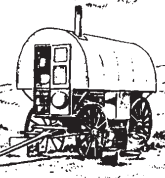




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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



In this article I would like to high light some of the activities and accomplishments of the past year.

Our board and committees, under the leadership of President Darrell Ehrlick, have been very busy; starting with an update and revision of the Board Governance/Policy Notebook. With a \$25,000 grant from the Bair Family Trust the facilities committee was able to proceed with the engineers and architect in preparation for the building of the new resident home. Everything is now ready to go out for bid; the fundraising committee is working to complete the funding for this project. The nominating committee is doing an excellent job keeping the board membership at 15; bringing together leadership from different spheres of experience and influence. The planning committee has updated the strategic plan and the fundraising committee has planned another great evening for the annual fundraising dinner on April 21st.

Facility Improvements:

The property that was purchased two years ago had a prolific community of prairie dogs that were building subdivisions on our adjoining field and the neighbor's field to the east. Last summer the farm crew with much perseverance was successful in exterminating the varmints. The fields are now ready to be replanted.

A couple of years ago the Department of Natural Resource Conservation came to us offering to cost share a program to move our livestock away from the creek. This involved relocating corrals, drilling a well, and putting in three 1,000 gal frost free stock tanks. With a little more corral work and fencing, this project will be completed. A new lambing barn was built that includes a worming room and indoor plumbing.

In 2007 a grant was received from the Charles M. Bair Family Trust to make the green house complex more energy efficient. Thirteen new high efficiency heaters and a climate control system are in operation this season. In addition three green houses have been retrofitted with high efficiency and low maintenance construction materials.

Pierce Floor covering has been very generous toward Special K Ranch and with a grant from the Muryl & Lu Myhre Foundation carpeting was replaced on both levels in Agape house, upstairs in Ostrum house, and two kitchen floors were recovered.

A memorial for Keith Broyles was received to refurbish and furnish the modular home on the Craig Addition. Keith did a lot of

volunteer work for SKR and really enjoyed time with the residents. We are excited to have this house as a memorial for him. It will be used to house volunteer guests and as a retreat for the home advisors on their days off.

Vocational Activities

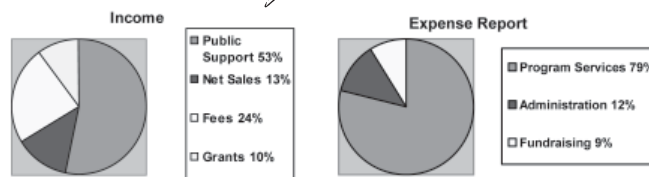
The Reforesting contract growing seedling trees for the BLM has expanded each of the past two years and continues this year. The garden was revived last summer and everyone on the ranch enjoyed the fresh vegetables. Now in our eleventh season, each year the bedding plant program gets a little more organized, the resident's abilities keep growing, and the whole operation runs a little more smoothly. Last year was the first tomato crop that was watered by an automatic watering system. This was a much appreciated upgrade from having to measure and mix the plant food by hand and turn valves on and off quite frequently throughout the hot summer days.

Resident Activities

The residents keep very active with weekly trips to town to do their banking, visit the library, and do some personal shopping. Other social and recreational events include attending church, skiing, bowling, several rodeos throughout the year, the state fair, arena football games, baseball games, concerts, dances, monster truck show, and church camp. The residents and staff do a great job of selling raffle tickets for Montana Special Olympics and earn almost enough to pay for their three day trip to the Special Olympics basketball tournament each year.

At the end of each year I look back with disbelief that another year has passed; I am amazed at all that has happened; and, I'm awed by the skills growth and maturity of the residents. I am especially grateful for the commitment of a caring staff; the leadership of our board; and, the generosity of our donor partners. I give praise and thanks to God who graciously loves each of us and provides for the needs of this ministry.

