Facebook links can be found at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a> with a search for "wolf laurel". The direct link is <a href="https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Wolf%20Laurel&epa=SEARCH\_BOX">https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Wolf%20Laurel&epa=SEARCH\_BOX</a>

Options there include -

- 1. Wolf Laurel Village Club; https://www.facebook.com/groups/342942392454360/
- 2. Wolf Laurel Country Club; <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Wolf-Laurel-Country-Club-151790991581741/">https://www.facebook.com/Wolf-Laurel-Country-Club-151790991581741/</a>
- 3. Wolf Laurel Community; https://www.facebook.com/wolflaurelcommunity/

WL POA's <u>Village Club</u> Facebook page is administered by the VC staff, and one must be a member of the WLPOA to join and to post on the page. Membership requests and postings will be pending approval by the VC staff. The page has recently received some additional promotion and is gaining an increase in traffic – Check it out!

The Wolf Laurel <u>Country Club</u> Facebook page can be found via a search on Facebook for "wolf laurel country club".

Next is an independent site for the <u>Wolf Laurel Community</u> at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a> wolflaurelcommunity/. This site provides information about the Wolf Laurel Community at large, and can be accessed via searching on Facebook for "wolf laurel community".

### Websites:

<u>The WL Village Club website at https://www.wolflaurelpoa.com/village-club</u>, provides access available to anyone.

<u>WL POA website</u> Next, anyone desirous of WL POA information can access the site at <a href="https://www.wolflaurelpoa.com/">https://www.wolflaurelpoa.com/</a>. The site includes some "member only" information, e.g., you can access the WLPOA Membership Directory by obtaining a password from the VC staff. There is a tab on the home page for the Village Club, among other tabs, for more VC & POA information.

<u>WL Road Maintenance & Security website</u> The RMS site has much information pertinent to RMS functions and living on the mountain in WL, including Forms, News, Policies, and Reports. The site address is <a href="https://wolflaurelroadsandsecurity.com/">https://wolflaurelroadsandsecurity.com/</a>.

Finally, the WLCC website is, <a href="http://www.wolflaurelcountryclub.com/">http://www.wolflaurelcountryclub.com/</a>.

# WL POA / Village Club Website

# **Some Specifics**

Everyone is encouraged to be familiar with the <u>WL Village Club website</u> at <a href="https://www.wolflaurelpoa.com/village-club">https://www.wolflaurelpoa.com/village-club</a>, general access being available to anyone. Some information is for POA members only. There you can access information about...Access Tabs listed below.

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### **Contacts**

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POA

Locals area entities inside and outside WL

Advertisers

Lastly, under More one can find -

**Photo Gallery** 

**Trading Post** 

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Garden Club

Additional information can be found regarding the WL Country Club, the WL Historical Society, the Wolf Ridge Ski Lodge, and WL Road Maintenance & Security.

On the Trading Post page, you will find:

"Place your "property for sale" ad here (WLPOA members only)," as well as

Items for Sale and Wanted, current Items are:

For Sale - Antique Cast iron and brass double bed new mattress. \$50.00 Call 828-319-2147

For Sale - Custom designed, Cedar Sided home at 660 Trillium Lane. Designed for year round living and ready for immediate occupancy: Contact Connie Carver at http://www.wolfmountainrealty.com/

Wolf Laurel Logo Hats - Organic cotton low profile hats with Wolf Laurel logo. Limited supply at the Community center. Available for a suggested minimum donation of \$15 each. Posted Jul 2015

**Wanted** - Used table-tennis (ping pong) table and foosball table. Open to purchase or barter. Contact Andy at 704-302-6138. Posted Jul 2015

**For Sale** - Joy Rider Ergonomic Adult Tricycle. Simply walk in, take a seat, and pedal off for fun and adventure. Heavy-duty steel frame and unique swingaway handlebars, Bermuda Blue color, Weight Capacity: 250 Lbs., Size: 34"H x 70"L x 29" W, Wheel Size: 24", One year old, \$450 (over \$600 new). Call: Jim at 828-689-4597 Updated June 2019

