



the Perry Park *Sentinel*

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LET'S CELEBRATE THE 4TH!

IN 1776, John Adams promised that Americans would be celebrating the Declaration of independence with fireworks and parades long after he was gone. Of course, he thought we'd celebrate on July 2 when the Declaration was signed, but "the people" picked July 4—when the committee released it to the public. But Adams got it mostly right.

Here in the Larkspur area we throw a great July 4 party. There is a parade. There is music. There are fireworks. They come to you, whatever Larkspur neighborhood you live in, compliments of the Metro District of Perry Park Ranch and the Perry Park Country Club. The parade will begin at 11 a.m. on Red Rock Drive at the Big D. That's right in the heart of Perry Park. You can't miss it. You'll see old cars, decorated bikes and golf carts, drill teams, decorated dogs...just an old fashioned neighborhood parade. After the parade—prizes for the most impressive entries and free ice cream for all!

Participants in the parade should arrive at the Big D by 10:30 a.m. Red Rock Drive at the Big D will be closed to traffic 11-11:30 a.m.

After the parade, go home; take a nap. Then gather your blankets and bug spray and come back to Perry Park

County Club for a 7 p.m. performance by the 60-member Denver Concert Band. At 9 o'clock the fireworks will start.



Perry Park Country Club will be serving dinner outdoors as well to all comers, members or not. Here's the menu:

Grilled 1/2 pound hamburgers
BBQ pork sandwiches
Vienna beef hot dogs and brats
Sliced watermelon
Relish tray & sliced cheeses
Assorted potato chip
Cookies
\$15 all inclusive

Bring the whole family—blankets on the lawn. However, prepare for a large crowd and limited parking. Please leave your car at home if you can. Off-duty

police will be directing traffic, but there is only one entrance/exit from the area. Patience is a necessary part of the celebration!

So bring your patience and your children and your aunts and uncles and your American flags and prepare to enjoy the full day right here in your own neighborhood.

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~KD

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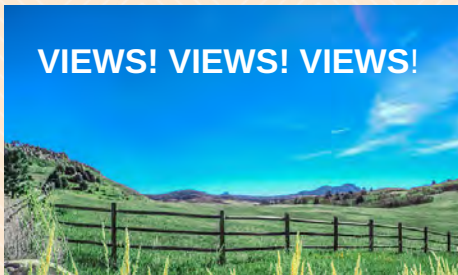
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KRULL/HAMMOND CABIN OPEN HOUSE: Saturday, July 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The little one-room cabin at 6225 Bear Dance has been a home and a one-room school house. Now it belongs to the Larkspur Historical Society.

On July 18 the cabin will be a showcase for the old-fashioned arts of quilting and churning butter, with free samples of bread and butter. Admission is free.

PERRY PARK BOOK CLUB will meet on Tuesday, July 19, 10 a.m., at the home of Mary Ann Fonken, 8174 Inca Road in Perry Park Ranch. The novel for discussion is *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett. Set "somewhere in South America," the novel explores the reactions and relationships that form as a party attended by international celebrities is held hostage by terrorists. In August, the group will discuss *Defending Jacob* by William Landay. Both novels are Book Club Express issues so copies are available. For additional information, see the website at http://applelane.com/Perry_Park_Book_Club.php.

IN MEMORY: Carl Anderson, former resident of Perry Park Ranch, passed away in January of this year in Texas. He and his wife Shirley loved living in Perry Park and were enthusiastic golfers and supporters of the PPCC. They built a beautiful home overlooking the golf course. Only Carl's health led them to leave Perry Park for a lower altitude. Shirley can be reached at 2770 Rolling Meadow Road, Frisco TX, 75034.

LOCAL FARMERS' MARKETS: Monument Hill Farmers' Market is now open on Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 66 Jefferson in Monument. It will be open through October 15. The Castle Rock Farmers' Market will open at 414 Wilcox on Saturday, July 9. It will be open 8 a.m.-noon every Saturday until September 24. If you can't make Saturday mornings, the Parker Farmers' Market is now open through October 30, Sundays 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Parker Road and Mainstreet in downtown Parker.

BLANKET BRIGADE NEWS

The Larkspur chapter of the Palmer Divide Blanket Brigade has been busy creating quilts. Over the school year we gave quilts to many students and teachers in the Douglas County School System who were facing difficult circumstances. Our contact at the high school said our quilts bring tears of joy when received and some of the students carry their quilts with them throughout the school day for comfort. We have provided quilts to families of police officers killed in the line of duty and the Castle Rock Crisis Center. A nursing home in Colorado Springs has a 20-person female Alzheimer's unit. The residents find peace when they rock baby dolls, and we gave each resident a quilt



for wrapping the dolls.

