

Bar-K News

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News from the Bar-K Association

by Cary Bush

The Annual Picnic and Association meeting were held at the end of August with a good turnout of about 50 people. The day began with the Kids' Fishing Contest (congratulations to Henry Ryan who was the only person to catch a fish that day!), and continued with the 1st Annual Bar-K 5-K Run (congratulations to Marc Bromberg for the fastest time). Next was the Annual Meeting (a quorum was reached with the inclusion of absentee ballots). Cary Bush and Scott Stanberry were elected to the Board for two year terms joining current Board Members, Jack Kutscher, Margie Airola and Silvia Pettem.

Rock Lake Update

Anyone who has passed on Rock Lake Road next to Rock Lake itself will have seen the enormous amount of work going on there for more than a month. The health of Rock Lake has been deteriorating for quite some time now as evidenced by the weeds, death of fish and other indicators. Previous research has shown that dredging and/or chemical methods would be the only ways to discontinue the deterioration and restore some of the lake's previous beauty. Through the diligent work of volunteers and the pledges of

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Our Ridge

by Marilyn Fagerstrom

"Our ridge" refers to the first high ridge behind and above Rock Lake that we have all seen each time we go by and gaze towards the western heights. In clear weather it is visible as an inviting high point within easy hiking distance. Many of us have climbed it and been awed by the vast view it affords of the lake, much of the Bar-K and on out to the eastern plains. For me, it holds several wonderful memories stretching over a period of over 30 years.

My first trip to the ridge was probably thirty years ago with the then owner of the Walls house by Rock Lake. That was the era of the big pine beetle infestation which resulted in the cheap pine beetle wood on the market for construction. My cabin was built of this wood, inside and out. The Colorado Forest Service was engaged in massive cutting in behind Rock Lake and there was a fairly decent four-wheel road back in there. My friend had an old open jeep and we drove to the bottom of the ridge (back by the kids camp) and hiked up from there. I remember being totally awed by the sight below and on out east.

My friend had hiked the ridge once and found an old buggy seat, weathered and falling apart. She decided it could be fixed up; so day after day, she painstakingly heaved and pulled that doggone thing, some days for only a few yards, until she got it to her house. She refinished it, made some cushions and it became her couch. When she subsequently sold the house, she bequeathed it to me and it became my first piece of furniture! However, it would not fit through any doors I had at the time, so it sat on my deck for years — a wonderful "love seat" to admire the whole front range from. It now resides in my side yard as a plant holder in the

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Bar-K Holiday Party!

Sunday, December 14, 4 p.m.
at the Hempy's —
400 Rock Lake Rd.

*Non-alcoholic beverages, beer and wine will
be served courtesy of the Bar-K Association.*

As always, please bring a dish to share.

*Thank You
Fire
Fighters!*

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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 winter. Check the bulletin board for the article submission deadline.

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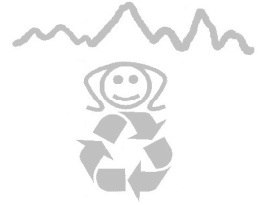
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more than \$4,000 from members of the Association, dredging has become a reality. Nearly all of the pledges have been collected. The Bar-K Association is paying \$3–4,000 in additional funds, which will deplete its equity fund, in order to complete the project.

Jack Kutscher, long-time resident and current President of the Bar-K Association, has spearheaded the draining and dredging of Rock Lake. Spending his weekends and vacation days on running pumps to drain the lake, getting help pumping from the Lefthand Fire Department (thank you, Dave Nyquist) and negotiating with various contractors to get the best prices on the heavy equipment needed to do the dredging and moving the dirt, Jack has been relentless in his dedication to this project. Many, many thanks to you, Jack!

To date, more than 1,200,000 gallons of water have made their way from Rock Lake, down through the pasture, under Ranch Road, and into Penny Lake. A track hoe was used for the initial movement of dirt which added 7–8 feet of depth to the east side of Rock Lake. The dirt has been moved to the south side of the lake, reinforcing the old fire access road which runs west over to U.S. Forest Service land. A front end loader and a bulldozer will finish off the work which should be finished by mid-November. Then the natural spring and the winter snows will gradually refill Rock Lake.

The intention and expectation of the dredging project is that the increased depth will prevent the rapid build-up of weeds. Aeration of the lake and fish stocking will be suspended for next summer while we watch the results of all this work. Cross your fingers.

