

RISTWATCH

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Letter from the President

Wrapping The Year Up.

We are moving solidly into fall weather. I think everyone is happy with the cooler temperatures.

Our Mountain Festival was another grand success. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find more detail on how much of a success it was. Our volunteers came together, put a lot of work in, and made an enjoyable day for thousands of people. And the Department made money, which helps to fund our completely donation-based Department.

Thank you to all the volunteers who put the hard work in to make that happen.

Up next is our annual meeting to be held at the stunning Stove Prairie Ranch. We will have boxed lunch again this year starting at 11:00 AM. At noon, the business meeting will start. Please make plans to join us for food, conversation and updates on November 7th, the first Saturday in November.

Now turn the pages to find out more about the Mountain Festival!

Neil Faber
President - 2026

Chief's Report

Greetings from Chief Neuroth

Hi Rist Canyon Community:

Closing in on another year and another very prosperous Mountain Festival.

The many volunteers putting in hundreds of hours is why the Fire department and community endeavors are so successful. Updates on the Mountain Festival will be in other articles.

I would like to update you on the department side of things. We now have forty (40) responders on our roster. Six (6) firefighters took an EMT*/EMR* class this past winter, and all six passed the National Registry test. Not an easy task! This brings our medical response capabilities to one (1) ER Doctor, two (2) Paramedics, one (1) AEMT, nine (9) EMT's, and five (5) EMR's.

Besides our regular medical training on the 4th Wednesday of the month, UCHealth is sending up an instructor to do an extra class one Sunday evening a month. Although 75-80% of our calls are medical, we put in extra training days preparing for a possibly busy fire season which thankfully did not happen(yet) this year.

*EMT: emergency medical technician

*EMR: emergency medical responder

We have a lot of great businesses that sponsor us each year, and we appreciate their continued support. For the last two years, Proper 12 Whiskey donated $10,000 a year which we used to buy 2 new battery-operated extrication tools (Jaws of Life). Home Depot donated $3,000 to buy paint, new flooring for the bathroom and an assortment of cleaning supplies for station one. 13 associates from The Home Depot came up and volunteered their time to paint, lay flooring, and clean-up. When companies and people like this are willing to donate money and time to RCVFD, it just shows what a quality department and awesome community we have.

I'll keep saying this: I'm proud to be chief of Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Neuroth, Chief

Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department

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Letter from the Vice President

2026 RCVFD Mountain Festival: Another Success!

The annual RCVFD Mountain Festival was successful again! The Festival was held on Saturday, September 12, 2026, to raise funds for the Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department (RCVFD). It was a fun day and raised lots of money for RCVFD. We are still calculating the profit for RCVFD because there are some expenses and expected income to come in. We plan to announce the final amount of profit at the RCVFD annual community lunch meeting at 11am on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at Stove Prairie Ranch. This year's annual luncheon will be catered. Based on the information we have now, I am estimating we made over $30,000 profit for the fire department!

This event brought community folks together to organize the Festival, as well as renew old friendships, build new friendships, inform people about the activities of RCVFD, and raise money for our fire department. About 180 volunteers worked together to make the Festival happen; most are listed in this newsletter. There were about 3,000 happy attendees who came.

This year's Festival featured a huge used book sale book sale selling over 3,890 books from about 16,000 offered for sale; a wonderful silent auction selling most of the about 300 items offered for sale (the remaining items will be offered for sale at the community lunch); a delicious bake sale selling over 60 homemade pies plus five tables of smaller items (e.g., sourdough bread, brownies, cookies, jams, snack mix, and gluten-free baked goods); a plant sale with a great variety of types and sizes; a great RCVFD Festival merchandise sale, where we sold over 300 of the 2026 t-shirts, cleared out all of our 2024 and prior stock, sold over 35 hoodies and sweatshirts; 46 booths (some "double" booths) with artisans and other vendors; over 30 non-profit educational booths; outstanding live musical entertainment by four local bands; an old-fashioned dunk tank; firefighter demonstrations; a display of our fire trucks; a car show with classics and "dirt" cars; 60 gallons of free ice cream in a variety of flavors; food trucks; and a kids' area with lots of different activities, games, and farm animals. In addition, we had about 40 generous groups, businesses, and individuals supporting the Festival as sponsors! The Festival presentation at the RCVFD Annual Meeting will provide more information and show photographs of the event.

Please mark your calendar for next year's Festival: Saturday, September 11, 2027. To join the amazing Festival team, please contact H.J. Siegel, Festival Coordinator [HJ@computer.org]. A photo of over 20 members of our leadership team at our September 2026 gathering is on the next page.

