



November 2021

COUNTRY ROADS COURIER

NEWSLETTER OF COUNTRY ROADS

An Age 55 and over Homeowner Community

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General Manager: Vanessa Harris



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's November ...and We're Thankful!
Our Canadian Friends are Returning.

WELCOME to all the new Owners & Renters

The Ballroom & Events are OPEN, promising return to "almost" normal activities.

Volunteers are stepping up to guarantee we all stay active and have fun.

Board Meetings resume in person (and webinar)
Nov 10th & 16th.

CR Employees are working diligently to keep us a "tip top" park.

Special Thanks to Maintenance for the extra late hours fixing a Friday water crisis!!
The Covid Committee continues monitoring and encouraging us all be cautious.

2021 remains Challenging... TOGETHER we'll make it HEALTHY & FUN

Pat Tuckwell
President CRRVV

COUNTRY ROADS RV VILLAGE 2021-2022

SHOW LINE-UP

Jan 2022
JAN 10TH-ABBA LA -TRIBUTE TO ABBA &
JAN 24TH-GEORGE STRAIT & ALAN JACKSON TRIBUTE

Feb 2022
FEB 7TH- GARTH BROOKS TRIBUTE &
FEB 21- CHINA GROVE A DOOBIE BROTHERS TRIBUTE

MAR 2022
MAR 7TH- A BROOKS & DUNN TRIBUTE &
MAR 21- ESCAPE A JOURNEY TRIBUTE

Mini's
BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR OUR SHOW MINI'S IN NOVEMBER, DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Tickets
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON NOVEMBER 3RD 2021



Country Roads TV Channel 1390 is our in-house TV channel for notice of meetings & functions in Country Roads. If you have a notice to post on Channel 1390, please go to the Activities Office and complete a request form so I can post on Channel 1390 for you.

Sam Shemwell 928-314-4920

GREETINGS FROM OUR MANAGER VANESSA



Hi! I wanted to take a moment and welcome everyone home!

It is always exciting to see our community come to life! We have had a great summer getting things completed and ready for this season. We could not have done it without the help and hard work of our great team of employees. We are proud to have such amazing people to work with.

When you return to Country Roads be sure to check in at the office and get your new badges and car stickers. Remember, if you have rented or leased your lot your tenants MUST check in at the Homeowners office and provide age verification.

The HOA office will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 25th. Please plan ahead to load your laundry cards or get guest badges. I look forward to seeing everyone, meeting new residents, and helping Country Roads continue to be the best community in Yuma! We are ready to have a wonderful season and it is my goal to provide you with professional management and great customer service. If there is anything I can do for you, please feel free to contact me at vharris@cityproperty.com





EDITOR'S MESSAGE

please send your articles to:
denmyrn41@gmail.com

The articles must be submitted by the 10th of each month for publication the following month. Please forward in Microsoft Word if possible. Give me a call if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Myrna Mattson #679
928.726.6697 or 360.468.3066

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CR MANAGER AND THE COURIER EDITOR TO COURIER CONTRIBUTORS

Please keep in mind that the purpose of the Country Roads RV Village Newsletter is to connect and inform our Residents of current events and announcements. We appreciate your submission and are looking for articles and content that align with this mission.

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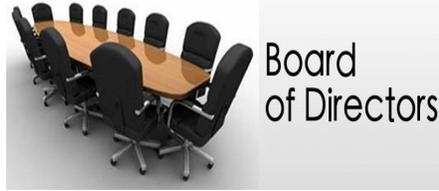
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OUR CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

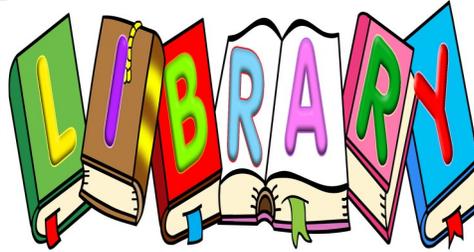
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- Country Red Roses Red Hatters
- Country Roads Community Church
- Craft Fair
- Dance
- Diabetes Support
- Fitness Club
- Four Wheelers
- Guys and Gals Golf
- Hand Appliqué Sew & Stitch
- Health
- Horse Shoe
- Knit n' Stitch
- Lapidary/Rock Hunting
- Line Dancing
- Mahjongg
- Material Girls
- Men's Fellowship
- Painting
- Paper Crafting
- Pickleball
- Pinochle
- Pinochle (2 Deck/7 Card)
- Poker: Dealers Choice/Hold'em
- Pottery
- Quilting
- Relay for Life
- Sewing
- Singles Social
- Shuffleboard
- Swimming Aerobics
- Tennis
- T.O.P.S.
- Water Aerobics
- Veteran's Club
- Volleyball: Water/Sand
- Whole Food Plant-Based Group
- Women's Fellowship
- Woodcarving
- Woodshop
- Writer's
- Zumba Gold



