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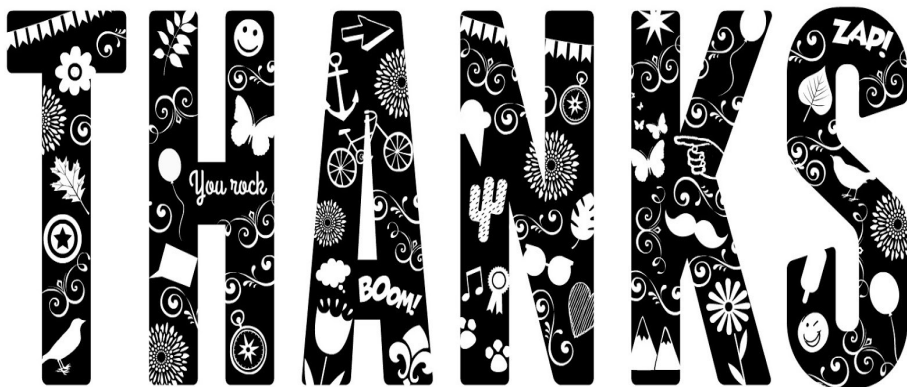
It's LEAP YEAR!
February has 29 Days.
Use your extra day
For Good.

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HOA and Community Life at
Crooked River Ranch in the
Heart of Central Oregon

A big Shout-out to all the 2023 Crooked River Ranch Volunteers



Crooked River Ranch...a well composed work of art thanks to all our loyal and hardworking volunteers. We *Salute* you and want to share with all our readers just a few of the activities performed throughout the year. Without them, things might run a little slower and may not look as beautiful as we see every day.

For more pictures see page 6 & 7

Dedicated Board of Directors



(L-R) Bob Beverage, Julia Randall, Randy Peterson, Mike Dries, Pres. Kari Vickery, Ara Erdeckian, Mike Carey. Not present were Sarah Woolverton and Sheryl Jones.

February 14th!

Valentine's Day

Florists will tell you that Valentine's Day is the busiest day of the year surpassing Christmas and Mother's Day!

In the Middle Ages Roman men were known to have drawn the names of potential love interests on their arms—hence the saying that people really do “wear their hearts on their sleeves.”

Surveys confirm that Valentine's Day, Christmas and New Year's top the chart for popping the marriage question.

Cadbury Chocolate manufacturer created the first heart shaped box of chocolates in 1861. It now counts for over 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolates sold annually.



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Neighbors Helping Neighbors



I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Program. It is so appreciated. Contributions have ranged from \$5.00 to \$300.00. There is no amount too small or too large.

Our coffers were down due to so many homeowners needing help and your donations will allow us to continue to help our neighbors who can use the assistance.

I love our community and I'm so grateful for the support. Donations can be made either with your invoice or on-line. Just make a note that the money is for the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Program (NHN). Applications are being accepted if you are in need of assistance with dues payments. And remember, payment plans are also available to help stretch those payments out.

With much gratitude,
Karen Atwood
Coordinator
Neighbor Helping Neighbor



Fire Safety during Winter Storms

Winter storms can happen almost anywhere. They can cause us problems. Know what to do before, during and after a storm. This will help keep you and your family safe from a winter fire.

- Test all smoke alarms. Do this at least once a month. This way you will know they are working. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Test the alarms.
- Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, firefighters will be able to find you.
- Be ready in case the power goes out. Have flashlights on hand. Also have battery-powered lighting and fresh batteries. Never use candles.
- Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television or radio for updates. Watch for bulletins online.
- Check on neighbors. Check on others who may need help.
- Generators should be used outdoors. Keep them away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- Stay away from downed wires. Report any downed wires to authorities.
- Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room. Turn them off when you go to bed.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February.

As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!



Fact
Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

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Crooked River Maintenance team up at the crack of dawn before anyone else to clear any snow accumulation to the entrance of Canyon Village and parking lots.

Top left—Golf maintenance plowing

Bottom left to right:

A cheerful Mark Stanton shoveling snow away from the admin entrance!
Maintenance Team: Mark, Anthony and Dan.
Richard -plowing the parking lot.



Lens on Learning

Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon Area
presents:

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

by Tom Iraci

Date: February 17, 2024

Time: 3:00-5:00 pm

Location: Juniper Room,
Crooked River Ranch



Tom Iraci at Smith Rock



Morning at Steelhead Falls by Tom Iraci



FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
OF THE **DESCHUTES CANYON AREA**

For many of us who live at Crooked River Ranch, the stunning public land surrounding us may have been a primary factor in moving here. If you are new to the area or if you haven't been able to hike all the amazing trails nearby, this program is for you.

- If you are a budding photographer and would like to learn more, this program is for you.
- If you just love great landscape photography, this program is for you.

Tom Iraci uses his camera to capture the wonders of nature in central Oregon. Many of his photos were taken from trails around Crooked River Ranch. He will share many of these photos with you, as well several videos he has created for FANs.

Mona Steinberg, a former FANs board member, will be there to provide information about the trail system.

Tom's unique photographic perspectives have been developed over his long career as a professional photographer. He loves to help others improve their photography skills and will be eager for your questions.

Tom has been practicing landscape photography for well over fifty years. Thirty of those years were with the US Forest Service as an Audio Visual Production Specialist. In that capacity, he served as a staff photographer, videographer and audio visual producer of slide presentations and videos. He and his wife Barbara Kennedy are longtime residents of Crooked River Ranch.

Presented by Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon Area (FANs), Lens on Learning programs are posted on Eventbrite and registration is required for attendees. Attendance is free for FANs members; a \$5 donation is requested for non-members. Register for this event at www.fansofdeschutes.org.



Sunday, February 11, 2024

Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas

Opening National Anthem will be
sung by Reba McEntire

Half time entertainment provided by
Usher

For all you football or just the Super Bowl Fans.

Did you know?

- **It's more than a football game, it's about the ads and halftime entertainment.**
- **It's the second biggest "food holiday" after Thanksgiving.**
- **It's one of the most watched events in the world!**
- **111.5 million watched last year's event when the Kansas City Chiefs were victors over the Philadelphia Eagles in a thrilling 38-35 final score.**
- **Super Bowl rings are worth from \$50,000-150,000**
- **Super Bowl losers also get rings and a substantial bonus from their respective conference, the AFC or NFC.**



What does Jackson Pollock have to do with it? Bathroom tales by the women's golf members...

By Judy Parker

Mid-winter being what it is, there's not much news or activity. I thought it might be time for a little history lesson.

Once upon a time long, long ago at a golf course not so far away and very dear to our hearts, there occurred a project that left a lasting, visible impression on those who remember and those of us who came after. A stalwart group of ladies (dare we say friends?) came to a decision to make a contribution to the ranch that would live after their memberships ended. There was some liquor involved as well as some creativity, some hilarity as well as some seriousness and some practicality as well as some fun.

