

Mountain Living Update

May 21, 2009

New information for the Picnic this year-

4th of July Picnic

Set your calendar. It's that time of the year again to be thinking about the 4th of July picnic. Because the 4th landed on a Saturday this year, we will be celebrating the picnic on the 4th as well.

We're changing things up a bit this year. We're putting more emphasis on fun and less on money. Since we are now a fire protection district and receive mil levy funds we do not have to rely primarily on picnic funds to see that the fire department can stay afloat. Switch gears from "Let's spend more to help the fire department" to "Let's have fun with the best neighbors in the state."

The first change you might notice at the picnic is the raffle. While we made a fair amount of money from the event, it was a very time consuming event that expected a lot from our volunteers and the area merchants. Poof - GONE! \$10 for a lunch . . . Poof -GONE! Try \$7.50 for a burger, or brat, potato salad, beans, drink and a cookie.

Say hello to a horse shoe tournament. Say hello to the Arrowhead Cargo Sled races.

Huh? If you've spent any time up here in the winter you will know that our cargo sleds are our life line you might say. They shuttle our groceries, luggage, construction material, drinks and what not behind our snowmobiles. You might compare it to a city slicker's mini-van. If we're lucky, or skilled, we arrive at home without losing anything from the sled on the way. As a contestant you and your team will be asked to pack a cargo sled and pull it along the ground across the finish line. We aren't going to make this easy for you either. You must cross the finish line without losing any of your contents. Let's see if you have what it takes to make it through the winter up here. Of course we will continue to have the kids' games, the local booths, silent auction, and flea market. Also there will be live entertainment at the Inn that night.

The horseshoe tournament will run throughout the day and the cargo sled races will be added to the relays we already do in the early afternoon. Both events are free. However, if anyone would like to donate a prize for each of those events, it sure would be appreciated. We also ask that you sign up for these events prior; to let me know you have a team for these events. For horseshoes there will be 2 to a team, and 2 to 10 for the cargo sled races. The cargo sled contents will be very light so you should have no problem pulling the sled with a team of 2. To sign up you may contact me by email at thestilleys@msn.com. Please put 'picnic' in the subject line so I don't delete it.

We can always use volunteers. Please contact me at the above email if you can donate your time. We would like all volunteers to get out and enjoy the picnic too, so if you see a volunteer tiring out, please ask to relieve them.

Watch for the flyer in the upcoming issue of Smoke Signals for more details on the picnic. Hope to see you there.

Kevin Stille, Fire Chief



New to the website: We are adding a link to the website called The Wild-flower ID site. These are photos of wildflowers found at Arrowhead. Linda Dy-sart has provided us with flower photos and common names, so that you may indentify them when you see them growing here. Many thanks go out to Linda for providing us with this information. We hope to add more to the site as we go along.

Red Columbine



Snowfall totals for the season!

J. R. Ellis reports that we had 289" of snowfall this season. March 23rd thru March 27th we collected 36". We appreciate J.R. keeping track for us!



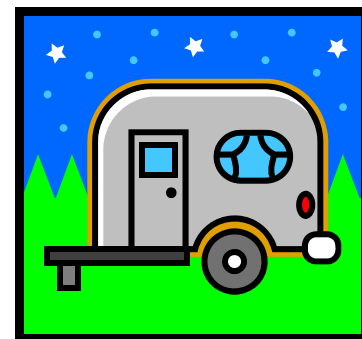
Clean out your closets for the annual Flea Market at the 4th of July Picnic!

It all goes to a good cause to help the Fire Dept. If you have questions call Star Misner 862-8399 or Lassie Summers 862-8391.

Welcome back campers and lot owners. With the first summer holiday coming this weekend, Arrowhead is expecting the return of the summer people. If you have questions, the website has an abundance of information about Arrowhead for your viewing. Just click on the links and it will take you where you want to go.



Happy Memorial Day Weekend



What's the buzzzzzz... **Pat's watercolor classes** are starting up again for the summer months. For more information call Pat at 862-8438.

Book Club had a wonderful luncheon at the Stone House restaurant in Montrose this month. Twelve ladies attended. Next months meeting place TBA.

Shutterbug photography club ordered the new calendars and they should be arriving soon. If you would like to pre-order yours contact a club member.