

# February, 2002

## .... From the President's Corner

Jeanne says she has nothing new to report at this time.

### ***Hardy's On-The-Scene Report:***

Jean Hardy, after 10 years on the ranch, has decided to spend winters in the desert, so the Hoolans have graciously agreed to fill in for her winter report:

## Weather

We now have 2 feet of snow, days warming up to 15 degrees and the nights around 0. The coldest so far is 10 below. Snowmobiling has been great and each winter we see more and more property owners enjoying the ranch .

## Wildlife

The elk herds migrated through the property again this year on the way to winter grazing in the Madison Valley and Wall Creek Game Refuge. The refuge was started approximately 60 years ago and consisted of 5 elk. The estimates for the number of elk this year are about 4000. The herds are a must see if you are in the valley during the winter and are starting to rival the Jackson Hole, Wyoming elk populations.

Our local Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep are on the comeback after being almost totally wiped out by pneumonia in the late 90's, the herd at that time was about 60 sheep. Last week we were able to count 25 by the Slide Inn, and all looked to be doing well.

Two dozen deer are still on the property and have not been driven down the valley yet by the snow. As always, 2 or 3 moose are also making the ranch home.

At times, wolf and mountain lion tracks can be seen. The game warden has said that the local wolf pack has no shortage of food with all the elk in the valley!

## Happenings

Fish biologists have traps in Spring Creek by the old town, to evaluate the Whirling disease. Their plan is to not graze this year and to rehab the stream just as we have in our common area.

State surveyors have been at work around the bridge. According to the surveyors, if the \$3 bridge conservation project goes through, the state will get 100 acres for access and development.

And yes, the bridge construction is complete. Sure makes getting to the ranch much easier!

### ***For Sale:***

Joe Young has a 450 gallon water tank he's selling for \$125. He says with his new well, he doesn't need it any longer, but if you're interested in the water collection system they used, you can contact him by email at [joeyoung@xmission.com](mailto:joeyoung@xmission.com)

Don Raether's property, Lot 31 is for sale. If interested, contact Jim Lether of Coldwell Banker, (888) 724-6465.

**\*\*Don't forget, if you have any real estate or non-real-estate items for sale that might be of interest to other ranch owners, send info to me and I'll include it. Also, if you actually sell something from mentioning it here, let me know that too.**

## **Ranch Recipes:**

### **Mountain Sunrise Brunch Cake**

This is very easy and a real treat!

3 oz. Cream cheese  
4 T. butter  
2 C. Bisquick mix  
1/3 C. milk  
½ C. raspberry preserves

Frosting:

1 C. powdered sugar  
1-2 T. milk  
½ t. vanilla

Mix first 3 ingredients with a pastry cutter until crumbly. Blend in milk. Turn out and knead 10 strokes. Roll to a 12x18" rectangle. Turn onto greased baking sheet.

Spread preserves down center lengthwise. Make 2 ½" cuts at one inch intervals on long sides. Fold strips over preserves.

Bake at 425 for 12-15 minutes. Drizzle with frosting.

***Thought for the day:*** "Upon common theaters, indeed, the applause of the audience is of more importance to the actors than their own approbation. But upon the stage of life, while conscience claps, let the world hiss! On the contrary if conscience disapproves, the loudest applauses of the world are of little value." John Adams

## **Book Pick**

Dave and I both liked John Adams by David McCullough. Now we're calling each other "my dearest friend" as John and Abigail did in their affectionate letters to each other during the many separations of their lives (: This book brings to life not only Adams, but many other Founding Fathers, as well as what life was like during the American Revolution. If you have any interest in American History, don't miss this book!

## **Preview Meeting Notice**

In case anybody wants to plan way ahead, the Homeowners Association Annual Meeting will be Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, in West Yellowstone. You will receive an official notice closer to the date.

Thanks to Bill and Sandra Hoolan for being our eyes and ears on the ranch this time in the Hardy's absence. Hope Jean and Jack are having a good time sunning (sigh...). Bill Hoolan didn't have time to do his history article this time, but don't worry, he'll be back! I heard from so many of you who enjoyed the installment last time, I know we all look forward to the next one.

Please send any address, phone number, or lot ownership changes to Dave Crawley (Homeowner's Assoc. Secretary), contact information below.

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