

The Perry Park

Sentinel

SEPTEMBER 2019

FALL—



A COLORADO RITUAL

Every year, toward the end of September, Coloradans take to the mountains in search of the perfect Aspen grove and the perfect fall-leaf picture. I must have twenty-five years of such pictures but never once, no matter how hard I tried, did a picture capture the true wonder of autumn colors in the Rocky Mountains on hillside after hillside. To see those wonderful colors, we plan our trips with hope. Worrying ourselves through September, we raise dozens of questions: Will they be early this year? Will it snow before they reach their peak? Where are the best viewing areas? And finally, if we're lucky, comes the perfect weekend—



blue skies, soft breezes, mountains ablaze with the yellows and oranges of autumn. Just go—a tradition that revels in such beauty should be carried on, year after year.

And may you someday capture that perfect picture of fall leaves in the Rockies. Enjoy the season.

~KDale



COLORADO ARTFEST AT CASTLE ROCK will be held at Festival Park in Downtown Castle Rock on **Saturday, September 7, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, September 8, 10 a.m. to 5 a.m.** This two-day event features more than 145 Artists from across the country. Continual live entertainment featuring popular musicians will provide a complimentary backdrop to this year's program. **Admission is free.** More details available at <https://castlerock.org/castle-rock-artfest/>

POKER NGHT! A group of locals has organized a poker night every two weeks. **The next game is September 9** and anyone in the 80118 area code is invited playing poker every 2 weeks. They are playing Texas Hold'em with a \$20 buy in of which one half goes toward the fireworks fund. Games start at 6:30 p.m. and run until 9:30 p.m. and are held at various members homes. Contact Craig Van Doorn at 918-697-9751 if you would like to join us.

BOOK CLUB will meet on **Tuesday, September 17, 10 a.m.** at the home of Barb Statkewitz, 6535 Wauconda Drive in Perry Park Ranch. The book for discussion is *Killers of the Flower Moon* by New Yorker staff writer, David Grann, true-life murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history, the murders of over 20 members of the Osage tribe in Oklahoma during the 1920s. The book for October is *Educated*, a memoir by Tara Westover. Both books are part of the DC Libraries' Book Club Express program so copies are available to book club members. For additional information, contact Carrie Murdoch, 307-760-0755 or carriejeanmurdoch@gmail.com.

WILDLANDER 2019 race event will take place at Sandstone Ranch on **September 21**. The events include a 5k walk/run and a 10k run on 2-track roads (no traffic); free children's 100 yard and 1/2 mile events; and a responder challenge. Teams of three or more from responder agencies may compete in the Jay Shaffer Memorial Cup Challenge. The Wildlander is organized by and benefiting the Larkspur Fire Department. The Wildland Firefighter Foundation (WFF) also receives a portion of each race entry. The WFF is a national organization that supports families of wildland firefighters killed or seriously injured the line of duty. For registration and additional information see the website at <https://wildlander.org/>.

SPRAY DAYS WILL CONTINUE THROUGH SEPTEMBER: All kids are welcome on Spray Days in Larkspur Park. LFPD supplies the spray—the kids supply the laughter. Sponsored by the Larkspur Moms Group, Spray Days will be between 2 and 4 p.m. on **September 10 and September 24**. Weather permitting, of course.

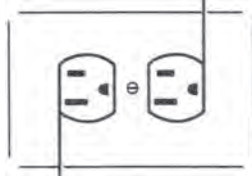
ONE MORE MOVIE NIGHT in Larkspur Park is scheduled for Friday, **September 20** at about 7:45 p.m. (or when it gets dark). Film to be announced. **TRAIL ETIQUETTE** is the subject of a video released by Douglas County Open Space.

Filmed at Dawson Butte Open Space near Larkspur, the video contains tips every hiker, biker and equestrian needs to know. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzc2ZbyGNqw&feature=youtu.be>.

LIGHTNING STRIKE IN PERRY PARK: During an afternoon thunderstorm on July 20, 2019, lightning struck the home of Gordon and Bobbie Terroux in Perry Park Ranch. Larkspur, Jackson Creek and Castle Rock fire departments responded quickly enough to prevent a total loss, and the Terrouxes are rebuilding and plan to return home as soon as possible.

