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Snow on Ottawa Way. Photo by Ann Watson.



*Wishing You A
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Crystal Bells Decorating Crew. Photo by Herb Cooper.



Christmas Party. Santa with Char St. John. Photo by Helen Bowlin.



Christmas Party. From left to right: Jane Tippin, Don and Carolyn St. John. Photo by Helen Bowlin.



Red Feather Lakes Ladies Book Club at "The Restaurant." Photo by Ann Watson.



Bobcat. Photo by Steve Koeckeritz.



Coyote. Photo by Ann Watson.

“A Big Hello”

By Jody Sandquist, Manager

Happy New Year!

Time again to renew resolutions and make plans for the coming year while looking back at last year with the 20-20 vision of hind sight to see if your 2008 goals were achieved. Hopefully you were able to check off several accomplishments and are enthused about your goals for 2009.

Plea for committee volunteers:

Crystal Lakes committees serve the entire membership in a huge variety of ways. There are openings on most of the committees; the Policy & Documents Committee is currently in most need. The Policy & Documents Committee reviews the governing documents of the association, updates and assures that the documents accurately present current policies. With the recent revisions to Colorado statutes which impact HOAs, the Policy & Documents Committee focused on making the necessary revisions to keep Crystal Lakes in compliance. A few new policies were required, and the remainder were reviewed and updated where necessary. The CLRRRA Bylaws have been carefully examined and are in the process of review and approval by the CLRRRA Board. If you are interested in the governing documents of the association and would be willing to serve on this very important committee, please let the office or a CLRRRA Board member know.

The Greenbelt Committee is rejuvenated and working on forest management in Phase III of the Pilot Project. They are also investigating the options for protecting our trees as the beetle infestation becomes a more intense threat. As articles appear in the Wapiti Bugle from the GMC, please look for information about protecting our forests and also the possibility of planting seedlings to establish new forest growth.

Volunteers are welcome and needed on many other committees as well. The entire standing committee list appears below. If you would be willing to serve in some aspect on one or more of them, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Perhaps you could make that commitment as part of your new year's agenda. Select from: Architectural Control Committee (A.C.C. – currently filled), Finance, Fire Pit Inspections, Greenbelt


Management, Hearing Panel (currently filled), Newsletter, Policy & Documents, Recreation, Road Improvement, and Security.
CLA office: 970-881-2250.




Thank You Community Fund Volunteers

By Don St. John, President, CLCFA

Thanks to all of the Crystal Lakes members and employees who helped the Community Fund Committee install the Memory Wall signs and with the landscaping around this area. They were: Harold Alexander, Lyle Koller, Jack and Kay Hunter, Jim and Jane Tiffin, Herb and Sharon Cooper, Jim Sidebottom, Ray and Jeanette Williams and the outside staff, for drilling the post holes and providing the necessary fill.

Also, a special thanks to Ed Hanson, Jim and Jane Tiffin, Jack Hunter, Sharon Cooper, Peggy Howard, Lyle Koller, David Smith, Ray and Jeannette Williams and the outside staff for all of their efforts to refinish all of the Crystal Lakes Association's picnic tables. This turned out to be a much bigger project than expected.

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Office Reminders

By Marian Kelly

- Winter hours are Thursday through Monday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The office is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. Phones are checked periodically when the office is closed, but email is not.
- If you request a water or sewer haul and your driveway needs to be plowed in order for us to make the haul, you will be charged for the plow.
- The speed limit on most Crystal Lakes roads is 20 miles per hour. Please drive safely and appropriately for the conditions.
- The Unified Covenants allow property owners to keep their trailers on their lots for **no more than** five months per calendar year. You must inform the office when you bring in or remove your trailer.
- All trailers in trailer storage must show stickers identifying lot and filing and proof of payment for 08-09 space rental. Stickers may be picked up free in the office. If you have a trailer in the storage area, but have not heard from us in the last four months, we don't have a record of your trailer. Contact the office immediately to rectify the situation. **This is our third and final notice: all unidentified trailers will be removed from the storage area at the end of January.**
- Plowing the roads inevitably creates berms, and it is the property owner's responsibility to remove their own berm. When you do remove your berm, please do not put the snow back into the road.
- When ice fishing, remember that no huts are to be left on the lake overnight and no vehicles or ATVs are allowed on the lake. Be cautious any time you go out on the ice. The thickness of the ice may vary by several inches in just a few feet, depending on the depth of the water, the current, etc.
- Walking or sledding on Panhandle Dam is not allowed.
- Pine Beetle season will be upon us before we know it. Check in with the office in the spring for details on office-coordinated spraying, and watch for an article on spraying and other deterrents in the March/April Bugle.

