



The Perry Park Sentinel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE SENTINEL..

In April, 2016, the *Perry Park Sentinel* ceased to be a printed newsletter and became accessible only on line. Printing and mailing costs had skyrocketed, and we were having to raise advertising rates severely just to scrape by. It was clear that we could no longer let our advertisers absorb those rising costs, so after much discussion and consultation with the Metro District Board, we borrowed their website as a “new home” for the *Sentinel*. Going on line, has given us a great deal of flexibility we didn’t have before. We can use all the color and all the pages we need. No more bemoaning the fact that a glorious photograph could only be printed in black and white—or that a really good story wouldn’t make an issue because money dictated the number of pages and words we could use. Going online was just another milestone in a long life.

We’ve come a long way since April, 1977. That’s when the *Sentinel* was born.

In April, 1977, a group of volunteers put out the very first issue of the *Perry Park Sentinel*. It was typed—yes, on a typewriter—and mimeographed

and distributed by hand into mailboxes throughout Perry Park Ranch by those same volunteers. There was a lot of local gossip and no art. Local realtors absorbed the costs of those first issues. Later, the *Sentinel* sold advertising space, and used commercial printers to produce a 20-25-page local newspaper with expanded distribution throughout the Larkspur area.

The *Sentinel* is still staffed entirely by volunteers with the exception of a professional typesetter who designs and formats it. She’ll never get rich doing it, so her efforts are as much a labor of love as those of us who volunteer our time. Anyone may volunteer, and a number of you do, simply by submitting your photographs or articles or FYI items. We no longer try to publish a staff

box—too many people involved in too many ways, some once in a while, some every month. Just read the bylines.

Keep sending in material—and keep reading. It is a community effort—and has been for exactly forty years. Let’s keep it going.

~KDale





PERRY PARK BOOK CLUB will meet on April 18th at 10 a.m. at Barbara Allen's house, 5791 Gerry Lane in Perry Park Ranch. The book for discussion is *Our Souls at Night* (BCE) by the late Kent Haruf, the last in his series

of novels set in Holt, Haruf's fictional small town on the eastern plains of Colorado. The book for May is *The 100-year old Man who Climbed out the Window and Disappeared* by Swedish novelist Jonas Jonasson. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome. For additional information see http://www.applelane.com/Perry_Park_Book_Club.html.

2017 ANNUAL DUES FOR PERRY PARK EAST HOA: It is that time again for payment of 2017 PPE HOA annual dues. Dues are \$50 and should be paid the beginning of each calendar year. Dues can be sent to: Perry Park East HOA, P. O. Box 161, Larkspur, Colorado 80118.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE: Sunday, April 16 at the Philip S. Miller Park in Castle Rock. Several local churches will be participating. Service starts at 6:30 a.m. and coffee, doughnuts and pastries will be provided by local businesses.

SAVE THE DATE - June 10, 2017 - 4:30 PM to 10:00 PM! Horseback Miracles' Seventh Annual Fundraiser "Horses for Hope" Hoedown to benefit "at risk" youth is coming to historic

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. HBM will host the first "Boots & Bling Live Auction Fashion Show" starring some of our "miracle" kids! 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 auction. This is the fun family event of the summer! You don't want to miss it!!

THE LARKSPUR FREE LIBRARY (aka the Book Exchange) is open each Saturday, except holidays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Located at 9524 Spruce Mountain Road, the free library has over 5000 volumes in categories such as popular and literary adult fiction, crafts, DIY, and gardening.. We also have a wide range of children's books, from baby's first readers to young adults. No need to bring one to take one (or two or three), but donations are welcome. Stop in for a neighborly browse through our easy to shop shelves, and share the literary love. For more information contact Cindy at 303-681-3046.

THE BLANKET BRIGADE meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Perry Park Country Club at 10 a.m. to tie the quilts it donates to various charitable organizations. Please consider joining us. No sewing skills are required. We have a great time and the quilts bring such comfort to the

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people we serve. We are proud to say that Blanket Brigade members range in age from 12 years to 93 years! The Blanket Brigade is a non-profit 501 (C)3 and gratefully accepts any donations of fabric or batting that you might have. You can contact Gwen Underwood at gwenspur@icloud.com and her phone is 303-681-2125 or Cindy Hotaling at cjaspsjr@yahoo.com and her phone is 303-681-0374. ~GSanders

COUNTY'S SLASH-MULCH SITE opens on Saturday, April 1 and will remain open on Saturdays-only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through October 28. Douglas County's other slash-mulch site, at 7828 S. Colo. 67 (2.5 miles north of Deckers), is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. year-round. Acceptable items at both sites include tree branches and shrubbery with a maximum length of 6 ft. and maximum diameter of 12 inches. There will be a separate pile on site designated for the disposal of loose pine needles. Needles can be unloaded only in this area and must not contain limbs, branches, pinecones, weeds, grass, or trash. Needles in garbage bags must be emptied into the pile and residents are required to take empty bags with them from the site. Items that will not be accepted at either site include appliances, dirt, grass, household trash, loose pine needles, lumber, railroad ties, roots, stumps and weeds. In the event of inclement weather, please call 303-663-6274 to ensure that the site will be open as scheduled.

PERRY PARK RANCH COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Friday May 12 and Saturday May 13
9 a.m.- 3 p.m. each day



To Register: Please Phone or Text Craig Van Doorn at 918-697-9751.

We have to prepare a map of each location and prepare signs for main intersections to get people directed to the streets that have sales. We will need approximately 25 signs at main intersections. Each garage sale will have to supply its own signs to get potential customers to visit. In order to

accomplish this we will be asking for a \$5 registration fee to pay for the cost of maps (approximately 500) and materials for the main signs. Donations of shirts and wood will be accepted immediately. Some of the local realtors and businesses are willing to become sponsors also and some real estate open houses will occur during the sale to bring more customers.

The Perry Park Metro Board requested all signs be picked up by the end of Sunday, May 14. For items that don't sell, the Perry Park Junk Dump is the following weekend, May 20. The Town of Larkspur will allow advertising of the event on its electronic sign and website. Because of advertising deadlines, each garage sale will have to be registered by April 19.

Again, to register call or text Craig at 918-697-9751.

APRIL ACTIVITIES WITH THE LARKSPUR MOMS

The Larkspur Moms' Group is excited for April! We have a bunch of fun events planned, including our biggest event of the year- our annual Easter Egg Hunt! See article page 6 of this issue.



