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Breaking News

Contest Winners of the
Easter Egg & Bunny
Telegraph Hunt

Ava and Ella Carper!

Hop on over to see their smiling
faces on page 24 with Ranch Man-
ager Judy Lapora giving them the
brimming basket and stuffed bunny!

Priceless!!!

Address Label

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



Do you want to know more about your HOA?
The Crooked River Ranch website has all this and more!

- ◆ *Annual Fiscal Year Adopted Budgets*
- ◆ *Audited Financial Statements*
- ◆ *Board Meeting Reading Packets and Minutes*
- ◆ *Sign Guidelines*

Scan the QR Code to go to the Crooked
River Ranch website!



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Fire House Annual Egg Hunt

*Find the
Golden
Egg!!*





!!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!

Clean Up Day At The Ranch
Saturday, June 8, 2024



DON'T MISS THIS FREE OPPORTUNITY

FREE DAY AT THE LIMB DUMP

The Crooked River Ranch Lions Club will offer a Free Day At The Limb Dump on Saturday, June 8 from 8:00 to 11:00 am

Acceptable items include: brush, limbs, manure and grass clippings.

We do not accept the following: building materials, lumber, metal, rock, plastic, dirt or garbage
Stumps are allowed but there will be a charge for large stumps over 12". The Limb Dump is located on Sand Ridge Road between Buckhorn and Shelf Court.

The Free Day is for residents only!

Contractors pay normal rates.

For more information, contact:

Mike O'Brien at 971-219-7351 or

Mike Dries at 541-233-8388

Saturday, June 8, 8:00 — 11:00 am

NO COST TO RANCH RESIDENTS

Community Shred Day

Do you have boxes piling up in your garage, filled with old tax returns or medical records? You can't throw them away for fear they'll fall into the hands of some unscrupulous people, so what to do???

CRR will be holding their Annual Shred Day on Saturday, June 8, from 10:00 am to 2:00pm at the Old Fire Hall. Bring those sensitive documents to be disposed of by the **bonded** firm **Data Delete**. LIMIT—5 boxes/person.

You can watch while your papers are safely shredded right there for your peace of mind. And, it's **FREE!** ~ *Please, no heavy manila files, plastic bags or large paper clips. Staples are OK.*

For more information, call the Administration Office at 541-548-8939.



Saturday, June 8
10:00 am - 2:00pm
Old Fire Hall

No cost to CRR residents

TIRE RECYCLING

Accepting:

SMALL TRUCK AND AUTOMOTIVE TIRES ONLY

(no semi/large pick-up tires or tires on rims)

Take advantage of the **FREE CRR Tire Recycling Event** at the Old Fire Hall

Saturday, June 8, 8:00am—4:00pm

ONE DAY ONLY—NO EARLY OR LATE DROP OFFS



Collaborate, preserve, and protect

VOTE

“Crooked River Ranch is a unique and diverse population that needs to be represented. As a fellow County “Rancher” myself, I hope to bring a balance to county-wide resources representing the populations the hard-earned tax dollars come from.”

BRANDIE MCNAMEE

JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

This advertisement paid by Brandie McNamee

May 12

Mother's Day!





VOLUNTEER!

It's all about community



Do you have three hours to give? We need help with the CRR Independence Day Parade.

It's cooler morning hours lining up parade participants. Others will be judging the entries.

Parade starts at 10:00am,
turn your things in and off you go!

Come on and have some fun with us! Leave a message here or email office@crookedriverranch.com

VOLUNTEER Please contact Brenda office@crookedriverranch.com or call 541/548-8939



Wagemaker Services

Accounting
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Help with Taxes

Deb Wagemaker **541-350-3701**
e-mail: Debs41363@gmail.com

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 & Wed at 1:00 PM
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**
1st Tues: 10 AM Board Mtg. / *Juniper Rm.*
2nd Tues: 5:30 PM Business Mtg. / *Sandbagger*
4th Tues: 5:30 PM Social / *Sandbagger*
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.

May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:00 PM Free Food Market :  OLD FIRE HALL	2 9:00 AM -3PM Senior Center Food Pantry-  HERITAGE HOUSE	3	4 9am-3pm Farmers & Artisans Market OLD FIRE HALL
	6 10:00 AM CRR Board Mtg. Work Session Juniper Rm.  6:00 PM SRD Mtg Juniper Room	7  10 AM CRR Lions Board Mtg. - Juniper Rm.	8	9 9:00 AM -3PM Senior Center Food Pantry-  HERITAGE HOUSE	10	11 <u>Lens on Learning:</u> New Insights on the Geology of Oregon's High Desert 3-5pm: CRR Juniper Rm.
HAPPY Mother's Day! 12 	13 3:00 PM ARC Mtg. Admin Bldg. 	14  5:30 PM CRR Lions Business Mtg-Sandbagger Restaurant	15 5:00 PM Free Food Market :  OLD FIRE HALL	16 9:00 AM -3PM Senior Center Food Pantry-  HERITAGE HOUSE 6:30 PM Fire Station BOD (every 3rd Thursday)	17	18 9am-3pm Farmers & Artisans Market OLD FIRE HALL
19	20 6:00 PM CRR Board Mtg. -Juniper Rm. 	21	22	23 9:00 AM -3PM Senior Center Food Pantry-  HERITAGE HOUSE	24	25
26	27 3:00 PM ARC Mtg. Admin Bldg.	28  5:30 PM CRR Lions Social Sandbagger Restaurant	29	30 9:00 AM -3PM Senior Center Food Pantry-  HERITAGE HOUSE	31	

FOR FUTURE PLANNING



SAVE the DATES

May 20

National Rescue Dog Day



MAY 18
8am-5pm

Spring Possibilities Sale
Ranch Chapel / 5060 SW Clubhouse Dr.