Wapiti Bugle:

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Neighborhood Watch Programs

Promote Safety

By Susan Vance

A Neighborhood Watch (NW) program is a successful way to reduce crime and make Crystal Lakes a better place to live. There are no organized NW programs in Crystal Lakes at this time, although the Bear Aware Team watches for suspicious activity as well as for signs of bear break-ins.

In Crystal Lakes, everyone can participate. Neighborhood Watch can be set up to operate on the coat tails of other groups or committees (such as fishing, ACC, etc.). You can form a neighborhood watch group around any geographical unit.

Members who participate learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the community, and call the Sheriff's Department to report activities that appear suspicious, unusual, or actual crimes. Neighborhood watch groups are NOT vigilantes. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Neighborhood watch programs help build pride and serve as a springboard for efforts that address concerns such as safety hazards, welfare checks, violations, etc.

To learn more about how a NW works log on to www.fcgov.com/police and click on the Neighborhood Watch link. If this is something that you would like to volunteer for, please call me at 970-226-2527 or email me at FTOCOP55@aol.com

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—PLEASE VOLUNTEER—

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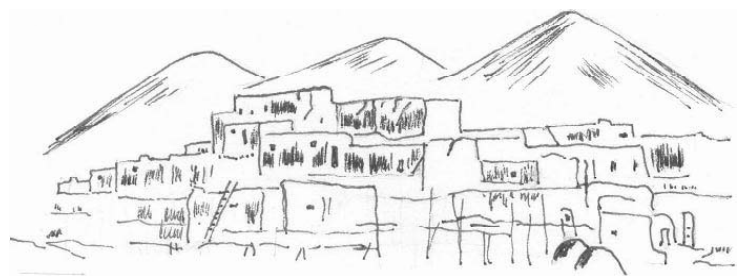
Taos Court (TAH ohs)

By Grace Zach

Members of Coronado's expedition visited Taos in 1540, and by the early 17th century, the Spanish established the mission of San Geronimo. The Taos Indians led several small rebellions and had a prominent role in the general revolt led by Pope', a San Juan medicine man, in 1680 which forced the Spanish to flee to El Paso, but they returned in 1692 to sack and burn the pueblo. In the 1838 New Mexico revolt against Mexico, a Taos Indian served as governor of the rebel government for two months.

Taos, New Mexico, a town of special charm, is renowned for its art colony and the artistic talent which the area has nurtured. The Taos Pueblo is one and a half miles northeast of the town. The Taos Indians referred to their pueblo as Ilaphai, "red willow place." The terraced adobe brick buildings up to five and six stories high, built with each succeeding story smaller by one room's width than the room below, have remained unchanged except to the addition of windows. Besides the dwellings, there were seven subterranean ceremonial rooms or kivas. Today's 1,750 residents live on both sides of the Taos creek at the foot of the Taos Mountain in the Sangre de Cristo Range. Near its summit is cradled Blue Lake, a place of yearly sacred pilgrimages. In 1906 the United States government took 50,000 acres of Taos land including the sacred Blue Lake to add to the Carson National Forest. In 1970, Congress finally restored the land including Blue Lake.

Purchase The Roads of Crystal Lakes by Grace Zach for \$10.00 at Crystal Lakes' office. All proceeds donated to the Crystal Lakes Community Fund Association.