For Sale - Meade Refractor Telescope - 6" f/8 LXD55 Series - Includes automatic Autostar "go to" technology, tripod and extra 2x lens. Terrific for planet and deep space viewing. Camera adaptable. New condition with original boxes and all for \$850. Call: Jim at 828-206-2468. Updated June 2019

# Village Club REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

(Spring & Summer)

### Fitness Class with Mary Lou Woodiwiss

Sessions take place on black top or in the Village Pavilion – instructor's choice depending on weather. Bring your exercise mat, water bottle, weights & stretch bands. Get ready for a great workout!

### Tai Chi with Fred Buck

Sessions take place in Village Activity Center or outside locations in the beautiful sunshine. Bring your water bottle and an exercise mat.

### Yoga with John Shoemaker

Each class will include restorative and yin yoga (long static poses) and active yoga (dynamic poses followed by short static poses). Standing, balancing, kneeling, sitting and lying down poses will be practiced. Practitioners should bring their own mats and bolsters. Blocks and blankets are available. This class will take place in the Village Activity Center. John is a 200-hour certified yoga teacher and soon to become a 500-hour certified yoga teacher through Yoga Alliance. He completed his training at Asheville Yoga Center.

# Water Fitness with Leigh Ann Roseberry and Denise Norton

We have two great leaders again this year – Leigh Ann and Denise. All workout equipment provided. Bring your sunscreen and get ready to have a great time and a very beneficial workout!

### Book Club led by Karen Gerry

The meeting will be held in the Village Pavilion. Several meetings will be held throughout the season to review each of the books that will be selected.

### Pickleball

Starting when the weather permits and there are enough members or guests to make a foursome. To learn to play Pickleball contact the Village Club for instructional sessions.

### Health & Longevity with Larry Veatch (RSPV)

Larry is offering to host meetings, April - September, on the first day of each month at 10 AM. The topics will include some of the pillars of health such as nutrition, movement, sleep, and stress management. RSPV - Those interested are asked to call the Village Club to reserve a seat in one or more of these meetings. Session will be one to two hours and held in the Community Center or the Pavilion depending on availability and weather. Sessions are free with a money back guarantee. Larry Veatch, MS, MBA, NBCC, NCC, retired LPC, LMHC

\*\* For further information please contact Jeanne Wilson at jeanne@wolflaurelpoa.com

# December POA Social



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# January POA Social







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### **RMS - 2020 Focus**

# Cynthia S. Kessler

### WLRMS President 2019-2020

"That's good to know, but what are you doing right now?" Often this is what we hear from many community property owners when we describe our long-term plans for the community's road system and our multiyear capital plan for funding them. But short-term plans are important, too. Right now, let's focus on what's up for 2020.

- Wolf Laurel Road was paved in the fall of 2019, and protecting our investment of over \$492,000 continues in the early spring. Our road crew will perform an in-depth inspection of the road to address any warranty touch-ups and repair any winter damage. At the same time, the crew will plan repair work to the other paved roads in the community. No major paving projects are planned for 2020, and annual repair and maintenance of the paved roads preserve and extend their lifespan.
- ◆ Early spring is a challenging time for our gravel roads. Water from snow, ice, and rain expands as it freezes, pushing apart compacted road gravel. As sun and air temperature thaw the road, a loose structure remains, which is particularly susceptible to heavy traffic. Larger rocks below the road heave to the surface through the loose material. Road salt degrades the aggregate, allowing water to penetrate deep into the road and loosen a deeper substructure, resulting in a mushy, wet road long after winter and spring rains are over. Instead of salt, our road crew adds rock screenings and gravel to icy patches on gravel roads and adds more gravel on soft areas damaged by traffic to provide stability and traction.
- ◆ Each year, beginning in the early spring or even on warm dry winter days, the road crew uses a motor-grader to re-crown or re-contour the gravel roads and adds more gravel where needed. Winter-damaged areas are repaired, and large rocks are removed from the road. When an ineffective or damaged culvert is discovered, the road crew addresses the problem.