May 27, 2024.

Memorial Day is commemorated on the last Monday in May. It is a US Federal holiday to honor and mourn all U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the armed forces.

June 8th: Ranch Clean Up Day

July 5/6: Independence Day Celebration Barn Dance, Parade & Vendors



Crooked River Ranch
Social Media
We use.....

Website:

www.crookedriverranch.com





Senior Happenings !

By: Al and Kathleen Albin

Photos by: Earleen Arthur



Eight year old Gunner Dober won a golf Tee Dispenser at our CRR Senior Groups March 23rd Bingo

• **The CRR Men’s Golf Club** held a tournament on April 6th for the benefit of the Senior Group and Senior Center. This generous gesture is a very welcome boost for us and will help support our various activities at the Heritage House and in the community.

• **Bingo** at the Heritage House is a fun activity with growing popularity. There was a near capacity group for bingo on April 13th. Bingo cards are three for \$5, each additional card is

only \$1. Blackout cards are \$2 each. Refreshments are complimentary. Our next Bingo is May 18th at 12:30. Come early to pick your cards a secure a seat!!!



Arlene Farrell won the Black Out money at our CRR Senior Groups BINGO March 23rd



Al Albin asked 7 year old Brilla Jinings to pick door prize winner at our CRR Senior group's March 21st luncheon.



Jean Duhigg won the door prize at our March 21st luncheon

- **The Senior Group** is responsible for up-keep and maintenance of the Heritage House. Several Spring maintenance projects are planned; including power washing and painting the front yard fence, power washing the front porch, removal of the Heritage House lettering on the front porch, painting the back porch, and back door.
- **The Senior Group** is looking to increase its membership and volunteer base. Please consider joining our group for \$12 a year; you can't go wrong. Membership forms are available on the bulletin board in the back porch.



Jim Shores made 2 jars of Friendship Soup as door prizes and Pat Kelley and Earleen Arthur won.

• **Jim Shores** prepared a scrumptious ham meal for our luncheon on Thursday April 18th. Our guest speaker was from Hospice of Redmond. The talk was well received and very informative.



• **One of our core members, Earleen Arthur**, has taken upon herself to send flowers and cards to our members on the occasion of their birthdays and in the cases of illness, injury or loss. Beth Kidwell was the recent recipient of a bouquet of flowers as she had suffered injuries from a serious fall. We wish Beth a speedy recovery.

(See page 17)



Jon Awbrey speaking to the senior luncheon crowd about the Lion's eye program for children.



- **Our April 4th luncheon** was hosted by the Morning Star Church group was rescheduled for April 11 due to an unexpected snow delay!
- Morning Star Group rallied for us and all enjoyed their teriyaki chicken.
- John Awbrey of the CRR Lions, was our guest speaker. His talk on the Lions Vision Program was our topic.
- We want to thank him and the Morning Star Church group for their flexibility to reschedule for us.

• **The Back Porch Pantry** is open each Thursday from 9 to 3 and is staffed by volunteers. A variety of dry and canned goods, produce, dairy, meats and cheese is available. The Pantry receives donated food from generous businesses and community members including Oliver Lemons in Terrebonne and other sources. A box for donated food has recently been added to the back porch.



• **The Neighbor Impact Mobile Food Pantry** visited the Heritage House for the first time on April 29. Approximately 50 households received food. We are grateful and appreciative for this additional source of food items for our community.

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Walt Butler of Crooked River Ranch happily trying out his gifted recliner lift chair

The Story of Alan's Chair

By Earleen Arthur

My longtime friend Alan Whitacre was in the Redmond St. Charles Hospital and declining fast.

When I last visited Alan, he asked me to find someone living in Crooked River Ranch who really needed one. When I met the daughter who originally purchased the chair, she was in full agreement.

I was able to put the message out to our CRR Senior Group, but no responded. Then the CRR Telegraph Paper put a picture of the chair and my contact number in their paper. Within a few days, I received a call of interest. They were leaving for a trip to Portland and would be back in three days. Calling me as soon as they were on their way arrangements were made to meet at Alan's house.

Three of Walt Butler's friends from his ATV Group (Scott Kelly, Will Coleman & Jeff Green) also came in his pickup. They removed the chair out of the house and downstairs to his pickup.

Then from the pickup into Walt's home. Walt wants to thank his volunteers for their kindness.

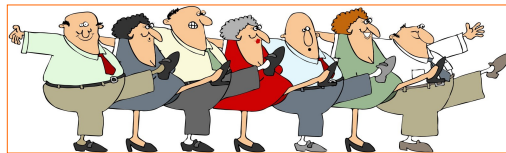
Now Walt will be ready for his total hip replacement in May. I sent the pictures to Alan's family and it made them very happy.

I am sure Alan too is at peace, in heaven knowing he helped someone in need of his chair.



