



**Town Bulletin #21
May 2012**

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**Star Valley Medical Center Health Fair
“Blood Draw”**

Residents and friends of the Town of Star Valley Ranch
will have three opportunities this year
for the Health Fair Blood Draw at
our Town Hall

All dates are scheduled from 6:00 AM to 10:30 AM.

Draws on Thursday, May 3, 2012 will be by appointment only
Call 885-5827 to schedule your appointment

Draws on Wednesday, May 30th will be open, walk-in,
First come, first served basis.

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Welcome Back – Snobirds

It looks like spring has sprung!

There is a little green showing here and there

The robins and other spring birds have arrived

Roadwork is well under way

The water system changes are planned

The Town is preparing for a summer of more water line replacements, primarily in the central part of town. Hopefully, we will see the last of the steel pipe replaced and the Prater Canyon Spring rehabbed.

The planning for the Town Complex layout is in process. Please stop by or contact a Councilman, give us your thoughts... We would like to consider all input before we get too far along.

Three Town Council Seats Up for Election

Are you interested in helping our Town move forward? Can you devote some time to improve our community? Do you have a passion to serve your fellow citizens?

Our Town Council will have three seats this year:

One – “Two-Year” Seat – This is due to a resignation early this year

Two – “Four-Year” Seats – Councilman Harker and Koch’s terms end

Get involved early, attend our meetings, study our plans and direction, visit with Councilmen and Town Staff, read the Town’s Ordinances, be informed! Know the background and facts about what you are going to run “for” and “against”.

Guidelines for Town Councilman

DEADLINE for filing is fast approaching.....

You may pick up a filing form from either
our Town Clerk at Town Hall or
the County Clerk at Lincoln County Court House.
Between **May 17 through June 1, 2012**

**You must have your form and non-refundable \$25 fee turned in by
June 1, 2012**

To be Eligible to run:

- **Are you holding an office which may conflict, or be incompatible, with the office for which you are filing? Or, is your employment incompatible with the office you are seeking?**
- **Candidates for municipal office must be a registered voter and a resident of the municipality and ward which he seeks to represent (W.S. 22-23-301) and will have resided in said ward for at least one (1) year next preceding his election if so elected. (W.S. 22-23-103(b))**

The form is available on the Secretary of State’s website:

<http://soswy.state.us/Forms/FormsFiling.aspx>

Thayne Volunteer Fire Department

Help Wanted – Help Wanted – Help Wanted – Help Wanted – Help Wanted

The Thayne Volunteer Fire Department has provided our Town with fire fighting services long before we were a Town.

They are a fine and proud group of volunteers. Now they need our help.

They are looking for interested individuals who are willing to donate their time and energy in helping their fellow citizens in time of need. If you have interest you can attend their meetings at 7:00 PM on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Thayne Fire Department.

Please call Delmar Suter @ 880-3473 or Carrie Taylor @883-2668 if you have questions.

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Public Safety

Please help us keep the Town of Star Valley Ranch a safe place to live and play. Just a few reminders:

- The speed limit for any motorized vehicle throughout the Town is a **MAXIMUM** of 25 MPH. Please pay close attention to your speed as often there are children present and we want to keep everyone safe.
- The roads are for “Licensed Drivers Only”. Motorized vehicles (gas/diesel/electric) on roads within Wyoming require the person driving to be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid driver’s license. Riding with a child between you and the steering device, is very, **VERY DANGEROUS!**
- Many of us have ATV’s, UTV’s and/ or Golf Carts that almost seem like children’s toys. They are not! Again, if driven on a roadway, the driver must be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid driver’s license.
- If you have an off road vehicle, from a fire danger point of view; please ensure the “Spark Arrestor” is in working condition.
- Open fires are not permitted anywhere within Town boundaries.
- All dogs, when not contained in the owner’s yard, must be secured on a leash or further controlled as to not pose a threat to people or wildlife. Please remember to

Inform your visitors that the Town has a Dog Ordinance in place and that it is being enforced.

Natural Resource Board

Late May and early June is really the best time to plant a tree in our area. Follow these simple steps to success:

- 1. *Develop a simple plan for your property. Locate tree-planting sites away from areas where they may eventually damage your property or become a fire hazard when they mature.***
- 2. *Select species that have a good chance for success in our area, such as Aspen or Spruce. Remember for your best chances of success plant species native to our area whenever possible.***
- 3. *Find a source for the tree at a local nursery or transplant from another area of your property.***
- 4. *Prepare the site and plant the tree. It is important to take your time in this step, understand the value of using mulch!***
- 5. *Water and care for the tree and protect from wildlife damage.***

A good source of advice about planting and care for trees can be found at the National Arbor Day Foundation website: <http://www.arborday.org/trees/tips/>

Tree of the month: Rocky Mountain Juniper: *Juniperus scopulorum* (Rocky Mountain Juniper) is a species of Juniper, which is native to the western United States, from Canada to Mexico. It can be found throughout the Town of Star Valley Ranch but it prefers the dryer lower elevations where it grows in the sagebrush flats. It is a small tree rarely growing taller than 30 to 40 feet.