It started when a coat of paint was put on the walls of the bathrooms in the park at the end of hole #18. The quality of the painters (unknown to this writer) notwithstanding, a certain amount of paint ended up on the concrete bathroom floors in drips and blobs. In an effort to improve the appearance, a suggestion was made by a member of the group that by adding some additional paint, it could be made to resemble a Jackson Pollock painting. A plan was hatched and finalized. They would pay for the paint themselves and fix the ugly concrete floors...



The ladies assembled themselves and their tools. With paint in three or four colors, large and small squirt bottles for writing the golf terms and a very large bottle of tequila, four ladies: Selma, Donna, Anita, and Sharon (with some inspiration from a fifth, Serene) commenced with all seriousness to create a masterpiece. What could go wrong?

With Selma, Anita and Sharon manning the paint bottles and Donna pouring the tequila and egging them on, the project took on a life of its own. Some crawling around on hands and knees while trying to avoid wet paint was necessary and as the level of tequila in the bottle got lower, some hilarity became part of the project. Clothes be-

came paint cloths. At some point, paint was not always being squirted on the floor. Some new phrases were added (check under the large rug in the ladies' room) to the list to go on the floor and to exchange with each other.

The men's room did not escape the assault. It became part of the project but by that time, the tequila had taken serious effect, and that floor is not quite the masterpiece as the ladies' room. There was some concern that they might be discovered in a deplorable state by someone using the men's room. It required a little second effort with clearer heads on another day.

When all was said and done, the ladies left the bathrooms and one stumbled into and over the large boulder that is standing just outside the door to the ladies' room. Such was the level of intoxication that even that was cause for more hilarity. No harm, no foul and on to the next aspect of this caper.

Three of the ladies retired to Sharon's hot tub to warm up and cleanse themselves of the paint. Looking back, one of them mentioned that she wasn't sure how much of a mess they left in that hot tub, but she did find herself making her way home in a single towel as her clothes were trashed.



So, that is the story of how our floor in the bathrooms came to look like a Jackson Pollock painting and why when my grandsons came to visit one year, one came out of said bathroom in outrage, telling me, "Someone did graffiti all over the floor in the men's bathroom!" I had to tell him it wasn't vandalism but a "concrete plan."

Groups & Organizations Around the Ranch

Art & Spirit Mingle

Classes available
Contact : Patricia Kirk 406.396.1379

Cancer Support Group

Contact : Karen Jamison 541.815.8435

Classic Cars, Hotrods, & ATVs Get-Together

Wed. 3:30 / *Over the Edge Taphouse*
Contact : Joe Schafer 541.797.1936

Crooked River Ranch Classic Car Group

Wed. 4:00 PM / *Big Dog Saloon*
Contact : Ray Rose 541.390.2860

Crooked River Ranch Amateur Radio Group

3rd Wed. / *Fire Hall*
Contact : Sean Hartley 541.923.6776

Crooked River Cribbage Players

Mon. 1:00 PM / *Heritage House*
Contact : Jim Babcock 971.219.3332

CRR ATV Group

1st Mon. 6:30 PM / *Over the Edge Taphouse*
Contact : Norm Park 541.408.6293
Mike Grover 541.643.6726

CRR Canyon Quilters

Mon. 9:00 AM-2:00 PM / *Chapel Family Ctr.*
Contact : Tina Wilson 541.280.0837

Lion's Club / all meetings at the Juniper Room

1st Tues: 5:30 PM Board Mtg. / *Juniper Rm.*
2nd Tues: 5:30 PM Business Mtg. / *Juniper Rm.*
4th Tues: 5:30 PM Social / *Juniper Rm.*
Contact : Cathy Schroth 971.322.9836

CRR Riders

crrhorseriders@gmail.com

CRR Pickleball Group

CRR Tennis courts
Contact : Jim Manser 360.910.0130

CRR Senior Group

Thurs. 10:30 AM-1:30 PM / *Heritage House*
Contact : Al Albin 541.815.5356

Free Food Market

1st & 3rd Wed. 5:00 PM / *Old Fire Hall*
Contact : Steve & Stephanie Proffitt 541.604.1628

Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon Area (FANs)

Board Meeting - 2nd Sun., 4:00 p.m..
Contact : Robin Galloway 541-740-6865

Farmers & Artisans Market at Old Fire Hall

1st and 3rd Sat. / April-Dec. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Contact : Jolie Armas 541.419.5923
Contact : Barbara Rybarczyk 541.390.3781

Honeybee Conservation Group

Contact : Ann Lewis 541.610.6886

Ladies Golf Club

Contact : Judy Parker 971.275.0833

Mahjong

Tues. 1:00 p.m.
Contact : Bobbie Miller 503.593.0658

Men's Golf Club

Contact : Bruce Beyer 503.887.6906

Morning Star Gathering

Thurs. 6:00 PM / *12770 SW Eagle Vista Pl, CRR*
Contact : Jack & Louise Baldwin 541.699.8043

Sage Quilters

2nd & 4th Tues. 1:00 - 3:00 PM /
Heritage House 541.504.8236

Shooting Stars

1st Tues. (April - Oct.) 6:30 PM / *Heritage House*
Contact : Victoria Tolbert 704.989.6909

Terrebonne Grange

Contact : Myrna 541.788.0865

Houses of WORSHIP

Ranch Chapel

Sunday Services 10:30 AM
Contact: 541.923.8081

Twin Rivers Community Church / 6094 SW Tarpon

Sunday Services: 9 & 10:45 AM
Contact : Frank Woods 541.647.0709

Upper Room Christian Fellowship

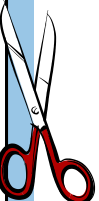
Sunday Services: 10:00 AM
Contact : Glenn or Dodie Sand 541.548.0622



If you are a member or want meeting times and contacts for GROUPS &/or ORGANIZATIONS around the ranch, *please check their listings on page 4.*

February 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|---|---|-----|---|
|  | | | | 1 9:00 AM -3PM Senior Center Food Pantry  | 2 | 3 |
| 4  | 5 10:00 AM CRR Board Mtg. Work Session Juniper Rm.  6:00 PM SRD Mtg Juniper Room | 6  5:30 PM CRR Lions Board Mtg. - Juniper Rm. | 7 5:00 PM Free Food Market  | 8 9:00 AM -3PM Senior Center Food Pantry  | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 3:00 PM ARC Mtg. Admin Bldg. | 13  5:30 PM CRR Lions Business Mtg-Juniper Rm. | 14  | 15 9:00 AM 3PM Senior Center Food Pantry  6:30 PM Fire Station BOD (every 3rd Thursday) | 16 | 17 Lens on Learning "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words" 4-6 PM :Juniper Rm. - Admin Bldg.  |
| 18 | 19 6:00 PM CRR Board Mtg. -Juniper Rm.  | 20 | 21 5:00 PM Free Food Market  | 22 9:00 AM -3PM Senior Center Food Pantry  | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 3:00 PM ARC Mtg. Admin Bldg. | 27  5:30 PM CRR Lions Social Juniper Rm. | 28 | 29 | |  |



FOR FUTURE PLANNING

SAVE the DATES



February 14th Valentines Day
Be sweet to someone!

