



# The Perry Park Sentinel

MAY 2019

## The Lusty Month of May

I grew up to the musicals of Rodgers and Hammerstein and Lerner and Loewe, masters of American musical theater. As a teen and into my twenties, I sang in them—never the lead, of course, always the second soprano sidekick or town gossip or school teacher! Nevertheless, when you're involved in a musical production, you learn all the music, including all the great songs for soprano and baritone leads. You learn them so well that you find they are never erased from your brain! Songs from the classic musicals are not the only songs that stick in my head and won't go away, but I find they're always pushing forward, as if saying "Pick me, pick me! I'm the most appropriate song to drive you nuts in this situation!" And so, for the last several days, I have been hearing and humming the most appropriate song for THIS day: From Lerner and Loewe's *Camelot*, sung by Guinevere (whom I never played—I was always the lady-in-waiting!)

Tra la, it's May, the lusty month of May  
That lovely month when everyone goes  
blissfully astray

Tra la, it's here, that shocking time of year  
When tons of wicked little thoughts mer-  
rily appear

It's May, it's May, that gorgeous holiday  
When every maiden prays that her lad will  
be a cad

It's mad, it's gay, a li-  
belous display

Those dreary vows  
that everyone takes

Everyone breaks  
Everyone makes divine  
mistakes

The lusty month of  
May

Merry May, folks. And may  
all your flowers bloom and  
remain uneaten by the deer

amongst us. Oh—and Happy Mother's Day, ladies!

Next month: June  
is bustin' out all  
over!

~KDale







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**Camp Critters:** Monday, June 10th – Thursday, June 13th; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Ages 10-12, \$210

Monday, June 24th – Thursday, June 27th; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Ages 7-9, \$210

Monday, July 15th – Thursday, July 18th; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Ages 9-11, \$210.

**Toogie's Tots:** Wednesday, June 19th; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Ages 5-6, \$60

Thursday, July 25th; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Ages 5-6, \$60

**REGISTER FOR CODE RED FIRE NOTIFICATION** online, on the website below. This is the official county way to notify your mobile (reverse 911) in event of major fire affecting your home. According to Douglas County only 30 percent of their residents are registered. That puts you at risk! It takes minutes—every household in the Douglas County Red Zone should be registered here: <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/enUS/84B13CCD6B41?isMobile=false&fbclid=IwAR1qpmwKQ0Qcu3x-tRHim02atPhvW7tzfDhGNBffUXSq1g7AaXurB4EJ6R0>

**PERRY PARK BOOK CLUB** will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21 at the home of Beth Long, 5114 S. Perry Park Road, Sedalia, [blong618@aol.com](mailto:blong618@aol.com). The book for discussion is *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, a novel by Rachel Joyce. In his yachting shoes and light coat, Harold Fry embarks on an urgent quest. Determined to walk six hundred miles across England in response to a dying friend, the varied people he meets and his thoughts of his friend are the heart of the novel. The book for June is *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J. D. Vance, a memoir of his family's move from the Appalachians to the middle class. All titles are provided by the Douglas County Library System's "Book Club Express" program (ten copies to share).

**FREE "STOP THE BLEED" TRAINING IN LARKSPUR:** The Douglas County Search and Rescue (DCSAR) will be in Larkspur on June 27th to conduct "Stop the Bleed" training on how to control bleeding in an accident or emergency. This life-saving training is open to all residents of the 80118 zip code and can accommodate 30 people. You must be at least 15 years old. Though the training is free, purchase of the "Stop-the-Bleed" kit has a suggested donation cost (\$20-\$30, cash or check). The training will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the large meeting room at the Larkspur Fire District headquarters, 9414 Spruce Mountain Road, Larkspur CO. Go to [DCSAR.Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) to register. **Please contact Linda Black at 303-681-2324 for additional information or if you have questions.**

**NEED GARDENING HELP?** Call a Master Gardener: Whether new to Colorado or a native, sometimes a little help

from a Colorado Master Gardener goes a long way. Colorado State University Master Gardener volunteers are available now through September, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., to answer all of your gardening and home horticulture questions. Call 720-733-6935, or email [dcmgardnr@gmail.com](mailto:dcmgardnr@gmail.com).

**NEW LARKSPUR MAYOR:** At a special election held April 16 to elect a Mayor to complete the remaining term of office of one year, the voters unanimously elected Marvin Cardenas over three other candidates.

**THE LARKSPUR FREE LIBRARY, AKA BOOK EXCHANGE,** is open on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Thursdays, 5 to 8 p.m. The Exchange is located at 9524 Spruce Mountain Road, in the old Town Hall Annex on the east side of the road. Plenty of parking in the back. The Book Exchange has over 7000 volumes of adult fiction (from lady's romances to classic literature) and nonfiction (categories such as history, biography, travel, crafts, and many more), and 600 volumes for children, young readers, and young adults. And all for free. That's right. An entire building of free books. No cards, no check out, no due dates, no overdue fines. Free. And no need to bring one to take as many as you can carry, because we have plenty. In addition, the Book Exchange has a collection of rare and valuable volumes offered for sale; the perfect splurge for a book lover. All proceeds to benefit and support the Book Exchange. Come and check out what everyone is talking about. For more information, contact Cindy at 303-681-3046 or Krystine at 413-348-3579

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**DOWNTOWN CASTLE ROCK PRESENTS SPRING KICKOFF CONCERT,** Friday, May 17, 5-10 p.m. at Festival Park. Castle Rock kicks off warm weather with a street party and concert in Downtown Castle Rock with bounce houses, live music, family activities and food vendors. Winchester Gray brings its energetic show to kick off the spring season downtown! Joined with special friends to fill the stage, it will be an evening of Winchester Gray's originals, including their latest album "Dayton to Denver." Grayson Little will start the evening from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by Winchester Gray performing from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.

**BIKE RIDE, CASTLE ROCK TO PALMER LAKE,** Saturday, May 11, 02:30 PM -Douglas County Fairgrounds, 500 Fairgrounds Road in Castle Rock. Arrival time - 8:30 a.m., leave

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at 9 a.m sharp. This is sure to be a great ride from Castle Rock to Palmer Lake for 44 miles and 2850 feet of elevation gain. Nice slow ride to get the start of the cycling season going. For those doing the Elephant Rock ride (Sunday, June 2), this will be a good preview of the end of the ride. Watson Sponsored: post-ride breakfast burritos for all! Strava Map - <https://www.strava.com/routes/12272434>.

### BARB ECKERT RETIREMENT PARTY

Barb Eckert, long time teacher at Larkspur Elementary School, is retiring this year.