ATV Club volunteer members from left to right: Jeff Green, Scott Kelly, Will Coleman

- **If you are looking** for a unique venue for family reunions, memorial services, birthday celebration, consider holding it at the Heritage House. Earleen Arthur will be happy to give you a tour and inform you of the availability and cost. You can contact Earleen at 541 633 0121.
- **A donation box** for paperback books, puzzles, CDs and DVD is located at the top of the stairs in our back porch. The library is open for browsing and borrowing each Tuesday from 10 till 12 attended by our librarians Barbara Lotking and Evelyn Eads.



In closing,

We would like to reemphasize our appreciation for all the time and effort our numerous volunteers donate to make our activities happen and keep the Heritage House going.
We couldn't do it without you!

(More pics continued on page 17)

Household Items

Mens Tools

Lawn Furniture

Craft Supplies

Books

Sports Goods

Bicycles

Toys

Spring Possibilities Sale

**Something for everyone... including
Raffle Prizes and Bake Sale!**

Saturday, May 18 8 am - 5 pm

Cash and checks only please

Ranch Chapel

5060 SW Clubhouse Drive





Women's Golf May 2024

By: Judy Parker



Daffodils blooming on #13!

With the weather turning warmer, we are seeing some of our lady *snow birds* starting to return. The chilly weather and frost delays are still a shock to some systems, though, so we haven't had quite as many playing on Wednesday as we expect to see later in the year.

We did have a good turn out for our first all membership meeting on April 3 where we covered an extensive agenda following a mini tournament. There were committee reports regarding approaching events and requests for some volunteers to assist with those. A local caterer, Wildflower Kitchen, has been chosen for several of those events. This caterer was used last year with rave reviews.

It was announced that Linda Murtaugh will serve as head of the nominating committee again. Our officers serve a two year term and new ones will need to be elected this fall.

Two new Honorary Lifetime Members were announced. Jana Dunham and Karen Jamison have met the requirements of fifteen years and a certain age. The club will have a *no-host* lunch for them at a later date at a restaurant of their choosing and everyone from the club is encouraged to attend to honor them. The names of two other long time ladies members, Connie Torres and Judi Price, who we lost in the past year were added to the memorial plaque in front of the pro-shop.

A new member, Cindy Hanna, was introduced. Cindy is returning after a hiatus of a few years and we are glad to have her back as well as her husband, who has joined the men's club.

Our budget was discussed and approved. Membership is down due to some people moving, aging out and/or passing away, etc. so some adjustments need to be made to our expenses. Treasurer Julie Jensen does a great job of managing that and keeping us informed.

Sharon Lee-Peterson discussed the possibility of some beginner golf lessons this summer with Jeff Robinson from the pro-shop. A date has not been set but it would be open to ladies who are interested in learning the game of golf or sharpening their skills. The lesson would probably be one hour instruction in a group setting at a reasonable rate. It was mentioned that this could be a great opportunity for some other ranch residents that just want to try their hand at this sport and for our ladies as well. The ladies that played and stayed for the meeting were rewarded. Cinda Awbrey was kind enough to organize some dedicated members to bring refreshments for the meeting. Our business was concluded and the meeting was adjourned.



Judy Rowan, Karen Jamison and Norie Meza on #12 green.

We'd like to issue an invitation

to anyone in the area that thinks they might consider joining or would like to play with us.

We have a great group of ladies and anyone can play three times per year as a guest without any obligation other than greens fees.

It would be a great opportunity to get out and meet some new people and we'd love to have you.

Hope to see you soon.



CROOKED RIVER RANCH CRIME WATCH

MARCH 2024

There were 1025 county wide calls made to Jefferson County Sheriff Department in the month of March.
CRR actions and calls for service: 101.

Of a total of 67 incidents in the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department **Press Log** for the period March 4, 2024, through March 31, 2024, three (3) involved Crooked River Ranch.

- **Mar 7** - A Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop and impounded the vehicle as the driver did not have current insurance and their Oregon driving privilege was suspended.
- **Mar 12** - 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 crime was identified. DHS closed their case at screening.
- **Mar 14** - A resident on SW Peninsula was arrested for the crime of Harassment and booked in the Jefferson County Jail.



CALLING ALL SUBMARINERS AT CRR

Sunday, 19 May will be our next quarterly meeting. It will be held at VFW Post 4108 on Veteran's Way in Redmond at 1300 hours. Updates on the Memorial project, acquiring a torpedo, finding a suitable place for it will be discussed.

Monday, 27 May we will be participating at the Lion's Club Memorial Day service at 1100 hours at the Lion's Club Memorial Park here on the Ranch. You may want to bring your own chair.

We have been invited to participate in the 4th of July Parade here on the Ranch, too. We will be talking about this at the May meeting.

Rick, Lonnie, & Fran went to the Western Regional Roundup at Silverdale, WA. 11-13 April and will report on things learned and experienced while up there at the May meeting.

Feel free to bring a friend to the May meeting. There may be only a raffle held this time.

We hope to see you there.

Rick Neault, Base Commander 530-434-1102
Fran Davis, Secretary 541-527-5484

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

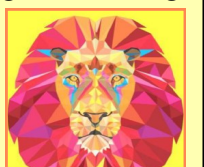
CRR Lions Sight and Hearing



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



SUMMER JOBS AT CROOKED RIVER RANCH

HELP WANTED

**Pool Monitors
SWIMMING POOL**

Crooked River Ranch is hiring swimming pool staff for the season. One Manager position is available, and six swimming pool monitors are needed. Lifeguard training is not required but candidates should be good swimmers. **CPR and First Aid training will be provided.**

The pool opens Memorial Day and closes right after Labor Day. Staff will start around May 22.

