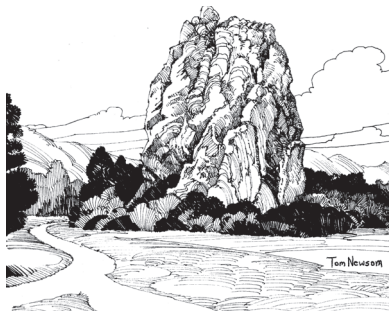


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# Sentinel

MARCH 2016

## GOING DIGITAL, PART II

Thanks to the Metro District for hosting and the expertise of Chris Korinke to make it happen, we are moving forward rapidly with plans to make the *Sentinel* an online magazine. The February and March editions have already been put online as examples of how you will access the *Sentinel* in the future. This, the March issue, is probably the last professionally printed copy of the *Sentinel* you will receive.

There are two addresses that will allow you to reach the online issues of the *Sentinel*:

1. **Perryarksentinel.com** will take you directly to the *Sentinel* page. Simply clicking on the front page of the *Sentinel* pictured will produce a flip book. You'll still be turning all the familiar pages you associate with the printed versions—with the mouse. You can download a copy or print a copy—or read it online. You can come back to it again and again. It will not go away (or be thrown out). Issues will be archived for several months at least.

2. **Perryark.org** will take you to the home page of the Perry Park Metro District. On the right hand side of the page is a picture of the *Sentinel* front page. Just click. If you live in Perry Park Ranch, you should already have this website bookmarked. Use it often because in addition to the *Sentinel* there is a wealth of information for residents of Perry Park Ranch about everything from slash pickup to local animal codes. Metro District minutes are online, and currently there is an audio of the recent Metro Board meeting with members of law enforcement about marijuana grow houses in our area.

How will we notify you when the *Sentinel* is online and ready to be read? I don't know. There will be no individual notification, i.e.: we won't develop an email database. We'll start with the Larkspur Facebook pages, but I hope without interference from printing schedules and Post Of-

fice rules, we'll be able to consistently post the first day of the month. So start looking for the next one on April 1. No joke.



This has not been an easy choice. I have been in some form of print journalism for 62 years. Yeah, that long. But I understand that without the internet, the *Sentinel* would simply cease to exist. We can no longer afford to print and mail it. Each edition costs about \$4000, and despite dona-

tions and advertising, finances are stretched to the limit. We were only able to pay the bills for the December issue because of one very generous donation mid-month. That's scary!

The hardest calls I've received are from long-time readers and supporters who are simply not comfortable with any web activity. They are sure they will never be able to access the *Sentinel*. But this is a great neighborhood. If you cannot reach the *Sentinel* online yourself, ask a neighbor to print it out for you. Conversely, if you have a neighbor you suspect may be uncomfortable with computers, print out the *Sentinel* and take it by. Offer to teach that person basic internet use.

If you are simply terrified of computers or don't even own one but still want to read the *Sentinel*, call me. We'll figure something out. Meanwhile—keep reading and keep advertising! It's still the same publication!

~Karen Dale

# IMPORTANT !!!



The *SENTINEL* is in the process of converting from a paper format to a digital version and your access to it will be via the Perry Park Metro District site – [www.perrypark.org](http://www.perrypark.org).

As the cost and difficulty of producing mailers escalated, the Perry Park Metro District shifted to placing important notices in the *Sentinel* relative to such matters as the Tussock Moth Invasion, Slash Pickup and Mulch info, Mitigation Training, special events, i.e. July 4<sup>th</sup> and Easter activities, emergency matters, etc. With the *Sentinel* shifting to a digital format and with access by your choice vs. formal delivery to all residents, the Metro District will continue to place notices in the digital *Sentinel*, but wants to be certain that all residents continue to receive important messages.

To be sure you receive IMPORTANT MESSAGES from the  
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And take a look at the digital *Sentinel* while you are there.



**PERMIAN BASIN STRING QUARTET** will perform Brahms' *Quartet in A minor*, and *Beethoven's Quartet No. 16, Op. 135 in F major* at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts in Palmer Lake on Friday, March 11 at 7

p.m. Tickets may be purchased through the Tri-Lakes website: <http://trilakesarts.org/events/permian-basin-string-quartet-march-11.html>. The telephone number is 719-481-0475. Cellist Amy Huzjak attended Larkspur Elementary and graduated from DCHS in 2005. Her parents are Bob and Betty Huzjak.

**THE CRISIS CENTER 16TH ANNUAL EMPTY BOWL** will be held Friday, March 11, 6-9 p.m. at the Douglas County Event Center. Local potters provide unique hand-crafted bowls and local restaurants offer a variety of soup and dessert tastings. There will be live music, a silent auction, and donation opportunities to help fund the Crisis Center's mission. Each ticket includes a hand-crafted pottery bowl and unlimited soup and dessert tastings. Additional bowls can be purchased for \$10 each. An individual ticket is \$40 and a table for 10 is \$500. Tickets can be purchased at <https://e.gesture.com/events/4HV/>.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COALITION NEWS:** (Antlers, Hidden Forest, Perry Park East, Sage Port, Sterling

**Point, Spruce Mountain):** Attend the meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 7 p.m. at the Larkspur Fire Station. Douglas County Sheriff Tony Spurlock will be there along with a Neighborhood Watch organizer from the county office. All residents in the above mentioned areas are encouraged to attend, to ask questions and to learn more about how Neighborhood Watch works.

**PERRY PARK BOOK CLUB** will meet on Tuesday, March 15, 10 a.m., at the home of Cindy Hotaling, 5408 Country Club Drive. The book for discussion is *Gutenberg's Apprentice*, a historical novel by Alix Christie. In the 1450s, Johannes Gutenberg of Mainz (present-day Germany) developed moveable type and the printing press. His major work was the Gutenberg Bible, an edition of the Vulgate written in Latin. *Gutenberg's Apprentice* is based on the years in which printing revolutionized the way ideas spread. The book for April is Lorna Landvik's humorous novel, *Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons*.

