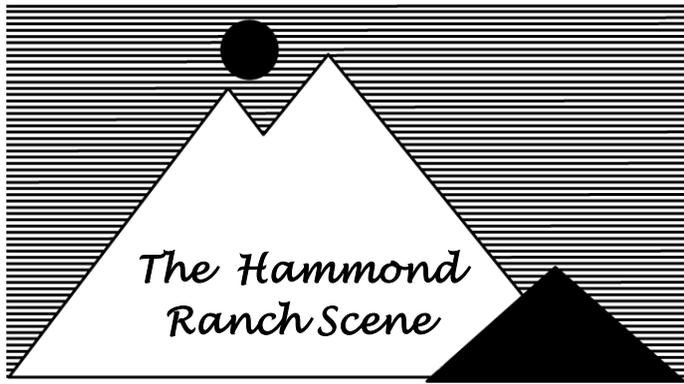


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Message From the President

As we move into the hottest, driest time of the year, just a reminder to be extra fire safety conscious and to be aware that all outdoor burning is suspended. For your own health, stay well hydrated and try to avoid activity in the direct sun between 11 and 4 o'clock. If you must, use sunblock and a hat. Have a great summer enjoying the highest recorded temperatures of the century.

Erich Ziller

HLA Annual Picnic Recap



The annual members picnic was great fun this year. Over 80 people attended, the most ever! There were many long-time residents and quite a few new and part-time residents that we met. There are pictures on the fourth page.

Many thanks to Janet Zalewski and Linda Richter for providing their beautiful property for the picnic. It's a marvelous spot to enjoy a picnic.

Also many thanks are due to the HLA Board members and the volunteer picnic committee members: Tricia Elberts, Valerie Baake, Neera Paine, Larie Wearing and Susan Brennan for organizing it all and Erich Ziller, Tom Wearing and Paul Elberts for their hard work. Thanks also to Stephanie He for manning the welcome table.



This dish ran away with the spoon and lost their owners at the picnic. Does anybody know who they belong to? Contact Larie at 530-859-0990.

Run Report

The Hammond Ranch Fire Company responded to 26 calls for assistance during the last quarter: 1 vegetation fire; 1 structure fire; 6 other fires; 16 medical calls; 2 "other" incidents.



Many thanks to CalFire's Siskiyou Unit and the HR Fire Company for their hard work. It is very much appreciated.

From the Chief

The firehouse has been busy the last couple months with remodeling and new equipment. New fridges, kitchen cabinets and a/c were installed in the dorm, just to name a few. We are currently sitting at three sleeper volunteers, who are also career firemen. This definitely helps our ability to respond.

We are always looking for newcomers to step up to the challenge as well. In most areas of the country volunteers can be fully trained and state certified at no expense to the volunteer. It is common for volunteer emergency responders to receive the same training and certifications as career firefighters and EMTs.

The list of requirements can be rather daunting, but I'll list the basics. Must be 18 years old, have a high school diploma and a Class C driver's license in good standing. Some of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training Program required courses are: I-100, I-200, I-700, I-800, S-133 (Firefighter Training), S-190 (Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior), public safety, first aid, current CPR certification.

There is more training that comes once a person decides to join, and all of this training can be done in house. Per California Senate bill 1207, a volunteer firefighter must meet the same requirements as a professional.

Kyle Lunsford, Chief 4200

Welcome Basket

Darren and Stephanie Wilks completed their move to the Ranch in December of 2022. They made it through the intense winter, which didn't phase Darren, who grew up in Mount Shasta, but was a challenge to Stephanie who had never lived in snow before.



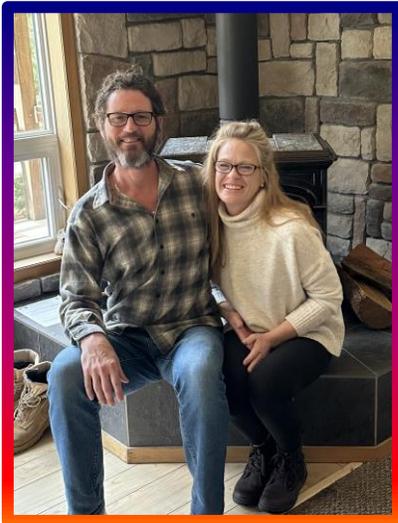
They met at the Nazarene Sukkot Festival in Lebanon, Missouri, and got married a year later at the Yreka Court House.

Darren graduated from MS High. He spent 20 years in the Navy, stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and is now an investment broker. He loves playing piano and stargazing through his super 12" Dobsonian telescope. We are thrilled to hear that Darren intends to become a volunteer firefighter on the Ranch.

