

# Harrison Ranch Produce offers community supported agriculture boxes

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Harrison Ranch Produce is in its second year of providing community supported agriculture boxes, giving members a wide variety and quantity of fresh produce.

The CSA food boxes are provided on a weekly basis starting in June and ending in November. The items provided vary each week as the content changes along with the season. The first box delivered in July of 2019 provided spinach, kale and romaine lettuce while the last box in November provided butternut squash, sunshine squash, Hubbard squash and other types of squash.

"When people ask me, 'What all do you grow?', it's easier to say what I don't grow because there's pretty much all your varieties, and I am not worried about overproducing because I focus on having a lot of stuff," owner Scott Harrison said.

No matter the type of produce provided, each box contains a dozen locally produced and picked eggs. Other items members could receive are recipes for the content in the box, jelly and variety of vegetable based powders.

Patti McAndrew, who is in charge of providing baked goods, compared the cost of a box received from Harrison to what the content would cost at a large supermarket and concluded that members are getting \$80 worth of produce for \$35.

"He is also giving really good, flavorful produce that is not grown elsewhere and then trucked in," McAndrew said. "Pretty much everything they're getting is on the day it was picked or the day after."

Harrison plans to expand this year by providing CSA boxes for 25 people instead of 10, growing more produce, and working with McAndrew to provide a baked goods box that varies from a loaf of bread to sweets or dinner rolls and cinnamon rolls. Each week there will be two different baked items for consum-



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The items provided in the boxes from Harrison Ranch Produce vary each week as the produces changes along with the season.



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For Harrison Ranch Produce's last community supported agriculture box of 2019, Scott Harrison provided garlic, celery and onion powder along with squash.

ers to enjoy.

When it comes to quantity, Harrison and McAndrew avoid skimping out and make sure that each member receives a generous amount of produce.

"To give an idea of how the boxes are, one guy had a banana box with a lid with it and one time he had to take the lid off to fit two banana boxes worth of produce into

one," Harrison said. "Most people brought a cooler for the melons and eggs and then they bring either boxes or reusable bags for the rest. I mean there was one week they got a 25 pound bag of potatoes and onions."

Harrison and McAndrew said the resources for their products are organic and local. Harrison uses hand labor and cultivation to discourage weeds and incorporates organic products to handle insects, weeds and diseases as much as possible.

Members will receive their produce starting in June, but Harrison is taking payments now so that he can plan for the amount of produce he will need to supply for the season. People who sign up prior to March 31 will receive a \$50 discount from the \$200 sign-up fee, which is included in the overall \$700 price. The remaining \$500 will be paid in payments of \$125



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Scott Harrison from Harrison Ranch Produce makes sure that each member receives a generous amount of produce in the weekly boxes offered.

scheduled for June 16, July 7, Aug. 4 and Sept. 1.

An option to reduce the \$700 is available by working approximately 30 hours a week and helping with planting, weeding and harvesting. This will reduce the cost to \$350 for the season with a \$150 sign up fee. The remaining \$200 will be paid in payments of \$50 and follow the same payment schedule.

Baking is not included with the \$700 for produce. To add baking boxes with the weekly CSA boxes, the price is a \$100 sign-up fee and four payments of \$65. Sign up before March 31 and get a \$25 discount. People will pick up their baked goods and produce at the same location.

"My favorite part of this experience is providing people with fresh produce and hearing comments that it's lasting them more than a week," Harrison said. "This is truly local produce, and I enjoy hearing what people are doing with the produce."

For more information, contact Harrison at 541-733-8778 or 541-932-4718.

# New leadership hired at Silvies resort

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The Retreat, Links and Spa at Silvies Valley Ranch announced that a new leadership team will provide "hands on" oversight of the ranch resort in 2020. Recruited by Silvies Valley Ranch owner Scott Campbell, Major Lee White IV will lead operations and staffing as general manager, joined by Spa Director Tara Colegrove and Director of Golf Roger Porzak.

White comes to Silvies Valley Ranch as a seasoned executive in the golf and hospitality industry, working as a general manager for several Discovery Land Company properties throughout the U.S., Mexico and Caribbean, including El Dorado Golf and Beach Club, Diamond Creek Golf Club, Congaree Golf Club and Bakers Bay Golf and Ocean Club.

"Silvies Valley Ranch is a special place with opportunities for golfers, friends and families to be immersed in the Pacific Northwest," said White. "I'm looking forward to applying my experience in the industry to help grow the great reputation that Silvies is building in frontier Oregon."

Roger Porzak joins the Retreat as the director of golf at the resort. Porzak, alongside his son Adam, is the co-founder and director of player development for the Porzak Golf Academy in San Diego, California, and is recognized for developing top-ranked juniors, collegiate players and tour professionals worldwide. Porzak has a proven record for managing worldwide tournaments, including the IMG Academy Junior World Golf Championships.

Tara Colegrove joins Silvies as the spa director of The Rocking Heart Spa facility at the center of the ranch resort. As an Idaho native, Colegrove brings 15 years of experience in the luxury wellness industry, including earned massage therapist and esthetician authorizations. Since joining the team at Silvies, Colegrove has already instituted improvements to the huge new facility by introducing unique offerings to provide year-round visitors with uninterrupted wellness and rejuvenation.

"We are very excited to welcome top professionals in the hospitality, golf and wellness industries to our team at Silvies Valley Ranch," Campbell said. "We continue to evolve our offerings to ensure that every guest experience is amazing, and know that Major, Roger and Tara will be able to elevate the unique experiences already available at Silvies Valley Ranch."

For more information, visit silvies.us.

# Hutchison the first Whitetail Properties broker in Oregon

Real estate company specializes in hunting properties, ranches, farms and timber lands

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Whitetail Properties, a real estate company specialized in hunting properties, ranches, farms and timber lands, expanded to the west side of the United States with help from their first land specialist and broker in Oregon, Brandon Hutchison.

Hutchison, who was born and raised in the Blue Mountains, has almost 10 years of experience in the outdoor industry and sales. When he started looking for a job in the outdoors, a friend who works for Whitetail Properties recommended Hutchison work for the company.

"They were looking to branch



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Brandon Hutchison is the first land specialist and broker for Whitetail Properties in Oregon.

out further west so I reached out and contacted them, and long story short, I decided it was the job I wanted and I was the guy they were looking for to represent them

in Oregon," Hutchison said. "I've been nothing but happy because one of the things that stands out for me is the level of support from the corporate office and lots of training opportunities and experience to rely on."

Hutchison has a property that will be coming to market in March with additional properties coming in the near future once the weather clears up. As the first land specialist and broker for Whitetail Properties, this has been a learning experience for Hutchison, but he has received ample support from Whitetail.

"I have an awesome team behind me, and my principal broker is a 10 in every sense of the word, and he has helped me with the ins and outs that comes with being a new broker," Hutchison said.

The company also has the show "Whitetail Properties" on the Sportsman Channel. November Studios does the production for the show, and agents have the option to use the studio or the production crew can

visit properties to do the listings and shoot photo or video.

Hutchison enjoys his work and values the chance to represent something he is passionate about. Hutchison has grown up participating in outdoor recreational activities and embraces outdoor opportunities. Hutchison said that Northeast Oregon is abundant with opportunities for people looking to go outdoors and explore public grounds.

"I'm not out there just selling properties to make a buck," Hutchison said. "When I am researching property or talking with somebody, it's something that is very easy for me to get involved in and talk about the recreational opportunities and the success people have had hunting, fishing or out hiking and biking. This is something that is close to my heart and is something I really enjoy."

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