



McLendon Hills

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Social Committee Update . . .

Rachel Carr



Photo by Marti Barr

It's summer and days are perfect for gardening, kayaking, walking and visiting with McLendon Hills (MLH) neighbors as we did on Memorial Day. Over 70 attendees enjoyed Southern Fried Chicken and an awesome array of potluck dishes with no duplicates. Wow!! How does that happen??

We hope you enjoyed the American flags the Social Committee placed at the front entrance for Memorial Day week and again on Flag Day. Many of our MLH Veterans were photographed with these flags on Flag Day so be on the lookout for a feature on MLH Veterans in the Fall newsletter.

On July 4th, we will be holding our 2nd Annual Independence Day Golf Cart Parade (and side x sides, tractors, lawn mowers, ATVs, etc.). Prizes will be awarded for the most Patriotic, Most Creative and Wildest. Also on the 4th, MLH property owners and their invited guests will celebrate at The Pavilion as we grill hotdogs and hamburgers and enjoy an All American Cook Out.

We are excited about **two new events this summer** between the 4th of July and our Labor Day festivities on Monday, Sept. 2nd. And, these events are for your whole family. Look for more info (and reminders) of these and all Social Committee planned or sponsored events on the POA website and in mailbox flyers.

NEW EVENTS — SAVE THESE DATES!!

MLH Family and Friends Fishing Tournament

Saturday, July 27, 8:00—11:00 a.m.

Keep all you catch ~~ \$10 per family entry fee
(which defrays cost of prizes and lunch)

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#### **Monday Madness Game Nights**

3rd Mondays ~~ first one on July 15th) ~~ 7:00 p.m.  
Bring your own beverage.

### REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

July 4: Cook-Out & Patriotic Celebration

September 2: Labor Day Dock Hop & Social

October TBD (5 or 12): Fun 'n Fall Yard Sale

November 2 Semi-annual POA Meeting

November TBD: Hanging of the Greens

December TBD (7 or 14): Crock of Cheer /  
Chili Cook Off

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**McLendon Hills Logo Clothing:** Sale of McLendon Hills logo apparel is a fund raiser for the Social Committee, which uses no POA funds to pay for social events. If you wish to purchase apparel, contact Sharon Lasswell, at (240) 643-7091 or at Olney88@gmail.com, to arrange to see samples or catalogues of available styles and colors.

## McLendon Hills Activity Groups . . .

**Bunco** — Daytime: 2nd Tuesday each month; Evening: 4th Thursday each month

**Book Club and Garden Club** — Monthly, except no meetings in June and July

**Equestrians of McLendon Hills** — 1st Tuesday odd months

**Ladies Lunch Bunch** — 1st Thursday each month

**Men's Grub Gang** — 1st Thursday each month

**McLendon Hills Yacht Club** — April - September

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors** — As needed

Go to the McLendon Hills POA website (under Our Community) for more information, schedules,

## Ladies Book Club . . .

The Ladies Book Club takes a break in June and July to relax with a good 'beach, mountain, lake or porch' read of one's choosing. However, Deb Kreider, a member of our book club, suggested we read Clan of the Cave Bear by Jean M. Auel this summer. . . . not for regular book club discussion, but because its just so darned good!! Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly will be the focus of our August 19th (always the 3rd Monday) meeting at the home of Rachel Carr at 3:00 p.m. If you like to read, come check out our very informal group.

Speaking of enjoying books . . . The Book Club is a proud sponsor of the MLH Book Nooks (our own little libraries) located at the Pavilion. A huge thanks to Anne Holway for spearheading this effort and to the Woodworkers for their great work!

## Rachel Carr



NEW AT THE PAVILION

## Woodworkers . . .

## Anne Holway



Photo by Matt Holway  
Anne Holway, Thom Giangrande, Denise Luckenback, Deb Appice & Barry Luckenback, with Carpenter Bee Traps made from wood blocks with specially drilled holes, fastened to jars and finished for hanging.

A few short weeks after Matt Holway gauged interest in a wood workers' club, it was up and running. There's a great deal of talent in MLH, and lots of interest in learning among the less experienced. The group meets on weekends, but a bit irregularly depending on availability, and remains open to newcomers. Matt is happy to host the group in his shop until such time someone else feels they can.

