

Bar-K News

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TRASH DAY 2005 June 18th at Rock Lake!!

Boulder County and the Bar-K Association will be sponsoring the Annual Spring Cleanup, better known as Trash Day. The collection site for all "top-of-the-mountain" communities will be at 1180 Rock Lake Road on Saturday, June 18th. This year we will have 5 roll-off dumpsters, 3 will be dedicated to slash and 2 will be for normal household, non-toxic waste. The County will pay for 4 roll-offs; the Bar-K is paying for 1 additional slash roll-off. The rules are as follows:

- From **7 a.m. until 10 a.m.**, only one pick-up load (or equivalent) of trash per household will be accepted.
- From **10 until 1 p.m.**, additional loads of trash will be accepted, as space permits.

Household Waste: Normal non-toxic household waste. No tires, refrigerators, etc. will be accepted.

Recycling: For recycling, Bar-K residents Matt & Bridget Johnson, of Green Girl Recycling and Green Mountain Recycling, will be providing trucks during the entire time that the Bar-K event is open - 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please contact them directly with any questions (303-459-3456).

Many people find that another's trash is their treasure. The Board will set aside "trash" that somebody else may be interested in --- and it sits out all day or is taken to a new home. Only when the last truck comes for the final roll-off will the unwanted "trash" actually become trash.

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Are Your Dues Current?

Summer is the season for exploring and enjoying the Bar-K Common Lands.

Just a reminder to those who may have forgotten, please pay your dues. Don't forget, as of last year, dues became \$120/year. Please pay the balance if you only put in \$90. Without Association members' dues we can't maintain the beauty of our common lands that enhance the value of every-one's properties. **Thank You!**

NEW FISHING RULES

1. *Catch and release only (if you kill a fish, do not return it to the lake & no more fishing for the day)*
2. *No live bait fishing*
3. *Flies and lures only*
4. *No barbed hooks (barbs on hooks can be crushed and removed with pliers)*

See "Fishing on the Bar-K" story on page 4.

NEWSLETTER MISSION STATEMENT

This newsletter is produced entirely by volunteers—with the support of the Bar-K Association. Our goal is to promote membership in the Bar-K Association and to give residents and property owners in the Bar-K information regarding issues pertinent to our area.

Articles of an editorial nature published in the Bar-K News are the opinion of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Bar-K News staff or the Bar-K Association.

Please feel free to contribute original ideas, concepts, advertisements and stories for future issues. The next issue will be published this summer. Check the bulletin board and/or the QT for the article submission deadline.

If you would like to help with production or distribution of the newsletter, please contact any of the following volunteers:

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Hi I am Jason Buell. I've lived in the Bar-K Ranch over 23 years. I like to keep my eye out to help and to keep it safe and peaceful. You will see me on my bike or on foot. I love the Bar-K and I care about everyone in it. I hope we can happily live in our friendly neighborhood all together.

Deepest Condolences to the Harrison family
on the loss of their Wife, Mother and Grandmother:

Connie Harrison

October 3, 1936 - January 21, 2005



To Access the Neighborhood
Quick Topic (QT) Message Board
visit the Bar-K-Ranch website at...

www.bar-k-ranch.com

P.S. Thank You to Sal DeVincenzo for all your hard work creating and maintaining this site.

Bar-K Babies



Aiden at 15 weeks old

Fox Family has a new Kit
Congratulations to Heather and Ky Fox and welcome to Oscar Z. Fox. Born April 1 at Boulder Community Foothills Hospital, he was 6 pounds 14 ounces.



Ky, Heather and 5 week old baby Oscar

Copeland/Scott Household gets Addition
Congratulations to Laura Copeland and Rich Scott and welcome to their son Aiden Copeland Scott. Born January 12 at Avista Hospital, he was 6 pounds 9 ounces.



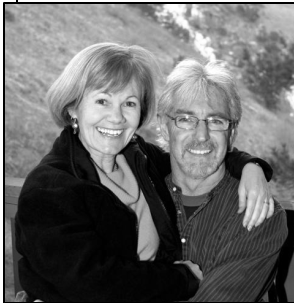
Billinger's First Grandbaby!
Congratulations to Cindy and Rob Billinger on the birth of their first grandchild. Madison Lynn Billinger was born February 25 at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins. She was 8 pounds 5 ounces.