We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and the quilts are created with mostly donated fabric and batting. We appreciate any contributions of fabric or supplies that you no longer need. Please contact Gwen Underwood 303-681-2125 gwenspur@mac.com or Cindy Hotaling 303-681-0374 cjaspsjr@yahoo.com if you can donate or if you know someone who is need of a comforting quilt. Our group meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Perry Park Country Club at 10 a.m. We use that time to tie and pin the quilts, so no extensive sewing experience is required. We would love to have you join us and find out why women have been gathering for hundreds of years to quilt! ~Ginny Sanders

HELLO, LARKSPUR MOMS' GROUP!

Summer is in full swing, and we have a couple of fun events coming up in July. Larkspur Moms' Group has been a long-standing tradition in Larkspur. We are a place to meet new moms, kids, and families in this wonderful community we live in!



For more information on our group visit us at www.larkspur-moms.com or email us at larkspurmoms@gmail.com. We are open to all moms in the Larkspur community and host monthly play groups, moms' night out events, and family events. We have so much fun and are always looking for new moms to join our group!

Play Group: Join us on Wednesday, July 6th for our 3rd annual Spray Dayz in the Park! The Larkspur Fire Department will be on hand to spray down our kiddos and keep them cool on those hot summer days. Everyone is welcome!

Moms' Night Out: Join us for Happy Hour on Friday, July 22nd at Charito's in Larkspur. We will plan to meet at 4:30, but come when you can!

~Sarah Bretz, Director of Larkspur Moms' Group

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UTE INDIAN PRAYER TREES OF LARKSPUR

Mike Montgomery...

Since moving to Perry Park almost three years ago, I had often wondered about the oddly misshapen ponderosa pines I would see in our neighborhoods around Larkspur. Trees are, of course, often misshapen by wind, snow loads, competition for light with other trees, etc. A couple of months ago, while hiking with friends in Fox Run Regional Park in the Black Forest, I learned that many of these trees have not taken their shape by forces of nature, but in fact were modified by the Ute Indians who lived here for thousands of years.

These “Culturally Modified Trees” (CMTs) are not only in Fox Run, but throughout our neighborhoods as well. CMTs are classified as ethno-historical artifacts, literally “on-site memories.” CMTs were part of many cultures (think about Japanese Bonzai trees), and apparently the Utes were quite accomplished at the task. For the Utes, the trees were modified to take on particular shapes for spiritual reasons, navigational reasons, astronomical reasons, and utilitarian purposes. When the trees were very young, they would be bent with rope made from yucca fibers. The same tree would then be shaped again and again by medicine men and women over the course of years, decades, and sometimes generations. I was unaware that Ponderosa Pines can live to 800 years. There is one in Mesa Verde that has been verified at over a thousand years old. The oldest trees are the

ones that have taken on an orange color. Most trees don't reach that age due to fires and wind, but it is clear that many of the trees in our neighborhoods are hundreds of years old.

The acknowledged expert on Ute Prayer Trees, John Wesley Anderson of Colorado Springs, learned of five distinct “types” of Ute Prayer trees from research done in the 1980s. On a recent hike with John looking at our neighborhood trees, he pointed out that these five “types” may more usefully be described in terms of their usage for the Utes.



Trail Markers, or directional trees, were bent at 30 degree angles and pointed to a geographical or navigational reference point, possibly a water source, a mountain pass, or a trail. They are also known to have pointed at places of worship. The trail marker tree pictured here, in the Sage Port area, reportedly points at the summer solstice. This tree also has peeled bark on the top. Many trail markers have that same peel, though some do not.

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Medicine Trees are identified by distinctive peeled bark patterns. Pinesap had medicinal qualities, as well as being used for tea, waterproofing, and other utilitarian purposes. The bark peel pictured here, in Perry Park open space, was almost certainly used as an infant cradle board.



Burial, or memorial trees, are those with two 90-degree angles. The length of the horizontal part of the tree is thought to signify the age of the person who was being memorialized. The one pictured here is relatively short, about three feet. I have seen some in our area over six feet.



Story trees are thought to have told a story of some significance to the Ute, probably serving both an educational as well as a ceremonial purpose. The tree pictured here also has peeled bark patterns as well as fused branches. Trees that have these combinations of modification cause me to think about whether there must have been a certain level of ar-

tistic license for the medicine man or woman.

The most rare tree to find is a Prophecy tree, a very spiritual tree. While the Story tree tells of a past event, the Prophecy tree is meant to tell of something to come, as the name suggests. Prophecy trees are intertwined, sometimes with two or more trees that have been positioned to grow together. These trees are likely the oldest and would have taken the longest time to achieve the desired shape.

Personally, I find it fascinating to ponder what the stories were that were being celebrated by the tree. What was the prophecy meant to tell us? Sadly, all lost to history. That said, John Anderson is in regular contact with Ute Elders, and more is being learned.



So, how do you know if a tree has been modified, rather than having been distorted by nature? The tell tale sign is often a ligature scar in the tree bark from the yucca rope when the branch was being staked down. The ligature scar pictured is from a tree on Perry Park open space. They are frequently not quite that clear, but can be observed nonetheless. (Note: Devotees of crime drama shows have told me that the term “ligature” conjures too many “CSI” thoughts. So you may prefer “Yucca rope marks” or “tie down marks.”



you see from a wildfire.