Our club does card making and scrapbooking. If you have never done this but would like to “learn how” stop by the Navajo Room and we will be happy to introduce you to the wonderful and creative world of Paper Crafting. We meet in the Navajo Room next to the Ballroom three times a week giving you options that fit your schedule. Our club times are Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:00; Fridays starting at Noon to 4:00 and Saturday mornings from 9:00 to Noon. Some Fridays we feature classes in “Tools and Techniques”. Club membership allows you to use the Club’s Cricut cutting machines and the die and embossing machines such as Cuddlebug, Big Shot and Gemini. Club membership is \$20.00 per season. We also have stamps, dies, embossing folders, paper and cardstock. If you don’t want to commit to the Club you are welcome on a drop-in basis for a fee of \$5 and experienced members will be happy to help you get started. We follow the Parks covid 19 precautions. We look forward to seeing you.



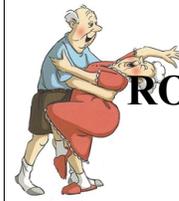
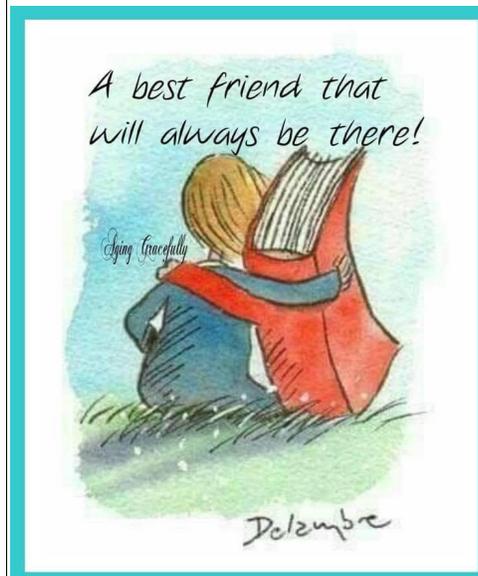
“In the old days, your grandma and I watched TV with rabbit ears.”



For people new to our park, your library is open 24/7. The complete collection, including puzzles and videos, are donated by park residents. Browse around, take anything you want to read, watch or do (puzzles) at home. No limit, no check-out. Just return to the red bin when you are finished. You are welcome to work on puzzles on the large tables with others.

Donations are welcome if the books are in decent shape. No water damage or broken bindings, no VCR tapes or catalogs. What we can’t use goes to charity. Besides myself, we have three other volunteers: Deanie, Elaine and Andrea. We drop in daily at different times to keep books processed, shelved and the library looking nice. Enjoy your season in Country Roads!

Vickie Warren #1189



COUNTRY ROADS DANCE CLUB

Country Roads Dance Club will be starting dance lessons in December. There is a class on tuesday afternoon at 1pm for beginners where you will learn basic waltz and two-step. Wednesday afternoons at 1PM will be intermediate classes (and beginners) where we will teach western pattern dances such as Rita's Waltz and the ElPaso. We may add a class for ballroom and/or advanced moves this year also. The lessons are FREE and open to the public To be added to our email list, please contact paulette509@gmail.com.

Earlier today, I saw a bumper sticker that said "I'm a veterinarian, therefore I can drive like an animal." Suddenly I realized how many proctologists are on the roads...



November 2, 2021 we will once again have certified instructor, Darla Schofield leading us in Zumba classes. This season Aqua & Zumba Gold will be held at the same time in the POOL or POOLSIDE in the main complex in Country Roads 10:45 to 11:30 Tuesdays & Thursdays. Price remains at \$5 per class (\$40 cash punchcards give you a free class). Come join us in the water or poolside for a fun workout! New season, new format, new time, same great instructor! Linda Kuhl (Lot #855) 360 986 8483



We're Searching for Volunteers

Saturday Dances

- Ticket Takers
- Concessions

Sunrise Cafe

- AM Shift
- PM Shift

Other Volunteer Positions Available

Visit the Activities Office for more information

Welcome

IN MY SEWING ROOM
thou shalt not ...