Thank you to Cary, Dee G., Andee, Laura, Heather B., Margie, Joanna, Dee H., Jeanne, Marci, Bridget, Dory, Karen D. and Patti who all pitched in to provide meals to the families with new babies. And a big thanks to Cary Bush for organizing the effort. Joanna & Tim Crean and Heather & Marc Bromberg are both expecting arrivals in late May. If you would like to help out with meals when the new babies arrive contact Cary at 303-459-0524.

New to the Bar-K Neighborhood

Welcome to Jan Preston Dunn and Ed Oustayan. They moved from Louisville to their home on Ranch Road in October 2004. Jan is an acupuncturist with an office in Louisville and the Bar-K. Ed is a lapidary and makes custom jewelry. They love going for walks and enjoy the closeness to nature the Bar-K offers.



Welcome to Jeanne and David Dodd living on Bridger Trail. They are Aussie teachers who have exchanged homes and jobs (teaching in Boulder) for 12 months. They are here until mid-December, while Holly and Peter are ensconced in their home, perched on a headland above the Pacific Ocean in sub-tropical Coffs Harbour, New South Wales.

"We couldn't have asked for a better exchange of lifestyles, and we're loving living and traveling in the U.S. despite the number of U.S. drivers consistently on our side of the road! If you see a dark blue Subaru Legacy, give us a wave."

Welcome to Wendy Ingham, her daughter Morgan and Pearl, their 1 year old Yellow Lab. They moved to Bridger Trail in February and are loving it. Wendy works for Boulder County and Morgan is in 2nd grade at Foothills Elementary School. They are looking forward to being active members of the Bar-K community.



Welcome & Best Wishes to Alena Allyn and Alden Short. Since moving to the Bar-K in August 2004, they have been very busy with painting their Jed Smith Road house, building a garage and planning their wedding this October. Both work at Spyder Active Sports in Gunbarrel.

Congratulations to Joe Ryan on becoming a tenured Professor at CU.



Did we leave someone out? Please let us know, we would love to welcome you to the Bar-K or celebrate with you.
The Bar-K News Staff

ROCK LAKE RESTORATION (PLEASE BE PATIENT)

By Andee Graves

In the fall of 2003 work began to revitalize Rock Lake. Approximately \$21,000 was spent on a drainage and dredging project to deepen the lake after years of erosion and drought had made it so shallow that weeds were killing all the fish. By fall 2002 the lake had only a couple feet of water and there were no living fish. The drainage and dredging has increased the depth of the water to 10 or 11 feet in the deepest areas. If the lake continues to fill from snow melt and rainfall as it has, it could be full in 3 years instead of the original estimate of 10 years.

The next step in restoring the lake will be to re-vegetate the shoreline. This is necessary to anchor the soil dredged out and to reduce the amount of dust flying. The "Grass Party" April 17 was a great beginning. Over 6000 square feet of lake side was sown with grass seed after the sandy soil was amended with peat moss that originally came from the bottom of Rock Lake itself. It will take a lot more work parties to complete this project, but many hands make light work.

The next planned re-seeding is on the dam facing Rock Lake Road, where the Board has voted to use hydro-seeding at approximately \$.05 per square foot. The dam is 8,000 square feet and the estimated cost for hydro-seeding it will be \$400. Hydro-seeding is a spray application that appears green. It is a non-toxic slurry base containing water, seed, fertilizer, mulch and a "tackifier" to form a cardboard like surface that seals

the seeds to the ground to promote germination and reduce erosion. The hydro-seeding "slurry" is not supposed to be toxic to the water or fish of the lake, but to be on the cautious side it will only be used on the exposed areas away from the water. Before hydro-seeding can be done the soil will need to be amended with peat moss to help the grass seed get a good start.

Re-stocking the lake with fish is also part of the restoration. The plan is to do a one-time stocking of 3,000 fingerlings (baby fish) this fall, if the Association budget allows. The last price estimate

from Cline Trout Farms was \$.35 a fingerling putting us at \$1,050 for the fall stocking. By spring those fish will be 6-8 inches long and further stocking will need to be with larger more expensive fish.

Anyone who would like to help out with any of the Rock Lake restoration projects please contact Jack Kutscher (303-459-3568). If you would like to make donations to offset the cost of hydro-seeding and fish stocking please contact Jack Kutscher or Cary Bush (303-459-0524).

FISHING ON THE BAR-K

By Jack Kutscher

The Bar-K Association members and guests have had many years of excellent fishing. However, what was true in the past is no longer true today. Rising costs and the damage drought and weeds did to Rock Lake are changing the picture dramatically.

