

Bar-K News

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Bar-K Association Newsletter

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2005 Annual Bar-K Picnic Sunday, August 28th

Come join your neighbors for the Annual Meeting and Picnic Sunday, August 28th.

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| 9 a.m. | Kid's Fishing Contest at Penny Lake |
| 10 a.m. | 5-K run/walk/bike (helmets required for bicyclists) |
| 11 a.m. | Meeting and Picnic |

Bring plates, silverware and a dish to share. The Association will provide burgers, veggie burgers, bratz, hotdogs, beverages and condiments. If you would like to participate in the Fishing Contest or the 5K please sign up on the sheets posted on the Bulletin Board at Rock Lake and Ranch Roads.

Sweat Equity

Want to see something change on the Bar-K? Put your effort in. Join the Association, come to the Board meetings and volunteer to help out with work projects. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Bar-K. Everything from serving as a Board member, Adopt-a-Road clean ups, Newsletter production and distribution, picking up supplies at the shops or helping with the hard work of fencing and re-seeding projects to improve the common lands.

To help out with the Fall Adopt-a-Road cleanup contact Sally and Harry Hempy at 303-459-0172.

ADOPT-A-ROAD SPRING CLEAN UP



The Hardworking Crew

Mark Blair, Gary Crenshaw, Carolyn Blair, Pat Griffin, Dina Griffin, Sally Hempy (organizer), Jacey Stampes, Tessa Brandt and Sal DeVincenzo

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 November. Submission deadline Monday, October 17.

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A YEAR IN THE BAR-K BOARDROOM



By Cary Bush

This year in review has been fairly uneventful for the Bar-K Board. A number of Bar-K residents attended some of the meetings. There were two guest speakers: Ken Lenarcic, mayor of Jamestown (October), and Dave Nyquist, Chief of the Lefthand Fire Department (March).

The Board sent out letters reminding people of the voted on raise in membership dues (from \$90 to \$120) and requested that people who had sent less than \$120, make up the remainder.

The annual Holiday Party was held in December at the house of Randy Nicholson and Cary Bush with a large turnout of more than 70 people.

As far as common lands maintenance, Margie headed the committee. Horses were removed from the pastures as necessary and rotated during the normal grazing months. It was voted by the Board that Bar-K members be limited to four horses per membership on the common lands.

The Rock Lake restoration project continued with the seeding of the north side of the lake. Many volunteers turned out for the work party. Hydroseeding is in the works for the dam area, but with the continuing drought, the seeding may not be able to be accomplished until next spring. Prior to any seeding, another work party needs to get together to move soil onto the area to be seeded. The Forest Service will be using the road on the south side of Rock Lake for a tree-thinning project to the west of our subdivision some time in the immediate future, so no re-seeding is planned for that area until the Forest Service is through.

The Fishing Committee, headed by Jack Kutscher, requested the Board institute a total catch and release policy to last at least a few years. Because of the ongoing drought and the increasingly high prices for fish, we currently have a very low fish population. Penny and Valley Lakes were stocked with trout in the spring. Rock Lake was stocked with fingerlings in mid-summer. The fingerlings (baby fish) will get to grow for a while to repopulate the lake. Fingerlings are less than ¼ of the price of a full size fish.

The annual Trash Day, sponsored in-part by Boulder County, was a great success. The County had considered downsizing our number of roll-offs, yet again, but a number of phone calls and letters changed their mind into allowing us the same four roll-offs we've had for the last couple years. The Bar-K voted to foot the bill for an additional (5th) roll-off in order to have more room for slash. The Bar-K Board once again donated their time – all day – to help people unload their vehicles and to make sure that recyclables, slash and trash, went to the correct receptacles, that nothing toxic was inadver-

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TRASH DAY!



Trash

Slash



& Recycling

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tently included in the trash, and that the dumpsters were filled in the most efficient way. Green Girl Recycling donated their time and trucks to give everyone the chance to get rid of recyclables. Members of the Lefthand Fire Department and the Bar-K Board spent hours cutting up the slash with chainsaws so that more and more slash could be piled into the roll-offs. The really fun part of Trash Day was the “my trash, your treasure” area that many people took advantage off. Refreshments were provided throughout the day by Cary, Karen and Martha.

