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Country Roads 40th Anniversary activities will be in full swing over the next few weeks. Carrie and the Activities Committee have pulled out all the stops to celebrate this milestone. Please join in celebrating our incredible community with your friends and neighbors as we go into our next 40 years. We're fortunate to have Country Roads as our winter or year round home!

Upcoming meeting dates:

Planning Meeting on February 13th Board Meeting on February 18th

Please join these meetings to discuss and help set direction for Country Roads future. Our annual meeting is around the corner on March 11, 2025. Please remember to vote for next year's Board candidates and attend the meeting.

Joe Clifton



REAL REASON THE GROUNDHOG IS SCARED OF HIS SHADOW



2025 Art Expo Friday, Feb. 21st 9 - 2 PMMain Ballroom

Participating Groups Photography Knit & Stitch Woodcarvers Material Girls Pottery Woodshop Lapidary **Painting** Creative Writing



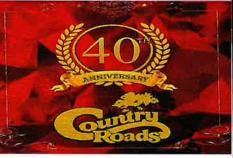






A great time to see the artists and their passions. Country Roads RV Park Open to the Public 5707 East 32nd Street Main Ballroom, Yuma





Country Roads 40th Anniversary Celebration, "Almost Heaven"

February 2025 is our 40th Anniversary celebration! Don't miss these events!

Feb. 3 - Matt Gumm & Company Feb. 5 - 40th Anniversary Parade Feb. 11 - Happy Hour with Jerry Rhinehart, "Dancing with the Stars"

Feb. 13 - Ladie's Valentines Luncheon

Feb. 17 - Interclub Tournament & Food Truck Night

Feb. 19 - HSOY Dog show fundraiser and Hot Dog Bash

Feb. 19 - 80's themed Decade dance in honor of 40th Anniversary Feb. 21 - 40th Art Expo

Feb. 21 & Feb. 22 - Choral & Drama presentation

Feb. 24 - Gala Dinner Show &

Feb. 28 - 40th Quilt show Feb. 28, March 1st & 2nd - Elvis Expo 40th Anniversary send off Watch for times, locations, and ticket sales for these events in Country Road's Blasts, or visit Activity office during business hours.

Submitted by Darline Moody, Activity Committee member 541-520-6016.





Please send your articles to:

denmyrn41@gmail.com

The articles must be submitted by the 10th of each month for publication the following month.

<u>Please forward in Microsoft</u> <u>Word if possible.</u> Give me a call

if you have any questions. Thanks, Myrna Mattson #679

Thanks, Myrna Mattson #679 360.298.2567

The purpose of the Country Roads RV Village Newsletter is to connect and inform our Residents of current events and announcements. We appreciate your submissions and are looking for articles and content that align with this mission.

Structure:

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Include Name, Lot number and contact information in case of questions

Article will not repeat monthly, monthly resubmission is required

News and Announcements must be current with month of publication (Example: Articles submitted in January are for February's publication.



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OUR CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Beads and Baubles

Billiards

B.I.N.G.O

Book Club.

Bridge

Bunco

Can/Am Friendship

Catholic Fellowship

Ceramics

Choral/Drama

Church Choir

Clogging

Computers

Cornhole

Craft Fair

Creative Writers

Dance

Desert Diamonds

Diabetes Support

Fitness Club

Four Wheelers

Guys and Gals Golf

Hand Appliqué Sew & Stitch

Health

Horse Shoe

Knit n' Stitch

Lapidary/Rock Hunting

Line Dancing

Mahjongg

Material Girls

Men's Fellowship

Painting

Pickleball

Pinochle

Pinochle (2 Deck/7 Card)

Poker: Dealers Choice/Hold'em

Pottery

Quilting

Relay for Life

Scrap Book

Sewing

Singles Social

Shuffleboard

Swimming Aerobics

Tennis

T.O.P.S.