**LARKSPUR ELEMENTARY TO HOLD CAMP INVENTION** again this summer. This is a week long summer program for grades 1-6. Enrollees do not have to be students at Larkspur. Registration is now open, but the organization needs a parent volunteer to organize enrollment. For additional information see <http://www.larkspurpto.org/activities/camp-invention/>. For general information about the program, the Camp Invention website is <http://campinvention.org/>.

**APPLICATION OPEN FOR LES PTO SCHOLARSHIPS-2016**

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



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active members of our community.

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

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

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

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

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

Applications will be reviewed by the committee, and winners will be notified by April 25, 2016.

### JOIN YOUR LOCAL LAND TRUST IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

Amy Graziano...

The public is invited to take advantage of Douglas Land Conservancy's upcoming guided hikes. The hikes are open to the public and are free, although a donation of \$10 per person is suggested. Brooklyn Veterinary Clinic sponsors this year's hike series.

\*Saturday, March 19 | 10 am – 1 pm | Early Spring Hike @ Spruce Mountain Open Space

\*Monday, Memorial Day, May 30 | 7 am – 11:30 pm | Guided Birding Hike @ DuPont Open Space

\*Saturday, June 18 | 9 am – 12 noon | Guided Wildflower Hike @ Dawson Butte Open Space

\*Sunday, July 10 | 9 am – 12 noon | Summertime on the Trail

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### Guided Hike @ Spruce Mountain

Space on hikes is limited and reservations are required. Anyone interested in joining any of the hikes is encouraged to visit DLC's website, [www.DouglasLandConservancy.org/events](http://www.DouglasLandConservancy.org/events) to register.

Douglas Land Conservancy has other upcoming events that may be of interest. You are invited to attend the third annual Plein Air painting exhibit and sale on Saturday, June 25 from noon to 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the White Pavilion in downtown Castle Rock. This is a unique opportunity to view and purchase paintings by 25 renowned Plein Air artists that were created on DLC protected properties in Douglas County. Art and open space naturally go together and if the works created in the past are any indication this is an event you don't want to miss.

Join DLC for the most memorable summer dining experience in Douglas County. Our seventh annual JA Ranch Sunset Dinner and Open Space Celebration will be held on Saturday, August 27 from 4 – 8 p.m., cliffside at the stunning, privately operated JA Ranch, south of Castle Rock. The JA Ranch is a 6,200 acre cattle ranch protected by a conservation easement, which conserves large expanses of wildlife habitat, scenic viewscapes, and working agricultural land.

Contact Douglas Land Conservancy with any questions you may have about our events. 303.688.8025, [amyg@douglaslandconservancy.org](mailto:amyg@douglaslandconservancy.org). We hope to see you out on the trails soon!

## MARCH WITH THE LARKSPUR MOMS

Sarah Bretz...

Come together for a morning of family-friendly fun! This year the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 19th at the Big D in Perry Park Ranch (near Red Rock Drive and Red Rock Circle).



*Waitin' for the Easter Bunny! Whoa! There he is!*

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The Easter Bunny will arrive at 10 a.m. sharp, so don't be late! Bring your camera for some great Easter Bunny photo opportunities! The Easter Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 10:15 a.m. Children should bring their own basket or bag to collect the eggs (but please remember to return the empty eggs for the Easter Bunny to use again next year). Areas will be designated for children up to three years of age, four to six year olds, seven to nine year olds, and those 10 and over. In addition to the hunt, we will be offering complimentary juice, coffee, and donuts. We will also have a ton of fun games going on as well as a raffle to benefit the Larkspur Moms' Group.

In the event of blizzard conditions or temperatures below 15 degrees, the hunt will be postponed until Saturday, March 26th (same time, same place). Please check the Larkspur Mothers' Group website for event status if the weather is questionable: [www.larkspurmomms.com](http://www.larkspurmomms.com).

The Larkspur Moms' Group is busy this March! We are organizing one of our largest community events of the year: the 41st Annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will need a lot of help this month to kick off this wonderful event!

**41st Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 19th**  
**Hosted by the Larkspur Moms' Group**  
**Funded by the Perry Park Metro District**

**ATTENTION TEENS:** Assistance is needed before, during and after the Egg Hunt. If you volunteer, you will earn a minimum of three hours of community service. Please email Sarah at [larkspurmomms@gmail.com](mailto:larkspurmomms@gmail.com) for details.

We hope you are interested in volunteering to help before, at, or after this wonderful event. We need all hands on deck to make this a success! The Larkspur Moms' Group will be sending out a Sign Up Genius to its members soon, so be sure to watch your email as to how you can contribute. There are many jobs, so whether you have a little bit of time or a lot, you can help!

### OTHER EVENTS WITH THE LMG IN MARCH:

**Moms' Night out:** Join us on **Sunday, March 13th at 3 p.m.** to stuff 5,000 Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled on March 19th! We will have beverages, food, and good conversation. This is always a popular event so a good time is guaranteed!

#### Play Group:

- Friday March 11: In home play group from 10-Noon
- Wednesday March 23: Play Group outing to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
- Wednesday March 30th: Playground at the MAC from 12:30-3:30

Thank you everyone. We have such amazing Moms in Larkspur!


## RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS RECEIVE FUNDS TO FIGHT FIRES

In 2015, five rural fire protection districts in Douglas County responded to a total of 129 calls in the Pike National Forest, most of which were wildland fires, medical emergencies or structure fires.

This week, those fire districts were awarded \$100,000 in federal funds by the Board of Douglas County Commissioners. The districts will use the money over the course of the year to update wildland fire equipment, purchase new rescue equipment, pay for training and improve their communication mechanisms.




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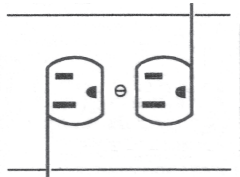
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“Volunteers and staff from these fire districts are often the first to respond to an incident in the Pike National Forest,” said Douglas County Commissioner and Board Chairman David Weaver. “This money goes a long way in helping each of these districts prepare for the work that they do in the forest as they continue to protect and serve the citizens of this County.”

