



the Perry Park *Sentinel* APRIL 2016

SO NOW IT'S SPRING, RIGHT?

*Though April [snow] showers may come your way,
They bring the flowers that bloom in May.*

*So keep on looking for a blue bird, And list'ning for his song,
Whenever April [snow] showers come along.*



Apologies to the legendary Al Jolson who wrote the lyrics to *April Showers*. It's a lovely old song—plays through my head every April:

*And where you see [snow] clouds upon the hills,
You soon will see crowds of daffodils...*

This April, right now, is the beginning of a new life for the *Perry Park Sentinel*. Welcome to the digital edition—the only form in which it will appear from now on. We hope it will survive in this form, that the change in delivery method will not cause too many readers and advertisers to drop off. Please help get the word out so we can make sure everyone knows how to access it.

Theoretically we should get a broader readership because it'll be easily accessed by snowbirds off in Arizona and Florida and by relatives of Larkspur-area residents in far

flung parts of the globe. Parents, kids at college, your old friends in Milwaukee, a grandson in Japan, your previous neighbor who moved to Minot—they can all now get news of our Larkspur neighborhood with the flick of the mouse.

So it should be good...

knows.

People are never predictable, are they?

There's the same good stuff here. Beary Bear is back—his reclusive winter is over too. There's a wonderful story and picture about Random Acts of Kindness at Larkspur Elementary, and we have a new voice for Picks and Pans. In case you've forgotten, Dru Anderson decided to retire from the column after umpteen years, but we have a new standard bearer. Send in your consumer experiences, recommendations and complaints and keep him busy!

In the meantime—
*happy reading and
happy spring.*

~KDale





THE PERRY PARK BOOK CLUB will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19, at the home of Linda Ross, 6076 Apache Drive, in Perry Park Ranch. The book for discussion is Lorna Landvik's funny novel about a book club

that lasts for decades. Its members call their book group AHEB or *Angry Housewives eating Bon Bons* as Landvik's own book is entitled. The book for May will be *The Boston Girl*, a novel by Anita Diamant about growing up Jewish in Boston in the first decade of the 20th century. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome. For additional information, see the book club website at <http://applelane.com/>.

COLORADO AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION EVENTS: Farm baby tours at CALF's Lowell Ranch (east I-25 feeder road south of Castle Rock) Saturdays in April and May. Tours begin at 10 a.m. Advanced reservations are required. Summer camp, Monday, June 6 through Friday, June 10, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. Open to children entering 3rd - 7th Grade. \$275 per camper. SPACE IS LIMITED! A maximum of 60 campers will be accepted. For more information email brooke@thecalf.org or see the website: <http://thecalf.org/>

SAVE THE DATE - June 11- 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Horseback Miracles' Sixth Annual *Horses for Hope Hoedown* to

benefit "at risk" youth is coming to Perry Park Ranch, 5655 W. Red Rock Drive! Mark your calendar now so you don't forget! Dust off your cowboy boots and cowboy hat and get ready to kick up some fun. Enjoy our signature "howdylicious" pig roast and all the "fix'ns" prepared by award winning chef Joe Rivera. Enjoy a grand performance from The Elizabeth Drill Team - Blazing Saddles, and let the kids ride our Miracle horse, Bingo. Enjoy our DJ party and dance the night away. Shop Bingo's Boutique and then find items you can't live without in our silent and live auctions. This is the fun family event of the summer! You don't want to miss it!!

JOIN THE PERRY PARK BLANKET BRIGADE in making comforting blankets that are given to children and adults who have suffered medical, emotional or traumatic situations and need a BIG HUG. If you are aware of someone who could use some comforting, please let us know. We have also joined forces with Operation Heartstrings to sew, knit and crochet items for the nursery at Castle Rock Adventist Hospital. Meetings are on the third Wednesday each month (April 20) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Perry Park Country Club (you do not need to be a member of PPCC to join our group). If you are interested in joining us, please contact Gwen Underwood at gwenspur@mac.com or 303-681-2125 or Cindy Hotaling at cjaspsjr@yahoo.com or 303-681-0374. Most of the materials used for our projects are donated. If you have fabric remnants, blanket batting or yarn to donate, please contact Gwen or Cindy.

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Food from Yum Yum BBQ & Larkspur Pizzeria available for purchase

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LARKSPUR MOTHERS' GROUP

Sarah Bretz, Director...

Spring has sprung and the Larkspur Moms' Group is keeping busy this month!



For more information on the Larkspur Moms' Group please visit our website at www.larkspurmomms.com or email us at larkspurmomms@gmail.com.

We are open to all Moms in the Larkspur area and offer monthly play groups, Moms' nights out, and family events. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other Larkspur Moms- and kids and Dads too!

Here is what we have coming up in April:

Play Group:

Friday, April 8th: Hammond Candy Factory Tour

Monday, April 18th: Kid-friendly hike

Wednesday, April 27th: Play group at Larkspur Park

Moms' Night Out: Join us on Friday, April 1st to see David Deeble (Comedian and Juggler) at the Theatre of Dreams in Castle Rock!

LARKSPUR ELEMENTARY TO HOST SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR EVENT

Larkspur Elementary will host a Scholastic Book Fair April 8 - 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 9-4 p.m. on April 8th. Funds raised will help purchase books for the media center, classroom libraries, and our children in need. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.



The Book Fair will feature a special Book Fair Open House on April 8 from 9-4 p.m. Be the first to see all the great new books available!

The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases, adult bestsellers, and other great reads from dozens of publishers.

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The LES online fair begins on April 1 (no fooling) and runs through April 22. Visit the online fair at: <http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/>

Larkspur Elementary is located at 1103 W. Perry Park Avenue in Larkspur.