There are lots of ways to help make the Festival successful in the months before, days before, during, and after the Festival. We happily welcome new members to the "Friends of the Festival" leadership team! Joining is a great way to meet your neighbors, make new friends, become involved in the community, and support your volunteer firefighters. We look forward to another year for the fire department and the Festival.

H.J. Siegel
Mountain Festival Coordinator
RCVFD Board Vice President
HJ@computer.org

RCVFD 2026 Mountain Festival Volunteers

RCVFD Mountain Festival Friends of the Festival Leadership Team



Top row: Shannon Phelps, Diane McCarthy, Billy Best, H.J. Siegel, Tom Bender, Shannon Ackerson, Steph Newall, Pam Thomas, Darcy Budge, Josef Dvorak, Roger Dev, Neil Faber, Sarah Rowan, Kelly Wrighton, Patti Clutter, James Clutter.
Bottom row: Bridget Tisthammer, Trisha Johnston, Debbie Benson, Karen Salaz, Sandy Deraney-Reilly, Janet Siegel, Lauren Lee.

Thank You to the Community Volunteers Who Made the 2026 RCVFD Mountain Festival a Success!

The 2026 RCVFD Mountain Festival activities and the names of most of the volunteers who participated in those activities are listed below. A big thanks to the almost 180 community volunteers who worked together, so about 3,000 people could have a fun day, learn about RCVFD, and raise money for RCVFD supplies and equipment. For information about how you can join our great team of volunteers, please contact me, H.J. Siegel, Mountain Festival Coordinator, HJ@computer.org.

Announcer: Neil Faber.

Bake Sale: Darcy Budge, Chair; Betsy Bartel, Betsy Fecteau, Brad Schnee, Carolyn Stanley, Casey, C.W. Miller, Dana Stewart, Diane Schwartz, Eileen Cordsen, Erica Michels, George Rosander, Gretchen Long, Gnarly Mountain Cookies, Henry, Jen Stratman, Joe Skelton, Karen Salaz, Karen Steadman, Kathy Cox, Maggie Schleppy, Marcy Gray, Melanie Bevers, Molly Budge, Neil Faber, Pat Rosander, Paula Rosenberg, Pat Staggs, Robert Budge, Robert Edwards, Robin Edwards, Sami Jo Staggs, Susan Cones, Suzanne O'Donnell, Teri Tracy, Tiffany Link, Tim Fecteau, Vivian Campbell, Wendy Schleppy, and William McArthur. Additionally, a huge thank you to anyone I may have missed, who generously donated baked goods for the sale.

2026 Mountain Festival Volunteers, continued

Book Sale: Patti Clutter, Chair; Carolyn Stanley and Kathy Cox, Co-Chairs; Abbas Hamid, Airn Hartwig, Anna Johnson, Barb Monesson, Benjamin, Beth Corbitt, Betsy Bartel, Betsy Fecteau, Brett Johnston, Bridget Tisthammer, Carol Dollard, Casey, Cindy Sherman, CJ McDonald, Clay Cox, Corey Stewart, Cory Starckey, Dana Stewart, Darcy Budge, Dean Maclemman, Debbie Benson, Diane McCarthy, Diane_Saunders, Ellie Baumann, Erica Michael, Gabrielle Borin, Gene Morenko, Gretchen Long, Harry Bates, Henry, H.J. Siegel, Hunter Squibb, Isaac, Jack Johnston, James Clutter, Janet Siegel, Jeff Brack, Jeff Elsner, Jennifer Sanders, Jennifer Stratman, Jim Sidwell, Joanne Fallert, Juana Jackson, Karen Salaz, Kim Workman, Lana Olsson, Larry Monesson, Linda Dellmar, Linda Squibb, Lucy Corro, Lyle Benson, Lyn Warick, Mark McCracken, Mike Salaz, Mike Wilkins, Molly Budge, Molly McLean, Mourine Weaver, Neil Faber, Nick Kedzuf, Paige Hogan, Pam Thomas, Pat Carey, Pat Rosander, Pete Sherman, Randy Hediger, Ray Goedl, Rob Budge, Roger Dev, Sarah Rowan, Scott Hogan, Shannon Phelps, Shayne Magstadt, Stephanie Newall, Susan Cone, Susan Weaver, Tanner Squibb, Teri Tracy, Tim Fecteau, Tim Jackson, Tim Stratman, Vivian Burke, Woody Saunders. We thank all the people that dropped off books at the donation boxes for the Book Sale.

Canine Hospitality Stations: Molly McLean.

Community Volunteers Sign-Up List: Trisha Johnston.