If you'd like to donate any money to help with this huge project, please contact Cary Bush (303-459-0524). □

Making a Difference, One Truckload at a Time

by Mari Szatkowski

She prevents marital conflict. Her business saves trees, water and energy. And she leaps off of trucks in a single bound.

Is she a superhero? Technically, no. She's Bridget Johnson, one of Bar-K's newer residents and co-owner of The Green Girl recycling service. Bridget and her husband Matt help people and businesses — from Bar-K to Rollinsville, from Lyons to Coal Creek Canyon, and all throughout Boulder County — keep their recyclables out of the landfill.

It was an idea that was born while Bridget, then single, lived on Sugarloaf with several roommates — a group that liked to drink wine.

"I was the only one recycling the bottles," Bridget says. "I called Western [Disposal Services] to see if they'd come pick our recycling up... it was like eighty bucks for a one-time pickup! I thought I could offer services to everyone up here a lot cheaper, so they wouldn't throw everything away."

The problem? Finding the courage to leave her job in environmental sales and take the risk of starting her own business. But Matt, who she'd just started dating, had a plan.

"He said, 'How about I move in with you, I pay all your bills, and you start that company... and someday it'll take care of both of us,'" says Bridget.

"I didn't know how I felt about that. I called my dad and he said, 'Are you crazy? You like the guy and you really want to start this business, and if the business works and the guy doesn't, you still have the business.' I was like, 'Good point!'" Bridget laughs. "And, sure enough, the business does take care of both of us now."

Although times were tight at the beginning, The Green Girl has been growing steadily since Bridget started the company four years ago. (It turned out that Matt only had to support her for two months.) Now both she and Matt — the guy clearly did work out, as they've been married for a few years now — spend their days separately going to homes and businesses, hauling recyclables onto their trucks and then to Eco-Cycle. Their dog Greystoke, a 13-year-old Keeshond, always rides with one of them.

Part of what Bridget and Matt like about their business is interacting with customers and educating people about what can and can't be recycled. (There's information about recycling at www.thegreengirl1.com; you can also call Bridget at 303-459-3456.) Those Bar-K residents who use The Green Girl's services know how simple recycling can be.

"Basically, you need to separate things into three piles," Bridget explains. "One pile is for all of your co-mingles: glass, cans and plastic. The second pile is for paper products: newspaper, office paper, magazines and paperboard — like cereal boxes and toilet paper rolls. The last pile is cardboard: you just need to flatten it."

Bridget, 31, and Matt, 33, pick up recyclables from wherever their customers want to store them. What Bridget is most concerned about is making the process easy, so people actually recycle. And they do.

"Most people tell me they recycle twice as much as they used to once we start picking it up," Bridget says. "They say they feel a lot better to be recycling."

Some couples feel a lot better not to be arguing about who's supposed to be taking their growing piles of recyclables into the city. "We hear a lot of that," says Bridget. "People say that having us pick up the recycling prevents fights."



Bridget Johnson in The Green Girl truck.

What Bridget is passionate about is preventing recyclables from ending up in landfills. When she talks about recycling, the exclamation points come fast and furious.

"Eighty percent of the containers and packages you bring home from the grocery store are recyclable!" Bridget says. "We're diverting all that waste from the landfill!"

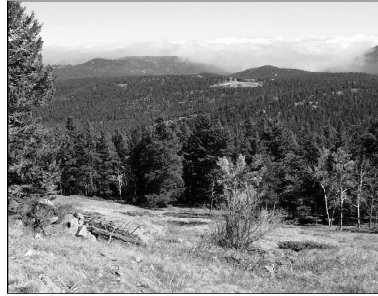
The Green Girl charges customers anywhere from \$15–25/month — depending on whether the recyclables are collected once a month, twice a month, or weekly — and those fees are used to cover expenses and salaries. The additional \$150/month the company makes from selling the recyclables to Eco-Cycle doesn't even cover half of the monthly gasoline expense, much less anything else. Bridget knows that she could be making a lot more money in her former profession, but says that "making a difference" is much more important to her.

"I am so excited to have kids someday and be able to tell them what we do for a living," says Bridget. "How cool would it be for our kids to be able to say, 'My parents are making a difference in the world!'"

Bridget's goals for The Green Girl are to double in size in the next year and hire part-time help to replace the physical work that she does, so that she and Matt can start a family... a family that'll surely keep making a difference, one truckload at a time. □

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summer and a
bird/squirrel feeder in
other seasons. To this
day I cannot look at it
without thinking of
"the ridge."