- ... ask when it will be finished
- ... cut anything with my fabric scissors
- ... request that I hem your pants
- ... speak to me when I have seam ripper in hand
- ... tell me I have too much fabric
- ... push buttons on my sewing machine
- ... bring me your clothes to iron
- ... pull on any loose threads
- ... wonder aloud why I'm still in my pajamas
- ... come looking for food—this is not the kitchen



Whole Food Plant-Based Lifestyle Group

New group starting!

If you've heard about the healthy lifestyle called Whole Food Plant-Based (WFPB) living, now's the time to come learn how to do it for yourself! There is a new group beginning here at Country Roads, and the first monthly meeting will be in the Mojave Room from 10 AM - 12 noon on November 2nd. This will be an introductory meeting to learn about WFPB Living, and to start us all moving forward towards better health and immunity, at each person's individual pace. Whole Food Plant-Based eating is not any "ism" (not vegetarianism, not veganism, not pescatorianism, or flexitarianism or any other label) -- it is choosing to eat mostly foods that are whole, plant-strong, unprocessed, and low in SOS (Sugar, Oil and Salt). Whole, plant-based foods will give you the phytochemicals, antioxidants and fiber you need to fight chronic diseases and take care of your all-important microbiome. It's also a very healthy and balanced way to lose weight, with no bad side effects, no monthly program costs or expensive special foods. We will share our story about how it's helped us, and if you're on the WFPB journey already, we'd like to hear your story too. Let's take small steps together to improve our health this year! The goal: To make the rest of our life the best of our life!

Jerry and JoAnn Opp Lot 1147
503-312-1226



SHUFFLEBOARD

SHUFFLEBOARD IS UP AND RUNNING

After a crazy year due to Covid, where we were limited to playing every other court and wearing masks, the old shuffleboard which we all have loved, is back for the 2021/22 season. We have already started our Monday, Wednesday, Friday morning social shuffle at 8:30am but those of you just arriving are more than welcomed to join us ASAP. If you have never played outdoor shuffleboard, it is similar to the "table top" activity, but we use a cue to push the disc down the 39 foot court. It is finesse game as the courts are very fast. We laugh a lot and do not worry much about winning. Masks will be optional unless Covid gets bad again and the CR Board of Directors mandates it. For those of you who have never played before, come on out and join us. We will put you with a partner who will help. For those who would feel more comfortable after a formal lesson, we will be offering a one hour lesson on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8 at 11:00am. We will continue to offer lessons on the second Monday of each month through February. You do not have to bring equipment at anytime, only bring your "fun side". After you have played a couple of games and decide this is an activity you would like to pursue, we do require a \$10.00 club membership fee which helps us pay for products used to enhance the game. See you on the courts real soon. Come a few minutes prior to 8:30 since we draw for courts at that time. You are going to have a great time.

Gary Bartlett, #1207



FROM THE POOL ROOM



Our weekly tournaments and Interpark League play will begin this month, if permitted. If you were on the Interpark roster in 2019, you are still on it unless you cross your name off of the list on the poster on the bulletin board in the northwest corner of the Billiard Room. If you want to join this year's team(s), sign up on the same poster. The weekly in-house tournaments are:

Women's - Monday at 6:30 PM,
Mixed Doubles - Wednesday at 6:30 PM, Mixed (open to men and women) - Friday at 10:00 AM, and Men's - Friday at 1:00 PM.

Annual club membership dues continue to be \$10.00. To join, fill out the required information on the pre-printed envelope by the lockbox on the wall near the snooker table, insert \$10.00 (cash only) into the envelope and deposit it into the lock box. Afterward, find Terry Moser or me to get your official Billiard Club sticker. Please print your e-mail address legibly so that we have it correctly.

At our annual meeting in January, we will elect new board members to replace those whose terms will expire. We want you! Start thinking about it now, and consider entering your name in the race.

Gerry McNab
Billiards Club President



THANKSGIVING POEM

May your stuffing be tasty,
May your turkey plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious
and your pies take the prize,
and may your
Thanksgiving dinner
stay-off your thighs!