Water Aerobics

Veteran's Club

Volleyball: Water/Sand

Whole Food Plant-Based Group

Women's Fellowship

Woodcarving

Woodshop

Zumba Gold



LIST OF ALL THE COUNTRY ROADS RV VILLAGE FACEBOOK GROUPS

This is their complete and exact group name on Facebook. Contact Andre at adgrenier@msn.com if any groups are missing. If you wish to join any of these groups, under "groups" do a search for that group name using these exact words. When a list comes up, make sure you choose "groups" on the left side of the page. The group should come up.

COUNTRY ROADS RV VILLAGE BUY/SELL/TRADE/ISO COUNTRY ROADS RV VILLAGE REAL ESTATE (SELL AND RENT)

> COUNTRY ROADS YUMA HOME OWNERS

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ADVENTURES
COUNTRY ROADS VETERANS CLUB
COUNTRY ROADS GUYS & GALS
GOLF CLUB

CR KNIT AND STITCH
COUNTRY ROADS TENNIS CLUB
COUNTRY ROADS POTTERY PALS
COUNTRY ROADS QUILT CLUB
CR LAPIDARY

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COUNTRY ROADS PRAYER WARRIORS
COUNTRY ROADS RANTS AND RAVES
COUNTRY ROADS TOPS AZ 0380 YUMA
COUNTRY ROADS POKER CLUB

COUNTRY ROADS SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB BUY NOTHING COUNTRY ROADS RV VILLAGE

COUNTRY ROADS SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST C R CRUISING CLUB

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CR CHURCH

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CR BIRTHDAY BRIDGE
COUNTRY ROADS SINGLES CLUB
COUNTRY ROADS RV VILLAGE
VOLLEYBALL CLUB
COUNTRY ROADS UTV

CARRIE COUNTRY ROADS (PRIVATE FACEBOOK PAGE)

COUNTRY ROADS RV VILLAGE (NOT A GROUP PAGE)



The CR Tennis Club has started free weekly tennis lessons. These lessons are on Wednesdays between 10-12. No experience is necessary.

In February, the club will have two tennis tournaments; Women's Doubles and Mens Doubles. Sign up for these competitive games, or just come out and cheer on your favorite players.

As always, our Club meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 3pm. If you want to know more about our Club, join us and make some new friends

Duane Nightingale



PINOCHLE GAMES

Single Deck Games
Sundays and Tuesdays
Double Deck Games
Thursdays

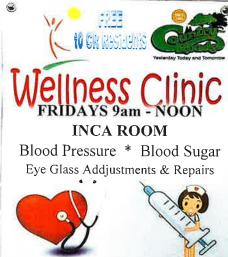
All Games In The Mojave Room PHILLIP MILLER 907.394.3040 Seating at 5:30pm for 6:00pm Start or BEFORE IF TABLES ARE FULL

COMPUTER & ELECTRONIC GUIDANCE AVAILABLE



Computer / Personal Electronic Devices Disappointed with your Personal Electronic Device? Are you able to teach others? Drop in to the Coronado Room Wednesday's from 9-11:30 am. to see if your issue can be solved by one of our members.

Contact Anthony
@ 928-975-9563
or anthonyh630@gmail.com.
Lot #550



We also have some medical equipment that we loan out to residents





We play Bocce Ball on Tuesdays and Saturdays starting at 9:00 AM. Everyone welcome, first come first served. We play 2 games and will trade off so everyone who shows up gets to play.



Tai Chi Chuan (Classical Yang Style) and Qigong

Please join us for Tai Chi and Qigong every Monday from 10:00 - 11:00 in the Mojave Room. On the 1st Monday, of each month, we will be on the East (Covered) Patio. Tai Chi is an internal Martial Art. It helps to improve strength, flexibility and balance. It improves cardiovascular fitness, lowers blood pressure and helps with the pain of arthritis. The deliberate movements help us feel more relaxed, grounded and present in our bodies. Tai Chi lowers anxiety, depression and stress while improving memory, focus and sleep. Qigong uses exercises to optimize energy within the body, mind, and spirit.

