



the Perry Park *Sentinel*

SEPTEMBER 2016

SEPTEMBER, SEPTEMBER: ANOTHER YEAR WINDS DOWN

THANKS FOR THE HELP!

After last month's plea for help with editing and proofing the *Sentinel*, three good citizens volunteered to proofread. Ginny Sanders, Mike Montgomery and Michael Stone all offered—and believe me, I accepted their help! It has been many a year since an edition of the *Sentinel* has been vetted as thoroughly as this one! So, if you find an error, just keep it quiet. We'd like to believe we caught them all!

Now, about my plea for new writers on various subjects... Anyone?

THE 2016 GOOSE RESCUE

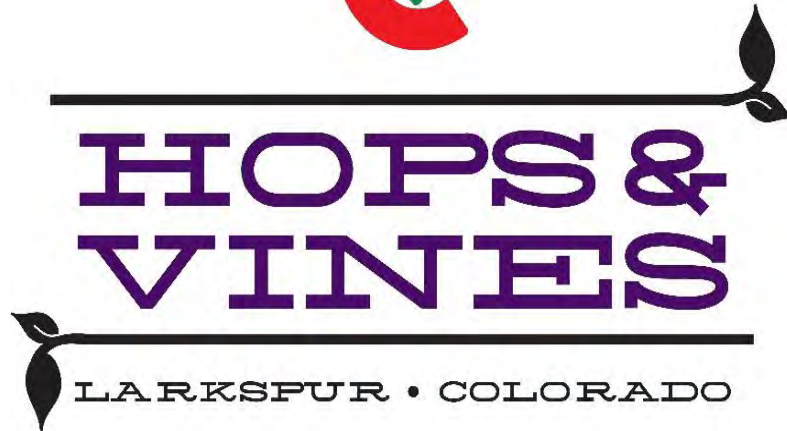
At the end of July, three Canadian geese on the Gateway Pond at Perry Park Ranch were shot by darts. Residents set out to catch them so the darts could be removed. Reward money was offered in hopes of gaining information about the person who injured the geese, and \$1130 has currently been collected. However, as of this writing, there has been no rescue of the injured geese or information about the shooter(s). Many obstacles and much red tape were thrown in the path of the rescuers, and in the interim, the youngest goose was found dead. The efforts by residents and professional animal rehabbers still continue as of this writing, but frustrations abound. See Melissa Bronson's report on page 7. Updates will appear on the several Larkspur community Facebook pages.

AUTUMNAL THOUGHTS

There are yellow leaves on my crabapple tree. The summer flowers are gone. The temperature has already dipped into the 40s overnight. The fawns of May and June are beginning to lose their spots. Vacations are ended; school has started. But as far as I'm concerned, the fall of the year in Colorado is the most beautiful, the most comfortable. Easy living—no heat, no snow.

So enjoy the season. ~KDale





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ANNUAL COLORADO ART-FEST AT CASTLE ROCK:

Saturday, September 10 (9 a.m.-6 p.m.) and Sunday, September 11 (10 a.m. -5:30 p.m.) in downtown Castle Rock. The Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce

hosts a juried fine arts show with artists from across the country. This esteemed community art festival continues to highlight the talents of more than 170 exhibitors displaying a wide range of works from life-size sculptures, to photography and jewelry. There's a multitude of opportunities to appreciate – and purchase – art during this weekend of visual inspiration. Enjoy continual live main stage entertainment, featuring popular musicians, the Artfest Store and a silent auction. There will be food and beverage vendors as well as an Imagination Zone for children. Additional information at the website: <http://www.castlerockculture.com/colorado-artfest-at-castle-rock/>

MONUMENT ART HOP: Last one for 2016 on Thursday, September 15, 5-8 p.m. The galleries, restaurants and boutiques of historic downtown Monument stay open until 8 p.m. for a celebration featuring art openings, book signings, great food, live music and other special events.

BOOK CLUB will meet on Tuesday, September 20, 10 a.m. at the home of Carole Moats, 2408 Vista Drive in Valley Park, 303-681-2467. The book for discussion is *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson, the true story of the preparations for the Chicago World's Fair of 1893 and the serial killer drawn to the crowds of fair visitors. The book for October is Donna Tartt's *The Goldfinch* which received the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 2014. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome. For additional information, visit the website at http://applelane.com/Perry_Park_Book_Club.php.

PUBLIC LANDS DAY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 at Quarry Mesa Open Space. Celebrate Public Lands Day by enjoying a guided geology and local history hike on Douglas Land Conservancy protected Quarry Mesa Open Space. The hike will be followed by a few hours of service, sprucing up the Madge Trail. All ages are welcome. Snacks, water, work gloves, and equipment will be provided. This unique event highlights the partnership between the Town of Castle Rock and the Douglas Land Conservancy. Meet at the Ryholite Regional Park pavilion at 8 a.m. There will be a snack break following the hike from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at the top of the mesa. The work outing will immediately follow.

HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUNDUP FOR DC RESIDENTS: Tri-County Health Department is sponsoring a chemical roundup on October 1 at 175 Kellogg Court in Castle Rock, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. All roundup participants must show proof of residence in Douglas County and pay \$25 per vehicle load when dropping off chemicals. Accepted items to drop off include house and garden chemicals, automotive fluids, fluorescent light bulbs, fuels, propane tanks between one and 20 pounds, vehicle and household batteries, items containing mercury, car and pickup

truck tires off the rim, and oil-based paint and paint products. Items that will not be accepted include business and commercial waste, radioactive waste, electronic waste (computers, TVs, etc.), explosive waste, smoke detectors, waste containing asbestos, compressed gases other than propane, tractor tires, scrap metal and medical waste. For more information, or to volunteer to help, please visit www.tchd.org/250/Home-Chemical-Waste or call Ellen Kennedy at 720-200-1592.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Presented by the Alzheimer's Association – Colorado Chapter. This Support Group meets on the 1st Friday of every month 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Castle Rock Adventist Hospital, 2350 Meadows Boulevard in Castle Rock. For more information please contact Heather Kanapacki at 303-813-1669.