The Lapidary and Silversmithing club members are still biding our time, impatiently waiting for the first week of November to get here, which is our proposed opening. Last season was my first doing copper and silver, after taking the silversmithing class the year before. What an exciting world! After giving most all away when visiting family this summer, I'm ready to restock for next year's visits. My technique has improved with each piece, and no one is more surprised than me how nice the items turn out. And the great thing is, if one item ends up less than my expectations, I melt it down, roll it out, and go again! Stop by the shop 9 am to 4 pm Tuesday through Thursday, beginning in November, and sign up for classes. If I can do this.... you can too.

Questions, call club president
Ray Brant
(541) 409-2166



Welcome new and seasoned carvers, wood burners, goaders, etc. If we don't do it we know where to send you to get it done. We are just around the corner from the "Welcome Office" next to the mail boxes and our shingle hangs up above our door. You will find us in the room Mondays and Fridays 9 am til noon and in the afternoons from 1:00 til 2:30 starting Monday, November 1st. The annual fee for the season is \$10. The first visit is free. Come see how you like us.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays the Rock and Lapidary Club share our room and they too are very helpful if you find yourself in the need of directions. You can't find a more ready made group of friends anywhere in the park than right here under our hanging shingle so come on by.

President,
Myrna Mattson
Lot 679  

If you wait long enough to cook dinner, everyone will eat cereal.

Follow me for more recipes.



LADIES OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

The ladies out to lunch bunch for November will be held on Monday, November 1st.

We will meet at noon at the restaurant at West Wind RV Park. The address is 9797 E. 32nd Street.

Please sign up in the activities office by noon on Friday, October 29th. If you are able to provide a ride or, need one, check the box on the sheet. Meet near the flag pole at 11:30.

I am planning to start the white elephants this month. If you are interested, bring one. It adds to the fun!

Looking forward to seeing YOU there!!

Smidty 650-619-6426. Lot#877
Smidty_111@msn.co.



Do you have a few extra pounds after being stuck indoors during Covid? Or are you wanting support while losing weight? Do you have a medical issue that requires you to lose weight? If so, we would encourage you to join TOPS, an international support group.

We meet every Friday morning in the Mojave Room starting November 5. We have weigh ins from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Our meeting is from 9 to 10 a.m. Our meetings consist of a program and discussions. You are welcome to attend the first meeting complimentary as a guest before you decide to join.

Last season we each contributed a healthy recipe and our leader, Diane Shelton, put them together into a recipe booklet. We have several KOPS (Keeping Off Pounds Sensibly) in our group. They are members who have reached their goal weight and continue in the group to keep accountable and keep their weight off.

For further information, contact our leader Diane Shelton, 360-319-6017.

Submitted by Leta Danielson, Secretary.



COUNTRY ROADS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

I am THANKFUL For...

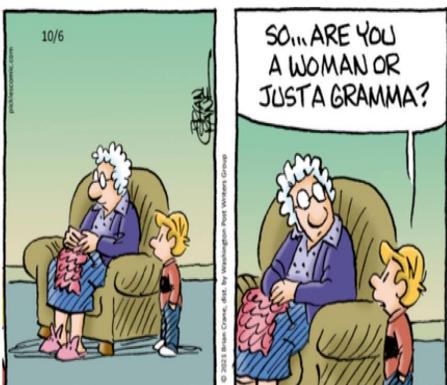
Men's Fellowship on Wednesday mornings.

After missing the entire season last year I'm sure most of us who faithfully showed up each week have a big fellowship itch that needs some scratching as well as some coffee, donuts, jokes, and encouraging speakers.

As you read this it is likely November and we should know what's up with greater certainty.

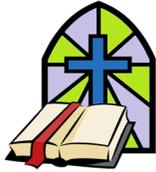
Hoping for the best, we'll see you starting November 10 at 7ish, with start time at 7:15am in the Aztec/Inca rooms.

Jerry Opp
#1147





COUNTRY ROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH



We are pleased to announce that Pastor Jack Jackson will be leading Country Roads Community Church this season. Pastor Jack has previously been known in Yuma as leader of the "Cowboy Church" with his down to earth style and country flair. He will be working closely with our previous music directors and church board to bring a diverse service that should appeal to everyone. Please join us to welcome him at our first service of the season on Nov. 7 at 10 am. At this time we are scheduled to continue Sunday services each week in the ballroom at 10AM.

The season is about to start again and Country Roads Church is continuing our ministry called Compassionate Neighbors.

Our focus is to help our neighbors in need. Whether you just need some company, a trip to the store or an appointment, a meal or two, or ?, we are here to help. We also offer wellness checks for singles and/or widows/widowers. Just let us know what you need and we'll try to make it happen.