Money was distributed to the five agencies, based on the number of calls they made during the year, at an average of \$775 per call. Awards were as follows:

- West Douglas Fire Protection District: \$31,005 (40 calls)
- Mountain Communities Volunteer Fire Protection District: \$27,130 (35 calls)
- North Fork Fire Protection District: \$24,030 (31 calls)
- Jackson 105 Fire Protection District: \$14,730 (19 calls)
- Larkspur Fire Protection District: \$3,105 (4 calls)

Douglas County — like many other local governments that have non-taxable federal lands within their boundaries — receives a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) annually from the federal government to help offset losses in property taxes spent on the utilization of County services on non-taxable federal lands.

Since 2002, Douglas County has designated a portion of its PILT money to provide supplemental funding for the five rural fire districts, increasing the annual award from \$50,000 to \$100,000 two years ago, based on the increasing number of calls.

## YOUR NEIGHBORS RECOMMEND...

Dru Anderson has retired from writing a column where local residents “pick” or “pan” various local services. However, such recommendations are often swapped on the several Larkspur community Facebook pages, and Lisa Warteman has compiled them online for our convenience. Each month we’ll publish a couple of categories of recommended local service people, but you can find the entire list on Facebook. Search for *Larkspur Neighborhood Information* and join the group. The link to Lisa’s compilation will be at the top of the message board. It’s also on Larkspur Neighbor to Neighbor, but not quite as visible. Look under files at the top of the page. The title is Community Services. It’s downloadable.

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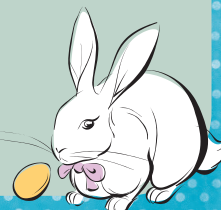
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**Don Hollums**, a resident of Perry Park Ranch for 11 years, died January 8, 2016, of cancer and Alzheimer's. He is survived by his wife of 14 years, Barbara Lake Hollums, and three grown children: Kelly Hollums, Lisa

DeLaVergne and Kirby Hollums. The mother of his three children was Helen Hollums who passed away 30 years ago. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Joseph and Katie DeLaVergne.

Don was a born naturalist, environmentalist and master gardener. He was an expert on identifying birds, plants and trees. He had a B. S. from Southwest

Missouri State in Conservation Education and a M. A. from Michigan State with an emphasis on Outdoor Education. He worked as Environmental Conservation Consultant for the Colorado Department of Education for 25 years and before that was the manager at the Nature Center in Bloomfield Hill, Michigan, for 20 years.

Barbara and Don traveled all over the world and planned the building of their western home together. They were avid bikers and hikers, and Don was happiest when he was biking, birding or working among the flowers and vegetables in his garden



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**REST IN PEACE:** On Thursday, February 18, fierce winds swept through the Plum Creek valley. Cindy Shoenberger was trying to help a neighbor, Rochele Smit, on 105 secure a shed in the face of fierce gusts, but her. According to Rochelle, "Cindy was doing what she does best, being a good friend and neighbor. We were under a high wind warning, and a large loafing shed had flipped over on our property and was continuing to slide in the strong winds. She decided to come over and help secure the shed. Tragically, while helping, an extremely high gust of wind pushed the shed into Cindy, knocking her down and sliding on top of her. I was alone on the farm and unable to get the shed off of her until the fire department arrived. Cindy went without oxygen to her brain for over 10 minutes."

At press time, Cindy was on life support so that her organs could be donated. The Smits have set up a donation page to help defray medical costs: <https://www.gofund-me.com/cindyschoenberger>.



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Walt Korinke...

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Anxious for a preview of the **King Sooper Marketplace** coming to the Promenade? Visit the new one in Parker across the road from the Costco. It is enormous – I have



never seen so many groceries in one place. And, with its semi-department store approach, it looks somewhat like a cross between a Walmart and a Target with a warm appealing feel and all types of products from automotive to clothes. It was actually an exciting shopping experience.

In an effort to connect the new Phillip S. Miller 650 acre park with the Ridge-line Open Space, grading has commenced on Wolfensberger at the DR Horton residential development on a **PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**. This Wolfensberger over pass will create a continuous 17 mile trail. At a cost of \$702,000, the bridge has already been built off site and will be erected on site later this year. It will look similar to the Crystal Valley bridge pictured here.



Looking for a good home brew? Last November, a new brewery, **105 WEST BREWING COMPANY**, opened in Castle Rock in a secluded location in the area's industrial section. Heading west on Wolfensberger from I-25,

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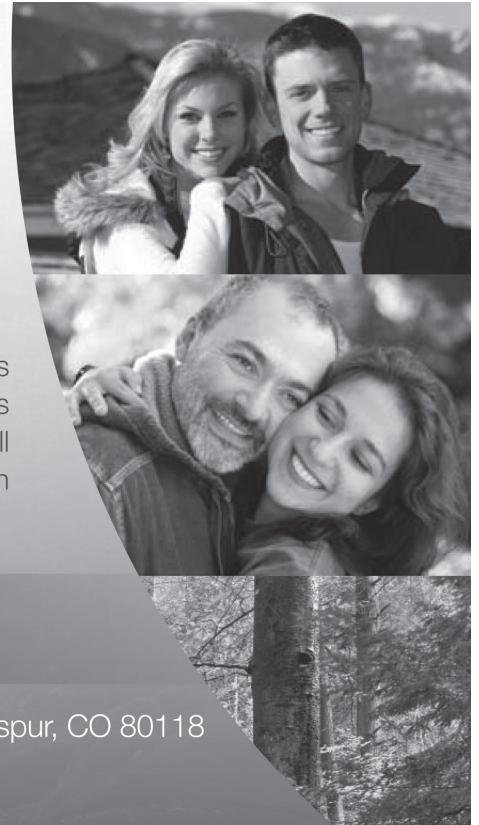
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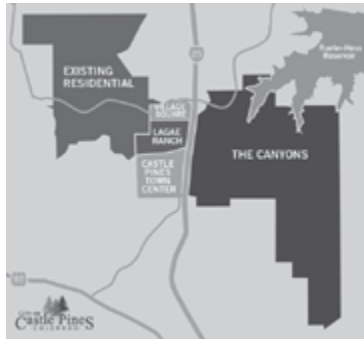
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when you spot the McDonalds, turn right on Park St. and after passing the second building on the west side of the street, 105 West is located in the rear parcel. The brewery creates a substantial number of brews and features 15 rotating beers on tap in its 50 seat tasting room.

