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

Special Road District..... Who...What...Where...

By Sheryl Jones, Director

Spring is approaching and almost upon us. Soon all the snow and ice will melt and we will no longer wake up to Frosty mornings. And with all the wonderful changes Spring brings, there are a few things that are not so wonderful. It is the season of Potholes. Yes, those annoying little things produced from water freezing and unfreezing, ice expanding and contracting and vehicles driving over it. I don't know about you, but I've noticed that just about the time I start to worry that these little annoyances are turning into bigger annoyances, they seem to magically disappear. I know March has just passed, but I'm pretty sure it is not Leprechauns. Of course not; it is the hard-working, good people of our road departments. And although I've never actually seen a pothole repaired, nevertheless it happens.

Some very knowledgeable people have put together some information on our Special Roads District and the Crooked River Ranch Roads Department that takes the mystery out of it and informs us of something that is important to us all. And so, without further adieu, I present to you (drum roll please) the...

Special Road District.....Who..What..Where...

We all agree that roads on Crooked River Ranch (CRR) are a high priority. With approximately 90 miles of roads within CRR, the job of maintaining and improving them is a big one. While Deschutes and Jefferson Counties have jurisdiction over public (county) roads they only maintain roads accepted into the "County Road System". On Crooked River Ranch, county roads consist of

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Volunteers needed.....

Steel Stampede returns to Crooked River Ranch May 6th and 7th

By Phyllis Carlin, CRR Telegraph



Photo by Gina Anderson

And they're off, let the races begin

Vintage motorcycles from all around the United States and beyond will soon roll into Crooked River Ranch for the fifteenth running of the Steel Stampede. The event will be held on May 6th and 7th with trials beginning at 10:00 am on Saturday and races starting at 9:00 am on Sunday. This year will mark the 15th year of the American Historical Racing Motorcycle Association (AHRMA) sanctioned event. The event has been held annually at Crooked River Ranch except for the two years it was cancelled during COVID.

When Pete Fisher, motorcycle enthusiast, event organizer and visionary started the

Steel Stampede seventeen years ago, he had no idea it would become the largest event of its kind in the Northwest. Fisher is well versed in what makes a good course for vintage motorcycle trials and races. Throughout the years he has been involved with many cycling events both as an organizer and as a participant. He envisioned the Crooked River Canyon providing both a beautiful backdrop for spectators and a challenging course for riders. The venue has not failed to please. While being held in a rural setting, the location offers amenities including a convenience store, RV parks and hotels for participants.

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Contact Dodie Sand CRR Coordinator at **541- 548-0622**



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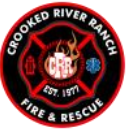
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In April, Join us for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Wildfire Preparedness Open House

Sean Hartley, Fire Chief



As we move from winter into spring, your fire district has been busy. In the first two months of the year, we responded to 119 calls for service or an average of two calls per day. Our Community Service Volunteers have been busy performing wildfire risk assessments of residential properties. We've also been planning two large events that happen in April, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, and the Wildfire Preparedness Open House.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8th. We will have the Dick Chandler Ball Field, and surrounding areas, covered in eggs for children to find. There are separate age group areas for children up to 12 years old. Each age group also has prizes. The hunt begins at 10:00 am!

The Wildfire Preparedness Open House will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at the fire station. It begins at 10:00 am and runs until 1:00 pm. There will be speakers from the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office, Oregon Department of Forestry, Bureau of Land Manage-

ment, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, and us. The goal is to provide homeowners with as much information as possible to help them make their homes and properties more resilient from the impact of wildfire.

This year's Jefferson County Fuels Reduction Grants are very competitive, and applications are on a first come, first served basis. There are a limited number of grants this year so schedule your wildfire risk assessment early. If you qualify for the grant upon having your property assessed, you will be provided with a grant application to fill out. Applications need to be returned as soon as possible to the fire station. All work from the assessment must be completed by October 1st, 2023.

Check out more information about your 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.

Steel Stampede returns to CRR

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Rounding the curve.

All Steel Stampede events have been held for one purpose; to benefit the community. Proceeds from the initial event were earmarked for the Fire Hall with proceeds from subsequent events benefiting the community at large. Past projects, which were provided for the community with proceeds from the event, include the restrooms by Lions Memorial Park, the upper-level visitor's kiosk, Coyotes Den Disc Golf Course, bleachers, chips for the walking trail at Panorama Park, the bocce ball court and a new children's playground. Currently the Ranch Enhancement Committee reviews requests for funds for different projects with recent completed projects including Pickleball Court improvements, new fencing at MacPherson Park and by the Trading Post and rock work by the First Responders and Veterans memorial.

The community throws its full weight into supporting and volunteering for the Steel Stampede. The event could not be held without volunteers. "Crooked River Ranch has the best group of volunteers with over 100 area residents volunteering annually to help make the event successful," stated event organizer Pete Fisher. Volunteers are needed to fill various positions such as trials judges, ticket and T-shirt sales, booth personnel and gate monitors. A race



Up, up and away!

announcer is needed as well. Contact the Crooked River Ranch Administration Office at 541-548-8939 if you would like to help. In addition, there is a need for about 36 straw or hay bales to be placed around the Moto-Cross track. If you can donate even a few, it would be a huge help. While it is not likely, the bales could be damaged during the race and we cannot guarantee you would get them back. Please call the administration office if you would like to donate hay or help in any way.

Photos by Gina Anderson



Let the races begin!

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FANs to host Open House in the "Canyon Village".....

Join us for a tour of the FANs Building

When: Saturday, April 8, 2023

Time: From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Where: 5115 Clubhouse Rd, Crooked River Ranch "Canyon Village"

Come and join us for a tour of our FANs Building. Learn about our public lands stewardship projects, guided hikes for 2023. We will be leading a tour of the Native Garden and talk about planned upgrades. Children are welcome and will be able to experience our "Wildlife Tracks" program-test your knowledge about the hoof and paw prints on your driveway or trails. Our new, hot off the press, Guide to Common Birds of the Deschutes Canyon Area, will be available to purchase. But why wait! The new bird guide can be viewed and purchased through our website: www.fansofdeschutes.org The new updated Guide to Native Plants of the Deschutes Canyon Area is also available. In fact buy all three guides, including the Guide to Common Weeds, for a discounted price.



Photo by
FANs building in the Canyon Village at Crooked River Ranch.

Refreshments served! Meet some of our FANs board of directors and ask questions!



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Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Boat Inspections

Calling all Crooked River Ranch boaters!

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is preparing for a busy boating season and wants you to be ready for Summertime fun. By taking time in the Spring to ready yourself and your boat you'll help alleviate some common problems.

The Sheriff's Office wants to make sure your boat has all the required equipment you need to play safe on the water. A Jefferson County Deputy will be inspecting boats and issuing 2023 safety decals to those who pass inspection.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has scheduled our annual safety inspection clinic on Saturday **April 15 at the CRR Fire Hall from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.**

Bring your properly safety equipped boat, boat registration and your Boaters Education Card.