Now, you don't have to be a member of our little church but we'd love to have you if you are interested. Our organizational meeting for volunteers will probably be around the first week of November. We'll put more info in the next Courier. If you have a need or would like to volunteer, you can call Diana Barela at 775-750-9129 or Judy Downing at 928-287-2287. God Bless.



.The next Country Roads Veterans Group coffee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 0800 hours (8 am) in the Aztec Room. Please bring your own first cup of coffee or beverage and a second cup of coffee will be provided. Light pastries will be served. Meetings usually last for about one hour. Following meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month through the month of April 2022. For further information please email Bert Rice at bert07@comcast.net or call 410 507-3366. We look forward to seeing and visiting with you on November 11, 2021 (Veterans Day).

No one warns you how often you'll whisper "righty tighty, lefty loosey" to yourself as an adult.



CHEESECAKE KETO

K E T O Anyone?

KETO CLUB

Wearing a mask does protect you from Covid but does it protect you from unwanted weight gain? If you relate... Keto Club 101 & 102 Wednesday, Nov. 3rd 10:00AM Mojave Room. Contact person: Judy #775 Text or call: 208-412-9845



Saturday Morning Line Dancing Classes

We'd love to have you join us every Saturday morning, starting on November 6th, at 9:30 AM in the Ballroom for Line Dancing Fun! Classes will be: Beginners 9:30 - 10 AM, Line Dancing 1 starts 10-10:45 AM, and Line Dancing 2 begins at 10:45, ending at 11:30. The dances gradually get more complicated; feel free to stay as long as you want. This is an exercise class, so please wear comfortable shoes and clothes and bring water. Also bring your sense of humor, as none of us is perfect at this, but we sure have fun trying! There is no set fee for these classes, but there will be a tip jar at the back next to the sign-up sheets. The office has said that masks are recommended, but not required, so we're leaving that up to each person. Looking forward to seeing you on the dance floor on November 6th!

JoAnn Opp
Lot 1147
503-312-1226





It's November!!!! I see snowbirds flying and driving south! Golf clubs dusted off and new balls ready to play. As I write this, still not sure about Canadians driving south, but I know a lot of you have figured out other ways to get to CR.

Our season for the golf club is Nov 1st thru March 28. During that time, we will have weekly meetings every Monday at 8AM in the Ballroom (hopefully). Prior to the meetings start, you will have the opportunity to join the club. Once a member you can sign up for multiple courses to play throughout the week. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and fellow golfers.

Here is a list of our pending events....

Yuma Golf and Country Club- Monday Nov. 29 12:30 shotgun. Signup sheet at first meeting on Nov 1.

If you do not make the Monday morning meetings, signup sheets for courses are posted on the outside wall of the ballroom, down from the café window.

Membership dues for 2021-2022 season \$25 for the season. Includes the end of the year banquet.\$5 per month if you're only staying a short time.\$1 per guest per round.

If you paid \$25 last season, see Dennis, our registration guru

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. If your name is on our list from last year, your registration fee will only be \$10 this season, as we did not have a closing banquet last year.

If you use Facebook, we have our very own FB page. Please join our Country Roads Guys & Gals Golf Club. We post tee times and course results on it. It's a closed site and only open to CR golfers.

Thinking PAR

Valeri Shoemaker

Secretary



Interested in making new friends? Why not join our friendly group?

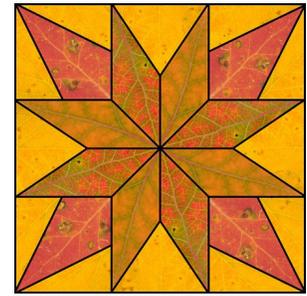
Our meetings are Thursdays from 10:00 until noon in the Mojave Room. We take turns picking a topic. Your story should be 500 words or less. However, you are always welcome to choose your own topic if you are not in love with the suggested one.

After we read our stories, a 10 minute writing is done. I especially enjoy this as it's interesting to see the different directions people take their tales in such a short time!

Stop by and, give us a try!! You may be surprised how fun this is!!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Myrna Mattson, Scribe



COUNTRY ROADS QUILTING CLUB

QUILT CLUB NEWS

Hey happy quilters, welcome back to Country Roads. Our first meeting will be on Nov 1st at 9am in the Coronado room. Bring your summer projects for a show n tell. The social committee will have treats and coffee.