SENIOR LAW AND SAFETY SUMMIT: The District Attorney's Office will be holding its first ever, Senior Law and Safety Summit at the Charles Schwab & Co. Event Center in Lone Tree on Friday, October 14, from 8 a.m. to 1:35 p.m. Doors open at 8 a.m. and the event begins at 8:30. Vendor booths will be available. The event will feature breakout sessions that focus on legal issues, personal safety, and elder fraud prevention. In keeping with other senior law days around the state, participants will receive a 2106 Senior Law Handbook and the opportunity to speak one-on-one for 15 minutes with an attorney on a first-come/first-served basis. Medicare counselors will also be available to answer individual questions. For additional information call the D.A.'s office at 720-874-8487. The registration fee is \$10 and the number of participants is limited. The registration form is available at [http://www.da18.org/Portals/0/Senior%20Law%20Day%20Flyer-2-ot%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.da18.org/Portals/0/Senior%20Law%20Day%20Flyer-2-ot%20(2).pdf)

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NEWS FROM THE BLANKET BRIGADE

The Blanket Brigade in Larkspur continues to find wonderful homes for the quilts we make. Our newest relationship is with Sweet Dreams in a Bag, which is an organization that gives a bag of bedding and a stuffed animal to children who are transitioning from a homeless shelter to a home. We give quilts to children and teachers within the Douglas County School District who have experienced loss or trauma, as well as the Castle Rock Crisis Center. The Adventist Hospital in Castle Rock has a roving cart that is available to all departments of the hospital, and it is stocked with our quilts to be given out when the situation calls for it. We also give quilts monthly to a female Alzheimer's unit in a Colorado Springs nursing home. The residents enjoy rocking baby dolls and wrapping their dolls in our quilts.



The Blanket Brigade is a non-profit 501(C) 3 group that makes quilts for charity. There is no charge to the recipients of our quilts. We operate with mostly donated supplies. If you find yourself cleaning out a sewing room and have fabric or batting to donate, please call Gwen Underwood 303-681-2125 or email gwenspur@icloud.com or Cindy Hotaling, 303-681-0374, or email cjaspsjr@yahoo.com

We meet the third Wednesday of the month (September 21st) 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Perry Park Country Club to tie the quilts. This means that you do not need to have extensive sewing experience---you only need to know how to thread a needle! Please join us anytime during the day and stay a few minutes or all day. We have great fun and would love to have you join us!
~GSanders

VISIT THE LARKSPUR BOOK EXCHANGE

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



The Book Exchange is free and provided by the town of Larkspur. You don't have to bring a book to take one (or two or three) from the Exchange. The volunteers have accepted generous

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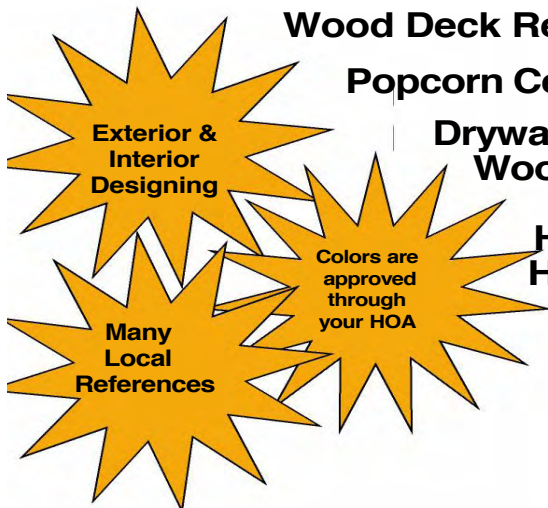
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donations from the community's avid readers (including over 100 children's picture books) and have also been welcomed by some estate sale planners to come and take away at no cost any books that may appeal. These books are sorted by category and alphabetized 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.

The adult fiction category of the Exchange includes popular fiction by authors such as Clive Cussler, Stuart Woods, Michael Crichton, and Stephen King, as well as a wide variety of literary fiction. The Exchange has Pulitzer Prize winners, National Book award winners, and Booker prize winners, in addition to critically acclaimed works from some of the finest writers of the present day. Nonfiction categories include self-help, biography, religion, reference, and Colorado travel and history. It also boasts classics from Shakespeare to Sherlock Holmes. Younger readers will find the section is sorted by children's, young readers, and young adult. It includes Little Golden Books, Dr. Seuss, Disney, fairytales, children's Bibles, even Harry Potter and the Twilight series for young adults.

Recently, the Exchange increased its shelf capacity, making browsing the categorized and alphabetized books even easier. Of course, donations of books or bookshelves are always welcome. Its volunteers will even pick them up for you. The Exchange records all donations, and will issue tax deduction forms at the end of the year.

Come to the Larkspur Book Exchange on Saturday (from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) in the Town Hall Annex in central Larkspur (bring the kids!!!) and walk away with the "perfect read."


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AUTUMN ACTIVITIES WITH LARKSPUR MOMS

Hello Larkspur Moms' Group! Well, school has started and our play groups for our little ones are back in full swing! As usual, we have a month filled with fun activities for both Moms and kids. The Larkspur Moms' Group has been a long-standing tradition in Larkspur. We are a place to meet new Moms, kids, and families in this wonderful community we live in! For more information on our group visit us at <http://www.larkspur moms.com/> or email us at larkspur moms@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 in September:

In home play groups! Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

- Monday, September 12th
- Wednesday, September 21st:

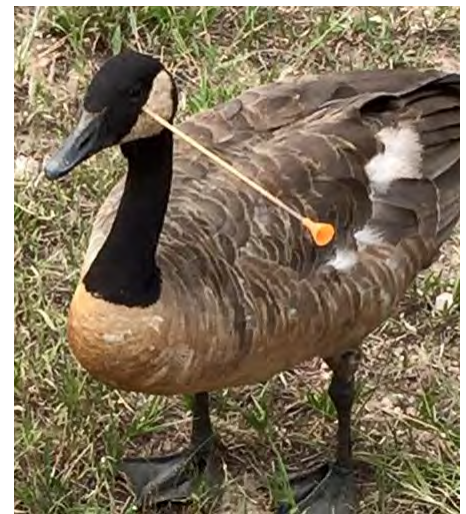
We are also looking to schedule a third play group at the Crooked Clove farm located right here in Larkspur. Stay tuned for details to come!

Moms' Night Out: Join us on Sunday, September 11 at noon to stock your freezers with family dinners from Wild Tree. Space is limited, so sign up soon! A great opportunity to catch up with friends and feed your family at the same time!

Hope to see you at an event or two this month!
~Sarah Bretz, Director

RESIDENTS COMMIT TO GOOSE RESCUE DESPITE RED TAPE AND DISAPPOINTMENT!