What's the plan after repairs and annual maintenance are complete? The road crew plans to replace at least 10 culverts this year and has a budget line item for this purpose. Then, if we are fortunate enough to have a mild year for early spring repairs, funds may be available to tackle a list of planned projects for 2020. The first project is fortifying the road shoulders on Buck House Road, Buckeye Road, and Oak Ridge Road, re-sloping those roads to direct water to the ditches instead of the outer slopes of the roads, and then applying and compacting the pavement millings from last year's Wolf Laurel Road paving project to the downhill shoulders to strengthen the roads' support.

I hope to see you on the mountain!

Cynthia

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Tai Chi

Bappy Spring to Everyone!!! Another year rolls around! I can hardly believe it, but this is my thirteenth year teaching Tai
Chi for Wolf Laurd Village Club. My goodness, how time flies when you're having funt!! And what fun we've had!!
Thanks to Jeanne Wilson, and all the folks at Willage Club for having me back again, and for all their help throughout the
season! It's always a pleasure to work with them, and I'm looking forward to a wonderful season ashead!!

Of course, I am looking forward to seeing all my regular students....some of whom have been practicing with me for many
years (maybe all thirteen), and I also hope to see lots of new students as well. Come on down!!! Well fove to have you join
well!

And now, a few words about Tai Chi and the class:

Tai Chi means supreme, or ultimate, and what we practice is Tai Chi Chwan.....which means: Supreme or ultimate fiest. This
points to the martial arts aspect of Tai Chi. Usually when we say Tai Chi. We actually mean...Tai Chi Chuan. According to
Whadredin, there are three main reasons people practice Tai Chi today.....t's either for improving ones health and well-being,
for practicing meditation, or for improving ones skills in martial arts. I would say that most of my students are practicing
Tai Chi to improve overall health.

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We also meditate during our practice, and this also helps improving health. Scientist have found that practicing the to a state of humany and health because Tai Chi increases the flow of the vita! Chi' energy though out the body, and indeed though out
the whole person....body, mind, emotional self, and spirit....the abulanced way.

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# **Joe Capers**

# **Nature Trail Work**

If you enjoy the Wolf Laurel Nature Trail you may have noticed some changes.

Three months ago Joe Capers and his helpers made needed repairs to the existing bridges on the trail and built three new bridges to assist folks getting across some wet areas that had developed over the years. He waited for cooler weather to arrive before tackling a dozen deadfalls that were impeding trail traffic. Recently, with the help of Willie and Julio Romero, all of the trees (some quite large), that were laying across the trail, were removed.

Joe C. and Chuck Arthur went out to the Hanging Rock intersection and replaced a rotted bridge, installed two new signposts, and replaced one that had been vandalized. They will soon install some trail markers.

The Wolf Laurel Nature Trail is looking great, thanks to Willie, Julio, Joe and Chuck.



See next page for more pix.







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# The 34th Annual Wolf Laurel Hospice Benefit

Rich Ashley

"The 34th Annual Wolf Laurel Hospice benefit will take place on July 18 at the Wolf Laurel Country Club with a golf tournament and dinner/auction. The benefit kicks off with the plant sale at the Country Club tentatively scheduled for the Memorial Day weekend. Watch for more specific details on local media closer to the events.

An easy way you can support Hospice at no cost is to use Amazon Smile! Sign in to your regular Amazon account; go to "Your Accounts & Lists;" select "Your Amazon Smile;" and search for and select "Hot Springs Health Program, Inc." A portion of all your Amazon purchases will go to Hot Springs Health Program, Inc.

Last year, a check for \$117,000 was presented to the Hot Springs Health Program to support its Hospice program. Shown in the photo are Ed Bunch, new treasurer, Paul Carroll, new co-chair (along with Bill Gregg), Don Mathis, outgoing chair and Rich Ashley, outgoing treasurer."

