



# Still Meadows Enrichment Center and Camp

## News From the Hill

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SPRING 2012

### Letter From the Director

Janet Maasch, Executive Director (Volunteer)



Spring has arrived really early this year and everything is just popping up here at Still Meadows. The grass needs mowing, the trees are leafing out, flowers are blooming, the birds are singing and animals are running all over the place. All this is just making me so excited about seeing our friends from our special education classes and folks coming in to eat their lunches in the wheelchair accessible tree house. Camp is coming soon, and so much more will be happening. Now how can anyone not be excited about all these things happening?

I mentioned to our board of directors in January that this was going to be a very exciting year and many new things were going to happen but I didn't know what it was. Oh, my goodness, and it has already starting happening with your donations that continue to come in even with the economy still not good. You all are making sure this facility is here for all our special friends to use and enjoy as they want. An Eagle Scout project is going to start here soon for a platform with a ramp for wheelchairs for a tipi and, yes, a tipi has been donated and is being made to our specifications as I write this article. We have received a grant to put in a 48 foot raised asparagus bed, and we have new fencing for our horses coming the first of April. When our newsletter comes out in August we will show you pictures of the many exciting things happening here and the expressions of happiness on all our friends' faces as they see the new additions.

As I stand on the top of Still Meadows and look around at the awesome beauty that surrounds our place daily, I cannot help but to thank the Good Lord with all He has provided us with. Our fifteenth anniversary was March 12<sup>th</sup>. This awesome place is known as "God's Place" because it has been built on faith and a ton of hard work. We only have two part-time paid staff, but it is our army of volunteers and you, our community, who has supported us with time and money so that this much needed facility is here for our special friends and their families to enjoy.

Please continue your support of what we are doing here at Still Meadows so our friends can continue to fly like eagles if only in their minds and where their dreams can and do come true. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to grow and serve even more special needs individuals. Remember we are working to have a year round program for our special needs folks to use.

## 2012 CALENDAR

### APRIL 2012

11<sup>th</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup> – Therapeutic Riding Program – Session #1 (8-week duration, Pre-registration is required.)

21, Saturday -J.M.U. Family Event with Dr. Tom Moran at Still Meadows

### May 2012

5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday - Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches and White Bean Fundraiser

18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday –“ *Music Under the Stars*” **PICNIC** at Still Meadows - 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please bring a side dish.

### JUNE 2012

1st, Friday, “*Music Under the Stars Dance*” at Still Meadows- 6:00-7:30 p.m.

8<sup>th</sup>, Friday - Faith and Light Worship Service by Pastor Dave Gullman at Still Meadows - 7:00-8:30 p.m.

18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Monday through Friday: Day Camp 9:00-3:00 p.m. except Friday 9:00-2:00. Pre-registration required

20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday –Therapeutic Riding Program – **Session #2** (8- week duration. Pre-registration required.

23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday – POW/MIA Ride Fundraiser - AMVETS, Waterman Drive, Harrisonburg



### JULY, 2012

6<sup>TH</sup>, Friday, Faith and Light Worship Service by Pastor Dave Gullman at Still Meadows – 7:00 p.m.

9<sup>th</sup>-12th, Monday through Friday: Day Camp 9:00-3:00 p.m. except Friday 9:00-2:00. Pre-registration required

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> – “*Music Under the Stars Dance*” – 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Still Meadows

July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Monday through Friday: Day Camp 9:00-3:00 p.m. except Friday 9:00-2:00. Pre-registration required



### AUGUST 2012

17<sup>th</sup>, Friday, “*Music Under the Stars Dance*” – 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Still Meadows.

24<sup>th</sup>, Friday – Faith and Light Worship Service by Pastor Dave Gullman at Still Meadows – 7:00-8:30 p.m.

29<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday – Therapeutic Riding Program – Session #3 (8-week duration. Pre-registration is required.

### SEPTEMBER 2012

3<sup>rd</sup>, Labor Day Monday – Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches & White beans, Bridgewater Park

7<sup>TH</sup>, Friday – “*Music Under the Stars Dance*” – 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Still Meadows.