The last meeting of the Board approved the Forest Service easement over the south side of Rock Lake for their tree-thinning project. Also approved was use of Valley Lake for the Scott/Copeland wedding in September. Finally, the date of the Annual Meeting & Picnic was decided for Sunday, August 28, 2005. Two positions on the Board will be up for election – Cary Bush and Tim Crean, who luckily both agreed to run again since nobody else volunteered.

At the time of the printing of the newsletter, the Bar-K Association had 52 members, including Tenants and Special Licensees.

We'll see you all at the Annual Meeting & Picnic. PLEASE remember to send in your absentee ballot before the date of the picnic (8-28-05) if you cannot attend. It is always important that we have a quorum in order to finalize the voting and all the absentee ballots need to be mailed in and counted.

For all of you who are members, thank you for your continuing support of the Bar-K Association and all that it does to keep the lakes and common lands protected and beautiful. We would love to see more participation by members in the actual Board meetings -- just to keep us on track, know what people want and think, and generally to keep from getting lonely. To any of you who are not members, please consider adding the \$120 per year cost to your yearly budget in order to help maintain the beauty that surrounds us all. Thank you.



FEEDING A NEIGHBORHOOD'S NEEDS

By Karen DeVincenzo

One might think that life in the mountains, so far from the conveniences of the city, might be a lonely, isolated and difficult experience, especially during times of real need, like new parenthood or when there's illness or injury. But this community comes through and fills those gaps beautifully. What a city offers in the form of buyable services, we provide to one another just because it's the neighborly thing to do.

When Sierra was born recently, parents Tim and Joanna didn't have to cook a meal for 18 days straight!

"It just gave us one less thing to have to think about. We could totally concentrate on stumbling through the "new parent thing" and know that we had a tasty and healthy meal coming at the end of the day. We have told friends about how many neighbors made us meals and they all want to move up here, particularly when they have babies! Another side bonus was that we had so much food that we always had leftovers for lunches and snacks, so we did not really have to think about food shopping for about 2 weeks."

So, where did these meals come from? Neighbor and Bar-K Board Treasurer, Cary Bush, grew up reading the Little House on the Prairie series and thought that when families had babies, neighbors brought meals. When her and her husband's own daughter, Lyric, was born nine years ago, she was surprised to find that this was not the case. She decided that this had to change.

After the next neighborhood baby was born, Cary brought a few meals over to the new parents, Joe and Martha. She thought though, that more people might like to get involved, and began asking neighbors to participate. Since 1997, over 60 different volunteers have provided meals for 27 new families, and at least 10 others that had been injured or ill.

Last fall, Pat and Dina were hit by a car while riding their bicycles out by Boulder Reservoir.

"I know that without the help of our neighbors up here, we would have had a lot harder time," says Pat. "Fritz (another neighbor), was more than happy to take his Saturday evening and come and meet Dina and me at the hospital, and take us home. Debbie (Fritz's wife), then came over with dinner for us and stayed for quite awhile to see that we were okay. For at least the next 2 weeks we had many of our neighbors coming over bringing us food, checking in on us, and being generally concerned about our welfare. It made us feel great."

Imagine feasting every evening on meals like Thai stir-fry with rice and wonderful banana bread, beef stew, eggplant lasagna, chicken marsala, pot roasts, roasted chicken, and even a lobster bake! It's just another way of showing how many hands put together as a group can fill a huge need. All it takes is a little organization and a few willing individuals. Imagine what ELSE a community like this could do!

(If you find yourself in need of this service, or would like to add your name to the list of volunteers that provide this service, call Cary Bush at 303-459-0524, or email her at cary@bar-k-ranch.com).

Wildlife Spotting

When delivering the last issue of the Bar-K News, Andee took these pictures of a beautiful deer on St. Vrain Trail near the Martin's home.



KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

In a community as far from emergency services as ours, the best safety measure is to know who your neighbors are and to watch out for everyone's well-being.