LARKSPUR BLANKET BRIGADE makes quilts for anyone experiencing trauma, loss, adversity, or illness. If you know of anyone in need of little extra comfort, contact Gwen Underwood at gwenspur@icloud.com or 303-681-2125 or Cindy Hotaling at cjaspsjr@yahoo.com, 303-681-0374. We will arrange to get a quilt to you. We are a 501 (c)3 and we operate mainly with donations of fabric. If you have any extra fabric, batting or yarn, please consider donating to our group. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Perry Park Country Club. You do not need any special sewing skills because we only do the tying of the quilts when we meet. All you need to know how to do is thread a needle, so come join us!

AT LARKSPUR FREE LIBRARY, AKA THE BOOK EXCHANGE, the choices are nearly endless. Choose from 10,000 FREE adult books – fiction (ladies' romance to classics) and non-fiction (history, crafts, physics and more); 700 FREE movies (recent and classics); 600 FREE kid's books (picture books, young readers of all levels, and young adult); Dozens of FREE audio books; FREE games, puzzles, and toys. An entire building of gently used books, sorted, categorized and alphabetized for easy browsing. It is a premier resource for our friends and neighbors. Proudly supported by the town of Larkspur, the LFL is open **Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** No high cost, no lines, no cards, no due dates, no overdue fines. LFL is located at 9524 Spruce Mountain Road on the east side of the road. And yes, it's FREE. Really, actually, honestly FREE!! And no need to bring one to take as many as you can carry, because the LFL has plenty. We'll even give you a box. Come and check out what everyone is talking about. And of course, we always gladly accept donations. For more information, contact Cindy at 303-681-3046 or Krystine at 413-348-3579.



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Pete Dunbar

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RECYCLE OLD ELECTRONICS AND SHRED DOCUMENTS

Two recycling events will be held in Douglas County in September. Start collecting now!

Computer/Electronics Recycling Entry Fee \$5 per Vehicle

Saturday, September 14: Kaiser Permanente Parking Lot - 9285 Hepburn St., Highlands Ranch, 8-11 a.m.

The Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA) is hosting its bi-annual Computer and Electronics Recycling event where E-Tech Recyclers will properly and safely dispose of old electronic components that contain materials that are very harmful to our environment. Get rid of all that old computer clutter and do your part for a clean, safe environment! Get the data on your hard drives securely destroyed!

There is a suggested donation of \$20 benefiting the Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Association that brings free summer concerts to Highlands Ranch.

For event status during inclement weather, call 303-471-8888.

Saturday, September 21, 2019, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Echo Park Stadium,

11901 Newlin Gulch Road in Parker

NOTE: This is a drive-through event. Volunteers will unload your vehicle.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Three file boxes or kitchen-sized trash bags per person for paper shredding. All documents will be shredded onsite.
- All household electronics that plug into a wall, including televisions. There is no charge associated with electronic recycling (includes televisions).

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: Large home appliances including refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, etc.

Cash donation will benefit Douglas County Search and Rescue.

THE DOUGLAS COUNTY HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL ROUNDUP

makes it easy to drop off your household hazardous waste. Go to the Castle Rock Water utilities yard on Saturday, September 21, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (The utilities yard is located at 175 Kellogg Court, Castle Rock, west of I-25 and south of Santa Fe Drive.) Residents are encouraged to register in advance online at www.tchd.org/hcroundup.

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CASTLE ROCK

Proposed construction of New Apartments in The Terrain:

The Garrett Companies, on behalf of Poplar Investments, Inc., submitted an application for a site development plan (SDP) for an apartment building complex known as Caliber at Terrain, which is located in the northeast quadrant of Founders Parkway and State Highway 86. The SDP proposes 21 two-story apartment buildings containing 226 residential units, a clubhouse/leasing office, a pool, and a dog park. Parking is provided via 204 attached garage spaces and 212 surface parking spaces. The SDP will require public hearings before the Planning Commission for review and recommendation and Town Council for review and final decision.

Proposed Provision Bar:

Development Activity

FAST FACTS – 302 N. Wilcox Street - Provision Bar

downtown facade improvements Project# SDP19-0033

Description: The property owners of 302-304 N. Wilcox Street have submitted an application for downtown facade improvements for the new Provision Bar. The property's local historic landmark designation was removed earlier this summer, allowing the owners to submit facade improvements that would change the architectural style of the existing facade. The new facade would include mostly brick with stucco, metal accents, and fabric awnings.

Status: Please contact Town project manager for current status.

Construction schedule: unknown

Of note: This application requires a public hearing before the Design Review Board.

Contact: applicant: Sarah Miles, 970-648-8051, sarah.miles@thelocalmarket.com
 John Egbert, 970-648-8051, john.egbert@thelocalmarket.com
 Sam Adams, 970-293-2016, samadams@progen.com



stucco, metal accents and fabric awnings. Inside design of the Provision Bar is pending. Construction will commence soon.