Start your boating season off right have your boat inspected.

If you have questions, please contact:

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Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
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Around the Ranch Groups and Organizations

Art & Spirit Mingle

Classes available
Contact - Patricia Kirk 406-396-1379

Cancer Support Group

Contact - Karen Jamison 541-815-8435

Classic Cars & Hotrod Wednesdays

Wed. 3:30 Over the Edge Taphouse
Contact - Joe Schafer 541-797-1936

Crooked River Ranch Classic Car Group

Wed. 4:00 p.m. Big Dog Saloon
Contact - Ted Cook 541-923-2438

Crooked River Ranch Amateur Radio Group

1st Wed. Fire Hall
Contact Sean Hartley

Crooked River Cribbage Players

Mon. 1:00 p.m. Heritage House
Contact - Jim Babcock 971-219-3332

CRR ATV Group

1st Mon. 6:30 p.m. Over the Edge Taphouse
Contact - Mike Glowack 480-652-0063
Mike Grover 541-643-6726

CRR Canyon Quilters

Mon. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Chapel Family Ctr.
Contact - Tina Wilson 541-208-0837

CRR Lions Club

2nd & 4th Tues. 5:30 p.m. Sandbagger Saloon
Contact - Lee Moore 541-280-0470

CRR Riders

crrhorseriders@gmail.com

CRR Pickleball Group

M-S 8:00 a.m. Tennis courts
Contact - Jim Manser 360-910-0130

CRR Senior Group

Thurs. 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Heritage House
Contact - Al Albin 541-815-5356

Dutch Oven Group

Contact - Mark or Sue Schneider 541-504-8765

Free Food Market

1st and 3rd Wed. 5:00 p.m. Old Fire Hall
Contact - Steve & Stephanie Proffitt
541-604-1628

Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon Area

Board Meeting - 2nd Sun., 4:00 p.m..
Contact - Marilynne Keyser 541-923-0558

Farmers & Artisans Market

1st and 3rd Sat. April - Dec. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Old Fire Hall
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
Administration Bldg.

Men's Golf Club

Contact - John Smallwood

Morning Star Gathering

Thurs.. 6:00 p.m., 12770 SW Eagle Vista Pl, CRR
Contact - Jack & Louise Baldwin 541-699-8043

Ranch Chapel - 541-923-8081

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.

Sage Quilters

2nd & 4th Tues. 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Senior Ctr.
Contact - Carlen Leber 541-815-3058
Contact - Marge Remillard 541-548-6015

Shooting Stars

1st Tues. (April - Oct.) 6:30 p.m. Senior Center
Contact - Victoria Tolbert 704-989-6909

Twin Rivers Community Church

6094 SW Tarpon
Contact - Frank Woods 541-504-2841

Terrebonne Grange

Contact - Joan Profitt 541-923-6035

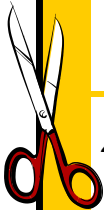
Upper Room Christian Fellowship

Sun. 10:00 a.m.
Contact - Glenn or Dodie Sand 541-548-0622

April 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				10:00 AM Senior Center Food Pantry	10:00 AM Senior Center Food Pantry	1 9:00 AM Farmers and Artisans Market 10:00 AM Community Garden Work Party
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Lions Limb Dump

Open Saturday and Sunday 8am to 2pm, Closed Easter Sunday
Contact Mike O' Brien for information 971-219-7351

Volunteers wanted again..... **Fire Abatement Project continued**

By Director Randy Peterson



Pictured above and below: Volunteers help at October's fire abatement project.

We're looking for volunteers to help with the trimming of the Juniper trees in the lower pasture between Chinook and Buffalo Place. This is a continuation of the fire abatement project held in October of last year. The scope of this project is to remove the lower limbs up to around 5 to 6 feet above ground on the larger trees and remove the smaller trees. We're scheduling this project to take place on April 15th starting at around 9:00 a.m. This is being scheduled on the same day as one of the Community Garden kick-off events across the road. We're doing this because the Community Garden events are happening on the 1st and the 15th and didn't want to add another volunteer day in April. Should be plenty of room for both events.

Needed for this event:

1. People with chainsaws to do the limbing. No chainsaws provided, need to bring your own.
2. Utility trailers or dump trailers to collect and transport limbs from the field to burn pile/staging area.
3. As many helping hands as we can get to load and unload trailers.
4. We're hoping to be able to burn the debris on the same day so will need people to manage the fire.

Bottled water will be provided. Please come down and join us as we work to make this ranch safer for all.



Photos by Phyllis Carlin

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Equine Trail Sports is coming to the Ranch!

By Sharalyn Hay, Central Oregon Equestrian Trail Challenges, CO-ETC



Have you always wanted to give obstacles with your horse a try? Are you an old hand at obstacles but haven't known how to get involved or where to go to show? Good news!! Equine Trail Sports (ETS) is coming to the ranch with 2 events – May 20 & 21 and September 9 & 10.

Enjoy the variety of Trail Challenges, Obstacle Courses and In-Hand events in a fun and family friendly environment. Enjoy access to beautiful trails while bonding with your horse. Create friendships with best friends you have yet to meet. Events are open to all breeds (and ages) of horses, donkeys and mules.

Equine Trail Sports is where you get to customize your ride. You get to select the challenge level for each obstacle which best fits the goals for you and your horse on the in-hand obstacle course and on a relaxing trail ride. This format provides a fun and challenging contest for riders of all levels (and we mean all – you can opt to pass on anything you're not comfortable doing). Enjoy an organized trail ride with friends and family while trying different obstacles throughout the well-marked trail course.

For more information (and to register), please go to:

www.equinetrailsports.com/event/15345.

Don't have a horse (or not ready to compete) but still want to participate? WE NEED JUDGES!! You can get certified online by taking one of the many webinars available. Please go to:

www.equinetrailsports.com/events to sign up.

If you have specific questions for the host – please send an email to Sharalyn Hay at coetc2020@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing everyone there in May & September.



Photos submitted by Sharalyn Hay

Controlling Cheatgrass..... Is it even possible?

By Penny Radtke, FANs Weeds Coordinator



Cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*), also called Downy Brome, first showed up in Colorado in the late 1880's and is believed to have been a hitchhiker in a shipment of grain from Europe. Today it can be found in all 50 states, and infests an estimated 100,000,000 acres! Clearly, we are not going to win the war against cheatgrass! But we can win selective battles.

Cheatgrass is a winter annual, reproducing solely by seed and germinating in the late fall or winter. It roots and grows over the winter, and gets a jump-start on consuming water and nutrients needed by native vegetation in the spring. It is a prolific seed producer. A single plant can produce up to 1,000 seeds, and an acre can generate more than 500 pounds of seeds! In contrast, it takes about 15-20 pounds of native bunchgrass seed to restore an acre.

