

Spring 2012

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From Your Board

Spring is here! Normally I would say "Finally!" however this past winter was very mild compared to last. We didn't have much in the way of cold temperatures and certainly didn't have the snow accumulation that we saw last winter. Although this is not good for the timber and grasses on the ranch, it did help our roads as there was not as much moisture to run off and across them.

The board is now discussing where best to spend your dues and coming up with a road plan. We have received comments from several landowners regarding roads to access some of their remote properties that haven't been maintained in years. Believe me, we hear you and are incorporating some of those roads into the road work plan for this summer. In the past we have for obvious reasons concentrated some of our time and money on common roads that are used by many current residents. That will have to be the case to some extent even this year, but we are going to branch out to some of the more remote roads where no one is living or building currently. This is not wasting money, it's preventing even more

degradation to roads that would be even more costly to fix in the future. We may not get to "everyone's" road project; I can say that is a certainty. However rest assured we will stretch your dollars as far as possible. We will post a schedule of road work for this year on the website in the near future.

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Rodeo's in Montana

By Renate Nieman

Spring and summer is a great time to attend a Montana Rodeo. Rodeo's have a long history in the western United States. Many rodeo events were based on the tasks required by cattle ranching. Early rodeos were informal events with cowboys testing their working skills against one another. These events progressed in to today's rodeo.



Today's rodeo is a sporting event that involves horses and other livestock designed to test the skill and speed of the cowboy and cowgirl athletes who participate. Rodeos incorporate timed events and "rough stock" events. The roping completions, calf roping, and team roping, are timed events and are based on the tasks of working cowboys who would rope calves and cattle for branding or medical treatment. Other timed events are steer wrestling, where a rider jumps of his horse onto the steer and "wrestles 'it to the ground by grabbing it by the horns. Barrel racing is also a timed speed and agility event. Horse and rider race around three barrels in a cloverleaf pattern. In professional rodeo, barrel racing is exclusively a women's sport.

The other exciting events at the rodeo are classified as "rough stock" completion they are bronc riding, and bull riding. In bronc riding the cowboy mounts the horse in the bucking chute, the gate is opened and the rider attempts to stay on the horse for 8 seconds without touching the horse with his free hand. Bronc riding has two divisions' bareback bronc riding and saddle bronc riding. In bareback bronc riding the cowboy does not use a saddle or rein he uses one hand to grip a simple handle on a surcingle style rigging placed on the horses withers. Saddle bronc riding uses a specialized western saddle without a horn. The rider grips a single rein that is attached to the horses halter.



Bull riding is an event where the cowboy rides a full grown bull for 8 seconds. The cowboy mounts the bull in the chute the rider grips a flat braided rope attached around the bull's withers. The rider must attempt to stay on the bull for 8 seconds while only touching the bull with his riding hand. Because bulls are unpredictable and may attack a fallen rider rodeo clowns work during the bull riding competition to distract the bulls and help prevent injury to the cowboys.

Some rodeos also have other "fun" events. Mutton busting has become very popular. In this event parents put their small children, usually under 7, on a sheep.



The sheep is released from the chute and the crowd cheers as the child tries to stay on the sheep. There is also "wild cow riding" which is a fun event at the Big Timber rodeo. Three contestants try to saddle a cow and ride it around a barrel. The Red Lodge rodeo has wild horse racing.

This spring and summer there are three great rodeos in our area. The Big Timber rodeo is a fun family event. It will be held on Friday June 29th at 7 pm and Saturday June 30th at 6 pm. The rodeo is held at the county fairgrounds in Big Timber. The Livingston Roundup Rodeo will be held on July 2^{nd} , 3^{rd} and 4^{th} . Founded in the early 1920's, the Livingston rodeo is one of Montana's most established rodeos. Every evening after the rodeo the night sky lights up with the boom and pop of an impressive fireworks display. It is best to arrive early to get your tickets or get them a few days in

advance. The rodeo generally sells out every performance.

Advance tickets for the Livingston Roundup Rodeo go on sale in early spring. For more information or to reserve seats, call (406) 222-3199, or write to the Livingston Roundup Association, Box 800, Livingston, MT 59047.



