



Canyon Lake Senior Center

May 2011 Online Newsletter

Mayoral Forum

By Canyon Lake Center Staff

Canyon Lake Senior Center will hold a mayoral candidate forum on Tuesday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Center, 2900 Canyon Lake Drive. Bring your questions for candidates to answer. Lee Alley will moderate the forum.

The candidates are Mayor Allen Hanks, Alderman Sam Kooiker, Alderman Ron Weifenback and businessman Peter Wernicke. The election will be June 7.

The public is invited to this forum.

City Council Forum

Canyon Lake Center Staff

Canyon Lake Senior Center will hold a forum for all the candidates running for a seat on the City Council. This forum will be held on Friday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Center, 2900 Canyon Lake Drive. Each Ward will meet in a separate room. Bring your questions for the candidates to answer.

Candidates Ward 1 Charity Doyle; Ward 2 Steve Laurenti and Tim Rose, and Deb Hancock and Ritchie Nordstrom; Ward 3 Jerry Wright and Chad Lewis; Ward 4 John Roberts and Ron Kroeger; Ward 5 Ron Sasso and Kay Rippentrop.

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Veteran of the Month Joe Prochaska

By Canyon Lake Staff

“Good pool player and dancing fool.” That is how Joe Prochaska wants to be remembered.

In World War II, Joe worked in the supply field. He made sure our soldiers had shoes, clothes, bedding, supplies and equipment. Records had to be up to date. Ordering had to be done and supplies received on time. Equipment and personal items had to be where the men had access to them, a big job. He said, “I liked every minute.”



“The American people all had to pitch in to make the equipment in the factories to supply our army with ships, tanks and airplanes.” He went on to say, “If people could all unite and work together for a common purpose, we could solve most problems.”

His most rewarding occasion was a trip by train all over Europe. He said, “I got to fish in Loch Lomond and saw Glasgow, Scotland. I will never forget that trip.”

“I’m not a hero. A hero is someone doing something outstanding in the line of duty. We had a job and we did it. The American civilians who stayed home sacrificed a lot to keep the U.S. Army equipped and supplied. Heroes are modest about what they do to keep America free from tyranny, despotism or dictatorship.”

While in the 7th Army we were given the job to stop Hitler from going back to France. Hitler wanted to divide the British and U.S. armies and destroy them. The 7th Army held and Hitler did not succeed. Now that’s heroism!

“Campaign medals were for identifying what battles you were involved in, and the stars on them indicated how many battles. Good conduct medals were based on behavior, being a good soldier, good record and staying out of trouble,” explained Joe who received numerous citations,

His unit was assigned to guard Hitler’s retreat at Berchtesgaden in the cold and snow. As the supply sergeant, he kept his supplies in a bombed-out hotel.

Joe’s proud of being on the Honor Flight. “I am glad I had the privilege of receiving the generosity of those conducting this tour.” He said, “Our servicemen should be given credit and be recognized. Servicemen aren’t seeking notoriety. They are ordinary people, serving their community.”

Joe Prochaska is one of the true heroes of America.

Dial-A-Ride Criteria

By Canyon Lake Staff

Go to: www.rapidride.org and click on: Dial-A-Ride. You will find application, criteria and forms needed. If you still have questions, call Cindy at 394-6631, ext. #15. She can answer questions.

Geocaching Adventure Set For Black Hills Explorers

By Lee Alley

On Saturday, May 14, the Black Hills Explorers will walk a portion of the Flume Trail on a geocaching adventure. The group will depart Canyon Lake Senior Center at 8:30 a.m. Anyone in basic trail-walking physical condition is welcome to join.

Geocaching is a mild form of “high tech hide and seek,” using GPS units and orienteering skills. On this walk, participants will learn these techniques as they seek geocaches #8 and #7 along the Flume Trail. Flume Trail artifacts will be viewed and flume history will be learned as well. This has been rated as an easy to moderate hike. Those with a GPS are welcome to bring it, although none is required. Bring water, wind protection and good boots, plus a light snack.

Weather cancelled the group’s first outing. Due to participants’ work schedules, the regular activity schedule for the Black Hills Explorers will move to the second Saturday of each month.

The purpose of the group is to explore new knowledge, activities and places in the Black Hills. While mild-weather activities will be primarily outdoors, some winter-weather explorations will be scheduled indoors.

For questions, contact Canyon Lake Senior Center member and Black Hills Explorers leader Lee Alley at (605) 863-0806, or for a schedule of remaining second-Saturday explorations in 2011.

Birthday Potluck May 9

By Barb and Clubby Norwick

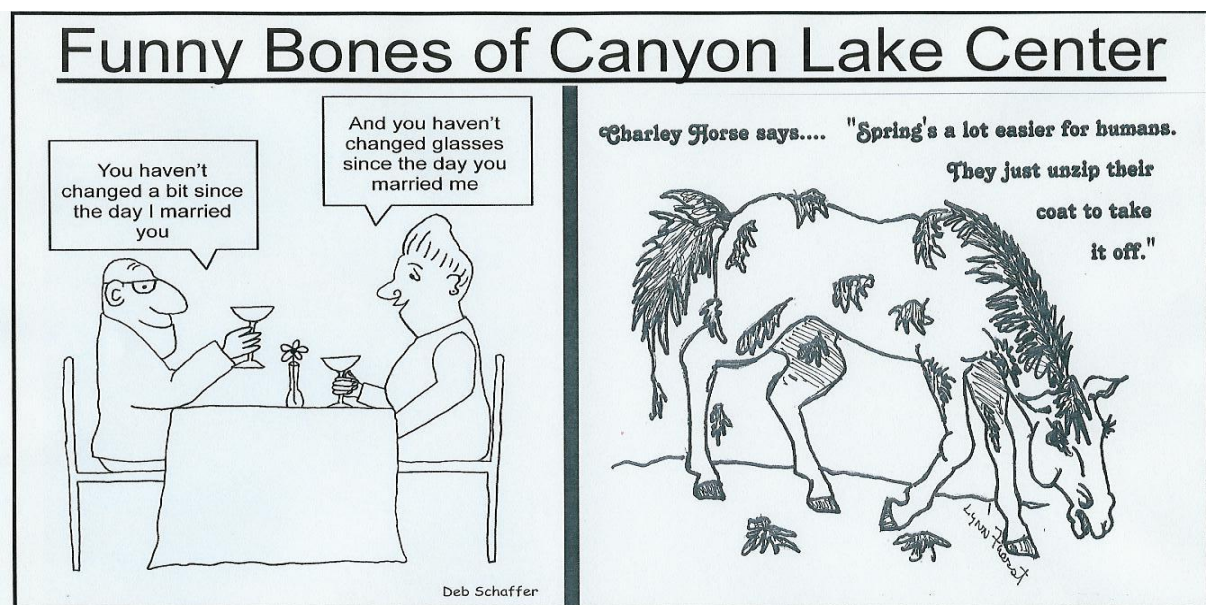
How old are you? How old will you be May 9? Well, it doesn't matter a bit. Canyon Lake Senior Center is having a birthday potluck party and everyone is invited. Besides excellent food, there will be entertainment by the fabulous Hot Shots. We will introduce and honor Center members who have an April, May, or June birthday.

When? May 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Where? Canyon Lake Senior Center Main Room

Who? Everyone please bring own table service and a dish to share with eight others.

We miss you when you don't show up.



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