The following report was posted on the Larkspur Facebook pages by Melissa Bronson who, with other Perry Park residents, has been trying for over a month to catch the geese at Gateway Pond who were shot with darks at the end of July. An reward is still being offered for



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information about the darts.

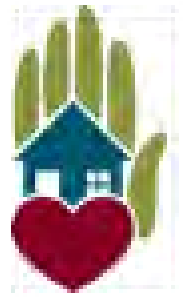


This week there has not been much action at the pond that I know of, but more policies, procedures and trying to coordinate with CO Parks and Wildlife and humane trapper. Talking with CO Parks and Wildlife (aka DOW aka CPW) this week, the officer in charge has wished us the best in trying to help these geese. He wants to make sure that protocol is followed if any rescue is made. At this time, CO Parks and wildlife is not planning any organized rescue attempts. The officer in charge has asked we get written permission from the land owners if we are to use a humane trapper to attempt rescue. This letter of approval was to be sent to the CPW officer. This would be from the PP Metro Board, which I believe they have approved earlier this week. (Checking on this fact to see if for sure has been approved and letter sent). We have been trying to contact the humane trapper that was here last week and see when/if he can come back to help as his schedule is very full and he does not live close. The goose with the dart on his head was last spotted on Monday. The one with the dart in the chest/side is still by the pond. The Ellicott volunteer as of last week said she would no longer be involved, and CO Parks and wildlife would be taking over after last Thursday's rescue attempt when the geese were scared off. PP Metro Board has been supportive through this whole process of attempts with strategies such as daily dog gates, reward signs, and following recommendations from CPW. That is where things have been sitting, yet we know time is of the essence. There have been some frustrating processes and attempts through this event. It's amazing to see the concern of many in the community for this one family of geese.

~MBronson



SENIORS STAYING INDEPENDENT



I'm Karie Erickson, Executive Director of Neighbor Network, a local nonprofit with the mission of helping seniors stay independent. In addition to running Neighbor Network, I serve on Denver Regional Council of Governments' (DRCOG) Advisory Committee on Aging with leaders from seven other counties, who look at strategic and collective ways to combat the growing concerns for aging adults in our state. Our staff and board of directors are working diligently to boost funding and expand services. I will be periodically sharing with you, my neighbors in the Larkspur community, aging information, facts, news and upcoming events.

Aging Updates:

- Senior adults are the fastest growing segment of the population in Douglas County. One in four residents of the county will soon be 60 years of age or older.
- The overwhelming majority of seniors say they wish to "age in place."
- Premature transition into assisted living is costly, often unaffordable, and skilled nursing care is close to \$90,000 per year.
- Seniors who no longer drive lose the independence they once enjoyed. Isolation negatively impacts emotional and physical health.
- Financial scams targeting seniors have become so prevalent that they're now considered "the crime of the 21st century."
- With help, seniors are staying in their homes, aging with dignity, and holding on to their independence longer.

It's no surprise that seniors want to "age in place," in their homes, neighborhoods, and communities. Who wants to go to a nursing home? I don't! Yet many homes and communities lack the structural features and supportive services that can make living there independently a safe, realistic option. So how does successful aging in place happen? There are many companies you can hire for help, have family move in, or use a nonprofit's supportive services.

Neighbor Network is the local nonprofit dedicated to helping seniors with the issues they face today. Programs and services extend throughout Douglas County - rural and populous alike. There is no other organization in the county offering the no-cost volunteer services provided by Neighbor Network. Some seniors would be forced to move prematurely into an assisted living or nursing facility if Neighbor Network were no longer available to them.

Volunteer drivers take seniors to medical appointments, grocery stores, to visit loved ones in the hospital, and run local errands. Volunteer companions provide one-to-one friendly visits, phone calls, and support to isolated members who are alone. Handyman and home maintenance volunteers keep seniors safe in their homes by installing grab bars, wheelchair ramps and per-

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forming other light duties that are difficult for older members to handle. Volunteer homemakers provide light housekeeping services, such as laundry and vacuuming. Grocery shopping and cooking meals are offered to older members who are recovering from surgery or facing other factors that impact their mobility. The information and assistance line takes 1,000 calls per month from seniors, caregivers, families and community members.

Neighbor Network is anticipating a significant increase in requests for senior services and assistance over the next few years. Community collaboration is one of the strongest tools we have in supporting successful aging in place. Get involved with us, volunteer, donate, refer a senior. By working together, we will make help shape the face of aging in Douglas County. We want our seniors not just to survive; we want them to THRIVE!

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IN MEMORY OF...



Ardyce Ruth Karabatsos, March 10, 1936 - July 28, 2016

Ardyce Ruth (Fiser) Karabatsos of Perry Park Ranch passed away on Thursday July 28, 2016, after a long battle with cancer. She

is survived by Pete, her husband of 62 years, daughters Mary Malsch (Rob) of Houston, Texas, and Anne Horton (Chris) of Larkspur, grandchildren Madison and Jake Malsch and Brogan and Tierney Horton, sisters Margye Bobbitt and Eunice Clark and many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Ardyce was a teacher (retired in 2000), but volunteer work was another major contribution. She was a 4-H leader for many years. She ran the 4-H horse show at the Douglas County Fair in Colorado for over 10 years; she was a Douglas County Fair Board member for 11 years and was instrumental in establishing the tractor pull at the fair that continues to this day as a major fair event.

A group dear to her heart, that she and her husband Pete helped establish, was the Colorado Agricultural Leadership Foundation (CALF), an organization that works to connect people of all ages and abilities to agriculture through education, community and events.

As a dedicated supporter of youth, Ardyce requested that donations be made to one of the following organizations in lieu of flowers:

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You can also make a scholarship donation online at <http://apha.com/foundation>

WALT'S WORDS

Walt Korinke...

Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please. ~ Mark Twain



CASTLE ROCK – Ground breaking is underway at the three parcels known as **BURT at CASTLEROCK** which is located on Wilcox (frontage road) to I-25S adjacent to the new World Compass Academy and the Plum Creek Church (formerly



Duke's Restaurant) about a 1/2-mile south of MedVed. Originally zoned by Burt for an auto sales mall about a decade ago, the sites were recently acquired by the developer of World Compass Academy and rezoned for light industrial use. The largest parcel is 38.6 acres and will house a variety of small industrial/office/warehouse buildings. The second site is 3.5 acres and will have four buildings totaling 46,875 square feet of flexible warehouse, traditional storage, incubator warehouse and small business space. The remaining 0.9-acre parcel will also provide office/warehouse/light industrial space. The developers currently have two tenant prospects; one is a local tenant that has outgrown its current space and wants to build a two story, part warehouse, part office building. The other prospect is seeking a light industrial building. Hopefully, this is just a kick start for more development on the south side of town.