View from the ridge.

I took my second
trip up the ridge a cou-
ple of years later while initial cabin
building was being planned. A friend
and I took time one day for a hike.
This time we walked the whole way
and I actually remembered how to get
there. My friend brought the wine, I
brought the food and we had a grand
picnic at the top of the ridge.

In due time, I discovered other
routes to the top. One can start at my
place, go along the ditch below
(which was the old waterway to the
Jamestown mine from Ward), and cut
up through some meadows, ending up
on top. Or, again from my house, cut-
ting through forest, ending up in other
meadows and finally reaching the
summit. Some of these ways were dis-
covered on horseback, but horse sto-
ries are not for this writing.

During the ensuing years I took all
kinds of visitors up, most of them flat-
landers who were of course duly
impressed, not only with the view, but
also with themselves in being able to
"climb a real mountain!" (Most of
these folks thought they had already
accomplished something just by get-
ting their vehicles up the switchbacks).

One time about six of us went up
and just before reaching the top, we
looked up to see a beautiful stark
naked male body sort of materialize
out of the highest point! He had a
long beard, a gorgeous suntan, and we
surmised perhaps a lady friend too,
who remained out of sight. We turned
tail and retreated, leaving whoever to
whatever.

One other time
the fire department
personnel trekked
to the ridge for their
annual fitness train-
ing hike. I had previ-
ously marked the
route with white
quartzite stones all
the way from the
base behind Rock
Lake to the top of

the ridge. We all had fun following
the trail; one couple even backpacked
their three year old twins.

Another hike with my neighbors and
our two big dogs involved an encounter
with a huge bull. We had hiked to the
top from my place and came down on
the lake side of things, when suddenly,
out of the blue, with our dogs running
and leaping along, here was this bull
just sitting in the middle of the trail!
Apparently he was too old or too tired to
bother with us, as he just sat there while
we ambled on past trying to keep the
dogs from going crazy.

Well, those have been some neat
memories for me, but they don't hold a
candle to the most recent "ridge tale"
of all. It was on this same ridge that our
Fritz recently proposed to his Debbie,
resulting in a summer wedding; wel-
coming Debbie to our Bar-K communi-
ty. There will undoubtedly be other ridge
tales through the years, perhaps of Fritz
and Debbie taking their own kids up
there; or perhaps many of you have, or
will have, your own stories of the ridge.
For me, our ridge has been a meaningful
spot to visit over the years; for those of
you who have been up there or have yet
to climb it, I hope it will also hold some
wonderful stories for you. □

Directory Anyone? If you would
like to add your name, phone number
and/or e-mail address to the newly-
resurrected Bar-K Neighborhood
Directory, please contact Shaun
Stanberry at shaun@ss-media.com.

The Bar-K Board Members

Who Are They?

by Karen DeVincenzo

*Bar-K's Board consists of five of our
neighbors who have stepped forward
(for some, time and time again) to vol-
unteer their time and energy to make
life in Bar-K a better community expe-
rience for all of us. Currently, the
Board Members are as follows:*



**PRESIDENT: Jack
Kutscher** was born
on August 3rd, 1948
in Massillon, Ohio,
and moved to
Colorado with his
parents in 1957. He

spent his school years in Nederland
and later years in Longmont until he
moved to Bar-K in 1988. Jack has
been a foreman/journeyman for Public
Service for 30 years.

As Bar-K's President, Jack keeps
things organized and presides over
board meetings, keeping everyone
focused on the various agendas at hand.
He was also instrumental in revising the
Bar-K Bylaws. See the "Rock Lake
Update" in this issue for information on
another huge task that Jack is currently
undertaking — Rock Lake.



**VICE-PRESIDENT:
Margie Airola** was
born near Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania on July 3,
1963. After moving
around quite a bit
(South Carolina,

Illinois, Colorado, Arizona and Texas),
she and her family moved back to
Bar-K, after having lived here in 1985
and 1986. It's a great working envi-
ronment for her husband Jim, and the
best place to raise their three boys
Peter (13), Jared (10), Michael (7) and
the new baby that's due in early March.

Margie attends monthly board meetings, posts notices for those meetings and is prepared to take over Presidential duties should the need ever arise. In addition to these duties as Vice-President, she also keeps her eyes on the pastures to assure that grass levels are maintained and in good order for the numerous horses that use them. Six of those horses belong to Margie and her family.



