



The Perry Park

Sentinel

JUNE 2017

IS IT SUMMER YET???

I love Colorado weather. It is never dull. It never allows us to get complacent.

We had no winter—until April. And May.

As I write this, on the 18th of May, it is snowing. It was snowing when I got up at 6 a.m. and it is still snowing now at 9 p.m. Fortunately today has been warm enough that a lot of the snow has already melted, but it's still a proper mess out there—and it's now below freezing. And still snowing.

At some point this afternoon, it dawned on me that the hose on the front of the house was connected—and

a hard freeze is predicted. Oops. But rather than tackle a long, rather icy walkway to get to the hose, I climbed over a retaining wall and crawled along under the eaves to disconnect the hose, frightening

away two deer who often take refuge there in rain or snow. They returned as soon as the crazy lady crawled back to the front porch.

Just now I received an email from the Perry Park Metro Board announcing that the Firewise meeting scheduled for tonight has been cancelled YET AGAIN because of inclement weather. It was originally scheduled

for April 29—when we had 15-18 inches of snow. If I were on the Metro Board, I'd be really leery of rescheduling that meeting again. We don't need a snowstorm in June!

Happy June, everyone—may summer finally arrive in force! And please, may the next day of precipitation be a gentle,

simple rain? No floods, no blizzards, no hail—a soft, soaking rain. Is that so much to ask for?

~KDale



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HOOKED ON PALMER LAKE, a day of fun for everyone, Saturday, June 3, 11-a.m.-3 p.m., after the fishing derby. Vendors, music, games, bounce house, three-legged race, beer and brats, snow cones. All money raised will benefit the Palmer Lakes fireworks.

REGISTER FOR THE LARKSPUR WALKING TOUR: Put on your walking shoes and grab a bottle of water! Meet in the Larkspur Town Park at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 17, with Danna Hamling of the Larkspur Historical Society. Learn about the beginnings of Larkspur when the railroad arrived in 1871 and about the creamery and its connection to a house that is on the Douglas County Landmark program. There will be a \$5 donation, and you will receive a black and white brochure published by the Larkspur Historical Society, featuring this historic town. To reserve your spot, call 303-681-3738 or email dannahamling@gmail.com. Rain date, Saturday, June 24.

CALF OFFERS DONUTS FOR DADS: On Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m., Lowell Ranch (I25 east feeder, south of Castle Rock) treat Dad to donuts and coffee at CALF's Lowell Ranch and then enjoy a tour of the livestock. You will get to meet our month old baby calf, baby lambs, pigs, chickens, and maybe more. You can also plan on photo opportunities with antique farm equipment and tractors! Typically the tour lasts about an

hour and a half. Admission \$10; advance registration required. To register, see the following website: https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTkwMTg

PERRY PARK BOOK CLUB will meet on **Tuesday, June 21** at the home of at Christa Rheindt, 8475 Crow Court in Perry Park Ranch. The book for discussion is *Cutting for Stone* (BCE) by Abraham Verghese, a novel of love and betrayal, medicine and ordinary miracles—and twin brothers whose fates are forever intertwined. The book for July is *What Alice Forgot* (BCE), a romantic comedy and satire by Australian novelist Liane Moriarty. Newcomers and visitors are always welcome. For additional information, see the website at <http://applelane.com>.

DOUGLAS LAND CONSERVANCY'S 4TH ANNUAL "CAPTURING THE BEAUTY OF OPEN LAND" PLEIN AIR PAINTING EVENT JUNE 24 – 25: Two dozen acclaimed Plein Air artists will showcase paintings of conserved lands in Douglas County. "Capturing the Beauty of Open Land" provides an opportunity for artists to paint on beautiful, private properties in southern Douglas County over the course of one week (June 20 – 23). This unique week of painting will culminate in a gallery exhibit featuring hundreds of works created throughout the week on display and available for purchase. The showing on the 24th-25th will be at the White Pavilion, 414 Perry Street in Castle Rock. Admission is free.

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2017 MONUMENT HILL FARMERS MARKET in downtown Monument at 66 Jefferson will be open on **Saturdays through October 14th**. Hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 55 vendors participate including Abdul's Produce, C and R farms, Royal Crest Dairy, Tamales, Mountain Man Honey, Pasta and Olive Oil, James' BBQ, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Avon, Jewelry, Dog Bones and Treats, Juice Plus, Antiques, Colorado Cuddles (embroidery) Sewing Crafts, Wild Bird-houses, Grammys Desserts, and Essential Oils.

THE CASTLE ROCK FARMERS MARKET is located at 6th and Wilcox in downtown Castle Rock, Colorado. The market is open on **Saturdays, 8 a.m. to Noon**.

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HELP MAKE QUILTS TO DONATE Join the Blanket Brigade on the **first and third Wednesdays of the month at 10 a.m.** at the Perry Park Country Club to tie the quilts, so you do not need any special sewing skills. We are a 501 (c)3, and we gratefully accept donations of fabric, yarn, batting and thread. If you have a donation, please contact Gwen Underwood at gwenspur@icloud.com; her phone number is 303-681-2125, or Cindy Hotaling at cjaspsjr@yahoo.com; her phone is 303-681-0374.

LARKSPUR AUTHOR TO READ AND SIGN NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK

Join Jim Collier on **Saturday, June 3 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.** for a reading and signing of *The World Was Flat* at the Larkspur Book Exchange, located at 9524 Spruce Mountain Road in Larkspur. The originally scheduled signing, April 29, was snowed out.

"To parents, grandparents, teachers, and other kindred spirits who read aloud to children....share a story, remember the moment."

Thus begins local author Jim Collier's new children's book, *The World Was Flat*. Collier has imbued his story with a fresh voice that's sure to appeal to all ages; the notion that the world was once flat until someone dared to dream and think and search beyond the accepted notion. Mention must be made of Gail M. Nelson's soft-focus watercolor illustrations. With the deft hand of a master visualizer, Nelson lifts images from the text that urge the lesson-based story along. Her illustrations are

a feast for the eye of child and adult alike.