Pick up applications at the Crooked River Ranch Administration front desk or call 541-548-8939 for information.

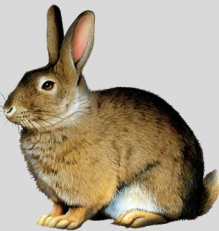


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Crooked River Ranch long-time resident running for JeffCo. Commissioner

...Leadership is Service

To my fellow CRR residents. My name is Ara Erdekian and this year I am running for the Jefferson County (Jeff Co) Commissioner's position being vacated by Wayne Fording. Next year will mark my 20th year of residence on the Ranch as well as my 50th birthday. Starting ten years ago I began volunteering for the Ranch, beginning with the Summer Rec Program, then the Architectural Review Committee and finally on your HOA Board of Directors. When serving as a volunteer you have the chance to be as involved as you want to be, to be as inquisitive as desired and to be as dedicated as your time allows. I started slowly, and as my understanding grew, my hours and responsibilities increased. Participating in Budget/Audit Committee meetings, SRD meetings, and County level planning and financial distribution meetings has afforded me an insight to what the Association needs from the County to move forward for another fifty-two years.

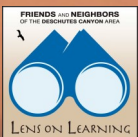
Currently the Ranch has an incredibly limited voice in our county. It is my hope that my serving on the Jefferson County Commissioners Board will provide much needed representation for the CRR community.

There are six other Jeff Co residents (from all different locations) running for this single position and they all have positive qualities that have led them to this point. Your vote is an investment in the future, an investment not just for you or your children, but your grandchildren as well. The effect on the Ranch will be in the forefront of my mind for every vote I am participating in at the County level.

We have a Primary election here in May in which the top two vote getters will then have a run-off during the November General Election. I simply need every available Ranch vote to be able to represent in the General Election. Make no mistake, to achieve an appropriate amount of representation up the ladder, we will be toiling in futility with no votes at the Commissioner level.

A vote for me, is a vote for Leadership through Service

God Bless Crooked River Ranch.
Peace



Lens on Learning:
Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon Area presents

New Insights on the Geology of Oregon's High Desert

**Saturday,
May 11, 2024,
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Juniper Room,
Crooked River Ranch**

by Daniele McKay, PhD

The volcanic landscapes of Oregon have been shaped by tectonic forces that are active on a global scale. In central and eastern Oregon, these forces interact to create a geologically diverse region of snow-covered volcanic peaks, landscapes created by faults, and some of the largest volcanic eruptions on earth. In this presentation Daniele McKay, geologist and instructor in the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Oregon, will explore recent geologic research that has changed our understanding of Oregon's volcanic landscapes.

About Dr. McKay

Daniele McKay is a senior instructor in the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Oregon. She lives in Bend, teaching online geology courses throughout the academic year and field courses in Central Oregon during the summer. Her research background is in physical volcanology with a focus on recent mafic eruptions in the Central Oregon Cascades. She is also interested in how societies prepare for and respond to natural disasters, especially volcanic eruptions and earthquakes.

She has worked with Deschutes County, the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience, and the Red Cross on natural hazard preparedness and mitigation in central Oregon.

Presented by Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon Area, Lens on Learning programs are posted on Eventbrite and registration is required.



Attendance for FANs members is FREE.

A \$5 donation at the door is requested for non-members.

Register for this event at:
www.fansofdeschutes.org



FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
OF THE DESCHUTES CANYON AREA

RANCH BULLETIN BOARD

A Message from the President

By Kari Vickery, President

April's showers hint at May's blossoms—here's hoping!

Winter's lingering chill tests our patience as we prep our yards and eagerly await the first signs of spring growth. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the cold won't return to spoil the fun. With the improving weather, we look forward to reconnecting with loved ones, firing up the grill, and soaking in the great outdoors from dawn till dusk. As you enjoy the ranch, please keep an eye out for fellow community members and their families on bikes, trikes, foot, or horseback. Drive with caution, give ample space, and slow down to ensure everyone—two-legged and four-legged—stays safe on our roads.

The Board of Directors is seeking members to fill three vacancies starting in September. Interested individuals should complete an application and return it to the Administration office by May 31, 2024. New community members are also encouraged to apply for these open positions. Previous board experience isn't necessary—just a willingness to contribute to the ranch's upkeep, preserve property values, and support our dedicated staff.

Pick up a 2024 Candidates packet at the Administration office or online at www.crookedriverranch.com/forms for the September positions. For inquiries, contact the Ranch Manager, any Board member, the Nominating committee, or email me at kari.vickery@crookedriverranch.com.

As we embrace the new season, we've successfully completed the 2024-2025 Operating Budget and the review of the Capital Reserve Plan. I'd like to extend my gratitude to the Budget Audit Committee for their unwavering support and recommendations throughout the annual budget process, which commenced in October 2023. Their dedication is truly commendable, dedicating hours to meetings and reviewing all the details.

A massive thank you to our Ranch staff and volunteers! Your tireless efforts within our community do not go unnoticed. Remember, many hands make light work!

Mark your calendars:

June 8th: Ranch Clean-Up Day. We'll offer paper shredding and tire removal on the ranch for residents to utilize for free, as well as the Limb Dump. Take advantage of this free opportunity to clear out that junk drawer and get rid of those old tires in the shed. Please note, no large tractor or semi-type tires, or tires on rims.