President's Report December 2008

By Steve Smalley, President

Happy New Year to Everyone and lets hope 2009 will be a great year for all of us. The Association this year will face tough challenges with the troubled economy. The Finance Committee is hard at work preparing the 2009-10 budget for the upcoming fiscal year. We will be working to control day-to-day expenses as always and looking closely at any capital improvement projects or purchases. We also will be having a Joint Board meeting in January to discuss employee salaries and benefits, and the impact they will have on the budget. As we do every year we will be looking at each line item in the budget and the necessity of that item. We are committed to continue to deliver the level of services that you have come to expect. We will keep you updated as the Finance Committee and Board formalize the new budget.

Road Improvement Assessment

This year it will be time for the members to vote on the extension of the annual road improvement fund. This money has been used to improve the roads by improving drainage, installing culverts, widening existing roads, and applying new material overlay to the roads. We have completed improvements on approximately 21 miles of roads, but still have a long way to go with 86.5 miles of road in Crystal Lakes. This program, we feel, is important in order to improve the road system

within the subdivision. Additionally, when these upgrades are completed the staff can maintain and snowplow the roads more efficiently with less equipment damage. More information will be coming out on this important issue, and I hope that you will take a close look at the issue before making your decision.

Bylaw Work

The Board has been working for some time to amend the bylaws of the Association to comply with the new covenants and state laws; our work is about complete and I'm glad to report one of the biggest changes is to no longer allow proxy voting. By eliminating the proxy the Association **must** use the mail-in ballot program; this will give every property an equal chance to voice an opinion. I hope you agree how important it is to have all property owners able to express their opinion. We will be posting the new bylaws on the web as soon as they are approved by the Board.

Board Positions

This year we will have three openings on the Board. If you are interested in serving, please make sure you forward your resume to the office no later than February 28, 2009. Please tell a little about yourself and why you would like to serve the members of Crystal Lakes.

Happy 40th

Crystal Lakes will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and we plan to have a big celebration. The Recreation Committee is currently

planning events and would like your input and suggestions on how we can make this a special occasion. If you have suggestions please pass those on to Beverly in the office. We are looking forward to a special celebration for this milestone for the Road & Recreation Association.

Happy Anniversary Crystal Lakes



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Notes from the Water and Sewer Association

By Steve Koeckeritz, President

Lower Lone Pine Lake Enlargement

CLWSA has awarded a contract for appraisal services to Sidney Clark, Inc. for the purpose of determining the value of property which the Association will need to acquire to go forward with the proposed project. The appraisal data will assist the Board in its negotiations with adjacent property owners whose land will be partially inundated by the enlargement. The cost of the appraisal, which covers 16 properties, is \$9,500. The expected completion date for the appraisal report is February 15, 2009.

The Board has also scheduled a meeting with its engineering consultants and legal counsel in January to establish a schedule for the project. Timelines will be developed for engineering studies, the Army Corps of Engineers 404 permit application process, and other necessary state and local reviews.

Policy Regarding Investment of Association Funds

Due in large part to the accumulation of funds in our reserve account for the construction of Upper Lone Pine Lake (now likely to be used on the alternative Lower Lone Pine Lake enlargement project), CLWSA recently surpassed the \$1,000,000 mark in cash assets. Unlike many other entities which have been seriously impacted by the recent financial crisis as investments have lost value, the Association has followed a very conservative course with respect to the investment of its members' funds. Our funds are managed by PrimeVest Financial Services, Inc., an affiliate of First National Bank of Fort Collins, which purchases certificate of deposits from various banks throughout the United States to maintain 100% protection by the FDIC. Yields on the funds invested through this program currently range from 2.0-3.25%.

Welcome New Neighbors,

Ardie and Ron Yowell

By Carol Strazer

This past year Ardyce (Ardie) and Ron Yowell made 6727 OttawaWay, Crystal Lakes their "full-time home." The recent sale of their Windsor residence solidified their decision. Both are originally from Nebraska. Ardie, a Cattle Buyer and Ron, a 34-year Hewlett Packard employee, first retired to Torrington, Wyoming. While in Torrington, Ron raised cattle and farmed, often commuting to Loveland to assist as part-time Operations Manager for his son's highly successful large container shipping operation. Ardie's daughter also works as a Chief Financial Officer for MM Solutions. It is no surprise that Ron's expertise as a mediation consultant is useful in today's stressful economy. With five adult children, their spouses and eight grandchildren frequently visiting their proud grandparents, Ardie and Ron's managerial talents help.

