



Top of the Bald

Wolf Laurel Property Owners Association

February - March 2013

ON THE ROAD AGAIN: RMS ACQUIRES BMDC ASSETS IN WOLF LAUREL

On December 28, 2012, the Wolf Laurel Road Maintenance and Security Board announced the acquisition of all Wolf Laurel assets owned by the Bald Mountain Development Corporation with Willis Williams as its principal. An email announcement was sent to all residents with an email address registered with RMS. The announcement was brief, detailing only the major aspects of the transaction and concluded with this statement: "It (the purchase) will result in a basic realignment of governance on the mountain. It effectively removes a developer as a player in the affairs of the Wolf Laurel Resort for the first time since 1965, and places that authority into the hands of the residents of the mountain."

On January 3, 2013, a more detailed explanation of the RMS/BMDC transaction was published by email to those with RMS registered

email addresses. In substance it explained the accomplishments and major aspects of the purchase. This statement in its entirety is available from the RMS office, but its primary



facets are these: (1) RMS required that all BMDC assets, real and intangible (i.e. the Covenants) be transferred; (2) To protect residents and RMS from any liabilities resulting from this transaction, two LLC's were created to manage separately the real or tangible assets and the intangible

assets acquired. These newly created corporations, with funds provided by the RMS, purchased all BMDC assets for \$150,000.

The new LLC's specifically acquired the following tangible assets: (a) the office building adjacent to The Community Center; (b) 13 undeveloped lots in Wolf Laurel, a 4.59 acre multi-family site adjacent to the Preserve, right of way easement over the roads and gate of the Preserve. Intangible assets are as follows: (c) all developer's contractual rights and powers in the "Declaration of Protective Covenants, Restrictions, and Reservations" and amendments; (d) all BMDC's contractual rights/powers contained in the BMDC/WLPOA purchase/sales agreement of the Village and Amenities Program. (This includes, but is not limited to, the Ridges membership issue.) (e) Access rights to Big Bald as specified in the



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U.S. Forestry indenture with BMDC, including easement and reservation agreements. (f) Intellectual property assets (including the U.S. service mark), and contractual rights with Country Cablevision and Carolina Water.

Of particular interest to WLPOA members is the relinquishment of any and all powers of BMDC to appoint RMS directors, as stated in Article III of the revised RMS 2011 by-laws. In addition the restriction of Ridges' residents ability to join the WLPOA and Amenities Program will be revisited by RMS.

The last statement in this RMS communication is as quoted: "THUS, BALD MOUNTAIN

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IS GONE FROM WOLF LAUREL." It is within the powers of the RMS Board to appoint an Advisory Committee to aid in the development of a future governance model (or models) for the Wolf Laurel community. While it is currently understood that no substantive changes will occur until the RMS Board officially meets again in May, residents can hopefully look forward to a more inclusive, transparent, and democratic manner of managing and governing our beloved mountain. In the meantime our roads are well maintained, our gate is secure, and the growing number of winter and full time residents continue to enjoy the beauty of Nature's frigid monochromatic season.

"Resolved: (1) that the Board of Directors of the WLPOA congratulates the Board of Directors of the Wolf Laurel Roads Maintenance and Security Home Owners Association on the successful transfer of all assets and rights of the Bald Mountain Development Corporation to the Home Owners Association. And, (2) the Board further would like to go on record in support of the Wolf Laurel Roads Maintenance and Security Home Owners Association Board's stated goal of bringing the governance of Wolf Laurel under one roof."

President's Corner

By Frank Perritt

KUDOS to Wolf laurel Roads and Security in bringing to fruition the long sought goal of transferring control of the development of Wolf Laurel into the hands of all the property owners. One immediate result should be that the property owners in The Ridges may now join the WLPOA and enjoy the benefits of the Amenities Program. WLPOA pledges full support and participation in an Advisory Committee to develop new governance models, including the feasibility of bringing all Wolf Laurel home owner associations under one roof. As the plans are developed and implemented, I am confident that each of you will be as enthusiastic as I am about this far reaching action.

We continue to expand our use of electronic communication with our members. Statements for 2013

Annual dues and Amenities fees were sent by Email. The option to pay electronically by credit card has been enthusiastically received with many payments being returned by Email. This alternative payment option substantially reduces the time for preparing and sending out statements, mailing costs, and handling payments which are immediately electronically deposited in the bank and posted to each members account.

A reminder letter was sent out to all owners that had purchased a home in Wolf Laurel since July 2002 stating that the Wolf Laurel Covenants and Restrictions require that they become members of the WLPOA. Numerous of these property owners have recognized their obligation and sent in their WLPOA dues for 2013. A reminder and invoice for 2013 dues

will shortly be sent to those property owners who have not yet responded. With Bald Mountain Development Corp no longer involved as the developer, more opportunities for service may be developed by WLPOA. Free package pickup in the previous WLPOA office, the log cabin just inside the gate, continues, and is provided to all residents, although WLPOA maintains the building and has worked hard at improving that service. As we all know there is "no free lunch" any more, so please support these services that you enjoy.