At Crooked River Ranch, wildfire is our worst enemy—and cheatgrass burns like jet fuel! The sagebrush-native grass regions of the Great Basin and the Pacific Northwest used to burn once every 30-70 years, but wildfire intervals on rangelands infested with cheatgrass is less than five years. This frequency destroys any remaining perennial grasses and opens the door for even more cheatgrass and other noxious vegetation. Because of its early winter start, cheatgrass dries out four to six weeks earlier than native vegetation, and it is susceptible to fire one or two months longer in the fall.

So, what can you do? If you have a limited amount of cheatgrass, hand pulling is your best option. If it is more extensive, then keeping it mowed down can be effective and can eventually reduce the amount of cheatgrass on your property. However, with both these techniques, you must eliminate the cheatgrass before the florets start to turn purplish which is a signal that the seeds are maturing. Generally, this needs to be done in mid to late May and again in late June. Unfortunately, most folks make the mistake of waiting until summer to mow, after those 500 pounds of seed have already been dispersed.

The third option is a pre-emergent spray. Imazapic, (trade names Plateau or Panorama) is one of the best herbicides for controlling cheatgrass and many other annual weed species. Sprayed directly on the soil in late fall, it prevents seeds from germinating by disrupting the endocrine system in the seed germ. It attacks a specific enzyme found only in plants to control growth. It is the first product to effectively control cheatgrass without affecting other desirable types of plants. Best of all, if applied correctly, Plateau will not harm established native perennials. Native bunchgrass seeds can be sewn--or other native plants can be planted--the following fall. Contact one of our local herbicide spraying companies for help.

If you would like help sorting out the weeds and the native plants on your property, contact me at pradtke48@gmail.com. There is no charge for the weed consultations except for the cost of our "Guide to Common Weeds of the Deschutes Canyon Area." If you already have our book, the consultation is free.



Photos Submitted by Penny Radtke and Marilynne Keyser

FANs Flower of the Month..... All about Sagebrush

By Marilynne Keyser, FANs Native Plants Coordinator

Most of you know that FANs recently published the second, expanded edition of my *Guide to Native Plants of the Deschutes Canyon Area* with 130 species. It was a great learning experience for me.

Did you know that there are five species of sagebrush found in and around Crooked River Ranch? Well, until I wrote this book, neither did I! In my 2017 book, I featured Big Sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata*). In my 2022 book, I feature five members of the Sagebrush tribe.

What happened? Well, we did not have any new discoveries of sagebrush in the area. It's just that I learned how to differentiate the ones that we have. When I think about sagebrush, I think about the woolly gray-green wedge-shaped leaves and the pungent scent, especially after it rains.



Artemisia tridentata.



Artemisia rigida

Here's the deal. The most common sagebrush we see at Crooked River Ranch is actually called Wyoming Sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata* ssp. *wyomingensis*). It rarely gets above 6 feet in height and it prefers shallower soils. The leaves are long and slender broadening suddenly into 3 small lobes at the end. I call these "three teeth" the English translation of the Latin "tridentata."

If you go further east into the prairies and grasslands, where soil is usually much deeper, you can find Basin Big Sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata* ssp. *tridentata*) which can grow to 12 feet!

Low Sagebrush (*Artemisia arbuscula*) looks like a small version of Wyoming sagebrush, but rarely exceeds 2 feet in height. This plant prefers shallow, clay soils. Its leaves are much smaller and the 3 lobes at the end seem much larger when compared to the narrow shorter lower half.

Along the basalt soil that follows the rim of the canyons, you will find Scabland Sagebrush (*Artemisia rigida*), another sagebrush that rarely exceeds 2 feet in height. Its leaves are different, and it is easy to identify this sagebrush. Instead of having three short teeth at the end of its leaves, Scabland Sagebrush has "three fingers."

The last member of the sagebrush family around Crooked River Ranch is the Gray Sagewort (*Artemisia ludoviciana*), a water loving species that can be found on the exposed basalt along the Steelhead Falls Trail. Its leaves are 3 to 4 inches long and divided into three long pointed lobes.

Next time you are out walking, check out the leaves of your sagebrush. Do you have a Wyoming Sagebrush, a Low Sagebrush or a Rigid Sagebrush?



Artemisia arbuscula.

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The Crooked River Ranch Senior Group, a 501 (c)3 organization

By Earleen Arthur, CRRSG Secretary & President Al Albin



Dandy Borges and Char LaFontaine split the CRR Senior Bingo Black-out money from the Bingo game held on March 18th. They each walked away with \$35. The next Bingo game will be held April 15th.



Pictured at the Senior Group Luncheon (Lower L-R): Fran Davis, Liz Hagen, Karen Evans, Georgina Evans, Marie Carter, Linda Nolin, Cathy S and Donna Zattau with Creative Hands.

The CRR Senior Group was established in around 1986. The Group met initially at the Ranch Chapel, moving later to the Old Fire Hall. In 1996, the CRR Senior Group made arrangements with the CRR HOA to lease the "OLD RANCH HOUSE" for a dollar a month. The agreement made the Senior Group responsible for maintaining the inside and outside of the house. The HOA was responsible for maintenance of the front lawn.

The old ranch house was built in 1916. It had been neglected for many years and was in poor condition inside and outside. Volunteers from the Senior Group invested a lot of time, effort, and expense into maintenance, repair, and upgrading the house too numerous to list here. Some of the larger projects include: the hardwood floors in the living room and dining room were done via a grant. There were grants obtained to replace the windows in the living room, dining room and the library and kitchen. Improvements include floor coverings, painting, wall papering, window blinds, kitchen appliances. The Seniors raised money to paint the house and fence. Early on, the HOA had the roof redone. The Seniors put in the first heat pump.

The Senior Group has been blessed with generous contributions by private donors and many organizations like the CRR Lions Club, Steel Stampede, The ATV Group, also, the CRR Golfers.



Bouquets of fresh flowers are sent to ill members.

As a result of those efforts and contributions, we now have our Senior Center that also serves as a Community Center.

Keith Petrie was instrumental in the CRR Senior Group acquiring status as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible and gladly accepted.

The lease was re-negotiated with the HOA in 2017 by Lewis Meyers, who was then President of the Senior Group. The terms of that lease stated the HOA would be responsible for major repairs to the exterior of the house and grounds while the Senior Group would be responsible for the interior maintenance and minor repairs.

Aaron Palmquist, who was the HOA Manager before Judy LaPora, renamed the Old Ranch House. He called it The Heritage House. Lewis and the Senior Group Board members realized many people balked at admitting they were 50 plus years old. They decided to emphasize the name Heritage House. Since that time, The Heritage House has been used interchangeably with The Senior Center, which has sometimes led to confusion.

Late last year, just as winter was coming on, the heat pump failed. A short time later we learned there was a leak in the gas line to our gas fireplace. The house was without heat for several weeks. We scrambled to place electric heaters in the kitchen and baths to prevent the pipes from freezing. The house had to be closed. The HOA stepped up and replaced the heat pump for which we are very thankful. The Seniors had the gas line repaired. We were back in business.