Currently we have 3-4 active men and 3-4 active women, plus others who are interested but can't attend as they'd like. We've already completed our first project to benefit MLH—two "book nooks". At least 8 different people contributed labor; Tom Seitz donated wood to get the project started; Thom Giangrande added posts and concrete for installation; and Matt and Anne Holway donated the rest.

The MLH Woodworkers are looking forward to the next project and are discussing some suggestions with the Amenities Committee. In the meantime, we are thinking of creating some smaller items we can sell at the next MLH Yard Sale to help the group fund its projects. An example is a Carpenter Bee Trap, shown above. The group had a great time making those for themselves one recent weekend. Ideas for quick and simple projects are as welcome as bigger endeavors, as nearly every project allows one member or another to learn a technique or teach one.

## Lake & Wildlife Committee . . .

Peter Dotto

Fish, Fish, Fish!! As you know, our lake is overstocked with fish—all species — so do your part and get out and fish. We need you to keep or dispose of all the fish you catch. The Catch and Release Rules are suspended indefinitely. If you were not able to attend the Lake & Wildlife meeting on June 8th regarding fish overpopulation, a summary of the discussion is posted on the McLendon Hills POA web page under Lake & Wildlife Committee.

In case you missed the "Save the Date" on page 1, there's a Fishing Tournament for Families and Friends of McLendon Hills, Saturday, July 27th from 8:00 until 11:00 a.m. Be on the lookout for more information. There will be prizes for several categories so come on out and earn some bragging rights. Since Lake Troy Douglas is a private lake, a fishing license is not required.

Summer is here and may more of you are out there enjoying nature and walking your dog. Be mindful of your neighbors and clean up after your dog does his business in a neighbor's yard, the walkway or other common areas. It's the neighborly thing to do.



Kim McGraw took this photo of Mark checking out a fish that was caught from the lake.

## Architectural Review Board (ARB) . . .

Earl Houck

"Summertime and the livin' is easy." But then again, summertime is also the time for outdoor projects, repairing and repainting our houses and fences, and updating our lawns and landscaping. So, just a reminder that if you are making major changes, construction of any permanent structures, additions or changes to the exterior of your property, or removal of trees over six inches in diameter, you need prior ARB approval. If you are bringing in any heavy equipment, replacing sections of concrete driveways, building retaining walls, adding decks or patios, or installing lot drainage systems, you need prior ARB approval. If in doubt whether approval is required, please ask via the "contact us" feature of the McLendon Hills web site or contact Earl Houck at earaho@gmail.com.

With a couple of current members leaving the Board, we are also seeking some new Board members. The main function of the Board is to review applications for new construction and subsequent additions and improvements in a manner that preserves property values and promotes a harmonious relationship among the structures in the community and maintains the attractiveness of the community. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please "contact us" via the web site or direct to Earl Houck.

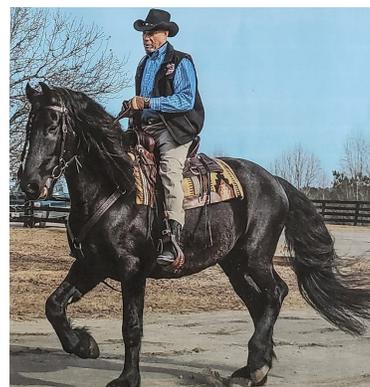
## Equestrian News . . .

Carol Houck

"f you look in the McLendon Hills pastures at the Equestrian Center, you no doubt have seen Yarik, the official greeter of the Center. Yarik has been retired from competition and now enjoys the trails in McLendon Hills. Owner Carl Chandler had wanted to be a cowboy since age 14 and Yarik allowed him to do so much more.



Yarik retired from the competition of the dressage world finishing the year winning 26 of 30 events. As a result of his performance he was awarded the Summer Dressage Champion for 2018, North Carolina State Championship and North Carolina Horse of the Year for 2018. Additionally, the United States Dressage Federation ranked Yarik 14th in the nation, out of 475 horses registered in his Division.



## DID YOU KNOW? . . .

Each year North Carolina State Parks celebrate an annual theme . This year's theme is '*Scale Back Your Fear! 2019 -Year of the Snake.*' What a timely theme as spring and summer are when we sometimes see a snake in our area.