FEB 1

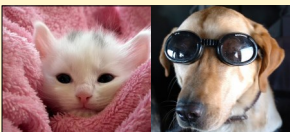
Crooked River Ranch Lions Foundation Scholarship Applications Available

FEB 19



Presidents Day 2024
(every third Monday)

FEB 20



Love your pet day!

Crooked River Ranch Social Media
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Website:

www.crookedriverranch.com





2023 Crooked River Ranch Year in Review

"Celebrating Volunteers"

Photos by: Brenda Cooper

thank you!



Independence Day Parade



Volunteers counting ballots



Steel Stampede Group

Steel Stampede had over 120 Volunteers!



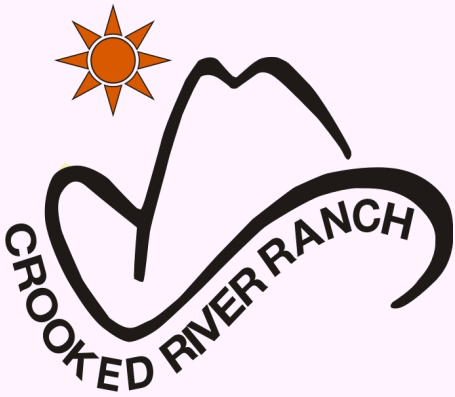
CRR Veteran Memorial Park built maintained by the CRR ATV Club



Steel Stampede Parking



Steel Stampede Parking



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Celebrating

AMAZING
VOLUNTEERS



All the "horse people" gathering to clean up the Quail trail head



Barn Dance 2023



Christmas volunteers with the CRR Heritage girls



2023 kid volunteers



Alternative Funding Committee



FANs Native Plant Coordinator Marilynne Keyser (center) presents Linda and Wayne Buttolph with the 2023 Outstanding Volunteer Award.

The Outstanding Volunteer Award goes to...

Announcement and photo credit: Robin Galloway, FANs president

Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon Area (FANs) volunteers, Linda and Wayne Buttolph, were presented with the *Outstanding Volunteer Award for 2023* by the FANs leadership team at an end-of-year gathering hosted by John and Marilynne Keyser.

The Buttolphins received the award in recognition of their dedication to updating, developing, and maintaining the Native Plant Interpretive Garden, located near the tennis courts at Crooked River Ranch. With Linda as the designer/creative genius and Wayne implementing her plans by doing the dirty work, the newly refreshed interpretive garden now offers an extensive, informational showcase of native plants.

According to FANs Native Plant Coordinator Marilynne Keyser, this educational garden display is the largest one in the state. In the past year, she and the Buttolphins added new native varieties, made permanent signs identifying plants and worked with the CRR staff regarding long-term preservation.

Educational Garden will Explore Native American Uses of Plants

By Marilynne Keyser, FANs Native Plant Coordinator

The “seed” for a new garden space in Canyon Village has been germinating for a couple of years now. A small group of native plant enthusiasts led by Marilynne Keyser and Diane Nunley are interested in learning more about traditional Native American uses for common native plants in Central Oregon.

On November 10th, a group of volunteers weeded the site where we hope to create our new garden. The area is adjacent to the FANs building will be the site for our new educational garden.

At the invitation of Susan Guerin, a Wasco tribal member, seven FANs members visited the Warm Springs Museum on November 16th. Our personal tour allowed us to learn more about the history of the Warm Springs Reservation and some of the ways native plants were used by the Warm Springs, Wasco and Paiute people who are members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Medicinal uses may be our primary focus, however, we hope to expand into the use of native plants for food, textiles, dyes and basketry.

We will be researching plants specific to this area of the high desert for their uses. If you are interested in learning more, or sharing any experiences or knowledge of native plant uses we would love to have you join us in this exciting new addition to the FAN's growing educational outreach.

Contact Marilynne Keyser at mtkeyser@gmail.com



Discover What's Among Us! Wildlife of the Month: *Paruroctonus boreus*

By Cindy Murray



Photo credit: PhotoObjects.net

As I was working in my rock garden, I felt something cold against the back of my leg. When I shook my jeans and looked down, I think I said YIKES! An Olympic Gold Medal would have been mine for the “high jump” even without a running start. The critter that had taken refuge inside my jean’s leg was *Paruroctonus boreus*, otherwise known as the Northern Scorpion.

This scorpion is found in every western state including Alaska. They average about two inches in length and contain a very unpleasant venom in their stingers. Luckily, they are nocturnal and to find them during the day, we would have to look under rocks. Northern scorpions are quite common in our high desert climate and I have encountered many in my gardens, not to mention my house a time or two! The sting is much like that of a hornet and the effect can last around four hours. If you are allergic to insect stings or bites and you are stung, please seek medical care immediately.

Scorpions are carnivores and very important in helping to reduce the insect population. The stinger on the end of the scorpion tail is used to paralyze their insect prey. I do appreciate having scorpions in my gardens and always careful to watch for them when moving rocks or pulling weeds.

We do have one other type of scorpion, *Pseudoscorpiones*, or false scorpion. The pseudoscorpion is found in the entire USA, including Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands. This tiny Arachnid is about 1/8 of an inch and they have no tail, which means no stinger. The false scorpion resembles a tick with pincers at the end of very long arms. Actually, their pincers can deliver poison to the tiny insects they catch but are completely harmless to people.

CRR Senior Happenings...

By: Al Albin with photos by Earleen Arthur



The Crooked River Ranch Seniors are doing their best to deal with winter weather conditions.

The Senior Group held their General Meeting on December 21st. The drawing for the handmade quilt was held during our meeting. Carol Babcock was the winner and congratulations to her. (picture on pg. 10) We hope she enjoys her prize. In addition to conducting general business, Senior Group officers were elected. Al Albin was reelected as President, Marie Carter and Penny Sackhoff will hold the office of Co-Vice President, Tara Vuksich was elected Secretary, and Lynn Cross was reelected Treasurer. Kathlene Albin and Dorothy Smith were reelected as a Board Members, and Cynthia Heeran was elected as a Board Member.

The Senior Group leadership established the office of Historian. The historian(s) will strive to identify, collect, preserve, and present the history of the Senior Group and the institution of the Senior Center. Earleen Arthur and Cynthia Heeran were selected to serve in this roll.



We have several people in our group who are ill, Some households both are sick.

Our CRR Senior Group gave these get well flowers to:

The Frost household,
The Carter household and
Michele Thompson.