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KINDNESS ROCKS AND A BUDDY BENCH FOR THE LARKSPUR BOBCATS Sally Erickson



“If someone is kind to you, keep on spreading the kindness, you might just make someone’s day,” says a group of sixth graders at Larkspur Elementary who recently launched their Random Acts of Kindness Campaign. The group hosted an assembly in February to encourage their entire school to embrace this new program. Their assembly included a short movie about how kindness can be paid forward, is infectious, and even the smallest act can make a big difference. As part of the initiative, students, teachers, and staff can nominate someone for demonstrating kindness. Their act is recorded on a leaf and placed upon a beautifully crafted tree in the hallway. The nominee is awarded with a special “Kindness Rocks” bracelet to acknowledge the deed. The group of graduating students is hoping that this campaign will continue long after they have left the school. Kindness is one of the core behavioral values at Larkspur Elementary, known as T.R.A.C.K.S., and includes not only kindness but also being truthful, respectful, accountable, collaborative, and safe. Keeping on the right “TRACK” has become a part of everyday life at the school.

As a timely demonstration of kindness in our community, local realtors Elizabeth Owens of RE/MAX Elite in Castle Pines,

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and Diana Hutton of RE/MAX Alliance in Castle Rock toured the school with Principal Jen Oldham as part of a realtor Open House. Jen mentioned her desire to have a Buddy Bench at the school where students without a friend could meet new friends at recess. It could also be used as a special place to resolve any conflicts. The realtors turned the principal's desire into reality for Larkspur Elementary when they generously purchased a perfect bench and had it beautifully customized with the school colors. At the kindness assembly, Diana and Elizabeth presented the bench to an excited audience of Larkspur Bobcats. By lunch recess that day the bench was already being used to great effect! "Diana and I are so happy to be able to donate the Buddy Bench to LES, and it is very heartwarming to know that it is being received in a positive way by the students," said Elizabeth. Diana added, "Be kind, and if you see someone without a smile, give them a smile."

Larkspur Elementary would like to extend a huge thank you to the Random Acts of Kindness Committee which comprises sixth grade students Matthew Erickson, Brooke Estelle, Alena Mann, Luke Molé, Paige Turner, and A.J. Vigil, and also to Diana and Elizabeth for their kind generosity to our school which LES Bobcats are sure to enjoy for many years to come. Kindness does indeed rock in Larkspur!

PICKS & PANS, ETC.

Michael Stone...

With the literary retirement of Grandma Dru, we have seen the demise of the popular "Picks & Pans" column that used to be part of the *Perry Park Sentinel*. Up to this point, nobody has come forward to offer to carry the torch and continue keeping this feature alive.

I know something about volunteering.

Over 40 years ago, I was a young recruit in Basic Training for the US Army at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Within the first week, we learned how to assemble in what is commonly called formation. You line up by squads, with the squad leader on the left. One day while in formation, the Drill Instructor announced that the Army was in dire need of pilots, and that he was authorized to select volunteers from each Basic Training platoon. Then he asked the following question: "Is there anyone here who wants to volunteer to be a pilot?"

I was intrigued, but at the time I wore glasses and I knew there was no way I'd ever make it through the initial screening for Flight School. So I just stood there at parade rest. However, three young recruits stepped forward as volunteers. At that

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point, the orderly came out of the Day Room with three shovels, and handed a shovel to each of the three volunteers. Now just imagine the look on their faces. They had just volunteered to be pilots, and now they've been given shovels?

Moments later, the mystery was solved. The Drill Instructor announced "thank you for volunteering to be pilots. Now take those shovels over to that big pile of dirt, and pile it over there."

Lesson learned. It's not a good idea to volunteer.

Back to the subject of the "Picks & Pans" column. I enjoyed it and it was something I always read in each issue of the *Sentinel*. I'm pretty sure there are quite a few readers who would agree. Now that youth, inexperience, and gullibility are distant memories, I've offered (NOT volunteered) to try to carry the torch and to write a version of this column that area residents can continue to enjoy.

If you would like to contribute input to the *Sentinel* regarding both good and bad experiences with local businesses, you can reach me at stoneman1951@msn.com.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives, but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely.

Safety tips

- Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.
- To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word PASS:
 - Pull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you and release the locking mechanism.
 - Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
 - Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.
 - Sweep the nozzle from side-to-side.
- For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.



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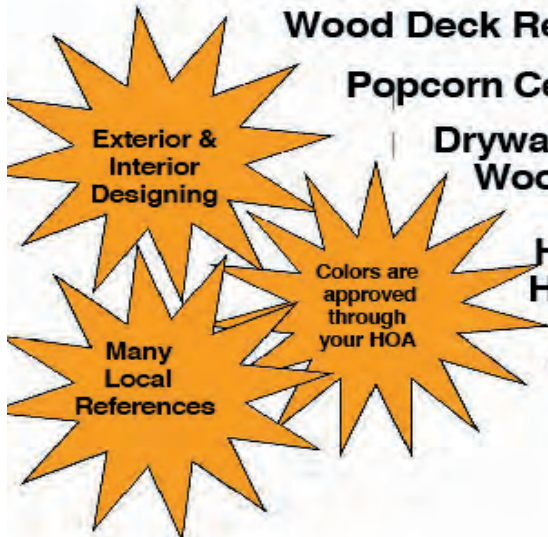
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- Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.
- Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out. Local fire departments or fire equipment distributors often offer hands-on fire extinguisher trainings.
- Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.
- Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

Source: National Fire Protection Association

SPRING FORWARD— INTO MORE SNOW?

Linda Ross...



I cannot believe I am writing this month's essay on March 15th - the actual Ides of March. For those of you that are curious, March 15th was the day that Julius Caesar was assassinated during a senate meeting. Apparently, politics were a dangerous business back in 44 BC.

Today, the Ides of March are remembered as more of a warning to be aware - sort of like Friday the 13th. Fortunately, there is only Friday the 13th this year-- in May.

As I sit here writing, the skies are blue, the sun is shining and the snow that filled my back yard is gone. The warm weather last week melted those last stubborn patches. Fenway the poodle is quite upset. He romps through the fresh snow like a black gazelle. Syrah the Soi Dog has been taking long deck naps in the warm sun, much to Fenway's chagrin. But do not be fooled, my dear readers. There is more snow coming.