Ardie's successful career as a Cattle Buyer is a talent she developed observing her father's cattle operations. Her ability to accurately assess ranchers' livestock for current shots, appropriate feed, future weight shrinkage and other relevant factors made her a valuable asset to her employer. Ardie's hobbies include painting and reading. Her eyes gleamed as she described her recent Georgia O'Keefe style acrylic painting she painted for her granddaughter. Since then, her other grandchildren have placed their orders. Both Ardie and Ron look forward to fishing, hiking, snowshoeing, and possibly – cross-country skiing. Crystal Lakes appreciates their volunteering efforts on the Bear Aware Team. Give a big "welcome" to this talented couple. (See their photo on page 15.)

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Crystal Lakes Calendar of Events

By Kay Hunter

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| <p>Thu. 1/15
6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>*CLVFD Training
Fire Barn</p> | <p>Wed. 3/4
10:00 a.m.</p> | <p>*Crystal Belles
call Peggy Reffel 881-2727 for information</p> |
| <p>Sat. 1/17
8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.</p> | <p>*Water & Sewer Board Meeting
Wapiti Center
*Joint Boards Meeting
*Road and Rec. Board Meeting</p> | <p>Thu. 3/5
6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>*CLVFD Admin. Meeting
Fire Barn</p> |
| <p>Wed. 1/21
Noon</p> | <p>*Crystal Lakes Community Potluck
Wapiti Center. Bring a dish to share and table service</p> | <p>Sat. 3/7
1:00 p.m.</p> | <p>*ACC Meeting
Wapiti Center</p> |
| <p>Thu. 1/22
7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>*CLVFD Meeting
Fire Barn</p> | <p>Sun. 3/8</p> | <p>Daylight Savings Time
Set clocks ahead one hour.</p> |
| <p>Wed. 2/4
10:00 a.m.</p> | <p>*Crystal Belles
call Peggy Reffel 881-2727 for information</p> | <p>Wed. 3/11
1:30 p.m.</p> | <p>Mountain Gals
Interior Design for Health & Longevity
RFL POA Building</p> |
| <p>Thu. 2/5
6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>*CLVFD Admin. Meeting
Fire Barn</p> | <p>Thu. 3/12
6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>*CLVFD Training
Fire Barn</p> |
| <p>Sat. 2/6
1:00 p.m.</p> | <p>*ACC Meeting
Wapiti Center</p> | <p>Sat. 3/14
5:00 –
8:00 p.m.</p> | <p>St. Patrick’s Day Recreation
Committee sponsored Corned beef and cabbage dinner at the CL restaurant</p> |
| <p>Wed. 2/11
1:30 p.m.</p> | <p>Mountain Gals
Local Crafters – Mini demonstrations
RFL POA Building</p> | <p>Tue. 3/17</p> | <p>Happy St. Patrick’s Day</p> |
| <p>Thu. 2/12
6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>*CLVFD Training
Fire Barn</p> | <p>Wed. 3/18
Noon</p> | <p>*Crystal Lakes Community Potluck
Wapiti Center. Bring a dish to share and table service</p> |
| <p>Sat. 2/14
5:00 –
8:00 p.m.</p> | <p>Happy Valentine’s Day
*Recreation Committee serving dinner at the CL restaurant</p> | <p>Thu. 3/19
7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>*CLVFD Board Meeting
Fire Barn</p> |
| <p>Mon. 2/16</p> | <p>Happy President’s Day</p> | <p>*Meetings open to all Crystal Lakes Members</p> | |
| <p>Wed. 2/18
Noon</p> | <p>*Crystal Lakes Community Potluck
Wapiti Center. Bring a dish to share and table service</p> | | |
| <p>Thu. 2/19
7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>*CLVFD Board Meeting
Fire Barn</p> | | |
| <p>Sat. 2/21
8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.</p> | <p>*Water & Sewer Board Meeting
Wapiti Center
*Joint Boards Meeting
*Road and Rec. Board Meeting</p> | | |
| <p>Wed. 2/26
6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>*CLVFD Training
Fire Barn</p> | | |

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The Restaurant is OPEN

By Helen and Diana

How many times have we been able to say that in January?

