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IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY...

A personal accounting of American Heroes and Veterans



I come from an oddly military family. Few were professional soldiers; no one was drafted. They just enlisted when duty called. Their stories are representative of thousands and thousands of United States citizens who have stepped up over the decades when they were needed. I'll share a few of their stories—maybe they'll remind you of some of yours, and we can honor them all in our hearts.

My father was commissioned in the Army through ROTC in 1927, but he completed his reserve service and "retired"—until, at age 36, father of two, he marched to the recruiting station and re-enlisted on December 8, 1941. He was in Europe as a combat engineer for the next three and a half years, and on VJ Day he was on a ship on its way to Japan. He finally made it home in November of 1945.

My grandfather, at age 35, enlisted in WWI as an army doctor. He never had to leave Georgia, but his discharge at war's end was delayed because of the flu pandemic. In 1919, by default, he became the highest ranking officer on his base outside of Atlanta—a first lieutenant in the medical corps!

Great grandfathers served in the Civil War—two to a side. The Ohio farm boys made it back to Ohio after the war, but both were disabled. One spent most of the rest of his life in a veterans' home, the other died young. Both left small children who were raised in the Ohio Veterans Children's Home. The Georgia farm boy made it to Richmond, Virginia, where he died in hospital of disease the first year of the war. The other soldier from Georgia was also a farmer, but no longer a "boy." He enlisted in Cobb's Legion at age 50 in August 1861. He got to Richmond, but by May 1862, he was ill. Hospitals in Richmond were overcrowded, so they sent him home on the train. He died 31 May, 1862, the day after he got home to Georgia.

I have a lot of ancestors who served in the Revolution, but my favorite Revolutionary War ancestor was Timothy Meeker, born 1708 in New Jersey. He was a Minute Man and wagon master in the Revolutionary War and fought along with several members of his family in the Battle of Springfield, 1780. Ripley's Believe it or Not series featured him: "The Fighting Meekers: Timothy Meeker of Northfield, N.J. enlisted in the American Army at the age of 70 and fought in the American Revolution in a company with his 9 sons, 2 sons-in- law, and a grandson." He died in his own bed in Northfield in 1798, age 90, a local legend.

I even have an ancestor, a maker of wagon wheels, who became a scout in the first Pequot War in New England—1637. He negotiated the alliance with the Mohegan chief, Uncas. Ever read James Fennimore Cooper's novel, *The Last of the Mohicans?* Same Uncas. They were good friends. After that war, he returned home to Connecticut, but he and his sons also took part in the 1675 "swamp fight" in King Philip's War, the last war between the Native Americans and settlers in New England. He was 65 that year.

One more story, not about my ancestors but about two guys I once taught with. I still think of them every Veterans Day. We were drinking coffee in the faculty lounge one morning in 1965 when one of them said, "I came home from Europe 20 years ago today on the *Queen Elizabeth*." The other dropped his cup—it shattered. Tears began to well in his eyes. "So did I," he said. "And it was my 21st birthday. You were there? In France?" And then they hugged. There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

To all the veterans in all the wars—stay safe. Come home. ~KDale

2016 Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon "Open to the Public" December 3, 2016 at Perry Park Country Club

Gift/Craft show Opens 9 am-4 pm

Public Encouraged to come and shop!

Unique Christmas Gifts by local artists

Luncheon begins at 11:30 am

Must have reservations for lunch, CALL: 303-681-3305 by 11/25/16



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BALLOT DROP-OFF BOX IN LARKSPUR: Douglas County to install a 24-hour ballot drop off box, for election ballots. The white ballot box is installed & ready at the South side of the Larkspur Town Hall parking lot,

at 8720 Spruce Mountain Rd. It will be available for all Douglas County residents, anytime of the day, beginning two weeks before each election. It will have 24 hour surveillance, for security. Anyone in our area can drop ballots in beginning October 17th. Ballots must be placed in the ballot box by the close of polls at 7 p.m. on November 8, 2016.

http://www.douglas.co.us/elections/ballot-drop-off-locations

BOOK CLUB will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 15, at the home of Barb Statkewicz, 6535 Wauconda Drive in Perry Park Ranch. The book for discussion is *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. The book for December is *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa, a novel about an injured math professor, who has only eighty minutes of short-term memory, and his relationship with a young housekeeper hired to care for him. Every morning, as the Professor and the Housekeeper are introduced to each other anew, a strange and beautiful relationship blossoms between them. Both novels are Book Club Express so copies are available through the book club. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Visit the website at http://applelane.com/Perry_Park_Book_Club.php

LES VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION: Larkspur Elementary School is proud to announce that its 15th Annual Veterans Day Celebration will be held on Thursday, November 10th, 2016 from 10-11 a.m. in the school gym. All veterans and active duty personnel are invited to join us, along with their families, as we honor their service. The program will include patriotic songs performed by students in Grades 1-3, a flag folding ceremony and presentation from Mr. Dale Erickson of the American Legion Harry C. Miller Post 1187, interviews with veterans, and some extra surprises! After the assembly, veterans and their families are encouraged to stay for lunch which is generously provided by our parent community. Should you need assistance with transportation to the school, or require more information on the event, please contact Sally Erickson, 303-519-4251. We hope you will join us at Larkspur Elementary in thanking all those who have served, and continue to serve our country."

THE DOUGLAS COUNTY OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS in conjunction with the Douglas County Veterans Monument Foundation will conduct a Veterans Day Tribute on Friday, November 11, beginning 11 a.m. at the DC Veterans Monument Plaza located at the corner of Wilcox and Fourth Streets in downtown Castle Rock. The program will feature a special remembrance and will honor all veterans – past and present. Featured speaker will be David Liniger, Air Force Vietnam Veteran, Chairman of the Board and Co-Founder of REMAX, LLC.

THE BLANKET BRIGADE continues to be busy creating quilts for charity. More than 125 quilts have been made in 2016. We are now meeting twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at the Perry Park Country Club at 10a.m. In November those dates are November 2nd and November 16th. The cutting, designing, and piecing of the quilts is done by various members at home, and then we tie the quilts together at our meetings. The final stage is for the quilts to be bound at home. So, as you can see, you do not need extensive sewing experience-just an ability to thread a needle to tie the quilts. If you have questions, contact Gwen Underwood gwenspur@icloud.com 303-681-2125 or Cindy Hotaling at cjaspsjr@yahoo.com 303-681-0374. We are a non-profit, 501(c) 3 group and our quilts are made with mostly donated materials. If you have fabric, batting, or sewing supplies that you no longer need, please let us know and we will arrange to pick them up. ~GSanders

DOUGLAS COUNTY RECREATION AND TOURISM:

A public outreach meeting of the DC Department of Community Development is scheduled at the firehouse in Larkspur for Wednesday, November 16, 5:30-6:30. The purpose of these meetings is to gather more input from the general public and to get their input as to what recreation and tourism means to them in Douglas County so that future programs and directions may be planned.

LARKSPUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY: The November meeting of the Larkspur Historical Society will take place on Friday, November 18, starting at 10 a.m. at the Larkspur Fire House (Large Conference Room). This is a change from the society's normal *second Friday* of each month meeting for November to enable the members to attend the Veterans' Day Tribute in Castle Rock on November 11 (11 a.m. – noon). There will not be a monthly member held during the month of December. Monthly meetings for 2017 will be the *second* Friday of each month at the Larkspur Fire House.

LARKSPUR MOMS' NOVEMBER EVENT

Sarah Bretz, Director...

Hello, Larkspur Moms! Check out all of the fun events the Larkspur Moms' Group has planned as we bring on November! For



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

Here is what we have coming up this month:

Play Group:

· Thursday, November 4th: Littleton Living History Farms

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- · Thursday, November 10th: Larkspur Park
- Friday, November 18th: Thanksgiving Pot Luck

We are in also in the process of putting together a Couples Night to raise funds for a holiday charity event. Stay tuned!

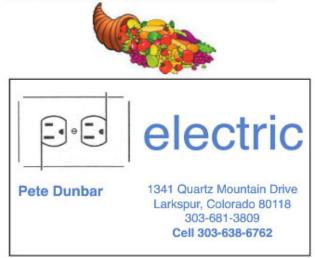
SPONSOR A NEEDY FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Santa's Sharing is the holiday adopt-afamily program of the Douglas/Elbert Task Force. The program organizes sponsors for current client families who have shown ongoing need and are referred by a case manager. Clients cannot refer themselves. On average, about 150 families are sponsored annually.

"We have several different ways for people to participate," said Nani Lindig, program coordinator. "Some sponsors deliver wrapped gifts directly to the families and enjoy meeting the children. Other sponsors prefer providing parents with one or more gift cards so the parent can shop and wrap the gifts for their children. Every year a handful of Santa Sharing volunteers accept new toys and gift cards for families who pick them up from the D/E Task Force when their circumstances do not allow for them to be delivered directly by a sponsor." In 2015 there were 649 clients who received holiday gifts or gift cards from over 100 generous sponsors and donors.

Groups and individuals who wish to sponsor one or more families or donate new toys to the holiday Toy Chest please visit the website (www.detaskforce.org) to download a sponsor application or request one via email at SantasDETF@aol.com.

The Douglas/Elbert Task Force in a 501(c)3 human service, nonprofit that endeavors to meet the immediate needs of residents of Douglas and Elbert counties who are in financial distress. Visit the website at http://www.detaskforce.org.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Elections

I just read your October Perry Park Sentinel cover article ('Let's get political! Vote YES on ballot issue 4B!') and have a different perspective. All ballot issues are political in nature, and all taxes



originate with (hopefully) the best of intentions. My position about taxation is Thomas Jefferson's, who said, "That government is best which governs least." One person's pet project, which they see as good for the community, is something that many others won't use in a lifetime. Cultural projects like football stadiums, art galleries and zoos come to mind here. Roads, bridges and schools, on the other hand, benefit all taxpayers and are clearly within the limited responsibilities and powers of government. Those who enjoy things which are nice but not Constitutionally defined should pay for them, and leave the rest of us alone to spend – or not spend – their own money without the aid of government. Our government needs to trim fat and live within its means. I will be voting against 4B, and every other tax increase. Thanks for all your work on the *Perry Park Sentinel*. Volunteerism and the private sector work perfectly!

Russ Minary, Perry Park resident

A BOOK REVIEW

Simplicity and Bygone Era Values in Sharyn McCrumb's New Novel

Krystine Cramer...

Prayers the Devil Answers by Sharyn McCrumb



In crafting a novel, some writers choose a timeless, almost placeless zone. Others choose to set their work in a time and place distant from our own, no doubt creating research challenges for themselves which are sometimes successful, sometimes not. In her new novel, *The Prayers the Devil Answers*, Sharyn McCrumb chose 1937, in the Tennessee Mountains. Her setting of time and place is so well done that it ripples throughout the novel, affecting the plot line and the lives of the four main characters like a force of nature.

McCrumb draws her picture well. The country is caught in the grips of the Great Depression. All but a few lucky souls are a tiny paycheck and a backyard garden away from destitution. It is a time when thousands of men have taken to the rails to travel the country, despairing of ever retrieving their former lives; a time and place when indoor plumbing and electricity are for the few, women stay at home, toiling unpaid while men try to eke out an existence at the few jobs that remain to be had. The people in and around the Tennessee mountains turn even more insular and clannish than they more commonly were.

"I am a Larkspur resident and have been specializing in selling Larkspur real estate for the past 13 years. I am the managing broker and owner of Wolfe Realty Group, an independent residential real estate brokerage firm. By choosing to specialize in the Larkspur and Perry Park real estate market, I can provide my clients with the highest level of knowledge and insight when they are buying or selling Larkspur or Perry Park homes or land. If you have any questions about Colorado Real Estate please don't hesitate to contact Wolfe Realty Group Inc. at 303-681-3553 or go to www.DiscoverLarkspur.com"

Ben Wolfe Managing Broker & Owner Larkspur Resident & Larkspur Real Estate Expert



Under Contract! 7438 Cameron Drive Sage Port, Larkspur \$609,000





Under Contract! 801 Quartz Mountain Drive Hidden Forest, Larkspur \$775,000

> Just Sold 8358 Bannock Road Perry Park, Larkspur \$699,900



TESTIMONIALS



"Thank you for all of your efforts in the home search. We are fortunate to have the best realtor in Larkspur, actually the best realtor in all areas. Thank you for all you doll We are appreciative for what we have now in our forever home, but it's great for our needs now. You have helped us see that. When we are ready to move again, you know you will be hearing from us!"