Sometimes you can also find a very small burn mark, like the one pictured here. The Utes were sending smoke to the tops of the trees in prayer. These small ceremonial burns are very different than the burn

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The trees that most grab our attention are those that are the oldest, largest, and most impressively modified. The tree pictured here, off of Buttermilk and Perry Park Avenue, is enormous. And probably 500 years old! And they are impressive, indeed! These trees that have a “goal post” kind of modification are framing something of importance. This one appears to be framing a high point almost due south. Is

it the north side of Monkey Face?



Equally impressive to me, however, are the large numbers of trees at which we need to look a little closer to see the modification. I think of these as the “everyday trees” that we drive past and walk by on regular basis.

This article is just a brief introduction to those for whom this is new information. There is a good deal more to the story. Several neighbors I have spoken with are aware of the trees, but I learned that many more were not. If you are interested, **Perry Park Country Club, (7047 Perry Park Boulevard) will be hosting a presentation by John Anderson on Sunday, July 31 at 1:30 p.m.** John’s presentations are very informative and enjoyable. The presentation will be 50 minutes, followed by a 10 minute Q & A. If we are lucky, John may have some copies of his outstanding book available for purchase and signing! A donation of \$10 is suggested (not required,) proceeds from which will go the preservation of open space in 80118.

There are two You Tube presentations that give more detail. The first is about Fox Run Regional Park:

<http://youtu.be/3LkYQbcnlkE>

The second is about Monument Preserve: <http://youtu.be/9zihpCB9v2w>

For those of you more academically inclined, see Turner, N. et al (2009) *Cultural Management of Living Trees: An International Perspective*. Journal of Ethnobiology 29(2) 237-270.

A LITTLE PERRY PARK NOSTALGIA NEVER HURT ANYONE

Karen Dale...

Several years ago, much of a June issue of the *Sentinel* was dedicated to nostalgia. You may remember—history of the old Echo Hills Club, reminiscences from long time residents... It was fun.

So when Bev Carson called me to ask if “anyone” wanted a copy of a *Sentinel* from 1984, I screamed, “You bet!” Then I promised a cup of tea as a bribe. What she brought is the first sheet (apparently there are a couple of pages missing—the staple mark is still there though) of the November 1984 *Sentinel*. The paper was sort of goldenrod in color and legal sized. It was typed. Volunteers distributed it to mailboxes in Perry Park Ranch.

The editor of that issue was John Sewell. Now, John is a story in himself. He was in high school, a journalism student. He volunteered to edit the *Sentinel* for 1984-85 until he graduated from high school and went to the Naval Academy. His parents, George and Patsy, still live in Perry Park. John wrote the lead article—a report of the Metro District Meeting—in this November 1984 issue.

In those days the Metro District was in charge of roads. The board felt road issues would be slowing down once the snow started to fall? I’m not following that, but then I didn’t live here in 1984—I lived on a gravel road in Parker. Winter was a big time for road issues there! Why was winter road maintenance less work here in Perry Park?

The big Metro Board topic in November 1984, however, was winter recreation. Three great ideas: An ice skating area in the parking lot of the Manor House, a cross-country ski course on the golf course, and a ski lift to be built on the east side of the road going up to Echo Hills. They figured it would take \$2,300 to set up. Was it ever set up??? I never heard of a ski lift here. Granted, I lived across the county, but I actually had friends in Perry Park, one with little kids. Ski lift? Anyone? Did it happen? For that matter, did the ice rink happen?

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The other “big news” on the front page of the *Sentinel* in November 1984 was a report from the Water Board meeting. Has anyone noticed that not much has changed in the last 32 years? A fire hydrant was damaged by “snow removal equipment” but “repairs were made promptly.” Guess it was more important than our mailboxes the snow plows took out this winter.

And those of you in Sage Port and Perry Park East were acknowledged! “Some discussion of new developments in Sage Port and Perry Park East took place. Progress is being made in an orderly fashion to get the line extensions to those areas.” Aren’t you glad progress was orderly? So now you have water!

Actually, during 1985, while John was still editor, the *Sentinel* received a mailing permit, and the distribution area grew to include those earliest residents in Perry Park East. Welcome to the territory.

Just a few more tidbits: in Advertisements there was the announcement that Candy Cane Corner—at an Apache Drive house number that no longer exists—would be open November 9-10, 9-4, for Christmas shopping! “Gifts for the young at heart.” Anyone claim responsibility for that?

And also in the ads, a two bedroom/den Echo Village Town-

home was for sale for \$89,500. Hmmph. I sold mine in 1995 for \$56,000. That much depreciation in ten years? What did I do wrong? Actually, we should have held on to it, but only hindsight is 20/20.

Isn't nostalgia fun?

WALT'S WORDS

Walt Korinke...