Remember last year? Mother's Day greeted us with at least a foot of fresh snow. I recall seeing several of our neighbors



outside in early May, raking, getting flowerbeds ready and even doing some spring planting. My lilac bushes budded and were ready to pop. While we did some yard work, we held off on any spring planting because I just knew that Mother Nature was not done with us yet. I grew up in northern New Hampshire and learned many valuable lessons that have stuck with me. First and foremost, you don't take the snow tires off until after Memorial Day, and second, you don't plant anything outside until June 1st.

Believe me, I am certainly ready for spring and warm weather. My mailbox has been filling up with Burpee seed catalogs, and I find myself folding down page after page corner, imagining my raised garden boxes filled with fresh lettuce, squash and tomatoes. My *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine is full of stories and pictures of seemingly effortless back yards and gardens. My own deck planters are sitting neatly stacked in the garage, waiting to be filled with various herbs.

My dreams are quickly shattered when I remember that I actually have a terrible black thumb and the last time I planted my garden boxes, I ended up creating a vibrant verde salad bar for our resident deer. In fact, the deer did not stop at the garden boxes. Syrah sounded the alarm when she saw one walking around the back deck to chomp on my flowers.

So, you ask. When is this snow supposedly coming? The snow historians tell us that March is generally the snowiest month in Colorado. Surprisingly, April weighs in as the third snowiest month. And while I am not a meteorologist, I am predicting that we will be getting more snow. At least Fenway hopes so. All I know is that it had better be soon. My arm is getting sore from throwing the sad-looking tennis balls he buried in the snow and has now recovered.

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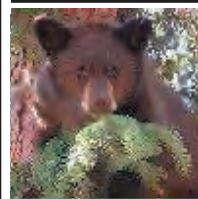
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Walt Korinke...

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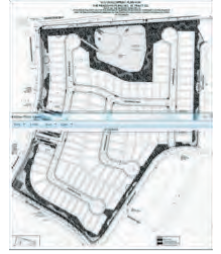
CASTLE ROCK – The Outlets moved a lot of dirt and built a new stone wall last year in preparation for the new **STARBUCKS** and **QDOBA** restaurant – seemed to take for ever, but finally, the concrete pad is in place and the steel structure is underway. As long as the workers don't stop for a cup of coffee – we should get our chance by this summer.



Near the Cinema on Prairie Hawk Drive, The **BROOKLYN VETERINARY CLINIC** is planning an 8,247 square foot animal hospital with 7 exam rooms, treatment center, surgery suite, dental facility and a boarding/pet daycare facility.



Across the street and adjacent to Bonaventure Retirement facility, the Meadows master developer (CRDC) has submitted a site development plan for the 20.15 acre parcel that will turn 75 percent of the site into **93 single family detached homes**. Public hearings will be required.



With those two developments in mind, the Town plans to widen the existing single lanes in both directions on **Prairie Hawk to two lanes each way**, add curb/gutter and a detached sidewalk.

DENVER - Here is something new and unique – an all parts and accessories motorcycle store known as . No bikes, just accessories – and lots of them. Clothes, helmets, gloves and all kinds of items for a variety of cycles. It is located on Fulton across from the Maggiano's Little



Italy Restaurant in Centennial.

COLORADO SPRINGS - My favorite shoe store, **SKECHERS** opens its first Colorado Springs store, occupying a 7,012-square-foot space in



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the Woodmen Commons Shopping Center, located at the northeast corner of Academy Boulevard and Woodmen Road. This is the center with Sam's Club and Marshall's,

Jared's, etc. It is directly across Academy from the Home Depot. Skechers has stores ranging from the Castle Rock Outlets, north and this is the first of possibly several stores to be located in the Springs. Keep an eye on the Power's corridor for their next effort. Their shoes are athletic and casual, with an expanding trend towards classy. They also carry accessories such as shoe bags, cleaners, laces and backpacks.

In our ever threating times, last May, due to unspecified threats that identified the **Air Force Academy** as a potential terroist target, the U.S. Northern Command closed public access to the **seven mile stretch of the Santa Fe Regional Trail** that runs along the eastern boundary of the Academy. New security measures will be put in place shortly, and reopening of the Trail to public use should take place by this summer.



Lots of activity at the Promenade at Briargate. The newest announcement is the April arrival of the 350 store chain **CHARMING CHARLIE** which will take about a third (+/- 4,000 square feet) of the new building behind P. F. Chang's. They are known for their "merchandizing by color." This

will be their ninth Colorado store and their first for the Springs. Their women's line includes fashion jewelry, handbags, leather goods, scarves, watches, sunglasses, footwear and apparel. They make a great addition to this upper-end retail center. This year's other happenings include the Modern Market that opened in January, Bad Daddy's Burger Bar – mid march, Pie Five Pizza – May, and Paper Source stationary store scheduled for June. The thirteen year old 'chic' shopping centers has a roster of other tenants including Apple, Bannanna Republic, J Crew and many eateries including P.F. Chang's and Biaggi's.



The **LOAF 'N JUG GAS STATION** at Poloaris Pointe (Bass Pro) is open for business. Construction is charging along on the Go-Kart raceway and dirt work has started on the next building behind the Loaf 'N Jug that will house 6

future tenants. The other recently completed building anchored by the Boot Barn will be getting another tenant – a brewery. I can't say enough about my favorite **CAR WASH** located at

the Voyager St. entrance to Polaris Point. For only \$7, you will get a flood of water, spray and complete wash and dry experience – a free vacuum and a mat washer. "Look like new" at minimal cost. A portion of their sales is donated to the local school district.



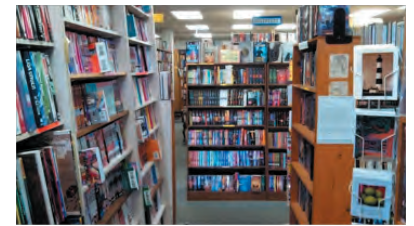
Across Voyager, the new **SPROUTS** is open! No sign of the ACE start yet.