Ten years ago a Rainbow trout cost \$1.00 each. A Brown trout \$1.25. The delivery charge for a truckload of fish was \$45.00. Today the same sized rainbow is \$4.00 and a Brown trout is \$4.60. Now the delivery charge is \$75.00. With an \$875.00 fish-stocking budget we can purchase about 174 fish total (Brown trout). The Board voted at the April 26 meeting to stock Penny and Valley lakes with 10-12 inch trout and stock Rock Lake in the fall with fingerlings if the budget allows.

The lakes do not have the fish population they once did. When the fish in Rock Lake died because of low water levels, the other 2 lakes were over fished. What this really means is after the spring stocking, with a limit of 4 fish per day, all lakes could be depleted of fish in just a couple of days. We need to bring our fish populations back to the numbers we had 5 years ago. To do this the fishing rules have to change for 2-3 years as follows:

Catch and release (if you kill a fish, do not return it to the lake & no more fishing for the day)

No live bait fishing

Flies and lures only

No barbed hooks (barbs on hooks can be crushed and removed with pliers)

GRASS PARTY - APRIL 17



Tom Buell and Paul Rozinek loading the truck with peat moss for the crew to spread and mix with the sandy lakeside soil.



Claire Rozinek, Cary Bush and Anne Kosel raking the peat moss for grass to be sown.



The Oldest and Youngest
Marilyn Fagerstrom &
8 months pregnant Joanna Crean



Board President, Jack Kutscher and Harry Hempy



Harry Hempy, Margie Airola, Jason Buell and Tim Crean



The results of all that hard work. Over 6000 square feet of the lakeside soil amended and seed sown.

Thank You **Grass Party Work Crew**

Jack Kutscher, Claudia Willis-Bunch,
Marilyn Fagerstrom, Lyric Nicholson,
Cary Bush, Randy Nicholson,
Margie Airola, Tom & Jason Buell,
Claire & Paul Rozinek, Sally & Harry Hempy,
David Dodd, Joanna & Tim Crean,
Anne Kosel and Andee Graves

BARK! (Dog Owners Responsibility Guide)



Editorial By Asa Flynn

Ah, life in the mountains! The fresh air, trails and open spaces of the Bar-K are what lured so many of us to this mountain community in the first place. Undoubtedly, dogs are ideal companions for mountain living. Fun and friendly, they are with us on the trail and in our homes. They defend our property and alert us to dangers and are the guardian angels of our families.

As a non-dog owner and dog-friendly house, I help to take care of my neighbors' dogs. Occasionally, I let them out in the mornings or put them inside at night. I feed them when their owners are away. I walk them, play with them and bring them treats. I have a good relationship with my neighbors and their dogs and I gladly offer to help out so that I don't get annoyed with dogs barking early in the morning or late at night. Yet, there are times when I have been equally frustrated and pleased with some basic community respect issues regarding dog ownership and responsibility elsewhere in the Bar-K.

With summer here and lots of happy dogs heading outdoors, it's time to review the guidelines for responsible dog ownership. These guidelines, with a little attention, will help us all maintain a mutual respect for the love of canines whether you own one or not.

Barking Dogs

While owners know their dogs best, they often don't know what their dogs are like when they are gone. The friendliest most well behaved dogs can be huge barking nuisances when their owners are away. As an owner, you should check in with your immediate neighbors from time to time and see what your dog's behavior is like while you are away. Don't wait for your neighbors to approach you because if your dogs have been bothering them, they may now be grumpy or angry and less willing to discuss the problem and more likely to call Animal Control. Develop a positive rapport with your neighbors so that they will be compelled to look out for your dog's well being and notify you if your dogs are misbehaving. The Boulder County Animal Control Unit, a division of the Boulder County Sheriff's Office, states, "The owner or keeper of a dog must prevent their dog from disturbing the peace of any person by unprovoked, loud, persistent and habitual barking, howling or yelping."