For more information on the Larkspur Mothers' Group, check out our website at www.larkspur moms.com or email us at larkspur moms@gmail.com. We are always looking for new moms and kiddos to join our group! Here is what we have coming up for April:

Play Groups:

Wednesday, April 5th: Playgroup in the Park 9:30-11 a.m.

Friday, April 14th: Children's Museum in Denver

Wednesday, April 26th: In home play group

Moms' Day out: Join us for our **Easter Egg Stuffing Party on Sunday, April 2nd**. We will be stuffing over 5,000 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt! For more information, see the invitation on our Facebook page.

~SBretz

HELLO, LARKSPUR AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY!

Dust off your boots because you don't want to miss the Best Hoe-down in Town! The 20th Annual Boot Scootin' Boogie will be held on Saturday, May 6, from 5 p.m. to midnight at the historic Wiens Ranch in Sedalia.

This adult-only event includes dinner by Rocky Mountain Catering, and desserts provided by our wonderful community and parents, drinks, photo booth, charity casino, Wine Wall provided by MHR Partners, live and silent auctions and much more!



There's still time to buy your tickets! Tickets are available until May 1st and NO tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets can be ordered online at www.larkspurboot.org or by picking up an order form from the front office at LES. Contact the LES PTO at larkspurpto@gmail.com to request an order form via email.

The LES PTO would like to thank our valuable sponsors, generous donors, amazing volunteers, and our fabulous commu-

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nity, parents, LES teachers and staff who have supported our event over the years! A big THANK YOU to Tom and Diana Wiens for providing a perfect venue for our event all these years! Check out www.larkspurpto.org for links to our sponsors and event donors and please try to patronize these businesses who

are supporting this year's Boot. You can reach the LES PTO via email at larkspurpto@gmail.com with questions, comments or if you want to get involved.

Thank you to everyone who is attending this year's Boot and helping us celebrate our 20th year! See y'all there!
~JMartin

APPLICATIONS DUE FOR LES PTO ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Larkspur Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization is very 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 announce a new \$1,000 scholarship this year funded by the LES PTO in honor of all LES volunteers past, present and future! This scholarship was created to honor the many volunteers who have dedicated their time and talents to the students and teachers of LES. We want to help a Larkspur graduate who has also dedicated time to volunteerism to continue in higher education.

Stuart Mazanec and Liz Yost Scholarship Requirements: We invite high school seniors, who will graduate in 2017, to submit a written application based on the following criteria:

1. The student must have graduated the sixth grade from Larkspur Elementary School.
2. The student must be graduating from any of the Douglas County high schools.
3. The student must be going to college, university or vocational training and must submit an acceptance letter with the application.

The LES Volunteer Scholarship Requirements We invite high school seniors, who will graduate in 2017, to submit a written application based on the following criteria:

1. The student must have graduated the sixth grade from Lark-

- spur Elementary School.
2. The student must be graduating from one of the Douglas County high schools.
3. The student must be going to college, university or vocational training, and submit an acceptance letter with the application.
4. Must have a minimum of 100 verifiable high school volunteer hours.

Applications will be accepted until **Monday, April 10, 2017**, and must be emailed to: Rebecca Winckler at rebeccaewinckler@yahoo.com. Attn: LES Volunteer Scholarship-2017.

IMPORTANT: Your application should include a cover page with your name, address, phone number and email address. **Please** do not include your name or contact info within the body of your application (answers to the questions). Applications will be reviewed by the committee "blind," meaning without your name.

The committee will be made up of LES PTO members, former LES teachers and community members. The scholarship winner will be notified by email no later than May 1, 2017. If you should have any questions, please contact Rebecca Winckler at either 720-255-8116 or rebeccaewinckler@yahoo.com. Application information and submittal requirements can be found at the Larkspur PTO website <http://www.larkspurpto.org>.

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GET IT DONE

Michael Stone...

I've received another great review from Carol and Terry Hellinger. Here is what they had to say about Pohlen Construction.

"We cannot say enough good things about Jim Pohlen of Pohlen Construction. Over the past year or so we've relied on Jim a couple of times to help us fix some issues with our deck. His engineering background was paramount in solving the problems. He is honest, fair, and his prices are very reasonable. Jim is a really nice man who is easy to work with. He always answers calls promptly and his work is exceptional. If you need any work done on your home, from small projects to major remodels, Jim is your guy. (Pohlen Construction, 303-681-2168)." Recommendation submitted by Terry & Carol Hellinger.

This column is designed to be an exchange of positive feedback on experiences that we have had with commercial services. Instead of throwing a dart at the yellow pages and hoping to hire a reputable company, readers of the Sentinel get a look at real life RESULTS, and can make informed decisions about who to hire.

All recommendations are verified before being published, so you can be sure that the content is 100 percent reliable. Now—here is the hard part!

I considered discontinuing the column due to lack of input. You may have noticed there was no "Get it Done" in the March edition of the *Sentinel*. Without input from readers, the demise of the column is certain. So please heed the plea:

If you have a positive experience with a person who you would recommend to your neighbors, let me know. You can reach me at stoneman1951@msn.com.



FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Hosted by the Larkspur Moms' Group
Funded by the Perry Park Metro District

Come together for a morning of family-friendly fun! This year the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8 at the Big D in Perry Park Ranch (large open space near Red Rock Drive & Red Rock Circle) and everyone is welcome!



The Easter Bunny will arrive at 10 a.m. sharp, so don't be late! Bring your camera for some great Easter Bunny photo opportunities! The Easter Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 10:15 a.m., lasting generally about 15-20 minutes. Children should bring their own baskets or bags to collect the eggs (but please remember to return the empty eggs for the Easter Bunny to use again next year). Areas will be designated for children up to 3 years of age, 4 to 6 year olds, 7 to 9 year olds, and those 10 and over. In addition to the hunt, we will be offering complimentary beverages and donuts. We will also have a ton of fun games going on as well as a raffle to benefit the Larkspur Moms' Group.

In the event of blizzard conditions or temperatures below 15 degrees, the hunt will take place indoors at the Larkspur Fire Department: 9414 S. Spruce Mountain Road. Please check the Larkspur Mothers' Group website for event status if the weather is questionable: www.larkspurmoms.com.

Attention Teens: Assistance is needed before, during and after the Egg Hunt. If you volunteer, you will earn a minimum of three hours of community service. Please email Sarah at larkspurmoms@gmail.com for details.

Happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you all at our 42nd annual Easter Egg hunt!

~Sarah Bretz, director, Larkspur Moms' Group





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WALT'S WORDS

Walt Korinke...

It's all right if you don't agree with me....I can't force you to be right...



It's time for my annual reminder – if you have resided in your Douglas County home for 10 years, and are 65 years of age or older, you will want to file for your **SENIOR**

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The casual dining industry continues its 10-year struggle to operate profitably as highlighted by the 1,500 store holding company, Bloomin Brands which closed 43 underperforming restaurants last month. Sales were down at their **OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE** by 4.8 percent, **CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL** -2.3 percent, and **BONEFISH GRILL** -1.9 percent. Their overall results were a net loss of \$4.3 million vs. a profit of \$17.7 million the previous year. Twenty eight-year old **LONE STAR STEAKHOUSE** has been quietly shuttering its stores over the last few weeks in Colorado as well as several other states. Other problem performers include **APPLEBEE'S** -5 percent resulting with the retirement of their CEO. Their efforts to turnaround sales with a "wood-fired grill" rebanding was both expensive(\$75 million) and a failure. The pasta chain **NOODLES** plans to close 55 underperforming stores (1 in 10) at a cost of \$29 million to terminate leases. They also suffered an \$11 million charge caused by a data breach affecting customer credit/debit charges.

In Colorado Springs, the one lone Colorado location of the Texas based **ZIO'S ITALIAN KITCHEN** quietly closed their doors as the Company attempts to reorganize under Chapter 11 bankruptcy. On the positive side, **DENNY'S** sales were up 3.9 percent in 2015 and another 1 percent last year driven by a big change in their pancake recipe which is very popular with its customers. Another winner is **PANERA BREAD** whose big change was to drop artificial ingredients from its entire menu resulting in their best sales in 4 years, an increase of 4.7 percent and an increase in their stock of 36 percent over the last two years.



On the expansion side, Hooters has quietly opened the first store of its new spin-off chain, **HOOTS**, which serves fewer items than the original chain, but still centers on their familiar breaded chicken wings, fries and crab legs served in a fast and casual atmosphere without the familiar



"tight tank tops or orange shorts."

On the grocery store side of things, **WHOLE FOODS**, is slowing down last year's large multi-year plan for 1,200 new stores while it tests the performance of its first 100 new openings and culls older under performers. Nine planned closing include two in Colorado. The Boulder store on Baseline and the Colorado Store at First and Main will close on April 9th.



PALMER LAKE – The TOWN has passed its first new ordinance of the year that provides for a **5 percent Municipal Excise Tax** on the sale of Marijuana that will be phased in over 5 years, i.e. one percent year one, two percent year two, etc. This is geared towards raising much needed capital for the general use of the town



and with its one source being the new marijuana cultivation facility located in the former bowling alley.

LARKSPUR – "The Town of Larkspur has entered the final stage of the **Well Project**. Since 2014, the Town has drilled a new well in the Arapahoe aquifer, installed new transmission pipeline from the new well to the new 451,000-gallon water storage tank. To date CDPHE has approved the plans for the Water Treatment Plant and provided that funding is achieved, the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant should begin this spring.



The final phase of the well project will begin within the next few months. The final phase will include the water treatment plant, the well pump and the southern distribution loop/..."

My compliments to the Town on the update to their web site from which the above quote was taken. The site which is still a work in progress, is easy to navigate and informative, though the minutes and agenda are currently a little more difficult to find (Common – Municipal Code and Charter) – townoflarkspur.org.



includes .47 acres of land.

There is a possible buyer in the small white 720 sq. ft. building at **8783 Spruce Mountain Road** (adjacent to the Larkspur Pizzeria) to be operated as a coffee shop. Works for me as long as they also offer donuts. Current asking price is \$264,900 and

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Welcome to Larkspur's newest business, the **LARKSPUR PET HOSPITAL**, which celebrated its grand opening in March. It is located just south of the Pizzeria at 8825 Spruce Mountain Road, 303-

681-3980. Locals have been following the construction of the Town's first new commercial building in years, and anxiously waiting to bring their pets for local tender care and medical help.

CASTLE ROCK - PROMENADE - Under construction



and in the hiring process, the Denver area's eighth **POTBELLY SANDWICH SHOP** will be opening in the promenade in the small collection of shops underway across from

Popeye's Chicken (1341 New Beale St.). Potbelly grew out of a sandwich addition to the back of an antique shop in Chicago in



1977 to a rapidly growing international operation with over 400 shops that still maintains a neighborhood feel. Each store has an antique potbelly stove along with various collectables decorating the walls. Their most recent local opening was about a month ago in the new building in front of the Park Meadows Home Depot. Their menu consists of deli style, toasty warm sandwiches, salads, hand-dipped milkshakes and 'homemade' cookies. For the figure watchers, you can order a "thin-cut" with one-third less bread. My guess is an opening sometime this summer.



26,000 square foot **HOBBY LOBBY** and a 26,000 square foot **ROSS DRESS FOR LESS** and others.

March brought another major ground breaking at the Promenade as the parcel located directly between Lowes and King Sooper's started pushing dirt for more retail stores that will include a 55,322 square



Hobby Lobby has grown from a 300 square foot picture frame store started in Oklahoma in 1970, to be the largest craft and gift retailer with over 750 stores

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across the country. Ross is a 1,270 store chain located in two-thirds of the country and marketing specialty store brand women's designs at bargain pricing; a basic store design with racks and racks of choices.



Following five years of planning and savings, the much-needed **CRYSTAL VALLEY FIRE STATION #152** will hopefully open in 2018. To be located at the northwest corner of Plum Creek Boulevard and Crystal Valley Parkway on Town owned land, the station will cost about \$7.2 million to build along with another \$1 million for another fire engine. Twelve firefighters will be housed at the station to start with and with the area record of over 60 percent medical calls, a future addition of paramedics is planned. An open house was held on February 1, displaying three possible designs and requesting public input. With final design underway, we should see groundbreaking by summer in order to hit the 2018 deadline. This addition to Castle Rock's south side service should provide some relief for the Larkspur Fire Protection District that already services the southern portion of Bell Mountain Ranch.