The last stage of the Village Swimming Pool refurbishing, the construction of a new structure for the mechanical equipment, has been started by the removal of the old structure and equipment, and pouring of a new concrete base. A new structure will

be built in the spring, before the pool opens, which will match the board and lap siding of the Pavilion. As a result of the generosity of Nina and Milton Ready donating the proceeds of the reading program of Dr. Ready's new book "Mystical Madison" with an anonymous matching contribution, new landscaping will be installed this spring to beautify the area around the pool.

Look also for the new landscaping and improved front porch of the "Cabin" package delivery building at the front gate which is being created by Gail Ford and Dick Moeller.

In the planning stage, is the conversion of the springhouse located above the waterwheel to a place of quiet and contemplation. A bridge over

the stream and a path will lead to a memorial garden with pavers for purchase to memorialize those that have contributed so much to the Wolf Laurel Community. More specific plans will be announced early in Spring 2013. Gwynne Beneke is heading the project, which will be made possible by your contribution of time and funds. If you wish to participate, contact Gwynne.

Another project expected to be completed before the 2013 season is the installation of lighting around the Community Center and its parking area to provide better security and safe walking.

Our successful, well attended winter social program will continue with a party Friday February 14, and

concluding with a St Patrick's Day bash Saturday March 16. If you have not attended, join in the fun with your neighbors and bring a guest. Gene Woolf will send out more information as the dates approach. You can also contact Cindy Tucker at the Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays through March 14 for further information.

There was plenty of new snow on the mountain the week after Christmas. Although the snow was heavy, the roads were continually maintained by the Roads and Maintenance crews and the ski slope finally opened with skiers excited about the condition of the trails.

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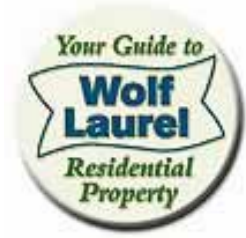
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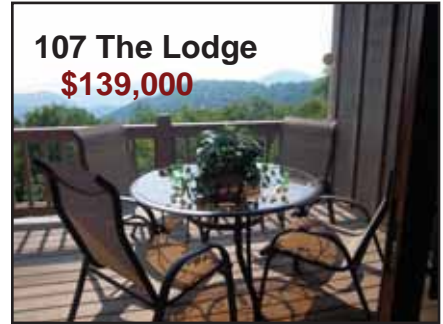
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Wolf Laurel Resort YouTube

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Treasurer's Report

By John Beneke

As I write this, it is Super Bowl Sunday and we have had some significant snow; how much depends on where you are on the mountain. I hope many of you have had the opportunity to review the PRELIMINARY financials, which were sent out via email to our membership. They are preliminary in that there will still be some adjustments as we receive some final invoices and review the accounts to ensure that we have accounted properly for assets, liabilities, income and expenditures for the past year.

The good news is that we ended up 2012 in good financial position. To summarize,

Cash Balance
(Checking, Money Market and CD's)

December 31, 2011
\$82,500

December 31, 2012
\$60,350

Outstanding Debt
(Due on Community Center)

December 31, 2011
\$112,000

December 31, 2012
\$ 86,000

Other outstanding debt is in the form of Accounts Payable and accrues in the normal course of doing business, i.e. payroll, insurance, utilities, and

other expenses. As with any organization that derives the majority of its income from membership dues, we rely on you, our members, for our support. We are therefore always in need of additional members to sustain our activities and services. We ask that you encourage your friends and neighbors to join the WLPOA and The Amenities Program.

Your board worked very hard this year to meet the challenge of reducing expenses without having a negative impact on programs, activities, and services. We also developed a budget that we believe will accomplish these goals for 2013.

As you are aware, this year we sent out our 2013 Dues Invoices via email to those for whom we had email addresses. We did this for your convenience and we thank you for your response. Not only did we save a significant amount of postage, (we only had to mail about 60) but also the quick response was almost unbelievable. We sent invoices in three batches and some members from the first batch had paid electronically before the last batch was complete. Thank you. As always, if you have any specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office. Kristie will refer the question to me.