Craft/Vendor Booths: Debbie Benson, Chair; Peter Sherman, Vice-Chair; Anthony May, Kelly Wrighton, Kya Sparks, Maggie Newberry, Shannon Phelps.

Credit Card Reader Attachments: Diane McCarthy.

Dunk Tank: Trisha Johnston, Chair; Brett Johnston, Diane McCarthy, Lucy Corro.

Electricity: Mark Neuroth.

Entertainment: Sandy Deraney-Reilly, Chair; Brett Johnston (Stairs Builder), Fish Carpenter (Sound Engineer), Randy Hediger (Stage Construction), Randy Reilly, Shaped Music (Sound Company), Sherwood Dunlop (Sound Assistant),; Bands: AKA (Also Known As), Gordon Creek Band, Liz Barnez Band, Wendy Woo Band.

Facilities (e.g., tents, tables, chairs, potties): Shannon Phelps.

Festival Coordinator: H.J. Siegel.

Field Layout: Shannon Phelps, Chair; Debbie Benson, Gisele Garrity, Larry Monesson, Lucy Corro, Molly McLean, Tricia Ramos, Trisha Johnston.

Field Provider: Gail and Gene Michaud.

Field Restoration: Richard Lund.

Food Vendors: Bridget Tisthammer, Chair; Sarah Rowan, Co-Chair; Josef Dvorak, Neil Faber.
General Parking Control Day of Festival: Co-chairs: Kelly Wrighton, Savoy Kirkpatrick, Tom Bender; Abby Glick, Alex Wettengel, Anthony May, Ayda Lewis, Bianca Goncalves da Costa, Cristina Blanco, Eliud Rivas, Elizabeth Esdaile, Jaden Hoesel, Kaela Amundson, Kayla Borton, Kristen Otto, Maggie Newberry, Raegan Paul, Scott Wrigley, Tracy Webb.

Graphic Designer: Lauren Lee.

Helicopter Medical Airlift Demo: Mark Neuroff and Lucy Corro.

Ice Cream: Nancy Diefenderfer, Chair; Bridget Tisthammer, Casey Weber, Chris Weber, Debbie Benson, Kelly Wrighton, Ken Stewart, Lucy Corro, Louise Creager, Moby Wile, Sarah Jenker, Shayne Magstadt, Tanner Squibb, Trisha Johnston.

Kids' Activities: Trisha Johnston, Chair; Brett Johnston, Elea Ackerson, Shannon Ackerson, Torrey Ackerson.

2026 Mountain Festival Volunteers, continued

Mentor: Richard Lund.

Non-Profit and Educational Booths: Trisha Johnston, Chair; Shannon Phelps.

Parking Areas Setup: Lucy Corro, Chair; Hunter Squibb, Jeff Elsner, Jesse Ceplecha, Kim Workman, Mike Wilkins.

Permit: Bridget Tisthammer.

Photographer: Erica Michel.

Plant Sale: Roger Deb and Dean Yoder, Co-Chairs; Gabrielle Borin, Jen Wright, Kathy, Tiffany. Thanks to all those who donated plants.

Publicity – Posters: Lauren Lee. Press Releases and Ads for Newspapers, Radio: Karen Salaz. Webpage: Billy Best, Lauren Lee. Facebook: Sarah Rowan.

RCVFD – Fire Trucks: Lucy Corro, Chair; Firefighters.

RCVFD – Firefighter Demonstrations: Lucy Corro, Chair, Mark Neuroth, Co-Chair; Karen Steadman, Co-Chair; Calne Snyder, Hunter Squibb, Jack Johnston, Lyle Benson, Mike Wilkins, Nick Kedzuf, Ryan Weiss, Tricia Ramos.

RCVFD Firefighters Who Worked on Festival Activities: Lucy Corro, Chair; Abbas Hamid, Betsy Fecteau, Calne Snyder, Carol Dollard, Darcy Budge, Debbie Benson, Erica Michel, Gene Morenko, H.J. Siegel, Hunter Squibb, Jack Johnston, Jeff Brack, Jeff Elsner, Jesse Ceplecha, Jim Terrell, Karen Steadman, Ken Stewart, Kim Workman, Larry Monesson, Lyle Benson, Mark McCracken, Mark Neuroth, Mike Wilkins, Nick Kedzuf, Pedro Boscan, Ryan Weiss, Shayne Magstadt, Tanner Squibb, Tim Fecteau, Tricia Ramos.

Road Signs: Randy Hediger.

Shuttle – Tractor Drivers: Brett Johnston, Joshua Neufeldt, Trina Bailey. Shuttle Trailer: Neil Faber.