Eric & Melissa Bronson
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McCrumb's novel begins with a magical midnight "Dumb Supper," when girls of marriageable age hope to see their future husbands, either in person or in a vision. But at this supper, something goes wrong. Celia Pasten breaks the rules. The bad luck that follows invades the rest of the book, from character to character. Celia's life, according to the other girls at the supper, is cursed.

The narrative follows four main characters: Ellendore and Albert Robbins, Celia Pasten, and Lonnie Varden. All were raised in small mountain communities where family and tradition dictate what one will do with the rest of one's life. In spite of this, all four characters choose to step out of the traditions of their families and communities in their own way. Ellendore (from whose first person perspective most of the book is written) and Albert move to "town", where Albert is elected sheriff. Celia becomes a spinster teacher (school teachers weren't allowed to be married in 1937), and Lonnie becomes an artist of adequate technique and little imagination, employed by the WPA to paint murals in small mountain post offices. Two of these characters die, one in the first 30 pages, and one half way through the book. The early death of Albert creates waves that push the plot along to the very end of the book. The second death is more of a device, a plot twist that serves only to cast the remaining characters into their situations. Though not a weak choice, it is still a plot device that stands out in the rest of the smooth and deceptively simple narrative.

The Prayers the Devil Answers has a suspended tone, the words simple, while the concepts McCrumb confronts are complex and universal. The one questionable note in the narrative is the lack of use of the vernacular of the region in which it is set. Ellendore is often too articulate for someone from the Tennessee mountains. McCrumb uses colloquial terms like "beholden" and "fitten," but this usage is jarring in the otherwise sober text. But in spite of this, reading the book is smooth and easy, due in large part to the forthright simplicity of McCrumb's writing. It is surely worth reading, slowly and with pleasure.

SPEAKING OF (free) BOOKS...

The Book Exchange, open every Saturday (except holidays) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 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. The books are sorted by category and alphabetized by author for easier browsing. To date, the Exchange has over 1300 volumes of adult fiction and non-fiction, over 200 volumes for children and young readers (including the Hardy Boys) and over 100 cookbooks. Located in the Larkspur Town Annex, 9524 Spruce Mountain Road

The Little Book House in the parking area by the Gateway pond in Perry Park Ranch is also a free book exchange, "open" anytime. Browse through the available offerings—which change often!--and/or bring along some favorite books to leave for others.

Home ● Auto ● Farm ● Equine ● Commercial ● Workers Comp

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IN MEMORY OF NICHOLAS CHRISTIAN GALINDO 1984-2016

Dear friends and neighbors, For years there has been a small magnetized wooden heart on the side of our refrigerator that reads, "Prayer List." Attached to it is an old, wrinkly piece of paper with many names;

people who have needed prayer or a candle lit through the years. Little did we ever think we would have to add our name to that list.

For us, one of the best ways to describe how Nicholas lived his life is the saying, "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." ~ Albert Pike

Thank you for your outpouring of love and praise for Nicholas. Nicholas did treasure your lives as well and valued the special relationship he had with each of you. He loved his work and felt so blessed to live in this beautiful area since he was eight years old. Your thoughtful, kind and generous outpouring of love and support for us has been overwhelming! Your sincere detailed notes were personalized with your thoughts about Nicholas. Thank you for taking the time to do that! It has helped to ease our terrible, unbelievable pain and sadness.

The Psalmist wrote, "Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life." Our precious, treasured memories of Nicholas will indeed well up thoughts of goodness and love throughout the coming days, months and years ahead. It is very comforting to know that nothing was left unsaid between Nicholas and us; he truly knew how much he was loved.

Our walk down the path of grief will be very challenging! Now we must look at the world the way it is; not how we want the world to be. "We are each of us angels with only one wing, and we can only fly by embracing one another." ~ Luciano de Crescenzo Please continue to embrace our family with your caring support and sincere concern.

Rest in peace, Nicholas Christian Galindo. "There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

"Unable are the loved to die. For love is immortality." ~ Emily Dickinson

Noel and Ruthie Galindo Corry, Christi, Russell Noel and Daniel Galindo

P.S. Ok – now let us all go out and celebrate Nicholas' life!

WALT'S WORDS Walt Korinke...

Everything is funny, as long as it's happening to somebody else. ~Will Rogers





to open at Castle Rock's new Promenade (TJ Max, Home Center, Petco – now open, Ulta – soon, King Sooper's Marketplace – May 2017. and Sam's Club Jan/Feb), Ross

Dress for Less (25,000 square feet) and **Hobby Lobby** (55,322 square feet) are in the Planning Department, and the rumors continue to flow on who else has been signed. The most re-

cent and possibly most interesting new prospect is THE TILL. After only 3 months operation of its first restaurant/farm mercantile store just off Powers (9633 Prominent Point) in Colorado Springs, this large and fascinating purveyor of "fresh from the farm products" is already in expansion mode. Their immediate success



has them searching for more Springs locations as well as an appetite to expand to the Denver Area. They would be perfect for the "top of the hill" at the new Castle Rock Promenade, and they are giving it a good look.

Their Springs version welcomes you with its farmhouse design.



The \$12 million, 18,000 square feet, structure consists of four connected buildings which include a bar, dining room and private dining rooms, kitchen, mercantile store and a patio. Forty foot vaulted ceilings provide an open air feeling, and seating is provided for 385 patrons. Center stage

is the open and inviting kitchen. You can enjoy their unique menu of such items as lamb meatballs, oak-grilled trout and of course, green chili grits, or visit their retail operation "Till Mercantile" where you can acquire their meats, breads, prepared foods, freshly-picked produce and ar-



tisanal products straight from their fields and orchards, along with organic meat and wild caught fish, that "truly embodies the

PROPOSED TRAIL SYSTEM

(Fire Maintenance/Buffer and Recreational Trail System)

The Perry Park Metro District is in the investigative stage of a duel objective project aimed improving the fire safety of the Park as well as provide a safe hiking environment for the community. We have gathered our preliminary



information and are ready to seek input from the community. Our two goals are 1) to enhance our fire security enforcement and 2) to provide an enjoyable nature trail system for the community.