Madelyn Read, who is nationally certified in Tai Chi Chuan – Yang Style, is the instructor. All you need to bring to class is curiosity.



The Choral and Drama Club members are in full swing preparing for the upcoming "Diamond in the Desert" play, written by Jo Nightengale and directed by Peggy Scott, Actors have learned their lines and are now refining their timing. Stage scenes have been created and there may be some surprises coming down the aisles! Join us and prepare for a hilarious look back at the last 40 years at Country Roads. Tickets are on sale now and there is not a bad seat in the house! We offer two performances, Friday, Feb. 21, 7 pm and Saturday, Feb. 22, 1 pm. Our annual club meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 7, 10 am. All members are encouraged to attend and toast our accomplishments from the current season, discuss concerns pressing into the future, and vote on issues, including new board members. Diane Dorigan – President 541-944-3074



Breakfast 7-10:30. Lunch 11-1:30

A lot of popular items from last season. And new menu items that we tested during our soft opening. We will have daily specials...and liver and onions on Tuesday.

Valeri



MATERIAL GIRLS

HAPPY NEW YEAR.....Our season is well under way. Material Girls is busy. We have the upcoming Art Expo February 21st and our Community Service project March 11th and 18th. Come and join us. It's a great cause. We have "Show &Tell" at every meeting where we see project members have made and we get inspired by their talent. We have all levels of sewing talent and welcome new members. Come and join us - we are a fun group.



Poker -Coronado Room

Check out the sign-up sheets right inside the door next to the main road to find out when the games will be. You must live at Country Roads to be able to play. This year's dues will be \$20 a season. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are dealers choice evenings with some Texas Hold'em, all low key and fun. Thursday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons are Texas Hold'em Tournament games. All games need to be signed up ahead of time on the above mentioned sign-up wall. Happy New Year.

Scribe, Myrna Mattson Lot 679





Welcome everyone to February and Valentines Celebrations
Our Quilt Club meets every Monday in the Coronado Room at 9:00am.
Our lessons are taught on the first and third Mondays. Business meetings our held on the second and fourth Mondays. Friday mornings are Free Sew from 9:00 to noon.
Mission Quilt will be putting their quilts together on Fridays at 12:00 until 4:00pm This month the Coronado room on Monday February 17th will be used for something else not sponsored by our Quilt Club.

Our Quilt Show will be February 21. Please come and see the variety of quilts made by many ladies in our club. You will be able to shop at the Country Store. The items in the store are also made by our members.

The first Thursday of the month we meet at the Sunrise Cafe for a lunch social at noon. Come join us.



RAGER BEAVER WOODCARVERS & WOOD BURNERS

February is here in all it's redness. Those who were going to return for the season have returned to share their talents and stories of their past summer. We had our annual meeting the second Monday in January. All was found well. We are starting new classes which will be posted for those interested. I have become a "grand worthy advisor" and our new fearless leaders are Gary Stuart and Gerry Gackle. I won't mention how it takes two people to replace me, or they will make me take it back. New people in the park really need to check out this group. We are the movers and shakers of the park. We meet every Monday and Friday in the Woodcarving/ Lapidary Room in the main complex. We have carving kits available to help get you started. The annual fee is \$10



Momma Beaver Myrna Mattson Lot 679

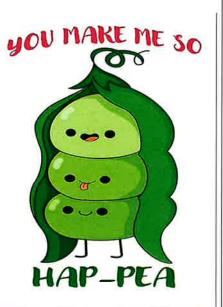




The next Country Roads Veterans Club coffee meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 0800 hours (8 am) in the Ballroom. Please bring your own first cup of coffee or beverage and a second cup of coffee will be provided. Light pastries will be served. All Canadian and US veterans are invited to attend. Subsequent meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month through April 2025.