PARKER – Just a short hop over to Parker for another interesting and unique planned development. In 1995, the Town of Parker acquired the 2.5 acre, Mainstreet Center with the plan to both preserve its historic quality, and to promote additional draw to the central core of the old downtown. With the old Schoolhouse anchoring its core, the Town sought a private partner to redevelop the gymnasium portion of the property with a use that is compatible with the arts, cultural and entertainment uses of the rest of the site, and with a retail/restaurant component or other community gathering space. The developer proposes a two-story building (the **PARKER TAP HOUSE**), adjacent to the School, to contain 9,556 square feet of interior space and an additional 2,400 square feet of outdoor seating on the second floor. A seating capacity of 200 with two separate bar/lounge areas, a second-floor performance stage and a small first-floor retail space are planned and a prominent feature would be the distillery element clad in copper. The Community Open-House on Jan 26th was met with strong community support and the preliminary is underway with hopefully an actual ground breaking by the end of summer.



The new **GANDER MOUNTAIN** store across from the Costco will not be affected by the recent bankruptcy filing. With 162 stores in 27 states,



the reorganization plan is to immediately close 32 stores. Parker is their one remaining Colorado store which they currently plan to continue operating. E-commerce has severely impacted the sporting goods retail sector causing a rethinking of how they stock their stores and the need to close poor performing operations. MC Sports is closing 68 underperforming sports stores.

COLORADO SPRINGS – Following eight years as a ghost



village of partially completed buildings, last year's on again – off again – on again sale negotiations culminating in a sale in Oct for \$22.5 million, another four months of planning and development negotiations, and of course a name change, formerly Colorado Crossing, now **VICTORY RIDGE**, here we go! The new owners of this 153-acre development, Westside Invest-



ment Partners, is ready to kick off the new plans for Victory Ridge. The partially completed 14-screen theatre is being sold to the New Mexico-based **ICON CINEMA**, which hopes to get started within weeks and complete the theatre the later part of this year.



Westside plans to move forward with the partially completed 110,000 square foot office building and parking garage by late summer/early fall and is also working on plans for new hotels, 16 acres of apartments, stores and restaurants. A major change to the original plans is the sale of one-third of the site to the Scott Hall Field of Dreams Foundation for the development of the Larry Ochs Sports Complex to include 8 baseball fields, 11 soccer fields, multipurpose fields, concessions, picnics and restaurant areas. The sports complex is expected to break ground this fall. This was accomplished by a City land swap of the original 47-acre sports land site at Powers and Old Ranch Road. Also joining the sports complex, Academy School District 20 will create a \$7 million state-of-the-art Aquatic Center. Timing is right, development interest is strong, and it is looking like this "hot corner" of InterQuest and Voyager Parkway is ready to roll.



With its first craft beer establishment opened in Eugene, Oregon, in 2014, **GROWLER MICRO PUB**'s CEO Dan White quickly moved to franchise the successful operation and move the

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"I am a Larkspur resident and have been specializing in selling Larkspur real estate for the past 13 years. I am the managing broker and owner of Wolfe Realty Group, an independent residential real estate brokerage firm. By choosing to specialize in the Larkspur and Perry Park real estate market, I can provide you with the highest level of knowledge and insight when buying or selling your Larkspur or Perry Park home or land. If you have any questions about Colorado real estate, please contact Wolfe Realty Group Inc. at 303-681-3553 or go to www.DiscoverLarkspur.com"



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"We have been in the fortunate position of having completed several real estate transactions through the years, so we have had many experiences with Real Estate Brokers. There are a lot of good brokers out there, and then there are those which are unparalleled. A few examples of the way an exceptional broker separates himself from the standard estate agent would be that he possesses the ability to: -Use market intel and market exposure... -market, market, market! -Immediately follow up with relevant information. -Have attention to detail. We have had the pleasure of experiencing all of the above factors and more during our transactions with Ben Wolfe and Wolfe Realty Group. He took the time to discuss key points and work through solutions; he has been reliable to the end. It was apparent throughout that he wanted to ensure we were protected in all areas regarding our negotiations; we felt comfortable and confident that all was in order and in the end, it was a gratifying experience to simply take pleasure in the purchase of our new piece of land with all its beauty without the many stresses which could have attached themselves to the process. We are appreciative of Ben's friendly manner and professionalism and give him and the staff at Wolfe Realty Group our highest recommendation."

Kelly & Rebecca Kline
 Regarding the sale of 606 Cumberland Road, Larkspur, CO 80118 & the purchase of 1001 Spruce Mountain Road, Larkspur, CO 80118

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world headquarters to Centennial, Colorado. They already have 10 “micro-pub” locations across country from Honolulu to the Carolinas with 50 more franchises awarded and planning to open in 2017 and 2018. Locally, one is currently preparing to open at the Colorado Springs Bass Pro Complex in the shops located behind the Loaf & Jug Gas Station, and just around the corner from the new **BRASS TAP**. They will feature from 80 to 100 handcrafted brews, changing daily, and with an emphasis on local beers accompanied by a menu of tasty food. Two Denver locations, Centennial and Longmont, are included on the list. Their motto “True to the Brew” focuses on American craft beer and will feature guest brewers to “meet and greet” customers. No cans - get it from the tap.



After 85 years in operation, **FAMILY CHRISTIAN STORES** finally loses the battle with online retailers and is closing its 240 stores including 5 in Denver and 2 in

Colorado Springs. In 2012, three Atlanta businessmen acquired FCS and re-organized it as a nonprofit ministry, which donated profits to Christian organizations and charities. By 2015, the model was not working and Chapter 11 bankruptcy was taken. As a result, they lost about one-half million dollars while shedding about \$127 million in debt. They were acquired out of the bankruptcy for \$55 million, but the new ownership found it impossible to obtain inventory financing and discount purchasing, and that, combined with declining sales and on-line sale competition, has brought a final closure to the nation’s largest distributor of Christian products, which in its “hey days” shipped as many as 25,000 bibles a day.

Another retailer “bites the dust” as **GORDMANS** files for bankruptcy. In business since 1915, they have 106 stores in 22 states including five in Denver and two in Colorado Springs. This past



September Gordmans opened their large store in the former J C Penney space at Chapel Hills Mall. The retailer of clothing, accessories, footwear and home decor will continue to operate through the liquidation process.