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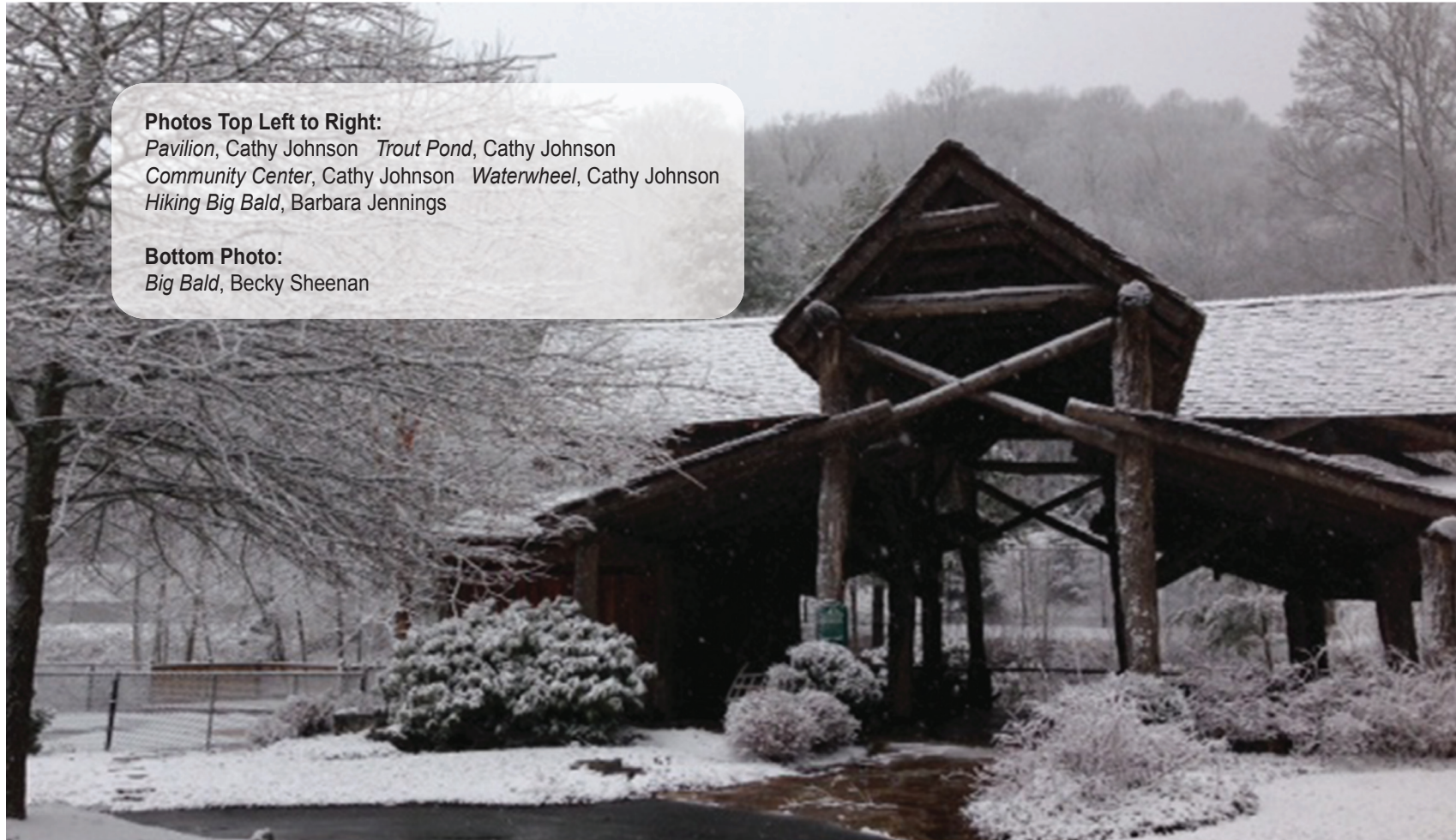


Photos Top Left to Right:

Pavilion, Cathy Johnson *Trout Pond*, Cathy Johnson
Community Center, Cathy Johnson *Waterwheel*, Cathy Johnson
Hiking Big Bald, Barbara Jennings

Bottom Photo:

Big Bald, Becky Sheenan



WINTER WONDERLAND

Achieving a Healthy Lifestyle

By Cathy Johnson, ACE Certified Personal Trainer

Achieving a healthy life style can be accomplished through the following six components of fitness. In the normal aging process, bone density, muscle mass, balance, and flexibility decrease; this results in an increased risk for falls, fractures, muscle/connective tissue tears, structural back problems and decreased cardio/pulmonary function. Current research also links increased physical activity to healthier brain matter, cognitive levels, and reduced stress.

1. Improving cardiovascular and pulmonary function: Interval training (65 to 85% of heart function) has been proven most effective to achieve/maintain function of heart and lungs. An appropriate interval level can be calculated based on your age and resting heart rate. Exercising 5 to 6 days a week, beginning at 30 minutes and working up to 45 to 60 minutes is optimal. Walking, hiking, biking, water aerobics, swimming, tennis, racquet ball, pickle ball, using treadmills and elliptical trainers, Zumba, gardening, mowing, raking, golfing, dancing are all ways to achieve healthier hearts and lungs. Using a heart rate monitor or an I Phone "app" to measure heart rate function can be used to facilitate optimum results.