**WILL and ESTATE PLANNING –**  
Please remember us in your will and estate planning. We depend on donations from our community

### OCTOBER 2012

7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday – Annual Horseback Ride-a-thon at Willow Spring Farm, Virginia-8:00 a.m.

24<sup>th</sup>, Sunday – Volunteer Appreciation Picnic at Still Meadows – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

### NOVEMBER 2012

10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Auction Fundraiser

## FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

Virginia State Aerie Worthy President for 2011-2012, Franklin “Dee” Howdyshell of Harrisonburg chose Still Meadows as the charity of the year during his term of office. Eagle chapters all over the state of Virginia have been fundraising and collecting for Still Meadows. She was given a check to kick off the fundraising project. Now, on June 21, the Eagles will have a “surprise” for Jan and Still Meadows. We are so blessed to have folks like Mr. Howdyshell, and the Eagles give so much of themselves to support our facility and all the special friends we serve.



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## MANY, MANY THANKS

The Pilot Club of Harrisonburg, with matching funds from the Pilot Club International, presented Still Meadows with monies to purchase a wheelchair accessible swing. This swing has a permanent bench seat, a table, and a wheelchair ramp which will allow our special friends to eat, chat with friends, or just to enjoy the day under a colorful awning. It will be a wonderful addition to our facility and it will be enjoyed by many. We thank the Pilot Club so much for their support. They are a terrific group who strive to teach about brain injuries, aging of the brain, and protection of the brain. They truly care about the individuals at Still Meadows.

**Special Education and Resource Teachers...Please keep Still Meadows in your fall planning for field trips.**

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## FOOD LION

Another of our supporters is *Food Lion, Inc located on Virginia Avenue in Harrisonburg*. who is allowing their customers to help Still Meadows. Supporters should link their MVP cards by going to [www.foodlion.com](http://www.foodlion.com), clicking on *MVP Rewards* and then on *register your MVP Card (Organization Code is 252544 and the password is evuze.)* Then each time supporters shop and purchase selected Food Lion products with their MVP Card, Still Meadows can earn a share of \$1,000,000 they are giving away. Food Lion # in Harrisonburg will also be donating the bottled water that will be used for summer activities at Still Meadows. Still Meadows continues to grow because of the excellent support from the community, and we very much appreciate Food Lion's sharing of resources. (Food Lion products: Food Lion Brand, Healthy Accents, Home 360, Nature's Place, On the Go Bistro, Smart Option, Taste of Inspirations.)

### WHAT IS AT THE TOP OF STILL MEADOW'S WISH LIST THIS YEAR?

A WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE GOLF CART so that all individuals may be able to travel to places that they would not be able to navigate otherwise.



**YES, I want to make a **DONATION** to help support this center for persons with developmental, intellectual, and/or physical disabilities.**

\_\_\_\_ Donation of \$1,000

**Tax ID # 54-1857340**

\_\_\_\_ Donation of \$100

\_\_\_\_ Donation of \$50

\_\_\_\_ Donation of \$25

Enclosed is my \$\_\_\_\_\_ contribution.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FULL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO: Still Meadows Enrichment Center and Camp, 11992 Hollar School Road, Linville, Virginia 22834**

*(All donations are tax deductible)*



### **YES, I want to pay for a SCHOLARSHIP(s)**

Because of extensive medical bills and/or other family situations, many families are not able to afford to send their sons or daughters to Still Meadows Enrichment Center and Camp.

Individuals and clubs are encouraged to provide a full or partial scholarship to enable a camper or rider to attend either a one-week camp session or an 8-week therapeutic horseback riding session. Each program also provides the participant's family with much needed respite that allows them to regroup physically and mentally.

Your tax-exempt gift will provide a full scholarship to a camper who would otherwise be unable to attend one of our programs.