I'm going to stand outside, so if anybody asks for me, I'm outstanding. –Anonymous



CASTLE ROCK – Pam and Grant Carley are finally gearing



up to replace the “old oak tree” at **Granelli's Pizzeria** (21 North Wilcox) with a new enclosed patio structure with large garage doors

which they can open in the warm season to provide a covered, but open eating area. This is long awaited and brings back the joy of a casual outdoor meal at this fine purveyor of pizza and the best hot dog in the area. Construction will commence this

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month.

At the other end of the block, **The Union – an American Bistro**, received design approval in April and should be starting their new patio cover any time now. You just can't beat outside dining in Castle Rock!



The old **Burger King** just off Wolfensberger is undergoing a major renovation – inside and out! It will still be open for drive thru as they remove and replace much of the exterior, but inside service will

have to wait as they are busily updating the interior as well. It was definitely time and will add to the other improvements in this corridor. Their burgers are still good – their new hot dog offering...well you need a magnifying glass to find the tiny dog in the bun.



Starbucks at the Outlets has arrived with the attached **Qdoba** a little bit behind. The new Starbucks joins the elite group of their stores seeking to attract evening customers with a glass of wine and a light snack. Starbucks began testing a new addition to their stores in 2010, and the number of participating Starbucks includes the new Starbucks

at the Outlets at Castle Rock. Their studies showed that Starbucks's customers were twice more likely to drink craft beers than the national average, and that 70 percent of Starbucks's customers drink wine as compared to 30 percent of the general U.S. population. Add to that a unique and locally- oriented platter of tasty treats and you have a new refuge for those seeking to get away from the standard restaurant crowd. If that doesn't do it for you, the attached Qdoba will shortly be offering you an assortment of Mexican meals starting with a breakfast burrito and



including a selection of grilled quesadillas, taco salads, knock-out tacos, burritos and bowls.

- 3,343 acres
- 20 acres for civic uses
- 4 acres for a transit station
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- 2,500 dwelling/residential units
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- 50 acres of public schools
- 1,400 acres of open space



While Castle Rock continues with the growth struggle vs. annexation of new developments, the Shea Homes group is in "full swing" with their plans to develop **The Canyons**, (east side of I-25 between Castle Pines and Castle Rock) with the goal to commence actual home sales in late 2017 to early 2018. This is virtually another small town itself as Denver continues to expand south along the I-25 corridor. The first phase of The Canyons is a \$24 million infrastructure project for the master planned development. The long-range plan is 3,343 acres comprised of a mix of land uses, including parks, open space, trails, schools, civic, community, commercial, retail, agricultural and single-family/multi-family homes.

Originally zoned and annexed in 2004, the Castle Rock Town Counsel just approved a revision to Burt at Castle Rock's planned development which provides that the 35.41 acre site (27.8 acre dev – 7.64 acres open) may include warehouse and light industrial uses designed for mixed usesages subject to coordinating construction with the adjacent World Compass Academy which is located on the former Duke's restaurant parcel.



The **Calgary Chapel of Castle Rock** currently operates out of a former car dealership at 100 Caprice Drive which is an industrial area off of Wolfensberger. They are requesting annexation of a 5.4 acre parcel located at 5th Street and Woodland's Blvd.



which allows for the development of a place of worship up to 350 seats in the main sanctuary. Public hearings are required before the request can be considered for formal approval, as well as the approvals of the actual construction, Colorado Department of Transportation, HOAs and other required agencies. Back in 2011 the Church was the center of a scandal with the report that the pastor left the Calgary Chapel in financial disarray.



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The former pastor, who started a new church in Lone Tree, reportedly left his former Castle Rock church in financial disarray after leaving there in December 2011, according to leaders of Castle Rock's Calvary Chapel, and paying back rent and property taxes on their building. At that time, a senior pastor said that the church had been operated without a board, in violation of bylaws and based on an independent audit, they believe the pastor spent more than \$200,000 for personal use in 2011 alone. Looks like they got their ship back in order since then as they move forward with today's expansion plans.



Promenade Update - King Soopers Marketplace is charging right along with the exterior walls nearing completion and lots of dirt work going

on with the remainder of the parcel they are located on. The 2.8 acre piece just southeast of the King Soopers is being prepared for two, one-story 7,750 square foot buildings. Sam's is underway, but at a snails pace as they continue the foundation work and the piece by piece construction of the block wall. The road has been paved that goes to the stores under construction at the top of the hill (Maurice's, Petco, TJ Max, HomeGoods, etc.) and they are looking pretty good for their end of the year opening along with the formal new highway access. Lots more to come.



PALMER LAKE – The marijuana indoor farm located in the former bowling alley has received a permit from the Palmer Lake Town Council to provide a store front for retail marijuana sales. This should raise the altitude in Palmer Lake a little higher.