2. Improving muscle tone: Improving muscle and connective tissue (ligaments and tendons) strength through resistance training should be done 2 to 3 times weekly, allowing a day in between for muscles to rest. Free weights, resistance bands, medicine balls, tubing, Bosu's, stability balls and one's own body weight are excellent tools. Aerobic activities, as described in (1) will also improve muscle tone and core strength. Classes in muscle toning, Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi are used to achieve optimal results.

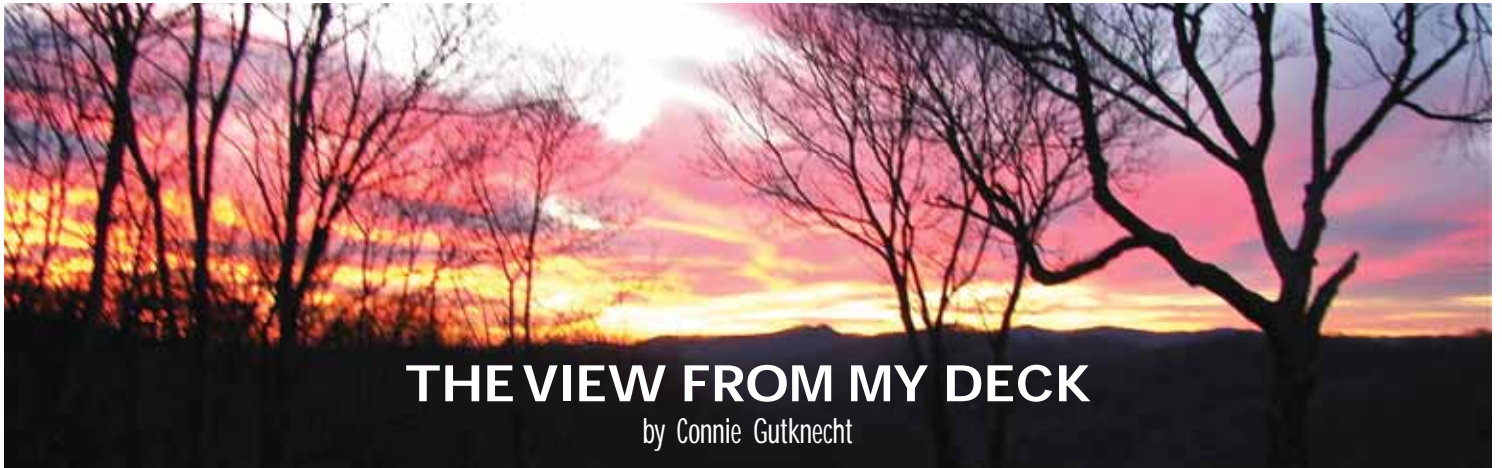
3. Improving flexibility: Improving/maintaining range of motion of joints is critical to lessen risk of injury, including structural back problems. The old belief that stretching should be done prior to any exercise has been proven very harmful (muscle, connective tissue tears and strains). Five minutes of some cardio activity is essential prior to any stretching exercise; this will move blood into muscles, tendons and ligaments. Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi are all excellent ways to improve flexibility.

4. Improving Balance: Accidental falls with resulting fractures and head injuries are the most common type of injury in those over 50 years of age. Optimizing core strength (abdominal and back), performing muscle toning exercises on one foot, Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi can all be used to increase and maintain balance.

5. Improving Nutrition: A balanced and caloric specific nutrition plan comprises 60% of a fitness success. To lose one pound of weight, 3,300 fewer calories must be consumed or burned through exercise. Treadmills, elliptical trainers, bicycles and some heart rate monitors measure calories burned during a workout. It takes about 110 minutes to walk off 560 calories, walking at a brisk rate. Aerobic and muscle training activities help to burn off calories; the more muscle mass, the more calories expended.

6. Improving Sleep Habits: Sleeping 7 to 8 hours per night has been clinically proven to help prevent weight gain, Type 2 Diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Adequate sleep is also linked to improved cognitive function.

The Wolf Laurel POA Amenities program offers classes and activities that can assist you achieve your fitness goals: Tai Chi, Muscle Toning, Water Aerobic classes and a Walking Club are held regularly. Tennis, pickle ball, and swimming are also available. For a healthy, happy "you," plan to take advantage of these opportunities in 2013!!



THE VIEW FROM MY DECK

by Connie Gutknecht

By Yancey Dogknecht

What a lucky dog I am—literally (a Treeing Walker Coonhound mix)! I get to live in the most exciting place for a dog—so many critters to smell and chase, lots of land to explore, mud holes and branches to roll in and drink from, chipmunk holes to dig, and scent trails to run. My deck looks out over six ridges toward Burnsville; at least that's what my humans have told me. But, I like what's closer. Sticking my head through the deck railing with my sister, Madison and sniffing the air, watching birds fly in to the feeders, and of course taking long naps in the sun are my favorite things to do. (In the winter we are Velcroed to the wood stove!)