June 15th: Oregon Trail Appaloosa Horse Club Equestrian Event. Watch horse and rider teams tackle various obstacle challenges on Buffalo Road, the Ranch Arena, and the canyon trail system.

Independence Day Celebration: Preparations are in full swing! Join us for a barn dance on Friday, July 5th, at 6:00 pm in Mac Park. More details to come. Don't forget, we're on social media—find us on Facebook, Instagram, and Nextdoor as Crooked River Ranch HOA for updates.

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
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Phase Representatives

6:00 p.m. / Quarterly
Contact: Karen Atwood
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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
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OTHER CRR GOVERNING ENTITIES

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6:00 p.m. / 1st Monday / Juniper Room
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RANCH BULLETIN BOARD



CC&R Committee Notice

Clean up Day—Take note and mark your calendar

It's coming up.....



Crooked River Ranch Annual **FREE CLEANUP DAY** - June 8th!

Sensitive papers needing disposed?

There will be a Shred truck that will be located at the Old Firehall at Shad/Hill Rd. They shred your load right there while you watch so you are certain it's done.

OLD TIRES?

There is a place to take those as well. There will be a designated location at the Old Firehall at Shad/Hill roads to dispose of car/pickup tires off rim you want off your property. This is a great opportunity for disposal and clean up for FREE!



Dead limbs or manure?

The Lions limb dump will be accepting dead limbs, brush, and manure. Great way to fire safe your property.

Don't miss out on these awesome opportunities the Ranch offers to us for FREE!
For more information check out the Ad on page 3
or call the Administration office at 541-548-8939.

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RANCH BULLETIN BOARD

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

April 17, 2024

- The meeting was called to order by President Vickery. All Directors were present.
- Vice President Beveridge asked if the RV Park Monthly Report camping income can be broken out between future vs current earnings. Ranch Manager LaPora will look into this.
- Ranch Manager LaPora Ranch showed a picture of the two sisters that won the Bunny/Egg Contest from the Telegraph. She also noted accounts owing decreased by 60 in the past month.
- Budget Audit Committee (BAC) chair, Herb Parker presented a overview of the budget. Audience Questions were asked by the following: Michelle Parcel, Mike Wilcox, Joe Schaeffer, Brian Morgan, Mac Walker, Kent Inman and Birk Lowrie. BAC Vice Chair Karen Bennett made comments encouraging participation during the budget meetings.
- Resident David Klym was the only applicant for the open Board position. Questions were asked by the BOD and members and answered by Mr. Klym
- A motion to approve David Klym for the open Board position was made and approved unanimously. He will be sworn in and seated at the Work Session on May 6, 2024.
- Resident Jeremy Mickelson presented a proposal for a fall motocross event. He provided his resume and spoke to the board giving an overview of his vision. The Board was in favor but asked that he provide more information regarding his plans including insurance information that covers liability for the event. He was asked to return with the additional information and a formal approval could be obtained at that time.
- Rosiland Frazier, from the Oregon Trail Appaloosa Horse Club has requested to use the site on Buffalo previously used by Sharilynn Hays for an Equine Trail Sports Event. They are requesting dates of June 15, and September 28, 2024. A motion to approve Appaloosa Horse Club to use the Buffalo Place site for an event on June 15 and September 28, 2024 was made and approved unanimously.
- Vice President Beveridge reported that he has had two meetings with the BLM regarding 600' of pavement on River Road in need of repair that belongs to them. BLM was not aware that they owned the road, and upon investigation, they found that they did. They will do a cost study and get back to Vice President Beveridge.
- Manny Martinez, Jo Alstock and Birk Lowrie all spoke during Public Input.
- Announcements: April 29, 2024 – Neighbor Impact Food Truck and June 8 – Ranch Clean Up Day
- A motion to adjourn the Regular meeting to Executive Session was made and approved unanimously. The Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm. Executive Session called to order for personnel issues at 8:55pm. Executive Session Adjourned at 9:20pm and Regular Session reopened. Open Session adjourned at 9:26pm with no action taken.

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.

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You may contact the
Phase Rep Chairperson,
Karen Atwood at 503-351-9250 or
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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
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Wildlife of the Month: Mountain Bluebird, (*Sialia currucoides*)

By Cindy Murray, Friends and Neighbors of the
Deschutes Canyon Area



Mountain bluebirds are such a flashy sky blue color, you do not need to be a birding expert to recognize the male in his spring brilliance! These are a true favorite bird who will readily use a proper nest box in your back yard.

Our bluebirds sometimes stay in Central Oregon during the winter and will forage for insects and berries all winter long. Juniper berries are an important supplement. You can often watch bluebirds hover while hunting insects, but they also perch and pounce when spotting something juicy! The male will lose his blue color until spring returns.

Mates will find each other when time to find a nest site and they often use previously favored nests again. The female busily builds her nest by carrying grasses to line the nest and adding soft grasses, shredded juniper bark, feathers or even wool. The middle of the nest will be formed into a two-inch cup. She will then lay her eggs, one per day, until a total of four to six have been laid and incubate them for 12 to 14 days. The eggs are also a beautiful sky blue color.



After hatching, both parents participate in feeding the tiny, helpless chicks for about 20 days. The chicks are “altricial” which means they hatch with no feathers and are completely dependent upon their parents until learning to fly. Bluebirds have an average lifespan of about six years but can live to ten years.

