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Newsletter News: I told you it wouldn't be so long between newsletters this time. You didn't believe me, did you?

It's come to my attention that some people think, since I put out the newsletter, that I'm also our Homeowner's Association Secretary. That **much** harder job is done by Jeanne Loughrey. And by the way, Jeanne mailed the Amended CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions) and Bylaws recently and would like to remind all members to give a copy to their sales agent if they have their property for sale. Also make sure the agent gives a copy to the new owners.

John Legler asked me to pass on the following regarding our entrance gate: Data have been assembled on cost and feasibility of automatic gates, to operate something like a garage door with remote control. This will be presented at the annual meeting on June 24th. If approved, it may still be several months before a gate is installed and tested. Until such time it remains necessary to close and lock the gates. Your cooperation and that of your visitors will be appreciated.

Hardy's On-The-Scene Report:

Weather: It has been a very mild winter. We had no more than about 6 or 7 days of 0 to -6 weather from January through March. The rest of the time the average was between 15 to upper 20's. Warm for us! Snow levels never seemed to obscure our snowmobile trails or cover the tops of the sagebrush. It is now between 30 and 50 degrees.

Wildlife: Geese and other migratory birds are heading north. Swans, Canada Geese, and ducks are stopping over in the ponds near \$3 bridge. In the last three weeks we have seen approximately 200-250 Antelope migrating back to Antelope Valley. The birds have returned. We have Robins, Blue Birds (which are nesting under our deck) and the usual Casins, Junkos, and of course our resident Hairy and Downey Woodpeckers. We still have a few that are just passing through - Gold Finches, etc. The squirrels are chasing one another and tormenting our dogs. It's definitely Spring!

Local: It has been quiet around here right now because it is between seasons and things are slow in town. We recently lost our wonderful historian and ranch neighbor across the highway. Garnet Oliffe passed away and he will certainly be missed. We understand the Buffalo Jump business was sold, but don't know details.

For Sale: The following people have contacted me since the last newsletter to let us know their lots are for sale. I will include contact information for each so that you may contact them directly:

Cathy and Jim Diego, lot #49. \$45,000, negotiable. Fax (707) 765-6169, email diegoqu77@juno.com

John and Susan Christensen, lot #13, no power, 360 degree mountain views. \$35,000. Phone (208) 788-2335 home, (208) 788-5178 Fax, email johnjccscc@aol.com

Paul Lytle, lot #10, \$35,500 negotiable. Mail, 490 Syner Rd., Annville, PA 17003

Mickey Haney, lot 28, approx. 1700 sq. ft. home, views of mountains and Wade Lake. \$219,000. email george.haney@trw.com

*Also, if you have any non-real-estate items for sale that might be of interest to other ranch owners, send info to me and I'll include it in the "For Sale" column.

Letters to the Editor: I got this very interesting note from Pat Toalson via email. They are close neighbors of ours on the ranch, so I was particularly interested in their experiences. He says:

“Deena and I and our 3 kids were up at our cabin for 8 days over Christmas. We arrived right after the 20+ inch snowfall, which meant we were the first ones to go in by snowmobile. We had to break a trail for about 6 miles up to our cabin, which took about 3 hours because we kept getting stuck in every snowdrift, or at least it seemed that way! Once we made it and had the trail open things were fine. Boy it is sure a beautiful place in the winter, very different from the summertime. We saw elk herds every morning. The largest herd we saw was about 500 head one morning just after daylight. I guess we must have seen 1500-1800 elk during the week we were there.”

I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm JEALOUS!

Ranch Recipes: For years when my girls were still home during the summers, we hosted a “Mother-Daughter Luncheon” for their friends and their friends' mothers, my friends who had daughters, and some of our neighbors and their daughters. It was always in the early summer, so we could use flowers from our yard on the tables, and after I served this recipe the first year, nobody would hear of having anything different ever again!

Cowgirl Chicken Salad:

Dressing: 2 cups mayonnaise
¼ cup minced parsley
½ t. curry powder
¼ t. minced garlic
pinch of marjoram
salt and pepper to taste

In large bowl, combine:

4 cups shredded chicken
2 cups green or red seedless grapes (red looks pretty and I prefer them)
½ cup toasted slivered almonds

Combine with dressing. Serves 6-8.

Thought for the day: “The three grand essentials to happiness in life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.” *Joseph Addison*

I am still getting used to our new computer, and new address program. I think I've almost got it now! So if I'm sending you a “hard copy” of the newsletter, and you want email, or vice versa, please let me know (or let me know AGAIN, if you already have told me once – I'm not above needing to be nagged). As usual, thanks to Jeanne and Jack Hardy for keeping us so nicely up-to-date.

Dave and I will be over at our property in early May for a few days, and are hoping to arrange to have our well drilled this summer. Big excitement! If you happen to be around and see our truck, stop and say hi!

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