The Red Lodge rodeo will be celebrating its 83rd year. It opens it chutes this July 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The Red Lodge rodeo dates back to the late 1890's with local cowboys getting together on a Sunday afternoon at the railroad stockyards to ride exhibition broncos.



For more information contact:

Red Lodge Rodeo Association 101 Rodeo Drive PO Box 1546 Red Lodge, Montana 59068 406-446-2422 <u>info@redlodgerodeo.com</u>

Dave's Famous Cream Puffs

Last year the talk around the Ranch was all about Dave Chaudoir fabulous cream puffs. He brought them to a few events and they were snapped up quickly.

With all the talk I was thrilled to see a platter of the famous cream puffs at the New Years Eve gathering at the Skelton's home. The Cream Puffs were everything I expected. They melted in your mouth. I asked Dave and Jean if they would share their recipe. I was thrilled when they agreed.

Here is the "famous recipe". I am sure no one can make them as good as Dave but we can all give it a try.

Maybe Dave will make a batch for our annual picnic this summer. ☺

Oven temp: 400 degrees

Ingredients:

Puffs: Topping: 1 cup water 2 squares semi-sweet chocolate 1 cup flour 2 Tablespoons butter 8 Tablespoons butter 1 cups powdered sugar 4 eggs whole milk (add as required for desired consistency)

Filling:

1 boxes (3.4 oz. size) French vanilla instant pudding 4 oz. Cool Whip thawed 1 cups whole milk

Puffs:

Heat water and butter to a rolling boil. Remove from heat and stir in flour. Mix in eggs one at a time. Place (whatever size puffs you desire) on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. (Golf ball size will yield 12 puffs.) Bake at 400 degrees for at 45-55 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and allow to cool. Pierce a small whole (1/4 diameter) in top of each puff to allow the filling to be inserted.

Filling: Mix all ingredients together and allow to set up in the refrigerator. Fill a decorating bag with the mixture and fill each puff through the whole in the top. An alternative method is to slice the top off the top of the puff and simply spoon the filling in (but that's cheating!).



Topping:

Heat the chocolate and butter over low heat until melted. Stir in the sugar and milk a little at a time until desired consistency for drizzling is reached. Drizzle on top of each filled puff.

Enjoy!!

Annual Yellowstone Boat Float

By Renate Nieman



If you are looking for a fun way to spend some time at the Ranch consider participating in the Annual Yellowstone Boat Float July 13, 14 and 15. The annual Yellowstone River Boat Float is a fun three day event where participants enjoy viewing Montana countryside drifting



by at a relaxing pace while meeting new people. Every July hundreds of people take to the water for the annual Boat Float. Rafts jet boats, kayaks and canoes make the 95 mile journey from Livingston to Laurel. This year the float is scheduled to start on July 13th. The first leg of the trip launches from Livingston. Here, floaters enter the water at Mayor's Landing around 10am and float for the remainder of the day. Along the way, floaters stop at various points, "Beach Parties", to share drinks and visit. At the end of the first day float, everyone portages at Big Timber. Night one offers a city-wide party where floaters gather to have a good time. All the bars in town are packed and enthusiasts join together to celebrate the great event that is the Yellowstone Boat Float.

At around 10am, Saturday morning the group is back on the river. On Saturday morning an even larger crew usually floats this stretch of river-from Big Timber to Reed Point. Same as day one, people stop several times along the river to have parties with fellow rafters. About two hours before Reed Point is Hot Dog Island. Every year, a group of people raise enough money to feed all the Boat Floaters free hot dogs—a kindness only a hot, tired floater could understand.



At the end of day two, all the floaters camp in Reed Point. A shuttle takes people the two mile trek into town where there is a street dance, band, drinks, and more. Reed Point is a very small town with maybe 100 full-time residents. For this town, Boat Float is a to-do. Reed Point fills with hundreds of floaters and visitors for this event. Night two, everyone has a great time! Even if you don't like floating the river, visit Reed Point Saturday during the Boat Float Celebration—you won't be disappointed.



Day three's float is saved for the die-hards. After two days of floating and late night dancing only the hard-core floaters can handle the last leg of the trip from Reed Point to Laurel. Several people end their float at Reed Point, or float the last 15 miles to Columbus; few make it all the way to Laurel, a 35 mile venture from Reed Point.