Collier "lives in the enchanted forest of Larkspur, Colorado," and is a regular contributor to the *Perry Park Sentinel*, where he writes a column called "Bearwise," a humorous and informative column about our neighbors the bears, written from the perspective of one Beary Bear, who roams the country side in and around the town of Larkspur, coexisting with his "human zoo." Collier also authored the upcoming *Retirement is Recess for Grown-ups* due out in early 2018.

The signing of the new book will coincide with a scheduled book buy-in on Amazon.com. The proceeds from the sale of the books will go to the non-profit Jessie's Heart Foundation, a charity which helps families who may have a member suffering from a heart-related condition. The organization, established by the Colliers after the passing of their daughter Jessie, assisted over 167 families in 2016 with such essentials as housing to be near the ill relative, meals, transportation, utilities, and other household related expenses. On Saturday, June 3, the dollars for every book purchased will be matched 100 percent by the Colliers.

For more information, contact Cindy Cramer at 303-681-3046. ~KCramer

HELLO, LARKSPUR MOMS!



Don't forget the yard sale on June 3!

Summer is finally here! For more information on the Larkspur Mothers' Group, please visit our website at www.larkspurmomms.com or email us at larkspurmomms@gmail.com. The Larkspur Mothers' Group is open to all moms in the Larkspur area. We host monthly play groups and Moms' nights out. We are always looking for new moms to join our group!

This summer we will be taking a break from scheduled play groups; however, I hope you can join us for our Moms' night out on June 16th! We also hope to continue our Larkspur Spray Dayz tradition so stay tuned for more details to come!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

LARKSPUR BOOK EXCHANGE EXPANDS HOURS

Have you heard about the Larkspur Book Exchange? If you haven't, you're missing a small gem tucked away in central Larkspur in the Town Annex, 9524 Spruce Mountain Road. Every Saturday (except holidays) from 10 a.m. to 2.p.m. and every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8.p.m., the Book Exchange is staffed with knowledgeable volunteers who really truly love books and reading. Kids are especially welcome to the Exchange's selection of books. Even in this digital age, reading a paper-and-ink book can still be a joy for all ages.



The Book Exchange is free and provided by the town of Larkspur. You don't have to bring a book to take one (or two or three) from the Exchange. To date, the Exchange has over 5000 volumes of adult fiction and non-fiction, over 300 volumes for children and young readers and over 250 cookbooks. In addition, for those of you who are collectors, we have an interesting selection of vintage and rare books for sale, all proceeds to go to the Book Exchange.

The adult fiction category of the Exchange includes popular fiction by authors such as Clive Cussler, Stuart Woods, Michael Crichton, Nora Robert, Danielle Steele, and Stephen King, as well as a wide variety of literary fiction, in addition to critically acclaimed work from some of the finest writers of the present day. Nonfiction categories include biography, crafts, DIY, gardening, business, Colorado travel and history, and foreign and domestic travel. It also boasts classics from Shakespeare to Sherlock Holmes. Younger readers will find the section is sorted by children's, young readers, and young adult. It includes Little Golden Books, Dr. Seuss, Disney, Fairytales, some of the most popular series for young readers, even the *Twilight* series for young adults.

For more information about donations, hours, or location, contact Cindy Cramer at 303-681-3046 or Krystine Cramer at 413-348-3579.

20TH ANNUAL BOOT SCOOTIN' BOOGIE THANKS YOU Jennifer Martin, LES PTO

The LES PTO sends a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make the 20th Annual Boot Scootin' Boogie a huge success! The event was attended by over 400 guests and together we earned over \$45,000 for Larkspur Elementary School. Thank you to Tom and Diana Wiens for the use of their



beautiful arena for our event and to our many event sponsors! Please see the Sponsor Thank You ad in this publication for a complete list of all our sponsors. Thank you to our event vendors who either donated or extended significant discounts to the LES PTO. Look for the Donor Thank You ad in this publication too! Thank you to the many individuals and businesses who donated their goods and services to our silent auction and our live auction baskets! A big thanks is due to our many VOLUNTEERS! The countless hours of work, planning, meetings, phone calls, etc. are vital to the success of this event. Lastly, thank you to the Larkspur community and all other guests who came to the event so we could celebrate the 20th anniversary of this amazing elementary school fundraiser together! The LES PTO is extremely grateful to be a part of such a wonderful and caring community and to be able to call this incredible place home. **THANK YOU** – we couldn't do it without you!



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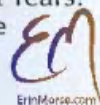
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LARKSPUR'S CUB SCOUT PACK 631

Jennifer Martin...

Did you know that Larkspur has a Cub Scout pack for boys in first through fifth grades? It is Cub Scout Pack 631, and we are a small pack that is always looking for new scouts to join us. Once a month, all of the dens and family members gather together for a pack meeting under the direction of our Cub Master.

Join Cub Scouts!



In addition, our cub scouts and their families participate in different activities including den meetings, pack hikes, the Rain Gutter Regatta, the Pinewood Derby, the Blue and Gold Banquet, two community service projects, and our annual pack picnic and crossover ceremony.

Our pack holds one fundraiser each year to raise money to help cover pack expenses. Our Cub Scouts sell holiday wreaths, sprays, garlands and living trees starting in September with delivery expected before Thanksgiving.

Our Pack is looking for a new Cub Master. If you have scouting experience or just want to share your time and talents with Pack 631 as our new Cub Master, please reach out using the contact

information below. The Cub Master role sounds intimidating and like a lot of work, but it's really not. You are the "Leader of the Pack," but all leaders collaborate on planning, work together to fulfill those plans and help the pack be successful.

This time of year we are looking for Tiger Scouts (starting first grade in the fall) to start a new Tiger Den. We'll also need a Tiger Den leader. Each year, the current den leader advances with the den to the next level in scouting.

The Pack will be hosting a Join Night in August 2017 after school resumes. The meeting will be in the Larkspur Elementary School gym where interested parents and potential scouts can learn more about scouting and Cub Scout Pack 631, so watch for information on that date and time.

We always welcome and appreciate donations, including volunteers and parents donating their time and talents to our young Cub Scouts. If you would like more information about Pack 631 or to make a donation, please contact our Committee Chairperson, Jennifer Martin, at 303-681-9225 or email at Jennifer_ross_martin@yahoo.com. Thank you for supporting our local Cub Scout Pack 631.