In an effort to revive the struggling retail market in the City's Academy Blvd / Carefree section known as Village Seven, the Minneapolis chain Supervalu is opening its second Springs **SAVE-**

A-LOT grocery in a former Safeway building that has been empty since 2012. It will occupy 17,785 square feet of the 48,000 sf building with plans to service a two to three mile radius with practical and inexpensive groceries including fresh meat and produce. The chain has 1,300 of these thrifty groceries nationally, 12 in Denver and other Springs location in a former south side Walgreens since 2004.

The written word is still alive. An old Colorado Springs favorite (over 30 years) **HOOKED ON BOOKS** plans to open a second store in April at 10 and 12 Bijou St. Like their current



store at 3918 Maizeland Road, both stores will have paperback and hardcover offerings of new (20 percent), used (80 percent) and some very old "antiquarians" – including all spectrums of classifications – best sellers, art, history, children's, etc. – all at very low pricing. With the addition of the new store, the original store will be half-sized to about 2,400 sq. ft, but will remain a mainstay of the Maizeland corridor. The feel of the stores and the content is, and remains a small piece of 'yesterday'. If you

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have not paid a visit, it is time you did.

The Powers corridor will be getting another new shopping center – **POWERS POINTE** – where a 117,187 sq. ft retail building (plus outlots) will commence construction this summer on the 20 acre parcel located at the busy intersection of Barnes and Powers. Anchoring the center will be the Spring’s fourth Sprouts Natural Grocer which plans to open it’s new 30,092 sq. ft. store by spring of next year.



STARBUCKS is taking an aggressive new posture in the Springs, changing from in-line and in-store facilities with plans to open 4 new +/- 2,000 sq. ft. freestanding stores which also allows them to have drive-up windows, more spacious interiors with seating up

to 40 people, and very important, wi-fi connections allowing for a little work time or casual meetings. Founded in 1971, the little coffee shop now has over 24,000 worldwide locations including 2,100 in China.

MONUMENT – All the construction plans and activities along the Jackson Creek Parkway have



brought the need to expand the remaining 2 1/2 mile strip of two lane roadway. Current cost estimate is \$3.85 million, but don’t expect to see it anytime soon. It must be prioritized, studied, and matching funds (local 20 percent and fed 80 percent) before you see the first plow. If all goes well, the expected start is pegged for four years from now – 2020! This could still beat the I-25 - Monument to Castle Rock expansion which is also in the starting documentation stage.

GLENEAGLE GOLF COURSE to turn into **RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**. On Feb 17, 2016, Developer Scott Gratrix (G&S Development) announced what he hopes is his 9th and final revision of plans to develop the former Gleneagle Golf Course. Single family lots will be developed for custom home builders with 45 acres accommodating the lots and the remaining 90 acres dedicated to open space and trails. Three cul-de-sacs will be created with a total of 29 lots and the remaining 27 (total 56 lots) will be spread along the former club boundaries. The lots will be 1/3 acre in size and all will back on open space. If all goes well, the first lots should be available this fall.

LARKSPUR - Channel 4 did a very good piece on the unfortunate Perry Park fire of a rental house turned POT house, turned fire destroyed house (excessive power use) and how today’s **LEGAL** growth limits have created a new



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monster in many of our communities. Visit www.perrypark.org to see the article and video. **Neighbors Worried: Many Pot Grow Houses Have Faulty Wiring.** A Larkspur wide group has formed to encourage politicians to reduce the legal grow limits to help prevent this outbreak of LEGAL grows with ILLEGAL house wiring and secret transportation of the product for sale elsewhere.

DOUGLAS COUNTY MOTORCYCLING

Michael Stone...

Distracted drivers and Motorcyclists

I wanted to write this column to promote motorcycle safety and to promote an understanding between motorcyclists and the motoring public. The feedback I've received has told me that this is working.



Most residents have probably read about a recent crash on Colorado Highway 83 a little bit south of the main intersection in Franktown. Put succinctly, a married couple riding a Harley Davidson cruiser were killed when they were hit by a distracted driver. The couple leaves behind their three sons.

The distracted driver admitted to having used marijuana, admitted to having had some glasses of wine, and also admitted to looking at a text message on her phone in the moments before the crash. The incident happened at shortly after 1:30 p.m. in broad daylight. She is facing some serious charges due to her actions, and rightfully so. She also has prior convictions for some serious offenses.

Motorcyclists can face a wide array of potential situations. I've chosen to ride with the philosophy that "Nobody sees me, and they won't care if they kill me." Just yesterday on March 6, I was headed home on southbound Independence Road, in between the intersection of Bear Dance and Tenderfoot. I was following an SUV at a safe distance, and then he pulled off to the right side shoulder without signaling. I looked at his front wheels, which were turned left. That gave me an indication

that he wanted to do a u-turn, so I slowed down anticipating that he was not going to look for possible danger. He never looked, but he did the u-turn. He just drove by me and never acknowledged my presence. He was also talking on his cell phone.

In a previous story, I mentioned Sergeant Chris Washburn of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Motor Unit. He has a Purple Heart medal because he got creamed by a drunk driver while on patrol. If it can happen to an expert rider, then it can happen to you. It doesn't matter how good you think you are. Last year, a Jefferson County Motor Officer was killed at Santa Fe and C470.

Granted, riding a motorcycle is dangerous, but it can be pleasurable and NOT dangerous, as long as all motorists remain aware. Now that we are getting into the months where there will be more people operating motorcycles, it's important to make people more aware of their responsibilities.

Motorcyclists: Realize you are less visible. Increase visibility. Anticipate trouble, and avoid it. Riding under the influence of drugs or alcohol is absurd. Don't do it. Obey the laws, and enjoy the scenery.