A reception honoring her years of teaching, caring and friendship will be held on

Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 4:30 to 6:00, at the school. Please spread the word, as the whole community is invited to say goodbye to Barb since she is also moving to Michigan after her retirement. She will certainly enjoy seeing old friends, new friends, former students and reliving all the wonderful memories of her years at Larkspur. She will be deeply missed here and we would like to give her a memorable send off.

Cards and letters can be sent to Barb c/o Larkspur Elementary School: 1103 Perry Park Avenue, Larkspur, CO 80118



### KARIE ERIKSON TO RECEIVE DRCOG AWARD



Perry Park Resident, Karie Erickson, Executive Director of Aging Resources of Douglas County, is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments for her significant contributions to the quality of life in the Denver region, particularly in aging. She will be celebrated

at the annual awards event on May 3. Governor Jared Polis will deliver the keynote address.

Aging Resources of Douglas County is a one-stop center for aging in Douglas County, Colorado. Formerly known as Neighbor Network, Aging Resources is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing services, resources, and information that allow

older people to stay independent and in their own homes as long as safely possible. With Aging Resources of Douglas County's innovative programs, our aging residents can keep the cost of living down and quality of life up.

For additional information on services available to seniors or to learn how to volunteer with the organization, see the home page at <https://www.agingresourcesdougco.org/home.html>.

### WADE FRARY: SCOUTING THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

I have been a faithful reader of the *Perry Park Sentinel* for over 14 years and live in Sage Port. In particular, I always enjoyed reading *Walt's Words* which provided a valuable service to the community. Recently I learned that Walt Korinke was signing off and discontinuing his monthly, informative column. As a result, I'm going to attempt to provide similar information to our readers about current and planned commercial projects, stores and restaurants coming to our communities, growth and development in Castle Rock, Colorado Springs, Parker, Monument, Perry Park, Larkspur, Palmer Lake, and South Denver. My editorial style is a bit different. [wfrary69@gmail.com](mailto:wfrary69@gmail.com)



### PERRY PARK:

Work on the Perry Park **Gateway Pond** went well! The contractor, Tezak, has completed hauling away the spoils from the pond and will be working to restore the bank area where the haul road was located. This will include reseeding and mulching of that area. Thanks to all for your patience; the Water District will continue to update as the project comes to completion. "This project will help stop the progression of noxious weeds and cattails in the pond, while maintaining the valuable ecosystem and the needed flood control role played by the pond," said Kurt Schlegel, District Manager for the Perry Park Metropolitan District. It was a team effort to make this project happen. In addition to Perry Park Metro District and Douglas County, additional collaborative organizations include Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Douglas Land Conservancy, the Perry Park Water and Sanitation District, and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

In its 50th year of operation, **Perry Park Country Club** has a new look to its website. It's attractive and easy to navigate. Currently, they are offering a great promotional to prospective members. For a limited time, prospective members have the opportunity to play 18 holes at the guest rate, any afternoon Tuesday through Thursday after 12 p.m. Tell your new neighbors and friends about this opportunity. The Club is also currently promoting the Social Membership drive. Social Memberships are only \$30 per month per family. This a great option for those who wish to enjoy the social and dining activities at the club. Golf related access options are available as well!

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### TOWN OF LARKSPUR:

The large expansion of the new and improved **Jellystone Campground** is in full swing and very visible from I-25. The infrastructure and grading is about 80 percent complete and buildings are being constructed on-site. This is the first phase of the project. They plan to start phase two early next year. The Town of Larkspur's website has what appears to be an active link to give information about the Jellystone project, however the link is inactive. The same is true regarding the proposed **Larkspur Travel Center**. I will report about these projects next issue, once I can research what is happening.

### TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK

The town's population has doubled in size every decade for the last four decades, reaching a total of 65,000 people. It is expected to reach 130,000 people by 2030.

Golden-based **Confluence Cos.** has three residential projects underway in downtown Castle Rock, including **Riverwalk North and South**, a 230-unit apartment community with 10,000 square feet of ground level retail space and 30,000 square feet of office space. A bridge connects the two towers over Sellers Gulch. This is a 65 million dollar project. In addition, a new Encore Project has been initially approved by The Town Council. Just South of City Hall on the East side of Wilcox, sometime beginning June/July/August 2019, subject to final approval and permits, this project will be underway. The plan is to build a multi-story structure with 124 for-sale condos, 30,000 square feet of retail space, and 650 parking spaces. Three hundred of the parking spaces will be owned by the Town of Castle Rock for public use.

Confluence also is working on two for-sale condominium projects — Festival Commons and 221 Wilcox — if this project moves forward, it will bring a total of 120 units to the city's downtown. All three projects are near Festival Park, which recently underwent a \$7M renovation.

Town leaders looked beyond traditional infrastructure of streets, bridges and utilities to provide Castle Rock with a pipeline of employees by creating the \$40M **Collaboration Campus**, which is currently under construction. Based upon a large private donation, this campus will be named The Sturm Collaboration Campus. The Sturm Family Foundation was founded in 2000 by ANB Bank owners Donald and Susan Sturm. Their children, Stephen Sturm and Emily Sturm, are currently co-managing directors of the foundation and oversee the family's philanthropic portfolio, which includes the Sturm College of Law at the University of Denver, Judaism Your Way, History Colorado and the Denver Art Museum, among others.

It will connect the resources of Arapahoe Community College, Douglas County Schools and Colorado State University to give students and professionals access to higher education and workforce training. The campus will eventually have two 54K SF buildings on a 14-acre site along Meadows Parkway. Phase one is expected to open in fall 2019.

### MILLER'S LANDING;

Miller's Landing is likely the most visible new project underway for Castle Rock. This commercial project will be developed in phases and is projected to be a 65-acre, mixed-use project at the northwest corner of the Interstate 25 and Plum Creek Parkway interchange adjacent to Philip S. Miller Park. The centerpiece of the \$200M project is Snowsports 365, a year-round snow sport complex that will be able to accommodate up to 400 skiers and snowboarders an hour. Miller's Landing also will offer medical office and office space to attract companies that will employ Castle Rock residents. "The current plan is to deliver pads late next year to hotel and office groups," P3 cofounder and Managing Director Shawn Temple said. "We've got lots of medical office and other office users interested, but we haven't committed to anyone because our delivery is still not fully defined." Here is a link which provides more information about this large-scale project: <http://www.millerslanding.co/>



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**New Starbucks:** A new Starbucks in Castle Rock is about to open. This new store is located on Wolfensberger Road, Exit 182, directly across from Jack in the Box. It is currently advertising on Indeed to hire a team of employees for the grand opening. It will have a drive-through and ample indoor seating for customers. Some say we can never have enough Starbucks!