TREASURER: Cary Bush is responsible for collecting Homeowners Association dues (voluntary \$90/year), depositing them,

paying for insurance and fish that are stocked in the lakes, filing annual tax returns, providing regular written reports to the board at meetings and the annual report at the yearly picnic/meeting and answering lots of questions that seem to get directed her way.

Cary was born in La Grange, Illinois, just outside of Chicago on January 20th, 1964. After moving around quite a bit from city to mountain and back again, she settled in Bar-K in April of 1993.

Cary is the mother of seven-year old daughter Lyric, and stepmother to 15 and 13-year old daughters Dani and Roxy. As if that's not enough, she is also a Freelance Legal Assistant, Property Manager of 18 apartments on University Hill in Boulder, and she helps to produce the Bar-K Newsletter. In their "spare" time, Cary and her husband Randy like to host dinner parties at their house and do occasional catering assignments.



SECRETARY: Scott Stanberry writes up the minutes to the meetings and works with other board members to resolve pending issues. He

was born in St. Louis, Missouri on May 6th, 1957 and raised in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He, his wife Shaun, and his step-children Dylan (12), and Cassi (10), moved to Bar-K in 1999.

About his work, Scott says: "I have been in the same line of work for 25 years and even my own mother doesn't understand what I do for a living." His organization represents both lenders and large retailers in negotiating and structuring private label retail consumer financing programs. So... let's just say that he's his own boss and does financial stuff! When he's not working or volunteering for Bar-K, he likes to spend time with his family, exercise and play golf.



MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Silvia Pettem was born on March 12, 1947 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where she lived until college. She wanted to go to

Penn State or Syracuse where all her friends were going, but her mother suggested she go somewhere different, like ... Colorado! So she applied and was accepted, having never been west at all. She came to Boulder in 1965 and has lived in Boulder County ever since.

After living in the mountains near Wallstreet in Four Mile Canyon, she moved back to Boulder, remarried and moved to Longmont. She has always wanted to get back to the mountains, and her husband Ed wanted to do the same. They found their Bar-K house on the internet, asked a realtor friend to show it to them, and moved in in 2001. They're both very happy to be living in Bar-K.

"It's hard to separate work from hobbies, as I really enjoy what I do. For instance, I enjoy photographing "now" photos to go with historic ones that I've found on Boulder County mountain communities." Silvia has been researching and writing about

Boulder County history for nearly 30 years. She writes a weekly history column (every Thursday) for the *Daily Camera* and has ten books in print. (See her website at www.thebooklode.com). □

Can't recycle it? Compost it!

According to the most recent U.S. government figures, U.S. residents, businesses and institutions produced more than 230 million tons of solid waste in 2000, or approximately 4.6 lbs./person, up from 2.7 lbs./person in 1960. Of the total waste generated, food scraps accounted for 11.2%. Keep your food scraps out of the landfill by creating a compost pile.

Here's a simple recipe:

- Alternate two- to four-inch layers of green (grass, pine needles, garden waste, food waste) and brown (dry autumn leaves, straw, black-and-white newspaper strips).
- Cover food layers with a sprinkling of soil to suppress smells and flies. Cap off with a brown layer.
- Keep pile moist, not wet.
- Mix the pile every few weeks, and harvest finished compost in three to six months — depending upon the season.

NOTE: Compost piles need to be at least 4 ft. high and 4 ft. wide to generate the heat needed to initiate the composting process.

The Overland Fire — *too close to home!*

by Marilyn Fagerstrom

The 5:30 a.m. wake-up call had our nine top-of-the-mountain firefighters up quickly and down the switchbacks to face a very long exhausting day. Two things were obvious from the start: (1) The point of origin (a downed power line just off County Rd. 87 at the Balarat turn-off), and (2) the fire was mushrooming into something that would require all of our resources, plus some.

Immediately, a decision was made to call for the County Task Force; this group consists of leaders and resources from several county fire departments with protocols in place to provide aid in such emergencies. Personnel arrived and took command of the fire within 30 minutes of Lefthand's arrival. Winds, however, were so strong and flames spread so quickly that it was too dangerous to risk lives with direct attack. Throughout the day the fire spread to 3,500 acres — cresting ridges, creating spot fires and devouring the tinder-dry forest.