The Boat Float is a great event that allows a large group of people to celebrate summer together. Throughout the float, there is a group feeling of community as hundreds of people cheer, laugh and drink down river, chanting "Boat Float, Boat Float!"

You do not need to participate all three days. Many people start in Big Timber on Saturday morning or they meet up with the floaters around noon on Saturday at Pelican Point fishing access. This is located just east of Grey Cliff on the frontage road.

Many of us here at the Ranch float the Saturday leg of the trip.

We leave either from Big Timber or Pelican Point and float past Reed Point to the Ranch picnic area. If you would like to float with us this year you can call Renate Nieman at (303) 888-0076 or Kristi Skelton at (406) 780-0744. Hope to see you at the Float this year.



Picture Courtesy of Ron Hartman

Volunteering

Our members are what make the association. We have a great community but need your help. Our Community Park by the river off of Elkhorn is a wonderful place to relax with a pole in the water or have a picnic and play a round of horseshoes. We need volunteers to help get our park ready for summer. We need someone to organize a community work day. We need to get the park mowed, picnic tables and fire pits set-up and get our horseshoe pit ready. If you would like to help with this project please contact Kim Skelton (406) 780-0269 or Email: harvestbuilder@yahoo.com

We would like to thank all the members who took time to provide feed-back to the board on our roads. The board has met with the road contractor and we will have a comprehensive road maintenance plan that will be published on the website.



Picture Courtesy of Kristi Skelton

Annual Meeting

Please plan on attending our annual meeting. Our annual meeting will be held on July 21st. The Board will report on all the activities from the preceding year. Our Treasurer will give a report on the financial condition of the corporation and we will present the budget for the next fiscal year. Election of Directors will also be held. If you will be unable to attend remember to send in your proxy. You will be receiving further details in mid June on the meeting and the time and place will be set.

After our meeting we will be having our annual community Picnic. The plans are to have the BBQ at our community park. I hope that many of you can join us for at this fun get together. It is a great time to meet your neighbors.

From Your Board

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We have had nice warm weather this spring and the weeds are in full bloom. Mike Larson (Range Rider Land Management) will be spraying weeds this year in the ranch. He plans to start spraying the first week in May. In the past there have been many light use roads that have become over grown with weeds. Your board is very concerned with this situation. In addition to spraying for weeds along the roadways we will be giving special attention to the roadways which have been overrun with weeds by the excessive moisture last year.

Resources on the Ranch

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History of Columbus Montana

By Renate Nieman



Columbus is the county seat of Stillwater County and has a population of 1,893. The Columbus community originated as a stagecoach stop. The area was high in natural resources which drew many hardy souls that wanted to carve out a piece of Montana for themselves. Originally the area was known as Eagles' Nest. It was also listed as an Indian trading post called Sheep Dip. The original town was called Stillwater by its founder Horace Countryman and was located two miles west of present day Columbus.



This is Dr. William Smith's Sears & Roebuck automobile at Columbus, Montana

The Northern Pacific Railroad arrived in 1881. With the arrival of the railroad, Horace Countrymen relocated the town to its present location. Mail deliver came with the railroad but there was confusion between Stillwater Montana and Stillwater Minnesota. The town's name was then changed to Columbus.

The arrival of the railroad was instrumental in the development of the city. Columbus became known as a quarry town for the quality stone products produced by the Montana Sandstone Company.



Montana Sandstone Company

The company was chosen to furnish the stone for the state capitol in Helena. Contracts for quality stone like this kept the quarries and railroad busy for years. You can still see many buildings in Columbus that are made using Sandstone. The court house is a great example of the local sandstone.



Still water county court house made from local sandstone

The Mountain View Cemetery has many beautiful and ornate monuments cut by artists from the sandstone and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Today there are still a great many fun things to do and see in

Columbus. In June there is the Columbus Hill climb. The freedom celebration and parade are around the fourth of July. If you are looking for a great place to have lunch, try Uncle Sam's Eatery. They are open for breakfast and lunch and are located at 619 Clough Ave.



There are still some places that will give you the feel of the old west in Columbus. The New Atlas Bar was built in 1906. This old saloon doesn't advertise itself as historic it just has that old feel to it. Two mammoth bars stand beneath the pressed ceiling. There are 60 plus mounts adorning the walls of the tavern. Catering to mostly the locals you'll usually find two or three people at the long bar.