COLORADO SPRINGS – It is hard to believe that is has been over 40 years



(1972) since Downtown Colorado Springs has built a **new hotel**. Colorado Springs-based hotelier New Visions Hotels plans to expand its current four suburban holdings with a new downtown 10-story, 165

room hotel to be built at the southeast corner of Cascade Avenue and Bijou Street. The upscale property will have ground floor retail space and a +/- 5,000 square foot restaurant on the 2nd floor. The former bank building site was purchased in April and the group is currently working on financing with hopes to start the 12-month construction build-out later this fall. Add this to the current renovation of The Antler's Hotel, the 2012 renovation of the Wyndham Grand Hotel and the 2014 conversion of an office building into the Holiday Inn Express & Suites

and you now will have a good reason for folks to stay in the downtown area and enjoy the cadre of fun restaurants, bars and night clubs. Also coming to the area are several apartment and loft projects and a new museum.



Along with the new growth comes the loss of an 'old timer' (+40years) downtown tenant, **Zerbe Jewelers**. Last chance to find that special gem as the sale liquidation process takes place over the next couple of months.

No more trips to the store at 212 N. Tejon St. as Charles Zerbe enters retirement from his long term with Zerbe Jewelers that was originally started by his father Fred in 1972.



The **Promenade at Briargate** brings a new tenant to the area with the July opening of **Omaha Steaks**. Famous for their web site offerings, the store will carry their lucious filet mignons, ribeyes, t-bones, seafood, deserts, seasonings and oth-

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While visiting the Promenade, I also had the opportunity to try out the recently opened **Bad Daddy's Burgers and Bar** which was quite enjoyable. The food was excellent the atmosphere really made it an in place that you will want to visit. The covered but open feeling of the large deck expands into the pleasant character of the interior and makes you feel 'alive'. Good selection of beers and burgers and if you like this one, there are 3 more in Denver worth visiting.



DOUGLAS COUNTY MOTORCYCLING

Michael Stone...

My June column idea flopped. I only got one response, and that was from my friend, Tom. I just hope that more people are interested in motorcycling, and in reading about it from a rider's point of view.



So, OK. Why do I have this passion for riding? Many others are just as passionate, and maybe more than I am. That gave me the idea for this column. What's so good about motorcycle riding?

1. Freedom. There is a slogan that says "Live to Ride, Ride to Live." A lot of us motorcycle guys take that to heart. The slogan on New Hampshire license plates says "Live free or die." That's a bit extreme since I have no wish to die while riding. BUT, when you ride a motorcycle, you are not confined to the interior of a car or truck. You can experience the scenery and anything else your senses can pick up. I could do without the scent of run-over skunks, and cattle feed lots.

2. Friendship. Wherever you go, you will have friends who enjoy the open road. It doesn't matter if you don't know them. Because we share a common bond of riding, you can easily make a new friend or have a pleasant conversation.

3. Admiration. Motorcycles attract attention. Everywhere I stop, people look at the bike and ask questions. In the "old days" most people were afraid to approach any rider. Why? Because a lot of bikers tried to portray the image of some tough, anti-establishment renegade. Well, that is just not the case anymore, and people are realizing it. Lots of little kids are thrilled to look at the shiny chrome, and they ask if they can take a closer look. I just love that. They are not afraid of the "big, bad, biker dude." And in increasing numbers, their parents are not afraid either.

4. Special Recognition. Many motorcyclists wear patches on a vest, or they fly flags on the back of their bikes. I happen to do both. My vest identifies me as a "Veteran Biker," and I fly a variety of flags on my tour pack. There are SO MANY times when I stop, and people thank me for my service. For those of you who were around in the mid-1970s, that kind of special recognition did not happen—EVER. Now, as an older Vet, I really appreciate the interaction.

Let's put everything into perspective. This morning, I had to go mail a few letters, and I needed to get some gas in the Street Glide for tomorrow's trip for a doctor appointment and a haircut in Parker.

I left Larkspur at 7:30, and took CO 105 to Sedalia. Stopped at the Jarre Mart for gas. While I was filling up, a pregnant lady (it was obvious, but I never ask) said she liked my motorcycle. I thanked her and remarked about how her perfume smelled wonderful. While I was inside the store, another customer thanked me for my service. When that guy came out of the store, he said, "Airborne," to which I replied "All the way." If I was just a guy in a car, none of this would have happened. Someone else noticed my helmet decal that said "Ranger" and the name tag on my vest that designates my road name as "Ranger" and my Tat that is the Ranger Tab. He must have been former Army because he said "Rangers lead the way." I replied with the standard "Hooah".

Suggestions for column ideas and any comments can be sent to me at stoneman1951@msn.com.



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WHAT'S UP AT THE METRO BOARD?

Walt Korinke ...

NEW BOARD MEMBERS – Karen Dale completed her term on the Board and was replaced by newly-elected Derek Meredith. Walt Korinke was elected for a second term and remains as President. The terms of other Board members, Randy Johnson, Jim Cassidy and Chris Korinke, expire in 2018.



MINUTES – The minutes for the May District meeting were reviewed and approved with a correction to the Gilloon Pond report. They are available on the website www.perrypark.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financials – June 2, 2016



Receipts	\$ 30,682
Disbursements	\$ 5,775
Cash Account	\$469,593

There were 18 expense items. The only major expenditures were \$930 to counsel and \$960 to Gades Sales for repair to one of the electronic traffic signs.