Motorists: PLEASE, watch out for people on motorcycles. We know we are more vulnerable. But we love to ride, and riding safely is what we want to do.

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All: Just drive. Pay attention. Put the cell phone away. If you want to smoke pot or drink, do it at home. You have no business being out on the road if you are under the influence.

complete their neighbor participation survey, they will report their results to the Metro District.

MINUTES – The minutes for the February 4th District meeting were approved along with an addendum covering the recent home fire and pot growing in the area. Also attached were minutes from a work session held on February 16. All are available on the District web site - www.PerryPark.org.



During the March snowstorms, LFPD was able to burn the excess slash accumulated in the Metro District's fire mitigation efforts.

WHAT'S UP AT THE METRO BOARD?

Walt Korinke...

All Board members were present for the March 3, 2016, Metro District meeting.



VISITORS – Gregg Tsuchimoto, a Shoshone Drive resident, and Marc Sipres from Comcast discussed efforts to bring Comcast to Shoshone Drive and Place. This is one of the few pockets without this service remaining in the Park and is a crucial benefit for those in need of high speed internet service. With Comcast to shoulder the burden of the cost, the neighbors portion is approximately \$27,000 and can go down to \$0 depending on the degree of signups for Comcast services. Once they

TREASURER'S REPORT



Financials – Feb 3, 2016	
Receipts	\$ 5,524
Disbursements	\$ 4,294
Cash Account	\$401,331

There were 12 expense items; the majors included \$1,186 to Schilling & Co. for review of the District Financials and preparation of the 2015 audit exemption. The exemption has been filed with the State. The other major item was the ratification of the \$800 donation to the Larkspur Mom's Group for the cost of the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

RESIDENT GRANT PROGRAM – The 2016 Resident Grant Program is underway and signups are taking place on the Dis-

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tract web site. The maximum sign up is for a total of 50 applications – and provides for District participation in contractor mitigation efforts. See the web site for full details.

FALL SLASH BURN – weather and all safety conditions permitting – if we get another snow, the District will burn last year’s slash pick-up stored at the Gravel Pit.

TUSSOCK MOTH – Keith Worley sponsored a meeting with the Colorado State Forest Service and representatives from the Metro Districts and other involved areas (HOAs, ranches and districts) that are involved in the continued effort to contain and destroy the Tussock Moth. The good news is that the moth’s natural enemy, a virus, has arrived and will begin the end for the moth invasion. Arrangements have been made to obtain the biological spray Bt (Foray), and Frontier Helicopter will again be engaged to spray the moth larvae at the most effective timing – mid to late May. This year’s spray covers the same areas as last year, which for the Metro District includes about 400 acres bounding the District.

TRAIL AND BUFFER PROJECT – Preliminary work continues on the project and formal staking of the boundaries will take place in April. Following the staking, bids will be taken to price out the initial efforts to create the trails and fire buffer areas within District easements.

GATEWAY RENOVATION – A workshop was held to discuss the initial steps to enhance the front entrance area of the Park. Easements will be marked, Douglas County and Conservation District will be visited for initial consultation and Director Randy Johnson will be working on the design issues. Actual physical work will probably not take place until next year.

DIRECTOR ELECTION – There being only two nominees for two open board positions, Walt Korinke was declared elected for a second term. Karen Dale is retiring and Derek Meredith was declared elected to join the board. Randy Johnson, Chris Korinke and Jim Cassidy have two years remaining in their terms. The newly elected directors are effective in June.

TECH ISSUES – The District hosting of the *Sentinel* web site is up and working well.

With the *Sentinel* going digital, in order to assure that the District can reach Perry Park residents with important messages, it is important that you **REGISTER YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS with the District.**

Please go to the District web site – www.perrypark.org and remind your neighbors as well to sign up too!

LANDSCAPING – Strait Kut has again been engaged to keep our common areas trim and neat. They will be maintaining the

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Gateway, Worley's Grove, Gilloon Pond and the triangle at Red Rock & Bannock as they did last year (great job).

SLASH PICK-UP – It is not too early to start thinking about your mitigation plans for this year and our planned June and Fall SLASH Pick-ups.

FIREWISE DAY will be held with many speakers and discussion on mitigation, the Tussock Moth, and other pertinent topics -

Location - Perry Park Country Club

Date - Saturday – April 16th

Time - 10:00 am

Metro Board Members:

President	Walt Korinke
Vice President	Karen Dale
Vice President	Randy Johnson
Secretary	Jim Cassidy
Treasurer	Chris Korinke

Metro Board meetings are held at the Perry Park County Club the first Thursday of each month and will commence at 5 p.m. sharp.

MARCH NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT
Jim Matchett...



The March regular meeting of the Perry Park Water and Sanitation District (PPW&SD) was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on the 16th with four directors present. Director LaCrosse had received an excused absence. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the February 17th regular meeting and that approval was unanimous. Disbursements totaling \$78,015.45 were then also unanimously approved.

At the February meeting, residents of the district had requested a waiver to the District's Master Plan which would enable development of a lot they owned. Subsequently, the District Manager worked with legal counsel and developed an agreement wherein upon granting of the waiver, development on the lot would occur within a reasonable period of time and also indicated that the existence of such a waiver and its associated restrictions would clearly be communicated to any future owner of the lot. This agreement received unanimous approval from the board.

The District Systems Report for February submitted by Semo-
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cor was then reviewed and operations were noted as normal. Brief discussion did occur on several of the effluent values. Scott Monroe of Semocor advised the board how climatic or other operating conditions could cause variance in such values. In all cases discussed the effluent results were well with approved limits. The Monthly Staff Report submitted by the District Manager was also reviewed.

There was no audience participation, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. As always, further information is available on the District website, www.ppwsd.org.