The Senior Group hosts several activities at the Senior Center/Heritage House: the Creative Hands group, Sage Quilters, Dominos players, Bingo and AA meetings. The house is available for others to meet, have their activities, or events. Four weddings, a birthday party and a memorial service are scheduled already this year. We offer our community: free lending library, free Back Porch Food Pantry, and free dahlia flowers (in season). We provide our members: birthday cards, get well cards and flower bouquets for the very sick or injured etc. Senior Luncheons are scheduled at least twice a month. We have equipment to rent out: tables, chairs, slow cookers, chafing dish, a 55 cup coffee pot, electric roasters, hot dog cooker and large cold drink dispenser.

During a review of our first aid and safety equipment we found that our defibrillator was defective. We consulted with the fire department and learned that a new defibrillator suitable for our use costs about \$1,800.00. A special General Meeting of the Senior Group membership is scheduled for 11:30 on Thursday April 13th at the Senior Center Luncheon. We have arranged for training classes at the Fire Hall on the use of the defibrillator. We encourage anyone who would like to take this training to please contact us Our email address is crheritagehouse@gmail.com. Or our message phone number is (541) 504-8236.

Look for our next BINGO Game in April, we will post flyers and send emails.



Georgina Evans models her first crocheted shawl that she made with the Creative Hands group.

RANCH BULLETIN BOARD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kari Vickery, President

Welcome Spring! The days are getting longer and many of us are now watching for the local lore sign – when the snow on Black Butte is gone, which signals that we can plant our gardens and flower beds for the season but be weary of low temperatures still being a possibility. I have much to share this month as it seems as uneventful the winter months are here on the ranch, Spring kicks off the busy season for all of us.

Budget Season is OVER! Fiscal Year 2024 is complete. I want to give a big shout out and THANK YOU to our Budget Audit Committee, the Ranch Managers and Supervisors for an informational, educational learning experience and the opportunity to participate during this year's Budget season. Thank you for your dedication, patience, knowledge and skills, I am very glad that I participated and feel that I walked away with a much better understanding of the budget process. At our March 20th Board of Directors meeting, the Board adopted the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Reserve Plan Budget, Operating Budget, and Fee Schedule. Our HOA dues will be increasing by \$50.00 for this next fiscal year which begins May 1, 2023. Our hope is that this increase will allow us to prepare for the future; we do not have a crystal ball, nor can we predict how the economy or inflation rates will be in the future.

If you are on social media and not yet following, please feel free to find our new Crooked River Ranch HOA Facebook and Instagram accounts. Brenda has graciously taken this task on and will be providing updates on activities, meetings and events. Please note if you comment on a post that you be kind, courteous and respectful; otherwise comments will be removed or turned off. These resources are not for complaining or scrutinizing the Ranch or individuals. This is another tool in our toolbox to get information out to our members, visitors and future members.

The new website is well underway, if you recall we had just signed our contract last month and we are already into the configuration phase of the project. CivicPlus is working on mocking up our website for review. We will be customizing the site to meet the needs of our community; our website is truly a database of information. Judy and the Administration team have worked to send multiple years of information to the developer. I am looking forward to rolling the new website out to our community, again the website is a tool in our toolbox that is a resource of information, not only for members but for visitors and future members alike. Currently, we are looking to Go Live by May 17th if not sooner.

With the change in weather and everyone getting outside to clean up their yards, I want to remind everyone that now is a great time to work on protecting your homes and outbuildings. Fire Abatement is always a hot topic and is a task that the Ranch Management looks at continuously, working with several different resources including CRR Fire & Rescue, Wellspring, Heart of Oregon Corps, and CRR Lions Club. Potential fire fuel reduction can be achieved by cutting, removing, trimming, limbing, clearing brush and trees from your property, creating defensible space in the event a hazard was to occur. The Alternative Funding Committee has applied for a grant that would benefit the ranch and we are hoping to receive more information by the end of April.

We still need volunteers!! The Crooked River Ranch HOA Board of Directors will have three vacant positions available this September and we are looking for members who would like to volunteer to participate on the Board of Directors. No prior experience necessary, just the ability to participate and fulfill the responsibility of caring for and maintaining the ranch, protecting the property values, and providing for the dedicated staff. Members who are interested can stop by the Administration office and pick up a 2023 Candidates packet for completion and submission by May 31, 2023. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to a member of the Board of Directors, the Nominating committee or you can email me at: kari.vickery@crookedriverranch.com. Other volunteer opportunities include:

- The annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue will be held on April 8th at the Dick Chandler field starting at 10:00 a.m.
- The Community Garden project is planned to kick off on April 1st and 15th with the disc plowing and rock picking event. Volunteers are welcome to join in this event beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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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

4:30 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 Dries
Phone: 541-233-8388

Events Planning Committee

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

CC&R Committee

1:30 p.m. / 3rd Tuesday
Contact: Stephanie Proffitt
Phone: 541-548-8939

Ranch Enhancements Projects Committee

TBD

Contact: Kate Adams
Phone: 541-548-8939

OTHER CRR GOVERNING ENTITIES

Special Roads District

10:00 a.m. / 2nd Tuesday / Juniper Room
Contact: Sue Haley
Phone: 541-335-1219

CRR Fire Protection Board

6:30 p.m. / 3rd Thursday / Fire Hall
Contact: Sean Hartley
Phone: 541-923-6776



Revised Remaining 2022-23 Budget Calendar			
Date	Time	Type	Agenda
Monday, August 14, 2023	10:00 am	BAC	CRR Auditors' Report on FY 2022-23 Financial Statements (noted as a DRAFT)
Saturday, August 19, 2023	9:00 am	Annual Meeting	Treasurer's Report at MacPherson Park

President's Message

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- The Steel Stampede is in need of volunteers for the two-day event on May 6th & 7th to assist with many different types of tasks, from set up to monitoring racing events, t-shirt sales, to clean up and tear down. If you are interested and available to assist with the event, please reach out to the Administration office regarding volunteering.
- The Equine Trail Sports group will be hosting an event on May 20th- 21st, the ETS event will be located off of Buffalo Place close to the Heritage House, at the CRR Arena and on the riding trails located in the canyon.
- The annual 4th of July Celebration event is just around the corner as well and the events committee is starting to plan now.
- Volunteers are always needed for these events! The weather is changing, I am looking forward to the next few months, I am planning on getting out there to clean up, meet up and get to know the members of our great community! Looking forward to working with all of you!

Did you know?.....

Dues Payment Plans available

Spread your dues payments out over a period of time. Monthly, quarterly and auto debit plans are available.

For more information, or to set up a payment plan, please call Kara Burkhart at the Administration Office:

541-548-8939



Special Road District..... Who...What...Where

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11.4 miles and the counties have made clear that no additional roads will be accepted into the “County Road System”. So, how are the other 78.6 miles of road maintained and improved?