Proposed Renovation of Funeral Home:

The Olinger Andrews Caldwell Gibson Chapel funeral home submitted an application to demolish their existing building at 407 Jerry Street to make way for a future renovation. Because part of the building was built around 1929, the property owner must get a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Board and approval from the Town Council to demolish the building. The property is not historically landmarked. However, demolition of any building built before 1945 within the historic downtown area requires the Historic Preservation Board's recommendation and Town Council approval prior to issuance of a demolition permit. Public hearings will be scheduled with the Historic Preservation Board and Town Council.

Encore Development Project:

Confluence Companies submitted an application to the Castle Rock Planning Commission for a Site Development Plan for 8, 14, and 20 N. Wilcox Street (including the Town Hall parking lot). The application proposes to build a seven-story building with mixed use retail and office space, 124 for-sale condominiums, and a large parking garage. The application

will require a public hearing before the Design Review Board. Council received an update on a potential development under consideration near Town Hall. Encore Castle Rock would bring a mix of office, retail and residential space on the block immediately south of Town Hall. The site would replace the old liquor store, two former car-care centers and the Town Hall parking lot. Once complete, the potential development would bring 300 public parking spaces, a new civic gathering location and the railroad quiet zone. Additional Council discussions on this topic are planned for the August 20th and September 3rd meetings.

Guarantee Bank and Trust Renovation Project:

On the NW corner of 5th Street and Wilcox, you will see a major renovation/construction project underway to completely change the appearance and design of the Guarantee Bank and Trust. There is chain link fencing surrounding the construction site; however, the bank remains open to serve customers. Once completed, this new structure will prove to be a welcomed addition to Castle Rock, adhering to the City of Castle Rock's 2030 Vision and Comprehensive Master Plan for development and architectural standards.

Founders Market Place:

A proposed 6,974 square foot building for mixed use retail is currently under preliminary consideration by the Town of Castle Rock. The site is located at the south end of the King Soopers center on N. Ridge Road. What commercial or retail will occupy this space is yet to be determined.

Also, at Founders Market Place there is a proposal submitted to the Town of Castle Rock to construct a 5,440 Square Foot Express Car Wash. It will include a 132 foot-long wash tunnel, with an 800 square foot second level tower form that will house the owner's office, restrooms and storage area. It will include 34 parking spaces, 27 of which will be used to vacuum and wipe down vehicles.

301 Jerry Street Sushi Restaurant

The Town of Castle Rock is currently reviewing a proposal to construct a one-story building that will be used as a restaurant serving Japanese sushi dishes. The existing house located on the west end of the lot will be demolished. The existing house located on the east portion of the site will be re-purposed for a use yet to be determined.

The Castle Rock Promenade Development Projects:

La Loma Restaurant is now under construction, located in the Promenade, directly behind the new Chick-Fil-A. Projected opening is in the fall of 2019. La Loma is a Mexican Kitchen restaurant concept. On Yelp, customers consistently rate La Loma in Denver as 4.5 stars and "one of the best" Mexican restaurants. One appeal of this Mexican restaurant is their fish-bowl-size margaritas, and it's family-friendly, cantina atmosphere. The site for this new restaurant should afford customers an excellent view of the Front Range toward Castle Pines and beyond. There will be ample outdoor patio seating available to patrons.

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Whole Foods will be opening a store in Castle Rock in early 2020. The natural-grocery supermarket chain has signed a 20-year lease for space in Promenade, the 166-acre retail development just north of the Outlets at Castle Rock between I-25 and Highway 85.

Alberta Development Partners acquired the Promenade land in 2014 for \$44 million and construction on the one million-square-foot development is planned for completion in 2021. The Amazon Effect

Whole Foods, which was purchased by Amazon last year for some \$13.7 billion, calls itself “America’s Healthiest Grocery Store” and was already considered the nation’s largest organic grocer even before the Amazon merger, but the company had been reeling for years due to increased competition, and store sales had lagged for seven straight quarters when Amazon purchased it. There are nearly 500 Whole Foods locations in North America and the United Kingdom. Soon you too can shop locally at a Whole Foods near you!

More **retail** stores are coming to the Promenade soon! I will continue to monitor and report future development projects.