The District has a vast network of trail easements and district owned properties throughout Perry Park. Over 50 years ago, the easements were put in place with the initial development of Perry Park with a plan to provide a trail system that would let residents traverse the Park and enjoy our eco-system. Obviously, this never took place. Today, we want to take advantage of those easements to create a

"Fire Buffer Trail" that would more effectively, provide access uninhabited areas of the Park. a safe natural hiking trail for

A key objective of the plan was trails that will have <u>little or no</u> have selected six potential boundaries and have



provide a small fire break, but for fire fighters to the more At the same time, it will provide residents.

to determine the location of impact on existing homes. We routes, staked out their

solicited Initial costing information. These trails are posted on the web site - www.perrypark.org.

The trails will be natural "vegetation free" trails, 18 to 24 inches wide and with some mitigation to both sides of the trails. They will be maintained, posted for residents and their guests only, no motor vehicles or bikes – hiking trails only! Educational signage about nature will be included.

We have already adjusted one of the trails in order not to impact an existing residence, and we deleted one of the trails that ran between two existing homes. The remaining five potential trails are all in areas of future development or removed far enough from any existing homes so as not to have any negative effect on them.

Before proceeding further, the District wants to inform the community of our initial planning and get resident's input. Following your comments, an open house will be held to cover the various aspects of the project, have an open discussion, and to determine the project's desirability.

Special concerns or general comments -

GO TO WWW.PERRYPARK.ORG TO RESPOND TO THE BRIEF COMMUNITY SURVEY

We will review your input and prepare to answer all questions along with providing a full outline of the project at a Community Open House in the near future.

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farm-to-fork philosophy." They are also proud of their floor to ceiling wine cellar which showcases exquisite vintages.

Enjoy the Till in Colorado Springs, or hopefully in the future at the Castle Rock Promenade.



The building shell is near completion for the 10,733 square foot HILLTOP COMMONS building under construction in the Cinema Center across from the Castle Rock Adventist Hospital on Meadows Parkway, and interior work should

commence soon on its first two tenants, **ORANGETHEORY** and **HOME CARE ASSISTANCE**. **Orangetheory Fitness** is a specialty fitness center which provides a 60-minute workout session split into intervals of cardiovascular and strength training with heart rate monitors to track intensity and maximize metabolic burn. It is based on the science of post-exercise oxygen consumption (EPOC). The heart-rate monitored training is designed to keep heart rates in a target zone that stimulates metabolism and increases energy. **Home Care Assistance** pro-

vides non-medical caregivers to meet senior care needs in the comfort of their home, providing care due to frailty, memory loss, stroke, Parkinson's, fall or post hospitalization. Their services can be on an hourly or 24/7 basis and they can assist with household chores, hygiene care, meal prep and grocery



shopping, exercises, medication reminders, transportation and most importantly, companionship and emotional support.

COLORADO SPRINGS - With eight stores on Colorado's



western slopes and one in Castle Rock, the 270-store, Utah chain of gas and convenience outlets, MAVERIK, is coming to Colorado Springs with a 5,500 square foot store to be built near the intersection of Fillmore and El Paso with a second in negotiation at

an unannounced site and plans for several more across the City. Their key competitors are Kum and Go which is also expanding rapidly in the area, and 7-Eleven. You can find them across 10 western states. The chain grew out of a 1928 Wyoming store owned by Reuel Call and is still privately owned and family run today.

The motif is western rustic as suits their adoption of the name Maverick from the old 50s western television series. Wood tile floors and lots of western pictures present a casual cowboy atmosphere.

You can fill up with gas at 10 outside pumps, or inside where they have breakfast and lunch burritos, sandwiches etc. prepared fresh daily at their 'Bonfire Grill'. For your sweet tooth, they have a fill-up.

Want to t for lunch



Want to take Fido along for lunch and not leave him in the 200- degree heat of the car? Following two years of planning and permitting, PUB DOG COLORA-DO, is under construction and coming soon to

Colorado Springs west side at 2207 Bott Avenue, less than a mile from Red Rock Canyon Open Space and Bear Creek Dog Park. Crews broke ground on the barn-style building earlier this month. The restaurant will be split into two sides: one half a regular, full-service restaurant where dogs are prohibited and the second half a self-serve eatery for pet owners and their furry friends. The restaurant will also have a 1,300-square-foot patio and 3,000- square-foot off-leash area lined with K9 grass,

Cinnabon kiosk and limited seating. Maverik and Kum & Go both bring a little something special to your weekly gas station

a type of artificial turf specifically designed for dogs and where your dog can also play off leash with other dogs.

Pub Dog Colorado will be a full service restaurant and bar specializing in 14" craft pizzas cooked quickly in their 875-



degree convection ovens, deli sandwiches, healthy salads, and other specialty items. Another lustful delicacy is their grilled cheese made with brie, raspberry jam and chocolate. A variety of local craft brews will be available on tap.



Looking for a different twist on coffee shops? Try KAPOW COMICS AND COFFEE recently opened at 4239 N. Nevada Avenue, open 6am to 9 pm.

and enjoy a great cup of Coda Coffee or espresso drinks, pastries or maybe a light lunch from their unique sandwich menu while browsing through their spectacular collection of comic books, graphic novels, toys and collectibles. The owners have their liquor license and a bar will open soon, along with extended evening hours.

In store and on-line comic collections include DC Comics, Marvel, Dark Horse, Dell, Terry-Toons, and more. They are no longer a dime, but you can find comics below \$10 to collector issues in the hundreds.





ON AGAIN - off again - ON AGAIN! Nine months ago, the eight-year dormant 153 acre COLORADO CROSS-ING development went under a 6-Continued on page 10

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month purchase review. Last month, the prospective purchaser, Westside Development Group, having completed their review, altered the terms of the purchase agreement which was met with a total rejection by the current owners consisting of the original contractor and subs. Back to the sales market again. As it turns out, both sides got over the low balling attempt and returned to serious negotiation with the result - a firm sale contract in the amount of \$21 million. Ten million dollars down and payments as the excess tracts are sold. The new owners plan to rename the development and quick start the office, retail, theatre continued development with a late 2017 completion targeted. New development plans for the remaining acreage include residential, hotels, more retail and other development including marketing parcels to other developers. Assuming all goes well, their overall conservative window calls for the entire acreage developed and in operation over the next five to seven years with the existing product in place by the end of next year. It is a great "crossroads" location, better timing (previous start was at the beginning of the real estate recession), the area has filled in surrounding it.