ANNUAL LES-PTO SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Rebecca Winckler...

On behalf of the Evaluation Committee of the twelfth annual Stuart Mazanec Memorial Scholarship, the eighth annual Liz Yost Memorial Scholarship and the first annual LES Volunteer Scholarship we want to thank all of the high school seniors who submitted an application.



I hope you all will join us in congratulating **Renee Alderman**, recipient of the Stuart Mazanec Memorial Scholarship; **Madison Mackey**, recipient of the Liz Yost Memorial Scholarship, and **Luke Arsenault**, recipient of the LES volunteer Scholarship.

The committee was very impressed and touched by the sense of community the high school seniors feel from living and growing up in Larkspur. Their memories of Larkspur Elementary meant a great deal, as did their community service accomplishments and their connection to Stuart and Liz. The strength of character demonstrated in their responses led us all to believe that they will all be assured a successful future, no matter what paths they choose to follow.

As you can imagine, the decision as to "who would receive" the scholarships was very hard, and we spent many hours reviewing, discussing and finally making a choice. All of the appli-

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cants should be very proud of their accomplishments, goals and the bright future ahead of them.

I wish we could award each applicant with a scholarship, as all of our applicants were very deserving and we are continuously amazed at the quality of our Larkspur kids!

On behalf of the Larkspur Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization and The Scholarship Committee, we wish all Larkspur graduating seniors all the best for the future!

TOP FIVE REASONS TO SMILE ABOUT LIVING HERE

Michael Stone...

The act of smiling is easily accomplished, and around here, we have plenty of reasons to smile. According to some well-documented scientific studies, there are physiological reasons that explain why smiling is good for us. I thought I would take one of the numerous "top ten" lists and relate it to US, but I condensed it to a top 5 with a conclusion.



1. It elevates your mood. If you are smiling, you are perceived as being happy. How could you possibly be in a bad mood? You could choose a hundred reasons to be a grump, but if you ask yourself if you'd rather be in a good mood or a bad mood, what would you pick? Just think about the beautiful scenery in this area, and crack a smile!

2. Smiling is contagious. I'm not making this up. Just like yawning has been proven to be contagious, so is smiling. Give it a try. Reason #1 says it will elevate your mood, and someone just might return a smile to acknowledge you. Then THEY will get the benefit of having an elevated mood, and YOU will have brightened someone's day. If you recognize neighbors while driving, give them a wave. It feels great to be the waver or the target.

3. Smiling makes you look caring. This one is a no brainer. Just go to the grocery store. There are plenty of people who will ignore you, and you'll forget them in an instant. But the ones who smile at you show that they care. NOW—this no joke. When I go to King Soopers in Castle Rock, they KNOW me. Not only do they smile, but they greet me by name. I also get a hug from Carla, the Retail Checkout Manager. How awesome is that?

4. Smiling makes you feel good, will relieve stress, and lower your blood pressure. These have been proven. If the simple act of smiling can do all of that, you have to think that it's worth

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Mitch Patrick Anderson, 19, passed away Monday, May 8, 2017.

He was born April 15, 1998, in Nashua, New Hampshire, the son of Mike and Laura (Kalkowski) Anderson. He was raised in Larkspur, Colorado, and attended Larkspur Elementary, going on to Castle View High School and then graduated in 2016 from Palmer Ridge High School.



Mitch's first job was at Horse Thief Campground. He went on to work at the Larkspur Pizzeria, KFC, Tony's Market, Jimmy John's, Parry's Pizza and did lots of yard work around Larkspur. Usually, he was working two jobs at the same time, always a hard worker.

Mitch was a natural at anything he tried. He was a talented, self-taught musician who could strum any guitar, beat on any drum set. His fearless and adventurous spirit brought him to the outdoors, whether on his bike at the skate park or in his Jeep that he loved to tinker with, preparing for annual family trips to Moab. Mitch was always surrounded by the countless people he touched throughout his life with his selfless personality. He was a catalyst for a good time, always quick with a smile or joke to brighten any room.

Survivors include his parents, Mike and Laura, Larkspur, brother Michael, Denver, sister Sarah, Larkspur; uncles and aunts Andrew and Anne Anderson, Colchester, Vermont; Debi and James Abolt, Brookfield, Wisconsin; Patricia and Jon Mendes, Carlsbad, New Mexico; cousins Ellen and Joseph Abolt; grandparents Peggy Reid, Douglas, Wyoming; Garnet and Maria Anderson, Tucson, Arizona; Jan and Dick Quinn, Venice, Florida, Ruth Kalkowski, Moorhead, Minnesota. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Larry Kalkowski.

Donations can be made to the Mitch P. Anderson Memorial Fund at First Bank in Castle Rock for a future memorial in his name.



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a try. Before we spend money on therapists, doctors, or chemical solutions, try smiling more often. It's FREE, and could provide huge benefits.

5. Smiling makes you look successful. Not only that, but it will make you look younger and more attractive. Let's face facts. All of us are here for a variety of reasons, but we are HERE, and have chosen to live HERE. Personally, I think we have made a fantastic choice. And I congratulate the residents of this area on making that choice.

Everyone has made the choice to live here. My story? I grew up in Menlo Park, California, attended CSU in Ft. Collins and then lived in a wide variety of other places. South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, RVN, Palo Alto, CA, San Diego CA, Denver (Bonnie Brae), Centennial, and now in Larkspur. We've been here since 2006, and we aren't going ANYWHERE else. I told my wife to cremate me when I die, and just chuck me off the back deck.

But I'd like to be remembered as a good friend, a good neighbor, and someone who smiled and appreciated the privilege of living here. I'm still healthy and riding my Harley cruiser, so I'll be here for a while, but I urge all to smile more often.

**NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT,
APRIL AND MAY MEETINGS**

Jim Matchett...

APRIL

The regular monthly board meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District was held on April 19th with four directors present. Director Peterson had received an excused absence. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the March 15th regular meeting, and that approval was unanimous. Disbursements totaling \$141,335.41 were then also unanimously approved.