Castle Rock Parks and Recreation:

Zach S. Parrish III Memorial Park: There is a brand new park in the town of Castle Rock! This is a must see! The official dedication and opening of this park was held on August 17th with a grand opening celebration and free food, games and fun for the entire family. This 5.5 acre park, located at the intersection of Low Meadow Blvd. and Red Hawk Drive, includes six pickle ball courts, bocce ball, cornhole and horseshoes, a large and state-of-the-art playground, picnic shelters, trails and a multi-use field. The construction budget for this park was \$2.2 million, funded through growth-related impact fees paid by developers.

LARKSPUR TRAVEL CENTER



Larkspur is a small, “Home Rule” town with a population of 210 permanent residents. The local developer, Tim Dumler, has put into motion the construction of a large truck stop and travel center on I-

25, just on the edge of the town. This proposed truck stop was placed before the voters in Larkspur and was approved via a special election ballot. Up for debate and vote was a 3.3 acre

parcel of land that was originally designated as open space for Larkspur. This was owned by the town. The Larkspur Town Council approved by unanimous vote to convert this space into a planned development area. Developer Dumler, according to their own website proposes the following amenities for the Travel Center:

The new Larkspur Travel Center includes a large convenience store, food court, indoor and outdoor seating areas, a dog park, 32 fueling stations, an RV specific island and electric vehicle charging stations.

The new Larkspur Travel Center is designed to cater to the smaller daily delivery truck drivers and the thousands of commuters and tourists who pass by every day. However, Mr. Dumler’s project has experienced considerable opposition from local residents and held accountable by Federal and State regulatory agencies. His project has been delayed until multiple issues are resolved. The land has since been cleared and grading has begun. It appears that this large-scale construction project is on hold with no resolution imminent.



PALMER LAKE

Unfortunately, the Stube, a small German-inspired restaurant in Palmer Lake is going out of business. The casual German restaurant grew out of Michael Fullman’s childhood dream of owning a hotdog or hamburger stand, and the German food that is April’s heritage. Her paternal grandmother moved to the U.S. from Germany when she was 12. April grew up loving the food her grandmother served at Christmas. Many of The Stube’s recipes were inspired by Gustav’s, the couple’s favorite German pub and grill in Portland, Oregon. When April and Michael were too busy to eat at their wedding reception, they went to Gustav’s after the festivities ended, still wearing a wedding gown and tux.

The building that houses The Stube originally served as the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Station Agent’s house in 1883. Many years later it was converted into a restaurant. When the For Sale sign was posted on the historic building, April and Michael bought it. Just recently, the Fullmans announced that they will be selling this business and or sell/lease the building. Let’s hope that someone buys it who has a similar vision and culinary passion for great food and customer service!

CASTLE PINES VILLAGE

The Bundt Shoppe is now open in Castle Pine Village located at 7437 Village Square Dr. #125

Castle Pines, CO. One of several shops along the Denver-Metro area, this shop bakes some extra special bundt cakes which are

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designed specially for occasions such as weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Since the 1950s, American homes have been warmed by the aroma of a Bundt cake rising to the occasion, whether it be for a family celebration or a gesture of appreciation. Today's

family still longs for that "front porch" feeling of hospitality and gatherings from days gone by. The Bundt Shoppe brings a bit of nostalgic past into the present with deliciously moist, yet simply elegant gourmet Bundt cakes. Here is their website: <http://thebundtshoppe.com/#ixzz5x5V8II9h>.

NEWS FROM THE LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Cindy Applegate, Secretary-Board of Directors...

Call Review: Between July 1 and July 31, 2019, LFPD had a total of 149 calls compared to 110 calls for the same time frame in 2018; an increase of 39 calls (26.17 percent).

Between January 1 and July 31, 2019, we LFPD ran a total of 698 calls compared to 583 calls for the same time frame in 2018; an increase of 115 calls (16.47 percent).



Calls for July 2019

FIRES: Total of 4 calls: 1. Structure fire: (2 in district)
2. Brush/grass fire: (1 in district)
3. Smoke Investigation (1 in district)

EMS: Total of 66 calls: 1. Medicals: 43 (40 in district) (3 mutual aid)
2. MVA's with Injuries: 23 (20 in district, 3 mutual aid)

ALARMS: Total of 4 calls: 1. Fire alarm system malfunction (3 in district)
2. CO2 detector malfunction (1 in district)

OTHER: Total of 75 calls (64 in-district, 11 mutual aid)

LFPD will be offering CPR classes for district residents on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Those who are interested should call the station at 303-681-3284 to register for the class and get additional information.

Our next scheduled board meeting is Thursday, September 12, at 7 p.m. at Station 161 in Larkspur. The meetings are open to the public.