First let’s start with the history.... In 1972 the MacPherson family developed the original CRR subdivision. As part of the approval, it was the developer’s responsibility to construct and maintain the road system. Until 1982, CRR was zoned Rural Recreation. Lots sold were intended to be used for recreational purposes. As the community grew and more permanent residences were built, the zoning was changed to Rural Residential to accommodate the needs of the growing community. In 1982 an election was held to create a “Special Road District (SRD)” which has the power to assess, levy, and collect taxes on taxable real property for the purpose of improving and maintaining CRR roads.

In 2000 the District and the HOA entered into a Settlement Agreement which designated the SRD as having primary authority and jurisdiction over the public roads within the district with the exception of county roads. This agreement also delegates the HOA the authority to perform road maintenance and improvement on the district managed roads, specifically the approximately 51.3 miles of gravel and native roads. The SRD improves and maintains the 25.7 miles of paved roads within the district. The exception to this is that the HOA does snow removal on all roads, including County roads.

The SRD is managed by three elected Board members and works in cooperation with the CRR HOA and county Road Departments. The SRD assesses the condition of district managed paved roads and plans for maintenance as needed. As a governmental body, they are required to follow strict guidelines in contracting for work and use tax dollars as a funding source. Additionally, they may use Systems Development Charge (SDC) funds for special projects. While this varies each year, the SRD collects approximately \$300,000 from Jefferson County and \$29,000

from Deschutes County annually. The CRR Road Department, which consists of four employees, is overseen by the Road Maintenance Supervisor and is under the purview of the Association Ranch Manager. The Road Department performs snow removal and sanding as needed, constructs gravel road improvements and works with the SRD in planning future improvements. They follow SRD standards for all improvements and maintenance but take direction from and report to the HOA. Your HOA dues provide the additional monies necessary to fund these efforts as part of the HOA Operating Budget. Additionally, money goes into the Capital Reserve Plan Budget to save for replacement and repair of equipment. While both entities have responsibilities for CRR roads, their respective roles are separate and only overlap in a cooperative manner. The SRD is not required to get approval from the HOA for any work that they perform and once the Road Department and SRD have jointly selected the roads they consider most in need of improvement, the Road Department works independently from the SRD under the supervision of the HOA, ultimately the Board of Directors.

While this is all a bit confusing, it has worked well since 2000. The CRR Road Department has “brought to standard” approximately 3.5 miles of road each year for 10 years and are continuing these efforts on the remaining short roads and cul-de-sacs. The SRD has kept the HOA paved roads in good condition, worked with both Jefferson and Deschutes Counties on projects and has cooperated with the HOA on future needs. We are fortunate to have had such a good working relationship. It provides the environment for ensuring CRR roads are taken care of within the budget and staffing constraints present. It would be great if we had unlimited funds and resources. The reality is that we have to do an enormous amount of work with few staff and few dollars. Thank you to those of you who serve on the SRD Board and the Road Maintenance staff for all you do.



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

February, 20 2023

- The meeting was called to order by President Vickery. All Directors were present except for Director Lowe.
- Ranch Manager's Report: Ranch Manager LaPora reported that payments continue to be made with 643 accounts still owed. She also noted that she has provided CivicPlus with data to start the creation of a mock-up site. May 17 is the target date for completion and go-live of the new site. Progress continues on planning the Steel Stampede with obtaining sponsors and volunteers. April 1 is the deadline to finalize sponsors names to be included on the posters and T-shirts. Posters should be available by April 15 for posting around the area. Randy Knight is preparing to start work at the Snack Shack. His contract runs from March 19 – September 16, 2023. In addition to the Snack Shack, he also plans to cater other special events on the Ranch including the Golf Course. Ranch Manager explained that the bulk of Ranch funds have been placed in flex insured accounts where they are split between multiple FDIC insured institutions to ensure FDIC insurance coverage. She will double check on all funds to make sure we are covered.
- President Vickery reported that the BOD approved supporting the SRD request for use of SDC funds to create 28 aprons on driveways that abut county roads. The next Jefferson County Commissioners meeting will be in Madras on Wednesday March 22, 2023 and can be attended in person or via Zoom.
- A motion was made and approved unanimously to approve AFE #283 in the amount of \$6,499.00 for fuel reduction work on the Crater Loop and Trout Road Project. This will exhaust remaining funds for the fiscal year.
- A motion to adopt the FY 2024 Capital Reserve Plan Budget, FY 2024 Operating Budget, and FY 2024 Fee Schedule (minus the already adopted RV Park Fee Schedule) was made by Director Jones. It was seconded by Treasurer Peterson. It was a tie vote with President Vickery, Secretary Dries, Treasurer Peterson and Director Jones in favor. It was opposed by Vice President Erdekian, Directors Beveridge, Woolverton and Randall. After a lengthy discussion including input from BAC chair Herb Parker the motion was modified to change the HOA dues increase from \$46.00 to \$50.00 for the next annual billing cycle. A motion to adopt the FY 2024 Capital Reserve Plan Budget, FY 2024 Operating Budget and modified FY 2024 Fee Schedule (minus the already adopted RV Park Fee Schedule) to change HOA annual fee to \$50.00 was made by Secretary Dries and seconded by Director Beveridge. It was adopted six to two with Treasurer Peterson and Director Randall opposing.
- Public Input- Carol Orr, John Stevens, Kent Inman, Pat Kelly and Lamar Long spoke.
- Upcoming events are: Coffee with a Cop is waiting for Sheriff Pollock to determine date:
- April 1 and 15 community Garden work parties; 10:00 am start times. April 8 Easter Egg Hunt at Ball Field, May 6 and 7 Steele Stampede, May 20 & 21 Equine Trail Sports Event – Arena and Buffalo Rd
- A motion to adjourn the Regular meeting was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Crooked River Ranch RV Park.....(541) 923-1441
Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Protection District.....(541) 923-6776
Crooked River Ranch Sanitary.....(541) 548-1542
Crooked River Ranch Senior Center.....(541) 504-8236
Crooked River Ranch Water Company.....(541) 923-1041

Outreach for Veterans at CRR

David Chambers
541-475-6575

davidc@bestcaretreatment.org

Crooked River Ranch Crime Watch

February, 2022

There were 1096 county wide calls made to Jefferson County Sheriff Department in the month of February. CRR actions and calls for service: 357.

Of a total of 61 incidents in the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department Press Log for the period February 6, 2023, through March 5, 2023, twelve (12) involved Crooked River Ranch.

- On February 8, a Deputy with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office took a report of a found Postal Service key. The key was collected and the Postal Service was contacted with the found key.
- On February 10, a Deputy with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office received a cross examination report from DHS. The report was closed at screening.
- On February 10, a Deputy with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office located a tampered ankle monitor from SW High Cone. Jefferson County Parole and Probation was contacted, and report was taken.
- On February 12, a Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy responded to a call regarding domestic violence. After an investigation, a resident of SW Golden Mantle was arrested on the charges of Assault IV, Strangulation, and Harassment, all constituting domestic violence. The resident was booked and lodged in the Jefferson County Jail. Case closed by arrest.
- On February 13, a Deputy with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office took a report of theft from SW Badger.

