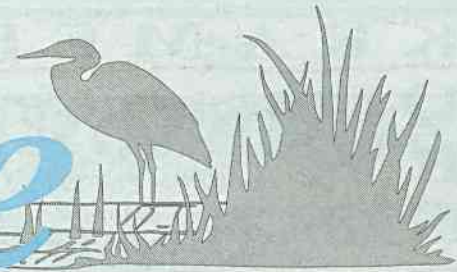


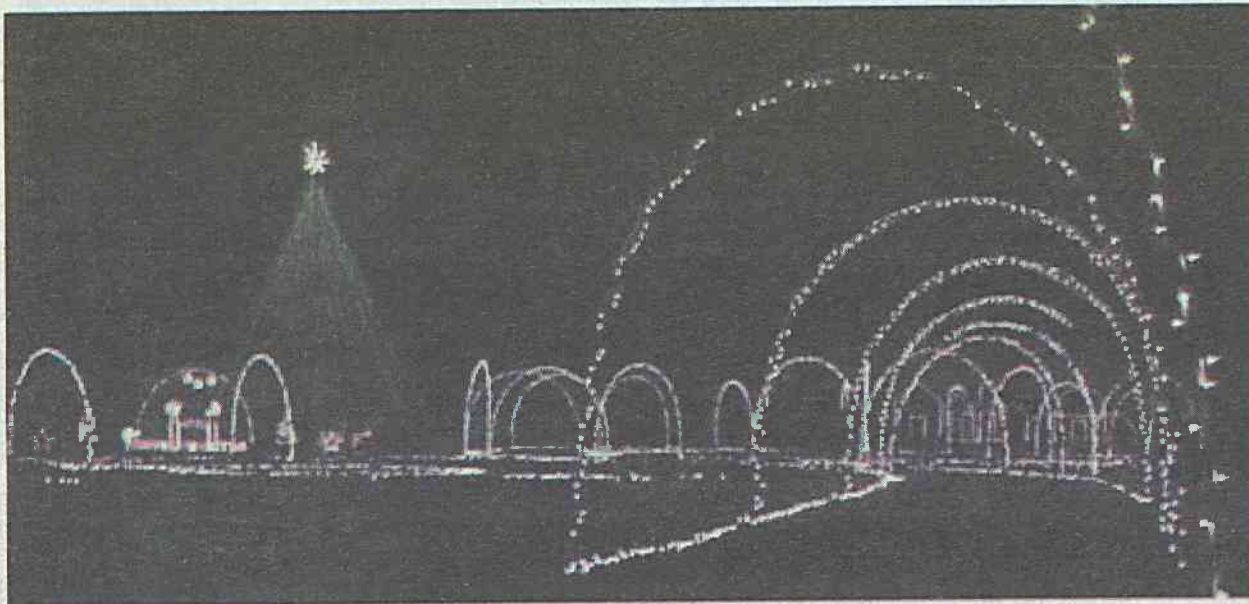
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Mike's Farm – A Holiday Treat

By Cierra Tomaso



Mike's Farm is a classic example of a fast-evaporating, old-fashioned country way of life. In addition to regular tours, every year they host a special presentation of lights for Christmas, and it is spectacular. Beginning each evening at 6 p.m., there is a lighted hayride tour of the farm (weather permitting), featuring Christmas lights, a live Nativity scene and other Christmas decorations. The cost is \$8 per person (ages 5 and up).

Last year, I went to the light show. The lights were of high quality, and I was impressed by the sheer number of them. It was very well done. Prior to the light show, my family and I went to the farm's bakery and bought some tasty snacks.

I also got to enjoy a delicious family-style dinner at the restaurant there. Servers brought potatoes and macaroni and cheese (among other things) to

the table for everyone to share. The restaurant had very good desserts too.

I have also been to Mike's Farm for Halloween, to pick out pumpkins. The hayride is just long enough to be worthwhile without boring the small children. The farm has a seemingly endless array of pumpkins, and I have always found a great pumpkin there.

I would definitely encourage you to stop by Mike's Farm if you haven't yet and see for yourself. Visit the web site <http://www.mikesfarm.com> for more information and holiday hours.



Shore-line 1973

By Phyllis Makuck

In September, Jack Goldstein kindly gave to the town back issues of *The Shoreline* he and his wife had collected from 1973 to 1985. Since then, Managing Editor Charlie McBriarty discovered other back issues, so the town now has a complete *Shoreline* archive, from 1973 to 2010 (except for brief periods in that timeframe when the paper was not published).

Last month's edition had a timely historical piece from 1985 on flooding in Pine Knoll Shores. This month, the staff decided to go back to the beginning—1973.

The first writers/editors of the town's paper were Betty Hammon and Mary Doll. Unfortunately, they don't introduce themselves to readers, but do mention that Carl Hammon was President of Pine Knoll Association (PKA) Board of Directors and that Mary's husband, Bill, became one of the town's first commissioners. No further information is provided about the Hammons, but there are some further details about the Dolls. Bill Doll is described as being 47 years old and as having moved to Pine Knoll Shores, with Mary, in January 1973, from Sheboygan, Wisconsin. They had a son, Jon, and daughter, Julie, both living in Seattle at the time.

The publication of a town paper begins in May 1973, when Betty Hammon and Mary Doll wrote a one-page letter to Pine Knoll Shores' residents about the importance of having a regularly published "newsletter" for neighbors to get to know one another and stay in touch with what is happening locally (see photocopy). Three months later, they produced the first official edition of *Pine Knoll Shore-line*—a two-page 9"x14" single-spaced, mimeographed newsletter. By the second edition, they had figured that an annual subscription fee of \$2.00 would cover their costs.

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