Next on the agenda was the consideration of an additional Bear Creek Weir bridge, which was held over from the March meeting. Since that meeting several board members had visited the site and Director Morris had provided a map of the flood plain involved. After a brief discussion the board unanimously voted not to construct an additional bridge. Next up was a discussion as to whether or not to proceed at this time with the Gove Ditch Water Court case, wherein the water rights dedicated to the District by the Sandstone Inclusion Agreement would be formally

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“changed” from irrigation use to municipal use. The decision to proceed was unanimous.

The District Systems Report for March submitted by Semocor was then reviewed and discussed. Operations were best described as normal. It was noted that the vacation of the Wauconda water line near the dam would be completed before the end of April. The Monthly Staff Report submitted by the District Manager was also reviewed. Good news here was the issuance of seven building permits to date.

There was no audience participation and the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. As always, further information is available on the District website, www.ppwsd.org.

MAY

The May, 2017, regular meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on the 17th with all directors present. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the April 19th regular meeting which was unanimous. However, Director Peterson did abstain as he was not in attendance at that meeting. Disbursements totaling \$205,822.92 were next unanimously approved.

Matthew Dempsey of the district’s Ehlers Consultants was in attendance to review in detail a modified financial management plan for the district as a result of a rethinking and reprioritizing of the district’s Capital Improvement Program. The revised plan would comprehend \$8.20M of expenditure as opposed to accomplishing the complete Master Plan expenditure of \$20.38M. Plans are now being made to hold a supplemental board meeting to further discuss the district’s borrowing needs. A Letter of Engagement was then introduced to retain the services of Collins Cockrel & Cole as the district’s general counsel. A motion was subsequently made and unanimously approved to do so by the Board.

The District Systems Report for April submitted by Semocor was then reviewed and discussed. Operations were normal excepting the continued issues on Wauconda Drive with yet another main line break in close proximity to the previous line break under the dam spill way. This break has proved to be very difficult to repair as the line was found to be 16 feet under the road surface (versus the normal 6 feet) and below the water level of the reservoir. A number of homes on Wauconda were without service for variable times, but service has now been restored to all including the country club canteen while finish work is completed on this very difficult incident.

The Monthly Staff Report submitted by District Manager Diana Miller was then reviewed. There were two residents in attendance and they made several suggestions regarding both the district operations and the Capital Improvement Program plans. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. As always, additional information may be found on the district website, www.ppwsd.org

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PERRY PARK METRO DISTRICT **Your dollars, your voice**

All board members were in attendance at the May 11 board meeting. The board covered the 4th of July celebration, the Firewise Committee update, including an application for a large State Fire Assistance Grant, discussion on the Perry Park roads and update from Douglas County, maintenance of PPMD-owned properties. The board also agreed to continue and the free daffodil program.



BOARD MEMBERS

President	Randy Johnson
VP	Derek Meredith
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MINUTES - The minutes for the April District meeting were reviewed and approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The PPMD has hired a CPA who will be completing the monthly financial reporting as well as resubmitting the 2017 first quarter reports. The board expects that some minor changes may be made and anticipates approving the reports at the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Perry Park Roads and Gateway Entrance

PPMD contacted Douglas County and are happy to report that Perry Park asphalt roads are scheduled for an asphalt overlay starting in 2018. Douglas County will begin construction within the next 18 months on a safer and efficient ingress and egress into our community.

2. PPMD Property Maintenance

The board is considering both minor and major improvements for several PPMD owned properties including Wauconda Park and the Perry Park Gateway Entrance. The Wauconda Park playground equipment is in need of repairs along with all around improved park maintenance. With the scheduled widening of the Gateway entrance there will be no major improvements until that work is completed, but the area will be cleaned up and will remain in maintenance mode until the county completes its work. The board is starting the design process for the new Gateway entrance monument and landscaping in an effort to have both design plans and a contractor in place once the county has completed the new turn lanes.

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Firewise Committee – Keith Worley email: forestreedev@aol.com

Social and Events Committee



All is in order for another great July 4th. This year's celebration will include the Big "D" parade along Red Rock Drive with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards. The categories are best floats (ATV, golf carts, motorized), animal, classic car, walker, and bike/cycle. Free ice cream and water will be served at the end of the parade, and a hot dog stand for those that worked up an appetite. No need to sign up to march in the parade; just be at the southeast corner of the "Big D" at 10am and start lining up along Red Rock Circle. Later in the day come back to the Perry Park Country Club and enjoy a BBQ open to the public (cash only), followed by the Denver Concert Band starting at 7 p.m. with fireworks starting at 9 p.m.

We need your help! Volunteers are needed for traffic control and set-up/ take down of event equipment. Good opportunity for high school students to earn volunteer hours. Please contact Stacie Sneider at stacie.sneider@perrypark.org.

Schedule of Activities for Tuesday, July 4th in Perry Park:

- 10:00am Start lining up for the parade.
- 11:00am Parade starts.
- 11:30am Awards, free ice cream and water and hotdogs (cash only). 3:00-6:00pm BBQ at PPCC open to the public (cash only).
- 7:00-9:00pm Denver Concert Band.
- 9:00pm Fire works over Lake Wauconda.



2. Firewise Committee

PPMD, with the help of Keith Worley, Wildfire Mitigation Specialist, has filed a pre-proposal application for a State Fire Assistance Grant. Should the PPMD be successful in receiving the grant it would go towards fire mitigation activities within the areas damaged by the Tussock Moth to reduce hazardous fuels. The PPMD received confirmation that the application was passed on to the state office for further consideration.

Resident Fire Mitigation Grant Program

Don't miss out. If you are planning on taking advantage of the resident fire mitigation grant program in 2017 please download the grant form and email to submit@perrypark.org or by mail

to PPMD. Application submittal date has been extended to end once a total of (50) applications are received, so hurry and get your application submitted! Please have all contractor invoices submitted to the PPMD no later than October 15, 2017.

Learn more about the program at the following site: <http://perrypark.org/resident-information/resident-mitigation-grants/>

Firewise Day



Third times a charm! The Firewise Day that was set for April 29th and the re-scheduled day set for May 18th were both cancelled due to strong spring snowstorms and the concern for the safety of the residents, speakers, and the PPCC employees. The event will be re-scheduled at a later date and you will be notified via email and on the PPMD website.