- On February 15, a Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy arrested a resident on SW Quail for driving while suspended. Misdemeanor.
- On February 21, a Deputy with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office took a report of fraud from an address on SW Shad.
- On February 24, a Jefferson County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of forgery on SW Buckskin. A report was taken.
- On February 25, a Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy arrested a resident of SW Sage Hen for the crimes of Assault IV – DV and Harassment.
- On February 25 a Deputy with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office responded to a domestic violence call in a vehicle heading for an address on Sun Down Canyon. Upon further investigation a resident of Sun Down Canyon was arrested on the crimes of Menacing, Reckless Driving and Reckless Endangering.
- On March 1 a detective with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office received and reviewed a DHS Cross Report regarding possible sex abuse involving a family living in Crooked River Ranch. It was determined any possible crimes occurred in the city of Silverton. Case will be forwarded to the Silverton PD for follow up.
- On March 1, a Deputy with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office received a DHS report of neglect to a child within Crooked River Ranch. After an investigation, it was determined that no crime had been committed.

Central Oregon Submarine Base organizes spring activities

Fran Davis, Secretary, Central Oregon Submarine Base



Six members and two guests were in attendance at our February 12th meeting. Western Regional Commander Jim DeMott from Washington presented Fran Davis the Gold Star Award for helping keep the Base from disbanding.

The group will be preparing meals for the Bethlehem Inn in April. If you are interested in participating in this activity contact Bill Trumble at 603-953-3483. A yard sale is planned for this summer, so keep stuff you don't want and Lonnie can store it at Powers of Automation in Bend. We also discussed a Highway Cleanup which we will revisit at the next meeting, May 7th.

We hope you will come and get the Base moving forward. For more information, call Rick Neault, Base Commander at 530-434-1102 or Fran Davis 541-527-5484.

See you on the 7th of May.



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CRR Lions Foundation offers scholarships
What is on your bucket list?

Do you need a certification or degree? Is completing your degree on your bucket list? Would graduation from a trade school let you achieve your dream?

Crooked River Ranch Lions Foundation awards annual scholarships every spring to CRR residents accepted into an accredited schools in the fall. The recipients can be graduating high school seniors, current college students or post high school adults. If you're thinking about beginning your college career, finishing what you started years earlier or switching fields completely, complete a scholarship application.

There are two different application forms:

- Crooked River Ranch Lions Foundation Scholarship Application (for high school seniors)
- Crooked River Ranch Lions Foundation Continuing Education Scholarship Application (for current college students and adults reentering or continuing their education)

Applications for graduating high school seniors that are residents of CRR are available from your high school counselors, at the CRR Administration Office or by contacting Doug Reinhart at dougrehnhart@gmail.com.

Applications for the Reentry Scholarship are available at the CRR Administration Office or by contacting Dour Reinhart at dougrehnhart@gmail.com

For more information contact **Doug Reinhart** at **541-660-9093**.

Applications must be postmarked April 15th!





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So, You Think You Want to Show Your Horse?

By Barbara Jordan, CRR Riders Horse Group



Hard work pays off in the victory lap.



Why do you want to show – what is your goal?

Hint - Not having an answer to this question is an answer!

You should know what you want to accomplish by showing. Showing is labor intensive and very expensive. The purpose of showing is to demonstrate your skill as a team, compete against others, compare your horse's ability or breeding with others or perform high level skills. While shows can also be a fun place to hang out with friends, there are much cheaper ways to do that. One thing that I learned the hard way is that shows are not a good place to learn skills; when you arrive at the show all the skills you need should already be in place.

Regardless of the type of sport you and your horse know, all shows tend to fall into a few categories:

Fun Day Events/Casual Shows – these are casual events usually organized by a barn owner, club or association that seek to help people get their feet wet at showing without the expense or pressure of recognized competition. They are usually inexpensive, short (a single day or a weekend) and informal. They often have less restrictions on allowable clothing/tack and etiquette than more formal schooling or recognized shows. This type of event is excellent for those starting out and they often blend in social activities or clinics in the hopes of being a welcoming place for newbies. Fun Day Shows or Casual Shows often use advanced students or local trainers as judges to keep the costs down.

Schooling shows – Schooling Shows are a little more formal than

Casual Shows. They are often organized by a facility that hosts recognized shows or by sport organizations as a way to practice a sport in a more casual environment. Schooling show scores or points usually do not count in the same way as Recognized Show scores and points, so if your goal is to qualify for national awards, shows or standings you need to be aware that a schooling show will only be for practice. Many people use schooling shows as a place to conquer nerves, practice, and socialize with friends.

Rules about tack, grooming and behavior are often relaxed and this type of show is often less expensive than recognized shows. Schooling shows usually do not draw the same level of judges as recognized shows. Often the quality of judging is stricter and your scores may go down if you are stepping up from Fun Shows, which can be a surprise.

Alphabet Soup - Recognized Shows - A, B, & C level shows/ Recognized Shows Recognized shows are shows that are recognized by the governing body or bodies of the different horse sports. These include USEF, USDF and various breed and specialty organizations like the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) or The American Driving Society (ADS). These are larger and formal events that will draw competitors from a bigger area. They are often quite expensive. The competition at these events can be quite sharp, and you will be happiest if you have been working with a trainer familiar with your sport who can tell you if you are ready to compete. These events have stricter dress and tack codes that are often spelled out in the governing body's rule book. If you are a newbie, consider spectating first or grooming for friends as a way of finding out if you would want to participate as a competitor.



A proud trainer with her clients.

Ideally your reasons for wanting to show are that you are currently training in an equine sport and feel that you have attained a mastery of that sport. In the best of worlds, you are training with a trainer who has suggested that you are ready to show. In my first years of showing this concept was a little nebulous for me and I ended up spending lots of money to come in last – money that could have been better spent on lessons or clinics. Don't be like my 20-year-old self.

Assuming that you have sorted out your reasons for showing, there are a few basic preparations that you will want to pay attention to. The first important preparation



Besties at the show.

step is training. The golden rule is if you can't do it perfectly at home you won't be able to do it at a show. Sounds simple but I can't tell you how many competitors have confessed to hoping for an improvement at the show. It never happens. A general rule of thumb is that you will get 70% to 85% of what you are achieving at home at the show. For example – if you know that you will be asked to lope or canter in your class, and you only get a lope or canter on cue at home half the time, odds are not on that you will perform the movement in a show.

Showing is not everyone's cup of tea, but it can be a satisfying way to show of your combined skills, socialize, make new friends and compare yourself to others with the goal of improving performance. Some of the best friends you will ever make are your riding buddies, whether you choose to show or not!

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

Photos submitted by Barbara Jordan

Everyone has a story. Why not share yours?