### EAST PLUM CREEK TRAIL EXTENSION:

On Oct. 16, 2018, Town Council awarded Hudick Excavating Inc., a local contractor, the contract to construct the East Plum Creek Trail southern extension in the amount of \$1,891,914.00. A \$1 million Great Outdoors Colorado Grant will help offset some of the costs and save money for other trails projects in Town. It is currently under construction. The East Plum Creek Trail is not only the town's most widely used paved trail, but it is also part of a larger statewide trail system – the Colorado Front Range Trail. That trail system will eventually connect communities along the Front Range from Wyoming to New Mexico. Now, the Town is working to build other hiking trails nearby Castle Rock. Here is an excellent website to learn more about our existing and future trail systems: <https://www.hikingproject.cc>

### THE CASTLE ROCK PROMENADE DEVELOPMENT:

The most recent openings to the Promenade include **Blackrock Coffee** which is South of Lowes, and **Cuba Cuba Sadwicheria**. **Chick-fil-A** is now open and should help alleviate the long lines seen during peak times at the location near Target. This new restaurant has easy access to I-25 in both directions. It won't take long for folks to discover this new second location for Castle Rock. Xfinity recently had its grand opening, which is near Sam's Club.

### TOWN OF PARKER:

There is current construction of a 6000 SF dental office located west of Service Street Auto repair and south of Merryhill Pre-school in the **Country Meadows Square** subdivision. In addition, construction is well underway to build a new **Crown Point Extended Stay Hotel**. Also, city officials have announced that a Parker has approved the proposal to build a tennis center which is currently under construction. This project is referred to as the **Mile Ind Park, Parker Tennis Site**. Next issue will provide more information about development in and around Parker.

### COLORADO SPRINGS:

South Powers Boulevard - which runs along Peterson Air Force Base and serves as one of the primary routes to the Colorado Springs Airport - has plenty of warehouses, industrial businesses and defense contractors. According to City Planners, "what it lacks are stores, restaurants and coffee shops to serve the thousands of workers, vendors and air travelers who drive Powers each day. The new **West Gate** commercial project at Powers and Airport Road will help change that. West Gate, which is under development includes a 96-room Candlewood Suites hotel, an Arby's restaurant and a Kum & Go convenience store in what's expected to be the first wave of development at the 70-acre site. Longer term plans envision medical space, apartments

and office space tailored to accommodate the security needs of defense contractors. WestGate is expected to have a total of 400,000 square feet. CDOT added lanes in each direction on Powers and Airport, along with acceleration and deceleration lanes to access the site,

Recently the City of Colorado Springs announced that a new \$20M hotel is planned for downtown. Ground-breaking on this 176-room hotel is tentatively scheduled for late summer, subject to permitting. The 10-story hotel will be built at 123 N. Cascade Avenue and will feature 5,000 square feet of meeting and conference space. The lower floor will be reserved for retail and restaurant space. Specifics have not yet been finalized.

### NORTH COLORADO SPRINGS

**Interquest Commons, also known as Interquest Marketplace:** Colorado's second **SCHEELS** location, coming to Colorado Springs in April of 2021. The Colorado Springs store will employ more than 350 associates, all employee owners. The Colorado Springs SCHEELS will be the company's 29th location, with 27 existing stores and two scheduled to open in 2020 with a new store in Eden Prairie, Minnesota replacing a smaller store, and a new market in The Colony, Texas. The new shopping destination for outdoor gear and clothing is planned for Interquest Marketplace near the Great Wolf Lodge, the Summit Entertainment Center and the Hollywood Theater, and will feature 220,000 square feet of retail adventure for the entire family.

Similar to the Johnstown location, the new Colorado Springs SCHEELS will be home to entertainment attractions, specialty shops and boutiques with brand names under one roof. SCHEELS is best known for its giant ferris wheel attraction inside the store. This includes 75 specialty shops staffed by trained experts who focus on their passions. The one-of-a-kind retail adventure will attract sports enthusiasts, outdoor explorers and shoppers seeking a wide variety of fashion, footwear and home goods. Visit their Website: <https://www.scheels.com/>.

**Omelets Etc.** has leased nearly 2,500 square feet in InterQuest Commons, one of several mixed-use developments east of Interstate 25 and InterQuest Parkway. Juan Madera, who co-owns Omelets Etc. with his wife, Robin, said they're targeting an early June opening. Interquest Marketplace has welcomed three new tenants. We'll soon see **Lady Jane's Haircuts**, **Comfort Dental**, and **Burger King** open their doors.

**North Gate Shopping Complex**, directly east of the Air Force Academy's North Gate entrance, is an ever-expanding list of eateries, stores, entertainment venues. One recent addition is the **Boot Barn Hall at Bourbon Brothers**. Sitting on a \$15 million campus with Bourbon Brothers Smokehouse and Tavern, it recently opened its doors to the public. The 15,000 square foot venue will feature international, national, regional and local musicians; conventions; private events; special events; touring trade shows; and a farmers' market, called Farmers and Crafters, housing up to 96 vendor booths. The Boot Barn Hall patio

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spans more than 7,000 square feet and includes five fireplaces and multiple HD TV screens, a 100-foot indoor/outdoor bar, and room for 408 in a banquet setting, 1,000 during live music, and up to 1,700 seated indoor and outdoor auditorium-style. Here is the website which lists upcoming performances and concerts: <https://bootbarnhall.com/about-us>.



### THE JUNE ISSUE OF THE SENTINEL WILL BE BRAG TIME!

Send all the year's accomplishments by your kids to [sentineditor10@msn.com](mailto:sentineditor10@msn.com) and we'll tell the world! Spelling bee trophy? Sports award? Acceptance to a first-choice college or university? Send by the 20th of the month to make the June issue all about kids. This is your chance to brag without embarrassment. Pictures welcome.

## LOCAL FARMERS' MARKETS SET TO OPEN

For fresh fruits and vegetables, bakery goods, homemade soaps, and other "just have to have it" artisanal and craft goods, check out the local farmers markets this summer!



The first in our area to open is the Monument Hill Farmers' Market at 66 Jefferson Street in Monument. They have been operating an indoor market through the winter, but are planning to move outdoors the last Saturday in April, certainly by the first Saturday in May. The market will remain open until October, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Located at 66 Jefferson Street in downtown Monument, the market features about 55 vendors including Abdul's Produce, C and R Farms, Royal Crest Dairy, Tamales, Mountain Man Honey, Pasta and Olive Oil, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Lemongrass, Juice Plus, antiques, Colorado Cuddles (embroidery) Sewing Crafts, DWB Wild Birdhouses, DoTerra and many more! The Monument Market has a downhome feel. The same vendors

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come each year—and sometimes remember you. Dogs and children are welcome.