Several of our events have been postponed or cancelled due to a combination of winter weather conditions and illness. This includes cancelling two of our Thursday luncheons and rescheduling hours of operation for the Back Porch Food Pantry. Changes are posted on Nextdoor and email notices are sent to Senior Group members. Changes are also posted at the back porch food pantry. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during this time.

The Senior Group held their annual *Thank You Luncheon* at the Sandbagger Restaurant on January 25th. Luncheons provide a good opportunity to get together and enjoy each other's company, but this luncheon has a special purpose. We hold this luncheon annually as an opportunity to formally recognize and show our appreciation to our volunteers. All of our activities, events, maintenance activities and projects are accomplished through the generous efforts of our volunteers.

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And another
Get Well Bouquet goes to
Kathlene Albin



Left to right: Penny Sackhoff, Evelyn Eads, Babs Weber,
Kathlene Albin and Al Albin



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More Senior Happenings...

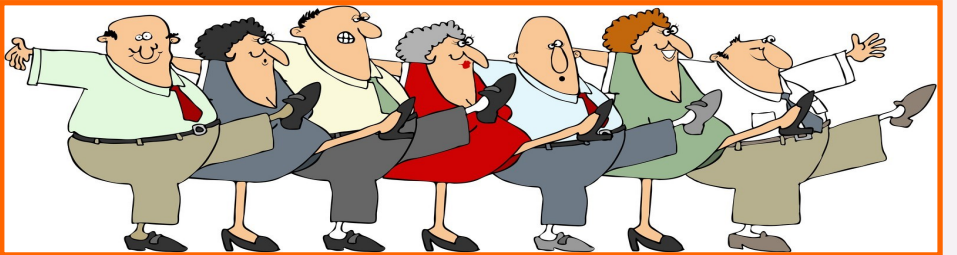
More than 50 people were recognized for their time and efforts throughout the year in service to our community.

Over the last several weeks we have enjoyed speakers at some of our Thursday luncheons. These speakers come with a wide variety of life experiences. It is surprising and informative to learn that some of the people in our midst are so interesting, knowledgeable, and accomplished. These speakers have been so well received that we are planning to have more at future luncheons.

Our old house always seems to need some upkeep and/or improvements. A broken tile in the fireplace hearth was replaced and the old grout was removed by Al Albin and Lynn Cross. Lynn Cross and Dorothy Smith cleaned the tiles and re-grouted the hearth.



Al Albin



Senior's first 2024 luncheon 1/4/24



From L to R: Louise Baldwin, Susan Holt, Babs Weber, Becky Benson



The CRR Senior Group membership drive is still on. Membership forms are available at the Heritage House. You can also find the form online at crrheritagehouse.weebly.com.

Click on the donate tab. A year's membership is still only \$12. The form can be mailed to the address given on the form or dropped off at the Heritage House.



SAVE THE DATE!

CRR Ham Radio
On-Air Radio Communication
Demonstration and Q&A

The Crooked River Ranch Amateur Radio Group is hosting a community event at the CRR Firehall

SATURDAY March 9th

2pm - 4pm

Open House style

- ~ See photos of our member's *Ham shacks*
- ~ Observe live radio calls
- ~ Ask questions about Amateur Radio
aka
Ham Radio

Snacks too!

All ages are welcome!



Event questions: Diane Nunley, call/text 503-260-6512



Carol Babcock -winner of the Senior Quilt raffle

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Do you have vision or hearing problems? There is a way to help those with sight and hearing problems.

CRR Lions Sight and Hearing



Help is available to all those who qualify in the 97760 zip code. The CRR Lions Club can provide eye exams and eye glasses

Also, for those that suffer from hearing loss, we can provide a hearing test and hearing aids.

To see if you qualify and to receive an application for approval or for more information call: **Cinda Awbrey 559-936-5334**



RANCH BULLETIN BOARD

A Message from the President

By Kari Vickery, President

I hope this newsletter finds you warmly embracing the tranquility and beauty that winter brings to life on the Ranch. As we enter a new year, we're excited to share updates and opportunities, inviting you to play a vital role in shaping and enhancing our community. Read on to discover ways you can get involved and contribute to the vibrancy of Crooked River Ranch.

A thriving community begins with solid connections. Last year, we introduced a new website and expanded our presence on social media platforms to foster stronger ties among residents. Whether sharing information on upcoming events or celebrating the beauty of our community, these resources aim to keep you informed and connected. Please help us spread the word by sharing these valuable resources with your neighbors and friends.

If you have a passion for event planning, enjoy organizing activities for kids, or want to lend a hand during celebrations, numerous volunteer opportunities await you. Your involvement can significantly impact the quality of life we all enjoy. Do you have creative ideas for events that would bring our community together? Your input is invaluable! Please share your suggestions with our Events Committee, and let's make this year's activities truly special.

For those passionate about shaping the future of our community, consider running for a position on the Board of Directors. Serving on the Board allows you to contribute to decision-making processes, provide valuable insights, and ensure the continued success of Crooked River Ranch. Three positions will be open this September, and applications will be available at the Administration office or on our website under the Board of Directors section by April 1st. The submission deadline for applications is May 31, 2024. No experience is necessary, and we encourage you to contact any current Board members if you have questions.

As we approach the fiscal year 2024-2025, the Budget Audit Committee and Administration managers and supervisors are actively engaged in the budgeting process. Your input is crucial in shaping our community's financial priorities. Attend the upcoming Budget Audit Committee meeting on February 19, 2024, in the Juniper Room at 6:00 pm. Share your thoughts on priorities and essential projects for the forthcoming year. Together, we can allocate resources wisely to benefit the entire community.

Ready to take the plunge into community involvement? Attend our upcoming Board of Directors Work Session on February 5, 2024, at 10:00 am or the Board Meeting on February 19, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Juniper Room. Alternatively, reach out to the HOA office for more information. Your ideas, enthusiasm, and commitment are crucial to making Crooked River Ranch an even better place to live.

Thank you for being an integral part of our community. Here's to a year filled with shared experiences, new friendships, and continued growth on the Ranch. I hope to see you and your neighbors at our upcoming meetings. Here's to hoping winter is kinder to us in February than at the end of January.

