



STILL MEADOWS ENRICHMENT CENTER AND CAMP

Janet Maasch, Founder

NEWS FROM THE HILL

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS Jodi Haas

*Once again the year is flying by here at Still Meadows Enrichment Center and Camp. Spring was absolutely gorgeous with our flowering beds, lush green grass and all of the may apples and wildflowers in the woods. It also was a time of cleaning and preparing for all of our spring and summer visitors. Luckily we do this with plenty of help from volunteer groups and other members of our community. A group that has been with us from the very beginning of Still Meadows is the **Harrisonburg Men's Diversion Center**. I remember Jan telling me often about how hard they worked to clear all of the rock and brush from the top of the hill down to the woods. They cleared and prepared the ground that is now beautiful grass covered slopes and pasture land. This spring and summer they were here many Saturdays. One could find them running weed eaters in the woods, push mowers in the gardens or helping to move all of the picnic tables and benches into place. They are an incredibly hard working group and I would like to thank them for all they do for Still Meadows.*

Summer arrived and we had an abundance of happy campers. Our day camp weeks were filled with laughter, singing, fun, and activities. Even the heat the first two sessions did not keep them from having a great time. Our therapeutic riding program has also had an excellent summer with riders learning to sit straight in their saddles and tackle the tasks they are assigned with much joy.

*And our volunteers...what can I say? **THEY ARE ALL AWESOME!** Still Meadows would not run if it were not for our amazing volunteers and the support of a great community. But with these things we will continue to follow the dream of one woman and to grow and be a place where nature is accessible and enjoyable to everyone, no matter their abilities.*



VOLUNTEERS, The Still
Meadows Board of Directors
Invites you and your family to
attend

The 2014 VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION PICNIC
Sunday, October 19, 2014
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Still Meadows Picnic Shelter
RSVP 540-833-2072 or
540-435-7390



We invite any civic, church, or school group with a member or members who have any type of disability to use our facility for meetings, picnics, or any other activities at no charge (free will offering accepted). Please call or email us for more information.

SUMMER STAFF.

We were very blessed to have Monica Pangle as Day Camp Director and Allison Smith as Assistant Day Camp Director this year. Monica is a teacher's aide of students with special needs in Rockingham County and lives with her husband and twin daughters in Bridgewater, Virginia. Allison is attending Roanoke College with a goal of becoming an occupational therapist.

We are also joined by Elijah Sutton and Lynnsea Sherwood who are helping with the mowing and weed eating, animal care, and gardening.

We are very pleased to have all of this help because this has been a very bountiful year at Still Meadows.



Wearing silly hats and singing silly songs brought out much laughter and merriment for everyone!



Speaking of summer camp, we had three very successful and active camps at Still Meadows. Many volunteers returned and new ones joined us. Each day featured a theme (wacky, tropical, patriotic, birthday, and Olympic) for dress-up and activities. The campers harvested vegetables and planted flowers, created a different craft item each day, met the animals in the barn, took hay rides, and played games created by the Girl Scouts in the Maintenance Building.

Special guests also visited with the campers each day; a karate team, a race car driver, a fire truck, a storyteller and a canine unit officer from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. We were also joined during the second camp by Camp Up With People who helped the campers and gave a performance of their music.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

So many folks are needed to provide services for our special needs friends. Still Meadows not only provides a place where these individuals can experience the healing powers of nature, but also a place that provides a brief respite for those who constantly care for them. But it requires much to provide such a beautiful and uplifting place. Still Meadows is very blessed to have the help of so many community supporters.

BB&T INSURANCE GROUP adopted the camp as their “Community Project” giving us plants, gravel, and funds for animal feed. The **GIRL SCOUTS** created a “theater” in the Tree House and provided craft-filled bags for the summer camps. The **BOY SCOUTS** prepared “John’s Woods” for the summer, and **EAGLE SCOUTS** are working on a new chicken coop and other projects. Folks from **OPERATION INASMUCH** cleaned the barn and tree house, fixed the fish pond, and many other projects. On the **UNITED DAY OF CARING**, we saw over forty volunteers painting, cleaning, and so much more. **VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS** planted gardens, weeded, and helped with other garden tasks. We also want to thank the church and civic groups who have visited and volunteered at Still Meadows.

