



The Perry Park

Sentinel

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Happy Turkey Day

Given the number of wild turkeys among us these days, it seems a shame to cook and eat their brothers and sisters. They have become our neighbors, after all. I find them entertaining---the hens bustling about nervously, flitting from one group to the next with hot news, the toms strutting endlessly, trying desperately (and usually futilely) to keep their women in line... Almost human, right?

Actually, rumor has it that if Benjamin Franklin had had his way, the wild turkey would have become our national bird. That's not quite true. He thought the bird on the proposed seal looked more like a turkey than a bald eagle—and it's obvious he was NOT fond of eagles! He would

probably be pleased to know that eventually we developed a national Turkey Day, sometimes called Thanksgiving.

So in honor of the turkey—and of Ben Franklin—here is his irreverent assessment of our national bird:

“For my own part I wish the Bald Eagle had not been chosen the Representative of our Country. He is a Bird of bad moral Character. He does not get his Living honestly. You may have seen him perched on some dead Tree near the River, where, too lazy to fish for himself, he watches the Labour of the Fishing Hawk; and when that diligent Bird has at length taken a Fish, and is bearing it to his Nest for the Support of his Mate and young Ones, the Bald Eagle pursues him and takes it from him.

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With all this injustice, he is never in good case but like those among men who live by sharpening & robbing he is generally poor and often very lousy. Besides he is a rank coward: The little King Bird not bigger than a Sparrow attacks him boldly and drives him out of the district. He is therefore by no means a proper emblem for the brave and honest Cincinnati of America who have driven all the King birds from our country...

"I am on this account not displeased that the Figure is not known as a Bald Eagle, but looks more like a Turkey. For the Truth the Turkey is in Comparison a much more respectable Bird, and withal a true original Native of America... He is besides, though a little vain & silly, a Bird of Courage, and would not hesitate to attack a Grenadier of the British Guards who should presume to invade his Farm Yard with a red Coat on." ~KDale



DOWNTOWN MONUMENT SMALL TOWN HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE: Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4. Enjoy food, fun, and special sales when several Monument businesses host their annual November Holiday Open House to start the season.

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HONORING VETERANS FOR 16 YEARS AT LARKSPUR ELEMENTARY: Larkspur Elementary School is proud to announce that its 16th Annual Veterans Day Celebration will be held on Friday, November 10, 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 at this beloved event. The program will include patriotic songs performed by students in Grades 1-3, a flag folding ceremony by Mr. Dale Erickson of the American Legion Harry C. Miller Post 118, and interviews with veterans. 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 at 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.

ANNUAL CASTLE ROCK STARLIGHTING: Saturday, November 18: Events run from 2 p.m.-7 p.m. in downtown Castle Rock. The actual starlighting ceremony begins at 5 p.m. at Historic Wilcox Square. This year's celebration will again include: hot chocolate, non profit booths, strolling entertainers, live entertainment and of course Santa will be present for photos and visits. Don't forget to enjoy the Rink at the Rock, an outdoor ice skating rink in downtown Castle Rock as well. Free Shuttle Rides will be offered at Douglas County High School (2842 Front St, Castle Rock, CO 80104) Douglas County Fairgrounds and Calvary Church (1100 Caprice Dr, Castle Rock, CO 80109), please consider taking a shuttle from one of these locations. Note: Shuttles are location specific, make sure you get on the bus you arrived on.

PERRY PARK BOOK CLUB will meet on Tuesday, November 21, 10 a.m. at the home of Barb Statkewicz, 6535 Wauconda Drive in Perry Park Ranch, 315-794-1347. The book for discussion is Richard Morais' novel, *The Hundred-Foot Journey*, which the New York Times Book review describes as "*Slumdog Millionaire* meets *Ratatouille*." The Haji family from Mumbai opens an Indian restaurant in France, across the street from the restaurant of a famous chef. *The Hundred-Foot Journey* is about how the hundred-foot distance between a new Indian kitchen and a traditional French one can represent the gulf between different cultures and desires. The book for December is *Just Like Us* by Denver writer Helen Thorpe, an account of four young Mexican women coming of age in Denver, two who have legal documentation, two who don't, and what happens to them as a result.

THE BOOK EXCHANGE, Larkspur's free library, is open on Saturdays (except holidays) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is located at 9524 Spruce Mountain Road, in the Town Hall Annex in the heart of Larkspur. With over 7000 books as well as CDs and video tapes, there's something for everyone. You don't have to live in Larkspur to take advantage of this fabulous resource. If you do have a donation, we don't take textbooks, encyclopedias, or magazines, (though we'd like to look at the encyclopedias for other purposes). For more information, contact Krystine at 413-348-3579, or Cindy at 303-681-3046.