Living here also has its down side for a dog. Coyotes scare me. When I was a puppy, my little sister and I were attacked by a pack of them. We hid in a culvert and my human lunged at them on a horse and chased them away. We whimper when we hear them howling and go running to the deck for safety. Loud sounds, like gunshots, scare me, too.

My humans have gotten used to special gifts we bring them, such as raccoon and fawn parts, mice, birds, chipmunks, bones and skulls from various animals like whitetails and possums, discarded construction materials, cans, bottles, wire, glass and other treasures. Gifts that are not appreciated include coming on the deck covered in mud or manure, barking at owls and airplanes, and jumping in pure joy when a visitor comes by.

It is truly a “dog’s life” for my sister and me on the over eight acres that we call home. We are glad that our humans brought us here and hope we live a “coon’s age” with them and enjoy the view from the deck forever!



Covenant Corner

By David Schmidt

What is a covenant?

According to Merriam-Webster, a covenant is "a written agreement or promise usually under seal between two or more parties especially for the performance of some action."

My last rant had to do with the light pollution on the mountain. Although I have noticed marked improvement in this area, perhaps it is because less people are on the mountain. Although the protective covenant's does not specifically address restriction on porch lights, common courtesy does. Perhaps some folks feel safer with their porch lights on. If you leave a pork chop on the porch, I don't think that a light will keep an animal from visiting.

My son gave me an infrared camera for Christmas. It can be mounted several different ways in the outdoors. You can set it to record video or pictures. It uses a SD card

which can be plugged into your computer to play back. Can't wait to monitor some of the nocturnal activity that occurs while I sleep. If you think you have some bear activity, let me know.

Skier restrictions-The roads at Wolf Laurel are for the use of Owners and their guests. Day skiers (those who do not spend the night in accommodations at Wolf Laurel) are not permitted on roads other than directly to and from the ski area. Common sense would also dictate that our guests be properly instructed on the dangerous road conditions that can present themselves at any time. Two wheel drive vehicles simply don't work up here in the winter. We had several cases of stranded vehicles as well as vehicles that had to be towed out of the deep culverts that line our roads. I realize that some of these problems are caused by renters. Remember, sliding is a lot more fun on a tube than in a passenger vehicle.

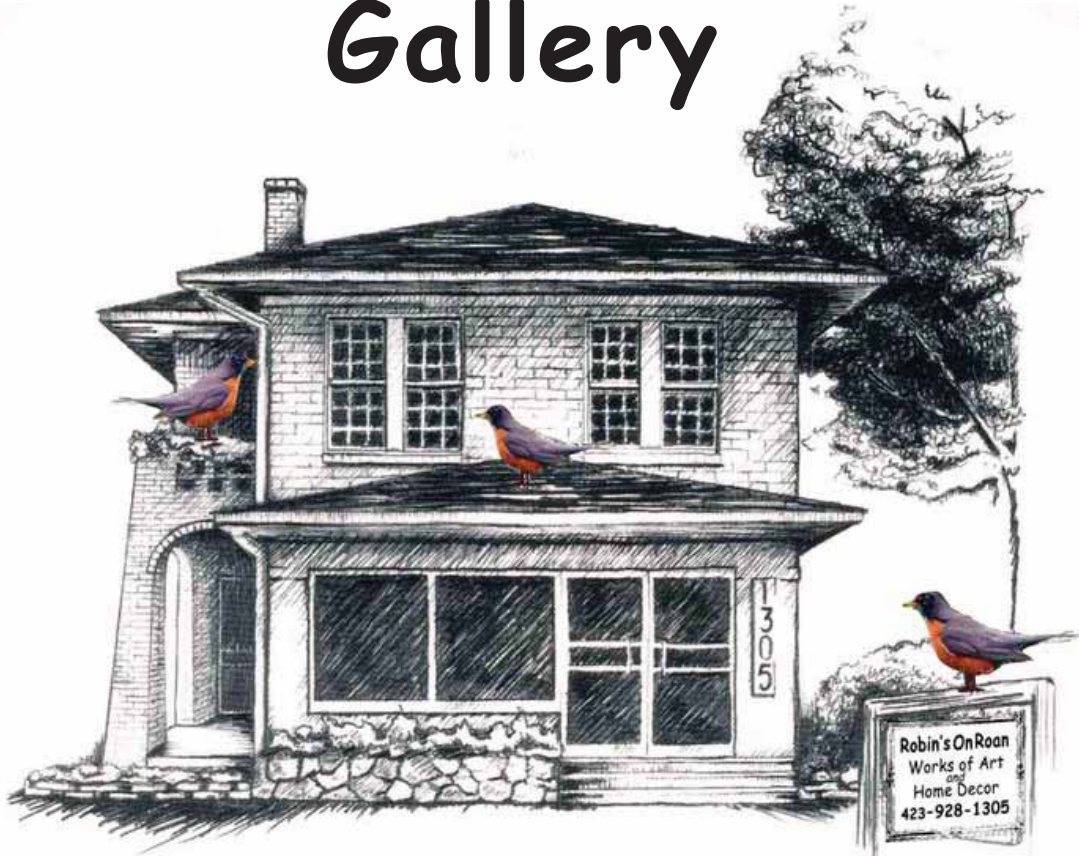
Fires are a great hazard at Wolf Laurel. That being said, we sure did have a lot of loud fireworks taking place at some residences over the holidays. Improper supervision can lead to fires on the mountain. Our Covenants state that-Fireworks which are unlawful in the state of North Carolina may not be ignited in the Wolf Laurel Resort. Seems to me that most of these fireworks were from the fireworks capitol of the South, namely South Carolina. They sure do like their fireworks down there.