With three very successful locations in Denver, **VIEWHOUSE** plans to open its first Colorado Springs sports bar/restaurant. Viewhouse purchased Ent Federal Credit

Union’s 3.7-acre parcel at I-25 and Woodmen and will build a large 15,000 square foot two-story building which includes a 2,075 sq. ft. second level terrace. You can choose between their dining room, tavern, rooftop, courtyard or private banquet rooms for your dining pleasure. Good food (Colorado beef and a large beer selection), and entertainment which includes outdoor lawn games, rooftop music and many flat-screen TV’s for sports viewing.

They like their BBQ in the Springs as **DICK-EY’S** opens a downtown location at 130 E. Pikes Peak Ave. in the Colorado Square Building and, **BILLY SIMS BBQ** plans for their opening as a part of a strip center at Austin Bluffs and Academy Blvd. The University of Oklahoma’s Heisman Trophy winner, Billy Sims started his BBQ operation in 2004 in Tulsa and has grown to 50 locations (mostly in Oklahoma) and he plans to open in Denver, Pueblo, Monument and Castle Rock (Promenade?) as well as other Springs locations. Imagine the taste of ribs, beef brisket, pulled pork, chicken and turkey smoked over pecan wood – hmm good.



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**SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY
AND FRIENDS OF
Kenneth Roy Gardner
January 26, 1931 - January 9, 2017**

Kenneth Roy Gardner, 85, a resident of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, passed away on Monday January 9, 2017. He was born in Laurium, Michigan, on January 26, 1931, eldest son of Nedward and Ethel (Picard) Gardner.

He graduated from Calumet High School in 1949. Ken played trumpet with many local area groups during his High School and College years at Northern Michigan University. Ken was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He served in the Strategic Air Command for four years during the Korean Conflict.

Ken and Joyce lived in Walpole, MA for 23 years, and moved to Colorado in 1993 where he worked with his son Dave in real estate. Ken was treasurer of the corporation. For many years, Dave lived in Perry Park Ranch, and some of us recall his gifts—often distributed by Ken—pumpkins for Halloween, seedlings for Arbor Day...

Ken is survived by son David (Ellyn) Gardner of Aurora, CO., daughters Dawn Flemings of Tampa, FL., Sheryl Gardner of Foxboro, MA. and grandson Bryan Flemings of Tampa, FL. Also surviving is brother James Gardner of Green River, WY. sister Carol Amos of Clearwater, FL., son-in-law Robert Flemings of McKinney, TX. sister-in-law Betty Gardner of Gwinn, MI. brother-in-law Robert Jewett of Porter Ranch, CA. and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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**NEWS FROM LARKSPUR
FIRE DISTRICT
Ken Sanders, Secretary, LFPD...**



It is no surprise to most of us in the Larkspur Fire Protection District that we are in the midst of one of our driest winters, preceded by an equally dry summer and fall. In fact, our Fire District has issued stage two fire restrictions that prohibit open fires, open burning and the use of fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Douglas County.

Most of us live in a "Wildland-Urban Interface," which is any area where man-made improvements are built close to, or within, natural terrain and flammable vegetation, and where high potential for wildland fire exists.

That's what makes the LFPD's first annual tree cutting lottery all the more important and valuable to our community. Eighteen homeowners were selected to have trees on their property cut down. Sawyers from the Fire District came out to all of the homes, inspected the trees and once approved, marked them for removal. They then returned with another senior sawyer who supervised cutting of the trees. The cutting of the trees serves as a mechanism for sawyers to become certified or recertified as appropriate.

The sawyer ensured that there would be no danger to the homeowner's property or a neighbor's property, power lines, utilities etc. All of the Fire District's sawyers need to have another sawyer review their cuts for recertification. The conditions of the Lottery were that the Fire District sawyers would fall the trees, limb them and buck them (cut into logs) but would not remove them, stack them or create organized piles. When one considers the cost of having just one tree taken down, the cost savings to home owners of having the Fire District do all this work is immense – especially when you consider that multiple trees were taken down at each property selected.

The Fire District will be holding another Tree Cutting Lottery this year so look for details on how to apply in the *Sentinel* in the fall.

**MARCH NEWS FROM
THE WATER DISTRICT
Jim Matchett...**



The March regular board meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District was called to order at 4:31 p.m. on the 15th with four directors present. Director La-Crosse had received an excused absence. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the February 15th

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regular meeting, and that approval was unanimous from the three directors who had attended, as Director Matchett had an excused absence from the meeting. Disbursements totaling \$92,290.91 were then unanimously approved.

A proposal to construct an additional pedestrian bridge adjacent to the new Bear Creek weir in Wauconda Park was then discussed. Both the need for the bridge and its associated cost were questioned by members of the board, who were asked to further consider the issue and review it again at the upcoming regular meeting. Next, there was much discussion among the board and district staff with regard to how best to fund the infrastructure improvements identified in the recently revised Master Plan. Scenarios ranged from financing solely by increased water and sewage rates to the issuance of bonds, which would be paid by the establishment of a debt mill levy on properties inside the district boundary. The intent here would be to develop the most equitable way to pay for the improvements as each district resident or property owner would most likely be impacted in a very different manner. The issue will be taken up again at future board meetings, and the financial consultants advising the District will be queried as to current best practices.

The District Systems Report for February submitted by Semcor was then reviewed and operations were noted as normal, excepting the pipeline break on Wauconda. Further, Scott Monroe of Semcor advised the board that abandonment of that pipeline section would be completed by March 17. The Monthly Staff Report submitted by the district manager was also reviewed.

There were comments from a district resident in attendance on the proposed financing issue that is being considered by the board and district staff. Finally, there were several questions raised by Director Peterson regarding the quarterly report received from the district's legal counsel, which the district manager will investigate and further clarify at the next regular board meeting in April. The meeting was then adjourned at 6:12 p.m.. As always, additional information is available on the District website, www.ppsd.org.

PERRY PARK METRO DISTRICT Your Dollars Your Voice.

With new board members in place and our first month as a group, we are looking forward to continuing the many projects that were put in place by the previous board and adding new ones. We know it's been said but it can't be said

enough, thank you to the previous board members Walt, Chris, and Jim for all their hard work and efforts. What they have



done was more than the residents will know unless you try to fill their shoes. We want to thank them all again for their hard work and dedication to our community.