MEETINGS CRR ASSOCIATION

BOD Work Session

10:00 a.m. / 1st Mon/Juniper Room

Monthly Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. / 3rd Monday / Juniper Room
Contact: Admin Office 541-548-8939

Architectural Committee

3:00 p.m. / 2nd & 4th Monday / Admin Bldg.
Contact: Gail DesBrisay
Phone: 458-666-5044

Budget/Audit

Juniper Room
Contact Herb Parker for
Information, dates and times
Phone: 503-998-8872

Parks & Recreation

6:30 p.m. / 4th Monday
Contact: Ara Erdekian
Phone: 541-350-3246

Phase Representatives

6:00 p.m. / Quarterly
Contact: Karen Atwood
Phone: 503-351-9250

Nominating Committee

Contact: Mike Carey
Phone: 541-548-8939

Events Planning Committee

1:00 pm / 1st Thursday / Juniper Room
Contact: Judy LaPora: 541-548-8939

CC&R Committee

10:30 a.m. / 3rd Tuesday
Contact: Stephanie Proffitt
Phone: 541-548-8939

Ranch Enhancements Projects Committee

Contact: Carl Harbour
Phone: 541-420-5011

OTHER CRR GOVERNING ENTITIES

Special Roads District

6:00 p.m. / 1st Monday / Juniper Room
specialroaddistrictcrr@gmail.com

CRR Fire Protection Board

6:30 p.m. / 3rd Thursday / Fire Hall
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RANCH BULLETIN BOARD

Steel Stampede Moves On

By: Judy Lapora
Crooked River Ranch Manager

As part of our annual budget development process, the Board of Directors diligently examines both revenue and expenses. In the past year, alongside our standard budgetary considerations, we conducted a thorough evaluation of the Steel Stampede event to assess its impact on the Association.

Over the years, the ongoing challenge of securing volunteers for planning, preparing, and executing the event has led us to rely more on Association staff to fulfill these essential responsibilities. While we have been fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers supporting the event, both in the lead-up to and during the days of the event, it has become apparent that the reliance on Association staff for various aspects has been a significant contributing factor.

Despite the Steel Stampede event generating a net profit of \$14,796.77, there are associated costs not reflected in this figure. The net profit from the event is directed to the Ranch Enhancement Committee to fund initiatives beyond the CRR budget. However, when considering the number of Association staff, time, materials, and equipment used to facilitate the event, the financial balance becomes less favorable.

After last year's event each department involved, which included Administration, General Maintenance, and the Roads Department, estimated the hours, materials, and equipment costs, revealing that the net earnings were insufficient to cover the overall expenses. Last year, the estimated cost to the Association was approximately \$30,000.

Due to these financial considerations, the Board of Directors has decided to withdraw from hosting the Steel Stampede event. Instead, we have extended this opportunity to the Steel Stampede partners who collaborated with the Association to organize it. We are open to permitting them to continue utilizing the Steel Stampede track and availing track preparation services on a facility fee rental basis. Unfortunately, despite our efforts to negotiate an agreement with the partners, an understanding could not be reached.

We are currently working with the event partners to facilitate their continuation of the Steel Stampede by selling them excess signage, t-shirts, medals, etc. We extend our best wishes for their success in the future, and we genuinely hope that the Steel Stampede continues to thrive in Central Oregon for years to come.

CC&R Committee Notice

RV occupancy - Do you know?

As per Jefferson County Ordinance section 318:
Recreational vehicles may not be used for
permanent habitation. There are circumstances when
they are appropriate and allowed.

To find the details see the
Jefferson County zoning ordinance section 318.



The Crooked River Ranch "Telegraph"

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RANCH BULLETIN BOARD

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 15, 2024

- The meeting was called to order by President Vickery. All Directors were present with the exception of Director Jones.
- Ranch Manager LaPora noted that payments for this semi-annual billing continue to arrive daily. Attorney accounts decreased by three and payment plan accounts decreased by two.
- Ranch Manager LaPora reported that the CRP spreadsheet has been revised and expects it to be finalized by the BAC at the next meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024. She has rescheduled an Operating Budget meeting with the supervisors due to weather issues.
- Ranch Manager LaPora has been made aware of discussions surrounding the Steel Stampede on social media sites. She asked to clarify the decision to not contract with the sponsors of the event. After assessing all costs associated with the race, which include work by the road department, general maintenance and office personnel, the hard costs outweighed the monies brought in that were used for improvements to the Ranch. The event was offered to the promoters to continue. There were contract discussions with the Promoter and several back and forth offers, but neither side was able to agree. The agreement was mutual, and the sponsor offered to purchase merchandise that has been used in the past.
- Vice President Beveridge will be participating in the annual review of the CRRCA/CRRWC Memorandum of Understanding and report back at the Work Session, February 5, 2024. The meeting with the Water Company is scheduled for January 22, 2024 between representatives of both Boards.
- There were two announcements:
 - a. Staff Presentations of Draft FY 24/25 Operating Budget to BAC/BOD; January 24, 2024, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm – Juniper Room
 - b. Clean-Up at Lower Pasture; Saturday, January 27, 2024
- A motion to adjourn the Regular meeting to Executive Session was made by Secretary Dries. It was seconded by Director Randall. It was a unanimous decision to approve. The Regular meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm. Executive Session was opened at 6:30pm. Executive Session was reopened at 6:45pm. A motion to accept a one-time payment of \$2000 from Verizon for the addition of fiber optics to their existing site was made by Treasurer Davis, seconded by Vice President Beveridge and approved unanimously. A motion to adjourn the Regular Session was made by Director Randall, seconded by Director Carey and approved unanimously. Session was adjourned at 6:46pm.

2022/2023

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Phase Representative Notice

If you're a Ranch resident, please take advantage of our Phase Rep email program. The program has undergone many changes and we continue to modify our messages based on feedback from our residents. This email system is designed to keep you apprised of upcoming Ranch events, meetings, and other important notices that affect residents or that our Phase Reps determine would be of interest to our residents.

This email system is never used for solicitations and your information will not be shared. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact the Administration Office at info@crookedriverranch.com or 541-548-8939.

You may contact the
 Phase Rep Chairperson,
 Karen Atwood at 503-351-9250 or
krayon22@outlook.com

Crooked River Ranch Club & Maintenance Association

Mission Statement

The mission of Crooked River Ranch Club & Maintenance Association is to its members by working for the preservation and betterment of property values; by ensuring a safe, secure and clean living environment; and by the continuing improvement of the quality of life for Ranch residents.

Vision Statement

We envision Crooked River Ranch to be a place where members, staff and elected leaders all work together effectively to create a strong sense of community and maximize the quality of life for homeowners, renters and guests, so that Crooked River Ranch remains a "Great Place to Hang Your Hat."