Thanks, Rich



# **Happenings in Yancey & Madison County**

### **Burnsville Spring Fest**

March 14th at the Burnsville Town Center

The Burnsville Spring Fest is here! Celebrate the arrival of Spring by shopping a wide variety of unique items such as paintings, quilted sheep, teddy bears, wooden bowls, stained glass, painted signs, glass ornaments, beeswax candles, baked goods and much more!

### The 14th Annual The Fiddlers of Madison County

Saturday, March 14, 2020

**ONE show** 

7:00 pm \$25 advance \$30 Day of Show

More information at:

(828)649-1301

www.madisoncountyarts.com

For centuries, literally, folks have been following The French Broad River into Madison County to hear the finest in traditional music. Cecil Sharp found ballad singers in the laurel country, Bascom Lamar Lunsford searched over the hills and hollers for banjo players and buck dancers, and anyone having a house party or a barn dance was hunting up a fiddler to liven up the festivities. This tradition continues every spring in Madison County when the area's finest fiddlers come together for a concert to benefit The Madison County Arts Council. On March 14, old favorites and new faces join together in jam-packed performances of old-time tunes, Bluegrass classics, sweet harmonies, and family togetherness.

"This year we want to shine a light on our Junior Appalachian's Program," remarked Laura Boosinger, Executive Director of the Madison County Arts Council. JAM teaches traditional music and dance to Elementary through High School students. "Students can begin an instrument in fourth grade when their hands are big enough to handle one. We find that many younger siblings want to participate and they get their feet wet, so to speak, in the clogging class. Each week's program begins with group singing, the thing that sets our program apart from any other. The staff and I believe that community times is important for the students to understand how the music is passed down from one to another. We are lucky to have two fine lead instructors, Jake and Sarah Owen and are grateful for their commitment to JAM."

Featured fiddlers include NC Heritage Award winner, Arvil Freeman accompanied by The Midnight Plowboys. Don and Marty Lewis, The Sons of Ralph, will return keeping the legacy of their father Ralph Lewis alive. Ten time Grammy award winner, Bobby Hicks, will make an appearance as well as Roger Howell who has recorded over 600 tunes for the Southern Appalachian Archives at Mars Hill University.

Also on the show are two young show stopping female fiddlers, Lillian Chase and Rhiannon Ramsey. "Rhiannon has stepped up in the music community. She recently joined the Stoney Creek Boys, taking over for her mentor, Arvil Freeman. The Stoney Creek Boys are the house band for the Shindig on the Green and the Mountain Dance and Folk Festival. Until you look at her, you would think it was Arvil up there playing," remarked Boosinger.

"The performance will be held at the Madison County Arts Center in downtown Marshall. Showtime is 7:00. Folks start asking us in January about our Fiddlers show. Ticket sales are already brisk!" said Boosinger. Tickets are available by calling (828) 649-1301 or on-line at <a href="https://www.madisoncountyarts.com">www.madisoncountyarts.com</a>. (See next page.)

# **Happenings in Yancey & Madison County (continued)**

- ♦ June 28 David Holt and Josh Goforth
- ◆ July 19th "The Book of Mamaw," a one man play with Eugene Wolf
- ♦ August 30th Kruger Brothers

**ALL SUNDAYS ALL at 4PM!** 

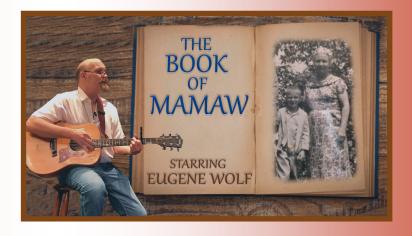
Thank you!

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**Eugene Wolf** 





Rhiannon Ramsey

### **DARK SKY**

### **RMS Email**

"Please help us protect one of the natural resources of Wolf Laurel, the rare experience of a dark sky. While street lights, spotlights, and other outdoor lights are permitted in Wolf Laurel, all outdoor lights are required to be turned off after 11:00 P.M. Now that it is winter and leaves have fallen, outdoor lighting is even more visible throughout the community. The occasional use of outdoor lighting after hours is understandable; however, lights left on all night, every night, and automatic dusk to dawn street lights do not comply with our standards and regulations.