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Treasurer	Vanessa Dao
Secretary	Valerie Duringer

MINUTES - The minutes for the February District meeting were reviewed and approved. They are available on the website: www.perrypark.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financials - Mar 9, 2017

Receipts:	\$6,326.63
Disbursements:	\$4,292.82
Cash Account:	\$430,121.30

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Calling all residents.....we need your voice. These committees were formed in an effort to hear from you and work with you to make the place we live in what we all envision. Please consider volunteering for one of the committees. It's not necessary to attend every meeting or be available to work on projects, just participate at whatever level you feel comfortable or what time allows. Interested? Please email one of the following contacts and learn more about the committee's current projects:

- Social and Events Committee – Stacy Sneider email: stacie.sneider@comcast.net
- Firewise Committee – Keith Worley email: forestreedev@aol.com
- Social and Events Committee



Mark your calendars. We are happy to report that the PPMD sponsored July 4th celebration is coming together nicely. We have contracted with a fireworks company, and by committing early we'll receive bonus fireworks! The Ice Cream Wagon will be serving up cold cones, a hot dog stand, and the much-loved Denver Concert Band will

be delighting us with their music once again.

- Firewise Committee

Resident Grant Program Update: For those who are new to Perry Park or for those who have yet to take advantage of our Resident Grant Program for fire mitigation on your property, please access the following link and read about our key method for reducing fire risk here in the park. As in prior years, we've budgeted up to \$25,000 (allowing for up to 50 participants to receive the full \$500 matching funds). If you wish to take advantage of the program in 2017 please download the grant form

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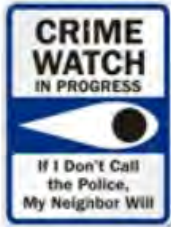
and email to PPMD (submit@perrypark.org) no later than May 1st, 2017.

Resident Grant Program Info & Form:

<http://perrypark.org/resident-information/resident-mitigation-grants/>

Firewise Day: The PPMD will be holding a Firewise Day this year on April 29. This will be a great opportunity for the residents of Perry Park to learn more about what they can do to protect their property and the park we live in. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this very important meeting. Our thanks to the Perry Park Country Club for again hosting this key informational session. We'll start at 10 a.m. on the 29th and this year, we'll also have an Evacuation Route Tour from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS AND OLD BUSINESS



Neighborhood Watch Program

Tom Cornelius from the Douglas County Sheriff's office was at our March meeting to present one of the best ways to fight crime in our area. It might be safe to say that most of us think of a Neighborhood Watch Program as time consuming and

extra work, and most of us need more time and less work. What we learned from Sheriff Cornelius is that is not the case. It can be as simple as "see something, say something." PPMD is looking into putting together a simple yet strong approach to a new Neighborhood Watch Program. For now, if you see something and want to say something," here are some numbers to call:

- DC Sheriff Crime Tip Line (303) 660-7579
- DC Sheriff's Office (303) 660-7500
- Emergency 911

March PPMD Board Meeting Highlights

Our March meeting addressed items ranging from approving contracts for the July 4th celebration to authorizing a storage locker to store all of the items owned in support of the PPMD. Additional motions were passed regarding restriction of use of PPMD property for "GeoCache" activities.

There are a number of events coming up in the next few months including:

- April 6: Firewise education session. Although open to the public, the session is geared to helping the new board members come up to speed on this key program.
- April 15th (TBD): Free Document Shredding
- April 29th: Firewise Day. 10:00am to Noon at Perry Park Country Club. 12:00 to 1:30pm Evacuation route tour.
- May 12-13: Perry Park Community Garage Sale. To Register

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• May 20: Annual Perry Park “Junk Dump” (More in the May Sentinel)

All of these events and more will be announced on the PPMD website at PerryPark.org (and remember to register your email so that you receive information announcements). As always, feel free to reach out with questions, concerns, ideas and suggestions to INFO@PerryPark.org.

2017 brings great changes and opportunities to Perry Park, and the PPMD looks forward to doing our part to make this truly the best community to live in!

WHAT'S WHAT IN THE LARKPUR AREA Or how to talk like a native...

There are a lot of people who've recently moved to this area—many from other states. Things “old timers” take for granted are puzzles to them. Recently, on the Larkspur Facebook page, there was some confusion about the old brick kiln built in the 1870s on the Perry Ranch. No, it is not a kiva.

John Cochran admitted to being a little confused about the term “Palmer Divide” so he looked it up and sent this article on to me. How about some of the rest of you? Questions you want answered? References that go over your head? Send them along and we'll get the answer. Or look them up and then send us the answers! If you have wondered, you are not alone. Others will thank you for raising the question! SentinelEditor10@msn.com

~KDale

WHAT IS THE PALMER DIVIDE? From Wikipedia

Named after Colorado Springs founder William Jackson Palmer, the Palmer Divide is a caprock escarpment style ridge in central Colorado that separates the Arkansas River basin from the Missouri River basin, via the Platte River. It extends from the Front Range of the Rockies in central Colorado eastward approximately 80 miles toward the town of Limon. The western end of the Palmer Divide is popularly considered to be at Palmer Lake, located south of Denver and north of Colorado Springs. However, the divide between the two river basins actu-

ally extends west and then north to a junction with the Continental Divide at McNamee Peak.

For much of its length, it travels very roughly along the northern border of El Paso County. Thus, it forms a natural separator between the Denver and Colorado Springs metropolitan areas. The elevation along the divide varies between about 6,000 and 7,887 feet (1,829 and 2,404 m), with the high point being Bald Mountain in southern Douglas County. This peak can be seen from I-25 just northeast of Monument Hill.

This uplifted area causes a slight increase in precipitation from the rest of eastern Colorado, resulting in the presence of the Black Forest, a peninsula of trees surrounded by dryer grassland plains. The Palmer Divide is also implicated in enhanced landspout and tornado activity to the east of Denver in the Denver convergence vorticity zone (DCVZ).

This terrain feature is the cause of several small scale (microscale or mesoscale) weather patterns and it can make a great difference in the weather between Denver and Colorado Springs. Although the elevation technically qualifies it for the foothills category, it does not parallel a mountain chain as foothills generally do; instead, the Palmer Divide is perpendicular to the main chain of mountains. Due to the orientation of the Palmer Divide with respect to the eastern plains, the weather can be similar to that of the foothills during active weather with enhanced precipitation, especially during snowstorms. Cities and towns near the Palmer Divide include Parker, Castle Rock, Franktown, Elizabeth, Kiowa, Elbert, Sedalia, Larkspur, Palmer Lake, Monument, and northern communities of Colorado Springs, such as Gleneagle, Black Forest, and Briargate.