We are pleased to announce that fellow club member Brad Mittendorf will be our guest speaker. He will cover appropriate actions to take in case of an "active shooter" situation. This is a most timely subject based on what is happening all too often in our country.

For further information please either email Bert Rice at bert07@comcast.net OR call (410) 507-3366. We look forward to seeing and sharing with you on Thursday, February 6, 2025.





Country Roads Desert Diamonds

Open to new members
Thursday, February 6th
11:30-12:45
Lunch in Sunrise Cafe
Business meeting after lunch in
the Inca Room at 1:00 pm
Desert Diamonds is a NEW
social and service ladies group.
Come see what we can do
together for our community while
having fun.

FEBRUARY 2025

Desert Diamond's Hosting: Ladies Valentine Luncheon Thursday, February 13th Doors open 11:00am to check out our drawing items Ticket price: 1 for \$1.00, 6 for \$5.00, or 25 for \$20.00 Proceeds will be returned to our DIAMONDS Giving Back Country Roads-Campaign Celebrating our gal/pals and 40 years of Country Roads flourishing ever changing community. Surprise Entertainment 40th Memento Photo Op BRING YOUR BEST SMILE

FEBRUARY 23rd 5:00-9:00 Community Service; Setup & serving assist for:

Country Roads Chorus and

Drama After Party.
Sally Patrick

Sally Patrick 509-638-6174 for seating arrangements

Bring a friend day !! We want to grow for season 2025-26 so bring a friend who might be interested in joining this fun



Join us for February Fun in the sun! All skill levels are welcome. We continue to meet every Monday morning in the ballroom. You can sign up for \$25.00 a season membership or a \$5.00 monthly membership. \$25 season membership includes the end-of-the-season banquet. 7:30am to 8:00am sign up for golf. There will be a course coordinator available for each course to help you get and signed up! 8:00am to 8:30am is the general meeting with weekly announcements and course information.

February Highlights: Valentine Draw

Feb. 3-7 th During Valentine Draw Week your name will be entered for a drawing for each course you golf during the week.

Feb. 10th Winners are announced at the Monday morning meeting

Emerald Canyon Golf Course in Parker AZ - Annual Club Outing February 26th Emerald Canyon in Parker 10:26am start time / 60 Players @, \$79.75 for 18 holes

February 27th Emerald Canyon in Parker 8:52am start time /40 players @ \$79.75 for 18 holes Come and Play with the Guys and Gals Golf Club

Lou Wintermyer Guys and Gals Golf Club

ELVIS IS COMUNG FOR THE OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY





TOPS! It's TIME!

Holidays are gone, so this is a great time to join us at TOPS. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). Could losing weight and getting healthier actually be FUN? The answer is a resounding YES! Every Friday morning, as the meeting starts at nine in the Mojave room, you are going to hear, laughter and fun. We are not a glum group! On the contrary, while we are serious about health, weight loss for some folks, and about supporting each other, humor helps us along!

2025 is here. So, are you and me. How is it going to go? For me, I want to keep my health, but I have never done it alone. TOPS is the answer for me. Come see! It may be for you, as well. And your first meeting is FREE! Such a deal! PS, we could use a few good men. Ladies, bring or send your guys!

Mary Mueller, Leader



COUNTRY ROADS SHUFFLEBOARD

Shuffleboard play in CR is alive and well. Our recreational play every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30 (9:00am if still cold) is seeing more new folks each day. We are also seeing more neighborhood groups playing throughout the week, so this great finesse game is meeting many CR residents recreational fun. The courts are open for anyone to play either at the Club Morning Shuffle or on your own. You will only need to purchase wax (Dura Dress) from the Activity Office. This wax is sprinkled on the court prior to play and after proper cleaning the court. Your long (doggy gate) key will access the shuffleboard storage shed where cues, discs and cleaning equipment are located.

Our four (4) ASA league teams are very competitive in their respective leagues. Other park teams coming to play in our home matches realize they are in for a major battle for points.