Respectfully,



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SOMETIMES I FORGET

*Get wisdom, get understanding;
do not forget my words or swerve from them. Proverbs 4:5*

Definition: Memory loss is unusual forgetfulness that can be caused by brain damage due to disease or injury, or it can be caused by severe emotional trauma. (In my case I think they all apply and you might add age)

One weekend a month I stay at the Special K Ranch as a Home Advisor relief staff. This allows me to spend some quality time with the residents of that particular house. I rotate the houses so that I can spend time with all of our residents. When a ladies house is in the rotation I will bring them home to spend time with my family. Carla and Jonah enjoy spending time with the ladies as well, hot tubing, playing Wii video games, making popcorn and watching movies. It is very easy as we are interacting to forget that they are developmentally disabled. We don't focus on their disability and they don't focus on ours.

One particular weekend I brought two houses into church with me. We sat up front so Jeremy, who is legally blind, might see the worship band and Kyle who plays the drums could appreciate the electric drums. After the sermon it was time for communion, this is always a sobering time. A time to reflect on all that Christ is and the incredible love that he showed for me by dying on the cross. As the elements were being passed down the row I notice that one of the guys behind me did not take any. I asked him if he was alright and he looked at me with distressing eyes and held up his trembling hand. You see he has been losing control of his fine motor skills and gets embarrassed and frustrated because he sometimes needs help doing things we take for granted. I got up and went and got the elements and gave him the bread and I held the cup of juice. When it was time to partake I turned around and put the cup to his lips and poured the juice. As I was pouring our eyes met and it was like we could see into each other's soul for a split second and we both knew it was good. **And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you". Luke 22:19-20**

I sat down and began to feel very humbled over the whole thing. It was one of those times when you know you were just blessed by the Holy Spirit. I began to reflect on the whole thing, it was like Jesus was showing me that He holds the cup to my lips daily. I am His child and He feeds me daily. The process of being made broken bread and poured-out wine means that I have to be the nourishment for other people's souls until they learn to feed on God. We owe it to God to be our best for His lambs and sheep, as well as for Him. **Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2**

Sometimes I forget?

Thank You Lord.

Mike

P.S. Have I told you how much I Love my LIFE?

Special K Ranch can now be found on Facebook.

If you are a member of Facebook, you can now keep up with all the latest happenings at Special K. You can watch our ranch video, view pictures, get the latest information on special events and give us your thoughts.

WATCH FOR THE NEW SPECIAL K WEBSITE COMING SOON.

We are currently updating our website.

When complete we think you will be excited with all of the new and easy to use features it will have to offer.



JOE BURST, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Each time I put this newsletter together I have to think about what I want to say. The problem I usually face is not what to say, but which story, opportunity or concern to talk about. This is also the time when our annual dinner details are being finalized and it was at one of our dinner committee meetings that the focus of my story came to be.

We know that when you attend this year's dinner you will have an enjoyable evening. As I have said many times before the dinner gives us an opportunity to tell our story through the people that live and work at Special K Ranch but what the dinner doesn't show is what goes into putting on an event that lasts just a few hours. I am much honored to work with a small committee of volunteers that freely give many hours over months of the year, just to make this event memorable and successful.

Who makes up this committee? Well the core committee consists of Vera Reineking, who keeps me on task and is always ready to say I'll take care of it. Jean Steele spending countless hours handling our auction items and lining up volunteers for the evening. I have known both of these ladies for many years and have I have always felt that I could run my ideas by them expecting an honest answer as to whether they are feasible or not. We are missing our leader of the past two years Jyl Story while she works with her husband in Helena this year. Jyl has been great in keeping the committee on target and has brought a little more elegance to our dinner kicking it up a notch. Fortunately one of our Board members Cindy Lyle has stepped in as dinner chairperson bringing with

her many talents in marketing and public relations. My wife Mary, Lynn Ketchum, and Lori Ketchum have had the task of adding a special touch to our auction item tables making them blend in with our theme. Christine Simonsen another Board member is on her second year with the committee bringing excitement and knowledge of other similar events keeping us from having to reinvent the wheel. New to the committee this year are Darla Huebner, and new Board members Kim Wallila and Marcie Scott. These three ladies came on board with enthusiasm and right away started inviting new people to become table hosts and donate auction items as well as decorating for the event. Finally we have been fortunate to get some expert help from Lisa Bollman who attended our dinner for the first time last year and offered her help in designing this year's program. Not only do these people work on the logistics for the evening but they spend countless hours encouraging people to attend the dinner, help with sponsorships and/or donate an auction item.