The Castle Rock Farmers' Market is held on Saturdays starting June 15 this year through September 28, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the parking lot of Douglas County High School on Front Street. The market has a long list of vendors including DiTomaso Farms, C & R Farms, Donny Mauro Farms, Snow Creek Ranch as well as several bakeries and is still accepting applications and awaiting confirmation from some additional vendors. They promise more produce this year than last.

If you miss the Saturday Farmers' Markets, Parker hold its open air market on Sundays starting this year on May 12, Mother's Day, and running through the end of October. Mainstreet in Parker is closed to through traffic from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. This market attracts a large and noisy crowd with lots of options for supporting local growers and artisans. Dogs are not encouraged. Among the treasures you'll find each week are fresh fruit and vegetables, flowers and herbs, baked goods, dog treats, cosmetics and crafts, as well as ready-made foods like breakfast burritos, quesadillas, and middle eastern food.

Each of these markets has a Facebook page for directions and additional information.

## SLASH PICKUP TIME FOR PERRY PARK RANCH

The Perry Park Metropolitan District's Board of Directors has contracted with the new owners of M. R. Hauling to pick up the slash but new rules will now be in place. Make sure to read all of the following so that your slash is picked up at no cost to you.



Slash Pickup occurs twice annually. 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  
Railroad Ties or Tree Stumps  
Construction Materials or Boards  
Bagged Material  
Home Construction Lot Clearing Debris

**Piles containing non-slash items will not be picked up!**

## How To Put Out Slash For Pickup

1. Slash should be placed at the curbside near, but not on, the asphalt road and not on a paved surface.
2. Material should be in a single, concentrated pile, stacking the pile HIGH, not long; the higher the better!
3. Any piles smaller than two cubic yards should be combined with your neighbor's pile as tiny piles and individual tree branches will not be picked up! Two cubic yards is the size of a large refrigerator, 3 ft X 3 ft x 6 ft.
4. One (1) pile of slash per resident. Combine piles with neighbors.
5. 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.

A representative of the board will come around about two weeks before your zone's scheduled pick up to check your pile. If the pile does not comply with the rules above, a notice will be given to the resident on what does not conform. The resident has until the truck comes around to make sure the pile conforms. If the pile still does not conform, it will not be picked up. The resident will then have to make arrangements to take the pile to the dump (not the community slash pile that the Metropolitan District has). This can cost the resident up to approximately \$500 and still may not be accepted by the dump, depending on what is in the pile. Residents can also contact Craig Van Doorn, ([craig.vandoorn@perrypark.org](mailto:craig.vandoorn@perrypark.org)) and ask for a meeting to discuss location of the pile and contents at any time.

## APRIL NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT Jim Matchett...

The regular monthly board meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on April 17th with four directors present. Gary Peterson had received an excused absence. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the March 20th regular meeting, and that approval was unanimous. Disbursements totaling \$180,521.92 were then also unanimously approved.



Next on the agenda was the consideration of a sewer service connection to Echo Valley Road option as the result of a resident request. This was tabled to next month's regular meeting agenda as further information has not yet been supplied to the district by the resident. A good deal of discussion then occurred with regard to private wells in the district. The board members subsequently unanimously agreed they did not want to enter into any new private well agreements.

The District Systems Report for March submitted by Semocor was then reviewed and discussed. Operations were described as normal.

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The Monthly Staff Report submitted by District Manager Diana Miller was also reviewed. Further to this report, the district manager advised the board the Wiens Ranch/Remuda Ranch rural site plan had again been revised and then approved by Douglas County. The district is now awaiting further information on required easements for the development. Next, a resident had called attention to receipts of significantly larger than normal water bills. After a brief discussion by the board, the district manager was instructed to advise the resident that as in previous similar cases, all gallons would have to be paid as the water meter reading was correct. However, payment could be spread out over a period of time satisfactory to both the resident and the district.

There was no further board member discussions nor audience participation and the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m. As always, further information is available on the district website, [www.ppwsd.org](http://www.ppwsd.org)

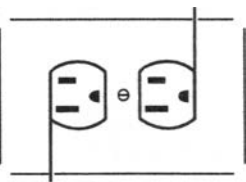
## **REPORT FROM THE LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Cindy Applegate, Secretary-Board of Directors...**

### **CALL REVIEW**

Between March 1, 2019, and March 31, 2019, LFPD had a total of 98 calls compared to 95 calls for the same time frame in 2018; an increase of 3 calls.



Fires: Total of 3 calls: i. Trash/rubbish fire: 1 (in-district)  
ii. Off-road vehicle/heavy equipment fire: 1 (in-district)  
iii. Brush fire: 1 (mutual aid)  
EMS: Total of 35 calls  
Medicals: 18 (17 in-district, 1 mutual-aid)  
MVAs with Injuries: 16 (14 in-district, 2 mutual-aid)  
Medical incident- no medical needed: 1 (in-district)  
Alarms: Total of 4 calls: CO detector malfunction (1 in-district)  
Fire alarm system malfunction (3 in-district)  
Other: Total of 56 calls (47 in-district, 9 mutual aid)



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Our next scheduled board meeting is Thursday May 9, 2019, at 7 p.m. at Station 161. The meetings are open to the public.

### **THE “BOMB CYCLONE” WINTER STORM**

“Bomb Cyclone” is a meteorological term referring to an extreme drop in atmospheric pressure of at least 24 millibars in 24 hours. This phenomenon produced an intense winter storm in our area on March 13th.

Many people were stranded on the roadways due to heavy drifting of snow caused by the high winds and, at times, heavy snowfall. Compounding this was a mass casualty motor vehicle accident on I-25 that involved 45-50 vehicles. Extrication of numerous trapped victims took place and over 10 patients were transported to local hospitals during blizzard conditions.

LFPD personnel stayed constantly busy rescuing stranded motorists from area roadways until late in the evening. The New Covenant Church Red Cross Shelter was activated prior to the storm and received over 100 stranded motorists. Station 161 received 28 stranded motorists who spent the night in the meeting room.

During the storm, the LFPD also completed burning the community slash pile at the old gravel pit in Perry Park. Twelve thousand cubic yards of slash were eliminated under the department’s watchful eye.