EVERY KID'S DREAM: SIMON'S VISIT TO THE FIRE STATION! SPECIAL shout-out to the Larkspur Fire Protection District (especially to Captain Chad Campagnola and those who were on shift) for letting this firefighter-in-training visit the station yesterday! What a special time getting to see all the cool trucks, gear, and station house! Thank you so much for making this little guy's day! He won't stop talking about it! Thank you for keeping our community safe! *Photos and caption by Katie Ostrowski, mother of a very excited two-year old!*



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Please join us for either Meetup!

September 19th 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Perry Park Country Club

7047 Perry Park Blvd.

Larkspur, CO 80118

October 17th 5:30 to 7:00 PM

The Mortgage Company

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Centennial, CO 80112

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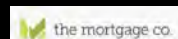
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LET THE FIREWORKS CONTINUE! 80118 BRINGING THE BOOM



Local volunteers are hard at work planning for a 2020 Fourth of July Fireworks and celebration that will be funded by donations from the Larkspur-area residents. A non-profit, 501(c)(3) board has been formed. "Craig Van Dorn is setting up the Go Fund Me page and hopes to file the legal papers with the Secretary of State soon. As soon as the *Go Fund Me* page is created, residents in the Larkspur area can start making contributions to the fireworks fund. Look for additional information in each monthly issue of the *Sentinel*.

REPORT FROM THE METRO DISTRICT BOARD
Sean King, Secretary...

SLASH PICKUP IN PERRY PARK RANCH BEGINS OCTOBER 1.



The Perry Park Metropolitan District provides two annual "Slash" pickups in order to promote resident mitigation and provide added protection from the spread of fires. M. R. Hauling picks up Zone 1-4 for four weeks beginning June 1 and again October 1.

"Slash" in general is defined as landscape cuttings removed during mitigation to reduce risk of wildfire spread.

Slash Includes:

- Brush, Tree branches, Scrub Oak
- Cut tree logs no longer than 4 feet long

Slash DOES NOT include:

- Pine Needles
- Rocks or Metals
- Trash or Furniture or Recyclables
- No Railroad Ties or Tree Stumps
- Construction Materials or Boards
- Bagged Material
- Home Construction Lot Clearing Debris

Any piles containing non-slash items will not be picked up!

How To Put Out Slash For Pickup

- Slash should be placed at the curb side near, but NOT on, the asphalt road and NOT on a paved surface. Material should be in a single concentrated pile, stacking the pile HIGH, not long; the higher the better! Any piles smaller than 2 cubic yards should

be combined with your neighbor's pile as tiny piles and individual tree branches will not be picked up! 2 cubic yards is the size of a large refrigerator, 3 ft X 3 ft x 6 ft.

- One (1) pile of slash per resident. Combine piles with neighbors.
- Please DO NOT place piles directly under power lines, near gas meters, phone and utility pedestals or mail boxes.
- Be aware the slash pickup truck must be stabilized at each stop and the truck's loader arm has a limited reach.

For additional information see <http://perrypark.org/resident-information/slash-pickup-free-mulch/>

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, September 12:

The next Perry Park Metro District Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12th at the Perry Park Country Club. All Perry Park residents are welcome to attend and participate.

The Board of Directors includes:

- Randy Johnson – President (through May 2022)
- Craig Van Doorn – Vice President (through May 2022)
- Linda Black – Assistant Vice President (through May 2022)
- Vanessa Dao – Treasurer (through May 2020)
- Sean King – Secretary (through May 2020)



For the second year in a row, MR Hauling won the Greater Larkspur Coed Softball tournament. Congratulations to you all!



AUGUST NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT

Jim Matchett...

The August meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District (PPW&SD) was held on the 21st and called to order at 4:30 p.m. All directors participated in the meeting. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the July 17th regular meeting, and that vote was 4-0. Director Morris abstained from the vote as he was not in attendance at that meeting. Disbursements totaling \$214,070.50 were then unanimously approved.



The next topic for discussion was an update on the Wauconda Wastewater Treatment Plant noise complaint received from a nearby resident. An acoustical engineer met with the District Manager and Operations Supervisor on and around the plant site to take noise measurements. The measurements showed the noise levels are currently below the State of Colorado noise level limits for residences. The District Manager has now been requested by the board to obtain from the acoustical engineer the actual measurements and the specific locations where they were taken. In addition, the Operations Supervisor also provided information to the board on a couple of mechanical options which could possibly reduce noise from the RBC Blower Shed and the Digester blower intakes. However, there is no guarantee of additional noise mitigation success. This topic will be further

discussed at the next regular board meeting in September.