Looking for Pictures, Articles and Recipes

If you have any pictures of the Ranch or Montana that you would like to share we would love to put them into the newsletter. Please send any pictures to <u>newsletter@yrrlc.com</u>

We would also love to hear from you. If you have any stories, or interests that you would like to share with our community please send them <u>newsletter@yrrlc.com</u>

Fire Prevention

By Mike Fatchett

Fire season

Fire season is becoming a year round event in many areas. We had a very mild winter with very little moisture. Columbus Fire Rescue responded to more wild land fires this past fall and winter than we did in what we normally consider our "normal" Summer fire season. What this means is that we need to understand that a large wild land fire can occur any time of the year. We need to be cautious when we burn or use



power

equipment like chainsaws especially on windy days and days where there are fire weather warnings or watches. Keep a shovel, fire extinguisher or bucket close by just in case. If a fire breaks out and you have any doubt about containment, please call 911.

Home inventory

In the event of a large wild land fire are you ready? Have you taken an inventory of your home, garage, barn or other outbuildings? If not you might want to check out the following website: <u>https://www.knowyourstuff.org/iii/</u> <u>login.html</u> This is a free website that allows you to take a complete inventory of your possessions. You should keep a copy of this list off site just in case the unthinkable should happen. Your insurance company may have a similar service available.

Fuels Mitigation

The more fuels we can remove from around our homes and buildings and property the better. Stack your firewood away from your home. Clean out under your decks. Remove fallen and dead timber from your property. Limb up your trees 6 to 7 feet. This will help keep any fire out of the tree canopy and will allow the fire to pass by. Remove those limbs or stack in an open area. Ponderosa Pines are especially suited to survive fires. The goal here is to remove fuel sources from the property. If you have large juniper or cedar bushes near building you might want to consider removing them. They catch fire easily and burn very very hot which could impinge on a home or building. Columbus Fire Rescue would be happy to come out to your home and provide some guidance on how best to protect your home from fire. There may be monies available to assist in the mitigation process. Call the Fire station at 406-322-4302 for more information.

Around the Ranch

We hope to finish up the remaining work on the buried tank on Wild Horse and the water point at the river park this spring. The buried tank will need to be filled and tested. The smaller tank on the BLM will also need filling. We will have an engine available on the ranch again this summer. If you would like to volunteer please contact the station at 406-322-4302 for more information. Many of our volunteers are not involved in fire fighting or medical care. So if you have some extra time the FD welcomes your assistance.

READY SET GO!



Finally, this could be another bad fire year if we don't get more moisture. The READY, SET, GO! Program prepares homeowners for a fire in their area. Watch the video at

http://www.youtube.com/watch?fe ature=player_embedded&v=kM3I YxODQ7c#! Or check out the other valuable resources at http://www.columbusfirerescue.co <u>m</u>. The goal of the program is for people to be ready to evacuate and evacuate long before it is dangerous. You might have read about the 3 deaths in Colorado at the Lower North Fork Fire. Those folks waited too long to evacuate. Don't wait for a call to evacuate. If you feel in danger you should leave. Technology can fail and did in the Colorado fire.

If you have any questions about fire prevention or mitigation or other things related feel free to call:

Mike Fatchett 303 548 7222 cell or mike@mallardcove.com Dwight or Diane Day 406 780 0112 or ddday5051@gmail.com



DON'T SPREAD YOUR WEEDS..... SPREAD THE WORD!!!!!

✤ Can you name 5 noxious weeds that impact you the most?

✤ What do you do for FUN? Hunt, fish, watch wildlife, ride horses, float the river, hike, garden? What's your job? What are your hobbies?

✤ Based on the activities that we love to do in this beautiful state of Montana, we can all remember five noxious weeds. Isn't that better than trying to remember all 33 noxious weeds on the state list?!!

✤ Check out the Montana Weed Control Association's two minute YouTube video on the new program throughout Montana and FIGHT FIVE!! Just go to youtube.com and search for 'Fight Five Pilot'.

In some areas of Stillwater County, folks are making great strides managing their weeds--even eradicating them altogether! In your area, you may have some small patches of weeds that have not gotten out of control yet. We can help you to manage those weeds now before they take over more of your property. Taking care of the problem now will be a lot easier than dealing with it later and will save time. energy, and money in the long run. If you're wondering if you have any noxious weeds on your property, call us! We'll be happy to come out and take a look around with you!