Unfortunately some structures were lost. It was impossible, under the circumstances, to risk putting engines and personnel into certain areas. Conditions did, however, allow for back burning in several instances — giving us the opportunity to “fight fire with fire.”

The sudden weather change certainly contributed to a fast “snuffing” ... but we owe it also to our Lefthand firefighters. (THANK YOU!) Their efforts, along with those of several other volunteer agencies, were commendable.

Finally ... VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED! For more information, contact me, Fritz Koch, Claudia Willis-Bunch, the Rozineks, Tom Stoffel, Anne Reid, Jim Airola, John Cramner or Bob Marceau. □

Bar-K's High Speed Internet

by Karen DeVincenzo

NEDERDET, Inc. (<http://neder-net.net/>), is a local, community-oriented business that brings high-speed internet to the mountains. It began in Nederland over two years ago as a spin-off of an older company, PLANET-MIND INTERNETWORKS <http://planetmind.net/> a sustainable web hosting company.

David Hardy (president), frustrated with using the slow modem connections available at the time, decided to put his life-long love of radio technology and computers together. He created Nedernet to bring high speed wireless internet to mountain communities. His partners Greg Wilson (design), and Tanya Bokar, his wife (accounting), formed the customer support team. In January, 2003, Nedernet welcomed Matthew Weaver, whose technical background and expertise doubled Nedernet's experience as a high-speed internet provider.

Sal and I found them at their present location when we decided to go have a look inside their building. I had owned and lived in that same building in the 90's, and because Sal and I had even met there during that time, we decided to go inside. Sal recognized the potential right away, and took the steps that led Nedernet to Bar-K.

Early last spring, with help from residents, Nedernet began the process of expanding into Bar-K. After surveying the ranch for the best spot for the access points, installing the hardware, burying the cable, and Qwest (finally) running the T1 line, the wireless system went live at the end of August. The first customer installations immediately followed. (Thanks to our gracious neighbors for allowing access to their property).

“The install was quick and easy, and the folks very friendly and knowledgeable. The wireless service is everything it is supposed to be: I get the speed I expect and the reliability is good. The Nedernet folks seem to monitor the service pretty well. Thanks for a great service.” Rob Judd, Bar-K's first Nedernet customer

Nedernet's service works with high-speed microwave radio signals (2.4GHz) that require a clear line of sight between antennas.

Moisture in the atmosphere doesn't affect signal strength, and the signal will even travel through light tree cover. Nedernet's least expensive service level is almost 20 times faster than a typical dial-up connection. They expect to have a second access point in place by the end of November. This will allow service to even more Bar-K residents. □

Interested households should contact Nedernet at: info@neder-net.net or <http://neder-net.net/>

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Dreams Come True

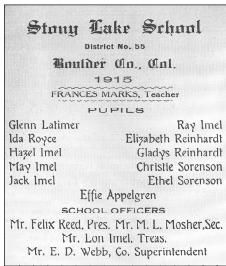
by Charlene Venard

It was a long time ago in Oklahoma that I began to dream of coming to Colorado. Then it happened, I went to a High School band competition in Canon City and fell in love with Colorado and thought of living here from then on.

Life kept me in Oklahoma until I married Neil and we went in to medical school. Neil is from Ohio and always wanted to live in Colorado, but initially, it wasn't to be. We were sent

Stony Lake School

by Silvia Pettem



Wouldn't it be nice if Bar-K kids could walk to school? The children of the Imels and other ranching families who lived here before us did

just that. From circa 1890 to 1928, their one-room frame school (District #55) was on the east end of Rock Lake. After that, the school was consolidated with the Ward School (District #12), now the Ward Post Office.

Here's what author Anne Dyni wrote about it in her book *Back to the*

Basics: The Frontier Schools of Boulder County, Colorado, 1860–1960 (The Book Lode, 1991).

There were ten students enrolled in Stony Lake School in 1915, and the Imel children outnumbered those from other nearby families. Because of this, the Imels usually boarded the schoolteacher. Miss Frances Marks probably saw more of the Imel children that year than their father did. Alonzo Imel put in long, hard days. He fed the cattle on his ranch before walking to work at the Gold Age Mine near Jamestown, five miles away. It was nearly bedtime when he returned home each night.