Certainly, not all of the pioneers who migrated west had the luxury of a covered wagon. However, for those who did, the wagon that most of the migrating families used was a much smaller derivative of the Conestoga wagon, the *Prairie Schooner*, so named because from a distance on the prairie, the wagon's billowing canvas top resembled a small ship sailing on the sea. The *Prairie Schooner* was a ten by three and a half feet box covered with a canvas top stretched over seven arching, wooden hoops. The *Schooner* was capable of carrying a ton and a half of household necessities, light tools and food goods that were loaded into its interior and also hung or strapped to the wagon's exterior sides. The wagon bottom was curved, rising at both ends, helping to keep the load from shifting. The rear wheels were about six feet in diameter to ease the wagon rolling over rough prairie or trail while the front wheels were four feet or less to allow the wagon to turn. Wagons generally had four common accessories: a tool box on one side of the wagon, a brake lever and water bucket on the other side and, hanging from the rear of the wagon, a bucket containing a mixture of animal fat and tar for the greasing the axles. The Conestoga wagons were normally pulled by six large draft horses while the *Prairie Schooners* generally relied on two oxen. The *Schooners* seldom held people; the family walked alongside the wagon or rode on the family's mule, horse or, many times, cow. At night, the traveling family slept under the wagon.

Migrating west was a difficult, expensive decision for families. A *Prairie Schooner* cost \$300, a tremendous amount of money in the mid-1800s. If one needed to purchase oxen as well, the wagon plus oxen could cost in the range of \$900. There was always the daunting question of what to transport since exactly where one was going was not always known at the start of the trip. Although the *Schooner* would hold a ton and a half, wagon loading was recommended at only half or less of that amount since the weight could make pulling the load in muddy conditions unmanageable and stream crossings disastrous if not deadly. Families who heavily loaded their wagon found themselves arriving at their ultimate destination with only about half their original load, deciding, along their way, to lighten the load in order to enable their continuance on their chosen route.

In today's world, traveling in the mid-1800s is difficult to picture in one's mind. Maybe this comparison will help: think about moving your family across the country for the rest of your life, taking along only one load (of essentials) that will fit in a half-ton pick-up truck. Compare that load to what you would

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Patricia Norris 1936-2016



Pat Norris, a long-time resident of Perry Park Ranch, died at her home in Castle Rock on February 15 after a brief battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Norris, and is survived by her children: Lisa Frizell, William S. Norris, Jr., and Anne Norris Chandler. She is also survived by seven grandchildren: John and Madeline Frizell, Emily and Lucy Norris, and Isabel, Paul and Addison Chandler. Contributions in Pat's name may be made to Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains or to the Douglas County Libraries Foundation.

A GLIMPSE IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR Larkspur Historical Society...

History records covered wagons as the moving vans for our country's heavy migration west during the mid-to-late nineteenth century. Two general styles of wagons were used during this period, the *Prairie Schooner* and the Conestoga wagon. The Conestoga wagon was the earliest, heavy-load wagon, originating in the Conestoga region of Pennsylvania circa 1725. The Conestoga wagon was huge, heavy, and expensive but capable of transporting eight tons of freight, generally by merchants and freight haulers along the eastern coastal areas. The Conestoga was not commonly used in the west until later in the nineteenth century after trails and roads able to bear their fully loaded weight became better established and the area's population significantly expanded. As in the eastern areas of the country, the Conestoga was used in the West to haul structural building freight and merchandise goods from the Midwest to the western frontier.



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Spring also means allergies & bugs! If your dog has **seasonal allergies** it may be time to start their medications! **Don't let the itch get out of control!**

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Larkspur Historical Society meets the second Friday of each month at the Larkspur Fire Station, starting at 10 a.m. Want to learn more about southern Douglas County history? Attend one of our monthly meetings or go to <http://www.larkspurhistoricalsociety.org>.

BEAR WISE



Greetings, nature neighbors, (Irish) Beary Bear here. Welcome to the 2016 Perry Park/Larkspur black bear season. The unseasonably warm spring weather has aroused us from our winter hibernaps a bit early this year. After a four month slumber, we Colorado black bears are rested and eager to explore the countryside to see what's new in the human zoo. Oh, did I forget to mention the fact that we are HUNGRY also?

More of us to love

A recently completed statewide bear population study estimates the black bear population in Colorado has grown steadily over the past several years. It's hard to get an accurate bear count due to the fact that we black bears are about as eager to stand still as a class of second graders. Best guesses have us as a group somewhere north of 12,000 in number statewide. As the bear population number grows so does the challenge of living in closer proximity with a growing number of humans who like you, choose to live in nature with us.

Be Bear Wise

This is the time of year when local residents need to put out the proverbial "bears not welcome" mat to keep unwanted critters like us from adopting your address as our bed and breakfast summer spa. Here are a few suggestions to help keep us all a little safer while summering together this year:

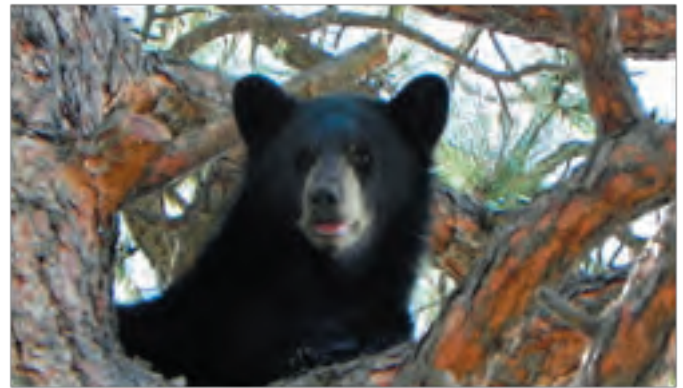
1. Make an extra effort to keep building doors closed. This includes garages, outbuildings, vehicles and your house ground level windows and doors.
2. When you are outside, use extra caution when walking around corners and into enclosed areas where a door was left open. Surprise is never a good thing except for birthday parties.
3. Bring bird feeders in before dusk. Secure barbeque grills/outdoor cookers when not in use.
4. If you haven't done so yet, make 2016 the year you invest in a bear proof garbage container. I recommend "Bearicuda" bear proof containers. They are high quality, reasonably priced and I can attest personally that they keep the trash in and determined

bears like yours truly out. Their website is: www.bearicuda.com. If you don't own a bear proof container, please do not leave your garbage cans outside of a locked secured area except during scheduled trash pickup times.