THANK YOU FROM THE LES PTO: Our 21st Annual Fall Festival was held on October 28, 2017, and the LES PTO would like to thank many people and businesses who helped make the event a success. First, thank you to our event sponsors and food donors. Check out the website at <http://www.larkspur-fallfestival.org/> for a listing of all the sponsors and food donors. Please show them your appreciation for their support by patronizing these businesses and promoting our strong community ties through your actions and words. Second, we'd like to thank all our volunteers. We are so fortunate to have volunteers who plan the event, set up, clean up and volunteer during the event! Lastly, we'd like to thank our parents and the Larkspur and surrounding communities. Thank you all for any help you provide whether it's volunteering, donating and/or attending the event. The success of this event is due to the efforts of many people in many different ways who come together for a good cause. Thank you, thank you everyone for supporting our event and helping us raise money for Larkspur Elementary School, our little gem of a school right here in the woods!

~Jennifer Martin

THE BLANKET BRIGADE has been very busy making our quilts and we are on target to make 300 quilts this year! We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at the Perry Park Country Club at 10 a.m.. We tie the quilts there, so you don't need any special sewing skills! We are a 501(c)3, and we always welcome any fabric, yarn, batting or thread donations. If you have donations, please contact Gwen Underwood at gwen@icloud.com (phone 303-681-2125) or Cindy Hotaling at cjaspsjr@yahoo.com (303-681-0374) and we will make arrangements to pick them up.

A BUSY NOVEMBER FOR LARKSPUR MOMS Debbie Swanson...

Thank you to all the Larkspur Moms who got involved in October events. It was wonderful to meet some new members and to get the kids and parents connected! We are looking forward to another really great month in November.



- Saturday, November 4th or Saturday, November 18th at 10 a.m.: The Larkspur Moms Group will be meeting up for a fun dance party at Songs for Seeds in Highlands Ranch. This is a new music program for kids aged 0-6. If you would like to sign up for a free Demo Class go to <https://songsforseeds.com/co/highlandsranch>.

- November 18th Family Volunteer Day for Larkspur Moms: LMG will be volunteering with the Thanksgiving Meal Project. In the first year they fed eight families; this is the 11th year and they hope to feed 750 families! If you are looking for a way to serve as a family this holiday season, then I hope you will donate a meal and join us to deliver!

Donate money to pay for meals- \$25 provides a complete meal for a family of 4. You can donate online at this link: www.gofund.me/377rwgpt. Any amount will help!

- Deliver meals with us on Saturday, November 18 starting around 8:30 am. If you are interested email or call/Text Tiffany Fischer 303-912-6333 tffny20@aol.com

For detailed information on all events go to the LMG Facebook page or website. If you are new to the area and would like information on joining the Larkspur Mom's Group text/call or email Debbie Swanson at 303-918-9260 larkspurmomsgmail.com.

BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

24-Hour Ballot Drop-off Locations

These locations are available 24-hours a day beginning Monday, October 16 until Election Day, Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Castle Pines Library
360 Village Square Lane
Castle Pines

Douglas County Elections
125 Stephanie Place
Castle Rock

Town of Castle Rock
100 N. Wilcox Street
Castle Rock

Highlands Ranch Motor Vehicle
2223 W. Wildcat Reserve Parkway
Highlands Ranch

Highlands Ranch Sheriff's Substation
9250 Zotos Drive
Highlands Ranch

Town of Larkspur
8720 Spruce Mountain Road
Larkspur

Lone Tree Motor Vehicle, Park Meadows Center
9350 Heritage Hills Circle
Lone Tree

Parker Police Department
18600 Lincoln Meadows Parkway
Parker

Parker Town Hall
20120 E. Mainstreet
Parker

Library Business Hours Only Ballot Drop-off Location
This location is available during library business hours beginning Monday, October 16 – November 6, and on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Roxborough Library
8357 N. Rampart Range Rd., Ste 200

NEWS FROM THE LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (LFPD) Mike Grill, Board of Directors for the LFPD...

LFPD Mission Statement

Dedicated to our community through quality services, compassion, and excellence

Member Profile

This month's issue profiles Captain



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Brian Johnson, a recent graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program.



NAME: Brian Johnson

RANK AND TIME SERVED WITH LFPD: Captain of A shift. I've been with Larkspur Fire since 2003.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: Ran a beverage distributorship in Colorado Springs. My Dad was a volunteer firefighter for 30 years.