Move over Walgreens and make room for CVS as the Rhode Island based pharmacy comes to Colorado Springs as well as the Denver area. Already in the area with its recent purchase of 1,700 in-store

Target pharmacies; their current plans call for freestanding

stores in the area. Their first two starts call for 12,900 square foot facilities to be built at the former Tower Plaza at the southeast corner of Platte Avenue and Circle Drive and another just southeast of Woodmen Road and Rangewood Drive with completion pegged for late 2017. Like Walgreens, CVS is not just a pharmacy, but a convenience store with health care services, groceries, household goods and health/beauty/personal care items. You can bet your boots that more stores will follow in the area, and they are currently looking at Denver locations as well. With over 9,600 retail pharmacies and 1,100 walk-in medical clinics, they service nearly 80 million plan members. Besides Walgreens, they will also challenge the Walmart and grocery drugs in the area. A little competition never hurts in the prescription markets!

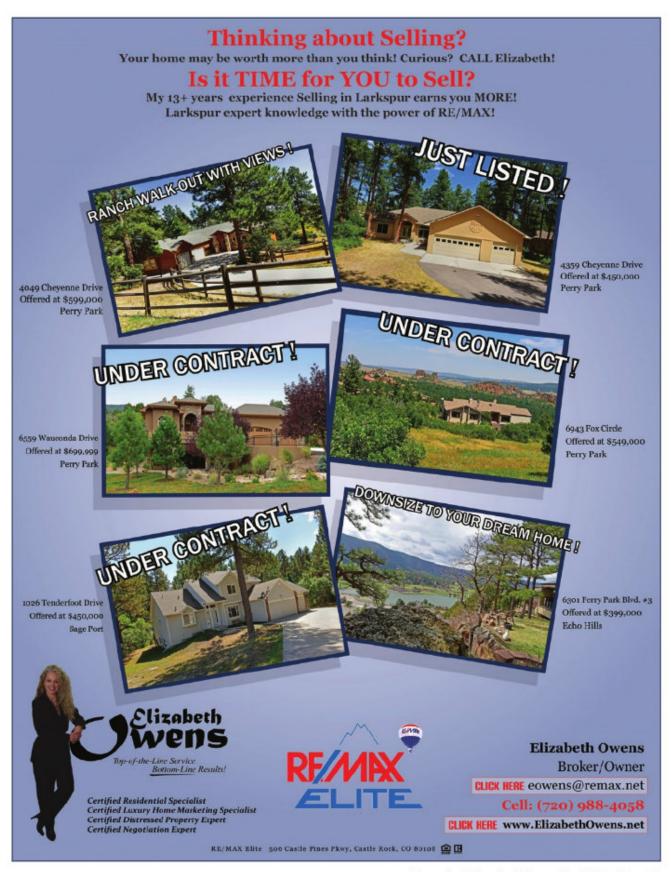
Lots of new activity surrounding the Bass Pro Complex at Voyager and Northgate in Colorado Springs. Along Bass Pro Drive, the new BRASS TAP upscale beer bar that offers up to 80 different craft beers on tap, more than 300 varieties



of imports, local craft beers, and a large selection of premium wines and cigars accompanied by a good bar menu is now open and serving in their indoor/outdoor airy feeling establishment. Next door, space is being fit out for the second Colorado location for LILLIE AVENUE, a boutique offering of dresses, tops, bottoms, outerwear, shoes and accessories which is expanding



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from their North Academy store bringing their "chick" attire to the northern suburbs. Should be open for the end of the year. Check out their web site at https://lillieavenue.com/.

Around the corner behind the new Loaf and Jug is a just completed six tenant building with its first announced tenant-to-be SHOTS COFFEE planning a fall opening. Indulge in a morning latte while gazing out on the panoramic views of the Colorado front range. Their Signature Drink - Iced Coconut Cream Delight - is a delicious sensation of chilled espresso, white mocha and coconut, topped with a coating of caramel - instant satisfaction. Over by the carwash, adjacent to the new Taco Bueno, the new CHICK-FIL-A is putting on the finishing touches for a December opening of my favorite fast food operation of just plain good tasting chicken products. Chic- Fil-a is today's answer to the suburban housewife's place to take the kids to eat a healthy meal and enjoy the playroom set up vs. their former visits to McDonald's. Just across Voyager Aveneue, the North-Gate Shopping Center continues its construction progress with buildings underway plan to house a new PET SHOP, DOGS & BRATS RESTAURANT, TWO STORY LIQUOR STORE, POSTAL ANNEX, AND M O R E. At the north side of the center, INLINE CHIROPRACTIC NORTH is preparing their space for a late fall opening.

Joining the first anchor tenant SPROUTS, and just opened in mid-September, the new ACE HARDWARE brings a different take on hardware stores with some of the items you can't find at Home Deport or Lowes.

LARKSPUR - The Perry Park Country Club is working on



a lease with Verizon for placement of an antenna to be placed by the stables and disguised as a tree, which will provide for much better cell phone performance for the golf course and for residents living on the west side of Perry Park where cell performance as a whole is pretty weak. Typically,

other cell providers lease space on antennas once they are installed. Now if IREA will improve their equipment, the off and on power problem can be solved as well.



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SEDALIA - The Koelbel Company has commenced mar-



keting THE KEEP, a new gated development community located at the top of the Sedalia hillcrest overlooking Santa Fe Road to the East and accessed from the west off of #105 (N

Perry Park Road), turn at the old Renaissance Church, about a half mile from the #105/#86 junctions near downtown Sedalia. Formerly named the Cherokee Ranch Estate, THE KEEP, was

purchased by the Koelbel Company in 2000 and following a several-year real estate market downturn, they delayed their start of development, completing the infrastructure in about three years. However, they



then placed the project back on sabbatical. The time has arrived and the marketing process has begun. The ridgetop site consists of 1,100 acres with 745 acres dedicated to open space and the remainder platted for 64 multi-acre country estates ranging in size from four to nine acre parcels all with magnificent views of the Rocky Mountains Front Range. Lot pricing ranges from the mid \$600,000s to a premium nine-acre lot for \$950,000. Their first custom spec house is under construction at 3334 Tweet Place on a 4.3 acre parcel. The secluded location just south of the Sedalia CBD is only about a 10 minute drive to Castle Rock's bustling retail core. Along with ranchet sized lots, gated security and the 745 acre preserve, there will be a 10 acre community gathering area w/open air pavilion, children's play area, picnic facilities, barbeque, and restrooms. Five preferred residential builders have been chosen to provide their services for this luxury estate development with the first phase to cover 20

Now in its seventh decade, Koelbel and Company is the longest operating family-owned real estate development firm in the Denver area with a slate of developments stretching from Vail and Winter Park to Louisville and Boulder, as well all across metropolitan Denver.