Silent Auction: Janet Siegel, Chair; Amber Peterson, Anthony May, Billy Best, Carolyn Stanley, Coreen Rairdon, Dan Osborne, Debbie Benson, Diane McCarthy, Gretchen Long, H.J. Siegel, Hunter Squibb, Jeff Elsner, Jenn Kirkpatrick, Karen Salaz, Leisa Taylor, Lucy Corro, Lyle Benson, Maggie Newberry, Mark McCracken, Pam Thomas, Stephanie Newall, Susan Cone, Tammy Osborne, Tanner Squibb, Tracy Webb, Trisha Johnston, Vicky Jordan, Wayne Reese. We appreciate all the folks who donated items and services for sale.

Sponsorships: James Clutter, Chair; Bridget Tisthhammer, Carolyn Stanley, Diane McCarthy, H.J. Siegel, Karen Salaz, Kathy Cox, Lauren Lee, Louise Creager, Mike Salaz, Nancy Diefenderfer, Neil Faber, Richard Lund, Sandy Deraney-Reilly, Sarah Rowan, Shannon Phelps, Trisha Johnston.

T-Shirts: Lauren Lee, Sarah Rowan, Co-Chairs; Erika Sloat, Kaela Amundson, Kristen Otto, Parker Heberden, Raen Lee, Tammy Rowan, Zach Farrell.

Treasurer: Diane McCarthy; Assistant Treasurer: Melanie Bevers.

Vehicle Show: Josef Dvorak, Chair; Chase Payne, Gene Morenko.

Wi-Fi: Mark McCracken, Chair; Abbas Hamid, Nick Kedzuf, Ryan Weiss.

Notes from Your 2026 Mountain Festival Chairs

Music. We have live music all day long at the festival. It is the responsibility of the entertainment chairperson to set this up. We have had a number of local bands return to the stage. Music provides a festive and fun atmosphere for all to enjoy. We are in touch with many members of the community who support the fire department and the entertainment in particular. The trailer used for the stage has been donated by Ron's equipment for many years and Houska automotive has sponsored the music for the last two years. Preparing the stage, and the green room is important for the comfort and safety of the musicians. The sound engineering is provided by Shaped Music. They have worked with us for many years providing excellent sound quality. The firefighter demonstrations between bands have been a positive addition.

Sandy Deraney Reilly

Sponsorships. We had 40 generous groups, businesses, and individuals supporting the Festival as Sponsors this year.

James Clutter

Merchandise. The RCVFD Festival merchandise sales were very successful this year, selling over 300 T-shirts, 30 hoodies and cleared out all the 2024 festival and prior backstock.

Lauren Lee

Kids area.The kids area was a hit. We had a face painter, roping area, farm animals (including a 5 day old calf), and lots of games for all ages. New this year and very popular, was the obstacle course.

Non-profits. We had over 30 Non-profit and educational booths this year with many with kid related activities. New this year, Walgreens offered free flu shots. And, as always, the K-9 unit was a big hit.

Trisha Johnston

Book Tent. The Book Tent is a busy place with lots of customers searching through boxes for intriguing books. Folks are always so happy checking out with their bags full of bargain books and unique finds. Many tell us this is their favorite festival and they attend every year.

Patti Clutter

The Bake Sale had a prosperous day at the festival! The Bake Sale sold over 60 homemade pies plus five tables of smaller items such as sourdough bread, brownies, cookies, jams and jellies, snack mix, and gluten-free baked goods. Thank you to all who donated their handcrafted baked goods.

Darcy Budge

Silent Auction. Thank you to all of the contributors to the Festival for making this such a successful and enjoyable event. In particular, thank you for the success of the Silent Auction this year! We had amazing donors who contributed over $20,000 worth of 300+ beautiful auction items. Amber, Jeff, James, Tanner, and **many** others were beyond generous; thank you! Our solicitors, Carolyn, Trisha, HJ, Debbie, and many more, were, as always, prodigiously productive! There were so many volunteers who worked long hours preventing all of the many things that can go wrong with so many pieces and parts: Trisha, Debbie, Billy, Gretchen, Pam, Diane, Tammy, Dan, Leisa, Jenn, Stephanie, Coreen, Vicky, Wayne, Susan, Hunter, and others who should be on this list. THANK YOU!

Janet Siegel

Facilities. Another festival has come and gone as if nothing happened—but we know that's not the case! Getting all those tents, porta-potty stations, equipment, and supplies delivered to the top of the mountain takes a tremendous amount of planning, coordination, and professional support. I would like to sincerely thank RC Events of Fort Collins and Fuzion Field Services for helping make the entire process run so smoothly. Your support and professionalism make a tremendous difference. I would also like to send a special thank-you to Jordan and Justin at REC Corporation for lending us the amazing trailer that we use as our stage, as well as the tractor we use to pull the hay wagon for parking transportation. Without the support of all these businesses and the people behind them, we simply could not put on such a wonderful mountain festival. We truly appreciate everything you do to help make this event a success!