I would be remiss if I didn't also recognize the yearlong efforts of another group of volunteers, our Board members listed in another section of the newsletter. The Board is given the task of raising money through sponsorships for the dinner that allow people to attend our dinner at no charge. They have done an excellent job performing a task that most people are not comfortable doing.

We hope that you will be able to attend this year's dinner and if possible contribute in some way if asked by one of these dedicated individuals who truly believe in the mission of Special K Ranch. Please also help us by telling these people thank you for their hard work.

Yours in Service,

Joe Burst
Development Director

Community Champions of our Quality of Life

Granite Realty is committed to supporting organizations that promote a wonderful lifestyle for all of us. We are dedicated to supporting our community's organizations that improve the way all the citizens of our area live.

We will do this by pledging 3% of our proceeds from every sale to nonprofits in our area that enhance our quality of life. Our clients have the choice of where half the proceeds go and our agents choose the recipient of the other half.

Montana District Kiwanis Foundation helps out in a pinch. Special K Ranch received a \$1500 grant recently to help pay our

expenses for participating in Special Olympics. This was a very timely donation this year and helped tremendously cover what was sure to be a shortfall for this worthwhile event.

Thank You Granite Realty and MT. District Kiwanis Foundation for your continued support.

Presentation of donation by Liz Miller of Granite Realty and Nick Morrison to Special K Ranch.



A GREAT GIFT IDEA

Need to buy a gift for someone, that lives some distance from us, or is just downright hard to buy for? A nice way to let them know you are thinking of them is to give a gift in their honor to help some people living at Special K Ranch. A card will be sent to the person being honored with a note about the ministry of Special K Ranch.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS November 1, 2008 - February 28, 2009

We are pleased that the people memorialized and honored on these pages are part of the on-going ministry of Special K Ranch. A special thanks to those making these gifts.

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YOUR WILL A Way To Help Others

A will is the simplest form of a planned gift and it affords everyone the opportunity to help others and have a living legacy. Consider naming Special K Ranch in your will for a percentage, a specific amount, or as the sole benefactor. Special K Ranch could also be named as beneficiary of a life insurance policy, your tax-deferred IRA or other retirement plan. The blessings you have received will continue to bless and help others. (Check with your attorney for the proper legal forms and wording.)

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A Place to Always Call Home
You are cordially invited to attend
The Special K Ranch

23rd Annual Fundraising Dinner
Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Doors open at 5:00 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm
Billings Holiday Inn Trade Center

The fun begins with a silent auction and a live auction later in the evening. You will enjoy a delicious dinner of 6ounce sirloin, potato pancakes, string beans and strawberry shortcake. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Quint Essentials as well as songs by the residents of Special K. Several residents will tell about the program activities along with information about current happenings. You will also find out who was chosen as Rancher of the Year and Most Improved Rancher. John Pulasky will be the evening's Master of Ceremonies and Rick Young will be the auctioneer.

There are a number of opportunities available allowing you to be named as a supporter of Special K Ranch and a sponsor of the dinner.

If you cannot attend the dinner but still want to support the goals of Special K Ranch, you can send a gift to help pay for various needed projects at Special K.



Sponsors are recognized at four levels:

Directors Club \$2,500 and above
Barons \$1,000-\$2,499
Partners \$500-\$1,000
Herders \$250-\$499

Other Opportunities:

There is no cost to attend the dinner. We invite you to attend the dinner and also consider inviting your friends and family as a Table Host. There is also no cost to become a table host, just invite enough people to fill a table 8-10 people per table.

If you would like to help sponsor, host a table, donate an auction item or attend the Dinner, please call 322-5520 or e-mail us at skr@hughes.net. Or fill out the enclosed card listing your choices by April 10, 2009.