On-going area information can be found on the FACEBOOK site "Perry Park Sentinel" and in postings as they occur at on the recently modernized site covering the many development activities along the I-

25s corridor - www.waltswords.com



DOUGLAS COUNTY MOTORCYCLING

Michael Stone...

Thank You for Your Service

Friday, November 11, is the celebration of Veterans Day this year. The date commemorates the signing of the armistice between the Allied



Nations and Germany, which brought an end to World War I in 1918. Originally called Armistice Day, it was celebrated beginning in 1919 and was made an official national holiday in 1938. It was intended to honor the Veterans of World War I. However; peace was an elusive concept, and our country achieved the largest mobilization of soldiers in our history in order to fight World War II.

Not long after that, we had the Korean War. In 1954 (I was 3 years old) various veteran's organizations urged congress to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day, and congress approved the change. It is now intended to be a day to celebrate ALL veterans, no matter when or where they served. Congress drafted and PASSED this bill in less than 6 months. That's 62 years ago!

Well, since 1954, we have had some 'conflicts', and some military "actions," but there have been many men and women who chose to serve their country since then. Veteran's Day is a day to appreciate what these people have done to serve the country.

When I ride my motorcycle, I have an "Honorably Discharged Veteran" license plate. On my tour pack, I installed two flagpoles where I can fly various flags, such as Stars and Stripes, 101st Airborne, Ranger, POW/MIA, etc. I also wear my club vest which identifies me as a full patch member of the Veteran Biker's Motorcycle Club. It's rather obvious that I'm a veteran.

In Douglas County, it seems like people are very cognizant of veterans. I say that because EVERY time I ride my bike, I get recognition. I have to tell you, IT FEELS GREAT. Let me cite some examples:

- I park the bike and get off to go into a store. Complete strangers thank me for serving our country.
- Riding on I-25, people pass me and give me a thumb's up.
- Little kids want to talk to me about how shiny the chrome looks, and are not intimidated.
- By writing this column, I have non-motorcyclists wave at me.

There are many more examples, but my point here is to remember November 11th. Do your best to recognize a veteran. One of my favorite experiences in my entire life was to see a guy in the grocery store who was wearing a Korean War Veteran ball cap. We didn't say a word—I just gave him a hug, stepped back and looked into his eyes and told him, "God bless you, and thank you for serving our country". He got teary-eyed, so I hugged him again.

Comments can be sent to me at stoneman1951@msn.com.

SENIORS STAYING INDEPENDENT

Karie Erickson, Neighbor Network...

9 Facts About Aging That Will Get You Excited from the Huffington Post

Aging brings sore joints, turkey necks, "senior moments" and sagging bodies. Sounds pretty dismal, right? It would - if that represented the complete picture. In actuality, growing older for most people isn't all that bad, even in our youth-obsessed culture. In fact, it can be quite spectacular on many fronts. Below are some aging facts that will make you feel great about the number of candles on your cake!

1) You most likely are happier than you used to be.

One recent study found that people were most joyful in youth and then again in their 70s and early 80s. They were least happy during middle age. A similar study out of the University of Chicago found that levels of happiness climbed between the ages of 65 and 85 - and beyond. Why? Some experts believe it is because older people can tap into the toolbox of social and emotional instincts they've built with experience. "It's a very encouraging fact that we can expect to be happier in our early 80s than we were in our 20s," Andrew J. Oswald, a professor of psychology at Warwick Business School, told the *New York Times*. "And it's not being driven predominantly by things that happen in life. It's something very deep and quite human that seems to be driving this."

2) In some ways, your mind may be sharper.

A University of Illinois study found that older air traffic controllers excelled at their mentally tough jobs — and performed as well as younger peers — because they were so good at navigation and at handling several airplanes at once. In short, they were able to overcome any weaknesses by tapping into their wealth of experience. For those of you worried about staying sharp, challenge your brain by performing mental exercises and don't buy into the negative stereotypes associated with aging and memory.

3) You can handle social conflicts more effectively.

A University of Michigan study found that older people are better at reasoning when it comes to social dilemmas and conflicts. When presented with various stories about conflict, they specifically are more adept at understanding different perspectives, suggesting compromises and coming up with several reasonable resolutions.

4) Your vote counts more than ever.

In the November 2010 election, about 61 percent of citizens age 65 and older cast ballots; the best turnout of any age group! As

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the ranks swell, even more, older people will have a lot more clout in the years to come than ever before.

5) You are probably enduring fewer migraines. (if this were only true for me, says Karie)

Studies show that migraines become less frequent and less severe as you age. Indeed the nausea, vomiting, sensitivity to light and other symptoms seem to subside as you grow older. Migraines are most common between your teenage years and the age of 50.

You aren't nearly as stressed as you used to be.

No doubt everyone experiences stress, no matter what their age. But the good news is that people over 65 report having less stress. Although they do cite health concerns, worries about work, money, and family subside. Meanwhile, those between the ages of 35 and 49 are the most stressed, followed by people aged 25 to 34.

7) Your marriage is stronger.

Studies have discovered that marriage gets better in old age. One reason is that long-time couples learn how to express more affection, especially after the kids leave home. Another reason is that the stresses of marriage in middle age actually brought couples closer together as the years went on. Being happily married is definitely a good thing as satisfied couples are more likely to enjoy better mental and physical health than their not-so-happy friends.

8) You like your job more.

In one recent study, 92 percent of workers aged 50 or older report being very or somewhat satisfied with their job. Compare that with those under 30; only 80 percent of this group reports the same thing. Only 38 percent of young adults admit being very satisfied with their work, while 63 percent of those 65 and older say they are deeply satisfied. Why the difference? Experts say it's most likely because older workers have already made it up the corporate ladder to positions they enjoy more.

So don't fret over getting older, celebrate it – it's a good thing! www.dcneighbornetwork.org 303-814-4300

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NEWS FROM THE LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD

Ken Sanders, Secretary, LFPD Board...

This is a reminder that the LFPD will be announcing the winners of its free tree cutting lottery program in November. This program, developed by Training Officer Paul Hartigan, will provide valuable training for our personnel and provide a fair and free mitigation service to the taxpayers of



the District. Property owners who have already submitted their names will be eligible for the drawing.