SPRING SLASH PICK-UP – Starts June 1st

Questions on what is considered slash, how and where to stack your slash, along with zones and pickup schedule please go to: <http://perrypark.org/resident-information/slash-pickup-free-mulch/>



3rd Annual Junk Dump Rescheduled for June 3rd

The Junk Dump scheduled for May 20th was cancelled due to a wet spring snowstorm and rescheduled for June 3rd. Reminder: For PPMD residents only and when the 4 dumpsters are full it's over.

JUNK DUMP INFORMATION AND LOCATION

Bring Proof of Residence!

When: Saturday - June 3rd
8am to Noon
(or when 4 dumpsters are full)

Where: Perry Park Gravel Pit

What: General Junk

Not: No - Large Contractor Disposals
No - Tires
No - Electronics
No - Refrigerators
No - Concrete
No - Chemicals or Paint

Directions: Follow Perry Park Blvd NW until it turns to gravel, continue to the Y and go left. Pit is one block on the right.



Metro Board meetings are held at the Perry Park Country Club the second Thursday of each month and will commence at 6 p.m. sharp.

PET TALK WITH PILAR
Pilar Starman,
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine...

Traveling with Pets

Summer is a time of travel. We often take our pets because they are family. Issues to consider include the possibility of anxiety, motion sickness, proper identification, potential parasite/disease exposure, and legal requirements.



Dogs and cats often have anxiety related to travel. To a degree it may be due to motion sickness. There are a variety of treatment options that may alleviate this.

- Feliway. A synthetic pheromone produced by the cat's facial glands that tells the cat the environment is safe.
- Adaptil. A synthetic pheromone of the substance produced by the dog when she's nursing puppies that tells the dog the environment is safe.
- Catnip helps improve the mood of some cats.
- Zylkene is a natural way to decrease anxiety in cats and dogs without causing sedation.
- Ginger may decrease nausea.
- Cerenia is an anti-nausea medication. It is the reliable treat-

ment to prevent vomiting. It is only available from a veterinarian with an active client-patient-veterinary relationship.

- Other medications may be recommended.

Pets should wear identification with a contact number and be microchipped. Veterinarians can help confirm appropriate registration.

Parasite and disease prevention is needed for all pets, but is even more crucial for pets travelling to warm, moist areas. Dogs and cats need prevention for heartworm, fleas, ticks, and intestinal parasites. Parasites carry diseases that cause illness in pets and people. Depending on travel plans, additional vaccinations may be recommended.

If you are crossing a state border, a health certificate is required. A current rabies vaccine and a physical exam by a veterinarian within 10-30 days of travel is required to issue. The health certificate is required if you are travelling by air – you may not be able to go through security without it.



If you have any questions about your pet, please feel free to call Larkspur Pet Hospital at 303- 681-3980. We welcome you to bring your pet in for a happy visit any time we are open.

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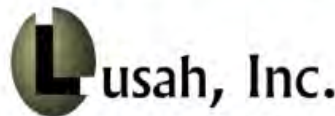
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WALT'S WORDS

Walt Korinke...

Old age is always 15 years older than I am...



I-25s EXPANSION

– CDOT held an openhouse at the Douglas County Fairgrounds on April 25. Actual funds for the project are being aggressively pursued to permit a 2019 start with a 2021 completion date. Prime goal is to provide three lanes immediately with four in the future for the GAP (18 miles between Castle Rock and Monument). For more information on the meeting, go to www.waltwords.com.



LARKSPUR – The three major development

projects – 1) Yogi Bear Jellystone Expansion, 2) Truck Stop and 3) the Construction Office/Warehouse – continue to progress through the Town Council and Planning Commission successfully. Jellystone will be testing the use of the Town's new filtration system later this year. Dirt work at the truck stop is nearing completion and the development agreement is near final with the Town. Actual construction could start by mid-summer.



The Construction Office/Warehouse received town approval of an amendment to their development plan further defining potential uses for three acres of their overall parcel. Design of their service building fits country character the town works to preserve, and finalization of the development agreement is in the final stages with the planning commission. The town is planning a public hearing to outline their planned implementation of sidewalks in the business corridor. All is on schedule and going strong with the new well and filtration facilities and the Council is hopeful of being able to shift economic burden from the \$3 million bank loan to a replacement grant later this year. As the "Center" of the CDOT planned expansion of the I-25s corridor, Larkspur is maintaining an active role with the planning which is underway.

PERRY PARK home sale closings



are running behind the pace of last year to-date with **10 homes closed January-April**, totaling **\$6,255,300** (average \$625,300) vs. last year of **18 closed for \$8,998,100** (average \$499,894).

The good news, May has shown a burst of new sales under contract with **11 additional homes under contract for \$6,239,750** (average \$567,250). A couple of land sites went under contract in May, and 20 sites are under various stages of construction.

Douglas County is again actively planning changes to #105 at the entrance to Perry Park with a projected late 2017 to mid-

2018 start and rapid finish. The Metro District is pushing for this to be completed prior to the 2019 proposed I-25 widening in case the construction forces more diverted traffic along the #105 route.



The Retreat at Perry Park

introduced a new second-phase paired home. The 2,400 square foot, 3-bedroom, 3-bath unit is a two story walkout basement unit which is about 1,000 square

feet less than the current models and will be offered starting at \$579,000, available late this year. A bonus to this unit is the upper level decks with an amazing view.

Kudos to the Perry Park Metro District for regrading the Banrock dirt road for fire safety access and making it more accessible than it has been for years.

CASTLE ROCK – PROMENADE – Across the street to the



north of the newly opened King Sooper Marketplace and directly in front of Christian Brothers Auto Repair, **USA EXPRESS CARWASH** will be starting construction soon on their 6,500 square foot,

three-minute express wash. Pricing starts at \$7 which is \$3 under their competitor, MotoSpa located across from the Target. Vacuums are free. This is the first Colorado



facility for this Mid-South chain. They will be open seven days a week, 8 to 6 (9 a.m. on Sunday). The pace of development at the PROMENADE has noticeably slowed, as has the leasing activity as the retail industry continues to struggle through a period of realignment and closure of non-performing stores. Fortunately, new store openings are currently more active in the 'outdoor' retail sector than for malls, and the more active tenant category is the restaurant industry, both of which benefit the Promenade.