We have really enjoyed all the faithful regulars that have kept us going. Without you we wouldn't be here. We have also enjoyed many new comers.

Anthony keeps filling those plates with all his wonderful meals he prepares. And we keep supplying those take out boxes for those of you who just can't finish those huge portions.

We are continuing to add to the fresh baked goodies, so come in and see what's new.

Hours are:

Friday: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Menu and specials available.


Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Menu and specials available.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Menu.

Monday: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Menu and specials available.

Card games start at 6:00 p.m.

We would like to thank Lyle Koller for his generous donation of a PA system for the restaurant. He not only donated it, but he installed and wired everything so it can be used in various ways. Thank you so much Lyle!



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Just When You Thought It Was Safe To Go To The Restaurant!

By Helen Bowlin

The Recreation Committee, in cooperation with the restaurant will be serving dinner for Valentines Day at the restaurant Saturday February 14th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Anything is possible that night so come if you dare. Bring a copy of your wedding picture for a little extra fun.

We are also having our Saint Patrick's dinner at the restaurant. This will be on Saturday March 14th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The recreation committee will be providing the corned beef and cabbage and the restaurant will be providing the rest. Cost is \$4.00 per person. A cash bar will be available. Please sign up in the office so we know how much to prepare.

The Wapiti Bugle Committee will consider art work for publication in the newsletter.

To submit art work, contact the committee members or the office.

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Red Feather Lakes Community Library Calendar of Events

By Sarah Myers

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Ruth's Art Gallery Displays

- January: Watercolors by Vivian Gilbert
- February: Oils and Paintings by Mary Snyder
- March: Children's Artwork from the Red Feather Lakes Elementary School, under the direction of Brenda Colter

Ongoing Events:

- Knit & Stitch meets 1st Friday monthly from 9:30-11:00 a.m. All crafters are welcome to attend and bring a project to work on!
- RFL Writer's Group meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 4-6:30 p.m.
- RFL Watercolor Society meets every Tuesday from 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- RFL Men's and Women's Book Groups meet 2nd Friday of each month (call for times and locations)
- Healthy Eating Healthy Choices Support Group, lead by Pat Clemens, meets 2nd Friday monthly 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Bring a brown bag lunch and discuss healthy eating. (On break until the spring...)
- RFL Community Library Board of Trustees meets 4th Wednesday monthly from 9-11:00 a.m. The community is always invited to attend Library Board meetings.

Upcoming Events:

Fri. 1/16 Winter Story Hour Time for
10-11:00 a.m. **Preschoolers:** Great songs, stories, and crafts! All preschool children and parents welcome.

Sat. 1/17
1-2:30 p.m.

Writer's Workshop: Self-Publishing Considerations: Is it the right approach for you? Join Mike Bjarko, editor and publisher of North Forty News and Ink & Scribe for this free workshop. Please RSVP in advance at the library or by calling 881-2664. Visit North Forty News online at www.northfortynews.com and Ink & Scribe at www.inkandscribe.com.

Mondays, Jan. 19 – Feb 23

9-11:00 a.m. **Crochet Basics & Beyond,**
by Kate Kelly: All ages and skill levels are welcome to attend this six week class taught by master crocheter, Kate Kelly. Please RSVP at the Library or by calling 881-2664. The cost is \$20 for materials only. The Library is closed Mondays, but the Community Room is OPEN! Please enter through the Community Room entrance on the South side.

Fri. 1/23 Winter Story Hour Time for
10-11:00 a.m. **Preschoolers:** Great songs, stories, and crafts! All preschool children and parents welcome.

Fri. 1/30 Winter Story Hour Time for
10-11:00 a.m. **Preschoolers:** Great songs, stories, and crafts! All preschool children and parents welcome.