The Board of Directors of the LFPD continues to work on the budget for fiscal year 2017. This budget will assure the highest quality of service to our District's residents while being mindful of the responsibility to be fiscally prudent.









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Ken Sanders, Board Secretary, represented the LFPD at this year's Special Districts Association Annual Conference. There were numerous presentations with a particular emphasis on how Special Districts can more effectively work with other Special Districts and Local and State government to provide quality services at the lowest possible cost.

The LFPD Board of Directors wants to thank residents of the Larkspur Fire Protection District for their tremendous support of the annual LFPD Open House and Chili Cook-off which happened on Saturday, October 8. We were pleased to have numerous demonstrations including the Colorado Highway Patrol, a Flight for Life Helicopter from Air Life Denver, Douglas County Search and Rescue, and our own LFPD crews who masterfully demonstrated how to extricate victims from a car if it was in an accident. There was a fierce competition in the Chili Contest, resulting in a tie between B and C Shifts. Chief Mills presented a plaque to Dave Vance in appreciation of his service to the LFPD Board. The LFPD Auxiliary graciously provided a variety of chilis and fixings that pleased everyone in attendance. Thank you again to the citizens of the Larkspur Fire Protection District!!

OCTOBER NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT Jim Matchett...

The October meeting of the Perry Park Water and Sanitation District was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on the 19th with four of



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the five directors present. Director Peterson had an excused absence. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the September 21st regular meeting and that approval was unanimous. Disbursements totaling \$100,384.46 were then also unanimously approved.

Next for consideration of the board was an updated draft budget for 2017. The board was advised by the district manager that the next step was for the board members to receive from her the final draft of the budget before the normal scheduled meeting and budget hearing in November. At that meeting the budget will be discussed, finalized and readied for submission to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. All residents of the district are welcome to attend this meeting and provide their input to the budget process.

The 2017 Agreement for Services contract for District Operations was next reviewed and approved unanimously. Semocor will continue to provide these services.

The District Systems Report for September, submitted by Semocor, was then reviewed, and operations were noted as normal. The Monthly Staff Report submitted by the district manager was also reviewed. New construction permits now stand at 20 for the year. Other news from this report was that revenues through September were almost \$181,396 ahead of budget while expenses were \$102,307 under budget. Given this kind of performance, and other similar results from actions undertaken by district personnel during the past year, the Board approved a year-end bonus to both district employees.

Due to remaining available time at the meeting, Scott Monroe of Semocor was able to review for the newer board members the excellent water and storage rights held by the district as well as the updated augmentation program resulting from the district's recent acquisition of such rights.

There was no audience participation, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m. As always, further information is available on the district website, www.PPWSD.org. Further, the district has just recently launched a new version of PPWSD.org. Any feedback from our residents on the website will be appreci-

WHAT'S UP AT THE METRO BOARD? Walt Korinke...

All board members were present for the October 7 meeting which commenced at 5 p.m.





VISITORS - Fourteen residents attended to discuss the proposed trail system. Questions were asked and answered. A community electronic survey will take place shortly, to be followed by

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an open house to discuss the project with residents and receive input.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT



Financials - Oct 5, 2016

 Receipts
 \$ 3,853

 Disbursements
 \$ 7,121

 Cash Account
 \$472,625

The major expenses this month were the Daffodil Program - \$2,342 and payout of seven resident grants totaling \$2,809.

A brief review of the 2017 budget was held in preparation for a thorough review at the November meeting and final approval at the December board meeting.

DAFFODIL PROGRAM The daffodils have arrived and will be distributed to participants on Saturday, Nov 8th.

TRAIL AND BUFFER PROJECT – Fourteen residents attended the meeting to discuss the proposed trail system and present their concerns ranging from safety to erosion control.

The board and residents discussed the current status of the proposed project. A community electronic survey will be conducted within the next couple of weeks that outlines the general plan and solicits input from residents. Following shortly thereafter, an open



house will be held to present the program concept and get additional resident input before proceeding with the project. Locations, description, safety, management, permitted users, etc. will be discussed. Proposed trail will be available on the District web site shortly.

TECH ISSUES – Six Mobile CB phones have been received and distributed to board members for emergency use in the community.

The electronic speed sign package (Red Rock

– western down slope) has been presented to
Douglas County for formal approval after

which the equipment will be ordered and the new sign will be erected late 4th quarter.

The proposed IREA resident survey was reviewed and will be provided to the community via our digital resources in an effort to determine what electric power problems exist in the area. Preliminary meeting was held with IREA which is not aware of any major distribution problems in the Park, but is willing work with us subject to what input we receive from the community.

SLASH PICK-UP – The fall slash pickup is underway, and we are expecting a large participation this year following the recent heavy wind storm. A typical seasonal slash pick-up is about 157 truck-loads and we will probably beat that this year.



RESIDENT MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM - This

year's resident grant program is now CLOSED and grant payouts have been made to 24 participants totaling \$10,133. An additional 21 grants await resident completion with total payout for the year expected to be about \$21,600.



OTHER MATTERS - Director Derek Meredith is working

with Douglas County to provide an ownership plat of Upper Cheyenne which will assist the Metro District in contacting owners of the undeveloped parcels regarding mitigation and emergency requirements.





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Metro Board Members:

President Walt Korinke
Vice President Randy Johnson
Asst. Vice President Derek Meredith
Secretary Jim Cassidy
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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.



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BEAR WISE



Howdy, Folks! Beary the "Greek" Bear here. I decided to dress up as a Greek god for Halloween this year. I did this because it reminds me of the 80s when toga parties were all the rage, plus it functions well as comfy transitional sleep wear for my up-coming winter nap.

This time of year we black bears will begin to restrict our activities to mainly hangin' out close to our chosen winter slumber dens. Depending on weather conditions, we will soon begin our physical shut down process as we slow our

metabolisms and heart rates from 55 beats a minute to 14 during our winter hibernation period.



Over all, it's been a great bearilicious season this year. Thanks for being bear wise. Until next spring, I'll sign off by borrowing a line from the Terminator: "I'll be back!"

Nite nite.

Your friend, Beary

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE...

Susan Peters...