On the north side of County #86 heading up the hill from Castle Rock to Franktown a little past the King Sooper Shopping Center, the 367 single family home, 56 acre Starwood development, **RAVENWOOD VILLAGE** will fill another pocket of the ongoing Terrain Community while adding another 46 acres to the dedicated open space retained by the community.

Colorado is the second fastest growing state (1.9 percent vs U.S. 0.8 percent). Douglas County is impressive at 2.3 percent and Castle Rock is amazing at 2.8 percent annual population gain. As a result, it appears to be shaking up some of its 54,364 residents who wish to maintain its small town character. With the town currently considering three new annexations that could increase the commercial space by another 1.3 million square feet and the house base by another 23 percent, a recently formed **Citizens Group** is attempting to have a say in the town's new direction and has filed petitions to limit any annexations of five or more acres to a community vote vs. leaving approval strictly to the Town Council. Time will tell on their efforts.

**CASTLE PINES -** Not to be left out of the above growth story,



the City of Castle Pines annexed parcel, **THE CANYONS**, which runs south on the east side of I-25 from Happy Canyon to the Castle Rock boundaries is planned to develop about 2,000 single and multi-family homes along with some commercial development later this year with initial home construction

to start in late 2017 or early 2018. This should occupy a lot of the new City Council's time for the next year!

Another planned development for Castle Pines is a 176 unit assisted living facility to be built on a 7 acre parcel at Castle Pines Parkway and Monarch Blvd. The **LEGACY VILLAGE** being developed by Western State Lodging will have 79 assisted living units, 66 independent units and 31 memory care units.

**NORTHERN DOUGLAS COUNTY -** The Rocky Mountain

Hospital for Children located at the Sky Ridge Medical Center gets a new **PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY ROOM**. Located near the the Women's Health Building and attached to the hospital, the pediatric-only emergency room will



have separate ambulance entrances and 11 private patient rooms and a kid-friendly waiting room and a pediatric trained staff. Open 24 hours a day – 7 days a week and will treat from infant to 18 years of age. If they need a higher level of care, they can be transferred easily to the hospital. They have pediatric radiology, pediatric anesthesiology and specialists in all fields.

**COLORADO SPRINGS & MONUMENT -** Just east of the Bass Pro-anchored Polaris Point a new 27,000 square foot **SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET** opens March 9, billing itself as “a healthy grocery store that offers fresh, natural and organic foods at great prices.” It will soon be joined by an Ace Hardware.

Work continues on the former and never opened **RENAIS-**



**SANCE HOTEL** in the InterQuest Park with plans to open the hotel and water park this November. Dormant for 4 years, a planed start at Polaris Pointe for the **COLORADO GRAND RESORT & HOTEL** will commence this spring. It also will include a water park. During the delay, let them observe the changes at the Renaissance project which used most of the convention space for their water park, and review the possiblilty of expanding the planned meeting space at the Colorado Grand.



Attention Tool Men. **HARBOR FREIGHT** has opened a bright new store at 7165 N. Academy, with another unannounced location planned on Powers. The Academy store is located aacross from the Home Depot and behind the

Mimi's restaurant. It is a very appealing store with many tool options at reasonable prices.

Two N. Academy retailers are relocating. After operating for 10 years in an 18,000 square foot store at 7298 N. Acadamy, **ETHAN ALLEN** is selling its store and will be seeking a smaller store (7,000 to 10,000 sf.) fitting with their new marketing practices that includes less samples in the store and more use of touch-screen monitors where customers model and visualize the furniture, finishes and fabrics available. Watch for their new location.

In its place, **NATURAL GROCERS** will relocate from its current space which it has occupied for the last seven years in the Markets at Chapel Hills



West to the free standing Ethan Allan building subject to zoning approval for the use change. Starting as a door-to-door busi-

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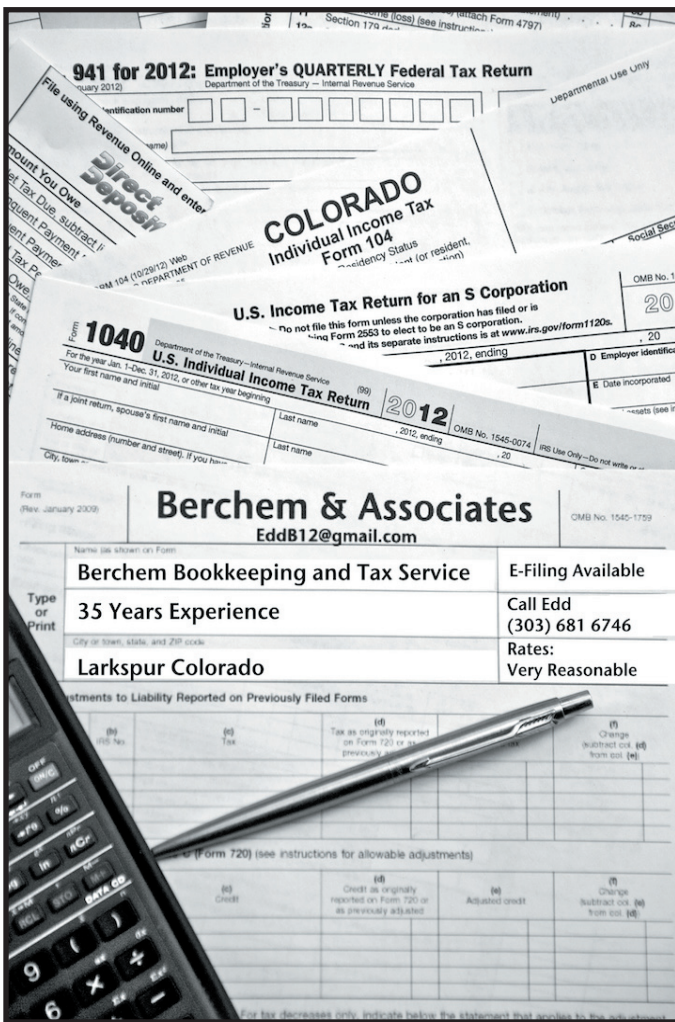
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ness, Vitamin Cottage, now Natural Grocers, was founded in 1955 in Golden and is now headquartered in Denver. With 65 stores, it operates in 13 western states marketing vitamins and supplements along with organic and natural food products sourced to large degree by local farms.