TUSSOCK MOTH – Keith Worley reported that the Moth is

behind schedule for its hatching due to the cool and wet weather we have been having and that the **aerial spray** needs to be deferred for a couple of weeks – should take place the 2nd half of June. [Editor's note: the spraying occurred the morning of Wednesday, June 15.]

TRAIL AND BUFFER PROJECT – Keith Worley still working with Archer Surveying to complete the trail markers so that we can go to the next step of obtaining bids. Once cost and trail definitions are available we will publish information on the proposed trail system.

GATEWAY/GILLOON & WAUCONDA PARKS



An Aquatic Vegetation Groomer was acquired and tested on Gilloon Pond. It successfully cut the reeds – the bigger problem is the actual removal of the cut reeds from the pond. The aquatic sled required to effectively use the cutting tool

is expected to arrive this month. Progress will continue at Gilloon and testing will be attempted at Gateway shortly. We have been attempting to contact a lake/pond maintenance firm with no success and will continue to try to reach them. Not many of them out there.

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A resident request to spray for wasps at the Wauconda playground was followed up by the Country Club's maintenance crew which maintains Wauconda for the Metro District. Wasps are definitely in the area, but no actual nests were discovered.



TECH ISSUES – The electronic speed sign is fixed and we will budget for future repairs to the remaining signs that are beginning to show their age. Due to growing **band width usage** by our web site, we moved the district site to a new host with 'unlimited' band width at a cost of \$120/year. **Resident sign-ups for electronic notices** of important issues has passed the

500 mark (70 percent) and continues to grow. We have ceased using expensive mailers and are having excellent success with the e-mailings.

SLASH PICK-UP – Slash pick-up is underway and should progress with completion of 1 of the 4 zones each week. See web site for instructions.

FREE MULCH – Free Mulch will be available the **1st Saturday of the month** through September – **8:00 a.m. to noon** – free loading dependent upon the availability of M.R. Hauling.

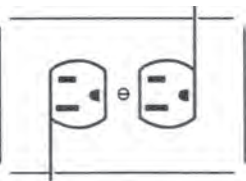
Slash and PINE NEEDLES may be dropped off at the Gravel Pit during Free Mulch Days. Pine needles must be de-bagged at drop off.



JUNK DUMP – This year's Junk Dump was another great success with the four large dumpsters filled within 2 1/2 hours of the start. See you again next year.

INDEPENDENCE DAY - We are all set for this year's July 4th activities and have again hired an off-duty deputy sheriff to direct traffic at the close of the fireworks.

SERVICE PLAN – The Board had additional discussion on the updating of the District's service plan and we will consider adding the expense to the 2017 budget process. There have been many governmental changes since the last update almost a decade ago and the plan needs to incorporate the changes.



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RESIDENT GRANT PROGRAM – 30 grants have been issued to date – room for 20 more. This year's first payout took place this month.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY – Home sale activity through May was less than 1/2 of last year's sales (18 vs. 36) at \$9.1m vs. \$16.5m. New construction continues to grow with 21 properties under construction – developable lots are rapidly disappearing.



DOUGLAS COUNTY ORDINANCE – The District is involved with the Douglas County efforts underway to define a new County Ordinance relating to growth of marijuana in homes. There have been two work sessions and it should

come before the actual Commissioner's Board Meeting in June or July. There is considerable support from the communities and Sheriff's department to both recognize the individual medical needs while controlling the excessive growth that has been experienced in the state as a whole. New tools plan to limit home growth to a maximum of 12 plants/house and provides for more controls to help police the effort. Stay tuned for more input, and attend the Commissioner's meeting if you can.



It is important that you **REGISTER YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS** with the District.

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Metro Board Members:	
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Vice President	Derek Meredith
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.



JUNE NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT

Jim Matchett...

The June regular board meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District was held on the 15th with all directors present. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. and the first order of business was the taking of the Oath of Office by the recently appointed Gary Peterson to the position of Director. The unanimous approval of the minutes of the May 18th meeting followed. Disbursements totaling \$99,942.45 were then unanimously approved.



Next, the District Systems Report for May as submitted by Semcor was reviewed. It was noted that water usage by District residents was slightly higher than the previous May, and that the renewable water available from the Glen Grove treatment plant is presently maximized. Year-to-date renewable water usage stands at 43 percent. The Monthly Staff Report as submitted by the district manager was then reviewed. Nine permits have now been issued year-to-date, while revenues are slightly ahead of last year and expenses are slightly lower.