On Nov 8th, we'll have a short back to basics session.. We have scheduled classes starting Nov 15th, doing a Gnomes Table Runner for the first project. You must have your gnome pattern. Contact Linda Stoneburner at lot 674 for info or order your pattern from Annie's Craft Store online.

More info about the club and activities will be shared at the first meeting





This is a new monthly column where a Country Roads person is highlighted so everyone can get to know some of those busy volunteers seen smiling around our park, helping wherever they are needed. We feel like one big family here or at the very least like someone in Mr. Rogers' neighborhood. So put on your shoes, smile, wave and see if you can spot our favorite neighbor of the month.

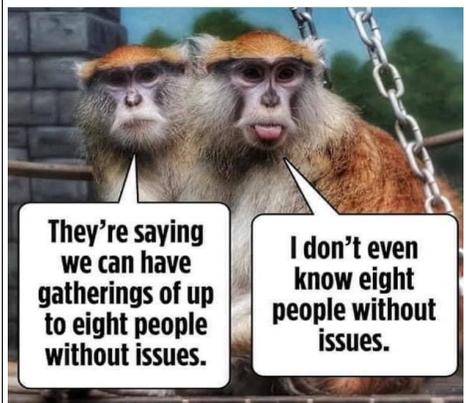


Life is full of so many exciting surprises and no one ever knows when they will be blessed. My mom, husband and I had driven to Yuma in February 1997 after experiencing a record snow event on Lopez Island, WA. Mom wanted to stop at a place called Country Roads where her best friend was living...instant love as soon as we entered the main gate. By the time we arrived at her home we were totally twitterpated. By nightfall my mom had bought the home two doors down from her friend, Jean Lindgren, on the condition that Dennis and I would come down and spend every winter with her. We both had seasonal jobs and were thrilled with the idea. The first few years we were limited to just about three months, but by 2004, it was time to jump in and make some excitement happen. Jimmy Johnson, President of the CR Golf Club at that time, and I decided to have an old fashioned Western Four Day Extravaganza. There was a sheep roundup, a goat raffle, (...continued)

a "Judge Roy Bean" jail, costume dog parade, homemade stick horsey challenge, a sex reversal royalty Queen and his court. Karaoke contest and the highlight: blending the city of Yuma into CR park with all the park participants in a two-hour long parade. I'm sure there are things that got left out. There was just so much going on. (Even a triathlon.) It was an act of love and volunteerism from Jim and I to Country Roads. How was it all paid for? Mostly volunteerism from CR citizens and one darling little goat that we raffled off named "Seahorse". (The little girl we gave it to afterward wanted to know it's name. I quickly said, "CR Arizona", but she heard "Seahorse" so that became the goats name). If anyone wanted their friends to win the goat they could buy the tickets, putting their friends names on the ticket. If someone didn't want to get the goat they could buy "Goat Insurance" from the "Goat Lady", my mom (Gladys Shipley) for \$5. The little goat ended up paying for the entire Western Days Extravaganza and there was still plenty of money left over for the activities fund. We weren't really doing it for a fundraiser, but more of a FUN raiser. But it succeeded all the way around. We became heroes for a couple of weeks until the next great fun thing came around the corner. Time has a way of moving on and I joined so many classes Country Roads offers and loved them all. I had started woodcarving back in 1974 so as soon as I came to CR I joined Doug Ladd's carvers. Before long I was elected President, not because of my carving skills but because all the guys wanted someone else to do all the paperwork with the activities office while they carved away. So, I will ... (continued)

hold that position until dementia sets in, I'm afraid. By 2015 the CR park was celebrating it's 30th anniversary. It sounded like a great occasion for a park wide party. I jumped at the chance to be on the committee and meet some new friends. Ones I still treasure till this day. At lunch one day, "the regulars" mentioned the lack of getting our monthly Courier Newsletters? There had **always** been a Courier. I went to the office and said, "???" "The editor could no longer come South, and we are in need", was the answer. I gave it serious thought. Went back and asked if they would let me try. This was the best decision I could have made. Even after all these years, it is still the most fun job I have ever had. The jokes are my favorite part, of course. My motto, "Creativity is great but plagiarism is faster"!

Love and Hugs, Courier Editor Myrna Mattson



I tried the Japanese method of decluttering where you hold every object that you own and if it does not bring you joy, you throw it away. So far I have thrown out all of the vegetables, my bra, the electric bill, the scale, a mirror, and my treadmill.