After 33 years operating four stores in Colorado Springs, they are finally heading to the City's south side with a new 5,200 square foot **OLD CHICAGO PIZZA AND TAPROOM** just north of the World Arena at Venetucci Blvd and Lake Avenue where you can

enjoy 36 crafts beers on tap, and of course a great pizza or other menu selections in a family friendly environment. The area is an entertainment, hotel and restaurant hub. It all started back in 1976 when a few buddies opened a pizza restaurant in Boulder, Colorado, and has since spread across the country with Old Chicago Pizza restaurants. It's parent company, CraftWorks Restaurants & Breweries also operates 10 other food operations i.e. Rock Bottom Brewery, ChopHouse & Brewery etc. in 195 locations with both corporate and franchise owned stores.



**FRONTIER / CO. SPRINGS – Here we go again!** Starting in



April with non-stop flights to Las Vegas with hopes for 15 to 20 other flights in the next three to five years operating as an ultra-low-

cost carrier, Frontier could become the Springs' second largest of the six carriers in the near future. Recent performance ranked them as the fifth most profitable U.S. airline for the first half of last year – and it wasn't easy getting there. Almost put out of business by their parent Republic in 2011, followed by a failed experiment in the Springs as a "focus city," and then finally departure from Colorado Springs in 2013, Frontier went through a belt tightening reconfiguration and transformation into its new posture as an "ultra-low-cost carrier." Led by their new 2013 owner Indigo Partners LLC, they moved their hub out of Denver to Cincinnati and Cleveland thereby reducing their fare warfare. Many cost cutting measures, and new aircraft (100 over the next 10 years) configured for their mode of operation has made them profitable and competitive again. It appears that Phoenix may be their next planned direct route from the Springs. A few more and the Springs becomes a viable choice for folks along the I-25 corridor south to and including the Springs. Sure beats a DIA experience.

If you still prefer the hard card from Hallmark vs. today's many digital options, your opportunity to find a Hallmark store in Colorado Springs is about to be cut in half. The two **REGENCY HALLMARK** stores located in the Chapel Hills and Citadel malls are going into retirement. Your two remaining options are Amy's Hallmark in the Main Town Center and Julie's Hallmark in Woodmen Plaza. Of course you can still find card selections in grocery and drug stores but it is not the same as a true Hallmark Store. Hallmark operated differently than most of your retailers, with business owners under licensing agreement vs the franchise norm. One more specialized industry rapidly dying under today's faster and cheaper ways to do things in a digital world.



**LARKSPUR - CHARITO'S** gets another chance under new



management – changed menu (more Mexican items) and atmosphere and it appears to be working! Customers have been showing up in increasing numbers and the comments being made through our local facebook media have all been very positive. You might want

to give Charito's a try yourself. I understand that outside seating will be available in the spring.





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## LARKSPUR NEIGHBORHOODS SEE INCREASE IN MARIJUANA GROWTH

The January home fire in Perry Park Ranch (reported in the February *Sentinel*) was a wake-up call for everyone in this area. As neighbors had begun to suspect, the house, a rental, was being used as a marijuana grow house. A second grow house was identified not far away by both neighbors and the media.



However, sheriff's deputies stated that the house which burned was well within legal limits. The legal amount of marijuana that can be grown under the latest statutes is 99 plants per prescription. Apparently the house on Torrey Pines was well below that maximum.

At the Perry Park Metro District meeting on February 4 several representatives of the sheriff's department spoke to a room packed with Perry Park residents. The major message from the deputies was that residents need to take back their communities by being aware of activity in the vicinity. They stated residents need to look for such things as construction followed by the addition of several new compressors outside the house, increased FedEx or other delivery services, increase in traffic, especially

vans, SUVs that appear to be loading something or delivering. If you have any suspicions, report such changes and your suspicions to the Sheriff's office. Let them check out whether it's legal or illegal.

Contact information for the two officers who spoke: Steve Johnson, [SJohnson@dcsheriff.net](mailto:SJohnson@dcsheriff.net); Darren Trujillo, [dtrujill@dcsheriff.net](mailto:dtrujill@dcsheriff.net).

The portion of the Metro District meeting when the sheriff's representatives spoke was audio taped and put on line at UTube. Listen to it at [https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_vP3NCHcVQc](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=_vP3NCHcVQc).

Another avenue residents can take to counteract such activity in their neighborhoods is to use local HOAs to lobby the county for stronger regulations of the marijuana industry. In the near future, marijuana growth in the Larkspur area will continue to be a topic of discussion in a number of neighborhoods.  
~KDale



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## DOUGLAS COUNTY MOTORCYCLING

Michael Stone...

### Is it a Gang or a Club?

The recent trouble at the Colorado Motorcycle Expo, which is known to us old-timers as the Swap Meet, had an incident that left one man dead, and seven other people injured. There was a conflict between two motorcycle groups, and both groups are on the ATF list of identified motorcycle gangs. These groups are proud to proclaim that they are among the 1 percenter group, but 99 percent of riders do not belong.



But when there is a conflict, it is publicized extensively. This results in stereotyping all motorcycle riders as renegades, outlaws, and people who make us afraid. Let me assure you that this is definitely not true.

The 1percent clubs are well known and they are proud of that designation. There are ten federally identified clubs as the worst of the worst. But you know what? If you leave them alone, then they will leave you alone. There are many other clubs on the ATF list branded as outlaws, but they subscribe to the same philosophy as the most notorious clubs. In addition, these clubs have support clubs that are affiliated with the main club, but they don't want to cause trouble with civilians, and

they don't pay much attention to the 99 percent of riders who are not affiliated with rival clubs.

And I hope everyone can understand that there are clubs with VERY different agendas.

Personally, I joined the Veteran Bikers Motorcycle Club. Our mission is to support the "Greater 4": God, Country, Constitution, and Veterans. To me, it is very important. I just LOVE to ride my motorcycle, and I'm proud to talk to people about my club. I have a pretty flashy bike that draws a lot of attention. This club is comprised of Veterans and Patriots who have pledged to honor the Greater 4. But you'll never see the VBMC on the ATF list of outlaw clubs, and we will NEVER be a support club for anyone. Our code of ethics puts us above the behavior that was displayed at the Swap Meet.