ORIGINALLY FROM: Edgewater, Colorado

FAMILY: My wife Kris and I have been married for 22 years. We have two daughters – Maddie, 16 and Morgan, who is 14.

HOBBIES: I build and drive hot rods; love fishing. I also coach girls' softball and like to workout.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT SERVING WITH LFPD: I enjoy working for a smaller department like the LFPD. The relationship our department has with our community is something unique and special.

WHAT SHOULD OUR COMMUNITY KNOW ABOUT LFPD: We will always strive to be professional and courteous while keeping up with technology and the ever changing needs of our community.

Calls for Service: September 2017

LFPD Call Statistics - September, 2017

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| Fires | 7 |
| EMS | 36 |
| Alarm Activations | 3 |
| Other | 34 |
| TOTAL | 80 |

Upcoming Events

LFPD Board of Directors Public Meeting: Thursday, November 9 – 7 p.m. at Station 161 located, at 9414 South Spruce Mountain Road in Larkspur.

**PERRY PARK METRO DISTRICT
PRESERVING OUR COMMUNITY**

The PPMD seated two new board members. Linda Black, who has lived in Perry Park for two years, brings extensive experience with grants and will be a great addition. Craig Van Doorn was seated at the September meeting and although he's been in the park less than a year, he's already made his mark through his sponsorship of the community yard sale earlier this year. We welcome them both and are already seeing them make a difference!



Our meeting on October 12th was extended by an hour so we could have a special presentation by Margaret Deiotte who is leading the effort to obtain grants to evaluate and update Wauconda Park. We've submitted that grant to GOCO for early assessment and will submit formally in early November.

With another full agenda, the board reviewed and approved the minutes and financials for August and is seeing the value in retention of SDS as the management company for the district.

BOARD MEMBERS

- President Randy Johnson
- VP Derek Meredith
- Assistant VP Craig Van Doorn (seated 7 September)
- Treasurer Vanessa Dao
- Secretary Linda Black (seated 12 October)

MINUTES - The minutes for the August District meeting were reviewed and approved.

COMMITTEES: We're actively soliciting for community involvement in our new committees including Social, Parks and Open Space, and Traffic/Safety. Craig has been leading the charge on these. If you are interested, please email us at Info@PerryPark.org.

SLASH PICKUP: It's fall and that means Slash Pickup is in full swing. By the time this comes out, hopefully Tony and his crew will have swept through the park, and we will all start planning for the spring pickup in April. Just a reminder that the shorter and taller the piles, the quicker Tony's crew is able to grab and go.

DAFFODILS!:

It's time for the annual Daffodils bulb distribution! This year,
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rather than individual sign-up, we used historical demand and our order has already arrived. **The distribution will be Saturday and Sunday, Nov 4-5th, from 8 a.m. to noon.** This will be a first-come, first served basis. Proof of residency within Perry Park Ranch will be required. Each homeowner is allowed one bag for personal planting. Anyone who would like to plant in the common areas (corners, along the road, etc.) can grab a second bag.

OLD BUSINESS

Computers

As the board has worked through director changes, it has become apparent that we need to get a bit more structure in our email accounts and file storage. By early November, we will have all new email addresses for the board that are tied to position rather than name which will help with continuity. More to come in December and on our website as well.



Holiday Decorations

We received and accepted a bid to put a professional spin on our holiday lighting. Watch for the lights to start twinkling prior to Thanksgiving!



PPMD Property Maintenance Wauconda Park – The park has been cleaned up and repairs are almost complete. We had difficulty finding parts, but Keith Worley persevered and all the play equipment should be re-opened by early November. As mentioned, we are

also working on obtaining a planning grant through GOCO to investigate a complete makeover of the park.

Front Pond Culvert Work

Those trucks you have been seeing are Douglas County working on some repairs to the outflow culvert by the pond at the front of the park.

105/Red Rock Intersection Planning

Douglas County continues to work the design aspects of implementing turn lanes off of 105 into the park. Construction is planned for the spring and we have been working with the county to address a need for a minor easement onto the PPMD owned lots at the front of the park. It appears that the discussions of implementing a “round-about” has been deferred and replaced with dedicated turn lanes from both the north and south approaches.