Please be considerate of neighbors and turn off your outdoor lights by 11:00 P.M. Installing motion sensors or light timers if you need lighting to come and go between 11:00 P.M. and dawn is strongly suggested. Any dusk to dawn security light can be modified to turn off automatically at 11:00 PM or to have a manual switch.



Finally, when you have guests using your home, take a moment to educate your

guests about our community's lighting rules and introduce them to a night sky beautiful to behold.

Thank you for your immediate help in addressing this very important issue."

Mentioned at the RMS Board meeting regarding light pollution was **International Dark Sky Communities**, <a href="https://www.darksky.org/our-work/conservation/idsp/communities/">https://www.darksky.org/our-work/conservation/idsp/communities/</a>

An IDA International Dark Sky Community is a town, city, municipality or other legally organized community that has shown exceptional dedication to the preservation of the night sky through the implementation and enforcement of a quality outdoor lighting ordinance, dark sky education and citizen support of dark skies. Dark Sky Communities excel in their efforts to promote responsible lighting and dark sky stewardship, and set good examples for surrounding communities.

Dark Sky Planning Guidance and Best Practices, <a href="https://www.darksky.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2020/02/dark-sky-web-2-7-2020-2.pdf">https://www.darksky.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2020/02/dark-sky-web-2-7-2020-2.pdf</a>

# PSA - Living Near Major Roads Associated With Higher Dementia Risk

Living near major roads or highways is linked to higher incidence of dementia, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease and multiple sclerosis (MS), suggests new research published in the journal Environmental Health.

Researchers from the University of British Columbia analyzed data for 678,000 adults in Metro Vancouver. They found that living less than 50 metres from a major road or less than 150 metres from a highway is associated with a higher risk of developing dementia, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and MS—likely due to increased exposure to air pollution.

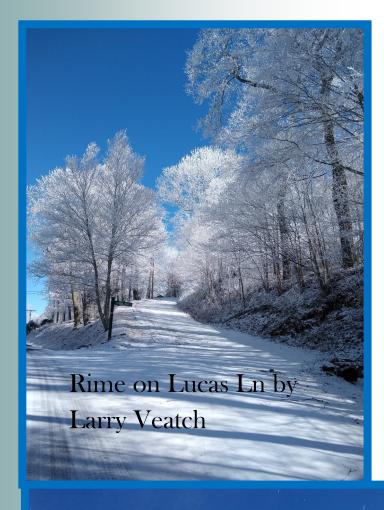
The researchers also found that living near green spaces, like parks, has protective effects against developing these neurological disorders.

https://www.technologynetworks.com/neuroscience/news/living-near-major-roads-associated-with-higher-dementia-risk-329802?

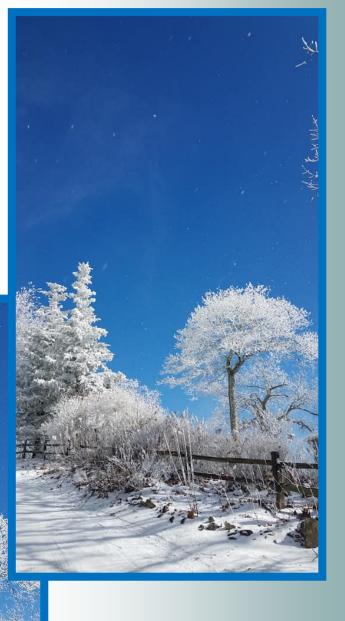
(One reason we are drawn to reside full-time or part-time in Wolf Laurel; Editor)