Here in Douglas County, we don't have motorcycle gangs, and we don't have a lot of crime, especially in the Perry Park/ Larkspur area. We have one of the best riding routes on CO 105. I've heard that 105 is the MOST traveled route for motorcycles in the entire state of Colorado. I've been writing these columns for a couple of months, and I am getting recognition from motorists who see the Tequilla Orange Harley and they wave. That's AWESOME.

Took a short ride today to the Larkspur Corner Market. Parked

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there and a young mother pulled up. She said her daughter liked my motorcycle "because it was shiny." I made sure to give the cute little girl a wave that I hope she will never forget. Interaction like that is priceless. Going home, a motorist gave me wave. I'd like to think that she recognized the bike from previous columns. The Larkspur Fire Department had engines deployed on Silverheels, and they gave me a thumbs up. Man—are you kidding me? This is a GREAT place to live and a great place to ride a motorcycle. There is no way i'd ever consider going anywhere else. I ride because I love doing it. These interactions with children are SO great. Being recognized on the road is very rewarding. I just hope people can get past stereotyping motorcycle riders as bad. Some are, but most aren't.

## FEBRUARY NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT

Jim Matchett...



The February meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District (PPW&SD) was held on the 17th with all directors present. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the January 20th regular meeting and that approval was unanimous. Disbursements totaling \$136,795.52 were then also unanimously approved.

Next, a resident of the district who also owns a lot in the district had requested time on the agenda to request a waiver to the District's Master Plan which would enable development of the lot. After his presentation and discussion by the board and district staff, the board requested the District Manager to work with legal counsel and develop a methodology wherein upon granting of the waiver, development on the lot would occur within a reasonable period of time. Such methodology would also include the information that the existence of such a waiver and its associated restrictions would clearly be communicated to any future owner of the lot.

Alan Hill of Yates Law Firm, LLC, was in attendance to update the board on pending matters. His review included such issues as the status of the Gove Ditch water rights, reasonable diligence taken to protect the district's water storage rights, the one pending water court case, the use of Wauconda Reservoir, and the revised accounting sheets now approved by parties to previous water court cases, the Colorado Division and State Engineers. He also reviewed for the board implications to the district which would result from the proposed Chatfield Watershed Authority Board Makeup and the proposed revised Bylaws of the Authority.

The District Systems Report for January submitted by Semocor was then reviewed, and briefly discussed as operations were noted as normal. The Monthly Staff Report submitted by the District Manager was also reviewed.

There was no audience participation and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. As always, further information is available on the district website, [www.ppwpsd.org](http://www.ppwpsd.org).

## SAGE PORT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

### Community Trash Collection Program

After negotiation with a trash collection company, details are being finalized for this service. For most people, this will mean a reduction in monthly trash collection bills; for some it will be a substantial reduction. Since so many residents want recycling service, one of the most important "bonuses" in this plan is twice-a-month recycle pick-up. Informational meetings are scheduled for Saturday, March 26, from 9 to 11 a.m., and on Wednesday, March 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. Both meetings will be at the Larkspur Fire Station. Please plan to attend one of these meetings.

The Sage Port web site is: [www.TheSagePortHOA.com](http://www.TheSagePortHOA.com)

## WHAT'S UP AT THE METRO BOARD?

Walt Korinke...



Quite a start for the new year! With no January meeting, the February meeting had lots of general business to take care of, and the feature of the night's meeting was the presentation by representatives of the sheriff's office regarding the recent "pot house fire." A full house of about 100 residents turned out to hear what they had to say. Someone recorded the event and put it on U-tube (see our web site for access). The overwhelming theme of the deputies was that under the Douglas County version of the Marijuana statutes, which permits up to 99 plants per adult prescription, the grow at the burn destroyed house was legal. They are continuing their investigation of the fire as well as other reported situations within the Park. Their advice is that if you want the current law to change, you need to let your politicians know.

### Treasurer's Report

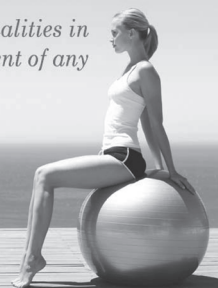
The 2015 Budget is available on the District web site – [www.perrypark.org](http://www.perrypark.org).

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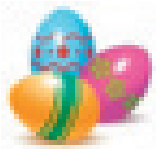


Receipts	\$ 4,618
Disbursements	\$ 15,340
Cash Account	\$400,101

There were 24 expense items; the majors included \$5,793 Big D weed spray, \$1,797 & \$2,285 for mitigation.

**Resident Grant Program** – The 2016 Resident Grant Program was approved – total \$25,000 – and will be announced in the March issue of the *Sentinel*. Sign up starts immediately through the District website – [www.perrypark.org](http://www.perrypark.org).

**Easter Egg Hunt** – The directors voted to continue the annual contribution to sponsor the Easter Egg Hunt in the Big D and a check in the amount of \$800 was presented to Sarah Bretz, President of the Larkspur Mom’s Group who puts it all together, including decorating over 5,000 eggs.



Thanks Moms!

**Sentinel** – With the *Sentinel* preparing for a rapid change from a paper mailer to a digital version due to the high production cost, the directors approved hosting the



new digital version on the District Web Site – [www.perrypark.org](http://www.perrypark.org). Director Chris Korinke donated his efforts to bring the *Sentinel* on line.

**Other Activities** – Planning for the **July 4th activities** is underway and will be reported on as they firm up.

Director Randy Johnson is watching the winter storm prospects for burn of the **slash pile** when all conditions are right. Planning on the new **trail and fire buffer** continues forward with bids to be solicited in the spring.



The District’s new **Library Box** is in place at the Gateway Park entrance and is already experience good activity with book exchanges.

**Election notice** for the two expiring board seats has been posted and it appears

the slots have been filled.