Three topics were raised in the discussion period. First, the District Manager and the Operations Contractor had estimated Cash Flow Projections over the coming Ten-Year Period. These projections are necessary to evaluate the feasibility and timing of various capital programs that will be required as part of the ongoing infrastructure updates and expansions in the District. Also discussed in conjunction with these projections is the necessity for much enhanced communications with District residents. A periodic newsletter will be directly mailed to each resident of the District on a bimonthly or quarterly basis. In order to complete the required infrastructure improvements, it is anticipated that district residents will need to vote for a bond issue, and the newsletter will provide relevant information. Finally, the district is considering retention of a financial advisor given the foregoing considerations.

There was no audience participation and the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m. As always, further information is available on the District website, www.ppswd.org.



BEAR WISE



Hello, neighbors, “Smokey” Beary bear here. Please remember to be extra careful about fire prevention over the 4th of July holiday and all summer long. The recent hot and dry weather increases the ever present threat of forest fire. We all need to do our part to mitigate the risk. On behalf of all the furry and feathered critters who call the pristine forests of Perry Park home, “Thank you.”

Bear Fashion Show

I was recently asked why we Colorado black bears don’t always have black fur.

We black bears actually vary in fur color by regions in North America. In parts of Minnesota, rare blonde furred black bears have been seen. I think the light color is caused by eating large amounts of leftover “hot dish” and lutefisk freshly caught right out of the dumpsters – “don’t ya know.”



In Colorado over half our bear population is brown, cinnamon or multi colored. Light colored fur reduces heat stress in open sunlight and allows us to feed longer in open, food rich habitats like your unattended picnic table – great potato salad, Alice.

New dark brown fur can bleach to nearly blond by the time it is shed the next summer. Sometimes people mistake a light colored black bear for a grizzly bear since they typically have light brown fur. Since there are no known sightings of grizzlies in Colorado, the odds are good what you are seeing is an indigenous black bear sporting a brown fur coat. The distinguishing feature of a grizzly bear is a slight hump on its back. They’re also in serious need of a manicure (protruding claw nails) and, of course, they have no sense of humor!

Personally, I think the traditional black fur coat is the only way

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to go. It's timeless, elegant and makes my butt look smaller when I'm seen dining at one of my favorite eateries – like inside your tipped over garbage cans.



Bear Calling Card

Carol, a local resident, who also creates and tailors my 60 inch waist clothing attire, provided this picture of a scat pile that wins the prize for largest Perry Park “bear loaf” to date. Sorry about that. When you gotta go... ya gotta go.

Bear Facts

A female bear is called sow. A male bear is called a boar, not to be confused with being called a “bore” which can include

either gender.

During summer months, we black bears usually feed in the evening or early morning when it is cool, and seek shade during the heat of the day. But beware, we are opportunity eaters. If you provide it, we will come – heat or no heat.

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A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE...

Susan Peters...

Fun Times Ahead ...

Confession...Short Takes...

Get Ready, Folks



Fasten your seat belts. The rufous hummingbirds arrive as always in mid-July causing chaos at the bird feeders with their selfish “all about me” attitude. With the broad tail and black chinned youngins now appearing at the feeders it is time to bring out the reinforcements to handle all the activity that will ensue until the end of August when the adults take their leave. The rufouses with their striking orange iridescent colors are here only a few weeks just to rest up in the migration south from the northwest. But they sure cause havoc while they are here.

It's not too late to put up some feeders to enjoy the impending circus. Mix four cups of sugar with a gallon of boiling water and cool. You will have to hang feeders out of bears' reach or bring them in at night.

Moi? Complacent?

You bet. Guilty. 20 lashes of a wet noodle! By mid-April we usually see evidence in the form of furry body or poop or property destruction that the bruins are hanging around. Month after month came and went this year with only one pile of scat on the property to attest to their presence. Not even the jugs of water we keep on the property for the dogs have been disturbed. The bears love the jugs and will toss them around like soccer balls, sinking their claws into them, having the water leak out.

This past year we lost our bear hunter dog, the one who once chased a bear out of our yard while biting its butt. She in return only received a face of stinky bear slobber. After that she was always quick to pick up the scent of a bear with a ridge of fur standing up on the back of her short coat.

So a week ago hubby Dave accidentally left the back slider door open when we took our other two furkids to the dog park mid-morning. We arrived back with the two dogs racing inside, going berserk in the kitchen, running around and around sniffing and then out onto the adjoining deck. A quick look showed a tipped over hummingbird feeder and a broken tube feeder but nothing in the kitchen. I reasoned that it had to have been a yearling cub, when they are now on their own with their severed umbilical cord and full of teenage shenanigans with no fear, of course! Sound familiar? If it had been a full-sized bear, the kitchen would have been a shambles. And the dogs must have caught the yearling in the kitchen, as it had not even time to savor one of the ripe bananas lying on the counter. It was probably checking for homemade chocolate chip cookies first – their favorite...NEVER leave these in your car, as history has shown.

Also this bear left a calling card, a small pile of poop in our grassy yard. Dave quickly scooped it up before the dogs could

discover it and roll in it, one their favorite activities to prove their superiority to other canines, of course.