Some Community Reminders

As representatives of the Perry Park Ranch community, we re-

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ceive calls and emails on issues and concerns from throughout the park. Some of the regular comments we receive include:

- **Speeding.** This is a concern we all share. The speed limit on Red Rock Drive is 30 mph. We have a vibrant community with walkers, kids, and dogs. Saving 30 seconds of your day by exceeding the safe speed limit jeopardizes all of us. Leaving five minutes earlier can reduce your rush at the beginning and end of the day and keep our community safe. PPMD is working with DCSO to increase patrols as a reminder to all of us to slow down.
- **Animal safety.** Although we live in a wonderful rural area, we are still bound to the rules in Douglas County that all dogs be leashed. To the runner on the trail, your loose dog may be friendly, but your neighbors just don't know. Douglas County Animal Control does randomly patrol the park and will enforce leash laws.
- **Parking.** We have lovely tree lined streets. And soon, we'll have snow plows running through them to keep them safe and passable. RV's, trailers, and even cars, parked right up on the street hamper these plows (and can also hamper emergency responders).

NEXT SCHEDULED PPMD BOD MEETING

The next scheduled BOD meeting is Thursday, Nov 9th at the Perry Park Country Club. We will start a working session at 5pm to discuss the 2018 budget process and then begin the regular meeting at 6 p.m.

We want to keep you informed. Please register your email with the District. Visit the District website and click on the email icon listed in the upper right hand corner: www.perrypark.org



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

OCTOBER NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT Jim Matchett...

The October meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on the 18th with all directors present. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the September 20th regular meeting. The approval was unanimous given Director Matchett's abstention as he was absent from that meeting. Disbursements totaling \$226,640.98 were then unanimously approved. Next, a Resolution of the Perry Park Water and Sanitation District Authorizing Certification of Delinquent Accounts for Collection by the County Treasurer was introduced by the District Manager, Diana Miller, and unanimously approved by the board.



A 2018 Agreement for Services - Operations with Semocor, Inc. was then reviewed and discussed. The new agreement incorporates a 1.58 percent increase to the annual contract amount and was unanimously approved by the board. A draft budget for 2018 was then presented and briefly discussed. 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 fully 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 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 24 for the year, and there is a very good possibility last year's total of 28 will be equaled or exceeded. The District's financials looked good in spite of the large unscheduled emergency repairs to the main water line on Wauconda Drive. Revenues through September were \$345,916 ahead of budget while expenses were \$53,622 over budget. Finally, the Board reviewed and approved the water and wastewater improvements agreement for the Tenderfoot Gulch mainline extensions.

There was very limited audience participation and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.. As always, further information is available on the District website, www.PPWSO.org. Further, as there was no article prepared for the *Sentinel* as a result of the District's September Board Meeting, be advised that the minutes for that meeting are now available on the foregoing website

PET TALK WITH PILAR Pilar Starman, DVM...

Foods and Treats are Not Always Healthy

As we enter into the season of our personal overindulgence of sweet and fatty foods, we must remember the risks these foods bring to our pets. Inappropriate food items may lead to several health issues including vomiting, diarrhea, pancreatitis, hypoglycemia, obstruction, liver failure, and death.

Sweetened foods may contain xylitol. Xylitol is an artificial sweetener being found in more and more food items, including a lot of peanut butters and sugar-free gum. With Halloween just passed there may be a lot of these xylitol-containing foods around your home. Dogs and cats may have an idiosyncratic reaction to xylitol, meaning we can't accurately predict which pets will become ill. Xylitol toxicity may lead to life-threatening



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ing hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) and liver failure. If a pet has been known to have recently ingested xylitol it needs to be seen by the veterinarian right away as care given quickly may save your pet's life.

Chocolate contains two active ingredients, caffeine and theobromine, that may cause heart abnormalities – these could lead to a fatal arrhythmia. Chocolate also contains quite a bit of fat that may lead to pancreatitis. The darker and more unsweetened the chocolate the worse it will be for your pet. If you feel the need to share a sweet with your pet, carob is generally considered safe.

Wrappers from food items may lead to abrasions, obstruction, perforation, and pain during passage. Dogs and sometimes cats will find food left in rooms, backpacks, and hidden in the box-spring (that is where I used to hide my candy). People may not always want to admit to missing candy because they may not be supposed to have it, so if your pet shows any signs of GI upset it is necessary to inquire to all residents if there are any foods they could have eaten that is not part of their regular diet.

Fatty foods (cuttings from steak, grease, butter, cheese, etc.) can cause a severe inflammation of the pancreas called pancreatitis. This condition may be as mild as poor appetite and occasional vomiting or may be so severe it can lead to death. About 50 percent of the time pancreatitis can be associated with an over-indulgence of fatty foods or a rapid food change. Treatment for this condition will depend on the severity of the clinical signs.

Bones may become lodged in the mouth, lead to broken teeth, splinter in the intestines and lead to perforation, cause blockage of the intestines and lead to obstruction, or just really hurt as they pass through. It is best not to give any bones, but cooked poultry bones are the worst. Even solid mammal bones can cause problems – I have had to sedate and saw off marrow bones from around the lower jaw, I have had a dog die after being fed the Christmas hambone and becoming obstructed.