By Emma Fried-Cassorla, Director of Communications and Programs, Council on Aging of Central Oregon



Submitted photo

One of the positive aspects of aging is that we have more life experiences, stories, and hobbies worth sharing. The Caring Connections program offered by the Council on Aging of Central Oregon brings together a volunteer and someone who is 60 or older who would like someone to talk with weekly by phone or in-person.

These phone calls are an opportunity to get to know someone new in the community whom you may never have met.

Gayle, a Caring Connections volunteer, notes, "The most rewarding thing is connecting with someone and learning how different we are. Her different experiences, my different experiences, and just sharing are fun. It's like getting a secret letter; you don't know what's inside. Once you open that envelope and start talking to that person, you can connect on different levels. It's amazing. It's almost magical."

Having a social network and making friends is one of the best ways to be a part of your community. If you would like to volunteer or join Caring Connections, Council on Aging will happily connect you with another Central Oregonian with life experiences to share. For details, call Jamie Lacore at 541-797-9138 or visit the Council on Aging website.

"I moved to Bend before COVID started. I was isolated and feeling lonely, so I called the Central Oregon Council on Aging, and they told me about Caring Connections. Knowing I would get a call every week made me feel more connected to the community and gave me something to look forward to" said Kathryn, a Caring Connections member.

Caring Connections is just one of many programs and resources offered across Central Oregon by the Council on Aging to help seniors age in the place of their choosing. The organiza-



Submitted photo

tion also oversees or helps to coordinate Meals on Wheel, community dining, Medicare counseling, family caregiver support, and more. Staff can be reached via email at info@councilonaging.org or at (541) 678-5483.



Mark your calendar.....

Membership Drive

It's a Community Event

Saturday, May 13th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Learn about local organizations and volunteer opportunities in our community!

- CRR Lions Club
- Farmers and Artisans Market
- Crooked River Ranch Riders
- CRR Senior Group
- CRR Fire Board
- Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon Area

Follow the Treasure Map to spots sponsored by these organizations. Each stop will have a drawing for a prize, information on the organization and volunteer opportunities the organization provides.

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CRR Senior Group repairs and prepares fence for painting

By Phyllis Carlin, CRR Telegraph



The CRR Senior Group is currently working on a project that will enhance the appearance of the grounds in front of the Heritage

House. The fence surrounding the property will soon be painted! A group of volunteers have cleared brush and debris which will give the painters full access to the fence. Next the group will repair fence posts and replace broken boards. Then the fence will be painted giving the grounds a new, fresh look.



Pictured above (L-R): Bob Evans, Bob Beveridge and Al Albin take a break after clearing brush and debris from around the fence. Pictures left: the fence before the paint job.

Photos by Bob Beveridge and Mike Knoke



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By Robin Gaudette, RN, ACSM/HFI,
Aquatics Wellness Coordinator, RAPRD



Aquatic exercise is beneficial across the ability spectrum from; pre-natal fitness, sports conditioning, pre- and post- surgical procedures, cross-training, balance and fall prevention, rehabilitation, seniors and those with medical conditions from autism to multiple sclerosis.

Expectant mothers will find the buoyancy of the water helps support the weight of the belly, weightless feeling can boost spirits making a hard day easier. Buoyancy also allows walking, jogging or running with little to no impact. The temperature of the water and the hydrostatic pressure keep the core temperature cooler and decrease swelling in extremities. An effective workout can be achieved without harm to mom or baby.

The aquatic environment is a great place for *pre-habilitation*, preparing the body for stresses of surgery and enhancing physical capabilities. Pre-habilitation is suggested for such procedures as joint, cardiovascular, lung and weight loss surgeries. Pre-habilitation has shown to decrease the need for inpatient rehabilitation after surgery by 73%. Pre-habilitation is not limited to the water, however provides a safe, comfortable environment if moving on land against gravity is difficult.

The risk of falling can happen to anyone at any time. Chemo therapy and other strong prescriptions for other illness may affect muscular strength, balance and gait. Balance can be influenced when you experience inner ear or vision problems. When health issues make it impossible for to do anything, slipping into the comforting environment of the pool, just walking moving the water will give you a feeling of success, increasing endorphins and allowing the body to heal.

To find out more about the benefits of the aquatic environment join me via ZOOM for Get Your Feet Wet, a two hour presentation about the aquatic environment, how to manipulate it, work it and get your best results possible May 5th at 9am. Reservations at raprd.org.

Wildlife of the Month: Common Porcupine

By Cindy Murray, FANs



Submitted Photo

Common Porcupine.

Did you know that porcupines live on every continent except Antarctica! They are large, short-legged rodents and can weigh around 23 pounds. Our Common Porcupine have around 30,000 quills and NO, they cannot “throw” their quills! Their quills lie flat against the body but they have no quills on their faces, underbellies or feet. Porcupines can raise their quills in every direction and they will turn their backs on predators for defense. Porcupines do not hibernate in winter and their hollow quills with thick underfur, help them to keep warm. Native Americans learned how to use quills for sewing and decorating clothing, baskets and many other items.

Breakfast and dinner might consist of tree bark, berries, roots, stems and even pine needles. Porcupines are nocturnal and very good tree climbers. You may be able to spot a porcupine munching away high up in a tree. They are quite vocal with one another or when attacked by a predator. Porcupines can loudly click their teeth together, which can be heard for long distances.

Porcupines are mostly solitary critters. The females give birth to only one “porcupette” which by the way is born with quills. The quills harden within an hour of birth. The mother porcupine raises her baby alone without help from the male. Porcupines may live up to 30 years!

What do you get when you cross a porcupine and sheep? An animal that knits it’s own sweater!



Please slow down for walkers!

CRR is a wonderful place to get some exercise by taking a walk. With spring coming, walkers will increase. Please be mindful that shoulders on our roads are limited. Watchout for our community walkers, slow down and drive appropriately. Thank you for watching out for your neighbors!



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Employee Roundup

Help Wanted - Irrigation Technician

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Responsibilities

- Operates, maintains, and repairs existing irrigation systems to ensure adequate moisture for turf and landscaped areas.
- Working knowledge of basic electricity and hydraulics related to an irrigation system, including automatic valves and controllers, and working knowledge of various types of pumps and pumping systems. Specific knowledge of Toro Site Pro is preferred.
- Inspects irrigated areas.
- Assists in maintaining irrigation pump stations and buildings.
- Proficiently and safely use power and manually operated tools and equipment to perform irrigation installation and maintenance.
- Maintain and care for company equipment, tools, and vehicles.
- Track materials and time on service work orders and submit daily according to current processes and procedures.
- Performs duties of a Groundskeeper position; actively participates in daily golf course set up and maintenance.
- Perform other duties as directed by Golf Maintenance management team.
- Basic understanding of agronomy, turfgrass science and the rules of golf.
- Knowledge of tools, methods and materials used in grounds and landscape area maintenance work.
- Ability to operate light motorized equipment.
- Ability to follow oral and written directions.
- Possession of a valid driver's license

Position Requirements

- Previous experience in golf course maintenance in public or private country club environment, preferred.
- Ability to use common mechanical tools.
- Knowledge of basic electricity related to irrigation systems and working knowledge of various types of pumps and pumping systems.
- Knowledge of proper methods of servicing and repairing golf course irrigation equipment and tools.
- Ability to handle a multitude of tasks in an ever-changing environment.

