

# Lonesome Dove Ranch



# Chronicle

2012 Spring Issue

## President's Message

I want to thank all the Directors, committee members, and residents for working to make Lonesome Dove a wonderful place to live and vacation. The work of our volunteers keeps things running, and provides guidance for questions that arise from time to time. Lonesome Dove would not be a successful HOA without the work of volunteers. Thank you to all, that serve. I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's annual meeting, which will be held on July 28, 2012 at the El Western Conference Center at 2 PM. If you wish to serve as a volunteer please contact myself, or any of the current Directors.

Jay

## Director Votes

- One time clemency offer, only on late fee charges relating to the Snow Levy  
Votes 2/28-3/1/12 Approved
- Real Estate Sign Revision as noted below  
"Only two regular sized Realtor signs, no one dimension to be longer than 30 inches, can be placed on a landowner's lot."  
Vote 3/25/12 (4 yes / 1 no response) Approved
- Approval to allow David Gates to provide road grading and rock raking for 2012.  
Vote 3/25/12 (4 yes / 1 no response) Approved
- Approved revisions to Director and Committee Guidelines  
Vote 3/30/12-04/01/12 (4 yes / 1 no response) Approved
- Number of ACC committee members will be changed to 3 members starting 07/01/12.  
Term limits will be 1 year with possible 1 year renewals at the Directors discretion.  
This change will improve efficiencies and reduce cost.  
Vote 04/11/12 – 04/12/12 (4 yes / 1 no response) Approved
- Road grading and rock raking will now be handled by Gordon Matson, the next lowest bidder.  
David Gates is recovering from surgery, and will not be able to grade our roads at this time.  
We wish David a speedy recovery.

Detailed voting information is available at [www.lonesomedoveranch.org](http://www.lonesomedoveranch.org).

## Current Fund Status

Ending statement date 03/31/2012

Previous Balance \$11,606 Credits \$976 Ending Balance \$12,582

Largest expense in the past two months:

2/28/12 - Correct road problems as a result of elevating road in section 27 - \$ 1,550

The Directors goal is to trim spending and maintain available funds for future needs.

## *Roads, Please*

Please help us preserve our roads. If we can follow a few simple steps, we could dramatically reduce the wear and tear on our roads and vehicles. We could have our roads graded every other year instead of every year. That would be a savings of approximately \$4,000 for every year we do not have to have the roads graded.

Those extra funds could be used to increase our snow removal fund, allow us to consider other improvements to the development and allow us to have more disposable funds for future unexpected events that might occur in the future.

What you can do:

- Drive at our posted 25 MPH
- Increase your speed gradually
- Increase and decrease your speed gradually before and after making a turn

These few simple changes to our driving habits can reap huge benefits in maintaining our roads and eliminating those chatter bumps that are so unpleasant to drive over.

## *Madison Valley Splendor*



*Photo by Bill Wolfer*

## *Prickly Pear Cactus* (Genus Opuntia)



Prickly Pear cactus is native to the Western hemisphere and arid regions of the west. Their flat “pads look like large leaves. The pads are actually modified branches or stems that serve several functions – water storage, photosynthesis and flower production. Most prickly pears have large spines which are modified leaves and small, wart-like projections on their stems”. Their spines can puncture leather shoes and are no fun to land on if thrown from a horse. They also add a colorful addition to our grass lands in the summer with their bright yellow, orange and red flowers.

“The fruit of most prickly pears is edible and the pads can be cooked and eaten as vegetables.” Indians were known to have utilized the prickly pear as a food source. Needless to say, one must use great care when harvesting and preparing them for eating.

Some studies have shown the prickly pear to have a medical interest. They possibly can “lower bad levels of cholesterol, may lower diabetics’ need for insulin, and are rich in slowly absorbed soluble fibers that keep blood sugars stable.”

Who would have thought?

## *Prickly Pear continued*

Much of the information above was derived from [www.desertusa.com](http://www.desertusa.com).

The following web sites and can provide additional information on the subject:

[www.desertusa.com](http://www.desertusa.com) – (General information)

Also click on the link “Prickly Pear Cactus Products” – and you can order:

Syrup, nectar, cream soda, candy, baking mix, a hangover terminator, fruit squares and jellies.

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opuntia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opuntia) – (General information)

[www.simplyrecipes.com](http://www.simplyrecipes.com) – (Enter – “How to cook and prepare prickly pear”)

## *Spring House Hunting Blue Birds*

*Photo essay by Tom Hardeman*



“Dear, check this one out”



“Let me look inside”



“This is the one, I like it”



Moving on in



Grocery shopping

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## *Events of interest:*

- 05/26/12 Virginia City Spring Poker Ride
- 07/03/12 Ennis Rodeo, Rodeo fair grounds – 8 PM
- 07/04/12 Ennis Rodeo, Rodeo fair grounds – 2 PM
- 07/04/12 Ennis Pancake breakfast, Ennis fire hall – 6-10 AM
- 07/04/12 Ennis 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade – 10 AM
- 07/04/12 Virginia City Fireworks Display – Dusk
- 07/28/12 LDHOA Annual Meeting, at the EI Western Conference Center, at 2 PM
- 08/11/12 Madison Valley Arts Festival – Peter T's Park, 10 AM - 4 PM
- 08/18/12 Shedhorn Sports 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunters Rendezvous – Sat. 9 AM
- 08/31/12 Ennis Fly fishing festival – [www.ennisflyfishing.com](http://www.ennisflyfishing.com)
- 09/01/12 Labor Day Poker Ride
- 10/19/12 Hunters Feed, 27<sup>th</sup> year, Ennis

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## *Lend a hand*

Please help us keep your contact information current.

Email any change of address, phone number or email to [wolfer@wispwest.net](mailto:wolfer@wispwest.net).

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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## *Editors Desk*

The goal of the Lonesome Dove Chronicle is to:

- Keep lot owners informed on current issues
- Provide Director votes on issues/changes
- Produce articles of interest to lot owners
- Keep lot owners informed of upcoming events
- Provide photographs reflecting the beauty of the area or areas of interest
- Lot owners wanting to share information about a trail ride, fishing, hiking or areas of interest to LDR lot owners, can submit a small article of a couple paragraphs, and 1 or 2 photos for possible inclusion in an upcoming issue
- Our goal is to publish a Newsletters every Spring and Winter

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