In closing, please drive with caution and be respectful of each other.

Detour Dave

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RESTAURANT RAMBLINGS

By Gwynne Beneke

I don't know about you, but by the time the middle of January rolls around, I am really tired of cooking. If it doesn't come straight out of the freezer and can't be popped into the microwave, I'm skeptical. The weather this time of year is rarely conducive to venturing out for dinner; even if it isn't snowy or icy, it's dark and foggy. Travelling the 30+ miles that it takes to get to a favorite restaurant is daunting. Since John's and my appetite in winter doesn't exactly disappear and scrambled eggs night after night gets boring,

I have to come up with some easy and quick alternatives. (Although I confess, Stouffer's frozen entrees and Lean Cuisine look tempting in the grocery store display case; I occasionally succumb.) So what is the responsible cook to do? Here are some ideas.

Two meals from a deli roasted chicken: eat half the chicken the first night with a wedge of lettuce and Stouffer's Mac & Cheese – easy. The second night (or two days later), you'll have to cook a little. This is what I'm cooking tonight: leftover chicken curry and sautéed spinach. I have all the ingredients in my fridge or pantry, since they are so basic: chicken broth, rice, ½ an onion, an apple (tart is best), butter, flour, ½ & ½, and the spices (curry, ginger, salt, cayenne pepper). I also have garam masala and I like to add that to most curry recipes, although it is not always a designated ingredient. Here goes: put rice on to cook (2 liquid to 1 rice); chop onion and skin on apple finely; melt ½ stick

butter in large skillet; sauté onion and apple until onion is translucent; meanwhile dissolve 3T flour in 1&1/2 c. chicken broth and add to apple/onion mix along with ½ c. half and half; simmer until thickening; add 4t. curry powder, 1t. ginger, big dash cayenne, ½ t salt and 1t. garam masala if you have it. Add the other half of your deli chicken (chopped). Taste for seasoning and adjust. Curry is best with a variety of toppings; I had toasted pecans, left over from Christmas cooking, dried cranberries, and pumpkin seeds, and Major Grey chutney. You might have toasted coconut, pine nuts or peanuts. Improvise! This recipe will feed 2 with plenty of leftovers to freeze for a Sunday night supper. It takes about 30 minutes to prepare, with just a little husband/wife backup help to stir. The spinach? Heat 1T. olive oil in skillet, add 4 big handfuls fresh spinach (for 2), stir, cover, shake until spinach wilts, add salt and pepper. Serve. Simple.

You can do almost the same thing with the leftover chicken and a jar of Alfredo sauce, mushrooms, thyme, frozen peas, pimento or roasted canned peppers and fettuccini. I try to keep a jar of really good red sauce (I like MICHAELS OF BROOKLYN's putanesca sauce) in the pantry as well as Alfredo sauce. The leftover chicken, strips of green pepper, chunks of breakfast sausage, red sauce, parmesan and chunky pasta works well, too.

My daughter juggles a demanding career as a professor/criminologist and co-owner of a small horse farm with performance horses. She is an

excellent cook with little time to ply those skills, but she bakes from scratch. Her cornbread and biscuits are to die for. I'm not a baker, but I recently tried a very simple cobbler recipe she shared with me. You can make the cobbler with ANY fresh fruit or frozen bag of fruit or berries. I made the cobbler with a bag of Bing cherries. This is so fast and simple: 1c. self-rising flour, 1c. sugar, 1c. whole milk, ½ c. melted butter. Mix together and pour into a greased pan or Pyrex dish; pour frozen or fresh fruit on top, sprinkle ¼ c. sugar on top and bake 1 hr. in a 350 degree oven. I have a hard time letting any recipe alone. I added a generous dash of vanilla and a tiny dash of almond extract to the batter mix and then grated some nutmeg on the top with the sugar. I'm going to try frozen peaches and raspberries next. Or tart apples with cinnamon and brown sugar on top. Fresh blackberries that you pick yourself, when you're on the mountain? Got vanilla ice cream? Oh boy. Easy. Fast. And I'm not really a cobbler fan.

Maybe I'm not really so tired of cooking after all. I'm certainly not tire of EATING!