Education

High school diploma or GED.

Skills and Abilities

- Able to communicate in the English language. Second language is a plus.
- Able to work flexible schedules including holidays and weekends.

Job Application Instructions

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Employee Roundup

Pool Staff needed

The Crooked River Ranch swimming pool is scheduled to open on Memorial Day weekend, and we need applicants for the positions of Swimming Pool Manager and Pool Monitor. These are seasonal positions, beginning the week before Memorial Day and ending at the closing of the pool after Labor Day. The Manager must start on May 15th or earlier, and the Pool Monitors start on May 22nd. You do not need Lifeguard certification but must be a good swimmer. You will receive CPR and First aid training. Please pick up an application at the front desk in Administration.

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By Cindy Murray, FANs Hiking Coordinator

Our 2023 guided hike leaders will take you on native wildflower excursions, volcanic and Native American history hikes, birding tours and even a Night Sky Exploration. We will provide binoculars, birding scopes and telescopes for many of these outings.

Participation is limited and registration required. Our FANs website will have a registration link open 30 days before the date of the events:

www.fansofdeschutes.org. Many of our guided hikes are already scheduled:

- April 19th Sand Ridge Trail Learn about wildflowers With Marilynne Keyser & Trish Nevan
- April 29th Rim Rock Springs, a wildflower hike with Marilynne Keyser with Marilynne Keyser and Trish Nevan
- May 10th Opal Canyon Loop with Eric Hanson
- May 17th Gray Butte wildflowers with Marilynne Keyser & Trish Nevan
- May 17th Hollywood Trail with Eric Hanson
- May 25th Chimney Rock wildflowers with Marilynne Keyser & Trish Nevan
- May 31st Evidence of the Past, Part III at Peter Skene Ogden State Scenic Viewpoint-Old Railroad History with Eric Hanson.

Dates to be determined for many favorites:

- Foley Waters Geology with Al Albin
- "Coyote Canyon" Geology with Al Albin
- Fumarole Trail with Al Albin
- Crooked River Wetlands Birding with Marilynne Keyser and Chuck Gates
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In the May newsletter Ted Hake was credited as the author of an article entitled "New picture book features a blind girl and the sense of smell". The author of the article was Mary Hake. The Telegraph regrets this error.

Central Oregon Winter Series match played at Crooked River Ranch

By Judy Parker, President, CRR Ladies Golf Club



Wendy Micklus from CCR and Wendy Mader from Awbrey Glen chatting before their COWS round at Crooked River.

March has been said to come “in like a lion and go out like a lamb” and I’m sure other ladies will agree with me that the ‘lion’ part was certainly correct and we hoped the ‘lamb’ part would prove to be true. We have had a few nice days but persistent snow and frost limited our playing days in the early part of March.

With better weather, longer days and spring on the horizon we expect good things in April. Our first board and full membership meetings fall around the first of the month so we should be in full swing. Valerie Kennedy, our play day chairperson, has been running organized games all of March but we hope to have more participants as the weather improves and folks return from the south.

Central Oregon Winter Series (COWA) is still finishing up due to some cancellations for weather and that is something some of our ladies also participate in. One such opportunity was played here on the ranch

on March 10th with Judy Rowan and Wendy Micklus joining in. Other ladies try to hit the course on Mondays or Fridays to sharpen their game and enjoy each other’s company.

Better weather will make that more enjoyable.



Photos submitted by Judy Rowan



Judy Rowan also played in the COWS match .

Crooked River Ranch Club & Maintenance Association

Mission Statement

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

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- Fire Hall
- Administration Building, Snack Shack
- Golf Course
- Golf Course Cart Barn
- RV Park.
- Smith Rock Resort parking lot

CRR Men's Club opens season with kick-off breakfast

By John Smallwood, President



Well... we thought Spring was around the corner. Maybe Spring will be around the next corner! The CRR Men's Golf Club held its annual kickoff breakfast at Charlie's Big Dog but the tournament to be held afterwards had to be postponed a week due to snow on the course. The breakfast was great, and the social connections are always uplifting.

The club held its first all-member meeting after the breakfast. After introductions of the club officers, we had a moment of silence for the club members who passed away last year (Jim Lester, Dale Monroe, Doug Beach) and also this year (Jim Hipp). Lamar Long shared some brief comments about Jim and his history with the club and Crooked River Ranch. We were happy to introduce four new members this year to our club (Gary Eikenbeery, JD McCulloch, Gary Nevan and Dick Robertson). We had our normal updates from the various board members and Dennis Glender provided an update on the construction plans for the new storage shed at Mac Park to be built next month. The club members voted to approve an amend to the club By-Laws where an annual pass was no longer required to join the club. We had a person request to join the club and was willing to pay the full club membership dues but they would not be here locally long enough to justify paying for an annual pass. This change to the By-Laws allows this person to officially join our club.

Also, under "New Business", the club presented Rigo Montes an old CRR Golf Course pin flag. Rigo had won our club championship last August, but we no longer hand out trophies for the club championship. The club members at the breakfast signed the flag and presented it to Rigo to have as a memento.

Interesting Fact: In 1938, the USGA and the R&A decided to take pity on caddies and enacted the 14 club rule. There's still no hard evidence that there was anything particular about the number 14 but it did correspond to the typical set carried by most players. And ever since, all players have abided by that number.



Photo by John Smallwood
Club Champion Rigo Montes was presented a CRR Golf Course pin flag signed by club members.

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CRR Senior Group seeks new members



The Senior Group is seeking to add to our membership! Please consider how you can be involved. We have also added a "Supporting Member" role to allow for those who would like to help us grow but are not yet interested in joining the group.

The cost is low but the funds help so much to maintain the Heritage House and participate in many community activities. Please consider showing your support for our Senior neighbors and friends here on the Ranch! You can call 541-504-8236 or stop by the Senior Center at the Heritage House at 6710 SW Ranch House Road and pick up a membership form and a calendar of events.

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For more information see the article on Page 7.

Crooked River Ranch lies on a peninsula of land near the confluence of the Crooked and Deschutes Rivers. These high desert rivers travel through miles of basalt canyons that have played sentinel to centuries of rich history. This gorgeous "River Canyon Country" plays host to those fortunate enough to live and play in this unique rural setting guarded by the majestic peaks of the Cascade Mountain Range. Golf, swimming, tennis, hiking, fishing, abundant wildlife, and a wealth of opportunities for a rich community life serve as the crown jewels in Crooked River Ranch's crown. If you are visiting us, we welcome you and invite you to stay awhile. You just might discover, as we have, that Crooked River Ranch is "A Great Place to Hang Your Hat".