### **WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP**

The Larkspur Fire Protection held its annual Wildfire Preparedness Workshop at Station 161 on Saturday, April 13. The event was well attended with 39 participants. Tim Johnson with Douglas County Office of Emergency Management as well as two dispatch personnel and a lieutenant with the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office presented information on the Douglas County Code Red reverse notification system and evacuation procedures.

Consulting forester Keith Worley presented an informative look at structural susceptibility to ignition in a wildfire. Keith emphasized how residents can harden their home against ember intrusion in a wildfire event and how that can substantially reduce the potential of your home being destroyed in a wildfire.

Fire Marshal Johnson presented a look into what fire fighters face in a Wildland Interface/Intermix wildfire and discussed how homes are triaged for protection allocation in a wildfire. Slides of homes in different environments were presented and the audience participated in triaging the homes shown in a challenge scenario called “Can You Save It?”.





## COUNTY ANNOUNCES VACANCIES ON CULTURAL COUNCIL, AUDIT, AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

*Applications due by May 24, 2019*

Do you have a passion for service and time to serve? If so, Douglas County is actively seeking volunteers to fill four vacancies: the District



III vacancy on the County's Cultural Council, Audit, and Open Space Advisory Committees, as well as the one at-large vacancy on the Open Space Advisory Committee for the professional land planner position.

The nine-member Douglas County Cultural Council serves the citizenry of Douglas County by annually reviewing applications from eligible Tier III SCFD organizations requesting Scientific & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) funds. The Council also oversees the county's public art program, Art Encounters, and works to help identify opportunities to strengthen the cultural vitality of Douglas County. The successful applicant must be available to meet on the second Tuesday evening of each month and be willing to commit to a three-year term.

Audit Committee members review the county's financial statements and provide feedback on financial reporting and the annual audit, helping to strengthen the accountability, integrity and transparency in Douglas County. Financial experience will not be required from the prospective regular members however it is preferred as the level of complexity associated with governmental financial transactions is high. Meetings are held quarterly or on an as-needed basis.

The nine-member Open Space Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on the disbursement of funds from the Open Space, Trails and Parks Fund. Members are appointed to three-year terms and are required to attend evening meetings the first Thursday of the month.

Applications for all vacancies will be accepted through May 24. Interested candidates may complete an online application at <https://www.douglas.co.us/government/commissioners/citizen-advisory-boards-committees-and-commissions/application-for-appointment-for-citizen-advisory-boards/>. For additional information contact the Douglas County Commissioners' Office at 303-660-7401.



## TO ALL PERRY PARK METRO DISTRICT RESIDENTS FROM THE METRO DISTRICT BOARD:

The Metro District board of directors would like to provide the following information regarding the district budget: how taxes are collected for the Metropolitan District; the total income the Metro District is working with in 2019; and how those funds are allocated to the safety and preservation of our community.

The Metro District is one of eight different taxing authorities for Perry Park residents. Nearly all funds are collected through property taxes. The Metro District accounts for 5 percent of your total property taxes each year. For example, a house valued at \$550,000 would contribute around \$190 per year to the Metro District. If you are interested in a full breakdown of the taxes for your home, Douglas County has a great online tool to look up assessments for your property:

Douglas County Assessors Website

<https://apps.douglas.co.us/assessor/web/>

Based on that tax assessment, the Metro District estimates to collect a total of \$164,000 this year. That amount is the baseline used to develop the 2019 budget.

Expenses for the Perry Park Metro District can be broken into five categories:

- Safety (32 percent)

*Fire mitigation in open spaces and the slash pick-up program*

- Administrative Fees (29 percent)

*Costs for administering the Metro District services such as utilities and accounting fees*

- Maintenance (23 percent)

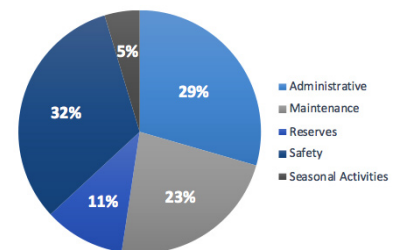
*Ongoing open space and park maintenance*

- Reserves (11 percent)

*Contingency funds for unanticipated costs*

- Seasonal Activities (5 percent)

*Metro District activities, mostly the July 4th Fireworks*



The majority of the 2019 budget is allocated to Safety, Administration, and Maintenance, accounting for 84 percent of the total funds collected this year. If you would like to review the complete budget in detail, you can find it here:

Perry Park Website:

[http://perrypark.org/wp-content/uploads/2019\\_Budget.pdf](http://perrypark.org/wp-content/uploads/2019_Budget.pdf)

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The board did decide to make changes to the budget this year to accommodate some large expenditures and expected annual maintenance of the open spaces and district-maintained property.

The first major change was the removal of the homeowner grant program, which previously had paid for residential wildfire mitigation for a handful of residents. The board decided it was necessary to reallocate those funds because the grant program directed 10 percent of the budget and only benefited 0.04 percent of the households in Perry Park per year. The board did apply for a Colorado grant that may replace these funds to help support our residents, but we are still waiting for a response.

The second major change was the reduction of funds for Seasonal Activities. Money was allocated to pay for the annual 4th of July community fireworks, but the board is looking to develop private sponsorship for other seasonal activities, both this year and in the future so the board can dedicate more of the budget to maintenance of the district.

As always, the board values feedback from all Perry Park residents. If you have questions, please come attend a board meeting held monthly at the Perry Park Country Club or reach out directly to any board member and we will be happy to talk through it.

## LEARNING ABOUT COLORADO WILDLIFE

Karen Dale. . .

Local Wildlife rehabilitator, Sarah Heckathorn, organized a free seminar on lions, bears and wolves that met on April 6 at the New Covenant Church in Larkspur with an impressive number of Larkspur-area residents in attendance. We learned a lot from the experts and enjoyed food and drink and door prizes compliments of realtor Elizabeth Owens.

The three presenters covered a lot of territory. Penny Maldonado is the Executive Director at The Cougar Fund (<https://www.cougarfund.org/>) in Jackson, Wyoming, a non-profit organization focused on teaching people about cougars and how to live with them. Brenda Lee started the Bear Coalition (<https://boulderbearcoalition.org/>) in Boulder for much the same reason. After she moved to Boulder and was surprised to learn how many bears came into the urban environment, she determined to learn what could be done to ease the bear/human interface. The last speaker at the seminar was Casey Westbrook, a District Manager with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (<https://cpw.state.co.us/>) who served as a valuable resource on all topics—and gave a qualified “no” to the inevitable question, “Are there wolves in Colorado?”