Most of the major earth shifting is over at the Promenade at Castle Rock and the development is starting to show. The walls are up for the **King Sooper Marketplace with a challenging November 16 opening projected**, and the



Sam's Club and the shops at the top of the hill are also expected to open this November along with the new I-25 interchange. Two new retail announcements include a **Bank of America**

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branch bank and a 6,500 square foot **CAR WASH EXPRESS**.

Rumor has it that a Murdoch's will open in the vacated King Sooper location on the east side of I-25.

On the center of the western boundary Of the Promenade area, a key 15.2-acre parcel (block 3B) has been sold by the developer Alberta Group to the



Embrey Partners who will be developing the 312 unit **LEDGES AT THE PROMENADE** which will pretty much overlook the entire development and much of the surrounding valley. Residents will be able to walk to the adjacent shops and restaurants, have quick access via the new I-25 access that passes by their door, or just sit on their balconies and enjoy the view. Based in San Antonio, Texas, the 42-year-old company has over 40 million square feet of multifamily and commercial properties spread over 10 states, which they developed, partnered, manage and operate. They are currently developing a luxury 250-unit multi-family project in Ken Caryl Ranch and are anxious to get shovels in the ground at the Promenade.

With all the Castle Rock growth and the governmental needs



to service it, the Town has been actively following a Town-wide site and facility planning process with expansions of sev-

eral of the service facilities to date. Now it is time for the Town Hall to catch up. The bidding process has begun for expansion of the **TOWN HALL** which will include a new entrance, lobby expansion and remodel, additions to the second and third floors, additional conference rooms, bathrooms and break rooms.

COLORADO SPRINGS – Opening next spring, Colorado Springs' first **LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE**. The 5,600 square foot, 80 to 100 seat restaurant is under construction at



the Southwest corner of Powers Boulevard and Barnes Road in the new Powers Pointe Retail Center. Longhorn is one of the Darden group of restaurants that includes Olive Garden (two in

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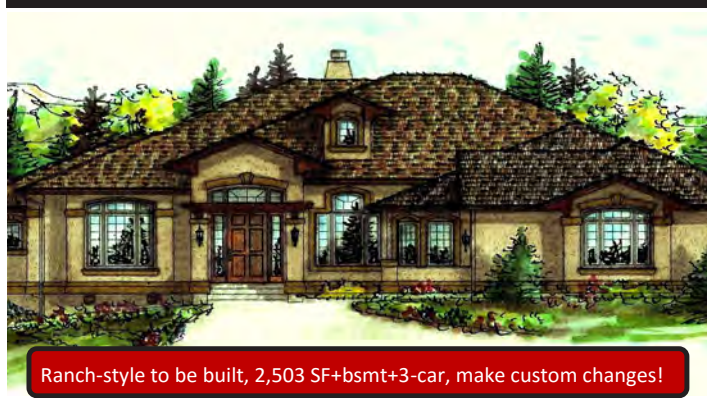
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the Springs), The Capital Grille and Bahama Breeze. This will be the fourth Longhorn in Colorado. It joins over 479 Longhorns in 40 states growing from its start in Atlanta in 1981. It was added to the Darden Group in 2007. You can expect a full-service restaurant known for its boldly seasoned steaks, “Outlaw Ribeye,” parmesan crusted chicken, Atlantic salmon and of course, baby-back ribs. Other major tenants at this cross-road are Costco, Hobby Lobby, etc.



It has been about a year since **GORDMANS** announced plans to open their second Colorado Springs off-price department store in the Chapel Hills Mall, taking the second floor space of the

former J.C. Penney store which has been vacant since its closure in 2014. Gordmans has commenced staffing efforts and is now approaching its opening, which is still unannounced, but you can bet they will be ready for the fall Christmas shopping season. The chain recently celebrated its 100th anniversary (not many old timers left), starting as a small clothing store in Omaha. The Chapel Hills store will bring their store count to 106. Gordmans bills itself as a “value-priced department store” and selling apparel footwear, furniture and toys, jewelry and accessories with both in store and on-line sales. Brand names for less with savings to 60 percent off of regular department stores is their mode of operation.



Ethan Allen has moved out of its store at 7298 North Academy (near the Home Depot), and with an amazing change to the building, the 61-year-old, 115 store **NATURAL GROCERS** chain has moved

from its former location just down the street into a new, larger 18,000 square foot facility. Equity Ventures Commercial Development recently purchased the store from Ethan Allen for \$3.9 million and remodeled and leased the store to Natural Grocers.



No more misoyaki salmon or braised lamb shank to tempt your taste buds as the Academy Road anchored **EL-PHANT BAR** closes its only Colorado Springs restaurant. You can still

enjoy their Global cuisine prepared from scratch and cooked in woks in about two dozen locations in six western states including two restaurants in Denver.

The latest addition to the Bass Pro Complex of shops off North Academy on Bass Pro Drive will be **BRASS TAP** which is currently under construction with a planned opening scheduled for February



20 at 11:11 a.m. The Brass Tap is an 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. A growing franchise operation,

the first Brass Tap was opened in Wesley Chapel, Florida in 2008. Add daily music and entertainment to the mix and you have a unique and friendly atmosphere where you can also keep track of the latest sports events on the many large screen tvs.

Got nothing to do between Christmas and New Year’s? You might want to bring the family to the new 50,000 square foot indoor water park that opens on Dec. 26th after a long renovation



of the failed Renaissance convention center/hotel in Colorado Springs’ InterQuest Marketplace. The property sat vacant and unfinished for over a decade when Great Wolf Resorts acquired it last year and began the remodeling to add a water park in the original convention space, and ready the hotel for its first

occupancy. Amazing what you can do with \$90 million to spend on the upgrades. The **GREAT WOLF LODGE** will offer



many other activities along with the water park including game rooms, indoor golf, water slides, wave pools, various eating facilities and of course a hotel room – you never have to leave the resort. The only problem for locals, is that you **MUST** get a room for the night if you want to use the waterpark!

LARKSPUR – Looks like Perry Park has a winner with the



third go-around at building **The RETREAT at PERRY PARK**.