Outreach for Veterans at CRR


David Chambers
 541-475-6575

davidc@bestcaretreatment.org

| CRR FY 2023-24 Budget Calendar | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---|
| Date | Time | Type | Agenda |
| Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023 | 10:00 am | BAC | Elect officers; establish budget calendar |
| Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023 | 10:00 am | BAC | Review draft of FY 2025 30-Year CRP |
| Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024 | 10:00 am | BAC | Work Session: FY 2025 30-Year CRP Review FY 2023-24 budget-to-actual operations (6 mo) |
| Wednesday, Jan 24, 2024 | 10:00am-3:00pm | Joint BAC/BOD | Staff presentation of Proposed FY 2025 Operating Budget and Fee Schedule Q & A |
| Wednesday, Jan 31, 2024 | 10:30 am | BAC | Approve FY 2025 30-Year CRP; Work session--FY 2025 Operating Budget & HOA Dues |
| Monday, Feb. 19, 2024 | 6:00 pm | BOD | First read of proposed FY 2025 Fee Schedule |
| Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024 | 10:00 am | BAC | Approve FY 2025 Operating Budget & HOA dues |
| Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024 | 10:00 am | BAC | Work session – if needed |
| Monday, Mar. 4, 2024 | 10:00 am | BOD | First read of proposed FY 2025 30-Year CRP |
| Monday, Mar. 18, 2024 | 6:00 pm | BOD Public Meeting | First read of FY 2025 Operating Budget Second read & adoption of FY 2025 30-Year CRP Second read & adoption of FY 2025 Fee Schedule BAC Chair presentation |
| Monday, April 1, 2024 | 10:00 am | BOD | Work session: FY 2025 Operating Budget |
| Monday, April 15, 2024 | 6:00 pm | BOD | Second read & adoption of FY 2025 Operating Budget |
| Monday, August 19, 2024 | 6:00 pm | BOD/BAC | CRR Auditors' Report on FY 2023-24 Financial Statements (noted as a DRAFT) |
| Saturday, August 24, 2024 | 9:00 am | Annual Meeting | Treasurer's Report at MacPherson Park |

BAC- Budget/Audit Committee
BOD – Board of Directors

CRP- Capital Reserve Plan
FY- Fiscal Year Ending on 4/30 of each year



CROOKED RIVER RANCH

CRIME WATCH

December 2023

There were 965 county wide calls made to Jefferson County Sheriff Department in the month of December. CRR actions and calls for service: 118.

Of a total of 61 incidents in the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department [Press Log](#) for the period December 4, 2023, through December 31, 2023, four (4) involved Crooked River Ranch.

- Dec 11** - A Detective with the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office received and reviewed a DHS cross report regarding a family living in Crooked River Ranch. No crimes were identified, and DHS closed their case at screening.
- Dec 20** – A Jefferson County Sheriff’s Deputy responded to a residence SW Shad and a resident was arrested for Assault IV-DV (felony), two counts and lodged at the Jefferson County Jail.
- Dec 24** – A Jefferson County Sheriff’s Deputy contacted the DHS Child Abuse Hotline after a child witnessed a person overdose on fentanyl on SW Corral Pl.
- Dec 27** – A Deputy with Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office took a report of fraud from a residence on SW Shad.

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CRR Lions Foundation offers annual scholarship awards

By Shirley Fox, CRR Lions Scholarship Committee

Attention college bound high school seniors, current college students and also adult CRR residents wishing for additional schooling or raining.

The CRR Lions Foundation is excited to be able to support deserving residents pursue their academic dreams. With continued gratitude to our scholarship benefactors, Denni and Lucky Mattson, the CRR Lions Foundation will again be accepting applications for the 2024-2025 academic year with awards up to \$2,000. Since 2014, Forty-five scholarships have been awarded to Ranch residents.

The application forms are available now. Residents can pick up an application at the Crooked River Ranch Administration Office or have one emailed to you by contacting Doug Reinhart at: dougreinhardt@gmail

Applications are also now posted on the ranch website under news and announcements.

Applications are available to graduating seniors through your school guidance counselors at Redmond, Ridgeview, Culver, Central Christian and the Redmond Proficiency Acad-



Scholarship benefactors Lucky and Denni Mattson.

emy in February. High School seniors please fill out the Crooked River Ranch Lions Foundation Scholarship Application. College students and adults reentering or continuing their education, please fill out the Crooked River Ranch Lions Foundation Continuing Education Scholarship Application. Applications must be post-marked by April 15, 2024.

Please check out our scholarship opportunity, another of the many great reasons to enjoy residency at Crooked River Ranch. For more information, contact Doug Reinhart at 541-660-9093.



Our February meeting was held on the 11th at Powers of Automation on American Loop in Bend. We discussed taking a flyer about our Base to the Western Regional Roundup that will be held in Silverdale, WA. April 11-13. You can register online or get the forms from Fran. The tour of the Trident has been filled up already. Bill and Rick are working on getting a torpedo that we can use for parades and special events.

Lonnie has the blue coded bags for cans & bottles so when we turn them in to the recycling center, we will get credit/cash for them which will help our Treasury. So far, the bottle drop fundraiser has raised \$230.00 since we started collecting cans and bottles. If you didn't get yours at the meeting, contact Lonnie and he'll get them to you.

If you are not a Life Member of USSVI, your dues are due as are your local dues of \$10.00. If you need an application, contact Lonnie. Write your check to Central Oregon Submarine Base and send it to:

Lonnie Powers
61551 East Lake Dr.
Bend, OR 97702

If you have ideas for future projects or know of someone who is interested in coming to the next meeting in May. The date will be announced since the second Sunday is Mother's Day. All are welcome to come. Watch this space for the date.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Neault, Base Commander 530-434-1102
Bill Trumble, Vice Commander 603-953-3483
Lonnie Powers, Treasurer 541-419-3545
Fran Davis, Secretary, 541-527-5484

Farmers & Artisans Market 2023 Grand Prize Drawing ! WINNER !

By: Barbara Rybarczyk

The vendors of the local Farmers & Artisans Market @ CRR, held at the Old Firehouse on the corner of Shad & Hill, would like to Congratulate the 2023 Customer Rewards Grand Prize Drawing WINNER as..

Ginna Bedingfield

Shortly after our last event on Dec. 16th, a volunteer at random was asked to draw for the winner of our Customer Rewards program out of the tin can holding all the qualifying punch cards for the 2023 winner. Ginna was genuinely surprised and truly GIDDY over being drawn as the winner of this crazy big prize.

She won the giant Gift Bucket prize, filled with items from all the participating vendors ranging from \$15 up to \$45. When she was presented the prize, she had a huge smile on her face as she was amazed at the estimated value of the prize to be approximately \$500.

The Farmers & Artisans Market organizers and vendors would also like to thank our new and loyal customers for helping to make 2023 a great year!

We are excited for the upcoming 2024 season and will be continuing the customer rewards program including our vendor Gift Bucket drawing. All punch cards from previous years are all valid and we are eager to fill them with qualifying punches!

The Farmers & Artisans Market will continue the same schedule for this New Year of 2024 as in previous years. It will be running from April through December on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays each month. It is held at the Old Firehouse on the corner of Shad & Hill. Hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please put this event on your calendar!

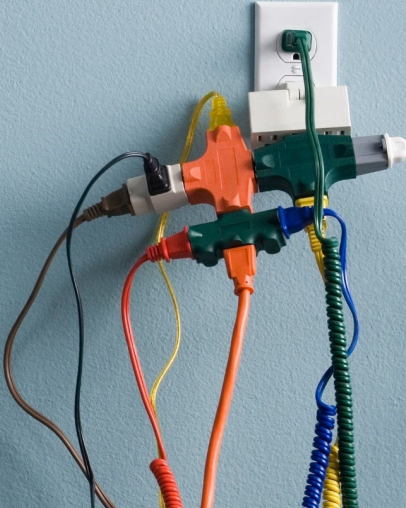
Stay connected by liking and following us on our Face Book page. 'Farmers & Artisans Market at Crooked River Ranch'

Check for monthly specials, link our event schedule, inquire about product or vendors and share us with your friends.