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At the beginning of her talk on mountain lions, Maldonado asked how many in the audience had seen one—and was then astounded at the great number of waving hands! It would appear that Larkspur's lions are not as reclusive and elusive as others are. We should have told her that this has been the year of the mountain lion (cougar, puma, panther, cat of one color) with more sightings than most of us can remember. Of particular note is the frequent appearance of a female with what are apparently two sets of cubs. Her oldest obviously weren't interested in leaving home, though by now they may have moved on to find new territory for themselves—typical behavior for young mountain lions.

The efforts of the Bear Coalition in Boulder to discourage bears from entering the urban areas highlight some of our own bear problems. CPW has a two-strike policy: the second time they "handle" a bear, that bear is put down. Any bear in an urban or residential area is at risk of being killed by CPW.

Lee spent a good deal of time explaining why relocation for bears, particularly if they have cubs, is very difficult. The most obvious reason: they come back, usually as soon as possible. The first line of defense is, of course, to deny bears easy food sources: bear proof trash cans, locking trash in a garage, locking cars and removing all food stuff from them, etc. We know these things. The coalition recommends harvesting fruit trees in town before the bears show up, but of course our bears have many square miles of acorns we simply can't harvest! However, electric fencing is certainly possible in this area.

Lee also described "bear sitting." This entails a volunteer quite literally "sitting" with a bear, particularly one up a tree, and trying to keep him out of mischief! It has the same purpose as "hazing"—encourage that bear to leave! Yell, scream, ring cow bells, throw things. Whatever it takes to convince him there are no easy dinners here and "here" is a scary place. Better the mountains. Just go.

Although Casey Westbrook with CPW spoke to questions about all the animals, he started with wolves.

Every couple of years, someone insists that he's seen a wolf on the golf course in Perry Park. "Are their wolves in Colorado?" Westbrook's response, "No, but . . ." Colorado is the buffer zone between the Canadian gray wolves north of us in Yellowstone and Mexican red wolves south of us in New Mexico. Wolves do not understand state lines, so, yes, from time to time there may be a wolf or two in Colorado but they don't stay long. The major point: there are no wolf packs in Colorado, no settled breeding wolf groups. Wolves are social animals; they may explore—but they go home.

A video of the entire event is online at the Larkspur Wildlife Facebook page.

## PLEASE HELP CARE FOR OUR LOCAL WILDLIFE!

Sarah Heckathorn...

**See something ~ Say something! Please!**

I've been getting a lot of texts, emails and private messages about a variety of wildlife happenings, including, but not limited to, people watching other people hand feed deer, reports of fear mongering type posts on other neighborhood pages where people are encouraged to be more than just situationally aware (a way of life if you live in the foothills), mountain lion and bear sightings that are too area specific, and someone shooting a bobcat because it was after their chickens.

I specialize in wildlife rehabilitation. I can and will assist you if you don't know who to call to get your wildlife questions answered. I can't help you, however, if you aren't willing to come forward to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) with a name or address of the offending parties. This might sound harsh, but if all you want to do is complain, you've got the wrong gal!

We all need to be working together to stop bad and dangerous behavior on the part of our two-legged neighbors. Telling me does nothing: if I call CPW to report what YOU have told me and you are unwilling to come forward yourself, we accomplish nothing. This is not an animal problem; this is a people problem and if we all aren't willing to do our part to make Larkspur a safe community, we are the problem!

If you aren't willing or able to confront a neighbor about their trash, bird feeders or deliberate feeding of wildlife, PLEASE call CPW! We need to get this under control before a bear gets put down or a mountain lion gets too bold.

Do you feed the deer or turkeys? Have you followed the linear and logical thought process that deer and turkeys bring in mountain lions? Not too worried about our youngest residents, are you? You think it's okay to take your trash to the curb the night before pickup and then wonder why you get hit on a weekly basis? Or your neighbors who don't take their trash out until the day of pickup, get hit as well? Then you want to blame it all on the campground? You think you can have chickens, fowl or even bee hives without protecting them with electric fencing? Not too smart.

We all need to act responsibly when living here among our prolific wild neighbors. Please call the correct authority if you see something! If you don't know who that is, I will help you. But please - don't call/text or email me just to whine.

Our acting CPW (Colorado Parks and Wildlife, formerly Colorado Division of Wildlife) Division Wildlife Managers are Casey Westbrook, 303-810-3141 and Melanie Kaknes, 303-981-6298.





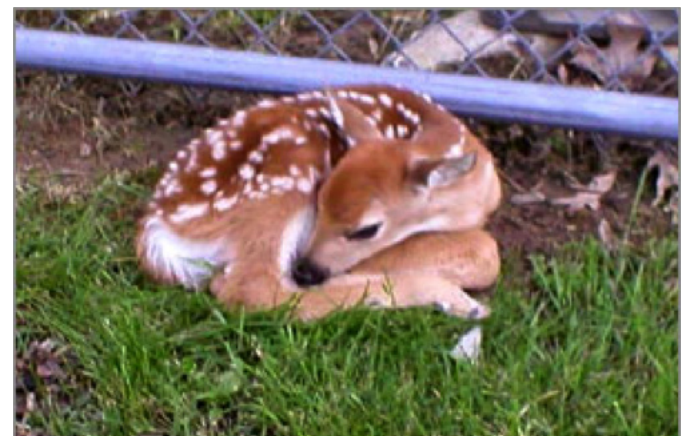


## THE GREAT 2019 EASTER EGG HUNT AND SNOW BOWL!

Despite overnight snow, the 2019 Easter Egg Hunt was held for the first time at the park in Larkspur. In addition to a visit from the Easter Bunny, many hidden eggs and excited children, the event included a bounce house and food vendors. Barring snow, it promises to evolve into a larger community event. Next year, in the sunshine!

## LEAVE THE FAWNS ALONE!

If you come across a fawn by itself, the chances are great that its mother is simply off grazing. She has left the baby in what she considers a safe place. Leave the fawn there! The fawn pictured below does not need help. A fawn in this position is probably just waiting for mom to return. Check on the fawn from time to time to reassure yourself, and if you detect signs of distress contact a wildlife rehabilitator through [animalhelpnow.org](http://animalhelpnow.org).



### When to Act/Signs of Distress:

- o The baby has been crying for an hour or more. (a “maaaapp” sound)

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- o The baby is injured or has been attacked.
- o The baby is lying stretched out and is cold to the touch.
- o The baby walks directly up to pets or humans.
- o The edges of the ears are curled (dehydrated).
- o The baby is in a dangerous place, (lying in water, wandering in the road, parking lot etc.
- o The doe is dead.
- o There are flies around the fawn.