# **Wolf Laurel 2020 Weather**



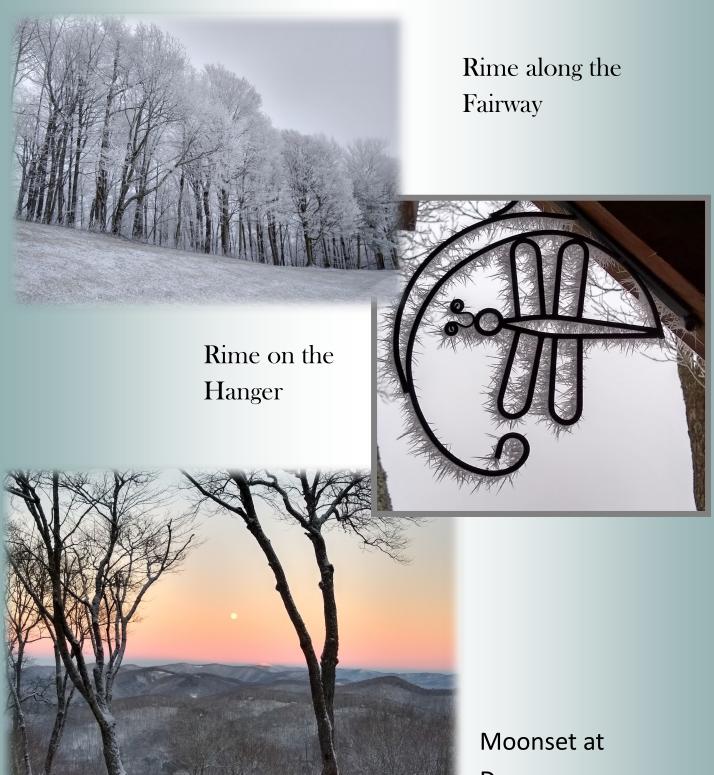
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# **Wolf Laurel 2020 Weather**

The WL Winter weather hasn't been too bad so far. We have had about 12" total, deposited in five or so episodes.



Dawn

# Piebald deer with a spotted fawn

We were surprised to look out our back window yesterday to see, not only the piebald deer that's been in the area, but a spotted fawn too! We didn't know there were spotted fawns this time of year. Pretty cool to see in February.

# Karen Hoag



# **Wolf Laurel History**

Wool Laurel Vol 1, No. 2, September 1986

<u>Article</u> – "Sign of the Times"

The new Wolf
Laurel resort
sign along highway 23 was completed recently.
The attractive
sign (below) features raised
woodblock
letters and a colorful drawing of



a Wolf amidst a clump of mountain Laurel. Lights are soon to be installed.

We plan to announce the name of this newsletter in our October issue:

The Wolf Laurel Gazette

The Wolf's howl

The Howling

The Wolf Pack

Wolf Tracks

Other

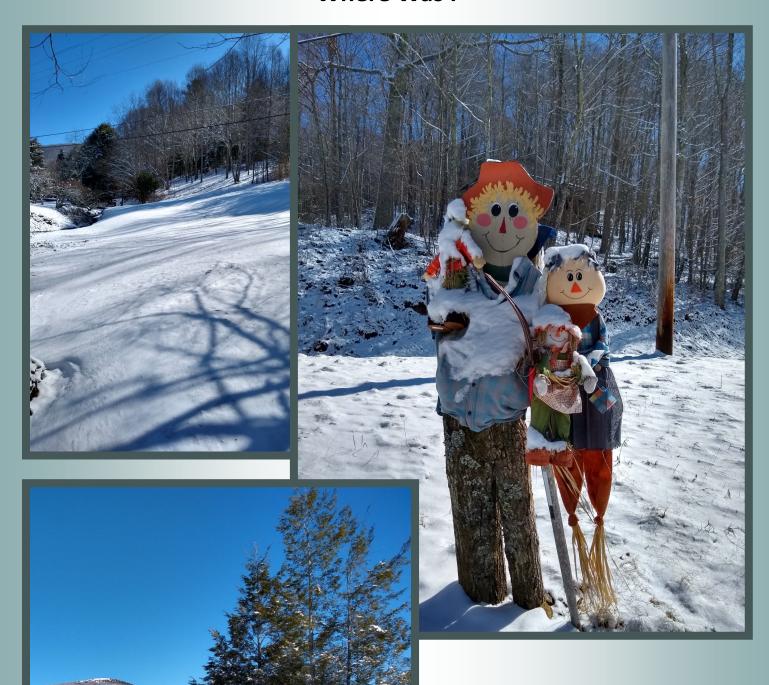
Article "From the Horse's Mouth", by Joe Earman