Following two efforts by undercapitalized developers and a failed bank, Dave Putman (Aspen Builders) has his act together. His project calls for 40 condominium two-plex units built in stages as the market permits. Following a very successful open house last month with over 250 visitors, three of his first four nearly completed units are under contract, and two more of his first-phase homes are sold and



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will break ground soon with construction beginning this fall for an early 2017 completion. Phase 2 will also commence shortly with a delivery in late 2017. The first actual closing is scheduled for August with sales running in the mid to upper \$500's based on the current buyers taste for upgrades.

Other **real estate activity in Perry Park** – year to date through July, 24 homes have closed and one new home completion. An additional seven homes are under contract for \$4.4 million, and another 20 properties are in various stages of construction.

MONUMENT – Directly across from the Walmart/Home Depot Center in Monument at the southeast corner of the intersection of Leather Chaps

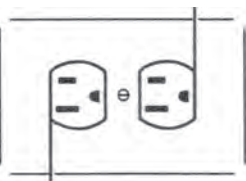


Drive and Jackson Creek Parkway, a new **MURPHY EXPRESS FUEL STATION** is about to break ground. The 1.28 site adjoins the new TSC store and will have an eight fueling pump facility along with a 1,200 square foot convenience store all covered by a 6,854 canopy. The façade will consist of stone brick and wood materials in a modern design harmonious with the other commercial properties in the area. Across the street on the north east corner the new **QDOBA** Restaurant is nearing completion.



On-going area information can be found on the FACEBOOK site “Perry Park Sentinel” and in postings as they occur on the site covering the many development activities along the I-25 corridor.

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DOUGLAS COUNTY MOTORCYCLING

Michael Stone...



I attended the 76th Sturgis Rally with my friend Charlie. The distance from Castle Rock to Keystone, South Dakota, is about 400 miles. Actual driving time is around six hours and 30 minutes. But you need to add some time to that for gas stops, food stops, and weather stops.

We left Castle Rock at 6 a.m. on a Monday. We stopped for gas on the north side of Loveland at about 7:30 and filled up. As we were getting ready to hit the road, disaster struck. Charlie's battery was dead as a flat skunk. He had gotten a brand new battery prior to the trip, but it was out of juice. Fortunately, we were only six miles away from a Harley dealer, so I rode there to see if we could get a tech to come out and help. Being a Monday, they told me we would have to get the bike towed, but they could service it when it came in. We called “Willies” motorcycle towing and arranged the tow. Three and a half hours later, the bike was ready to go. Whoever installed the battery had failed to connect the negative terminal correctly, and that was the problem. Out \$106 for Willie, and \$112 for the “Stealer,” but back on the road. .

As we approached Newcastle, Wyoming, there were very dark clouds to the east, and the weather band warned of hail the size of tennis balls and a possible tornado. So we stopped at a roadside rest stop. Many other bikers were there, and we had a good time swapping stories and waiting for clearer weather, but it was another 30 minute delay. Then we drove to Newcastle to fill up. Got gas there and arrived in Keystone JUST before dark.

Woke up the next morning and planned a ride to the Vendor show in Rapid City. We took off in the morning for Spearfish, going through Lead and Deadwood. About 10 miles south of Deadwood, we were surprised by four deer who had decided crossing the road was a good idea. Thank goodness for ABS brakes. Charlie was leading, and he saw the first deer cross the road. He slowed down, knowing there would probably be more. As the second rider, I gave an alert to the riders behind me. Everyone slowed down, and the deer crossed safely. More important, the 40-50 riders behind us were safe. Good one, Charlie!

Tuesday, the Vendor show in Rapid City was OK, but Harley had moved the demo ride location to Sturgis, so that was not available. Prices were CRAZY. Six bucks for a bottle of water? Although we left rather early, we got rained on between Rapid City and Keystone.

Wednesday was a trip to the north. Stopped in Belle Fouche at the Stone House Saloon for ice water. We were just amazed at

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the number of drunken bikers at 11 a.m. and decided to leave. We then went to Devil's Tower, which is pretty amazing. Having a lifetime "Senior National Parks Pass" we got in for free. Then we drove on to Sundance, Wyoming. It was hot and humid and we didn't stay very long. Then back on the road to Spearfish, Rapid City, and back to Keystone. Of course, it rained on us from Rapid to Keystone.

Thursday was our Sturgis day. We rode to Spearfish for breakfast, and then to Sturgis. We found a decent place to park, and then walked around for a while. It was HOT, so we went into an establishment to have some ice water. As a member of Veteran Bikers, we NEVER drink alcohol while riding. BUT, a manager approached me and told me to either remove my vest, or I would have to leave. I was astonished. He told me they don't allow any club oriented vests. It didn't matter if you were a Veteran, Police Officer, or Firefighter—NO club vests. So we left. But what a slap in the face. On Tuesday, wearing the same vest, we went to a Perkins restaurant in Rapid City. They gave me a 10 percent Veteran discount. And, lest we forget, we got more rain on the ride home to Keystone on Thursday.

Friday, we decided to go see the Southern Black Hills. Rode down to Hot Springs and then north back to Custer. Not stressful, but not much to see either. In Custer, we got some Rally T-shirts as they had been marked down significantly.

Saturday was departure day. We rode a little south of Keystone and took a road that led us by Mount Rushmore. It's pretty cool. You can see everything and avoid the \$11 entrance fee. It was about 42 degrees when we started, but it got warm in a hurry. We stopped again in Newcastle, and got gas. A little bit further west of Newcastle, the urge struck, so we pulled off into a rest stop. There was a tour bus there full of Asian tourists. They swarmed over to our bikes to take pictures of the big Harleys. We got many "thumbs up" salutes and it was really fun to interact with them. To me, those moments are priceless. Wherever I go, I can gain new friends, or just talk to people about common interests.

Driving south through Wyoming, I love to see the sign that says "Welcome to Colorful Colorado." At that point, I know it's about 100 miles from home. We had ridden over 300 miles, and the motorists had been very courteous, and very aware. It doesn't change when we get to Colorado. Most motorists are awesome, but there are always a few who aren't. Some goof-ball yelled at us and flipped us off and we're still trying to figure out why. I guess we were going too slow to suit him since he was going about 90 mph. Somebody else with a diesel engine gunned it while they passed us, spreading noxious fumes in our faces. I hope the bird flipper and the noxious fume person are happy. We are just happy to be home. If you feel better by flipping the bird or gassing us with diesel fumes, OK. We just want to ride safely and get from point A to point B. I'm pretty sure that this is a common goal, no matter what your vehicle of choice may be. Thank you for being courteous.