Next, the board unanimously approved a resolution pursuant to the State of Colorado House Bill 19-1087, codified in Section 24-6-402, C.R.S. as of August 2, 2019. The district is now authorized to post full and timely notice of its meetings no less than twenty-four hours prior to the holding of the meeting on the public website of the district. Also, the board was advised that discussions to finalize the easement agreements for Water/Wastewater Improvements between the PPW&SD and Rite-A-Way Industries, Inc., Remuda Ranch Development, LLC., JSPGST, LLC, and the Mountbridge Farm Limited Partnership, LLLP, are continuing.

The District Systems Report for July was then reviewed, and operations were noted to be normal. Of note here was that a new site location for the Dakota #1 replacement well had been determined and the Hog John water storage tanks had been cleaned and some epoxy repair work had been completed. Next, the Monthly Staff Report was reviewed with progress noted on the two Sage Port Water Treatment Plant capital improvements projects. Finally, a brief discussion occurred during the audience participation portion of the meeting on investigating the idea of installing automatic reading water meters across the district. Further discussion of this idea will occur at the January 2020 board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m. As always, further information is available on the district website, www.ppwsd.org.



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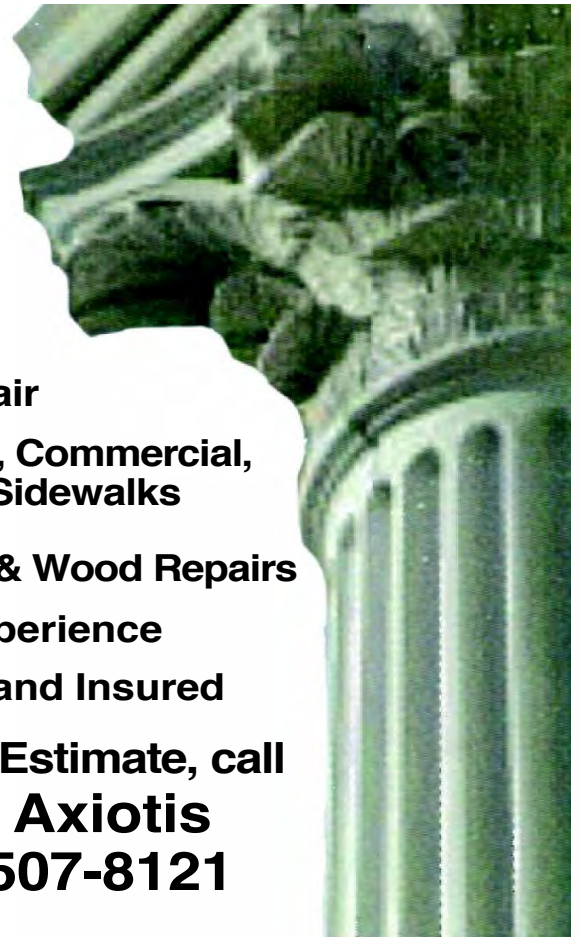
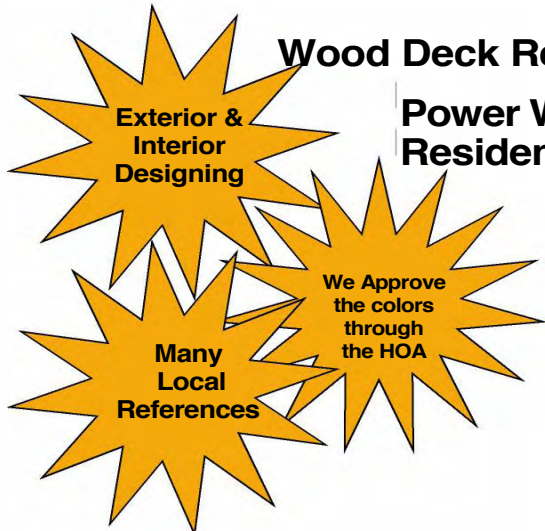
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Question: What could Ben Wolfe have done to improve his service?