Dogs at Large

Unsupervised dogs get into trouble. They don't know they are making trouble because their owners aren't around to praise good behavior or curb bad behavior such as nipping or biting passers-by, getting into garbage and compost, chasing and harassing livestock or other pets, pooping on other's property, digging or trampling on gardens, killing or harassing wildlife, etc. Supervise your dog! If you can't, then the dog(s) should either remain indoors or in a pen. Boulder County Animal Control states that dogs "must be under control or physically confined, unless on the owner's or keeper's property." Additionally, Colorado Statute 33-3-106 (3) states, "Nothing in this section shall make it unlawful to trap, kill, or otherwise dispose of bears, mountain lions, or **dogs**, when it is necessary to prevent them from inflicting death, damage or injury to livestock, real property, a motor vehicle or human life and additionally, in the case of **dogs**, when it is necessary to prevent them from inflicting death or injury to big game and to small game, birds and mammals. Any wildlife killed as permitted under this subsection (3) shall remain the property of the state and such killing shall be reported to the division within five days. The division may bring a civil action against the owner of any dog inflicting death or injury to any big game and to small game, birds and mammals for the value of each game animal injured or killed. The minimum value of each animal shall be as set forth in section 33-6-110."

If you own a dog, don't assume that your dog will stay on your property when you're not watching because they just don't. Dogs love to play and investigate. In fact they love to play with other dogs. When supervised, dogs playing in a group can be totally comical and entertaining. Unsupervised, however, that behavior leads to "packs". Packs of dogs systematically get into more trouble and can be more harassing than when alone.

While not everyone loves dogs, acting with a sense of responsibility and respect helps the non-dog lover to respect your right to own dogs and in some instances, help out, creating a positive experience for all. If a problem arises with your dog, be responsible and create a solution, don't wait for the problem to escalate. Your neighbors will love you and your dog(s) for it.

(Continued from page 1) **Trash Day 2005**

Slash: With 3 of the dumpsters being dedicated to slash, this is a great opportunity to do fire mitigation on your property before Trash Day. The most difficult aspect of mitigation work is what to do with the slash. The slash roll-offs have no limit on how many times you can dump. If you are unsure as to how to do fire mitigation on your property please contact Fritz Koch (303-459-3007) , Marilyn Fagerstrom (303-459-3266) or Claudia Willis-Bunch (303-459-0208) volunteers with the Lefthand Fire Protection District.

Bar-K Board members and volunteers will be on hand to assist with unloading. If you have any questions you may contact any of the Board Members listed on page 2.

How Close to Home Do You Need to be Before You can Afford to Slow Down?

Editorial by Larry Damon

DISCLAIMER: *This opinion is offered ONLY in reference to driving and speeding within the Bar-K Ranch subdivision. Outside of the Bar-K, there may be additional issues that are NOT directly related to this extremely local issue (and will not be responded to). But, if my reputation in or outside of the Bar-K brings any more credibility to the issue, so much the better.*

There are two kinds of people in the Bar-K, those who have been here 3 years or longer, and everybody else. Most of those who have been here less than 3 years won't last 3 years (just a historical fact). So, it is really disappointing to think that, of the few problems around here that can cause lasting damage, many can be created by people who won't be around to suffer with the rest of us.

Even though I have lived in the Bar-K for 20 years, I can still remember what it was like to move up here from Boulder. In Boulder, I could be anywhere in town within 5 to 15 minutes from North Boulder. From Bar-K, it takes at least 35 minutes (speeding on a dry road with no traffic) to get to North Boulder. For a new Bar-K resident, that can be a severe "culture" shock to get used to. The good news is that it is temporary and you WILL get used to it. The bad news is that, until you do get used to it, your neighbors are not going to be very tolerant of your behavior.

We can get the math out of the way now, because it is fairly simple. Almost no one lives more than 1.5 miles away from the Bulletin Board (intersection of Rock Lake Road and Ranch

Road). At 20 mph, .5 mile takes 90 seconds; 1 mile takes 3 minutes; 1.5 miles takes 4 minutes 30 seconds. At 40 mph, .5 mile would take 45 seconds; 1 mile would take 1 minute 30 seconds; 1.5 miles would take 2 minutes 15 seconds. So, depending on where you live, speeding might save you anywhere from 45 seconds to 2 minutes on a 45+ minute trip to or from Boulder. Is this amount of time saved really worth it?



I, personally, don't care how you cope with your frustrations outside of the Bar-K (although others might). But, there are even some species of birds that won't defecate in their own nest. How high on the list of species are you? Do us and yourself a favor, and accelerate your transition to the semi-rural life, or at least make Bar-K an exception to your time frustrations. If you are always late to work, leave sooner. If you are worried about the first few minutes of your favorite TV shows, that's what recorders are for.