WISH LIST

A good, used full size PICK-UP TRUCK

MEDIA PROJECTOR for presentations to civic and church groups

BOARD MEMBERS who will join our Board of Directors in providing a place where our special needs individuals can escape their confining world of wheelchairs, walkers, medicines and devices.

2 sets “LADDER REINS” for therapeutic riding

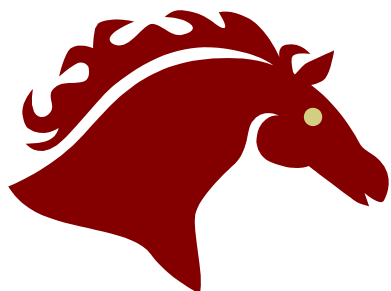
Echo REPLACEMENT HEADS for two weed eaters

BUILDING SUPPLIES to build a three-sided shelter in lower pasture

WATER HEATER (Contact Rick Smith for details 540-421-2822)

DONATIONS for building the small picnic shelter with handicap accessible bathrooms (in John’s Woods) being designed by Blue Ridge Architects

13TH ANNUAL HORSEBACK RIDE-A-THON



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014

**at
Willow Spring Farm
18979 N. Mountain Road
Timberville, Virginia**

**Choice of an 8.5 or 15 mile ride
Worship Service at 8:30 a.m. (Open to All)
Delicious Home Cooked breakfast and lunch
served
(Free Will Offering)**

**NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON GROUNDS OR
TRAIL**

Proof of Negative Coggins required

This ride goes on rain or shine.

Call 540-833-2072 or 540-560-6462 for more information.

**Raffle tickets (\$1.00 each) are available
to win prizes of \$100, \$50, or \$25.
Modern Woodmen will match proceeds
up to \$2,500 for the benefit of Still
Meadows. Contact our office or any
board member for tickets.**

***SPONSORS ARE NEEDED FOR
THE RIDE-A-THON. Please call
Still Meadows (540-833-2072) if
you would like to be a 2014
Ride-a-thon Sponsor.***



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The individuals at Still Meadows were able to expand their activities in the picnic shelter because of a triple stainless steel sink installed this spring. This allowed food activities and more efficient clean-up.

Also, we thank Rick Smith and Lloyd Hershey who rebuilt the storage closet in the picnic shelter. This gave Still Meadows volunteers more space to store supplies and equipment.

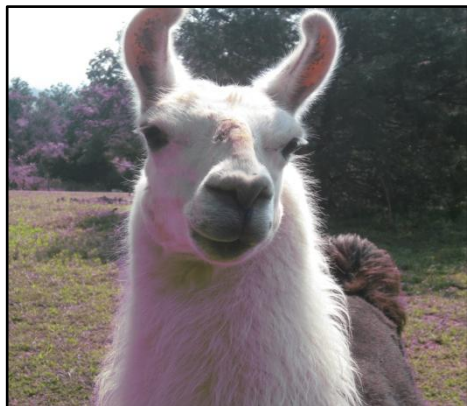
Still Meadows continues to grow in many ways!

MORE NEW FRIENDS

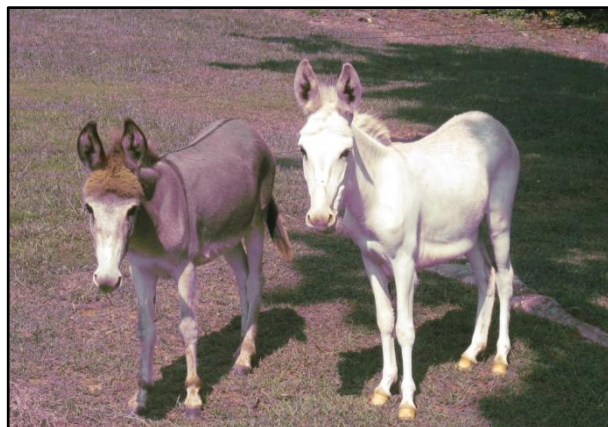
Still Meadows has several new friends in the barn. We have a llama named "Junior" and two little donkeys, "Sugar" and "Twinkle." Junior is black and white and loves to sniff our folks' hair. Sugar is white...hence the name, and Twinkle is dark gray. They have enjoyed all of the attention and treats given to them by our campers and volunteers. We thank Teresa Wine and Chick Wine for these beautiful animals.

We also recently acquired new kittens, a Bobtail named "Tiny" and his brother, a yellow tabby named "Flash." Smudge, our barn cat, is learning to share...somewhat. We are counting on these cats to keep the barn free of unwanted visitors.