Remember, it is unlawful in the state Montana to "permit any noxious weed to propagate or produce seeds" on your land. We all need to pull together because if one person lets their weeds go it impacts everyone around them – the whole county- the whole state in fact! In 1925, only one county had spotted knapweed. Now there is spotted knapweed in every county in the state! So please call us at the Weed District to ask questions, have us out to your place for a walk around, or to figure out how to manage your weeds. We really need to spread the word and work together. Keep in touch!!

Stillwater County Weed District (406) 322-1106 <u>http://www.stillwater.mt.g</u> ov/Weed Control/dept1.asp

Lindsey Clark – Coordinator Stephanie Naftal

The Stone

By Bob Swain



Hi, I'm big Bob. I have enjoyed the "Stone" and it's many tributaries since before I was able to keep a worm in the water. I have lived most of my life in the Yellowstone Valley. For the past twenty plus years I have been a fishing guide and instructor here in the Columbus area. It's not for the money, believe me. I still enjoy the "Stone" and its many tributaries. I'm getting silver in my hair and my eyes have a squint to them; still I feel blessed by this country.



The Yellowstone River originates in the Caldera of Yellowstone Park. It oozes from Yellowstone Lake into the Hayden Valley. Buffalo, Elk, and waterfowl drink here. The river picks up speed to tumble through the canyon and thunder over its famous waterfalls. It continues traveling north and out of the park at Gardner. The "Stone" presses its way through the Yellowstone valley to the Missouri near North Dakota. The Yellowstone River is the grandfather of America's free rivers. It travels 468 miles with no damns and is the life blood of the country around it.



As the Stone passes through the rim country of Reed Point & Columbus, it nourishes the agricultural valley with clean water for wildlife, re-creationists, feeds the beautiful foliage and provides the pure pleasure we all experience while visiting it's shores for an afternoon of fly fishing. The Stone is perfect for rafting, kayaks, and provides fishermen with several species of trout. This area was the jewel of the Crow Indian nation, and buffalo country for many other tribes. To live in this community away from the pressures of big cities, to relax and enjoy the gifts the Yellowstone River provides is a blessing I'm grateful for each and every day. On any riverbank, we are able to present a fly or a lure to the residents of

this river and experience the explosion that follows. The raw strength of this rivers browns and rainbows provides for many a campsite story to



share with family and friends. I have taken many clients on a trip down this river that they will never forget. To hear a beaver slap in the background; to see a herd of elk playing in the water; to see hundreds of trout feeding off the surface; to watch the eagles and many birds that frequent this river... This river provides life experiences and it's here waiting for you. I have been blessed to live on this river for most of my life, to share this lifestyle with so many city folks who cherish their moment here on our river. This is an incredible way of life; come and enjoy it with us.

Bob Swain - River Quest Anglers - 1-800-356-2850



Calendar of Events

May

5/14/12 - 5/19/12



<u>Billings Wine</u> and Food <u>Festival</u>

Billings - 888-430-6782

The MSU-Billings Wine and Food Festival feature domestic wine-masters and premier wines from around the world for tasting and auction. This festival week begins with a Guest Chef Dinner followed by an Iron Chef competition. Throughout the week four cooking schools conducted by local and regional chiefs

5/28/12

Crazy Mountain Museum Festival

Big Timber - 406-932-5126

The Crazy Mountain Museum opens for the summer season with a Memorial Day festival celebration. Activities include music, entertainment, exhibits, raffles, food and the first opportunity to view the new season's exhibits.



June

6/9/12



Strawberry Festival

Billings 406-259-5454

The Strawberry Festival celebrates the start of summer in Billings with over 175 arts and crafts vendors, food, non-profit and commercial vendors, live entertainment, music, a pancake breakfast, and a kid's zone with children's activities.

6/23/12



Fishtail Family Fun Day

Fishtail 406-328-4272

The Fishtail Community Council has set the date for the annual Fishtail Family Fun Day to be held on Saturday June 23, 2012, with the platting of Fishtail in 1913, the committee chose the theme "Celebrating Pioneer Men" to honor those hard working men of the early 1900's.