ROCKET FRIZZ, located in the collection of food shops (Mod Pizza, Smashburger, etc.) to the south of Lowes, is preparing to open. Rocket Frizz, founded in 2007, bills itself as the "one stop shop for all of your soda pop and candy cravings." They carry literally thousands of unique and fun candies, bottled soda pops, gag gifts and toys, nostalgic tin signs and many other surprises. **SPRINT** and **POT BELLY SANDWICH SHOP** (tried and tested – yummy good!) have just opened for business in the new shops to the north of Lowes.

Under construction on the southeast corner of the Promenade King Sooper parcel – America's second largest bank with over

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\$2 billion in assets, **BANK OF AMERICA** (B of A) is completing its freestanding financial center building which should be ready for business by late summer. Its timely appearance follows the recent Wells Fargo announcement that it will be closing about 400 branches over the next two years in order to reduce operating cost by about \$2 billion a year, and they may increase the count to 1,000 branches. With two branches in Castle Rock and two in Monument, I expect we will probably lose one in each town. B of A brings another large bank opportunity to the area at a time when confidence in Wells Fargo was damaged by its recent fraudulent account activities created by an overaggressive effort to grow accounts (with or without client approval). B of A has two Denver service centers and a large number of ATM's scattered around the area.



The major dirt moving activity just to the east of the rail crossing bridge on Meadows Parkway is the start of construction for two new projects. 1) a narrow site paralleling the east side of the tracks on the north side

of Meadows Parkway will include eight one-story self-storage buildings with an attached sales office totaling 58,600 square feet, including either 28 RV parking spaces or a possible 40,000 square foot self-storage building in the future. The adjacent 22 acre parcel is undergoing groundwork and roadway infrastructure for the development 7 lots of commercial-office-industrial structures.



The Douglas County Library is joining the development activity along Wilcox by closing for a week in mid-May to refresh its space, add new carpeting and update its signage. First Street was

closed for the month of April as the Town Center progresses with its expansion; the adjacent Festival Park is well underway with its \$5 million rejuvenation and tie in with the RiverWalk project across the street, which demolished the old retail center and started major groundwork for its first phase.

MILLER's LANDING takes another step forward. The developer, Citadel Development LLC, has gained control of another 18 acres, bringing the proposed project to 66 acres. The former

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abandoned municipal dump and clay mines have been on the town's calendar for a number of years for remediation. In 2013, the area was designated as an Urban Renewal site, and the town began seeking developers with the ability to deal with a major environmental



clean-up as well as a major development, both of which Citadel brings to the table. Following several formal meetings with the Town Council, the developer received the town's blessings to move forward at their April meeting which will be followed with another meeting on August 16 to outline the costs, other financial matters, and any updates to the plan. The site is located on the southwest quadrant of I-25 and Plum Creek Parkway and circles past the new Miller Park recreation area. Development is currently planned to be in four stages spread over +10 years and will include a 250 hotel/conference center, 232,000 square feet of retail and 480,000 square feet of office space (total 877,000 square feet) costing between \$250 and \$500 million. The site remediation is projected to cost \$12 million, and the infrastructure, which includes widening of Plum Creek Drive, and extension of Prairie Hawk Drive across the site is estimated at \$56 million. Development of Miller's Landing will clean up an environmental eyesore and help direct development to the south side of town, which is about the only direction left to go in the future.



The Riverwalk Development is underway with demolition for the first phase completed and major ground work underway. Since the initial approval last September, a couple of changes include the addition of .03 acres to the site, allowing for some minor architectural improvements, and the addition of a **PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE** across the park, assuming US Fish and Wildlife approves same.

PALMER LAKE – The large dirt pile growing at the southeast corner of the lake is the beginning of the formation of the new Palmer Lake soccer field. The dirt is being contributed by the new industrial building being developed just north of the park.

COLORADO SPRINGS – If you think the go-karts at the Overdrive Raceway (near Bass Pro) are fun, then you are really going to like the new 30,000 square foot **WHIRLYBALL** complex that is preparing to open at the old Rustic Hills Shopping

Center – Academy and Palmer Park Boulevard. WhirlyBall is more than a ride; it is a sport where you play a mixture of basketball, hockey and lacrosse while you navigate the court in electric bumper cars. Games last 10 minutes and are played by two teams of five carts each. The sport was developed back in the 60s and has a couple of facilities in the Denver area already. Along with two 3,000 square foot WhirlyBall courts, there will be 12 bowling lanes, food (pizza, burgers, sandwiches and salads) and craft beer, wine and cocktails and, of course, widescreen sports TVs.



The CVS drug store chain continues to add to its growing presence in Colorado with a third, freestanding facility to go in at the site of the to-be demolished ANB Bank building at the southeast corner of Academy Boulevard and North Carefree

Circle. The 13,113 square foot store will have the typical drive-through pharmacy and will sell limited groceries, household goods, health, beauty and personal care items. Having acquired the site for \$2.5 million, the construction has just commenced and should take about four months to complete. CVS is already considering a fourth site plus its new presence in Target via its \$2 billion purchase of their 1,700 pharmacies back in 2015. They may still be #2 to Walgreens, but they are trying!

The new **OLYMPIC MUSEUM** is finally prepared to get underway with a June 9th planned ground breaking ceremony at its Sierra Madre Street/Vermijo Avenue location. The planned 60,000 square foot structure is estimated to cost \$75 million and will be a showcase of exhibits and displays, a hall of fame, a theater, an exhibition hall and retail space. It is being paid for by a combination of \$49 million in private donations and \$26 million in Urban Renewal bonds which will be repaid by sales tax from the community. It has been a long uphill climb, but like the champions it recognizes, a well-earned victory!