IT'S OUR WATER COLORADO!

Submission and comments by Claire Rozinek

An excerpt of an article from the Colorado Water Protection Project.

Many Boulder Pet Guardians now pick up after their pets on the trails, thanks to basic etiquette and education about waste's harmful environmental effects. But that pile in the backyard can be just as deleterious to local creeks and reservoirs. According to the Colorado Water Protection Project pet waste is the main culprit in polluted urban runoff.

Swept into gutters during rainstorms and snowfalls, disease pathogens in organic waste eventually wind up in local waterways. Contaminated urban runoff accounts for nearly 15 percent of America's stream pollution and more than 20 percent of lake and reservoir contamination. Scooping up backyard pet waste and regularly disposing of it in a trashcan is one easy and effective way to prevent contamination.

Motor oil, petroleum products, antifreeze, transmission fluid, engine cleaners and battery acid are other serious water threats. As with pet waste, products from leaky engines wash into waterways after each rain and snowfall. If you do your own car repairs, CWPP reminds you to properly dispose of waste products and product containers at recycling or hazardous waste centers.

I think we can relate this to our private wells that supply our precious drinking water.
Let's Be Careful What We Put In It.

WHEN IS A POT PLANT NOT A POT PLANT?

By David Dodd

Here is an example of cultural vocabulary differences. Read the script for "Neighbours" (this is an actual dialogue... fictitious names have **NOT** been used to protect the innocent) The reality show will be out in 2006. The following is an excerpt from this show!

Scene 1- Wendy's front yard up here in the Bar-K Ranch

Jeanne : Hi Wendyblah, blah, blah. (Aussie drawl)

Wendy: Hi Jeanneblah, blah, blah.

Jeanne : Well have to be off... need to get all Holly's pot plants out onto the deck to give them a good hosing.

Wendy: Holly has a lot of pot plants? I don't remember seeing any.

Jeanne : Yeah, heaps. You didn't see them in the lounge room?

Wendy: No.

Further general talking...kids, schools... etc. Sal arrives with Wendy's computer.

Wendy and Jeanne : Hi Sal

Sal: Hi..... blah, blah, blah

Jeanne : Well gotta go and water those pot plants.

Wendy: Sal, Jeanne has to go and water Holly's pot plants.

Sal: I didn't know Holly had any pot plants.

Jeanne : (thinking "... great.. if they all die maybe no-

one will notice.") Yes I thought the leaves needed a good hosing down outside.

Wendy: You know it's illegal to have pot plants?

Sal: Yep it's not really a good idea to have pot plants inside.

Jeanne : (thinking.... what a weird law.... wonder why you aren't supposed to have pot plants in the house.... maybe something to do with exotic plants within the Roosevelt National Forest... fragile ecosystems in the Rockies etc...) Well there's a heap of them.

Sal: (the light dawning) You mean POTTED plants!!!!!!

Jeanne : Yes (the light still **not** dawning)

Wendy and Sal: We thought you were talking about POT plants!

Jeanne : Ahhhh, in Australia a potted plant is called a pot plant.

Sal: So what's a POT plant called?

Jeanne : Do we have them in Australia?

Jeanne exits stage left. Sal and Wendy remain centre stage rolling eyes and scratching heads... "...must have something to do with blood running to their heads downunder..."

Footnote - At a subsequent meeting of the tribal council, Jeanne was unanimously voted off the Ranch due to ongoing translation difficulties.



JANE DOE'S IDENTITY IS STILL A MYSTERY

By Silvia Pettem

During the last days of March, in 1954, a wintry blast of cold and snow swept south out of Canada and into the foothills of Colorado's Rocky Mountains. Very briefly, between storms in an overcast sky, a tiny sliver of a waning moon (some called it a toenail) flickered and went out in the western sky.

