



BLACKHAWK NEWSLETTER

Board of Directors Update

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The Blackhawk Board of Directors held a meeting by teleconference on July 10, 2020. The full July Minutes and the May and June Financials can be accessed through the link on the left.

Brad Brooks reported that the EMC developed a formal search strategy on the BHR by dividing the ranch into quadrants and assigning a specific EMC member to each. In addition to adopting a formal search strategy, the EMC acquired new radios (self-funded by individuals) to map radio coverage on the BHR and establish formal communications strategy during emergencies.

Work will begin at the intersection of Four Mile Canyon Road and Brodmore, explained Jim Nance, as well as a section of Rugby Mines Road that has drainage problems causing erosion. Additional road base will be added to the "flats area" of Four Mile in the area from the top of the Camel -Back to the first low water crossing to help alleviate wash-boarding. Extremely dry weather has hampered efforts.

Annual Meeting Packet

All BHR property owners should have or should be receiving a packet of materials before the Annual Meeting that will contain:

1. A cover letter and State of the Ranch Report from the Board President, Brad Brooks, instructions for attending the ZOOM annual meeting, and an agenda
2. Biographies of owners running for 3 open positions on the board
3. Concepts for 4 Entry Gate Designs to be ranked by owners
4. A ballot for the two issues, no proxies this year because of pandemic
5. Two yellow BHR hang tags for your vehicles to designate that you have authority to use ranch roads
6. A magnet with numbers to call in case of a medical or fire emergency to attach to your car dash or in your home or your camp.
7. A stamped return envelope addressed to PMI for the two ballot issues

If you did not receive your packet, is your contact information updated with BHR?

Things You Need To Know

Because of Covid-19, the 2020 Annual Meeting will be held virtually on August 22 using the ZOOM video conference app from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

You may attend using a computer or cell phone and either by video or simply audio. Instructions will be in the Annual Packet, sent out by email in Announcements, and posted on the BHR website.

If you are unable to attend, the Minutes of the meeting will be posted on the website.

Hounds-Tongue, A Noxious Weed

by Art Jackson, Weed Chair

While spraying for noxious weeds this summer, I noticed a proliferation of "Houndstongue," a noxious weed that tends to spread and grow rapidly. According to the current Las Animas and Huerfano Country Noxious Weed Management website, "Houndstongue is a short-lived perennial or biennial forb. It produces rosettes in the first year and bolts a stout, erect stem that is 1 to 4 feet tall by mid-summer of the second year. Then it flowers and produces fruit. Flowers are reddish-purple (occasionally white) and droop slightly from densely clustered panicles. The simple leaves are lance or oblong shaped, with a smooth edge and no teeth or lobes. Leaves are alternate, 1 to 12 inches long and 1 to 3 inches wide. The leaf tip is sharply pointed, like a hound's tongue, yet are covered with long-soft white hairs. Leaves often appear dusty and insect-ridden. A thick, dark, woody taproot can reach 3 to 4 feet deep. Reproduction is solely by seeds. The seeds have barbs like Velcro, with a hooked tip that clings to animals, clothing and machinery. A mature plant can produce 2,000 seeds. Houndstongue is poisonous. Livestock and wildlife may live up to six months after ingesting a lethal dose."



Fire Safety Demonstration

By Brad Brooks, Emergency Management Chair

Saturday morning, July 18, members of the Huerfano County Fire Protection District and fire safety expert, CK Morey, Colorado State Fire and Forestry, met with members of the BHR Emergency Management committee to discuss strategies for dealing with fire events on the ranch.



Since it is likely that BHR EMC responders will be the first on scene for any fire, the policy of the EMC committee toward fires on the ranch as first responders is as follows:

1. Search and locate the fire
2. Contact 911 with information about the location, size and type of fire, weather and wind conditions;

3. Send a BHR guide to the front gate and lead the trucks to the location. Depending upon the actual conditions, type and extent of the fire, BHR EMC team members may begin work in containing the fire until the arrival of the fire department. Once firefighters are on the scene, the BHR EMC team on site, will stand down, brief the firefighters, and then wait to assist the firefighters upon request, or leave the area.



Morey began by discussing basic requirements for responders. First, track must be kept at all time of those helping with the fire because personal safety is of primary importance. Next proper clothing is a necessity: cotton, canvas, or natural fiber jeans or pants; long-sleeve cotton shirts (no t-shirts and no synthetics); a good pair of leather hiking boots; leather gloves; a hard hat with some kind of head lamp; goggles; and if using a chain saw, kevlar chaps..

Next, Morey showed the group several types of firefighting equipment and tools, explaining their purposes and uses. Then, he and the fire department members demonstrated the protocol for building a fire line with these tools. Other issues of discussion included nomenclature firefighters use while fighting a fire, fire retardant materials that



owners could use for their homes, and access routes on the ranch for fire equipment.