Of course, the biggest risk of feeding these foods is that your pet will become obese. Obesity is certainly the leading cause of a shortened lifespan for American pets. We would be happy to make nutritional recommendations for your pet.

If your pet has potentially ingested any inappropriate food items, please call your local Larkspur Pet Hospital at 303-681-3980 for advice. The sooner your pet gets appropriate care the more likely your pet will have a good outcome.



THE RESCUE OF ROCKETTE THE RACCOON

Shannon Buss...



On a recent Friday evening, we heard a noise outside in our front yard. My husband went to check it out and saw a raccoon with the leg trap on its leg dragging it. The next two days we looked all over for the raccoon but could not find it. We feared the worst.

Sunday night we were surprised to see the raccoon show up on our cameras still dragging the brutal leg trap around. Again my husband went to look for it but could not find it. This little raccoon had the will to survive and my husband had to do something to help this poor raccoon out. So he called Mike Belsky who loaned him a live animal trap.



The next several nights we waited for the raccoon to return. Again we feared the worst. Then Tuesday morning the raccoon returned. We watched anxiously, hoping it would go into the live trap. After 45 minutes the raccoon went in.



Wednesday my husband Marvin took it to the Larkspur Animal Hospital, and they were able to remove the trap and tend to its injuries. The raccoon's paw most likely will not be viable, but it will have a second chance at life. The Colorado Division of Wildlife also made this rescue a reality as it would have not happened without their okay. The

CDOW released the raccoon back to her home. A huge shout out to Marvin Cardenas with the Larkspur Animal Hospital and Mike Belsky, Colorado Division of Wildlife.

The Larkspur Animal Hospital named her Rockette. It was the first time they have ever helped a raccoon.

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Just Sold!
9086 E Rocky Mountain Lane
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\$1,150,000



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The Meadows, Castle Rock
\$385,000



CLIENT TESTIMONIALS



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home to perfectly coincide with the completion of our new home we were building. Ben Wolfe lives in Larkspur and is well connected with the community. We hope to never sell our new home, but if we do we would gladly use Ben Wolfe with Wolfe Realty Group again!"

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WALT'S WORDS

Walt Korinke...

"Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive." — Elbert Hubbard



LARKSPUR – Thanks to an overloaded electrical box, without the quick response of the Larkspur Fire Department, we could have lost the **LARKSPUR CORNER MARKET**. Fortunately, a couple of days downtime, electrical repair and inspection,



and they are back to business as usual. Sometimes we don't know what we have until we nearly lose it. It's not pretty, but it works - pizza anyone?

CASTLE ROCK – PROMENADE – A fourth tenant joining the announced 7-Eleven, Chick-Fil-A and Spec 3 tenant building at the "top of the hill" will be a be a 4,800 square foot **CARE NOW** urgent care facility. It will be built on the 1.67-acre parcel adjacent to the three-tenant spec building. With 80 locations in seven states, this will be their fifth Denver area location. Care Now operates typically from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays with a shorter schedule on the weekends and provides a full range of medical clinic services. They accept walk-in clients as well and web check-in to help avoid waiting time in the lobby.

At the new Hilltop Commons strip shops at the Limelight entrance on the Cinema grounds, **RITA'S ITALIAN ICE CREAM** is preparing to open, featuring their famous Italian ice and custard treats. The thirty-three year old Philadelphia 600-store chain has been posting their progress on their Facebook site and has already drawn a fan base waiting for their formal opening. Their menu includes a daily rotating selection of new hand-scooped frozen custard, freshly baked custard cookie sandwiches, waffles and brownies alongside of Rita's signature Italian Ice and other "cool treats."



Castle Rock continues to grow in all directions. As you drive towards Franktown on Hwy 86, just east of the King Sooper Center at the top of the hill at Founder's/Ridge Road, a 44.87 acre triangular shaped parcel is being rezoned from multi-family to a 120 unit

single-family residential product by its developer **SLV Castle Oaks, LLC**.

A definite improvement to the center of the old town core of Cas-



tle Rock is the new **Z'ABBRACCI Pizza-Pasta-Tap House**, which just opened at 312 Wilcox St, directly across from the old Court House. It offers a great bar and fine Italian dining ranging from Artisan Pizza and sandwiches to great pastas, and other Italian delicacies, 20 Colorado Craft Beers on tap and a great selection of liquor and wines. Just opened and already drawing rave reviews, it sure improves the look of the block. Their hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. including an early brunch on Saturday and Sunday beginning at 9 a.m.