Because the wood of Juniper has an aromatic scent like that of true cedar trees it is often called “cedar”. It is valuable for use a fence posts as the tree resists rot due to the natural resins in the wood. Some Indian tribes have boiled the leaves and inner bark to treat coughs and fevers. The berries were boiled into a drink used as a laxative and to treat colds.

It is a popular landscaping tree but it is slow growing and deer love to browse on its young leaves so it needs to be protected from wildlife damage.

Remember June 9th, 2012 will be Arbor Day for the Town of Star Valley Ranch. The celebration will be held on Saturday, June 9th at Fox Run Park at 10 am. Come on down and help plant a new tree in the park and learn about the history and importance of Arbor Day in the United States.

Town Economic Development Board

Many of you have probably heard of the formation of the Town Economic Development (TED) Board but, for those who have not, here is a brief history and the intended purpose of it. The TED Board was created by Ordinance 2010-11 on Jan. 12, 2011 with responsibilities to determine a priority list of destination type businesses & the incentives needed to attract those businesses to the Town's commercial area. Also included was the responsibility to determine the need for an educational or training facility.

Jim Vandel was appointed to the Chair of the Board in Jan. and it began having regular meetings in May of 2011. Mr. Vandel, due to several conflicts, relinquished the Chair in Feb. 2012. The TED Board is now composed of Kathy Buyers-Chair with Jim Vandel, Dick Johnson, Rick Nelson and Jim Chumley as members. They meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall. Any and all interested individuals are welcome to attend these meetings.

As most of you recognize, there are many and varied ideas for economic development within the Town of Star Valley Ranch as well as the rest of the Star Valley community and Lincoln County. The TED Board has the primary responsibility for exploring possibilities for economic development within or close to the town, but recognizes the need for cooperation with others. Please feel free to discuss any economic development ideas you may have with any of the members of the board. During the summer season we plan to devote one of the monthly meetings exclusively to the business of the board but the other will include a guest presenter. Last year we had very interesting presentations from Mayor Siddoway, Mark Hunter of Hunter's Appliance in Afton and Meridee Madsen President of the Star Valley Chamber of Commerce.

It has become apparent to the board that there are a large number of state, county and private organizations, dedicated to economic development. We anticipate utilizing these resources in any way possible. There have been many interesting and sometimes startling statistics revealed to the board members. We hope to share information concerning these organizations and the statistics they generate with you in future newsletters.

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Water Bill Payments

Reminder - Night Box – Reminder

The Town has a payment drop box at the mail center for your convenience. Save the cost of a postage stamp and drop your payment off any time.

Again, thanks to everyone who pays on time and without reminders. Your efforts are appreciated and save the Town considerable expense in our collection process.

Planning & Zoning Board

Winter is always a quiet time for the P&Z as building applications dip to zero. During this quiet period, the P&Z devotes its efforts to other tasks. The important Rezoning revisions were sent to the Town Council in March and the revision of the rezoning procedures is nearly complete with only an “i” to dot and a “t” to cross. Also the Board has completed a draft of the policies that govern the town’s Community Overlay District. Each community in the county has an overlay district that includes land in the county adjacent to the community’s boundary. The policies when adopted by the County Commissioners have the force of county zoning. The overlay district allows the community to guide development in the adjacent county area by defining land uses that are or are not allowed. The Town’s proposed policies begin their journey through the county rezoning procedures this month and by mid-summer they should be in force. The proposed policies may be viewed on the Town’s website and on the county website at <http://www.lcwy.org/departments/planning/PZCProjects.php> where comments can be sent to the County Planner. For more information, please contact Robert Palmquist.

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SVRA Juried Art Show

The Star Valley Juried Art Show opens on Friday May 4th, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the SVR Town Hall, and will continue through Saturday May 5th, 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend, meet some of the fine artists from the Star Valley area and view their work

Election Committee Volunteers

Volunteers for Election Committee are needed to supervise the polling on June 23rd. Please call the SVRA Office or Kathy Daulton at 883-5555 if you are willing to help.

Get ready for Spring on the Ranch!

Friday, May 25 - 9, Dine, Dance at the Barn - Package your own event! Choose to play 9 holes and/or enjoy a self-pay catered dinner and/or dance. All members, whether golfers or non-golfers are welcome. More information soon.

Community Cleanup

Co-sponsored by the Town of Star Valley Ranch and SVRA.

- Saturday, June 9 - Junk in the Trunk and Community Garage Sales - Watch for details in May.
- Wednesday June 6 through Saturday June 9 - Star Valley Ranch days at the landfill - Free access for residents. Your water bill is your form of identification that must be shown to validate residency. Please call 883-4666 for acceptable waste.

Successful April 7th Easter Eggs Hunt on the Ranch

80 children enjoyed the event. This activity is only possible with the help of volunteers. Many, many thanks to Mike and Trich Blackman, Natayle Brown, Deb Valdez, Jeannie Malone, Ernie and Heather Bigelow, Mike and Tallia Booker, and Kathy Schooner.

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