**The Gravel Pit** was inspected by the Colorado Mining Division in late December and passed inspection

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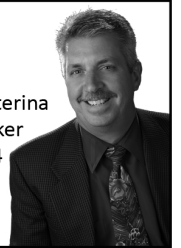






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**Metro Board meetings are held at the Perry Park County Club the first Thursday of each month and will commence at 5 p.m. sharp. Complete Meeting Minutes are posted on the web site.**

**Metro Board web site:** [www.perrypark.org](http://www.perrypark.org)

**CHIEF'S REPORT FROM LFPD**

**Stuart Mills,**  
**smills@larkspurfire.org...**



As promised, Station 162 (Perry Park) has been staffed at a minimum of 80 percent of the time (24/7 as staffing allows); this has proven to be extremely beneficial as two recent structure fires have called firefighters to the west side of the rail road tracks. In one event, Engine 161 (Larkspur) was briefly delayed by a train; the staffing of Station 162 has absolutely decreased the response time to these events.

**January 2016 Call Report**

The total number of calls for January was 80.

- a. Fires: 5 (1 vehicle fire, 4 structure fires)
- b. EMS: 35 (24 total transports)
- c. Alarms: 3
- d. Other: 37

**Frozen Pond and Lake Safety**

Each winter, after the ice forms on Colorado's waters, outdoor enthusiasts enjoy ice fishing, ice skating and other fun winter sports. Before going out onto a frozen lake, pond or river, it's important to take safety precautions to reduce the risk of falling through the ice. Knowing how to judge ice conditions will also help you make more informed decisions while enjoying winter.

**Carefully Check Ice Conditions**

- Remember, you take a risk anytime you go out onto the ice. Ice thickness is not consistent.
- Don't judge ice strictly by appearance.
- When ice fishing, it is always a good idea to drill test holes as you progress out onto a lake to help judge the thickness and character of the ice.
- Beware of ice around partially submerged objects, such as trees, logs, or dam structures.
- Stay away from cracks, slushy areas and darker areas that signify thinner ice.
- Be aware of ice that forms at the edge of the lake during the fall and melts at the edges first in spring.
- Be aware of ice covered with snow. Sometimes the snow

serves as insulation. Other times, it has the opposite effect by insulating the surface from freezing.

- Never go out onto the ice alone. A friend could rescue you or go for help if you fall through.
- When changing locations on the ice, always walk at least ten yards apart from your friend.
- Always inform someone of your destination and expected time of return.
- Always wear a life jacket or personal flotation device over a snowmobile suit or layered winter clothing. Life jackets can provide excellent flotation and protection against hypothermia.
- Assemble a personal safety kit, no larger than the size of a man's wallet, and carry it on your body. The kit should include a lighter, pocketknife, compass, whistle, and waterproof matches.
- In addition to the above safety equipment, carry ice picks, a rope and cellular phone. These items could save your life.
- If you bring your pet, always keep it on a leash.

**What to do if you Fall Through the Ice**

If you can't get out of the cold water by yourself, take appropriate actions to extend your survival time while waiting to be rescued.

- Stay calm and use a whistle to attract help.
- Act slowly and deliberately to conserve heat and move slowly back to where you entered the water. Expect a progressive decrease in your strength and ability to move.
- If you are wearing a snowmobile helmet and your face is in the water, remove the helmet as quickly as possible because it can fill with water and cause you to drown. Hold onto it to keep afloat.
- Once on the ice, try to push yourself forward on your stomach or roll over on your side to keep the weight distributed over a greater surface area. Do not stand up until you have moved onto the ground or an area of solid ice.

Source: *Colorado State Parks*

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

***Slow Down For Deer***

Dear Editor,

I would like to remind everyone to slow down and watch for the deer. We have had two deer hit on Red Rock and neither driver stopped to see if the deer were hurt. One died quickly and we had to have the sheriff come out and put the other one down. I am sure the drivers had some expense of fixing their cars. With spring coming we will have fawns and they do not look before crossing the road. Please slow down.  
Ed Stratton, Perry Park Ranch



***Kudos to LFPD***

Dear Editor,

The article about house fires in the February issue of the *Senti-*

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nel was very interesting. We are fortunate to have such a great fire team. But fires are not the only thing that the fire department responds to.

We have, unfortunately, had to use the medical emergency team from the fire department. The personnel who responded were efficient, kind, knowledgeable and absolutely first class.

It might be interesting to know how many types of responses the fire station handles. I know that we greatly appreciate their community services.

Teri and Bruce McLane, Perry Park East

## ADDITIONAL MEDICARE TAXES ON THE 2015 RETURN

This article discusses only line 62, additional 0.9 percent Medicare taxes, of Form 1040. The 0.9 percent additional Medicare tax applies only to employees and self-employed taxpayers.

An additional 0.9 percent Medicare tax will be imposed on wages and self-employment income of higher-income individuals. The additional Medicare tax applies to individuals, including those filing head of household and qualifying widow(er), with earned income in excess of \$200,000; married couples filing a joint return (MFJ) with incomes in excess of \$250,000; and

married couples filing separate returns (MFS) with incomes in excess of \$125,000. Employers are required to start withholding when the taxpayers income goes over \$200,000. In determining the threshold, wages as well as any other taxable benefits must be included. If MFJ, the withholding is based solely on one taxpayer's earnings, so even if both taxpayers have income that will fall below the \$250,000 limit for MFJ, the 0.9 percent Medicare tax must be withheld on the taxpayer whose wages will exceed \$200,000.

Calculating the additional Medicare tax for self-employed individuals who also have employment income:

- 1) Calculate the additional Medicare tax on any wages in excess of the applicable threshold for the filing status (\$250,000/\$125,000/\$200,000), without regard to whether any tax was withheld.
- 2) Reduce the applicable threshold for the filing status by the total amount of Medicare wages received (but not below zero).
- 3) Calculate the additional Medicare tax on any self-employment income in excess of the reduced threshold.

For those subject to the 0.9 percent Medicare tax, Form 8959, Additional Medicare Tax, will be used to report the additional tax on Form 1040, line 62. If there has been excess additional Medicare tax withheld, it will be credited against the total tax liability and be added to the amount on Form 1040, line 64.

~Linda Boyce, 720-733-2099

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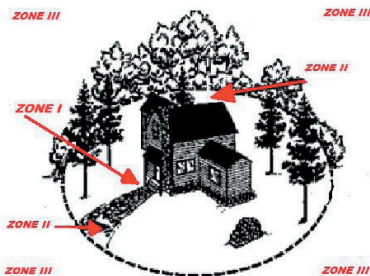


**MITIGATION** is our key method to reduce fire risk – both Metro District and individual resident efforts have in the past made us one of the leading Firewise Communities in the country.