As you know Fondren Mitchell resigned as President and Director of Bald Mountain Development Corporation on August 2nd 1986. Stockholders in a regular called meeting on the 14th of August 1986 elected to the Board of Directors the following: Herrol Bellamy Joe H. Earman, Frank J Schlitt, R. Lee Smith and N.B. Ryall, Jr.

I'm sure that all of you are aware of the new direction Wolf Laurel is taking and I am pleased to report profit from operations in all departments except water and ski for the month of July and it looks like we will have another profit in August.

Newsletter Staff - Managing Editors, Tim Walker and William Lee

# Where Was I



Answers on page 35

# Computer Scam Alert

Be on the lookout for an email requesting you to purchase and send photos of or numbers from a Google Play Gift Card. The scammer sends you an email from what looks like someone you regularly email with, but the whole email address may be different from what you see in the "From" block of the message. For example, the message may look like it is coming from a friend, John Smith, whose actual email might be smithj@gmail.com, though the one you get would have smithj@aol.com. The message may ask you to do them a favor since they're travelling and are not able to purchase the gift card(s). It will ask you to send the card to one of their relatives for their birthday or some other occasion. DON'T. Following are tips to avoid and report scams from the Google Support Team.

The most effective way to avoid these scams is to stay informed. Below we have included some tips to keep in mind as well as instructions to follow if you'd like to contact the appropriate authorities.

# **Tips to avoid scams:**

- **Do not use Play gift cards outside of Play store purchases:** It's a violation of our Terms of Service to use gift cards this way.
- Be wary of messages or sites that ask for your personal information: Be careful if someone is claiming to be from a company with whom you have an account and they ask for info that the business should already have.
- Google will never ask you for payment information over the phone: Always verify the caller's identity before you provide any personal info.
- Consider how you pay: Credit cards have significant fraud protection built in, but other payment methods don't. Wiring money through services like Western Union or Moneygram is risky because it's nearly impossible to get your money back. That's also true for reloadable cards and gift cards, like Google Play gift cards.
- **Be cautious of amazing deals or big prizes:** A message is probably up to no good if it offers you a prize or promotes quick and easy ways to make money.
- **Beware of fraudsters impersonating Google:** Check that official Google encrypted sites (such as <u>play.google.com/redeem</u> or <u>pay.google.com/send</u>) and email addresses (like googlepay-support@google.com) are being used.

If you believe you have been targeted by a scammer, do not respond to them. Contact your local police department to report the scam.

### Reporting a scam:

Submitting a report will help these agencies investigate the scam and help them to strengthen their countermeasures on varying types of fraud. However, this may not lead to any direct action with regards to your case.

The following resources can be used to file reports on scams you have encountered:

Internet Crime Complaint Center - <u>www.ic3.gov</u>

Federal Trade Commission (FTC) - http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/contact.shtm or call 1-877-FTC-HELP

eConsumer - http://www.econsumer.gov for scams against a company outside of the United States

Google - https://support.google.com/mail/contact/abuse if contacted through a Gmail address

# Pic by ???

# Wolf Laurel Scenic Pix

Where Was I from page 32:

- Across the creek from the Community Center looking up the hill
- 2. On Glenair enjoying the snow with some "full-timers"
- 3. Next to the Country Club

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NEW ROAD
SIGNS - THANKS
RMS!



# <u>Library Report - Winter 2020</u>

# **Yvonne Carignan**

With neighbors away and weather keeping us inside, work on a library clean-up project provides a pleasant winter distraction. Right now, half the fiction collection has been shifted, shelves cleaned, and organized for easy access when the majority of our readers return in the spring. Use of the collection does not stop this time of year, however. Our neighbors borrowed 150 books between October and mid-February. The Library also benefited from generous donations of 325 books this winter. Just a few examples of additions include local authors Sharyn McCrumb's and Vicki Lane's murder mysteries, and Christina Dodd's and Jo Beverley's historical romances.