Stephanie had lived in Missouri her whole life. A registered nurse, she is currently working on her California certification. She is the owner of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) which she is generously offering to HR residents in an emergency. She can be reached at 573-280-2194.

Their intention to have a small farm with chickens, goats and lambs turned out to be a challenge in the face of an increasing coyote population. They are excited to explore the outdoors and connect with our community.

Welcome to Darren and Stephanie!



Reminder

All road maintenance reimbursement requests should be turned into the Hammond Landowners Association no later than October 1.

You can find the reimbursement schedule and request form on the website at: [Road Reimbursement](#).

Can You Legally Park on Hammond Ranch Roads?

This year has seen lots of cars parking on or along Hammond Ranch's Dale Creek Road. Hammond Pond is full for the first time in recent years and it is a draw for many folks. There has been a lot of confusion about the use of Dale Creek Road to access the pond. This will explain what use is and is not permissible.

Many people that access the pond from Dale Creek Road do not live on the Ranch. For those people, they are illegally trespassing the minute they leave North Old Stage Road, no matter what.

Hammond Ranch landowners have the right to use a Right-of-Way, a form of easement, to travel along all of the roads on the Ranch. Uses of this Right-of-Way that landowners are permitted include walking, jogging and driving along the roads. Uses of the roads by landowners that are **NOT** permitted are parking, leaving the roadway for any purpose, hunting, fishing or any other form of trespass.

If you would like more information about these rights and restrictions, please visit the Hammond Landowners Association website at <https://hammondlandowners.org/>. There you can click on [About Us](#), then click on [Newsletters](#) at the bottom of the article *Road and Easement Information*. This will lead you to three articles describing owner rights, restrictions and the legal authorities.

This guest article was written by Tom Wearing. If you have a question or comment, Tom can be reached at tvwearing@gmail.com or 530-859-0991.

Wildlife on the Ranch

A bluebird caught in a cage attracted a bit of attention.



Lynx or Bobcat? We're thinking Bobcat.
Contributed by Tricia Elberts

Invasive Species - Dyer's Woad

Brassicaceae (Mustard family)

Dyer's Woad (*Isatis tinctoria*) is a problematic, highly invasive weed in the intermountain west, including far northern California. It is a 'B' listed noxious weed in California. It is considered allelopathic, meaning it releases chemicals that affect other plants around it.

The woad is thought to have been introduced into California in the Scott Valley of Siskiyou County, where it is locally referred to as "Marlahan mustard." Until a couple of decades ago, it was primarily confined to Scott Valley, but it has subsequently spilled over into Shasta Valley. It continues to spread throughout Siskiyou County and into Modoc, Shasta, and other northern California counties.

It has a highly-branched inflorescence with small yellow flowers. It is a biennial, sometimes an annual or a short-lived perennial. The root system consists of a fleshy taproot that can grow more than five feet deep. Flowering stems grow to 25 to 40 inches tall. The fruit is a blackish seed capsule that droops from a slender stem.

Native to southeastern Russia, Dyer's Woad has been cultivated in Europe since ancient times as a medicinal herb and a source of blue dye. Early European settlers to the east coast cultivated the plant for its dye, but despite its early introduction, Dyer's Woad did not become truly invasive until its introduction to California and Utah as a contaminant in alfalfa seed. Dyer's Woad often grows on dry, coarse-textured, rocky soils. It is a nuisance because it replaces native vegetation, resulting in livestock and wildlife avoidance or overgrazing of the remaining desirable plants. It is capable of invading both undisturbed and disturbed sites, such as roadsides, railroad right-of-ways, fields, pastures, grain and alfalfa fields, forests and rangeland, especially big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata*) communities. Dyer's Woad is highly competitive, often completely dominating a site. It spreads rapidly once established and can form very dense colonies.

Dyer's Woad reproduces by seed, although plants cut above the root crown can resprout. Most of the fruits fall near the parent plants, but some fruits disperse via wind, human activities and as seed and hay contaminants. Dyer's Woad flowers April through June. Dyer's Woad can be distinguished from other members of the mustard family by its unique fruits.

Prevention is always the preferred method to manage Dyer's Woad. Periodically scout areas where new infestations are likely to occur, for example, fence lines, right-of-ways, cultivated land and ditch banks. When choosing fill material, ensure that the source of the material is clean and free of weeds. Carefully clean equipment, tools, clothing and footwear upon exiting infested areas.

Dyer's Woad (cont'd)

Pulling the plant up or ground cultivation is much more effective for smaller areas than hoeing or mowing. For larger plants or in large infestations, cutting the taproot to at least one shovel spade deep may be more efficient. Be mindful of maturing fruits as the flowers die. If fruits are present, bag the plants to prevent seeds from spreading.