The WORLD COMPASS ACADEMY charter school that opened in the fall of 2015 is already in the process of obtaining Douglas County plan approval for its second phase. The expansion calls for the addition of 14 classrooms, a cafeteria and an admin-

istration area in a 27,900 square foot two-story building to be connected to the existing facility. The addition will add grades 7 and 8 to the existing pre-kindergarten through 6th grades and increase the enrollment capacity from 560 to 960 students. The eventual goal is to provide all the grades thru 12th. The academy is located on the I-25 south frontage road on the east side of the highway adjacent to the former Duke's Restaurant (now Plum Creek Church).



Lots of new activity for the **Crystal Valley Corridor**. When you top the crest of the hill on Crystal Valley Parkway, virtually a new town appears before you. **The CRYSTAL VALLEY RANCH** is a master-planned subdivision,

which currently has 1,300 of its maximum 3,475 lots platted. Three of the filings (#11, #15 and #17) have development plans underway with the Planning Division. **Filing #11**, located at the southwest corner of Crystal Valley Parkway and W. Loop Road, plans for 140 single-family lots on 25 acres (5.6/units per acre).



Filing #15 on the west side of E. Loop Road

has filed for 119 single-family lots



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along with site improvements, landscaping and infrastructure. **Filing #17**, on the southeast side of West Loop Rd. and Fox Haven Drive, is proposing 120 single-family lots on 22 acres (5.5/acre), and it will connect to the open space and trail system.



The popular **LOST COFFEE SHOP** at the southeast corner of 4TH and N. Perry Streets has been undergoing interior improvements to expand the customer friendly atmosphere and now is requesting permission from the Planning Department to remove part of the existing window and replace it with a new garage door-type window along with a new walk-up counter. The intent is to make getting your favorite latte even easier. Indoor and outdoor seating provides a great spot to enjoy the quaint neighborhood atmosphere and chat with friends. I have noticed an active computer or two as well.

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MONUMENT— Across from the Jackson Creek Home Depot / Walmart anchored center, **LES SCHWAB TIRE CENTER** re-



quested a site plan amendment to permit them to build a new store on a 1.43-acre parcel located between the new Qdoba Restaurant and the ENT Credit Union. The 10,140 square foot building provides for modern architecture with lots of glazed glass, wood siding and rock treatments designed to blend with the character of the area. In respect for its location, the large tire storage area will be included within the enclosed building. The operating business will be limited to the sale, installation and servicing of tires, wheels, shocks, brakes, batteries and alignment. There will be NO oil, transmission or other hazardous fluid services. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday (closed Sunday). Started from a small store in Prineville, Oregon, Les Schwab has grown to be one of the country's largest tire dealers with over 470 stores nationwide. The amendment changing from an in-line store to free standing **WAS DENIED** by the Planning Commission, but now moves on to the Board of Trustees for final approval or denial.



MONUMENT RIDGE is the 27 acre planned development located on the southeast corner of Baptist and Struthers Roads

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and is home to the McDonalds, Walgreens and Marriott. Challenger Homes has applied for an amendment to the commercial designation to change the interior southeast 9.88 acre section of the



parcel to **multi-family permitting a density of 20-24 dwelling units per acre.** The town has less than 4 percent of its residential acreage developed with

multi-family and it supports this high density project to serve as a buffer between the PD's commercial development and the adjacent residential properties.

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Pro-anchored, 200 acre planned development has been progressing slowly during this period of retail box stores sitting on the sideline while they determine today's retail direction. Meanwhile, the developer has been

working on the extension of the interior road entering from the southeast side of the parcel off Voyager Parkway with the first phase of the Powers Boulevard extension through the project connecting to I-25 to commence January 2018. Two developments about to



begin are 1) a four-story, 52 unit high-end loft project to include two and three bedroom loft units with garages and elevator access to be built along the mid-southern boundary of the new internal extension; 2) a development of the Bourbon Brothers Restaurant– a 750-seat indoor venue for small concerts and events, to-be-built next to the restaurant.

INTERQUEST COMMONS – Located at the southwest corner



of InterQuest Pkwy. and Voyager is the 23 acre InterQuest Commons development with its first 7,800 square foot building just completed and about to be occupied by **JIMMY JOHN'S,**

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The second 7,800 sq. ft. building is under construction. Its first tenant will be a **GAS-TROPUB.** A third building under construction will be a **FUZZY's TACO SHOP.**



DENVER – Broomfield is looking forward to 2019 when



IKEA opens its second Denver 400,000 square foot store to be built at the northwest corner of I-25 and State Highway 7. Hard to believe the Centennial store has been open for six years.