If you would be stupid enough to drive more than 40 mph on Bar-K roads, you may be harder to reach with mere logic and reason. For you, I can only point out that we know, or can rapidly find out, where you live. The bottom line for you? Don't make us spend lots of dollars renting law enforcement officers at overtime rates just to get you a speeding ticket or three. You will make lots of unnecessary enemies.

Note to non-speeders: This plea has been written well in advance of any misguided attempt to install speed bumps or any other devices inside Bar-K Ranch. If you think you have any non-Bar-K related questions for me, carefully re-read the disclaimer.

**Nearly run-down by a speeding driver on the Bar-K?
Call the Boulder County Sheriff's Office at 303-441-4444
Make the Bar-K roads safer for everyone.**



THE BAR-K HUMMINGBIRD QUEEN

By Andee Graves

Everyone on the Bar-K anticipates the spring arrival of the beautiful hummingbirds, but none more than Cary Bush. Cary has a talent for attracting hummingbirds to the deck of her home that astounds most visitors (as any friend who has been strafed by these flying jewels at one of the Bush/Nicholson parties can attest to). In fact, Cary's reputation with the hummingbirds is such that they seem to visit her home first thing on their arrival to the Bar-K. They knock on the windows of her home until she brings out the first of many feeders that she will diligently refill, clean and refill again throughout the summer months. This year it was April 23 and the hardy hummers insisted that she defrost their feeders everyday during our recent spring snow spell. If you want an opportunity to meet the Hummingbird Queen and all the hummers buzzing about her house join Cary and husband Randy Nicholson for their annual Music on the Mountain celebration Saturday, July 9 (details on page 8, *Events Calendar*).

Events Calendar

MAY 18 - Jamestown School Musical. 6 p.m. at the school. No charge, everyone is welcome.

JUNE 17 - Article submission deadline for the next Bar-K News.

JUNE 18 - Mountain Top Trash Day at 1180 Rock Lake Road beginning at 7 am. (See page 1 for more details).

JULY 4 - JAMESTOWN CELEBRATION...pancake breakfast, parade, live music all day, possible fireworks if fire danger is low

JULY 9 - MUSIC ON THE MOUNTAIN 2005. Join Cary Bush and Randy Nicholson for Live Music and Lively folks at their annual summer bash. Mexican pot-luck. 152 Crockett Trail 11a.m. to 11 p.m.



WE'RE BACK!

The Bar-K News has returned after a year-long absence. This incarnation of the newsletter was first published in October of 1997. It was started by the efforts of Cary Bush, Andee Graves, Wendy Banas and Sally Shuffield. and has always relied on the efforts of many volunteers for planning, articles, printing and delivery. This issue will be the 23 since it's beginning.

We hope to publish 3 times a year (Spring, Summer and Late Fall). If you would like to be involved with the newsletter publication contact any of the staff on page 2.

Local Services

Acupuncture

Acupuncturist with over 18 years experience. Medicine Animal readings. Offices in Bar-K and Louisville. Jan Preston Dunn 303-554-9116

Babysitters

Kristin Buell 303-459-3293

Naomi Olsen 303-459-0245

Julie Huntley 303-449-3411

Car Care

Wolf's Foreign Car Care, Inc. 1855 Folsom Street, Boulder 303-443-6095 or email Sal@wolfscarcare.com

Computers

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Available in Bar-K \$15 kids & \$25 adults Karen DeVincenzo 303-459-3359 Or email Karen@bar-k-ranch.com

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Trail Rides, Camps and other Horse Activities Call Margie Airola or Pam Bunge 303-459-3544 x17

Housecleaning

Dee Huntley 303-449-3411

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Lapidary work and Custom Jewelry Ed Oustayan 303-494-7541

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Two Hands Massage Therapy Save yourself the drive and unwind from Spring Cleaning with a massage. Andee Graves 303-550-3216 or email AFG2Hands@nedernet.net

Pet Care & Dog Walking Services

Julie Huntley 303-449-3411

Recycling

The Green Girl Recycling A one-stop, front door, pick-up recycling program. For details call Bridget Johnson 303-528-1227 or 303-881-7835



If you're a member of the Bar-K Association and would like to be listed in the Local Services section, please email your request to AFG2Hands.nedernet.net or call Andee at 303-459-0317.

Thank you to this Issue's Sponsor:

Sally & Harry Hempy

Organizers of the Bar-K Association's Adopt-A-Road Program

Come help with the Spring Clean-up May 21st, Call 303-459-0172 for more Info.