[Basic answer: it's that big ridge between Denver and the Springs. We're sitting high on the north slope. Consider: 7350' on Monument Hill versus the 5280' or so in downtown Denver and the 6000' or so in downtown Colorado Springs. That's quite a ridge! ~KD]



"MIKEY LIKES IT"

Michael Stone...

Remember the old commercials on television about Life Cereal? A little kid named Mikey tried Life cereal for the first time, and he was known to hate everything. But lo and behold, he liked Life cereal, and his friends proclaimed "he LIKES it, hey, Mikey."

You'll remember if you are of a certain age, but with a first name of Michael, it's part of my life. Since I like to write for the *Perry Park Sentinel*, I figured that I could combine my interests of motorcycle riding, veteran's information, and general goodwill into a column that would entertain people who read the *Sentinel*. I hope you enjoy my writing style and the content.

So here we go. With the mild weather in March, I've been able to ride the motorcycle quite a bit. I have a distinctive ride, and many people wave at me, even if they are driving cars or trucks. It really makes my day. I have a 2010 Harley Street Glide CVO that is painted Tequila Orange with gold sunflake, and I fly flags off of the Tour Pak in the back. I'm also a full-patch member of the Veteran Biker's Motorcycle club, and I wear my club colors at all times.

Whenever I stop, people walk up to admire the bike. They also make it a point to thank me for my service. It's extremely dif-

ficult to explain how it makes me feel, but Mikey likes it.



Fairly recently, we lost our beloved Rocky the dog. He was a miniature doxie, with a personality that was unique. He loved his family, but he was pretty fierce. Now we have adopted Daisy, a Miniature Pinscher. We got her from a rescue agency, and it REALLY feels good to rescue a pet and to give them a good home. She has responded to having a "forever home," BUT she hates the garbage truck, and any noise involving trash cans. It makes me wonder

what she had to go through as a young puppy, but we give her love and she has turned into a big kisser. She doesn't care if my hair is rumpled, or if I'm old; she just loves me, and I love her. Maybe there is a lesson in there for how people need to relate. By this time it may be obvious, but Mikey likes it.

In the Hidden Forest, there have been reports of a large mountain lion. Apparently, there is a deer carcass stashed near the corner of Quartz Mountain Road and Silverheels. Many people walk along Quartz Mountain, and I see them since I spend so much time in my home office. To those who wave, I love it, and thanks for greeting me at 857. But in this environment, be

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wary and be careful. Little Daisy would be an easy snack for a mountain lion. However, she is always on a leash when she goes out, and she is always with Big, Bad, Daddy.

We all live in this unique environment. For me, it's really special. We've been here for over 10 years. Well, guess what? Mikey likes it.

You can reach me at stoneman1951@msn.com.

BEAR WISE



Gooooood morning, Perry Park! It's great to be upright and on all fours again. No April fooling here.

During last winter's bear blackout (hibernation) period, a local reported seeing a large "Santa" bear under the bird feeders on Christmas Eve. This is an extremely rare bear occurrence this late in the season. As it turns out, it was my cousin Ruddy who is more of a hypernator than a hibernator. Awakened due to the unusually

warm weather, Ruddy decided to take a Christmas Eve twilight stroll.

As Ruddy recalls: "The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow, gave the luster of midday to objects a glow. When what to my wondering eyes should I see, but a feeder full of bird seed just hanging there for me! The motion light flashed and I knew I must leave, with feeder in mouth, in Santa I believe."

April Showers bring May Prowlers

Now that bear season has officially begun in our beautiful neck of the woods, it's time for a refresher on some bear safety tips. Cop a squat and whittle if you want while you read.

We black bears are curious to see what's new in the human zoo since last season. Having amazing memories, we initially search out the "easy" food locals from last year to see if the menu has changed since our previous visit. Although it is illegal to intentionally feed us (violators should be immediately reported to the Colorado Game and Wildlife office for relocation to a remote wilderness area), we do eat people food if you don't take steps to separate it from us.

The result of feeding bears by accident or on purpose is that we begin to associate food with people and can lose our fear of you. When we get to the point where we don't scoot when you tell us to skedaddle we become labeled "the danger" and for public safety's sake are often put down. A fed bear can quickly become a dead bear.

If your address is on our frequent dining list from last season, the chances are beary good your property is being monitored even as you read this. Want to get off our top ten hit list?

Take the following steps and we quickly lose interest and move on:

- **Don't leave trash cans out overnight.** If you do, our dedicated neighborhood bear brigade will sniff you out and spread the uneatable and unsightly remains of your garbage over your entire yard as a calling card.

- **Use bear proof trash containers.** "Bear proof" doesn't mean a flimsy plastic trash can with a bungee cord. At this notion, we laugh in your general direction. We are 300-450 lb. wild animals, for gosh sakes. Give us the respect you would grant a 400-pound hungry gorilla with container full of bananas. We are as powerful and just as motivated to investigate a plethora of refuse or the scent of a banana peel.

If you haven't done so yet, take some money out of your kid's inheritance and buy a real "bear proof" garbage container for way less than you spend on latte macchiatos in a year. There are several economical choices online. Or, you can email yours truly, and I will send you the information of the ones I hate the most.

- **Keep garage and out building doors closed. Use round door knobs.** We can open doors with handle latches. The French hate this.

- **Never leave unattended windows and doors open, particularly near food areas.** With the flood of millennial kids moving back into their parents' basements these days, this is an extra good idea to keep both bears and returning kids from entering your home without your knowledge.

- **Don't leave vehicle doors and windows open,** especially if you eat or sleep in your vehicle. If you do, so will we.

- **Bring bird feeders in at dusk.** During day light, "hang em high" like the Clint Eastwood movie. At least 10 feet up and 10 feet out from any climbable object.

- **Don't leave barbeque grills outside after use.** We eat the charcoal for the meat drippings, which as you know, really sucks when they are still hot.

Taking these few simple steps goes a long way to keeping us all safe as we enjoy yet another splendid summer in Beary Bear country.

Please email your comments, stories and bear sightings to: wisebeary@gmail.com

Until next time, remember, Black Bears Matter.

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A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Susan Peters...

*Fast Forward into Summer?...
Happenings...Quick Takes*

OK, this is becoming an old, tired refrain: WHAT winter? This weekend is in the 80s. It is warmer than Miami or Cancun. Spring break in the Rockies! And thunder storm predictions for tomorrow! It is mid-March as I am writing this.