Tournament play within District III (Yuma RV Parks) was scheduled regularly in December and more are scheduled for February and March. Country Roads was well represented in the December tournaments, and brought home the following awards: Split Singles Tournament at Fortuna De Oro---Linda Stoneburner took 4th place in the Women's Championship bracket; Grieg Carter took 3rd place in the Men's Championship bracket. In the Friendly Acres Holiday Any Singles Tournament---Tom Harty took 1st place in the Consolation bracket. Everyone is encouraged to play with the club or on your own. (continued...)

If you do not know the game, please come out each morning the club plays, and you will be placed with a kind, experienced player who will assist you. The last formal lesson of the season is scheduled for Monday, February 10 at 10:30am. We look forward to many fun times on the shuffleboard courts during February.

Gary E. Bartlett Courier Reporter



"YEAH, I KNOW YOUR IDEA OF HEAVEN WAS TO PLAY GOLF ALL DAY, BUT ALL WE HAVE IS SHUFFLEBOARD!"







Thursdays in the Aztec Room. Here are the details:

Set-up Time: 9:00am

* Event Start: 9:15am

* Event End: 11:15am

* Clean-up Time:

11:30am

One-Third through this season and we have just begun the discover that creativity hiding inside our souls. You are bound to get your mind triggered in this amazing class, voted: Happiest Class at Country Roads for the 2024/25 Season. With all that simmering happiness, great ideas can come to the top of your imagination and your fingers will just fly over the computer keyboard as your mind unleashes your inner thoughts. Did you know John Denver wrote all his songs in about five minutes. He sat down and turned on his inner self and the words flowed out of him without him giving them much thought. You should try it. When some of us are late getting our writing for the week done on time and we are doing it the night before, we astonish ourselves at what we can put together at the last minute.

Myrna Mattson Lot 679 360.928.2567





Wow! At least three months of the official 24/25 season is past. Even the new years resolutions may have gone by the wayside already. Whoa! Not so fast. Back up a step

Whoa! Not so fast. Back up a step or two. The majority of us at year wayside already at year end think about what we want to do more of, less of, differently, better, etc. One definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over but expecting different results. My suggestion would be to pick a small number of things but actually do them. Exercise more regularly, socialize more if you're not already doing so, clean and organize that closet and shed that you've been meaning to do for several years.

It's been said to plan your work and work your plan. We all know how fast time slips by. The years go by like months. Without purposeful planning 12 months down the road you could be looking at the same unfinished projects, the same regrets for the things you did not do in 2025. It's actually not difficult to recenter your lives and find that you can be happier, more active, bringing joy to others and living with purpose and not just biding time. There's a bunch of guys in Men's Fellowship who could be a good example and provide some motivation for you if you want. All in the context of some coffee and donuts. a few laughs, hearing the Truth.

(continued...)

Here's an admonition from Phil. 3:13, "I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me."

Aztec/Inca room, Wednesday at 7am, done by 8:30am.

Moving forward, pressing on. Jerry Opp #1147

BUILDING FUND

As we enter the second month of 2025 the Building Fund Executive Committee is thinking ahead to the election of executive officers that happens every year in March. There are six positions on the executive committee and three positions will be up for a normal 2 year position and one position for a 1 year position due to a resignation. Steven Selheim, executive Vice Chairperson, is heading up the search to find people who would like to serve on the executive committee. Elections are not held for a particular position (ie chairperson, bookkeeper, etc.) but rather as a member of the executive committee. After being elected to the committee, the executive committee determines who will serve in each capacity. The election will be held at the March Building Fund General meeting on March 3rd at 9:00 am in the Moiave room. All homeowners and renters present at that meeting are eligible to vote. Each person running for a position will give a short presentation as well as a resume outlining their background and interest in the activities of the Building Fund. The Building Fund is always looking for new ideas and energy. (continued...)