## SANDSTONE RANCH GUIDED TOURS

Douglas Land Conservancy In Partnership with Douglas County Open Space



**June 14, 2019** – Evening Guided Hike and a picnic (Bring your own picnic dinner) – Registration for this hike coming soon!

**July 20, 2019** – Guided Day Hike and a picnic (Bring your own picnic dinner) – Registration for this hike coming soon!

**August 16, 2019** – Evening Guided Hike and a picnic (Bring your own picnic dinner) – Registration for this hike coming soon!

**September 21, 2019** – Guided Day Hike and a picnic (Bring your own picnic) – Registration for this hike coming soon!

**October 19, 2019** – Guided Day Hike and a picnic (Bring your own picnic) – Registration for this hike coming soon!

For additional information and registration, see the Conservancy website: <http://douglaslandconservancy.org/upcoming-events/>

### PLEASE DON'T FEED THE WILDLIFE!

It is illegal in Colorado to intentionally place or distribute feed, salt blocks or other attractants for big-game animals. This problem is mainly associated with deer. "People who feed deer do more harm than good," says Trina Lynch, a district wildlife manager with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife. **Just don't do it!**



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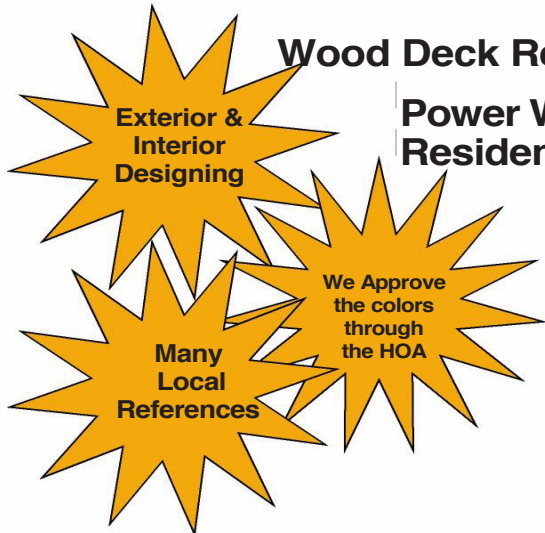
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## BEAR WISE



Greetings, Perry Park. "I'm up, and I'm hungry." No, this is not your freeloading Uncle Carl, who inhabits your basement from time to time, asking for his breakfast. It's your furry friend, Berry Bear.

The warm spring weather is signaling that it's time for me to rise and shine for another bear season.

Although I've been known to push the snooze button a time or two before I permanently leave my winter den, eventually my hunger pangs win out. Think of this as my own version of the "Hunger Games."

### I Bet You Didn't Know...

I bet you didn't know that black bears can lose up to thirty percent of their body weight during our winter hibernation period? Because I am of average weight for an adult male black bear, my total weight loss over this past winter is about fifty pounds. I guess I can discard the coupon for cool sculpting I found while rummaging through your trash recently.

### Bears in the News

Colorado wildlife officials have reported tranquilizing and relocating its first bear of the year after they say it got into several trash cans and posed a threat to children at a day care center in Steamboat Springs. The local police department received several calls about a two-year-old, cinnamon-colored black bear perusing downtown neighborhoods for scraps. Remove the human food sources and this young bear will be forced to eat its natural food supply to satisfy his diet. Plus, we all will be safer for it. 90 percent of bear/human conflicts involve food. No food equals minimum conflict possibility.

Although I was happy to learn that this dude bear was spared a tragic end, relocation has its drawbacks as well. Wildlife officials report that sometimes relocating a bear inadvertently places it in the territory of other bear who will fight for territorial rights. Also, some relocated bears find their way to new residential areas where they continue to demonstrate their bad eating habits and can pose a threat to people in the new location. As suburban sprawl continues to encroach on remote areas, relocation choices for bears are becoming limited. Even though it pains me to say it - the best long-term solution is to deny us bears access to human food sources. Remember: It is against the law to feed us intentionally.

### Bear Season Resolution

If you haven't done so yet, make 2019 the year to replace your old non-bear proof garbage can with a bear-tight containers.



### A fed bear often becomes a dead bear.

This is me with your bear-proof garbage container.

I know last night's dinner scraps are in there, but I can't get to them.

You and your trash collection person know how to open the lid. I don't.



### Ask Beary Bear

An email question from Alex, age 9: Dear Mr. Bear: How long do black bears live in Colorado? Answer: We live in Colorado until we retire and move to Florida. Sorry for the smart Alex answer, Alex. Seriously, our life expectancy depends greatly on if we are living in the wild or in captivity such as a zoo or nature preserve. Some bear experts estimate we only live about ten to twenty years in the wild but can live up to thirty years in captivity. The reason for the shorter life expectancy in the wild is largely due to starvation, disease, vehicular accidents and euthanization by wildlife employees.



Thanks for the question Alex. I hope my response has made you a bit more bear wise.

FYI: The oldest black bear on record lived to be a fat and happy thirty-nine years old.

Send your Bear Wise questions to

me at [wisebeary@gmail.com](mailto:wisebeary@gmail.com).

Until next time, be happy and be safe as we enjoy the beautiful Colorado outdoors together.

Your friend,  
**Beary**



## A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE...

Susan Peters...

*A Mother's Day Salute to Bears...  
Do Woodpeckers get Headaches?...  
Do You Know your Finches?...  
Short Takes*

### *In My Next Life, Gonna Be a Bear*

When cleaning out old cards and letters, I ran into the following, and thought it would be perfect for all the Larkspur moms:

*In this life I'm a woman. In my next life, I'd like to come back as a bear. When you're a bear, you get to hibernate. You do nothing but sleep for six months. I could deal with that.*

*Before you hibernate, you're supposed to eat yourself stupid. I could deal with that, too.*

*When you are a girl bear, you birth your children (who are the size of walnuts) while you're sleeping and wake to partially grown, cute, cuddly cubs. I could definitely deal with that.*

*If you're mamma bear, everyone knows you mean business. You swat anyone who bothers your cubs. If your cubs get out of line, you swat them, too. I could deal with that.*

*If you're a bear, your mate EXPECTS you to wake up growling. He EXPECTS that you will have hairy legs and excess body fat.*

*Yup, gonna be a bear.*

Source: Angelfire.com



Speaking of bears coming out of hibernation, there is a bear condition called walking hibernation when they first emerge in the spring. A recent video showed a bear, obviously groggy, sitting in front of its cave, picking his toes. Hey, hygiene should be first on a bear's spring to-do list. REALLY? I would think it would be the nearest source of grub.