You may wish to build a mountain bluebird nest box and instructions can be found on the internet. The box entrance and height from the ground are important for attracting the birds. Be sure to protect the base of the stand from predators. Snakes can easily climb a wood post.



Diane Randgaard, mountain bluebird and American kestrel “guardian,” will lead a nest box trail outing on May 18.

Please visit www.fansofdeschutes.org to register for the hike which is limited to six participants. You likely will see mountain bluebird and possibly American kestrel hatchlings!

FANs’ Peninsula Nest Box Trail Guided Hike
Saturday, May 18, 2024
7 a.m.-10 a.m.
Hike Rating: Easy; 3 miles
Guide: *Diane Randgaard*

Participate in a “Walk About” to view mountain bluebird and American kestrel nest boxes. This easy, level hike includes stops at ten nest boxes to monitor condition of the nests, eggs present, baby birds—and some surprises!

We will meet at the end of the gravel section of Peninsula Road where there is a cattle grate and kiosk. We will hike in on Peninsula Drive along the Crooked River rim, leaving the road at times to walk short distances to check nest boxes. This road has some rocky, uneven terrain, but it is generally easy to walk.

Wear comfortable closed-toe shoes and comfortable hiking clothes with layers. Bring water and a snack. Bring binoculars if you have them. FANs will have binoculars available for loan for those who need them. We will leave promptly at 7:00 a.m., so please be punctual.

Group size is limited to six people, and pets are not allowed on this hike. If you sign up and later need to cancel, please do so as soon as possible so that people on the wait list can join this hike.

Driving directions: The trailhead is located within the Crooked River Ranch community. Travel north on Chinook Drive. Turn left onto SW Mustang Road. Take the first right to stay on SW Mustang Road. Turn right onto SW Shad Road. Turn right onto SW Peninsula Drive.

This free event is sponsored by Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon Area (FANs). Advanced registration is required to participate. Visit [https://www.fansofdeschutes.org](http://www.fansofdeschutes.org) to sign up.



Photos by Trish Nevan

Fans presents...

Weed of the Month Bulbous Bluegrass (*Poa bulbosa*)

by Penny Radtke, FANs Invasive Weed Consultant
Photos by Marilynne Keyser



Beware!

Bulbous bluegrass may soon be making an appearance in a yard near you. Unlike most weedy grasses, bulbous bluegrass is a perennial and much harder to pull out of the ground manually than an annual grass. It grows from basal bulbs, which you can see if you knock the dirt off the roots. The leaves are narrow and dark green. This grass is highly invasive, because instead of reproducing by seeds, it produces tiny green bulblets with purplish bases on the flowering stalks—

actually tiny plants ready to root as

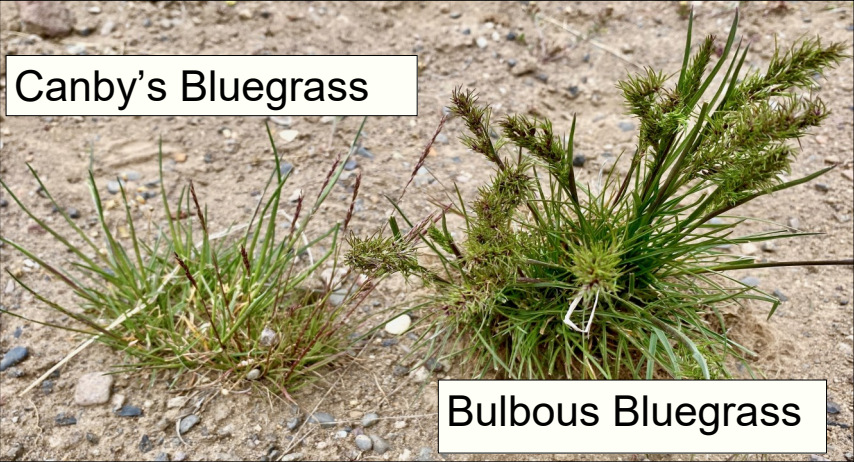
soon as they hit the dirt and requiring no pollination or germination. When shed, the bulblets quickly claim space before most native grass seeds have even germinated.

Bulbous bluegrass can be mistaken for Canby's (aka Sandberg) bluegrass. However, Canby's is often the first native bunchgrass to green up in the early spring, and bulbous bluegrass appears a few months later in the season. If there are seed heads present, it's easy to tell the "shaggy" green bulbous bluegrass seed heads from the Canby's bluegrass' red or purple, narrow, spike-like seed heads. If you are unsure, dig a small one up to check for "bulbous" roots—a sure sign of bulbous bluegrass. Also, as it matures over several years, a dead area forms in the center of the bunch, with a circle of green growth around it.

Since it is a perennial with extensive roots, bulbous bluegrass cannot be controlled by mowing or burning. And do not add to your compost! Due to the bulbous roots and bulblets, the plant must be dug up entirely and disposed of in the trash or at the limb dump. A certified sprayer can help with larger outbreaks. This plant is classified as "obnoxious" in Jefferson County, meaning it is a nuisance but is so widespread that it is not a top priority.

If you have questions or would like to schedule a consultation to sort out the weeds and native plants on your property, please visit: <https://www.fansofdeschutes.org> for more information.