The district continues to implement annual mitigation efforts to our surrounding areas using both procured grants and District funds. In addition to our annual mitigation efforts, our plan calls for a major fuel removal effort on a regular basis.

**The RESIDENT GRANT PROGRAM** is again available to residents of Perry Park Ranch to assist homeowners who require the services of third party mitigation. The grant will match funds for the first \$500 of expenditures paid to contract mitigation providers. The program has \$25,000 available for matching grants in 2016. The program is fully outlined on the Metro Board web site – [www.perrypark.org](http://www.perrypark.org), along with the application for grant approval. Plan early for your grant – **all applications must be received by MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**.

**The FREE SLASH PICKUP & FREE MULCH PROGRAMS** will also be available again in 2016 for Perry Park Ranch. Slash pickups will be during the months of **JUNE & OCTOBER**. Start stacking your cuttings (**NO PINE NEEDLES**) in the preceding month – all the details are available on the Metro Board web site – [www.perrypark.org](http://www.perrypark.org). The community is divided into 4 zones (see map on web site), and your slash must be in place prior to arrival of the slash truck. The pickup process requires stabilizing the truck at each stop, therefore please place all slash per lot, into a **SINGLE, HIGH STACK**, away from utilities, and not under power lines – maximum branch length 8 feet.



Our receipt of mitigation grants requires that we prove to the Governmental Grantees, the massive effort the District and its citizens undertake, so we request that you download **the Mitigation Log** from the web site and fill it in with your approximate mitigation efforts and return it to the Metro District. The more you provide

support, the more likely the availability of future grants.

**FREE MULCH** will again be available 8am to noon, the 2nd SATURDAY of the month, May through September with free loading compliments of M. R. Hauling when available. Pick up is at the Gravel Pit at the rear of the Park. **For more information, visit - [www.perrypark.org](http://www.perrypark.org)**



## A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Susan Peters...

*Spring??? Really???*

Hi, Folks –

This month's column will be a bit short on content, as I am recuperating from knee replacement surgery complications at a rehab facility. I had planned a rather sobering topic and would like some more opportunity to do proper research. Also I do not want to miss any of the ice cream socials.

Tell me that I have my priorities straight.

But in the meantime, please let me know if you see any buffalo roadkill. Recall the cow roadkill on Santa Fe last year, so it is not impossible.

### *Spring has been Launched*

Say back in mid-February. But that was after we were hampered with a couple of feet of snow, and I am sure there is more to come. Last year, we had a good start to spring before being plunged into what effectively was three more months of winter. It was the second Mother's Day in a row that I could not sleep in and had to be up early to feed the birds because of the snow.



The birds pay little attention to weather. So birdie check-ins and check-outs have begun. With that the mating calls begin. The doves had me up late the other night cooing their hearts out. The bluebirds have returned and are now looking for rental real estate to raise their broods.

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That's all, folks, for this month. Gotta run. Do I hear ice cream? And here is my escort, Fiona, the pug.

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

Nineteenth century history addresses three forts in Douglas County, all in southern Douglas County. These forts were not military installations. Rather, these forts were community gathering places during times of security concerns about potential Indian uprisings, particularly during the period shortly after the infamous Sand Creek Massacre in 1864. These forts provided credence to the old adage, "...*security in numbers.*"

Local history and United States Surveyor and map maker, Glenn R. Scott addressed the forts by name and location, although only two of the forts were known to have physical, manmade structure, Fort Washington and the People's Fort. The John Irions Fort was a gathering location providing only topographical protection; documentation cannot be found that indicates that any manmade construction was ever accomplished at the geographic location identified as the John Irions Fort. Although no Indian battles were known to have been fought at any of the fort locations, the forts were used to amass the people of their respective areas during times of significant Indian menacing circa 1864.

Fort Washington consisted of little more than short log walls placed around the residence area of the Ben Quick House, located on the west side of today's Highway 105 north of Perry Park. The People's Fort, the building of which was originally started by Daniel C. Oakes at Huntsville in the early 1860s, was completed by Huntsville area residents in three days after the Sand Creek Massacre. The People's Fort, also called Fort Lincoln and by the nickname. "*Oakes Folly,*" is known to have housed thirteen families from the Huntsville area on and off over a three week period in 1864. There is also historical record that indicates that a wedding was also performed in the People's Fort by the Reverend Tom Dawson. The People's Fort was a log structure as graphically depicted by its pictured schematic by D. H. Goodwin. The People's Fort was 96' by 96' with ten feet high perimeter walls, consisting of logs placed horizontally between spaced, vertical posts anchored in the ground.

During brief periods when Fort Washington and the People's Fort were simultaneously occupied, communication between the two forts was assisted by a lookout signaler located atop of Dawson's Butte. As indicated earlier, no Indian battles or loss of life ever occurred at any of the noted fort locations. The Ben Quick Ranch House is preserved and on the National Register of Historic Places; however, no material from any of the fort structures exist today from either of the Fort Washington or Peoples Fort sites.

Larkspur Historical Society meets the second Friday of each month at the Larkspur Fire Station, starting at 10:00AM. Want to learn more about southern Douglas County history? Attend one of our monthly meetings or go to <http://www.larkspurhistoricalsociety.org>.

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March 25th  
**Good Friday**  
Fish Fry Dinner  
(see menu on next page)

March 27th  
**Easter Brunch**  
(see menu on next page)

May 8th  
**Mother's Day  
Brunch**

June 20th  
**Redneck Riviera  
Beach Party**  
Live music  
(Outdoor event)

July 16th  
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### Mothers Day Brunch

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# Easter Brunch

## Sunday, March 27th

Reservations starting at 10:30 am until 2:30 pm

### Breakfast Station

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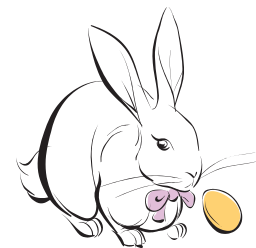
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