IKEA was founded in Sweden in 1943 and ranks as the world's largest furniture retailer featuring ready-to-assemble furniture, kitchen appliances and home accessories. IKEA has over 400 stores in 49 countries with the U.S. its second biggest customer, and over \$36 billion in annual sales.



Another interesting addition to the Denver retail market is the the newly opened Thornton **DULUTH TRADING COMPANY** store – that's the firehose canvas pants and other heavy duty clothing found in the cata-

log we all get in the mail and wondered what the real thing looked like. The 20,114 square foot facility is located in the Larkridge Shopping Center at 16557 Washington Street and expands the draw already created by Pier 1 Imports and Dick's Sporting Goods. Duluth has been around since 1989, (sold to Fiskar in 1996, and taken private in 2001).

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IN THE "FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH" DEPARTMENT...

From The Old Farmer's Almanac (founded 1792) comes a long range forecast for the High Plains (Canadian border south to the Texas Panhandle, covering Denver and Colorado Springs).



NOVEMBER 2017: temperature 31° (5° below avg.); precipitation 1.5" (0.5" above avg.); Nov 1-3: Showers, mild; Nov 4-11: Snow showers, cold; Nov 12-19: Sunny, mild north; snow showers, cold south; Nov 20-23: Snow, then sunny, turning mild; Nov 24-30: Snowy periods, turning bitterly cold.

Annual Weather Summary: November 2017 to October 2018

Winter will be warmer than normal, with slightly above-normal precipitation. The coldest periods will be from late November into early December and from late December into early January. Snowfall will be below normal in the north and above in the south, with the snowiest periods in mid- and late November, mid- to late December, and early to mid-March. April and May will be cooler than normal, with precipitation a bit above normal. Summer will be a bit hotter than normal, with slightly below normal rainfall. The hottest periods will be in early and mid- to late July and mid-August. September and October will be cooler than normal, with slightly above normal rainfall.




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BEAR WISE



Howdy, folks. Beary Bear here. I thought you might enjoy seeing a picture of me in my costume from this past Halloween. If you couldn't guess, I was a "Blind Football Official." A throwback to the season a few years ago when we all had to endure football officiating replacements who subbed for the then striking real officials. I don't know about you, but it seemed that some of the replacements appeared to be a bit sight challenged.

Based on what I'm seeing so far during this football season, I'm suspecting that some of the subs have landed permanent officiating jobs within the league with no improvement in their eye sight. Critics are everywhere, even in the forest.

Bear Eye Sight

Believing that we have poor eyesight is actually a common misconception. This myth comes from thinking: "that humongous nose probably makes up for his poor eye sight." This may be true for your uncle Eddie, but not for us.

In addition to having an amazing sense of smell, we black bears actually have excellent eyesight including seeing most colors. We bears can see just as well as you do during the daytime, and after dark we have fantastic night vision. So, don't be fooled.... we will either see you or smell you before you see or smell us.

Bear Questions: I received the following question recently

from a reader: I was on a hike and noticed what appeared to be bear claw marks on an aspen tree trunk. What gives?



Answer: In order to establish territory dominance, guy

black bears will often claw trees. Female bears evidently don't need to prove their dominance – they already rule. The highest marks on the tree are associated with the most dominant male, unless the bear was standing on a ladder. In that case, the highest marks on the tree trunk represent the most creative bear – like yours truly. Dominance is way overrated. Being creative, not dominating, is the ticket to a more fun and happy life.

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During warm winters, we bearly barely sleep.

Colorado black bears are not true hibernators, but instead slip into what's called a "torpor" during the cold winter months. Even so, we often refer to ourselves as hibernators.

Similar to true hibernators, while in our altered torpor-nator state, our metabolism slows to a crawl (heart rate and breathing is nearly undetectable), but we can be awakened immediately if conditions are right. Unusually warm winter weather is the

primary bio-alarm clock encouraging us to wake up and smell the bacon – so to speak. By the way, whether awake or asleep, bacon always speeds up my heart rate and breathing! But I digress.

It's important to know that the whole reason we slumber down during cold winter months is nature's way of protecting us from starving due to little or no vegetation and insects once freezing temperatures occur. And you thought it was just to give you a respite from our sometimes annoying antics.

If the weather remains warm or an extended warming trend develops during winter, it's not uncommon for us bears to leave our cozy dens for a mid-winter snack. We will usually not wander far from our winter den havens – maybe up to a few hundred yards or so. If you see one of us up and around during the up-coming winter period, we are probably denning close by, so you party animals keep the noise down!