Consultations are free if you have FANs' *Guide to Common Weeds of the Deschutes Canyon Area* (also available for purchase at our website).



Native Plant of the Month The Spectacular Bitterroot!

by Marilynne Keyser, FANs Native Plant Coordinator
Photos by Marilynne Keyser and Trish Nevan



Bitterroot,

a late spring perennial, is a complete surprise when you find the delicate white-to-deep rose flowers appearing to grow right out of the barren gravelly ground along the basalt canyon rims in the high desert. Where are the leaves and stems? Well, by the time the flower blooms, there are none.

If you find these wildflowers in April, all you will see is a strange circle of fleshy, finger-like green leaves growing from an unseen

stem. As the plants develop, you will find a bring pink bud in the center. These fleshy leaves store the moisture required for the plant to bloom in the harsh, dry conditions where it grows.

Each flower has twelve to eighteen petals above five to nine sepals, under which there is a whorl of four to six bracts. The Deschutes Canyon rim is an excellent place to find them. In Crooked River Ranch, your best bet is the Sand Ridge Trail. Be sure to walk out onto the promontories where these flowers can be prolific.





CRR Men's Golf Club May 2024

by Bruce Beyer, President

Having just witnessed the Masters Golf tournament, I'm reminded how much golf does for local communities.

Why choose a charity golf tournament to raise funds?

Golf tournaments are among the most successful charity fundraising options. Charitable donations for golf tournaments amount to \$3.9 Billion yearly – more than any other sport combined. What does this mean, golfers care about their communities and this is evident here at Crooked River Ranch. April marked the 3rd year of a community tournament organized by Jamie Frantz for the Crooked River Ranch Senior Center. This year \$970 was raised by 64 brave golfers who endured the wind, snow and sun for a great cause.

I personally want to thank Mr. Frantz for his individual efforts to better our community through charity golf events. It is a great reflection of our community and golf course, thank you Jamie.

A shout out to men's club member Nick Hughes who celebrated his 90th birthday on the golf course! Golf is a fickle game and doesn't recognize your birthday as evidence by the lie Nick received during his round.



Nick finds the sage brush for his 90th birthday celebration!

We all hope May comes in like a Lamb and the Lion is behind us. Enjoy your next round on the course and thanks to all for making Crooked River Ranch a great place to hang your hat.



Summer Rec Fun

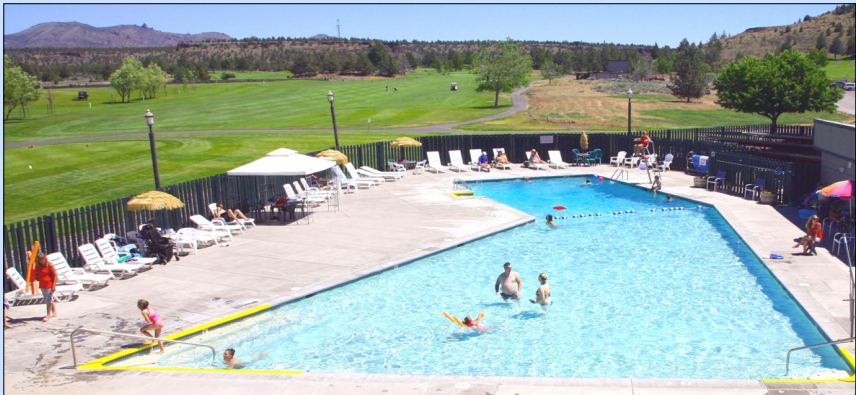
The Summer Rec Program will be offered again this summer to children and grandchildren of Ranch residents. Little ones who have completed kindergarten through sixth grad are eligible for the fun summer program.

The first session is July 15 - 19 and the second is July 22 – 26.

The day at Summer Rec starts with an hour of swimming beginning at 9:00 a.m. From there the children are escorted to Ranch Chapel for snacks. After snack time, the younger children stay at Ranch Chapel for crafts. Children nine and older head outside for outdoor activities including golf at the driving range and the opportunity to try pickleball at the courts. Please note that for outside activities tennis shoes must be worn. Flip-flops are allowed at the pool.

This wonderfully popular program has limited space, (45 per week) so make sure you turn in your applications to the Administration Office as early as possible. The cut off date for registration is July 5th. In order for you to register your child or grandchild, you must be a resident of Crooked River Ranch.

Registration forms will be available at the front desk of the administration office as well as in the June Telegraph print edition. If you want a head start, just go to our website – www.crookedriverranch.com



If you would like to help with this fun program, we can always use volunteers.

We need folks to make cookies and pass them out during the snack time at the Ranch Chapel. We also need help at the pool.

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Save 22 a Day



(Continued from page 7)
More Senior Happenings...

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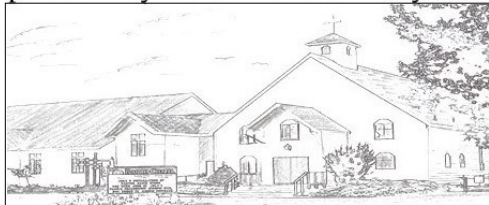
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The Crooked River Ranch ATV and Side by Side Riders

by Cole Gayheart



town for weekend trips and take day trips all over Central Oregon, more on this in the next article. If this sounds like a group you would like to be associated with, join us for one of our meetings at the “Over the Edge Taphouse”. They are the first Monday of each month, 6:00 PM for socializing and 6:30 PM for the meeting. We look forward to meeting you.