Meet the Staff

Working all over the mountain in one capacity or another, I've been able to meet and become friends with a lot of wonderful people here in Wolf Laurel. For those of you I



have not met yet, I'm happy for this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Kristie Cody. In August of last year, I began working as the Office Manager for your property

owner's association. I believe that I will be able to make a positive contribution to the association, as I bring with me 23 years of office experience, a strong work ethic and a great attitude.

I am originally from Montgomery County, N.C. As a teenager, I moved with my mother to Florence, S.C., where I graduated from South Florence High School. I continued living in Florence for a number of years before moving to Columbia in the late 1990's. After about a year of living in Columbia - and wilting in the summer heat - I was ready for a change. I wondered what it would be like to live in the mountains. I'd only been to the mountains twice in my life (a grand total of about 5 or 6 days), but that was all it took. In mid-December 1998, I got a map, hopped in my truck, and drove toward Western North Carolina. I wasn't sure about my exact destination,

but I was sure I'd recognize it when I saw it. Somehow, I wound up on Old Marshall Hwy, just north of Asheville. I'll never forget the sheer awe I felt as I followed that winding mountain road, accompanied by the French Broad River on my left and huge rock cliffs, gleaming with icicles 5 and 6 feet long, on my right. I was at a loss for words. I'd never seen anything like it in my life. By the time I rolled into the friendly, quaint little town of Marshall, my mind was made up. This is where I wanted to be. Within a month, I became a permanent resident of Madison County, N.C.

It wasn't long after moving here in 1999 that I met my husband, Randy, through a mutual friend. That's how I came to the Wolf Laurel area 13 years ago. Born and raised in this area, Randy is a carpenter with an impressive resume. He has earned his living building and remodeling

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Together, Randy and I have created a cozy little farm on Smith Creek Road that we share with our horse, 5 dogs and 25 chickens. Animals have always been, and will always be, a big part of my life. I don't remember a single time in my life when I didn't have at least one pet of some sort - dogs, cats, birds, fish, frogs or turtles. I have to say, though, that chickens are some of the funniest critters I've ever had. I love to go out to the chicken pen sometimes when I have a few minutes



and just watch them go about their little chicken day. You wouldn't believe how many times I catch myself cracking up and laughing out loud at those crazy birds. Really... have you ever watched a chicken run? I think that's one of the funniest looking things I've ever seen. Some folks on the mountain know me as the "Vegetable Lady." That's because last summer I brought fresh, locally grown veggies to the Pavilion for sale each Friday. I also made home deliveries for some of my customers from time to time. It turned out to be a wonderfully busy season. Receiving lots of encouragement from folks in the Wolf Laurel community to continue providing that service, I have lots of plans in place for the upcoming season. This year, I will concentrate my offerings on only what I can grow or produce on our farm. That will include a variety of plants, herbs, organic vegetables and flowers - harvested mere hours before being delivered to your neighborhood. It just doesn't get much fresher than that! I will have a supply of fresh farm eggs for sale this year as well. My chickens are the "Easter Egg" kind - meaning they lay wonderfully delicious eggs with green and blue pastel colored shells. I also plan to offer boiled peanuts again this year. I will send out weekly emails

letting folks know what items I will have each weekend so they can plan accordingly. If you want to be added to my email list, please contact me at kristie@kristiecody.com.

When you are on the mountain and have a few extra minutes, I invite you to stop by the POA office (located in the "Old Barn"), have a cup of coffee and visit with me for a bit. I am normally in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. I look forward to meeting you!



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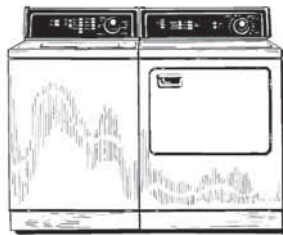
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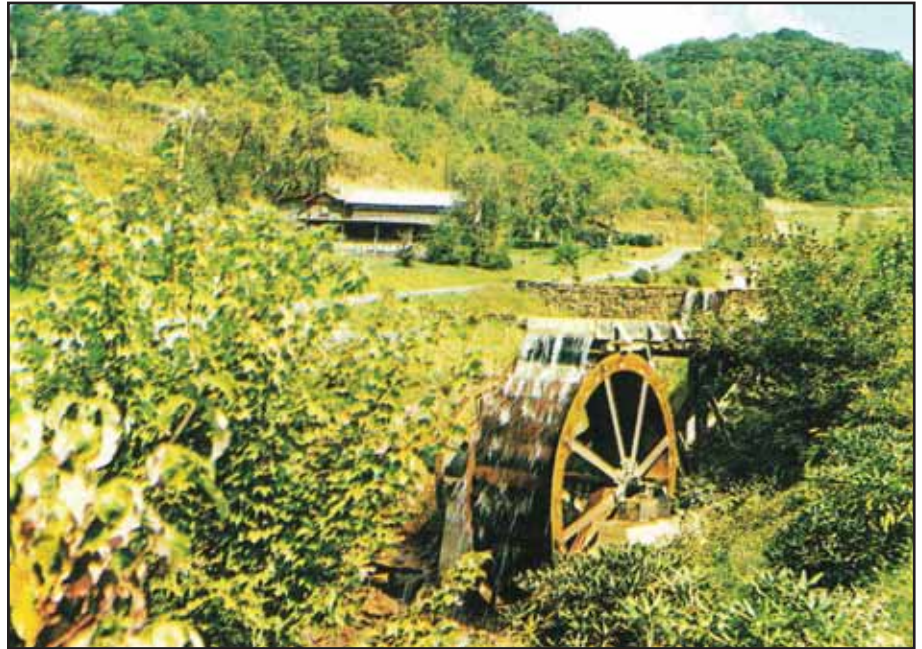
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A Short History of Our Village Water Wheel