And thank you to the *Perry Park Sentinel* for giving me the opportunity to share this with all of you readers. I sure hope you enjoy the column as much as I enjoy writing about motorcycling.

Column ideas and any comments can be sent to me at stoneman1951@msn.com.

NEWS FROM THE LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD Ken Sanders...

This year has been one of transitions for the LFPD Board of Directors. Maynard Kealiher and Cynthia Applegate have concluded their terms in office as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. The board expresses its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to both Maynard and Cynthia for their commitment to the Larkspur Fire Protection District. In addition, we would like to thank David Vance who served in an interim basis from last September when Maynard moved.



Cynthia Applegate receiving an Appreciation Plaque from Chief Stuart Mills.

Peggy Whalen (President), Bruce Roman, and Robert Danti (Treasurer) continue on the board and are joined by Mike Grill and Ken Sanders (Secretary).

Mike Grill is the Director of Pre-hospital Services for Centura Health's South Denver EMS Team. He has been certified at the national level as a paramedic since 1989 and currently holds certification as a paramedic in the state of Colorado. In a previous life, Mike was a Captain/Paramedic with the Sierra Vista (Arizona) Fire Department, where he retired in 2007 after 23 years of service. In 2008 Mike became the Assistant Director of Allied Health programs at Cochise Community College, located in Southeastern Arizona. Mike has had the opportunity to travel extensively and present Fire/EMS-related topics at over

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200 conferences in the United States, Canada and Mexico. He has published numerous articles for fire and EMS trade journals as well as co-authoring two textbooks - *Fire Service First Responder* and *First Responder Resiliency*.



The current LFPD board, left to right - Mike Grill, Bruce Roman, Peggy Whalen, Robert Danti, Ken Sanders

Ken Sanders has lived in Colorado since 1984, having moved here when he was assigned to Fort Carson. After coming off active duty Ken remained in Colorado because he considers it the most beautiful place in the world. Ken continued in the mili-

tary, retiring recently as a Navy Commander. He and his wife, Ginny, moved to the Perry Park area two years ago and became very aware of the issues facing our Fire District due to the weak economy at the time and the challenges of living in and around so many trees. He became chair of the Citizens for Larkspur Fire Protection District, a grassroots organization designed to help pass the 5A mil levy to help fund Fire and Emergency Services. Ken has joined the LFPD Board because he is committed to supporting the efforts of our fire fighters, paramedics, and Chief Stuart Mills, and because of his desire to see the Larkspur Fire Protection District remain the high quality organization we all depend on.

Board priorities in the coming months will be formulating the budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

The annual LFPD Open House and Chili Cook-off will take place on Saturday, October 8th from 1:00 – 5 p.m. This event will take place at Station 161 in Larkspur. The board hopes you can join us in showing our appreciation for the hard work that our Fire Department personnel does to keep us safe.

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AUGUST NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT

Jim Matchett...



The August 2016 meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District board was held on the 17th. All directors participated in the meeting. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the July 20th regular meeting, and that approval was unanimous. Disbursements totaling \$ 101,930.86 were then unanimously approved.

Continued from the July 20th board meeting was the resolution of the Elati Mainline Extension Acceptance. The resident involved was present and after a full discussion with the district manager Diana Miller, Semocor, and various board members, agreement was reached. The District will issue the permit for his water supply, and he can then proceed with Douglas County and construction.

With regard to pending funding issues, the district manager advised the board that preliminary discussions had begun with Ehlers, a Public Finance Consultancy, and Ben Gelt, a Public Affairs Consultant. Representatives from both will be present at the upcoming September Board Meeting.

Next, the District Systems Report for July submitted by Semocor was reviewed. It was noted that water sales were up roughly 20 percent over the same period last year. Overall activity in District Operations for July is best described as "normal operations." The Monthly Staff Report submitted by the District Manager was then reviewed. The most notable item here was the "crashing" of the District's main computer hard drive. Thanks to back up systems, no data was lost and after purchase and installation of a new drive, regular operations resumed.

There was no further audience participation and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. As always, further information is available on the District website, www.ppwsd.org.

WHAT'S UP AT THE METRO BOARD?

Walt Korinke...

All board members were present at the August 5 meeting along with Tony Perconti, Keith Worley, Steve Rea and Ken Sanders.



VISITORS - Ken Sanders discussed his concerns for the traffic behavior in the park, excessive speed on Red Rock, driver behavior at the entrance, and the need for additional ingress/egress. Board response included information on the current county surveying for potential turn lanes at the entrance, District efforts to install a new traffic warning sign on Red Rock, and the history regarding a second ingress/egress road for the Park which was voted down by the community residents.

MINUTES – The minutes for the August District meeting

were reviewed and approved. They are available on the website www.perrypark.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financials – Aug 4, 2016



Receipts	\$ 33,737
Disbursements	\$ 14,179
Cash Account	\$476,971

There were 18 expense items. Major expenditures included \$8,650 for the remainder of the spring slash pickup, and \$1,870 for additional trail survey markings. Additional major expenditures will occur once the trail system construction commences.

TUSSOCK MOTH – This year's aerial spray was perfectly



timed for the larvae hatching, and inspections indicate very few survivors. We have our fingers crossed with the hope that the Tussock Moth invasion has been contained. We plan to reserve funds for a possible spray next

year, however contemplate that it will not be needed. There is little hope for life for many of the taller trees affected, but the younger undergrowth appears to be recovering, though it will take some time for it to be evident.

DAFFODIL PROGRAM – Thanks to our new web programing,



the Daffodil sign ups were completely filled within one day. The bulbs are being ordered and will be distributed to participants at the Gateway Entrance once they are received. A notice will be sent when they are available.

TRAIL AND BUFFER PROJECT – Keith Worley advised that the surveying and posting is pretty much complete, measurements are in process and request for bids will go out within the next 60 days. Once cost data is available for the initial phase and mapping is completed, the District will provide the details on the proposed trail system to residents.

PARKS: GATEWAY, GILLOON, WAUCONDA, BIG D

– Douglas County has surveyed the Gateway entrance to the park and the curve just to the South of the entrance and is in the planning process for safety features and potential turn lanes for the entrance. They were in the process a couple of years ago of planning major changes to the I-25 corridor including our entry point and curve, the Palmer Lake curve and adding three-foot wide lanes to the corridor that would handle bike traffic. However, the project got shelved. Hopefully this effort makes it to fruition. Our plans for rejuvenation of the Gateway entrance are on hold until the county completes its plans as any road changes will affect the frontage.