Spring is here and a lot of people are getting equipment ready for warm weather activities, including members of the Crooked River Ranch ATV Riders. This year we and our friends from the BLM, FANS and some equestrian group riders made Saturday, March 16th a very busy day. About twenty-nine members from all these groups worked most of the day picking up trash. We filled four large dump trailers. And picked up more used hypodermic syringes and contaminated needles than should ever be found on public land.

Earlier this year we were asked by the “Honor Flights Group” (They provide trips to Washington DC for veterans) to clean-up all of the Christmas wreaths from veterans graves, at the Terrebonne and the Redmond cemeteries. We were honored to help them out. We also are the stewards for the Veterans Memorial on the ranch between Club House Rd. and Chinook Dr. Part of the memorial is an area of bricks placed to memorialize veterans. If you would like to purchase a brick to memorialize a veteran of any of the armed forces or veteran first responders you will find forms to fill out at the memorial and directions on how to turn them in. But cleaning public lands or the memorial isn’t all that we do. Each year we identify two families needing help to pay for Thanksgiving dinner. We provide them with all the fixing’s for a happy Thanksgiving day. For Christmas this year we provided blankets for patients at Regency Rehabilitation Center.

And lest we not forget, we also ride our ATV’s and Side x Side’s as much as we can. We go out of





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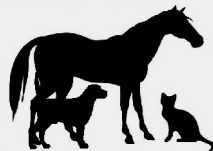
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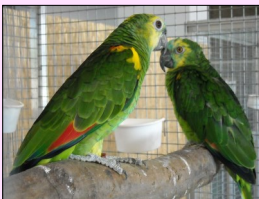
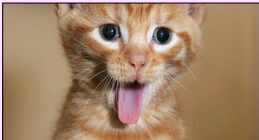
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April showers might bring May flowers

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It might have been a month early, but on March 16, the CRR ATV riders had a clean-up day for the BLM lands around the ranch. Horse enthusiasts joined the ATV riders to clean the “hot spots” on the trails. Twenty-nine hot spots were determined prior to clean up day by the ATV club using a GPS and logging the coordinates so they would be easy to find on clean-up day. Four dump trailer loads were taken out. The loads of trash included furniture, a washing machine and general trash. A big thank you goes out to the ATV club for working with the BLM and making this happen.


We horse folks are hitting the trails on our steeds, so far ten riders have hit their 25 RIP (Rider Incentive Program) hours. If you haven’t signed up for RIP, there is still plenty of time. The program doesn’t end until October 31, 2024. If you would like to sign up or learn more about RIP, please contact Priscilla Karr at 541-405-0951.

There will be a horse back broom golf playday on May 18th and 19th. See our flyer in this issue of the Telegraph if you would like to know more or sign up.

There has been a new Facebook group created for CRR tack for sale, trade or buy. Crooked River Horse Enthusiasts, and Crooked River Ranch Riders are two Facebook groups that provide quite a bit of information and interaction for the horse folks on the Ranch.

Every Wednesday at 4pm Over the Edge Tap House reserves a space for Horse folks to gather and chat. It’s a very informal gathering that everyone is welcome to attend. Hope to see you there, now let’s ride!

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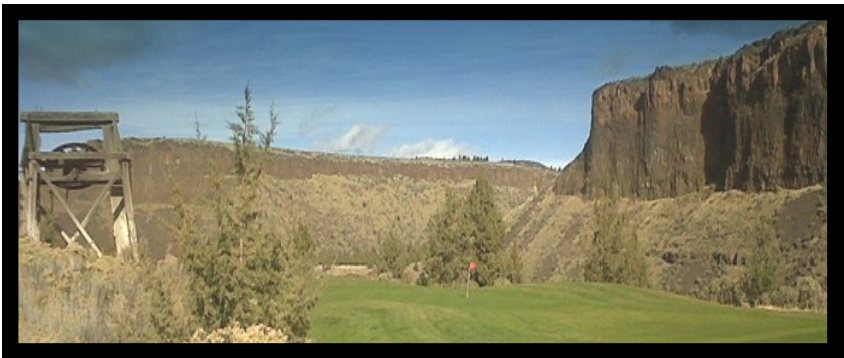


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Coming Attractions in our JUNE Issue:

Windmills on the ranch

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Photo of the Month





Congratulations!

Ranch Manager, Judy LaPora, with the winners of the First-Ever Telegraph Easter Egg and Bunny Hunt. Sisters, Ava and Ella Carper!


Ava is eight years old and in the third grade and her sister, Ella is five years old and in kindergarten.

They admitted there were some tricky ones hidden throughout the paper but had fun searching for all they could find. It took them three attempts going through every page to come up with their final count but team work paid off with a big basket of goodies and a sparkly stuffed bunny of their own that they promised to share.

CONGRATULATIONS

Winners!

Calling all photographers.....



For all you photo enthusiasts, the Telegraph is loving all the photos that have been sent in. Our new feature called **"Photo of the Month."** has been a huge success thanks to our readers who have taken print-worthy photos of life on the ranch. Send them to:

newsletter@crookedriverranch.com.

If you have taken a picture you believe is "print worthy, please write a little blurb of when and where the photo was taken. Include your name so we can credit the photographer. Photos can be of the weather, our amazing clouds, sunrises and sunsets, wild animals, plant-life, the canyon and mountain views.