CASTLE PINES – Following extensive ground work, the first four model homes in Phase 1 of **CASTLE PINES VALLEY** (formerly Lagae Ranch) were started, and production homes will also commence shortly. This is the area highly visible from I-25 just south of the Castle Pines Parkway. Shea Homes is in the final stage of



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entitlements and platting for the master plan for **THE CANYONS** on the east side of I-25 across from Castle Pines Valley

and now plans the land development commencement for 2018 and housing start for 2019. The third major development is **LEGACY VILLAGE**, the 177-unit senior living complex at Castle Pines Parkway and Monarch Boulevard which is under way with a year-end completion target.

DENVER – A little outside of the I-25 south corridor, but the new gigantic, 1,000,000 square foot **AMAZON FULLFILLMENT CENTER** is nearing completion on the east side of Denver in the Prologis 70 industrial park located at the northwest corner of I-70 and I-470. With another 452,000 square foot “sor-



tation center” in Aurora’s Majestic Commercenter, the combined 1 1/2 million square feet of space will be able to provide one-day, and in some cases, two-hour delivery of items (including Sundays) from its on-site stock of over 20 million

items. Why go out when you can do it on your computer and never leave the house? Can’t wait to see an Amazon drone drop off a package in Larkspur. The building will be completed this summer and will employ 1,000 and should enhance the already quick delivery service they have been providing to our area. And if that is not enough, they are also in the permit stage to add a 19,000 square foot distribution center in Boulder at a cost of \$1 million.



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BEAR WISE

Howdy, folks – Beary Bear here. Your local bear wise expert because.... well, I’m a bear.



Hot dog it’s almost summer! Just thinking about the season makes me drool for brats and burgers grilling unattended on your barbeque grill.

Living in your neighborhood is a new adventure every day. Not only do I get to feast on what nature abundantly provides for us local black bears throughout the season, but we also get to sample new and sometimes exotic foods accidentally provided by you fine

folks. Remember, feeding us intentionally is against the laws of Colorado and nature.

A local resident reported the recent theft of her bag of special diet cat food that was left by the delivery person outside the garage door during her absence. In my defense, I left the remains of the five-pound bag with the top chewed off under a tree about 50 feet from the delivery spot. I had only consumed about a third of the contents when my belly began to make this strange purring noise, and I had a weird urge to play with a ball of string. I don’t even like string. The purring noise reminded me of the time I swallowed a cell phone I found abandoned on a picnic table. I kept hearing a buzzing noise followed by a voice telling me I owed money to the IRS and needed to pay up. Fortunately, it stopped when the battery died. Everything always comes out fine in the end – so to speak.



I have also recently discovered little white wooden boxes scattered throughout the neighborhoods. On select mornings, these wooden goodie treasure troves are packed with plastic containers full of milk, pounds of butter and one of my all times favorites – chicken eggs by the dozen. Everything is so thinly wrapped and easily accessible -THANK YOU. This is way better than garbage day! Of course being the bear I am, when I come across such a calorie generous donation, I eat the entire contents in one sitting. I may be lots of things, but ungrateful is

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not one of them. Sorry for throwing up on your driveway after my recent dairy binge. If you don't want me to consume your milk and dairy deliveries, consider trading in the white box for a small camping cooler.

Be Bear S.M.A.R.T.

Here's a bear safety exercise review for your kid cubs.
Question: What should you do if a bear gets too close to you and you are scared? Answer: Just remember to be bear S.M.A.R.T.

S = Stop, do not run. If you do, we may chase you – and although we don't look like it, we are much faster on our four paws than you are on your two feet.

M = Make yourself look big. Slowly raise your hands up over your head and stand tall. Let the bear know you are not someone who should be messed with just like you do with your little brother or sister.

A = Announce loudly and repeat several times – "Leave me alone, bear." This lets us bears know you are a person and alerts other people in the area that you may need help.

R = Retreat – back slowly away from the bear. Do not look the bear directly in the eyes. In animal world, direct eye contact means you are challenging the animal, not trying to be friendly like on the school playground.

T = Tell an adult immediately.



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TO LIVE AMONG THE RED ROCKS...

Karen Dale...

All along the front range, there are spectacular outcroppings of "the red rocks"—Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs, Perry Park and Roxborough Park in Douglas County, Red Rocks Amphitheater west of Denver, and the Flatirons of Boulder.



In geology these rocks make up the Fountain Formation. The Fountain Formation is mostly made of arkose, a sandstone which is twenty-five percent feldspar. It is from the high concentration of arkose and the oxidation of iron in the minerals that the red rocks get their reddish color. In simpler terms, they are rusted sandstone.

They are also very old. They are older than the Rocky Mountains.

Over three hundred million years ago, the middle part of North American was a vast inland sea. The Fountain Formation—sandstone—was laid down in that period. Then three hundred million years ago, a series of subductions began the process that formed the Rockies. As the mountains rose, the seas subsided, and the sandstone at the bottom of the sea was pushed to the surface, tilted as the rock beneath it heaved upward.

Over tens of thousands of years, the Rocky Mountains have eroded, and loose sediments on the mountains have washed away. This has resulted in exposure of the large slabs of arkose along the sides of the Rockies. The ancient sandstone is visible as slabs of red rock, tilted at sixty to ninety-degree angles as the emergence of the Rocky Mountains pushed older sediments up and out.

We are all awed by the size and grandeur of the Rocky Mountains, but all around us are the red rocks whose age eclipses that of the mountains. Those red rocks left, remnants of a very ancient past, stand as silent sentinels, marking the passing of vast swaths of time.

Some of us see the red rocks daily and think nothing of them as we zoom off on personal business. But take some time to con-

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ROXBOROUGH STATE PARK

template them, to learn their history. Of course, Garden of the Gods is a spectacular example of the red rocks, but the Fountain Valley trail in Roxborough State Park here in Douglas County features several trails that take you beyond the park boundaries and into the foothills. The Fountain Valley Trail is a perfect place to start because it features the best part of the park, its towering slabs of red rock we call home.

[Editor's note: this is the first in a series of articles about the Larkspur area, the area many of us call home. In coming months, we'll explore the Native Americans who once called it home, the wildlife, the coming of the explorers, the building of the railroads and the growth of towns, and particularly the history of Larkspur and of Perry Park. I invite one and all to participate—pictures? Articles? Send them along.]