Congratulations Ginna! Thank you friends! And Happy New Year to all!



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Record Call Volume For 2023, Grant Funded Engine Arriving Soon

By: Sean Hartley, Fire Chief



2023 was a record-breaking year for calls for service. Your firefighters and emergency medical providers responded to 654 calls for service. This is an increase of 41 calls compared to 2022. Of our responses 78% were medical related, 3% were fire related, and the remaining 19% were comprised of service, good intent, and false alarm calls.

To respond to all the calls for service our staff and volunteers continue to train on a regular basis. Last year they completed over 5,500 hours of training on firefighting, emergency medical, and technical rescue topics, both in the classroom and on the training grounds. This dedication allows us to provide a high level of service to the community.

The new Wildland Fire Engine we have been awarded by the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office will be arriving soon! This new fire engine is designed for wildland firefighting and can be utilized for structure fires as well. Keep an eye out for photos of it on our website and social media pages. Once it has arrived, we are planning a special event for the public to come see it!

You can learn more about the Fire District on our website, Facebook page, or on Nextdoor. Your Fire Board meetings are the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Fire Station and the public is always welcome to attend in-person or virtually.

Board meeting information is available on our website
crrfire.org

| Incident Type | Total Calls |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Fires | 19 |
| Emergency Medical & Rescue | 513 |
| Hazardous Conditions (No Fire) | 2 |
| Service Call | 44 |
| Good Intent Call | 66 |
| False Alarms | 10 |
| Total | 654 |



CRR Men's Golf Club February 2024

By: Bruce Beyer, President

Winter has descended upon us; it is a good time for us to reflect on our golf game and make plans for our spring emergence and how we will improve our game.

Golf really is an individual sport, but it has a unique way to level the field and make all competitors equal. Golf does this through a Golf Handicap and Information Network or (GHIN). As golfers we all adhere to the rules to ensure that everyone involved is on an equal footing. Part of this process is abiding by the rules of golf (which are many and confusing) and by posting our scores when applicable (during the regular season). CRR Men's Golf Club follows the rules of golf and posting of scores to make sure all players are treated equally and fairly so that all players can truly enjoy the competitive spirit of the game.

Personally, I can attest to the challenges golf presents the competitor. Few sports place all of the blame directly on the player alone. I invite all of you golfers to come out and join the Men's Golf Club here at Crooked River Ranch. Membership is \$75 a year which gives you membership to the OGA (Oregon Golf Association), which will maintain your GHIN, and give you access to weekly men's club games and events.

March 5th will be our kick-off breakfast and our first tournament of the season which will be an ABCD format.

Applications to join the men's golf club are available on the Crooked River Ranch Golf website: crookedriverranchgc.com



Please consider joining the Men's Golf Club and challenge yourself to a New Year of adventure on the golf course that will invigorate and motivate your game.

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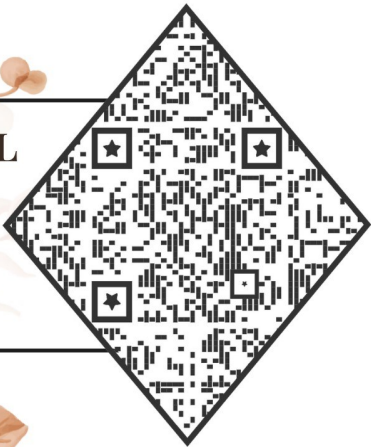


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Applications are being accepted for Master Food Preserver (MFP) volunteer training for 2024. MFPs help Central Oregonians understand safe food preservation choices, avoid serious illness, make the best quality products, and help reduce food waste. The application deadline is March 1.

Oregon State University Service Extension offices are recruiting volunteers to participate in food safety and preservation training on Tuesdays, April 2 – May 21, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The fun, interactive training sessions will be at the OSU Extension/Deschutes County office at the Fairgrounds in Redmond. The program fee is \$75.00.

After an interview and acceptance into the program, trainees will receive an extensive resource notebook with the current, most reliable methods for preserving food safely at home. “Hands on”

practice in our kitchen will help participants reinforce their knowledge and skills

Master Food Preserver volunteer trainees agree to spend 44 hours helping local residents learn how to handle and preserve food safely during the food preservation season. Volunteer activities include conducting or assisting with public workshops, testing pressure canner gauges, and staffing exhibit booths at county fairs.

Persons interested in becoming a Master Food Preserver volunteer should review the Master Food Preserver program information and application link at :

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/deschutes/events/master-food-preserver-volunteer-program>.

If you have questions, contact us at 541-548-6088 or glenda.hyde@oregonstate.edu. Apply by email, mail or in person.

This program benefits volunteers, who find it rewarding to learn more about food safety and food preservation, gain new or update skills, make new friends with common interests, and share knowledge with others. By volunteering, MFPs are able to help others, use their skills in a meaningful way, and receive reliable, up-to-date information. The program content is based on National Center for Home Food Preservation (USDA) research.



Heating Your Home Safely



Did you know?

Home fires occur more in the winter months than any other time of the year.

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- ✓ Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from all heat sources including fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, space heaters or candles.
- ✓ Never use an oven to heat your home.
- ✓ Turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- ✓ Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected each year by a professional.

For more information and free fire-safety resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov.



Look to the skies on Feb. 24, 2024 around 4:31 pm.

According to the Farmer's Almanac, it's the “Snow Moon.” Sometimes it's called the “hunger moon” because in regions of harsh winters, food may be scarce.

The Arapaho tribe's name is the most descriptive, “frost sparkling in the sun.”

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How Milkweed Saved Lives in World War II

*From an article by Bob Podrigiel,
Veterans Breakfast Club magazine, Summer 2023
Summarized by Penny Radtke, FANs' Weed Consultant*

Grade school student John Oyler liked to pick blackberries outside Bridgeville, Penn. But throughout World War II, he was on the hunt for another plant as his contribution to the war effort.

“We collected milkweed pods in onion sacks and hung them to dry on fences. The entire grade school would collect milkweed. We were scared stiff. Everybody wanted to help the war effort,” he said.

Third-grade student Clyde Seiglar and his brother Ralph, a first-grader, scoured the countryside of West Virginia during the summer and early fall when the milkweed seeds ripened. It grew all through the hay fields. Farmers didn’t like it because the cows couldn’t eat it, and the US Department of Agriculture classified the plant as a noxious weed. But soon after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in December 1941, they unleashed an offensive to capture the abundant resources of the Dutch West Indies (present day Indonesia). They were after rubber, oil, and kapok.