Backyard Happenings...Fox? Where Fox?... Short Takes

As Indian summer spells continue, the wildlife happenings also continue to entertain. While har-

vesting this year's herb bounty, I saw something moving in the nearby Virginia Creeper. It was a three-foot long garter snake with a weird shaped head weaving its way down through the vines. Closer inspection showed that it had a mouse by the head. The mouse was still alive and was flaying its legs help-lessly while our dogs sniffed the event with curiosity. With our abundance of rodents, I was not about to go to the carpets with the snake and deprive it of its fair-caught meal.







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About that time a sight at my bird bath caught my interest. A paper wasp was hanging on the edge, slowly drinking water. Hubby Dave said that he has seen them at rivers and creeks drinking, but this one had clearly ignored the *Birds Only* sign.

Then Dave turned over a board lying on the ground to come face-to-face with a big fat black widow spider. Yes, it is that time of year and they will stealthily enter your garages and make their unkempt webs to fatten up over the winter. At least they only produce young during the summer – as many as three egg sacks of the little darlings.

And later I walked out the front door to see a baby bunny chomping grass. It just sat up and looked at me with a full-frontal position and a piece of grass hanging down its chin. Then it went back to munching while I ran for my camera – too late, of course. Its lack of shyness is just going to make it easier for a predator to take it out. But oh so cute...just like in the story books.

Last month I railed about the lack of Cedar Waxwings even with our having their favorite food, a European Mountain Ash covered in delectable berries. A couple of days later, the tree was filled with huge numbers of robins, plus bluebirds, to-whees, finches, and chickadees, who obviously were thumbing their wings at the waxwings for passing up such a delicacy. It honestly looked like a Christmas card scene where a Christmas tree is adorned in birds.

Sob. The beautiful ash is dying because of the awful freeze in late spring.

Where Have All the Foxes Gone?

Hopefully not a long time passing. A gentleman, who happens to live on Fox Circle in Perry Park contacted me about his not seeing any foxes this year like he always does. So my investigative reporting kicked into high gear. I had two great sources of information: the Colorado Department of Wildlife and a wildlife rehabilitator here in Larkspur, Sarah Heckathorn.

The wildlife specialist said that foxes, like many things in nature, are cyclical. Their populations can be reduced or diminished by predators such as coyotes and bob cats, disease such as distemper or mange, lack of food like rabbits and rodents, and even poisoning or trapping. Apparently, foxes are considered a nuisance animal and people are permitted to kill them, which makes me cringe more than watching a Presidential debate this year.

Sarah was quite enlightening, saying that indeed the fox population has been greatly reduced mainly due to mange. For those of you who don't know what it is, I ran to my Funk and Wagnall's and am supplying a definition:

"Mange is a skin disease of mammals caused by parasitic mites and occasionally communicable to humans. It typically causes severe itching, hair loss, and the formation of scabs and lesions." PetMD says that "the Sarcoptes scabiei mites will burrow through the skin causing intense itching and irritation."

All mammals can get it, even people. It is not only ugly but very dangerous and contagious. Frequently we see it in dogs brought in by rescue organizations.

The foxes look very pitiful with being hairless including the lack of their gorgeous dusters, their tails. Sarah says that mange kills very quickly. And a fox even during the summer can die of exposure. There is a treatment for it, but it must be given judiciously and with knowledge of how much and how often to administer it. Sarah suggests that if you see a mangy fox, contact her at Facebook site Larkspur Wildlife.

She said that an outbreak occurred in Yellowstone and has quickly spread, as the mites know no geographic boundaries. A very cold winter will kill the mites and apparently last year's was not enough.

This past summer with permission from the game warden, she released six then-healthy fox kits back into the wild after their treatment. With having some immunity to mange in their systems with the treatment, their likelihood of surviving to make baby foxes is much greater. And she is now receiving reports of seemingly healthy foxes being spotted just south of Perry Park. Sarah would like to have reports of fox sightings and not just the sickly ones. So help her out, folks!

Late breaking news: I just heard from our former pet nanny of Perry Park who has had many foxes in her back yard, often occupying the soaring natural rock walls. They have had all color varieties of the red fox including tri-color ones. She reports that she has seen a mated pair in her back yard recently. The male was large and beautiful while the female was scrawny. Is she diseased? But she also says that she does not see as many as she used to.

Short Takes

Ah, another season passes with just minimal bear damage. The bruins are donning their night caps for a long winter's nap and soon leaving out bird feeders will be OK.

This year the hummingbirds around my house were last seen on September 26th, the latest date yet. So between the very early arrival of them in early April and the late departure, this has to be a record to go into my historical wildlife documents.

Hooray!!!! The pandas have now been taken off the endangered species list. Check out the awesome videos on Youtube.

That's all, folks, for this month. Gotta run – time to fill the bird bath for the birds and, ahem, the wasps.

HowtoContactMe: Email is best at susan@larskpurconsulting.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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The thought of a snack became infatuation.....
So to the kitchen I did race, flung open the door,
And gazed at the fridge full of goodies galore.

I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes, Pickles and carrots, beans and tomatoes. I felt myself swelling so plump and so round, Till all of a sudden, I rose off the ground!

I crashed through the ceiling. Floating into the sky....
With a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie,
But I managed to yell as I soared past the trees.

HAPPY EATING TO ALL!!

PASS THE CRANGERRIES PLEASE!!

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TEEN FOR HIRE

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

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

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

Hey! I'm Chance Cotham, I'm 15 years old and a sophomore at castle view high school. I can take care of plants, dogs, yard work, and any other thing you'd need! Please contact me @ 720-775-8345 or chanceycotham17@gmail.com

A trust worthy sixth grader looking for hire for pet sitting. Anywhere in the Larkspur/ Perry park ares. To contact Kylle emsil kateandkylle910@gmall.com or call 720- 877-1998.

My name is Trace. I am 16, PP Res, and am homeschooled so available frequently. I cut grass, clean gutters, house sit for plants and pets, help with fire mitigation, etc. For local ref contact Sandy Divan at 303-681-0132. Please call me at 720-420-9767. He has a brother to help with the bigger jobs and is available during the day.

An experienced and trustworthy 12 year old looking for hire to pet sit in the Perry Park area. I am qualified for all your pet sitting needs. To contact Kylle email kateandkylle910@gmail. com or call 720-412-1567.

I am available for babysitting! I am twelve years old (almost 13), CPR/AED First Ald certified .I enjoy spending time with little kids. Please contact me Carissa O'Donnell 303-578-2323 or obevy@sol.com.

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