(artwork by Cliff Potts)



Shepherd Society-- Ensuring the future by making a commitment today

As many of you know, we received a large bequest from Arlee and Millie Craig last year when Millie passed away. This gift will shape the future of the ranch and Arlee and Millie will always be in our thoughts and prayers. Even though we know that they as well as many others know how much we appreciate their generosity, we wish we could have thanked them in person. Over the years bequest of all sizes have played an important role in the growth and success of Special K Ranch. Bequests of all sizes have become a main source of endowment support and help ensure that our Foundation will be financially sound for generations to come. By giving to our Foundations endowment fund the amount is placed in the endowment and only the earnings from the endowment are spent which allows your gift to become a perpetual gift that will give forever. Because we want

to recognize individuals who have named Special K Ranch in their wills and estate plans we have established the Shepherd Society. If you have included Special K Ranch in your estate plans, please let us know of your intentions so that we may recognize you as a Shepherd Society member.

As a member of the Shepherd Society you will receive a plaque handcrafted with the help of the Special K residents and your name will be placed on a special wall at Special K Ranch. This will become a permanent, visual reminder that your support will continue for years to come.

We would be more than happy to send you general information regarding Bequest, Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Trusts and information on becoming a Shepherd Society member but we do not provide legal or tax advice. You should consult with your legal and/or tax advisors for information regarding, or issues concerning, planned gifts or estate planning.

For more information on the Special K Ranch Shepherd Society, please contact Joe Burst at (406) 671-9635 or skrjoe@hughes.net

Special K goes on the road for the Road Show

On Wednesday February 4th Rod, Bret and Joe went to Lewistown to help the Lewistown Kiwanis Club hand out programs for their annual fundraiser, a showing of the Montana Repertory Theatre's production of To Kill a Mockingbird. Rod and Bret thoroughly enjoyed the show and were excited that they could help out in this small way. The following week Joe, Shorti and Laurie went back to Lewistown to do a presentation to the club. We showed them our new ranch video and answered questions about Special K Ranch. The Lewistown Club donates half the proceeds that it receives from the play to Special K Ranch. This year they had their largest turnout ever and presented a check for \$3,500. Thank You Lewistown Kiwanis for your support. Pictured below are Joe Shorti and Laurie with Randall Hoch, Road Show Committee Chairman and representatives from



their major sponsors- Bank of the Rockies, High Heat Inc. First Bank of Montana, Century Companies Inc. and Edward Jones/Rolly Nelson.

Happy Birthday



Tim Potts' mother is celebrating a very special birthday in April.

*We want to wish Grace Potts
a very Happy 100th Birthday.*

EMPLOYER MATCHING FUNDS

"I believe in the work that Special K Ranch does but graduating from school recently, and beginning my career, it's hard to give to the ranch at a level that I would like to give at this time. Fortunately my employer has a matching program. I decided that I can give \$9.00 per paycheck without causing a strain to my budget and with my employer matching it by the end of the year the ranch will receive \$486.00 in my name. I am grateful to my employer for allowing me this opportunity to contribute in this way. I encourage anyone that would like to give to the ranch to check and see if their employer has such a program in place. Together we can all make a difference in the lives of those with disabilities". *Scott Burst*

Does your employer match charitable contributions?

Please ask and help us double the value of your gift.

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Quality of life community involvement program



Created by the Billings Association of Realtors with the goal to help raise awareness of and money for non-profits in the community that are working to improve the quality of life for our residents. Each year the Quality of Life program hosts a 5k run with this year's proceeds going to Special K Ranch. The run will be on Saturday August 22, 2009 and will go from on top of the Rims down to the Yellowstone River. As a result of being chosen as this year's recipient, special K will be receiving approximately \$25,000. For more information please go to www.billings.org and click on the QOL tab. People on Facebook can also find more information under causes.

CONSIDER A GIFT

- New or good used passenger van
- Feed, Grain, and Hay
- Gift Certificate for tires (vehicles or equipment)
- Livestock, calves, and sheep
- Hand Tools
- Tractor 30 horse or larger
- Various building materials
- Designate a Cash Gift
- A commercial type popcorn maker for special events
- Carpeting and linoleum for one of our homes (est. \$7,000)
- A Credenza for the Billings office
- Large dining room table for one of our homes
- A new or good used tabletop display board

These are some items SKR could use.

If you have any of these items that you would be willing to donate, please give us a call at 406-322-5520

Contact Joe Burst at 671-9635 or skrjoe@hughes.net if your club, church or organization would like a presentation on Special K Ranch and/or have a tour of the Ranch. We'd love to show you our new ranch video.