February is Library Lover's Month!

Tell us how the Library has helped serve you! Tell us what you'd like to see for the future in your community Library.

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Mountain Gals and Library present a special program...Aging Beautifully by Cynthia Leibrock
Learn about design for lifestyles that can prevent premature aging. Look at choices in housing which guarantee that you will "age in place" and never be moved along a continuum to independent, assisted, or skilled care. For more information, visit www.AgingBeautifully.org. All are welcome to attend this special program. Additional details will be coming....

Sat. 4/25
7:00 a.m.–
to Noon.

Save the Date: 9Health Fair in Red Feather Lakes. Information coming soon!

Sat. 4/25
1-2:00 p.m.

Save the Date: Special Program on "Maintain Your Brain" Take steps toward a brain-healthy future. This interactive workshop gives you the tools to make brain health part of your overall wellness goals. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association. Please RSVP at 881-2664.

Additional programs, workshops, and story hours are being planned for spring 2009. Pick up a monthly calendar at the Library for complete details.

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Potluck Time Change

By Kay Hunter

It was decided by a vote of members attending Crystal Lakes' potluck to change the time to 12:00 p.m. noon every month of the year. We look forward to seeing all Crystal Lakes members at potluck luncheons the third Wednesday of each month. Bring a dish to share (entrée, salad, side dish, bread, or dessert). Please bring your own tableware. Come meet your neighbors and enjoy GREAT food.

Crystal Lakes Needs You

By Sharon Cooper

The Policy and Documents Committee is currently non-existent for the lack of committee members.

If you are interested in helping the association with this committee, please call the office at (970) 881-2250.

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Memorial to Chuck St. John

By Don St. John

Chuck St. John was born on August 23, 1929 in St. Joseph, Missouri. He spent most of his early life in Denver, then moved to a ranch outside of Dillon in 1946. He graduated from Breckenridge High School in 1947 and joined the Marine Corps in 1948. Chuck was a machine gunner in George Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division and was shipped out to Korea in 1950. His battalion joined up with the army at Inchon and together they pushed the North Korean Army back into North Korea. They were surrounded by the Chinese Army at Chosin Reservoir and fought their way out. Chuck suffered frost bite in his feet and was shipped back to the states where he remained at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, CA until his discharge as a Staff Sergeant in 1952. Chuck had 2 children and 3 step children. We bought our first property in Crystal Lakes in 1981 and have been CLA members since then. He loved Crystal Lakes and will be missed by his wife, Marlene, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and all of his family and friends

If you choose to remember Chuck with a donation, please make it out to Crystal Lakes Community Fund and send it to CLCFA, 300 Tami Road, Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545.

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Remembrance for Larry Stone

By Ray Williams

We Lost a Friend.

Larry Stone died at the age of 79 at his home in Loveland, CO on Tuesday morning October 21, 2008. Because of health problems, Larry and his wife Louise sold their cabin in the 6th Filing in June 2001. Louise was Treasurer of the CLR&RA for several years and Larry chaired the Security Committee and also co-chaired the Road Improvement Committee for several years. After Larry's stint in the Army (1951-1953) he returned to CSU where he received his Doctor of Education degree. He was basketball coach in Greeley before he rose to Superintendent of Public Schools. He then worked for the Public School System in Loveland where he retired. Larry was a kind and considerate man. Our prayers and condolences go to his family.

CLVFD Rummage Sale

By Kate Kelly

Save your gently used items for the CLVFD Rummage Sale, Sunday and Monday of Memorial Weekend. CLVFD members will be collecting items every Saturday in May from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. Again this year, to save the backs of volunteers, large items will be sold via photographs on a bulletin board at the sale. Fire Department members will be happy to assist with taking photographs and moving sold items. Due to the expense of disposing of unsold items, large appliances and computers will not be accepted, and the department asks that all donations be in working order and good condition. **ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE PURCHASE OF CLVFD EQUIPMENT.** Volunteers are needed for sorting and to man the sale. For further information, contact Kate or Marian Kelly at 881-2049 or akelly@frii.com. Your fire department thanks you for your generosity.