The summer heat has slowed our progress clearing the reeds at

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Gilloon Pond, but we are pleased that our new manual equipment works well and expect to continue the removal process in the fall when board member Chris Korinke puts on his rubber suit and wades into the pond again.



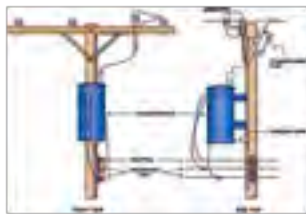
Randy Johnson has been obtaining bids for noxious weed control in all three park areas. We plan on a fall spraying effort. The prime target is the cheat grass.

TECH ISSUES – Four Mobile CB phones have been ordered for future emergency control use.



Douglas County Traffic has been formally requested to provide permission to install a new electronic speed control sign on the western downhill slope of Red Rock Road to be located where original signage used to be located, and where folks tend to increase speed heading down hill.

Jim Cassidy is leading the effort to institute a resident survey



on IREA's electrical service (or lack of) in the Park. Keith Worley and Derek Meredith plan to meet with IREA Engineering in an effort to kick start electric infrastructure improvements. There are several different electric zones in the Park, and all

have different problems as the lines, both highline and buried, are showing their age. The all-too-frequent outages and spurts are both inconvenient and expensive when the surges blow residents' tvs, computers and telephones. The Metro District is hopeful we can encourage IREA to take some action. Watch for our on-line survey in the near future.

SLASH PICK-UP – It is time to start your planning for the **Fall Slash Pick-up** which takes place the month of **October**. Street stacking should start 30 days prior to the pick-up; earlier stacking is a fire risk and should be avoided. Stack it HIGH and one big pile, please. Weather permitting, a February burn of this year's collected slash is planned.

FREE MULCH – What's left of the mulch piles this fall will be spread and burned with the slash. The free mulch program will cease to exist after this season.

RESIDENT MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM – Forty-

one grants have been issued to date (max 50) – nine remain and going fast. About one-fourth of the mitigation has been completed and grant funds paid out. All work must be



completed and paid out by December. This is the third year for this program, and it has proven successful in encouraging contractor mitigation while sharing some of the cost with residents. Thanks to all taking advantage of the efforts to reduce the overall community fire risk.

ROAD REPAIRS - Douglas County repaired the sinking trench crossing Red Rock Road between Cheyenne and Bannock, providing a smooth surface that no longer threatens your car's axles. Thanks DC!

OTHER MATTERS – Randy Johnson presented a preliminary draft of an informational brochure that outlines all the District activities supporting fire safety in Perry Park in an effort to assist residents in their insurance shopping efforts.

The board reviewed our policy for permitting public signage at the Gateway entrance and approved its continuance. On-going unpermitted signage creates both a safety distraction to drivers and left alone, creates a jungle of unwanted signage. The District continues to remove unpermitted signs while providing a permitting process for such signs that is useful to the community i.e. short term Open House, Charity, and other meaningful information – No ads!

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

Please go to the District website – www.perrypark.org

Metro Board Members:

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

Metro Board meetings are held at the Perry Park County Club the first Thursday of each month and will commence at 5 p.m. sharp.

BEAR WISE



Howdy, folks! Happy Labor Day. I don't fully understand why you call it "Labor Day" and then stay home from work on that date. Wouldn't it be more accurate to call it "It's late summer and I need an excuse for a holiday"? Oh well, it's just one more quirky thing you humans do - like leaving your full trash cans out all night for us black bears and then getting upset when we accept your invitation to dine at your

place. Go figure.

Speaking of dining....be advised we are entering that time of year when putting on pounds for our up-coming winter hibernation is top priority. Fortunately, we have a bumper crop of wild

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red berries and crunchy acorns to feast on this year. Remember though, easy and accessible food inadvertently provided by you rules over healthy natural choices in our minds. Please don't give us the choice.

I snapped a couple of pictures of this beaut snacking on berries locally on August 18th just before the deadline for this article. Thanks, Dude.



Indomitable Spirit

A New Jersey black bear that walks upright on its two hind legs has become a social media darling this summer back east. The bipedal bear nicknamed "Pedals" lives in the Oak Ridge, New Jersey, area. According to local reports, Pedals is missing his right front paw –probably the result of a bear trap or car accident - and has learned to get around as well as a human by walking upright. In fact some people thought he was a person dressed up in a bear suit.

Lawrence Hajna, spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Protection, said officials expect Pedals to make it through this winter just fine. "The bear has an indomitable spirit," Hajna said.

Last year, supporters pushed for Pedals to be moved to a sanctuary in New York State, but New Jersey officials have said they won't allow the bear to be captured and transferred to the facility. Hajna said the bear would do better in its natural habitat and the agency would step in if its condition deteriorated. The local wildlife department actually has a three-year record on Pedals. Their latest observations are that Pedals seems to be eating well

and has successfully survived at least three winter hibernations and the infamous local bear hunting season despite his impairment or "imbearment" if you will. Rumor has it that Pedals is booked solid for area Halloween parties appearances this fall where he will show up in his --you guessed it-- "bear costume," begging for treats. Just kidding.

To watch a Pedals video, go to: <https://youtu.be/Mk-HHyGRSRw> You go Pedals! Send your local pictures, videos and bear stories to: wisebeary@gmail.com

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A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Susan Peters...

Those Mutant Houseflies...Autumn Serenades...Short Takes

The Waning Summer and Guess Who is Coming to Dinner

As summer leaves us – too soon!!! – the many signs remind us of the upcoming long winters. Not just the cooler and shorter days, but the abundance of aster, golden rod, cattails, and sunflowers that carpet the land – the purples and yellows of late summer. The bearberries have ripened and the prolific acorns and pine cones serve to provide nature with an abundance of winter food.



And as I type this, the pesky houseflies are warming themselves on my computer and body while begging for handouts. An unintentional experiment proved that there are more effective ways to put them out of their misery versus using a fly swatter or a fly zapper. I had a housefly invite itself into the refrigerator while I was cleaning it – something that it obviously felt that it was better suited to do than me. It would not come out, and I have not seen it since, dead or alive.