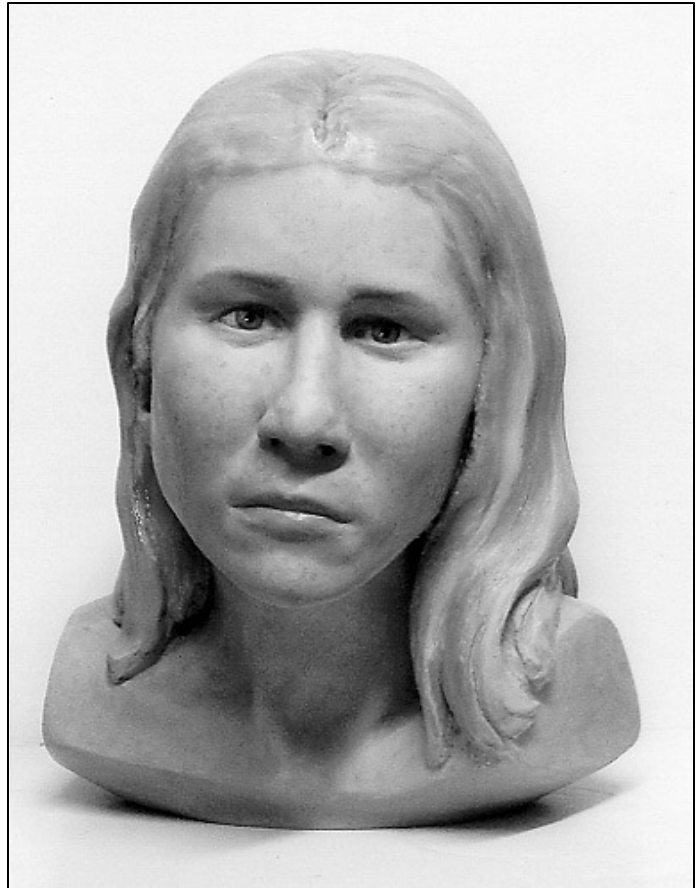
So, too, did the life of an unidentified young woman.

"Jane Doe," as the unidentified murder victim was called, was slender and blonde. Her naked and partially decomposed body was found about a week later by two CU students out for a mountain hike in Boulder Canyon. Despite extensive local publicity, no one was able to identify the young woman. Her killer has never been found.

Compassionate citizens raised money for a funeral, plot, and gravestone ("Jane Doe, April 1954, age about 20 years") in Boulder's Columbia Cemetery. People sent flowers, including a spray of red gladiolas with a card simply addressed to "Someone's Daughter." An occasional passerby would stop at her stone and wonder who she was.

Jane Doe sparked my curiosity when I participated in a "Meet the Spirits" cemetery event in 1996. I discovered that the Sheriff's files on her case had been lost, so I reconstructed the story from old newspaper articles. Finally, in 2003, I approached Sheriff Joe Pelle and asked if he would exhume her remains, profile her DNA, and make it available to compare to the DNA of possible relatives. My hope was (and still is) to identify Jane Doe and return her remains to her family.

When I raised private funds and was able to enlist the help of forensic experts who worked for free, the Sheriff officially reopened the case. A year ago, Jane Doe's remains were exhumed. Her coffin had disintegrated underground, so forensic



A forensic artist based his facial reconstruction of Jane Doe on her reassembled skull, exhumed in pieces from Columbia Cemetery in June 2004.

anthropologists removed her remains bone by bone in a two-day archeological-type dig.

During the past year, Jane Doe's DNA has been extracted, her skull reassembled, and a sculpture based on her skull recently revealed to a national audience. Progress on the case, as well as articles and an active message board are posted on www.boulderjanedoe.com.

Take a look at it sometime. Maybe you can help solve the murder.



Get in the Know, Access the Neighborhood
Quick Topic (QT) Message Board on the Bar-K-Ranch website at...

www.bar-k-ranch.com

Bar-K Babies - Three little Girls arrive!



Mers

Congratulations to Bethany and Doug Mers and welcome to Chloe Alana. Born April 25 at Boulder Community Foothills Hospital, she was 8 pounds 3 ounces.

Chloe at 2 months old



Madison at 8 weeks old

Bromberg

Congratulations to Heather and Marc Bromberg and welcome to their daughter Madison Isabella. Born May 9th at Exempla Good Samaritan Hospital, she was 6 pounds 5 ounces.