Owners attending the presentation included Ray and Susie Butters, Ray Ryan, Art and Wendy Jackson, Ken and Lori Diehl, Robert Burke, Jim Nance, Brad and Marian Brooks, Don Wassom, and Terry and Susanne Bloomfield.

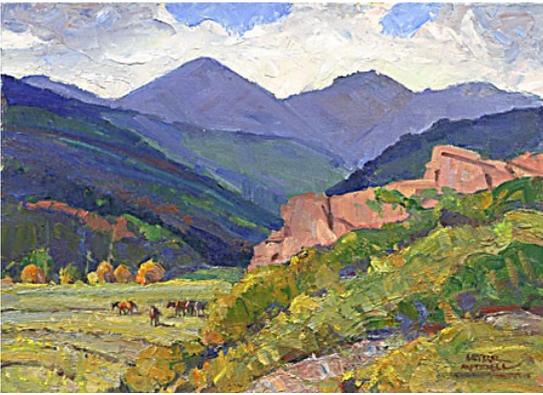
A Moment in Time

By Nancy Pasternak

Did you know that one of the best western art museums in the nation is located in Trinidad, Colorado? Trinidad is home to the A. R. Mitchell Museum which opened in 1981. Arthur Roy Mitchell was born in 1889 in an adobe house just west of Trinidad. He painted iconic western scenes featuring cowboys, horses, cattle, and vast, beautiful landscapes that captured the hearts and minds of western readers from the 1920s to today. During the 1870s and 1880s, Trinidad was the headquarters of the largest cattle and sheep operation in the state of Colorado. Mitchell's life growing up immersed in the last golden days of the old West set the stage for his love of all things Western.



From the 1920s through the 1940s, Mitchell painted over 160 images for western books and magazines. He painted the cowboy in action with pistol drawn, riding a bucking bronco, wrestling a steer, and roping cattle. His covers for publications such as *True West*, *Western Story*, *Ace-High*, and *Cowboy Stories* were in his words, "Paintings of the real cowboy, not the movie variety." More than 350 paintings and illustrations by Mitchell and his contemporaries comprise the museum's main collection. The museum is also home to a collection of early Hispanic traditional and religious art. Native American pottery, blankets, rugs, clothing, and artifacts collected by Mitchell are also on display as well as a collection of western saddles.



Mitchell's artistic talent and training allowed him to become one of the most influential cowboy illustrators of his time in the great tradition of Frederick Remington and Charles M. Russell. The museum is located in the historic Jamieson Dry Goods Store, a 1906 Western-style structure with original tin-pressed ceilings, wood floors, and a horseshoe shaped mezzanine. It is located at 150 East Main Street and is open M-F 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and on Saturdays by appointment, 719-846-4224. Admission is free – so visit and explore this "historic art gem" of Trinidad!

U.S. Department of Agriculture Grant

By Susanne Bloomfield



Work has been completed by Chris Dotter of CHD Construction on masticating a portion of the overgrowth of Gambels Oak and Locust that has been clogging the southern terminus of Four Mile Canyon Road, originally mitigated in 2012.

Working with Huerfano County, the Emergency Management committee received \$2,500 (fully funded) from the Farm Service Administration for "Pinch Point Ladder Fuel Reduction" along the road on six parcels. The before and after photographs illustrate the success of this mitigation project. The EMC will continue to apply for this grant in the future to complete the project.



Know Your Neighbors

By Pat Henry

Anne and Dan Ebie of Grapevine Texas, are owners of Lot 163. Anne was an unusual girl for her time, for she loved science and math, so she went to the University of Texas-Dallas and became a software engineer. When she would attend a large professional conference, she might be one of four women in a sea of some 2,000 male attendees. With her luminicent skin and blonde hair, Anne was often targeted by male colleagues for sexist blonde jokes or worse. She had to harden herself and become “mean“ to the men in her work world.

Dan is a playful man who loves to make music and can pick up an instrument and explore its sounds until he has mastered it. He began teaching music to adolescents when he was only 16. He built himself a business with some 30 hours a week of music lessons. In his evenings and weekends, he developed so much expertise that he played in a variety of venues. Sometimes he would be playing classical music with a quartet, and other times he would be a part of a band warming up an audience for groups including The Platters or The Four Tops.

Dan and Anne met in mid-life after both had other relationships. Anne also had a young daughter. Anne was dating a musician friend of Dan’s (though she had had her eye on Dan). When her date stood her up, she called Dan to console her. They met the next morning at a Bob Evans restaurant for breakfast. And so it began...

The couple married in 1999 and bought their property that same year after finding it on the internet. Their property juts out on a precipice that overlooks the mountains and the valleys. They designed a contemporary house with sleek lines using colors and textures from nature. Although they found a very well-respected builder in Pueblo, unfortunately this builder subcontracted their house. The subcontractor apparently was not acquainted with either a level or a square. When they came to view their home in June 2017, they learned of his incompetence. It has taken several years to correct the numerous problems, but they are close to finishing now. They travel between their home in Texas and their home here in the sky, trying to catch the best of both worlds.