And speaking of donations, please keep your Wolf Laurel Library in mind when you finish recent poplar books, including book club selections. We always appreciate your wonderful donations which keep our collection fresh and benefit the readers coming in. This time, I would like to identify some specific needs. Diana Gabaldon's "Outlander" series was not only voted second on the "Great American Read" list, but was the top choice in

North Carolina. Yet the Wolf Laurel Library only has <u>Dragonfly in Amber</u> and <u>Drums of Autumn</u> from that series. If you have other of the Outlander titles, we would be delighted to have them! We also have people asking for copies of Mark de Castrique's Sam Blackman murder mystery series. The entire series is an excellent read, and should be extra interesting because de Castrique is coming to Wolf Laurel next June for a public book talk. Our library did have the complete set of this series, but now all have been borrowed. If you have finished one or more library copies or can donate your own copies of Sam Blackman mysteries, we will be grateful if you bring them in.

One of our most avid readers has suggested that we set aside a couple of shelves for "readers' recommendations" to share with the rest of us. This seems like a fine idea, so think about your choice of book or DVD for those shelves, which will be below the "recent arrivals."

A word on returning books: Please note that the books belonging in our library normally have a "Wolf Laurel" library stamp inside the front cover. You will see "Wolf Laurel Community Center Please Return." If you are not sure you have one of the library's book, just check for the stamp.

We are looking forward to seeing you coming back and reading in the spring!

**Yvonne** 

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# Ads cannot be included in TOB if payment has not been received.

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91 Village Lane

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Tue-Wed-Thur

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Gate: 828-689-2111

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**Mike Whitt Maintenance** 

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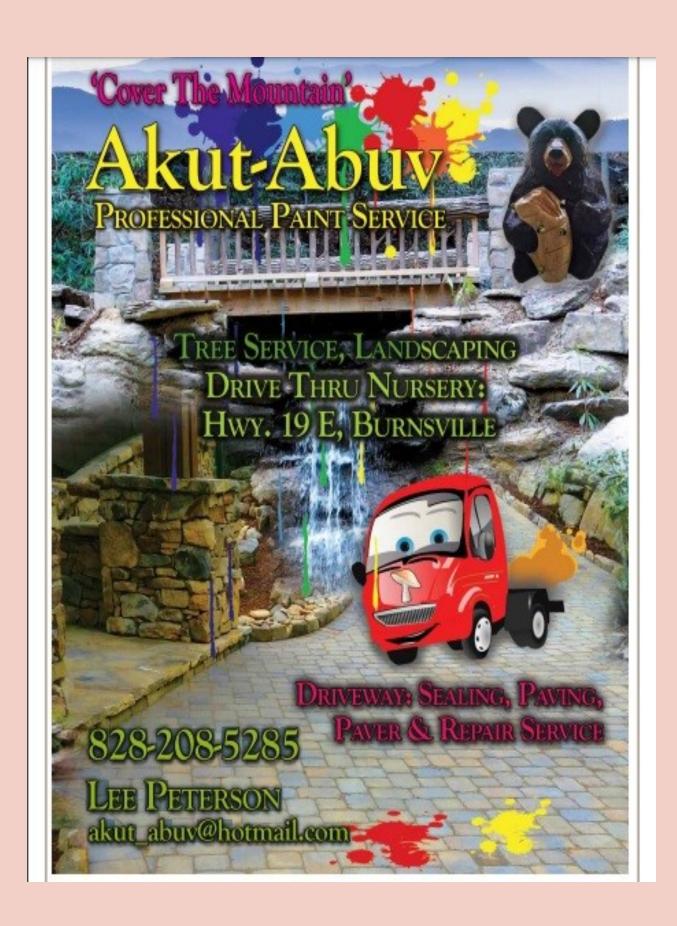
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