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Pawnee Court (paw NEE)

By Grace Zach

The Pawnee were a confederation of four Caddoan-speaking Plains Indian tribes in the region of Kansas and Nebraska. Their name translates variously as “horn,” “hunter,” and “braid.” Their tribal name meant “men of men.” The Pawnee religion was rich in ceremony and required a large and powerful class of shamans. They built permanent villages of earth lodges 60 feet in diameter using heavy wooden framework interwoven with a wickerwork of brush and grass and covered with a thick layer of earth. A smoke hole was left in the roof for a fire that was kept burning in the center. The Pawnee planted crops of pumpkin, corn and beans. They wove baskets and mats and produced a fine incised pottery. The Pawnee hunted buffalo in well-organized communal hunts.

“Tirawa, the one Above, made the heavens and the stars; he is changeless and supreme. He does not speak to man directly, but through nature.”



The Pawnee moved to Oklahoma in 1876. Part of their reservation was opened in 1893 for settlement by homesteaders. Some 1,200 descendants live in Oklahoma, and there is an annual Pow Wow held in Pawnee, Oklahoma, where the tribal dances are still performed. The Pawnee Indian Village Museum near Courtland, Kansas, is on the site of a Pawnee village occupied about 1820-40. And Pawnee Rock also called Inscription Rock is a famous landmark on the Arkansas River on the trail to the Southwest.

Purchase The Roads of Crystal Lakes by Grace Zach for \$10.00 at Crystal Lakes' office. All proceeds donated to the Crystal Lakes Community Fund Association.

Notes From The Fire Station

CLVFD would like to share a few winter safety reminders with the community. Property owners are urged to:

- have your chimney cleaned every year – one season’s soot buildup can be enough to spark a chimney fire, and chimney fires are very difficult to extinguish.
- put new batteries in your smoke detectors at least once a year and make certain you have sufficient detectors to cover all areas of your house.
- make certain you dispose of ashes in a safe manner. Do not assume that ashes are cool enough to place near flammable objects – there are two ash barrels inside the fence around the trash compactor where ash may be safely disposed of.
- get carbon monoxide detectors for all levels of your home. As news this winter has shown, carbon monoxide is a silent and deadly killer. Don’t take a risk; protect your family.
- be safe when enjoying our mountain home. If possible, do not bike, hike, snowshoe, or ski alone. If you do, make certain someone knows where you’re going and when you expect to return.

CLVFD held its annual election in December, and wishes to welcome the following new officers: Chief: Ken May, First Assistant Chief: Marian Kelly, Second Assistant Chief: David Gentry. Our deepest thanks and appreciation to all out-going officers for their years of service to the department, and to all department members and community volunteers for everything they do.

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The Mountain Pine Beetle

By Gary Poage

The Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) is a native bark beetle that develops in pines particularly lodgepole and ponderosa pine.

The MPB has a one-year life cycle. The adult leaves the dead trees starting in July and ending in September. They seek out living green trees, generally stressed, that they attack by tunneling under the bark. Mass attacks by many beetles are common. If the attack is successful, each pair mates, forms a vertical tunnel (egg gallery) under the bark and produces about 75 eggs. Following egg hatch, larva (grubs) tunnel away from the egg gallery, producing a characteristic feeding pattern. MPB larva spends the winter under the bark. They continue to feed in the spring and transform into pupa in June and July. Emergence of new adults begins in July commencing a new cycle. Each infested tree will host enough beetles to attack an average of seven new trees.



“Pitch Tubes” indicating trunk attacks by MPB



Characteristic tunnels (galleries) of MPB

All MPB carry the bluestain fungus, which is introduced into the tree during attack. The fungi then grow within the tree. This mutual network of beetle galleries and bluestain fungi disrupts transport of water in the tree and rapidly kills it. The fungi give a blue gray appearance to the sapwood.