Answer: "It's difficult to improve on perfection" ~ John Yates ~ Sterling Pointe, Larkspur

"[Our] property had been listed by another company more than one year. Little was done [by the other company] to really move the property. Ben did good marketing and knew the area and had a contract within a few weeks. His service was so high, I don't believe he could have done more. If we had questions, he answered them. He was very fair and ethical and was very honest throughout the process." ~Tony and Michelle Ames ~ Sterling Pointe, Larkspur

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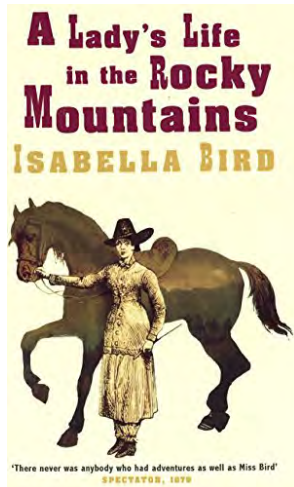


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LARKSPUR HISTORY

1873:

ISABELLA BIRD VISITS PERRY PARK



Isabella Bird, 1831-1904, was a famous—one might even say notorious—traveler. Because of her explorations and writing in the 19th century, she was the first woman to be elected Fellow of the [British] Royal Geographical Society. Born in England to a clergyman, she was delicate as a child and through her teens. After surgery to remove a tumor from her spine, doctors suggested a sea voyage might help. So, in 1853, she traveled to Nova Scotia with her cousins and on the trip visited Maine, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan,

Quebec, New York, and Massachusetts. The letters she wrote home to her sister, published in 1856 as *The Englishwoman in America*, became her first success as a travel writer. Later, she also visited Japan, China, Korea and Malaysia.

It was during her second adventure in 1872-73 that she stopped overnight at the cattle ranch of John Dietz Perry as she traveled on horseback down the Front Range to Colorado Springs. After touring Hawaii and Australia, she had arrived in Colorado by train from California in September, 1873, and lived here for the next three and a half months, much of it in a cabin in Estes Park. She climbed Longs Peak; she fought bugs in Greeley, then moved on to Fort Collins to plan her trip to Estes Park where she made a mountain cabin her Colorado home. In October, she rode south on horseback—apparently alone.

In late October, riding through a snowstorm, she came upon “a most fantastic gorge” and “an elegant frame house belonging to Mr. Perry, a millionaire, to whom I had an introduction.” Although John Perry was away, his daughter invited the traveler in for dinner and a night’s rest. “They had stewed venison and various luxuries at the table.” After dinner, she was given a tour of Perry Park: “...we entered it by a narrow pass guarded by two buttes, or isolated masses of rock, bright red and about 300 feet in height. The pines were very large and the narrow canyons which came down on the Park gloomily magnificent.”

If you’re trying to place this, the ranch and outbuildings were where Red Rock Drive and Perry Park Boulevard come together in a “Y”—right about the 17th hole at PPCC.

The next morning, Isabella, age 42, continued her solitary ride to Colorado Springs, having to break her own way through the snow for several miles.

In 1879, Isabella’s letters—again to her sister—were published as *A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains*. It is a wonderful little book, full of fascinating people and events when Colorado was

frontier territory. Isabella Bird had a keen eye for human foibles and for beautiful scenery. Every Coloradan, native or new, should read it, but get a copy based on the third edition, 1883, because the earlier editions lack dates and all the letters. In fact, get an edition that has an editor who can point out the fascinating bits and pieces about Colorado! Easy, quick reading—and great fun if you know the state.

To learn more about the history of the Larkspur area, visit the website of the Larkspur Historical Society:

<http://larkspurhistoricalsociety.org/>

~KDale

BEAR WISE



Howdy, folks – Beary Bear here, your local, self-appointed bear relationist, promoting bear/human safety and good will throughout the forests of Larkspur.

As summer activities wind down for you humans, we bears are ramping up our doings – specifically, consuming calories. Since it is necessary for us to store additional poundage that our bodies will burn during

our up-coming big sleep, we instinctively increase our diets significantly this time of year. Our goal over the next several months is to add about one third of our current body weight to our frames. To do this, we increase our caloric consumption to over 20,000 calories per day or about ten times more than you humans consume daily. Although nature provides ample resources for us to meet our dietary needs, bird seed, accessible garbage and pet food are even more desirable but very bad for us. Since we don’t know these food sources are not healthy for us, we depend on you for help. PLEASE take extra care to keep these items secured and out of our reach.

Bears in the News

Recently, a young adult bear entered a home in Estes Park, attracted by (you guessed it) the scent of food. Details are sketchy about how the bear entered the home, my guess is probably through an open door or window. But, the path the bear chose as his exit was well covered by the media that reported on the story.

As we all know, a sign of healthy bear behavior is demonstrated when a bear immediately runs away when confronted by humans. In this case, the bear not only chose to run when challenged by local law enforcement but broke through a partially finished exterior wall of the home to make his escape. Dubbed the “Kool-Aid Bear” by reporters, referring to the Kool-Aid Pitcher mascot who in TV commercials broke through brick walls shouting

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“Ohhh yeah!” this dude probably needed a band aid rather than a glass of Kool-Aid after busting through a wall.