Crean

Congratulations to Joanna & Tim Crean and welcome to their daughter Sierra Anne. Born May 31st at Boulder Community Foothills Hospital, she was 6 pounds 14 ounces.

Sierra at 6 weeks old



Thank You

to the following people who generously provided meals for one, two, or all three(!) of the families with new babies:

Karen, Sally, Heather, Claudia, Dee H., Marilyn, Mark, David, Jackie, Laura, Dee G., Cary, Claire, Deb, Kris, Brooke, Barb O., Barb B., Wendy, Deanna, Martha, Andee and Bridget.

Oops!

One More Bar-K Baby born in 2004 Dow's Baby Boy

Congratulations to Jackie & Pete Dow on the birth of their son, Nicholas Avery Dow born October 2, 2004, at their Bar-K home after a walk at St.Vrain. He was 7 pounds 4 ounces and 21 inches long. Nick has 4 older sisters, Isabelle, Ariel, Emily and Olivia (1/2 sister).

Nick at almost 10 months old



We forgot to thank David Dodd and Tim Crean for their culinary skills in helping to feed the Fox and Copeland/Scott families in the last Newsletter. Thanks guys and please forgive the gender bias.☺



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

Where There's a Will, There's a Way

By Cary Bush

That has been the creed of the newsletter staff since day one. We have WILLED eight years of newsletters into being. First there is planning – who will drum up a sponsor, who will write articles and about what, who will keep everyone motivated, who will make sure deadlines are met, who will do the paste-up, who will do deliveries. . .

Speaking of deliveries, I have been asked many times, "Why do you do the deliveries by hand, why not just mail them?" Originally, the Board didn't have any money to pay for the newsletter, and no money to mail it. We were lucky to pay the postage to get the annual ballots mailed out to the members. When we started the newsletter, we got sponsors and thus saved the Bar-K about another \$80-120 (depending on the issue). But the real fun was and is in delivering the newsletter. This saves the Bar-K more than \$37.00 in postage, plus envelopes, plus hours of people stuffing envelopes. As the volunteers deliver the newsletters directly to people's doors, they meet neighbors, have conversations, find out what's been going on, find out about health problems and car wrecks and new babies. The delivery makes it personal.

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who help the newsletter happen each and every time. We can always use more volunteers to write articles or help with delivery. Please volunteer.

Events Calendar

AUGUST 6 - JIM CREEK FEST all day in Jamestown's Little Park...live music, wildlife presentations, a wealth of information by its sponsor, the James Creek Watershed Initiative.

AUGUST 28 - BAR-K ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC 11 a.m. at Wapiti & Ranch road. For details see page 1.

OCTOBER 17 - SUBMISSION DEADLINE for articles, advertisements in the November Bar-K News. If you have something ready before then, send it.

Want to have a vote at the Annual Meeting?

Make sure your dues are current. 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 our common lands that enhance the beauty of our surroundings and the value of everyone's properties. **Thank You!**

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

Julie Huntley 303-449-3411

Naomi Olsen 303-459-0245

Car Care

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

Computers

Maxtek Computer Systems Computer Repairs, Home Networks - Wireless, System Upgrades, Digital Photography. Sal DeVincenzo 303-907-0499

Horseback Riding

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

Housecleaning

Kristin Buell 303-459-3293

Dee Huntley 303-449-3411

Lapidary

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

Massage

Two Hands Massage Therapy Save yourself the drive, relax and rejuvenate with a massage in a professional setting on the Bar-K. Andee Graves 303-550-3216 or email AFG2Hands@nedernet.net

Mortgage Broker

Purnima Oza Boulder Mortgage Brokers Your local lender with national resources! 303-847-5930 303-459-0113 (Home) 303-459-0359 (Fax)

Pet Care & Dog Walking Services

Kristin Buell 303-459-3293

Julie Huntley 303-449-3411

Recycling

The Green Girl Recycling A one-stop, front door, pick-up recycling program. For details call Bridget Johnson 303-459-3456 and 303-442-7535



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 Andee at AFG2Hands@nedernet.net or call 303-459-0317.