For more information, you can check these sites: <https://www.nps.gov/articles/dyers-woad.htm> and <https://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn74175.html>.



Dyer's Woad



Flowers, Unripe fruit & Ripe Fruit



Field of Dyer's Woad



Curious Doe (from Trail Camera)

Permit Denial

Maple Drive residents were successful in resisting an application for a vacation rental. On May 2nd this year, many residents of Maple Drive appeared before and spoke to the County Board of Supervisors. The matter was an appeal from an adverse decision by the planning department on an application by a Los Angeles couple seeking a permit to use their home on Maple Drive as a vacation rental property.

The planning department based its denial of the permit on two grounds. First, the long driveway to the home is very steep in places, making access in winter by two-wheel drive vehicles impossible. That caused rental tenants to illegally park on Maple Drive, creating a nuisance. County rules require vacation rentals to have off-street parking.

Second, the heavy canopy of trees surrounding the property created a high-fire danger. The planning department's investigation and report on appeal included dramatic photographs of Maple Drive and the property in winter showing the adverse conditions.

Following the hearing the Board of Supervisors unanimously denied the appeal.

Interestingly, the property has been for sale for some time. You may view the listing here: https://www.zillow.com/homes/1900-Maple-Drive,-Weed,-CA_rb/15971570_zpid/.

2023 Members Annual Picnic



Hard working cooks!



Tasty Food



The Robinsons



The Crowd



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Community Liaison - Neera Paine & Tricia Elberts
The Hammond Ranch Scene Editor - Larie Wearing

The HLA Board of Directors cares about and wants to hear members' opinions, suggestions and ideas. Members are welcome to attend any of the board meetings. If you plan to attend, please let the host know in advance so that accommodations can be made.

We also encourage members to write to us and create a dialogue on topics of interest to Hammond Ranch landowners. The Board members can be reached by phone at the numbers listed above, by snail mail c/o HLA, P.O. Box 795, Mount Shasta, California 96067, or via email at hla@hammondlandowners.org.

Calendar

- HLA Board Meeting – Second Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. Call any board member or send an email to hla@hammondlandowners.org for meeting location and/or Zoom link. Let us know of your questions or concerns so they can be included on the agenda.
- The Annual HLA Picnic is usually scheduled for the Saturday after the 4th of July.
- HLA Members' Annual Meeting is the first Saturday in November, November 4 this year. We hope you can attend.
- Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors – First, second and third Tuesdays of every month, 10:00 a.m., County Courthouse, Yreka. Call the Clerk at 842-8081 to confirm the meeting.
- Siskiyou County Fire Safe Council - Meets monthly. Check their website for dates, <https://firesafesiskiyou.com/>
- Hammond Ranch Fire Safe Council -- Contact a Board member about participating.

Helpful Links

HLA Membership form: <https://hammondlandowners.org/>;

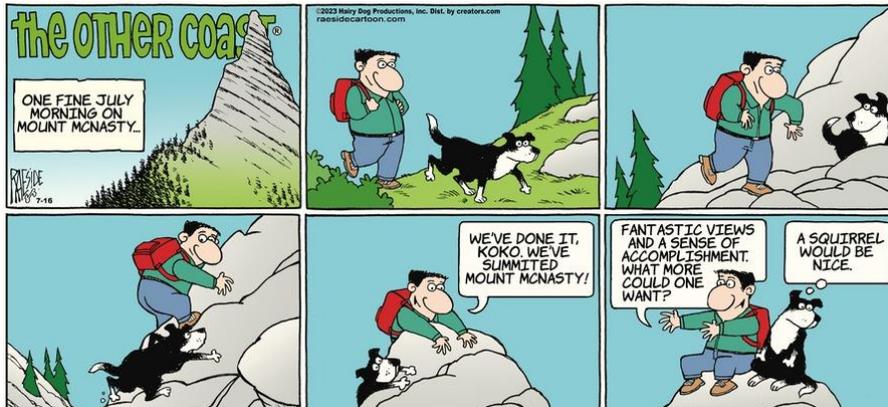
Previous newsletters and Landowners Usage of Ranch Roads Newsletter Articles:

<https://hammondlandowners.org/newsletters>;

Road maintenance reimbursement: <https://hammondlandowners.org/road-work-reimbursement>;

Hammond Ranch CC&Rs: <https://hammondlandowners.org/hammond-ranch-cc%26rs>;

Trespass Authorizations and Landowner Handbook: <https://hammondlandowners.org/news-and-information>.



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