Did you know?

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Over 90 percent of our natural diet is grasses, berries, fruits, nuts and plants. The rest is primarily insects, bugs and scavenged carcasses. Of course, we will not refuse free and easy meals you accidentally provide for us. Unintentionally feeding us is extremely unhealthy for us physically and greatly increases the risk of your safety and our demise due to losing our fear of people. Willfully feeding us is strictly against the law and should be reported to authorities if witnessed.



We all need to do our part to preserve the beauty of our natural surroundings in which we live and recreate together. Go ahead, admit it. There is no greater thrill than watching our community family of "in the wild" black bears live and play in our shared natural environment - from a good safe distance. It is quite a different experience to witness the extreme damage to person and property that can result from allowing the wild to enter your homes and personal space through carelessness and neglect. The difference between the two experiences is mostly up to you.

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A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE...

Susan Peters...

*Unbearable...Where Have They Gone? ...Short Takes
Good Grief*



They're baaaaaack! The fury bruins that is. A month early in these parts. The first indication was our stacked up trash cans that overnight were strewn through the neighborhood. The second indication was our yellow lab Orca who came home slimed up from runny bear poop in the Greenland dog park! It seems an unlikely place for bears. They do have a couple of bear-proof trash cans, but the rest are conventional trash cans. The rest are conventional trash cans. Now, tell me, do bears REALLY enjoy eating dog poop? And do dogs really love rolling in bear poop infused with dog poop?

But this means bringing in the bird feeders earlier than later in the season.

And speaking of spring realities, this is the time of year where wildlife young ones appear and often get themselves into trouble, requiring medical help – yeah, those skunks can be a bit dicey to deal with. But their scent sacks are not fragrant until they have matured. It would be best to call animal control for the stinky ones.

But who else can help? There are a number of angels of mercy throughout the Perry Park community, but most vets keep a list on who to contact.

And there is now Squirrel Creek Wildlife Rescue who will take injured and orphaned animals. They are located at C-470 and Santa Fe. They can be reached at Squirrelcreekwildlife.org or 303.791.0500. They will take drop-offs, but please call first and let the phone ring for a while. And they welcome volunteers to help with their many needy critters.

Sob...Our Disappearing Wildlife

Recently I was startled to see a field of fat, cavorting prairie dogs, a sight very common when I moved here nearly 40 years ago. Since then development has meant that they have been gassed or relocated to other realms, only to wait the same fate, again. Many on ranches are shot because their holes can mean a cow or horse stepping in them and breaking their legs.

Loss of habitat has been a principle reason for the demise of many, many species. And they are a very important link in the food chain, providing food for hawks, eagles, foxes, and coyotes, and, yeah, some exuberant dogs. What bubonic plague?

To prove the point, the Western bumblebee is being considered for the endangered species list. The reason? Not from the faint-of-heart smacking them. Loss of habitat, again. Along with some viruses. The impact to us? Pollination of food sources and those glorious summer flowers, yeah, including the

obnoxious thistle. Again, people are being encouraged to help in two ways – doing a bee count just like the bird counts, and planting a habitat to attract them. And worst case is that those that are bee sensitive can don those fashionable netting duds. We have not found bumble bees to be aggressive like their wasp cousins, the yellow jackets. The Xerces Society in collaboration with the Lady Bird Johnson Wildlife Center has a citizens initiative going that they would just love to have you participate in. www.xerces.org.

And I have previously beaten the drum about saving the Monarch and Prairie Grouse, again victims of loss of habitat. Picas and marmots are losing ground against global warming, as their food sources dry up and disappear.

I sobbed my way through part of Michener's *Centennial*, the part-fictional history of Colorado. The native Indians revered the buffalo and only killed them for survival, using every part of them. And they apologized and thanked the buffalo. Then white man came along and killing buffalo became sport, sometimes with the intent of harvesting the furs, but often it was just a shooting gallery, leaving over a hundred buffalo at one time to rot. The hatred by some is unfathomable. Men hated the buffalo, the antelope, the Indians, and about everything. And then decades later, it was fun to shoot eagles out of the sky, as if these dudes were immersed in a carnival.

The Indians would run buffalo off cliffs, then taking what satisfied their needs, leaving the rest for other tribes. Somehow, despite this, there was still plenty of buffalo to go around.

It has been recognized that buffalo are a natural for our vast prairies. About 20-30 years ago, when ranches were going under, a proposal was on the table to take down the fences and allow the buffalo to wander free again.

But, say what? Man must fence in everything! It is curious that today's buffalo almost invariably have cow DNA in them. Efforts are underway to isolate and raise pure strains. Will your buffalo burgers taste any different? I don't know, but right now it sounds like we are getting a variation of a hamburger when we order buffalo.

Fortunately the eagles have recovered, along with the beaver that was nearly wiped out because of the market their luxurious furs sustained.

Hopefully you are receiving your eagle fix with a big smile on your faced with the bald eagle pair "Mr. President" and "First Lady", who are the doting parents of two eaglets. Check out the birdie cam at dceaglecam.eagles.org to see those fluff balls grow into majestic creatures under their parents' care and tutelage. If I had kids (or dogs) that squawk like them, I would be doing everything possible to show them early flight lessons.

Anyway, I digress. I have just focused on Colorado. The producers of the Academy Award winning documentary, *The*

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What are your neighbors saying about Wolfe Realty Group?

Feedback received from Art & Beth Zabinski Regarding the purchase of their home

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Feedback received from Guy & Wendy Weisenburger Regarding the purchase of their home

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Cover, showing the brutal slaughter of hundreds of dolphins in a small bay in Japan, have taken a global effort. **Racing to Extinction** depicts the brutal reality of the demise of so many species between forest clearing with Indonesia taking front seat in this dubious activity, mainly for palm oil, and then what the oil and gas dependency is doing.