If you are interested in serving our community by becoming a member on the committee, we welcome you to submit a resume to Vice Chairperson Steven Selheim (240-472-4598) or any of the other executive officers. A resume could also be left at the office to be brought to the attention of the Building Fund officers. In addition to the executive officers, the Building Fund has an opening available for the Saturday Morning Breakfast coordinator if that is an area you might want to volunteer for. The Building Fund has several fundraising events this month including a 40 th Anniversary Gala Dinner Show and dance to be held on Feb. 24 th. This promises to be a very fun evening and we hope you will purchase your tickets soon! The other fundraisers for the month include Wing It, Spaghetti Dinner and four Saturday morning breakfasts. All of these fundraisers are for the purpose of supporting our clubs and activities that might have a financial need. Please remember to submit a Request for Project (RFP) to the Building Fund Executive committee if your club or activity has a financial need.

Doris Van Daam Lot 1036



me yelling at squirrels in the street to move so they dont die is probably the same feeling God has watching me live my life most days.



PAPER CRAFTING

On Nov 15th the Paper Crafting Club started the 2024 / 25 season in the Navajo Room, next to the ballroom. The club's members do card making, scrapbooking and various paper crafting projects. Club membership is \$20 per season which runs until March 29, 2025. Membership allows you to use the club's cutting machines, stamps, die cuts, embossing folders, paper and cardstock. Drop Ins are welcome for a small fee. Our club times are:

Tues afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 (Beginner / Assistance class)
Wed evenings from 6:00 to 9:00
Fri afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00
Sat mornings from 9:00 to 12:00
The club will be offering "Make & Take" card classes during the season. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. A sign -up sheet will be posted outside the Navajo Room a week before each class.

Do you have a paper craft project that you have delayed or need help getting it started? Not sure what to do with all those pictures on your phone? Our club offers a place to work on your own and our members are willing to provide guidance to get the project completed. Our club will be participating in the Country Roads Activity Showcase in the ballroom. Please come by and visit our table for more information on the club and class times.

France Pelletier - Pres - Lot# 1094 403-477-4351





We meet the first Tuesday of every month in the Inca/Aztec rooms from 1:30 - 3:30 PM, and currently we are learning about "F" words. To clarify -- words that start with the "F" sound -- like Fats, Fiber, Fish, Fasting, and Phytochemicals. We also enjoy hearing from speakers representing active/exercise clubs here at Country Roads, because two very important pillars of good health are excellent nutrition and adequate exercise. Add in restorative sleep, dealing with stress, joyful community, and purpose in life and you've got a real edge towards healthy and happy living in your Senior years! Besides our regular monthly meetings, we enjoy lunches together at the Sunrise Cafe, and Salad Potlucks in the Inca/ Aztec rooms. First meeting is free, dues per year per household are only \$10 and that goes back into purchasing many different types of materials for club members to check out. Come join us and you'll find a lively community of friends and neighbors who are making small and big changes in their lifestyles to become healthier every day! (Hint: It's easier together!) Next meeting is Feb. 4 at 1:30 PM in the Inca/Aztec rooms. See you there!

Jerry and JoAnn Opp

503-312-1226





The Country Road Book club meets on the third Monday of the month at 3:00 in the Navajo Room. (Feb 17th) We all read the same book and give our thoughts about the read. Typically, we read a book offered at the Yuma Library in a Book club Kit so there is no need to purchase a copy of the book. The month of February we will be discussing the book "Black Cake" by Charmaine Wilkerson. Please contact Joanne @

fish joanne@yahoo.com or via text at 503-550-9017 to obtain a copy to



KNIT & STITCH

Our Knit and Stitch Group meets every Wednesday at 1:00pm in the Navajo Room. Need some company while you work on a project, come and visit with us for a couple of hours. Need some help with a project, we have people who would love to help you if they can. We have needles and some yarn if you need some or if you want to try something different. Come and show us what you're working on, we love to see what other crafters are doing.