A number of years ago a bear opened the unlocked slider and took only Jello packages in the pantry. We found the empty boxes around the property. Another came in through the dog door and drank a jug of Margarita mix. Its sticky paw prints on the deck gave it away before the actual evidence was found. Still another came in through the dog door, opened the garage refrigerator, taking out only the hamburger buns while leaving the meat! And it did not bother to close the door. That is when Dave built a very strong bear door to close when we have bear activity. And it does the job! Still another Larkspur resident came home to see that a bear had opened the slider into their kitchen. The only thing left of their container of Tootsie Roll pops was a pile of sticks – remember Pick Up Sticks?

AND we have a very high deck that no bear in our over-20 years here has successfully reached. Well, this spunky yearling did the seemingly impossible, snatching the suet feeder and mangling it while bending down a very strong iron hanger. So time to build a better mouse trap.

At least our current dogs are now sensitized to bear odor, being quick with their early warning system.

Short Takes

As quickly as the Western Tanagers materialized at our suet feeder and bird bath, they disappeared. Poof. Abracadabra. But what a spectacular show they put on. Yes, the show must end. Sob.

We have always taught our grandchildren about wildlife that they may encounter here or other places in the Rocky Mountains. Dave, his buddy Dan, and grandson Paul went backpacking recently in the Phantom Canyon area, southwest of Colorado Springs and north of Canon City. Paul encountered both a mountain lion and a bear cub though thankfully not together. Training taught him well to slowly retreat while talking confidently even though I am sure that he had to change his underwear after that.

And how about that mom near Aspen that pried open a mountain lion's mouth to get her son's head out? Wow. Talk about hutzpah. I would have just used bear pepper spray that we keep on hand. No heroics for me.

And, man, those usually aggressive yellow jackets seem to be a lot bigger this year and much more aggressive. They are now welcoming themselves into our house, also checking out the eats. You should see the chunks of meat that they can carry off. And that could be part of your hide. Yes, we have our trap now set up with bait to lure them in.

And speaking of intruders, we have our eyes peeled for a heron anxious to dine on our newly restocked pond koi. We are hoping that the life-sized heron statues will deter them. It will be

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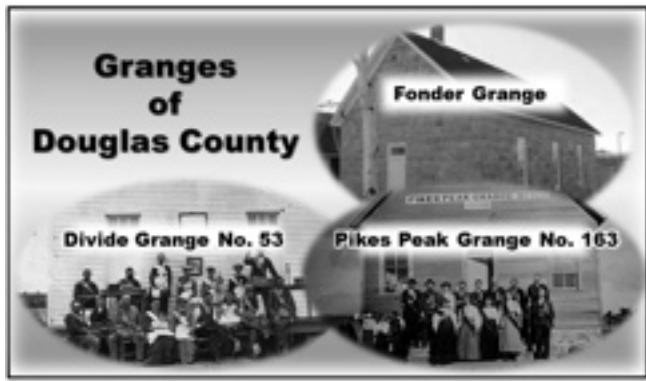
our luck that they will only incite the mating instinct in a real heron.

Good luck with that!

That's all, folks, for this month. Gotta run – I have one more hummingbird food station remaining that needs a feeder...I mean bear bait.

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.

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



An employee of the Department of Agriculture, Oliver H. Kelley, traveled in the South after the Civil War, finding what he deemed poor, if not downright deplorable, agricultural practices. The results of his findings drove Kelley to pull together individuals who possessed agronomy knowledge and were experienced in what he believed were sound farming and animal husbandry practices. With these individuals, Kelley originated the Order of Patrons of Husbandry to promote sound agriculture methodologies and practices in 1867. At best, nineteenth century farming was difficult, generally involving the entire family in fulltime, tedious and isolating work. To attract members and further good farming causes, Kelley added secret fraternal rituals and social activities as additional enticements to grow the membership of the Order. Thus, the grange movement in the United States was born.

Douglas County had two early granges. Fonder Grange was the first. The Grange organized and met in the Fonder School House in 1875. The first Master of the Fonder Grange was A. H. Eggleston. The Fonder Grange was very successful, focusing on education, social and legislative action. William Converse, a dedicated and influential member of the Fonder Grange, donated the land to build the grange's own hall. The building was built north of Franktown in 1908 on the Converse donated property and was dedicated on March 5, 1909, as the Pikes Peak Grange. The Pikes Peak Grange No. 163 is still active today.

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The second grange in Douglas County was the Divide Grange No. 53 in the Spring Valley area. The Divide Grange was started by John and Jacob Geiger, who came into and settled in the Spring Valley area in 1864 after escorting Confederate prisoners to Fort Bent. Jacob Geiger served as the first Master of the Divide Grange which also opened a store, post office and blacksmith shop in the same building.

During the 1870s, granges focused on cooperative purchasing to obtain lower prices, pooling of savings which, in turn, lessened the dependence on banks. Granges also developed cooperative grain storage. Nationally, the granges started a cooperative effort to manufacture farm equipment but the effort significantly depleted the organization's funds and was instrumental in the decline of the grange movement.

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>.