Kapok is a buoyant, cotton-like fiber that was used by almost every nation to fill life jackets. It was harvested from the seed pods of ceiba trees growing on the island of Java. With the supply of kapok cut off, the U.S. War Department desperately needed a substitute since much of the war was fought over and in the waters of the Pacific and the Atlantic; the chances of an American flier surviving a crash into the waters was about six percent.

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Continued from pg 18: *How Milkweed Saved Lives in World War II*

The answer to America's pressing need to save sailors and airmen from drowning came from an enterprising physician and inventor, Boris Berkman. Prior to the outbreak of WWII, Dr. Berkman advocated for many products to be made from milkweed, ranging from pressboard and insulation, to surgical dressings. In 1939, he filed a patent for a milkweed gin to process the seeds.

Common milkweed seed pods contain silky white threads called floss attached to the seeds. The floss carries the seeds on the wind dispersing them. It flourishes in ditches along roads and anywhere there is a bare spot with soil, moisture, and plenty of sunlight.

When a call came out from the War Dept. in 1942 for a kapok substitute, Dr. Berkman believed the floss from the milkweed seed pods could work even better than kapok. He contacted the Navy and they launched a series of tests that showed the floss was as warm as wool and six-times lighter, and six times more buoyant than cork. A life jacket with floss could keep a 150-pound man afloat for more than 40 hours. He presented his findings and soon the government changed the plant's "noxious weed" classification to "strategic wartime material."

Now the race was on to collect as much milkweed as possible when the seed pods matured in late summer and fall.

A processing plant was set up in Petroskey, Mich., using Dr Berkman's milkweed gin design. He and military officials reached out to American school children and community groups. Hundreds of children searched for milkweed east of the Mississippi River and in Canada's Quebec and Ontario. They collected enough floss to fill 1.2 million life vests, saving thousands of lives.

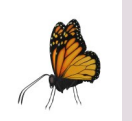


Thanks to the efforts of children like John Oyler and Clyde and Ralph, the country's need for milkweed was met throughout the war. The government paid a bounty of 20 cents per bag, but Clyde and Ralph didn't take any money for the bags they collected, saying, "It was just a good thing to do. Everyone wanted to help the war effort. It was a serious time."

Today, Clyde and Ralph are in their 80s, and still have a connection to milkweed. After learning the beautiful orange and black monarch butterfly they often saw in the countryside of West Virginia was endangered, they decided to plant the "noxious weed" on their properties in Pennsylvania.

Milkweed plants are vital to monarch butterflies. They lay their eggs on the plants and its leaves are the caterpillars *only* source of food before they build a chrysalis and emerge as butterflies. The flowers also provide nourishment to the monarchs on their yearly 3,000-mile migration from Mexico through the US and Canada. It takes four generations to complete the cycle, the longest migration of an insect species in the world.

Today, Clyde and Ralph are still saving fliers, but of a different sort—the monarch butterfly!



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14295 SW PENINSULA DR \$749,000 ~ SERGIO GAIRO



- 1.76-Acres
- 2486 Sq Ft of Living Space Built in 2014
- Frame home, 4 bed, 2.5 baths
- Rim lot with exceptional views
- Two oversized, 2-bay, detached garages
- Two large concrete patios with sitting areas.

12787 SW DEER CROSSING \$396,000 ~ MOLLY CHARLEY



- 1344 SQ FT Frame Home
- 2 bed, 2 bath, 1.07-acres
- Vaulted Ceiling, Walk-in closet
- Step-in shower, Kitchen island
- Open floor plan, Dbl garage, Cul-de-sac

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- Cascade Mt view from 2-level home.
- Power on Property Line.
- Approved for standard septic.
- Lot loans available with 25-30% down.

LOT 18 STEELHEAD RD \$218,000 ~ NANCY POPP



- 5.2-Acre property, with Cascade views.
- Desirable location, near Crooked River Ranch entrance.
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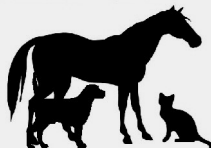


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Thinking about breeding your horse? Suggestions to consider

By Kay Limbaugh, CRR Riders Horse Group

I own a horse that had been used as a breeding stallion by his previous owner, a practice called “backyard breeding.” In my opinion, that never should have happened (or pretty much any other backyard breeding). He is not a purebred and he has conformation that should not be passed on. He is beautiful (good color) and has a sweet temperament, but there are other considerations before making a decision to pass along characteristics based on a pretty horse. My horse is now a gelding.

Backyard breeders are a problem for the horse industry. With horse ownership in the US declining, the average age of those who own horses increasing, and the unwanted horse statistic skyrocketing, it makes no sense to encourage backyard breeding. Having said that, let’s discuss some considerations when breeding horses might make sense.

- First**, know your goal.
1. Are you wanting to duplicate that perfect mare you have?
 2. Are you planning to keep the foal?
 3. How will the horse be used?
 4. Do you want to sell and breed again?



Planning to keep the foal vs. selling are very different. If you are planning to sell, know the market. What are buyers looking for? It is key to know that both the dam (mother) and sire (father) are important in breeding. Be sure you own a horse that has physical attributes and temperament as well as healthy traits you want to have passed along through its progeny. If you own a mare you want to breed, do your due diligence in selecting a stallion.

Expenses. Stud fees (the cost to breed a mare to a stallion) are not cheap for good stallions. A booking fee is like a reservation that is generally not refundable. Some breeders require live cover, but most stallion owners offer fresh, cooled semen for artificial insemination. Fees can range from a few hundred dollars on the very low side, to hundreds of thousands in the Thoroughbred racehorse industry. Additional costs include veterinarian expenses, collecting and shipping of cooled semen along with the cost of insemination. Occasionally frozen semen is the only option if the stallion is competing and not at the farm. Although there is no guarantee a breeding will produce a live foal at any given time, many stallion owners will offer a live foal guarantee. Read the stallion contract!



After the mare is bred, there can be veterinary costs associated with the duration of the mare’s pregnancy. And then comes foaling expenses. Some mare owners want to have their mares foal at a facility that provides a safe foaling environment, round-the-clock monitoring and responsive veterinary care. Then, if there are any problems with the foaling, costs will increase.

After a foal is born, it will take years for it to mature to riding size and age. Another expense. Training is an expense unless you sell the foal after it is weaned. Again, what is your goal?

Other factors to consider: While most mares have live, healthy foals, there can be circumstances in which the mare, the foal, or both can have a traumatic outcome. Is it worth the risk?

All things considered, one who is thinking of breeding needs to be realistic about the economic and emotional costs. Is it worth the process or are you better off to forgo it and let others take on the burden and expense of breeding. There are many good horses for sale and don’t overlook horses for adoption at horse rescues.

For information about activities of the Crooked River Ranch Riders Horse Group, contact CRRhorseriders@gmail.com.



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Thank you Phyllis Carlin



Thank you Max Blake

A beautiful morning sunrise and an adult eagle in the canyon



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