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Susan Peters...

Spring White Madness...

Hawaii Wildlife Dilemma...

Short Takes

Snowbound

A few months ago, I was lamenting the lack of snow to benefit our trees and bushes. OK, Mother Nature, we are fine now. Thanks for the help. Enough, all right already. But we do need rain, not snow or hail, for the summer and fall months. During a hellacious storm in mid-May, the snow kept coming down and coming down and coming down and of course, piling up. So, who are the birds in your neighborhood? Spring snow storms are a great time to do a spring birdy inventory.

Last week Western Tanagers returned to our suet feeders, which have become the singles bar meet-up place for them. Shortly they will get past the flirty stage and get serious about raising a family. It must be difficult having to share the small bar area with chickadees, grosbeaks, nuthatches, and woodpeckers vy-



ing for suet. But then a juvenile bear climbed the deck posts to share in the bounty. But I had to laugh, as he selected suet that was infused with pepper to discourage squirrels. Obviously after a few bites he thought the better and moved on after leaving us a present of his own making. Lovely. He slid down a deck post just like a fireman descending by a fire pole.



Once I ran outside amidst the blowing snow to put out more birdseed, and was amazed at the symphony occurring. Courting continued with towhees and redwing blackbirds did their best to attract the ladies with belting out an appropriate melody. A flicker pounded away as a mixed flock of small birds such as finches and pine siskins twittered happily as if it were a sunny day. A flock of red-winged blackbirds chatted noisily in a snow-laden willow tree.

A good snowfall usually brings in a gem seldom seen in these parts. This time it was a gorgeous red crossbill hitting the feeders. He was joined by black-headed grosbeaks, brown-headed cowbirds, chipping sparrows, and goldfinches. A pair of large crows kept close to the pile of raw peanuts, much to the ire of the stellar jays. Missing in jay kingdom are the blue jays and scrub jays, off to summer where it truly is summer.

The insect eaters like the robins, bluebirds, and wrens had to find eats in places other than our birdseed offerings. But the hummers zoomed in and out from their feeders, needing frequent brushing off of the snow. They will have to wait until better weather to resume their competitive high-dive acts.

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After one trip out to put seed on top of the deck railings, they were soon covered by about 100 red-winged blackbirds and brown-headed cowbirds, with an occasional pair or two of mourning or banded doves trying to squeeze in. Occasionally a Cooper's hawk would swoop in and break up the feeding frenzy by scaring the bejesus out of the feathered crowd, while choosing an appropriate snack.

Despite the snow, we are ready with our traps for the yellow jackets – nasty critters.

Nature in our 50th State

Our jaunt across the other pond took us first to Kauai where the ubiquitous Kauai free-range chickens greeted us. OK, are you ready to know how to cook them? You get a good-sized lava rock and throw it and a free-range chicken into a large pot. Simmer for three days. Then you throw away the chicken and eat the lava rock. Ta dah!

On our lanai, a myriad of birds from red-capped cardinals to doves vie for the crumbs we dropped, but one aggressive sparrow came in and stole hubby Dave's sausage off the plate! The bullfrogs and cane toads were still in mating season, the former with its deep, throaty HARUMPH, the latter with a high-pitched trill down in the garden lagoon.

The cane toad was introduced into Hawaii to eradicate the beetles feeding on the fields of sugar canes. It was so highly successful that thousands were sent to Australia for its sugar cane. So, what can go wrong with this? Since then the Hawaiian sugar cane fields are now golf clubs and other recreational activity areas. The gigantic cane toads eat EVERYTHING dead or alive including birds. There is no really good natural predator as they have poison glands, and their tadpoles are also highly toxic. And they produce thousands of eggs with each mating.

It used to be that our walks along the beach road meant dodging corpses of flattened cane toads. Now we rarely see them on the road.

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The native bird populations in Hawaii are almost extinct. A number of reasons can be cited, starting with mosquitoes, which were introduced to the islands in the mid-1800s. That introduced avian malaria. Now with the warming earth temperatures, the mosquitoes can go to increasingly high altitudes, so that drives the birds even higher. Traditional mosquito eradication measures such as spraying do not work well with so much remote area. And I have written about how the feral cat high population is wiping out the Hawaiian crow, among other bird species. Now the nesting shore birds are under attack.

We did see the endangered monk seal on the southern beaches of Kauai. One ended up in a shallow area of Poipu beach, lazily swimming among the bathers. The lifeguard, using his megaphone, kept warning the bathers to get away from the dangerous seal. They would—but the monk seal would just chase after them.

On Maui, the mongoose, introduced to rid the island of snakes, is now out of snakes to eat. That means that they can easily take out a nest of birds or an unsuspecting dawdling adult bird. We saw at least 30 mongooses scampering across the main drag on the south side of the island. On Kauai mongooses are illegal. People must report it, if they see one.

The challenges never end. There the monarch butterfly seems to be thriving. Here they are nearing extinction mainly due to the loss of their food of choice, milkweed, from plowing of the fields to developments. Unfortunately, Mother Nature's magic wand seems to have worn out. She cannot seem to catch up with man's disruptive activities to nature and balance.

Short Takes

A warning has gone out that rabid wild animals are on the increase this year, particularly skunks. Two dogs in Colorado with lethal rabies have had to be euthanized.

Momentarily a shipment of koi will arrive, to replace the ones killed by a racoon last winter. The koi will reside in an aquarium until hubby Dave can build a racoon-proof and heron-proof new pond. Yeah, I will let you know how that works. Or doesn't.

That's all, folks, for this month. Gotta run – the snow-challenged birds need a round of grub. AGAIN.

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

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Karen Dale, *Sentinel* Editor.

DOUGLAS COUNTY IS FIRST IN U.S. TO CONTRACT WITH GLOBAL SUPERTANKER

A converted Boeing 747-400 is now on a "call-when-needed" contract for wildfire suppression in the county. Dry conditions in and around Douglas County, coupled with limited air resources in the region for wildland fire suppression, inspired the County's director of Emergency Management, Tim Johnson, to seek out a contract with Global Supertanker and its converted Boeing 747-400, based in Colorado Springs.

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