- \* Snakes are important in keeping populations of rodents, slugs and insects in check.
- \* Snakes are a food resource to other animals such as foxes, raccoons, bears, eagles, hawks and owls.
- \* A handy NC snake identification guide like the one shown here one can be found at [www.ncparks.gov](http://www.ncparks.gov). This link also provides information on the snake-of-the-month, other identification guides and details, snake jokes, snake crafts for kids and links to other resources.
- \* A good online resource for identifying snakes can be found at [herpsofnc.org](http://herpsofnc.org).



### Garden Club News . . . Nancy Seitz



On May 9th, ten McLendon Hills Garden Club members gathered at the Horticultural Gardens of Sandhills Community College (SCC) for a classroom presentation and walking tour. Both first timers and repeat visitors had eye-opening discoveries in the many garden rooms and wood-

land paths that change and expand with the seasons, and with the daily husbandry and design work of students in SCC's Landscape Gardening program. If you haven't visited lately (or ever!) the 32 acre site and its 14 themed gardens is open dawn to dusk year round.

After our summer break (who wants to go to meetings when your own garden is calling out to you!?!), we will travel to Carthage on September 12th to Green Haven Plant Farm to learn about their hydroponic growing process and check out an array of options for fall planting. On October 10<sup>th</sup> we'll meet at the Pavilion (weather permitting) for a Master Gardening presentation on Native plants that thrive in the Sandhills.

If you aren't currently a garden club member but might like to join us for one of our Fall Meetings or to learn more about our group, contact Nancy Seitz ([nancy@twseitz.com](mailto:nancy@twseitz.com)).

### Lunch Bunch . . . Louise Ashbridge

The 2019 McLendon Hills Lunch Bunch meets at a different restaurant on the first Thursday of every month. We recognize monthly birthdays and provide the birthday ladies a dessert, compliments of our treasury.

In April we ate at Chapman's Food & Spirits, in May at Hickory Tavern, and in June we had fun at Maguro Hibachi Steakhouse. Thirty-seven ladies are on the roster and we are averaging 14 to 20 each month.

Lunch Bunch is open to all ladies of McLendon Hills; for more information or to sign up please contact me at [l.ashbridge@yahoo.com](mailto:l.ashbridge@yahoo.com). We always have a good time and haven't run out of restaurants yet.

### Bunco . . .Karen Marshall

**What are the odds?**



Michele Mehler (pictured here) recently won every round at evening Bunco.

And in May at daytime Bunco, Jamie Skirboll won in *all three categories* (the most Buncos, most rounds won and Travelers).

## Real Estate News....

Cristy Hunt

Since our spring newsletter, we have closed on 2 more lot sales. Currently there are 2 more under contract to close in July, and several more in the works and prospective buyers scheduled to tour soon.

Custom construction is booming throughout the neighborhood! The Martin's lakefront home is moving along, as well as Skilling's mini-farm. We have begun construction for Williams and Mongelli. We are busy with several more who plan to start soon. We welcome all of our new and soon to be neighbors!

Congratulations to Roger and McLendon Home Construction Company for a clean sweep on winning 4 out of 4 entries in the Moore County Home Builders Association Home of the Year Awards!

*Here's a sneak peak at our next model home...coming soon! Stay tuned for more details on this popular modern farmhouse design, which will feature 3 bedrooms, 2 & 1/2 bathrooms, hardwood floors, shiplap, spacious porch space and more. Planned to be built on a premiere vista lot, adjacent to a mini-farm if buyer prefers more land.*



**ideal-LIVING magazine is pleased to announce its fourth annual "Best of the Best" issue which features the Top 100 Planned Communities.**



Hundreds of nominations were submitted to *ideal-LIVING* earlier this year. A special editorial committee assembled by the publication reviewed the qualifications of each nominee and selected the winners in nine categories.

Among the categories honoring residential communities are the "Top 100 Planned Communities," "Best Lake Communities," "Best Mountain Communities," "Best Coastal Communities," "Best Golf Communities," "Best Tennis and Pickleball," and those with the "Best Wellness Environments."

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### *BEST WELLNESS / FITNESS FACILITY*

"The 'Best of the Best' feature honors those areas and communities which deserve special recognition for their outstanding qualities, facilities, and programs," said *ideal-LIVING's* Editor and Associate Publisher Kelly Godbey. "We hope that this special feature in our Summer 2019 edition will serve our readers by focusing on the places that offer the lifestyle enhancements that are the most important to them."





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