\_\_\_\_ Day Camp (\$200)

**Tax ID # 54-1857340**

\_\_\_\_ Therapeutic Horseback Riding (\$225)

\_\_\_\_ Partial Scholarship (Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_)

DONOR: \_\_\_\_\_

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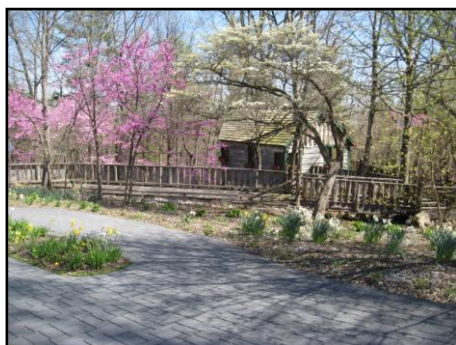
## WHAT A SUCCESSFUL NIGHT!

On March 3, 2012, the hall at the Woodmen of the World rang with laughter and excitement! It was the Tenth Annual Longaberger Basket Bingo benefitting Still Meadows. It was attended by 265 bingo players who seemed to care as much about helping Still Meadows as winning a beautiful basket. This was a hundred more players than last year. Over \$3,000 worth of Longaberger baskets were given away and lots of wonderful door prizes soothed those who did not win baskets.

The menu was extensive and included pork tenderloin sandwiches, white beans, hot dogs, baked beans, chips, popcorn, candy, pies and cake. No one left the building hungry! The Bingo raised \$9,000 for Still Meadows which is the best bingo ever.

There are so many supporters to thank. Still Meadows thanks the Mennonite ladies who baked the delicious pies and cakes, the Woodmen of the World who rented such a nice facility to us and allowed us early entry to set up, Charlsie & Jerry Miller and Larry Taylor who prepared the pork tenderloin and beans, Terry Tucker who planned and organized the bingo, Davey Joseph who called bingo numbers with such good humor, Brittany Maasch who spent several days setting up, all of the businesses who so generously donated door prizes, and the board members who donated their time. So many were involved in this project that it would be impossible to name all of our supporters, but if your name is not on this list, please know that we really appreciate EVERYONE! Still Meadows would not exist without the love and support that comes from so many.

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## IN THE GARDEN WITH WENDY

Spring arrived early in the Shenandoah Valley as well as at Still Meadows. We are “bursting” at the seams with color! From the Director’s house to the woods, flowers are popping up; purple crocus, golden yellow and orange daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips in pink, red, white and purple. The flowering trees and forsythia combined with the spring bulbs is a magnificent display. “Hat’s off” to the donor(s) of the spring bulbs! In the vegetable garden, peeking through the soil, are peas, onions, lettuce, radishes, carrots, spinach, and beets. We welcome back Wendy Kipple and look forward to future gardening fun.

Would you prefer receiving this newsletter electronically in the future? Go to [www.campstillmeadows.org](http://www.campstillmeadows.org) to register. This would help to save postage for Still Meadows as well as help you to clean off your desk!

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## SPOTLIGHT ON SPENCER HALVELAND

Spencer Halveland is a very active twelve-year-old boy who loves Still Meadows Summer Camp! Spencer is a Down's Syndrome child who keeps everyone on their toes with his energy. He is a loving boy with a fantastic sense of humor. Spencer is a sixth grader at Harmony Middle School in Waterford, Virginia, where he is popular with students and teachers. Spencer plays soccer and is involved in horseback riding for the Special Olympics. In the past, he was a bowler and tennis player for the Special Olympics. Spencer has many interests including ATV 4-wheeler riding and movies. Ask him to act out a scene from any movie and he will perform! Spencer is also a member of the 4-H Club, and shows a pig at the County Fair. Last summer, he proudly won a ribbon at his first showing. Way to go, Spencer!

However, Spencer's favorite out of all of his interests is BOOKS! Spencer would rather receive a gift of a book than a toy. His idea of a special day is a visit to the library or to a bookstore. His current favorite book character is Indiana Jones, but he also loves all of the Dr. Seuss books. He also is like other middle school readers in that he is fascinated with the Guinness Book of World Records and Ripley's Believe It or Not. What a well-rounded young man he is, and we appreciate him so much at Still Meadows.