Actually, it takes a bear about a month to fully emerge from hibernation.

First it pokes its head out a few times. Its legs are wobbly at first, so a bear will spend a lot of time rolling around,

rubbing and scratching itself. Yawn.

### *More About those Woodpeckers*

Woodpeckers drum on trees and about anything else, like our houses, looking for food and excavating a nesting place to lay eggs, or trying to attract a female love. They will bury more than 60,000 acorns, each in its own hole in a tree trunk. The drumming marks their territory, too. And the louder they drum, the further the sound carries to warn their rivals that they should stay away from the drummer's mating area.



The Forest Service says to leave up two dead trees per acre, hopefully away from your house or car, for wildlife, particularly woodpeckers. The softer aged wood is easier to excavate for nests. In Larkspur you will usually find Hairy Woodpeckers, Downy Woodpeckers, and the Common Flicker

To listen to some of the drumming, check out:

[https://www.audubon.org/news/near-drumming-drumbeats-engagement-20190406-april-engagement-burst-4-micro&utm\\_source=ea&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=engagement-burst-4&utm\\_content=micro](https://www.audubon.org/news/near-drumming-drumbeats-engagement-20190406-april-engagement-burst-4-micro&utm_source=ea&utm_medium=email&utm_content=engagement-burst-4&utm_content=micro)

Once, when camping in the woods in Maine, we were awakened early one morning to the jackhammer, raucous pounding of a pileated woodpecker. These guys are BIG. Who needs an alarm clock when you have these birds around?

So, with all this pounding, do woodpeckers get headaches or brain damage? No. They are equipped with a number of modifications to protect them. One of them is an overbite where the upper part of the beak is loosely hinged. The bone encasing the brain is thick and spongy, particularly in the forehead and the back of the skull, to absorb shocks, like a well-made football helmet.

At the same time, the bottom part of the beak is stronger and more securely connected to the lower part of the skull; the upper part slides around a bit more, being less securely attached to the skull. Combined, this allows the top part of the beak to inflict more damage on the tree trunk without passing on too much of that energy onto the more fragile top half of the skull. The lower beak passes its own energy onto the stronger lower half of the skull.

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Then there's the hyoid bone. Humans also have the horseshoe shaped bones, located just above the Adam's apple, though for us it's fairly small and disconnected from the rest of the skeleton. The woodpecker's hyoid is larger and connected to the lower side of the skull. But get this, rather than being horseshoe-shaped, their hyoids have two ends that connect after looping through their nostril and around the skull. So the hyoid for them acts as a seat belt, holding the skull in place while hammering. Cool, huh? Maybe the designers of new seat belts will take this design into consideration.

### *House vs. Purple Finch – Do You Know the Difference?*



This is really a trick question, as only House Finches are located in Colorado except for an occasional Purple Finch, which populates the Northeast where I used to live. Both birds are about the same size and shape with almost identically shaped beaks. The difference is in the color. The House Finches have brown heads with a bright red-orange chest in the males. The male purple finches look like someone dumped a pail of purple paint over their heads with it dripping down the back and chest. See their pictures here:

### *Short Takes*

Once more the alarm has sounded for the critical state of the populations of Monarchs. Please include some milkweed in

your spring plantings. I have my seeds. Yay! They are even color coordinated to our friends' wedding which will be held at our house.

The birds have been somewhat scarce at our house, which means huge savings on our birdseed bill. Even during and after the first bomb cyclone, few appeared. Closer observations showed why. We are being inundated by several species of hawks: Northern Goshawk, Coopers, and Redtail. Our place has become a feeding ground for hawks with all the birds and rodents.

The male birds are at their peak babe-magnet colors. On nice days, the outdoors sounds as if the Mormon Tabernacle Choir is singing. It is glorious!

Pine siskins are nesting in our very fat Dwarf Alberta Spruce. The not so dwarf Colorado Blue Spruce is home to many nesting finches.

On nicer days we have spent some time on the bench next to the koi pond. Mr. and Mrs. Water Strider have been taking lap in the pond while ahe'n and ashe'n. The koi will get their act on soon to produce fry.

I met a lady in Sprouts who had a retired service dachshund (REALLY?) in her basket. She told me about having her in a park. The dog was snatched by a hawk – I assume a Great Horned Owl. She told me that she grabbed the owl's wing. The owl promptly dropped the dog. Wow.

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That's all, folks, for this month. Gotta run. Gotta find my tropical fish cards for snorkeling in Hawaii. Yessiree...back to a place that only sees snow at the highest elevations. I can deal with that after the last couple of months.

HowtoContactMe: Email is best at [usan@larskpurconsulting.com](mailto:usan@larskpurconsulting.com). Alternatively, call my cell phone at 303-725-6868 or send a short write-up to 2255 Quartz Mountain Drive.

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# CLASSIFIED ADS

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## TEEN FOR HIRE

Responsible 13 year old who loves kids and critters! Call me for all your baby/pet sitting needs. Babysitting/CPR/First Aid Certified. Contact Sage @ 303-250-8821 or kkberquist@gmail.com

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 720-288-9607.

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 18 and a PP res. I am available for jobs that include yard work, pet walking / sitting, snow shoveling, fire mitigation and more. Sandy Divan can be contacted for reference at 303-681-0132. I also have a 16 y/o brother that can help with big jobs, so call me at 720-420-9767 today!

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

New! Super Summer Nanny/Sitter Available For Hire: Need a fun, dependable, affordable nanny to provide care for your kiddo(s) this summer? My name is Teaghan Todd; I am a freshman in highschool and I absolutely love kids. I am responsible, CPR/AED certified, and have my babysitting certification. I would love to help give your kids a summer they can remember. Call or text me at (303) 726 7534 or email me at teartodd@gmail.com

My name is Kylie Cronin and I am 14 years old. I am great with children and animals and will always give them 100% of my attention. If you are looking for an experienced and dependable baby sitter, pet sitter, or someone to do household chores please contact me at kylie.queen21@gmail.com or 720-412-1567. I am looking for work in the Perry Park and Larkspur area.

My name is London. I am 16 yrs old, a junior at CVHS and live in the Sageport area. I am available for pet or baby sitting. Please call 303.250.8125

Dependable and responsible 17 year old available for babysitting, nannying and pet sitting with years of experience, contact Brenna Martin at 719-728-0349 or at brennaashlynmartin@gmail.com.

## THE PERRY PARK SENTINEL

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Quarter Page (3 1/2"x 5")	\$50.00
Half Page (7 1/2"x 5")	\$62.50
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