Lilacs are budding out. Daffodils are starting to bloom. The willow tree is covered in its fuzzy catkins that attract bees by the hundreds. And the wasps are cruising, looking for a date. This is the earliest in over 20 years here in Larkspur that we have put out the yellow jacket trap.

The fear is that the continued drought will continue past spring making for a long summer without our trees getting a good drink to stay healthy. No water, the trees become weak and mistletoe moves in, draining the trees of moisture, and inviting the insects. Ones such as pine beetle, spruce bark beetle, tussocks moth – the one that devastated stands of trees in the Perry Park area a few years ago, Emerald ash borers, and a plethora more can and do kill hundreds of trees.

The bird bath requires frequent filling due to the warmth and the many birds it attracts. This spring is a banner one for robins. One or two hung around all winter. Now the bird bath and pond have become the meetup singles bar. And the scene is not limited to the robins. Doves, towhees, finches, red-wing blackbirds in their colorful amulets, chickadees, woodpeckers, jays, juncos, all paying the cover, or maybe offering a song for the price of admittance. The bluebirds have more subtle ways for courtship, stealthily sneaking a drink before heading back to their waiting mate. Since we started our sprinklers six weeks earlier than usual, the robins are enjoying the appetizer menu of worms and grubs. Yum. Could I have mine with chocolate dip and sprinkles? Such delicacies remind me of my high school biology banquets that were a good match for realty show challenges.

The birdy choir rehearsals have begun. Throw in a few squawking crows, and I am running for my noise cancelling headset. Once the wrens chime in, I am all ears to their beyond beautiful arias.

But wait, things can change on a dime and we can suddenly be plunged into winter. The past two years that has happened and killed many of our ornamental trees and bushes.

Happenings

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area of Wyoming for the annual **BioBlitz** to identify and count plants, animals, and insects. This year on June 23-25 people will meet for a 24-hour period at The Nature Conservancy's Peterson Ranch at the base of Casper Mountain. Registration is required. All ages are welcomed. There is an educational component to it, such as bird mist netting and amphibian catching – oh, boy! – and information on life cycles and species identification. The schedule of diverse activities is well worth checking out. Registration and more information plus videos from previous years can be found at www.wyomingbiodiversity.org/bioblitz.

And maybe you can squeeze in some trout fishing during your journey there.

Cherokee Ranch is an awesome venue to enjoy an evening of nature. This year they are offering a wildlife series with Nature's Educators on April 4, April 8, May 2, and May 17. For \$30 per person you can learn about wildlife from rabbits to reptiles including the ones that inspired Pokémon or how raptors were used during the Renaissance. The educators will showcase live animals and share their expert knowledge. You are encouraged to arrive early with a picnic dinner. For me, I would like shrimp on a salad. Thank you. A cash bar and snacks are available. You can also take a mini-tour of the castle.

For reservations go to www.cherokeeranch.org or call 303-688-5555.

Short Takes

Hint: help out the birds to build their nests by throwing out the fur from your dog brushings onto your property. If they go to a groomer, ask for the leftovers to share with our feathered friends.

So, what is significant about April in wildlife world? BEARS wiping their sleepy eyes hopefully not taking out a cornea with those huge claws! But it is really their nose that counts in survival. They have very poor eyesight and have a hard time making out anything coming towards them. Mama bears can attack just to protect their young, although our late lab-wolf Morpho would have "conversations" with mama bears as their cub or cubs were running around them. Morpho had a presence and a way with bears, but a snake? He would walk 50 feet away from one to get around it. Wuss.

So, things get busy...bringing in the bird feeders every night. You may not have to bring in a suet feeder if a bear has already mangled it, but at least it warns you not to put out another, unless it is VERY high up, as we found out last year. Between the bears and the raccoons, it is easy to get wiped out and entice them to return.

Hummingbird alert! Last year we spotted the first scout hummer on April 11th!!! Like NOW you should start listening to the hum and trill as one goes whizzing by. A good indicator that nature here is ready for them is the blooming of the yellow

toad flax that looks like butter and eggs. So, make up the food mixture – 1 cup of sugar to 4 cups of boiling water. Let cool. Put the feeder in a prominent place, even with a piece of red ribbon or a red scarf to let them know that the bar is open and ready for customers.

That's all, folks, for this month. Gotta run. I am out of sugar for the hummer onslaught. Here I come, Costco!

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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CLASSIFIED AD SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

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

OR

Mail to 10230 Prairie Meadow Circle #101, Parker, CO 80134. Charges and submission instruction will be advised via telephone after typesetting.

Please include physical billing address. We reserve the right to edit or refuse any submitted advertising.

CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE IS THE 20TH OF THE MONTH

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Classified *	\$ 5 / line (min \$10)
Business Card (scan only)	\$40.00
Quarter Page (3 1/2"x 5")	\$50.00
Half Page (7 1/2"x 5")	\$62.50
Full Page (7 1/2"x 10")	\$87.50

Typesetting is available for a nominal charge.

Ads sizes are Width x Height

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Display Ads - the 15th of each month with art and payment to be received no later than the 20th

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PAYMENT IS DUE AT TIME OF RESERVATION

Ad requests after the 20th are subject to a 10% charge

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 chanceycotham17@gmail.com

A trust worthy sixth grader looking for hire for pet sitting. Anywhere in the Larkspur/ Perry park area. To contact Kylla email katsandkylie910@gmail.com or call 720- 877-1998.

My name is Trace. I am 16, 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. He has a brother to help with the bigger jobs and is available during the day.

An experienced and trustworthy 12 year old looking for hire to pet sit in the Perry Park area. I am qualified for all your pet sitting needs. To contact Kylie email katsandkylie910@gmail.com or call 720-412-1567.

I am available for babysitting! I am twelve years old (almost 13), CPR/AED First Aid certified. I enjoy spending time with little kids. Please contact me Carissa O'Donnell 303-576-2323 or obevy@aol.com.

My name is Clayton Saunders I am a hard worker, boy scout, and high school athlete. I will work for all jobs and services you would need. Contact me at (720)-369-6941 or clayton.saunders19@gmail.com

My name is Delaney Liebbe, and I am 17 years old and am available for babysitting or pet sitting throughout the Larkspur area. I have had my licence for over a year now, so I can drive any place necessary. Please contact me at dgliebbe@gmail.com or 303-681-9091.

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