Our Village Water Wheel is dedicated to the memory of Frank Schlitt; it may be interesting to know a bit of its history. Before its current placement at the head waters of our Village pond, the water wheel was located on Village Lane in the stream across from the Aimone's cabin at 157 Village Lane. Its purpose at that time was purely scenic, and although water moved the wheel, it had no useful function. As you can see in this vintage 1970's photograph, it lay below the two waterfalls which now exist on Village Lane. The cabin in the background is at 201 Village Lane and looks pretty much today as it did when the photograph was taken. The water wheel was moved to its present location under the direction of Frank Schlitt, who was President of the WLPOA at that time. We continue to research the history of the wheel, as it is reported by some Madison County "oldtimers" that it had originally been

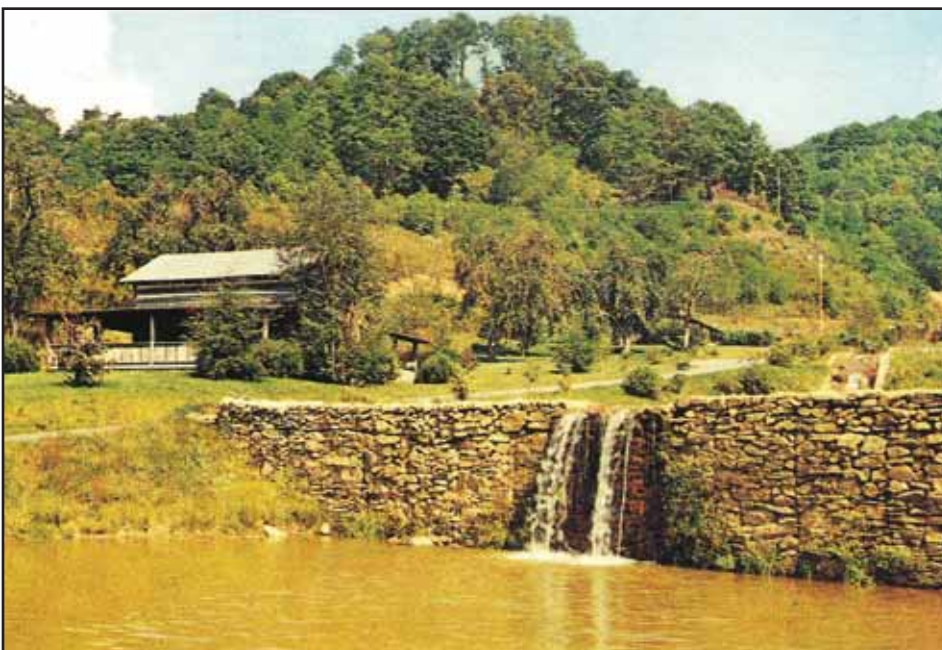


used to grind grain and corn on a homestead farm here in the Wolf Laurel area. (Mention of such an enterprise is made in Delia Tipton Brittain's book, UPPER LAUREL AND HER PEOPLE., available in our WLPOA library.) Another use of the wheel has been suggested by Harvey English, who has said that his father used it in his business to grind stones. Verifying these stories is sometimes difficult, as frequently the stories are passed down verbally as a part of the folklore of an area. If

you know more of the waterwheel's history or anything about this or any of our cherished Village treasures – the Barn, the springhouse, as well as the wheel – please contact Kristie in the WLPOA office. We want not only to preserve these treasures, but to know and preserve their history as well. We particularly are grateful for the work of Wolf Laurel resident, Joanne Jackson, who passed away last year; her dedication to the mountain and its history are hard to replace. Perhaps you would be interested in pursuing one of these potential stories, enriching further our ties to this heritage?

NOTE: Some stories have been heard of the Barn's former life as not only a resting place for farm animals, but also as a gathering place for recreation of a betting kind! Have you heard any stories about such goings on in the lower level, where there are still stalls for farm animals? Hmmm

One of the hopes of the current TOB editor is to gather these stories for future residents to enjoy. An old saying still rings true: "It's hard to know where you're going, if you don't know where you've been."



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