Our newest addition is "Pumpkin", a black face lamb with special needs. Pumpkin loves to run and play with the kittens.



SPECIAL NEEDS
 INDIVIDUALS
 AND ANIMALS
 COMMUNICATE
 IN SPECIAL
 WAYS.
 ANIMALS ALSO
 PROVIDE
 THERAPY WITH
 THEIR
 TRUSTING
 PATIENCE.



Please remember us in your will and estate planning so that future generations may enjoy Still Meadows Enrichment Center and Camp.

AUCTION

Saturday, November 8, 2014

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Live Auction, Silent Auction, Food,
Door Prizes

"BURN THE MORTGAGE" AUCTION

Janet Maasch had a deeply instilled passion and a God inspired vision for Still Meadows Enrichment Center and Camp. This vision included all of the buildings currently located on the property and so much more. Since Jan's passing in December 2012, the board members, staff, and volunteers have worked diligently and passionately to keep Jan's vision moving forward. This has not been an easy task, and it would not have been possible without everyone working together to keep the camp operational.

A lot has taken place, but more needs to be done. The house was left to the camp in Jan's trust. However, we did need to acquire a loan to cover mortgage debts. The house has been spruced up and currently being used for our camp offices and camp activities. We still owe on this property, and we need to pay it off so that we can move ahead in adding more opportunities for our campers.

We will be holding our 3rd Annual Fundraising Auction on Saturday, November 8th at Muhlenberg Lutheran Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia. All proceeds from this "Burn the Mortgage" auction will be used towards paying off the mortgage on the house.

Your help is greatly needed in helping us accomplish this goal. How can you help???

1.) Contact the camp office and volunteer to help the day of the auction.
2.) Donate or collect donations for the auction.
3.) Come out to the auction, eat and buy items. Bring your family and friends.
4.) Make a monetary donation.

If you would like to see Still Meadows continue moving forward in fulfilling Jan's vision and hope for the camp, please contact us. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Speakers are available to speak to civic, church, and school groups about Still Meadows, its origins, and its programs and missions.

Contact us at... 540-833-2072 or 540-435-7390 or at
info@campstillmeadows.org.

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)

**Daniel
Lambert
takes the
first ride
in the
wheelchair
golf car
donated
by
KOVAR**



**Camper,
Merry Lee
Merryman,
greet the
fireman from
the SINGERS
GLEN FIRE
DEPARTMENT.**

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: _____

PHONE: _____

FULL ADDRESS: _____

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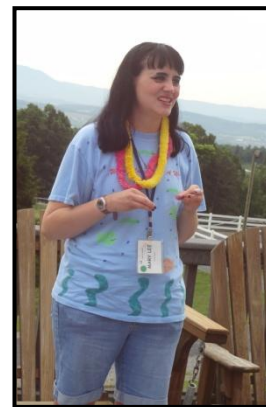
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TO: OR CURRENT RESIDENT

SPOTLIGHT ON ...



MARY LEE
MERRYMAN



Mary Lee Merryman has been attending activities at Still Meadows for over eight years. After moving into the area, Mary Lee discovered Jan Maasch and Still Meadows, and she has been coming to events since then. She is a lovely young woman who is always ready for anything. She is friendly to both fellow campers and volunteers, and willing to strike up a conversation at any time. Her mother, Beckwith Merryman, says she is comfortable at Still Meadows and it has helped overcome her shyness. Mary Lee is autistic and has some intellectual disabilities with which she deals on a daily basis. Mary Lee also participates in Overcoming Barriers, a program at James Madison University and attends JET Dance class. Mary Lee attends Music Under the Stars and shows her dance skills there. Mary Lee lives in the country with her three Chihuahua dogs. She has an older brother and nephew who she visits in Washington, D.C. Mary Lee is always stylish, the result of shopping trips to Harrisonburg, a favorite thing to do. Everyone at Still Meadows loves Mary Lee and we hope to continue seeing her at all of our activities for many years.

Still Meadows was recently accepted by the Blue Ridge Architects to be a part of their "Design Dash." They will be designing a wheelchair accessible picnic shelter with bathrooms for John's Woods.

Would you prefer receiving this newsletter electronically in the future? Go to www.campstillmeadows.org to register. This would save postage for Still Meadows and would also clean off your desk!