6/29/12 - 6/30/12

Big Timber Rodeo

Big Timber 406-932-6228

The Big Timber Rodeo is NRA/NWRA sanctioned with calf roping, steer wrestling, bronc and bull riding and barrel racing among its events. Wild cow riding is always a crowd favorite. A great spectator rodeo!

<u>June</u>

6/30/12

Sweet Grass Festival

Big Timber 406-932-5131



Sweet Grass Fest features a full day of family fun in conjunction with Rodeo Weekend in Big Timber. Street vendors will be set up throughout the day with arts and crafts, photography, antiques, memorabilia and a variety of down home country cooking. Running enthusiasts may take part in the 5K walk and run.

6/30/12 - 7/02/12

Depot Festival of the Arts



Livingston 406-222-2300

An outstanding northern Rockies event: a hundred fine artists and handcrafters present works ranging from sculpture to glass, painting, jewelry, fabric, fiber, photography, ceramics, woodwork, and more in Livingston's downtown Depot-Rotary Park, complemented by food and fun.

<u>July</u>

7/1/12 - 7/4/12



<u>Livingston</u> Roundup Rodeo

406-222-3199

The Livingston Roundup Rodeo has been a popular annual PRCA event in the heart of Montana cattle country since 1924. Ranked as the 10th highest purse in the nation over the Independence Day holiday, the rodeo draws over 10,000 spectators every year to its open air arena near the Yellowstone River.

7/2/12



<u>Livingston</u> <u>Roundup Parade</u>

406-222-0850

The Livingston Roundup Parade is held at 3:00 pm in downtown Livingston. Categories include theme, patriotic and free-style floats, horses, antique cars, classic cars and community organizations.

7/2/12-7/4/12

Home of Champions Rodeo



Red Lodge 888-261-0625

The Home of Champions Rodeo is

part of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association circuit and brings nearly all the national champions to Red Lodge every year. This year promises to be an outstanding event with the world's best cowboys and cowgirls competing.

<u>July</u>

7/13/12-7/15/12

Yellowstone River Annual Boat Float



Livingstone, Big Timber, Reed Point: 406-696-1996

The annual boat float starts at Livingston and retraces the

Lewis & Clark Expedition all the way to Columbus. We have two overnight stops, one in Big Timber and one in Reed Point. The local communities provide entertainment - live band and street dance in Reed Point.

7/16/12 - 7/23/12

Stillwater County Fair Stillwater County Extension 406-322-8035



This year marks the 82nd year of recorded 4-H work in Stillwater County. The county fair is a premier event to showcase the talents of 4-H and FFA members. Starting with dog classes at 5:00 pm on July 19th, the fair runs through July 23rd, the fair features a variety of events including vendors, a dance, an FFA tractor Show and new this year; Pig Wrestling and an open photography class, both open to the community.

7/21/12

Yellowstone River Ranch Land Owner Association Annual Meeting & Picnic

Columbus Montana

Our annual meeting will be held on Saturday morning in Columbus. The exact time and location will be provided in late May. After the meeting we will be having our annual picnic. Please come and join your community.

7/28/12

Absarokee Days

Absarokee www.absarokeearea.com

Absarokee Day is held the last weekend in July.



Local merchants have booths and there are various fundraisers held throughout Absarokee. PTA hosts the annual

luncheon and there is always a wonderful parade. Breakfast at the fire hall at 7:30am, vendor booths open at 9:00am, parade at 11:00am, with a luncheon following the parade. Saturday evening hosts a street dance. Other activities have included swimming at the local pool, duck races, no junk auctions, car shows, kid's carnivals, and performing arts.

7/20/12 - 7/22/12

18th Annual Beartooth Rally

Plan on the 18th Annual Beartooth Motorcycle



Rally being better than ever! As always this weekend promised lots of rides, food and fun and in the evening you can dance under the

stars!!

Website

Please visit our website at <u>www.yrrlc.com</u>. The board plans to use the web more and more as a way to communicate better with the landowners and to save mailing costs where practical. You will find information on the roads, weeds, fire and financial information that we hope you will find helpful.

Thank you everyone for your great contributions of pictures and articles. Our Summer Newsletter should be out in July.



Picture courtesy of Kristi Skelton