Then hubby Dave told me that he warmed up his cup of coffee while one clung to the inside window of the microwave. It flew out unscathed. But be warned, there may be future generations of mutant houseflies. So this was a curiosity that needed resolution. Google to the task. One person claimed that a fly survived three minutes in his microwave. The explanation is simple. The microwave rays, or death rays, as one person calls them, do not cover the entire microwave interior. There are plenty of un-zapped areas like corners and between rays for a fly to escape. The rays are fixed in position. Only by using a carousel or hand-stirring food does it cook evenly.

If you were to place an ant on a carousel platter, it would not fare so well, as it does not have the agility to be able to move as quickly as a fly to safe areas.

Hint: this may make a good science fair project for a young teen.

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Nature's Autumn Entertainment

As evening sets in, the nocturnal crickets are very much a part of the late-fall happenings. Their leg rubbings fill the evenings. Ah, but that is a wives' tale about the legs. The males have a special organ on a forewing that is comb-like. At the rear edge of the wing they have a kind of scraper that they use to rasp on the organ of the other leg, this process being called stridulation. They also have a thick membrane used to amplify and resonate the sound.

Crickets have "chirps" for various purposes: the courting chirp to attract a female; the triumphant chirp to announce a successful mating and then grab a beer followed by a nap, and the aggressive chirp to ward off male competitors entering their territory. Scary. And they must have a Jiminy Cricket temptation chirp.

Speaking of wives' tales, my late mother-in-law seemed to know how to come up with a house full of crickets regularly. She said that it was bad luck to kill a cricket. So she would start in the attic, progressing down each floor, sweeping them as she went. Out the front door for them. But it was more fun for them to drive her nuts, so they would sneak right back into the house.

All it takes is a passing siren to hear the coyote chorale performance. One emergency vehicle as far away as 105, a good mile or more away, sparked a frenzy of howls that rivaled the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

But you can hear the coyotes any time of year. Now, the elk are a different story. They need a good rutting season, beginning in mid-September to belt out a rousing bugle, as the males attract the babes and challenge their rivals. Cherokee Ranch in Seda-lia offers a number of evenings to sip wine from the balcony and watch and listen to the elk put on their finest performances. Check out their website for the schedule.

A warning on the coyotes: we frequently see them on and around our property, usually alone, but sometimes in pairs or even a rare pack. Usually large dogs have no problems unless a hunting pack decides to gang up on one, as it did on a golden retriever in north Larkspur. Small dogs are the same as rabbits to them. Only too often I hear of dogs as large as springer spaniels being hauled off. We lost a dachshund this way in a Colorado Springs park. We recently fostered a yellow lab puppy and he was sprayed with Apple Bitter for every property outing, our never knowing when a coyote would pop out and grab him, even with our larger dogs around. We also outfitted him with a bell as another deterrent. Bears, foxes, and mountain lions would not mind a fat, warm puppy either.

Short Takes

OK, the rufous hummingbirds were late to the party at our house. But they did not disappoint with their aggressive feeder behavior – quite the performance. Their leaving left it very

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CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

INSTRUCTORS FOR SEWING, QUILTING, KNITTING AND CROCHET. Sew Motion – Fabric, Notions and More, 862 Hwy 105, 719-481-1565

HOUSE CLEANING

No energy to clean? Let Larry & Sue at **FRENCH TOUCH CLEANING** help. Reasonable rates since '98! 303-681-2795 Leave Message

Busy? Tired? Coming home to a dirty house can be stressful. I can help you with Athat. Call me, April, with **April's Fresh Cleaning** at 719-492-5947 for an in home estimate.

Sparkle Y Cleaning - Flora Arrazola Insured 15 Years of Experience Free Estimates References Available 303 - 968 - 4907 or arrazolacleaning@gmail.com

LANDSCAPE, TREE & MITIGATION

RAMPART LANDSCAPE & ARBOR SVC - Fire Mitigation, tree pruning/removals, mistletoe management, Susan Rule 303-681-2085

AFFORDABLE TREE CARE: tree removal, pruning, fire mitigation, scrub oak removal & pruning, preventive beetle spraying, Douglas-fir tussock moth control, deep root watering, noxious weed control. 303.681.2092 <http://www.edthetreeguy.com/>

SERVICES

CALL ME - for yard work, gutter cleaning, house/pet sitting, airport trips, dump runs, moving or any odd jobs - Nicholas 303-681-2105.

HANDYMAN SERVICES - Mountain Man Home Renovation, Repair & Landscaping. Yard Cleanup for October Slash P/U. Get on Snow Removal schedule. Call Paul 720.955.8504.

TUTORING AND LESSONS

TUTORING High school and college composition and literature. Retired college professor can probably teach you all you need to know in three or four sessions. Post-session feedback, editing by email included in fee. \$25 hour. Karen Dale, 303-681-2504.

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E mail ads to ppsentinel@comcast.net (you will receive an acceptance receipt.) Charges and submission instructions will be advised via e mail after typesetting.

OR

Mail to PO Box 3784, Parker, CO 80134. Charges and submission instruction will be advised via telephone after typesetting.

Please include physical billing address.
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quiet, although many of the young hummers are still bellying up to the bar before last call and their exit.

Please leave out a feeder or two for the ones still migrating through this corridor.

With so many of the other birds like the grosbeaks and the wrens heading to warm winter climes – take me with you! I want to be a snowbird, too! – the songs lessen and lessen. Checked out are the brown-headed cowbirds – no real loss with their dominance of the feeders and other birds' nests - and the swallows.

It will be October until others brave the unpredictable elements and give up, like the Western bluebirds. We never saw any robins this summer, the first ever in the over 20 years in Larkspur. The Western tanagers more than made up for it.

And, hallelujah! Our nine gorgeous koi survived. They outwitted, outplayed, and outlasted the great blue herons and the ever-present garter snakes. One comes in from above, actually wading into the water, and the other slithers into the depths of the pond, waiting for a passing fish to munch on after a huge battle.

That's all folks, for this month. Gotta run – have to play medic to hubby Dave with his greatly swollen arm, courtesy of an angry yellow jacket when Dave disturbed it under the roof shingles.

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.

TEEN FOR HIRE

Hi! 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 chancecotham17@gmail.com

A trust worthy sixth grader looking for hire for pet sitting. Anywhere in the Larkspur/ Perry park area. To contact Kylie email kateandkylie910@gmail.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 Kylie email kateandkylie910@gmail.com or call 720-412-1567.

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