The schoolhouse stood on the east shore of a small mountain lake [Rock Lake], giving it virtually no protection

from the icy winds whipping down from the Continental Divide to the west. Because fierce winter storms made travel impossible for the children, the school term at Stony Lake was limited to June, July, and August. Anyone desiring a longer session had to board in Jamestown. At the age of five, Ray Imel was too young for first grade, but because his older siblings were all enrolled in the school, he was allowed to attend, too. Ray remembers his classmates as "one big family."

By 1928, the school had closed. The Imel children had all enrolled in the Jamestown School years before. Ray later tried to buy the old frame schoolhouse to preserve it, but the school district chose to sell instead to another buyer who promptly tore it down. □

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to Ohio for his residency and then on to Washington State for his fellowship. Finally, in 1990 we thought we were free to come to Colorado. Unfortunately, they didn't need his specialty, so we moved to Rapid City, South Dakota, where we lived until 2000. That's when we got the call. After the Columbine incident, Neil's services were required and he was called in to help.

That call changed our lives. We were going to move to Colorado, and not just Colorado, but to Boulder.

When we began looking for a home, we were led to the house we are now in. We were told that we could rent the house for a year at a time. When we walked in the house we live in, it was everything we wanted — logs, stone fire place, everything! ... But not for just one year at a time.

We took the lease and moved in February 2002. I lived in fear of having to move. Our home in Bar-K is the

home of my childhood dreams and I wanted this dream really bad. The wonderful neighbors, horses and ponds. The wild flowers and grand color of the aspens in the fall and the MOUNTAINS. The first year passed and we signed the second year's lease, with the fear in our hearts that this was our last year and the hope that something would make it possible for us to live here forever.

I was raised to believe that dreams come true and that you must have hope and believe. Well, time passed and grandchildren and kids visited and fell in love with Bar-K. We had our own trash raven and Banjo the wolf-dog came by each day to give us joy and love. But I knew any day the phone might ring and we might have to move. Neil asked me if I wanted to look at other homes in the area. "NO! This is my home and dream." I replied.

It was a funny thing to me how much a dirt road and trees and smells could matter. It is a grand feeling to watch the sun set behind the mountains

and see the twinkle of the lights from the city below at night from the dining room. I wanted the dream to last as long as possible.

I write this article to announce that dreams are important and one needs them to have a rich and full life. Dreams give us a road to travel and things to live for and they do come true ... I got the call when it was time to sign our third lease. But this time we weren't signing a lease. This time we were buying the house. OH, MY GOD, to buy the house. Yes, this summer we became the owners of 1553 Rock Lake Road. My husband Neil and I and our cats and dogs have come home to stay.

The kids and grandkids are so happy and all is well in our world. We want to share our happiness with all. It is wonderful to be a Bar-K resident. We love to talk and visit with all who drop by and we love to support all the neighborhood kids in any way we can. Please feel free to drop by the home of Neil and Charlene any time. □

FIRE MITIGATION — Is your property at risk?

By Marilyn Fagerstrom



The dictionary says that "to mitigate" is "to make less severe." When applied to our homes and adjoining property, mitigation refers to risk from wildfires. Several parts of our subdivision are at risk from fire for several reasons: we are surrounded by National Forest lands or large private tracts that consist of old, crowded, diseased, drought-stressed trees that have been allowed to stand without thinning or trimming. The Forest Service is putting in place a long-range plan for the entire James Creek Watershed area (which includes Bar-K) and have sent property owners their preliminary plans for this project. The Lefthand Fire Protection District has also applied for a grant to help with mitigation costs for interested residents. This grant would provide matching funds for homeowners accepted in the project. More information will be forthcoming as available.

Many of you have already invested in protecting your property. If, however, it's still on your "To Do" list, you have several government and/or private options. Take a look around your place and assess whether you need to mitigate. If you need advice, suggestions or more information, call Marilyn at 303-459-3266. □

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Menla Acupuncture & Oriental
Medicine, Inc.
303-641-7257/e-mail:
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BABYSITTERS

Cassie Billinger
303-459-0844

Kristin Buell
303-459-3293

Lauren Lortie
(Pet-sitting and house-sitting too!)
303-459-0579

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If you're a member of the Bar-K
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listed in the Local Services section,
please e-mail your request to: shaun@ss-media.com
or call Shaun at 303-459-3028.

BAR-K FUND RAISER: Many Bar-K residents have expressed an interest in helping our Jamestown neighbors — some of whom lost their homes in the recent fire. If you would like to add to the Bar-K neighborhood donation fund, contact Sal DeVincenzo (303-459-3359). *Your generosity is appreciated.*