Beware: The national weather forecast center is predicting a warmer than usual winter for the state of Colorado this year. If this is true, it may not be unusual to see us up and out looking for food. Therefore, continue to practice the same good bear safety rules as you do during summer months: Garbage cans

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secured until the morning of trash pick-up, bird feeders in at dusk – you know the drill.

Until next time, have a fun, safe winter season and remember - unless you want a confrontation, don't poke the bear!

See you in the spring.

Beary Bear



A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE...

Susan Peters...

Ah...Drifting into Winter and Thanksgiving...Short Takes

Break out the Flannels

With the cessation of the evening "singing" crickets and the first hard freeze, winterizing activities are well underway at our abode. Bird house cleanout. Bird feeder cleanout. Stock up of bird seed and suet, as well as koi spring-fall food. Putting the deicer into the koi pond. Raking the leaves out of the koi pond. Running an electrical cord to the bird bath.



With all the problems with garter snakes this year we decided to buy small koi and raise them inside to a size that would deter the snakes. With the cool-down in weather we were able to transfer them to the koi pond where the temperatures are not so inviting to the snakes now. In fact, on the warmer days they are nowhere to be seen.

And how about those persistent painted lady butterflies? They must use the outdoor weather beater paint.

Ahem. On prediction of a hard freeze and a real snow storm, we harvested our foxglove plumes and seeds except for a few blooms. Foxglove is clearly a favorite of the painted ladies. The day following the freeze and storm, there they were. Clinging to snow-covered foxglove. And to complete the contradiction, a flock of robins showed up to bathe in the bird bath.



A turkey flock has invited themselves to Thanksgiving dinner at

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our place. Check out the photo of their waiting at the front door. They were early, so were not invited into our warm abode. But they have kept hanging around waiting to be part of Thanksgiving, unwittingly not knowing which part. Actually, I think that they have discovered bird seed that has been flung out of the feeders by the sloopier birds like the towhees and jays.

Short Takes

One Alaskan Nanook-of-the-North resident was quite surprised by a litter of lynxes rampaging over his deck. You have to see the video: <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/national/article176426366.html>

We have had pictures of bobcats on neighbors' decks, and I once saw a very large short-tailed kitty running across our property. It took a second to realize that I was looking at a bobcat and just at that instant another one ran along the same path. Whew. Thank goodness, our pups were investigating other wonders of nature. But bobcats can climb and so far, climbing trees is only in our dogs' dreams – to go where all squirrels go. So of course, the bobcats would win.

Speaking of snakes, our next-door neighbor said that she found five bull snake-sized skins near her front door. Considering the abundance of rodents in this area, this has got to be a haven to raise happy bull snakes. And the frequent visits and howling of the coyotes will back up the happy rodent hunting ground hypothesis.

November 1st in more easterly Larkspur usually marks the end of the bear foraging, as the bruins don their winter jams and now discuss rental terms for a cozy den to sleep off their newly acquired layer of fat – I wish it was that easy for homo sapiens. Folks living more up in the foothills will probably see them awake later, as that is where the prime bear real estate is.

Once the fresh bear poop plops have ceased, bird feeders can be left out overnight and additional morsels introduced like suet cakes and seed blocks. You might want to try a suet cake first in a spot that will leave your deck intact should a bear still be waiting for manna from heaven. The ability of the suet cake to survive will prove that it is safe to leave out feeders.



Another gift suggestion for holiday early shoppers: Duncraft sells squirrel chairs in several styles. I purchased one, but have yet



to try it out since its target location will be on a deck currently being rebuilt and away from the usual corn-hungry critters. Check out a couple here. The Adirondack chair is particularly a nice touch for the design-conscious squirrel.

That's all, folks, for this month. Gotta run – the black widow spiders need some encouragement to go brave the cold...

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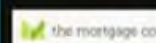
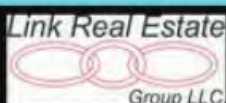
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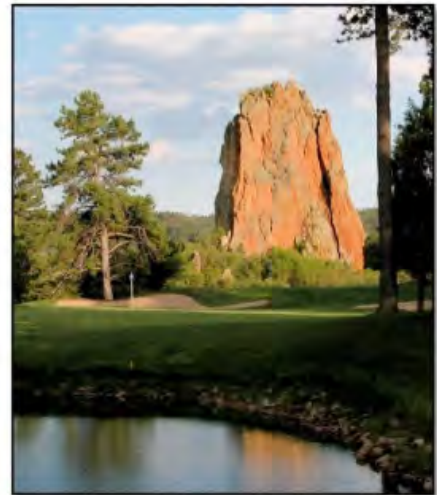
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