To determine if you have MPB on your lot look for the following signs:

- “Pitch tubes” on the trunk where tunneling begins.
- Boring dust at the base of the tree or in bark crevices.
- Needles turning yellowish or reddish throughout the crown, usually 8 to 10 months after attack.
- Bluestain sapwood.
- The most certain indication of attack is the presence of eggs, larva, pupa or the adult beetle under the bark. Use a hatchet to remove the bark.

For more information, fact sheets and illustrations, go to www.ext.colostate.edu/PUBS/insect/05528.html and www.ext.colostate.edu/PUBS/insect/05558.html

If you determine you have infested trees then they should be felled and treated by burning (hauling to the community slash pile before the winter burn), chipping, or solar treatment. Several companies in the area specialize in this work.

The Greenbelt Management Committee is starting a program to purchase seedlings from the state nursery. Sign up at the office by February 28.

Sheriff's Report for Crystal Lakes

- Theft of tools and clothing, Crystal Lakes Shop-December 3, 2008.

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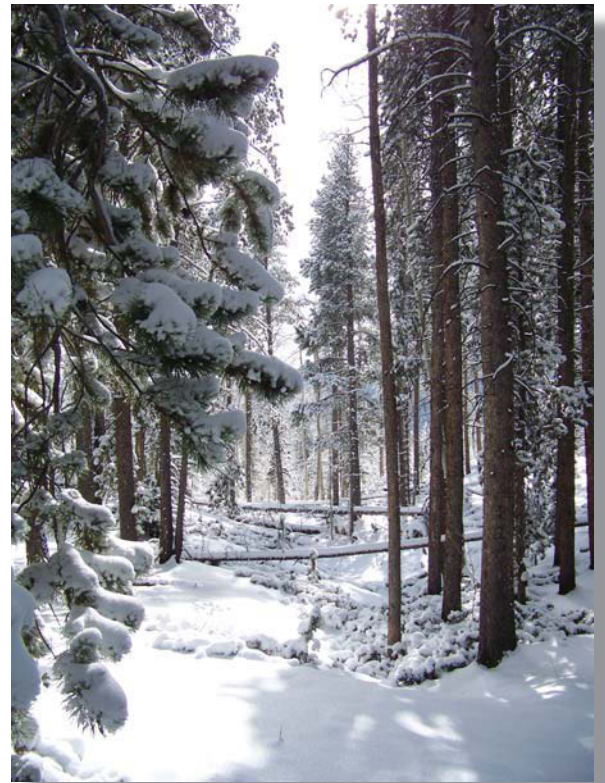
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REMINDER:

Crystal Lakes Road & Rec Board has three board openings. Two positions are three-year terms; one position is one-year term. Please send in your resume by 2/28/09.

Big Sagebrush.

Photo by John Sprackling



Sightings

By John Sprackling

Big Sagebrush

Artemisia tridentata

Remember those old western movies with horse drawn stagecoaches traveling lickety-split through sagebrush country while “bandidos” were in hot pursuit. The western United States has lots of sagebrush country on the high plains and in valleys between mountain ranges. We have our share at Crystal Lakes. It grows with grasses and Ponderosa pines on drier sites such as the north side of our big lake and along the airstrip.

Unlike several herbaceous species of sagebrush at Crystal Lakes, big sagebrush is a woody perennial. Gray-green in color, the mature sagebrush averages three feet in height with distinctive three-toothed leaves that remain on the plant all winter. These plants have a very high fat content and therefore, are a very important winter source of food for pronghorns, deer, elk, moose, and sage grouse. They also provide habitat for coyotes, rabbits, and rodents while preventing soil erosion. Domestic livestock will not eat sagebrush so cattle and sheep ranchers have tried to burn or chain it off to promote the growth of grass. Big sagebrush burns easily, even when green, and unfortunately, provides fuel for range fires. The condiment sage comes from a plant (*Salvia*) that is unrelated to sagebrush.

When their drab gray flowers bloom in late summer it is a sign that fall and winter are ahead. Big sagebrush produces a distinctive taste and scent. If you have ever inhaled the fresh clean air following an afternoon thunderstorm in sagebrush country, it is pleasant, aromatic experience, one you don't forget.