Can you spot me in this picture?



Ask Beary Bear



Do black bears hibernate in the same location each year?

No. Unlike you humans who tend to hang out in the same dens for decades, we bears never stay in the same winter digs twice. The reason is mostly about

physical security. Our B&B (bed & bear) choice is an annual one-and-done event. Plus, would you revisit a spot where you previously slept around the clock for five months without any interim housekeeping services? Unless you are a teen, your answer is most likely “no.”

Even though we don’t “den down” until sometime in late fall or early winter (depending on outside temperatures), we have already located and marked our den locations by now. In bear world, early reservations are always recommended. The last thing we want is to show up fat and sleepy only to find our den has been double booked.

Please send your bear comments, pictures and questions to me at: wisebeary@gmail.com.

Until next time – Guard your food, not your smile.

Your friend in the forest,

Beary Bear

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Susan Peters...

End of Summer...Another abandonment...Here they come marching along!...Short Takes



What a weird year!

OK, snow into the end of May. And then the hottest month on record for July. REALLY??? Spring? What spring? For spring and half of the summer, it was a deluge of snow and rain and, yup, hail. Right after we had our roof replaced after many hail storms, here it comes again. The good news is that we have been spared the incredibly destructive summer of lots of wildfires. And the wildflowers blooming in the mountains would give Monet enough subject matter to fill the Louvre! The bear autumnal buffet table is overflowing with berries, pinecones, and acorns.

Of course, the signs of fall have begun with the sunflowers going to seed, the asters blooming, and, yes, the migration parties in full swing. Once their heads have cleared to know which direction south is, the bird and butterfly populations will turn on cruise control and head out ahead of the first snowflakes. At least that is the plan.

Most of the adult hummingbirds have filed their flight plans and headed out. Speaking of, I planted hundreds of milkweed plants according to directions. The milkweed is required for the monarch butterfly to lay its eggs on and




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then for resulting larvae to eat. Progress report: none. Not to be discouraged in my quest to save the earth, I will try again.

Move over, Wildlife!

I usually do not get on my high horse over politics, but the proposed latest administration policy has my feathers really ruffled as it continues to dismantle the most important wildlife act in the last few hundred years. I am speaking of The Endangered Species Act that has been responsible for saving 99 per cent of 100 endangered species that have been placed on it including the bald eagle. Ninety percent of American voters favor the act. But it is appalling is that we are in the middle of the sixth global mass extinction and the only one caused by man. Take a bow. Yes, changes are happening constantly, and now so quickly that floral and fauna cannot adapt fast enough.

Now the current administration has come up with a brilliant idea (give credit to former EPA chief Ryan Zinke, as a leader and profiteer to the oil and gas industry) to put a value on wildlife. Namely by saving each identified species, the government determines how much money the oil and gas sectors will suffer to allow each species to survive. And that includes future exploration.

Oh, and throw in a few gazillion tons of plastic. What is not to like about this new world that is quickly taking over? Much sea life from turtles to whales has been lost from ingesting plastic mistaken as food. Tiny particles of plastic are found in many food sources like fish or even from veggies grown in soil that has plastics leaching into it for years.



Steve Sack. The Minneapolis Star-Tribune

Take a look at the *Denver Post* editorial page for August 20, both the cartoon and the article by Gabriela Chavarria and they will bring tears to your eyes.

Tarantulas Annual Trek

Yup. Here they come. Hairy legs and all. But these guys are not into shaving their legs for their babes. They are on their annual late summer trudge looking for love in all kinds of places nationwide. Actually, they prefer heat. Ideal viewing south of La Junta on Highway 109 on the Comanche National Grassland occurs about an hour before dusk.

So, who could these be? Who else, could these be, but the ta-



rantulas? Really scarier than dangerous.

You could organize your own cheering squad, with flags, horns, and betting pools. Even a mega-tron could display the field. Wow! What excitement! And I am sure that they must have stands selling furry-legged applique T-shirts.

Short Takes

We watched as a black-headed grosbeak fledgling in a platform feeder went through its frenetic “feed me” cheeps and wing fluttering. A nearby junco finally took pity on the youngster and started feeding it. This went on for some time until the baby obviously felt satiated and left the junco to feed itself. How considerate. I guess the birdie version of holding out the tin cup actually works. So, the juncos don’t have enough their own babies to stop there?

That’s all, folks, for this month. Gotta run – I gotta try out my new secret decoder hummingbird ring.



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