So what can you do other than volunteering for various causes? For sure, don't imbibe palm oil and then be so very energy conscious, please, for the planet.

Short Takes

Oh, boy! About mid-April, it is not too soon to put out a hummingbird feeder for the migrants and the early scout summer residents.

That's all, folks, for this month. Gotta run. Gotta go netting rather than fishing. We have dead koi floating in our pond... the pump died when the pond froze. And a pond heater failed. Sob.

HowtoContactMe: Email is best at susan@larsspurconsulting.com. Alternatively, call my cell phone at (303) 725-6868 or send a short write-up to 2255 Quartz Mountain Drive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Regarding Teens for Hire

Greetings,

Having only moved to the Larkspur area last May, I was delighted to start receiving the PP Sentinel once we got settled in. It enabled me to learn more about the area and the services offered by various people.

One area that was of particular interest was the TEENS for HIRE. Though that, we were able to find a lovely young lady to look after our cat when we went on trips. I was also very interested in hiring some teen age boys to help out in yard work, but that has been very disappointing. After calling about four young men, and always speaking to their mom or dad since they were usually still in bed at 10 a.m., I explained what I was interested in having them do and asked for them to have their son call. None of them did. I guess they really weren't that interested in doing what they advertised and I wonder why they even bothered to run those ads. Pathetic. Maybe, when teens want to run an ad, they should be advised that they need to be willing to do what they advertise and if they aren't, then no future ads would be accepted.

Sincerely,
Gerry Zimmerman - Sterling Pointe.

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*Inserts must be full page only not folded.

Customer to furnish.

No Card Stock accepted. All inserts must be prepaid and due by the 20th of the month. Contact business office for monthly count requirement. Pricing is for "Camera Ready Art."

Typesetting is available for a nominal charge.

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The *Sentinel* invites your letters, comments and ideas for columns. Deadline for advertising is the 15th of each month, and editorial copy is the 20th of each month. Letters should be limited to 300 words. Because of space limitation and legal ramifications, we reserve the right to edit any submitted material and cannot assure that submissions will be printed verbatim or unedited.

The *Sentinel* will correct all errors occurring in the paper. If you find a problem with a story - an error of fact, or a point requiring clarification, please call a member of the Editorial Staff. The opinions expressed in the *Sentinel* are not necessarily the opinions of the staff or its advertisers.

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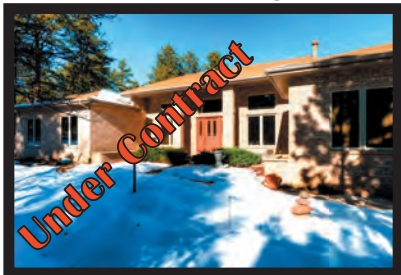
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TEEN FOR HIRE

Hi! I'm Dawson Dwernychuk, I am 17 years old looking to do any job you need. I can provide yard work, watch/feed your animals or plants, shovel snow, or anything you need. Contact me at (303)660-5231.

Experienced and responsible 17 year old available to pet sit and babysit. To reach Mallory Meeks, please text or call (832)363-7933 with any questions.

Dependable and trustworthy 14 year old looking to pet sit and babysit. CPR and first aid training completed. Please call or text Jacqueline Meeks at (832)600-8014.

Hey! I'm Chance Cotham, I'm 15 years old and a sophomore at castle view high school. I can take care of plants, dogs, yard work, and any other thing you'd need! Please contact me @ 720-775-8345 or chancecotham17@gmail.com

A trust worthy sixth grader looking for hire for pet sitting. Anywhere in the Larkspur/ Perry park area. To contact Kylie email kateandkylie910@gmail.com or call 720- 877-1998.

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My name is Trace. I am 15, PP Res, and am homeschooled so available frequently. I cut grass, clean gutters, house sit for plants and pets, help with fire mitigation, etc. For local ref contact Sandy Divan at 303-681-0132. Please call me at 720-420-9767.

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CLASSIFIED AD SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

E mail ads to ppsentinel@comcast.net (you will receive an acceptance receipt.) Charges and submission instructions will be advised via e mail after typesetting.

OR

Mail to PO Box 3784, Parker, CO 80134. Charges and submission instruction will be advised via telephone after typesetting.

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Dave Bennett, dbspartan@msn.com, Craig Jossi, crookedtrellc@aol.com, Steve Beck, senbeck@aol.com

*Receive one raffle ticket each time you play. The more you play, the better your chances to win!

APPLICATION OPEN FOR LES PTO SCHOLARSHIPS-2016

The Larkspur Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization is proud to offer two \$1,000 scholarships in honor and memory of two very special young people who passed away in 2006. Stuart Mazanec and Liz Yost, both graduates of LES and long time residents of the Larkspur community died in 2006, way too early in their lives. These scholarships were created to allow LES PTO to give back to our students, while remembering these two young people, whose families still remain active members of our community.



We are also pleased to have a \$1,000 scholarship funded by the Kost family for a sixth time this year. The Kost family has established this scholarship to help students in the Larkspur community in recognition of Nancy Kost's many years of dedication and support to all those involved in Larkspur Elementary School.

We invite high school seniors who will graduate in 2016 to submit a written application based on the following criteria:

- The student **must** have graduated the sixth grade from Lark-

spur Elementary School.

- The student **must** be graduating from any of the Douglas County High Schools.
- The student **must** be going to college, university or vocational training, and submit an acceptance letter with the application. Students are encouraged to apply for any or all of the scholarships.

Application information and submittal requirements can be found at the Larkspur School website under the LES PTO Scholarship link (on the left navigation). <http://www.larkspurpto.org/scholarships/>. Applications are due no later than Friday, April 1st, 2016.

For more information or questions, please email Stacey Estelle at buettell@hotmail.com or by phone: 303-681-2333.

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