Shannon Phelps

Notes from Your Area Representatives

Happy Fall! It's been a very colorful fall this year, and the sunrise displays - spectacular. While we are all getting ready for winter with hunting and firewood gathering, take some time to clean up around our homes. Even though we live in the mountains and can have a natural environment it's a good idea to pick up fallen branches, trim up on the dead branches of our trees, get gardens cleaned up, maybe grade our driveways to be ready for the coming rain and snow. With our homes, it's also time to think about having our septics pumped if it's been 5 years or more since you've had it done. While I often hear "I've never done it and it seems to be functioning properly so why bother?" Over the years, when I've been selling homes, many sellers have had steep expenses when they find out there have been blockages, or cracks in the sewer line leading to the leachfield. There was one home in our area that was blocked from critters filling the pipe with soil about half way up all along the pipeline. While it wasn't hard to repair, it still cost the owner and could have delayed the closing. With cooler weather upon us, I hope you're finding time to get outside and enjoy all of the wonderful activities this season has to offer!

Louise Creager — Stratton Park

Wow that was quick! Seems like summer just got here and it's already on its way out. With less snow and rain coming into the season I expected to see less wildflowers and wildlife. To my surprise plenty of both were around to be seen. We even had a leucistic hummingbird visit us this summer. Did anyone else have her visit? What a treat. Looking forward to fall and winter in the upper Buckhorn! Watch for those soft edges and take the turns slow!

Erica Michel — Upper Buckhorn

The latest from Fletcher Hill to the Stove Prairie Road transition are as follows. It's certainly been an interesting summer and fall that we are experiencing. We have seen short weather cycles in 2026. We have seen weeks of drought that haven't brought any moisture and these have alternated with higher moisture days that I don't remember seeing before.

The Buckhorn Creek runs through our property and it hasn't stopped flowing. In fact, we've had several heavier rains that caused the Creek to get a greater water flow. These don't last but a few days. But the rains of recent have caused our meadow and much of Buckhorn Canyon to green up a second time. The drought hasn't abated yet in spite of our rains. Please remember that we are in a no open burn period until the State lifts the ban.

We've seen a couple of deer in our area as well. Interestingly, I returned home late one evening and there was a fox that my headlights caught trying to figure out how to have a skunk for a meal. That was the first time I'd seen anything like that. The skunk won by the way.

I hope all our neighbors have a wonderful autumn as we head into the end of the year holidays.

Dean Yoder — Lower Buckhorn

As we all recuperate from working the festival, Thanks to all who helped and came to enjoy. We are now into the wood cutting season and getting ready for winter. Hopefully we can grab a book we got at the festival and enjoy fall and winter.

We have had quite a few skunks here in the Davis Ranch area. One neighbor has lost a chicken and tomatoes! Turkeys are abundant. Crossing the roads any time of the day.

Please remember to get a burn permit for the slash piles, and make sure that, if there are stumps around, they are not still burning.

Carolyn Stanley — Davis Ranch

RCVFD Annual Meeting

You are cordially invited
to the Stove Prairie Ranch
at 9116 Old Flowers Rd, Bellvue CO

Saturday, November 7th, 2026
11 AM - 1 PM

Join us at the scenic Stove Prairie Ranch for a boxed lunch and the Fire Department's Annual Meeting.

11 AM -12 PM: Boxed lunch and socializing. (NO potluck)

12 PM -1 PM: Business meeting, including reports from the RCVFD fire chief, board president, treasurer, and the festival chair; and election of the Board of Directors.

All Area Residents are encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to rsvp@rcvfd.org

RCVFD Monthly Meeting Schedule

Operations —1st Wednesdays (6-7 PM)

Fire Training—2nd Wednesdays (7-9:30 PM)

Board Meeting—3rd Wednesdays (6-8 PM)

Medical Training—4th Wednesdays (7-9 PM)

Ops, Fire, and Medical Trainings are at Firehouse #1 at 11835 Rist Canyon Road. Board meetings are held at Firehouse #1, or on Zoom if necessary. All Rist Canyon area residents are welcome to attend. If you would like to receive the agenda, please email your name, email address, and phone number to the RCVFD Board Secretary at secretary@rcvfd.org. Please note that the agenda will arrive one to two days before the scheduled meeting. To sign up for Community Alerts, visit RCVFD.org.

Help Build a Resilient Rist Canyon



Wildfire Partner Program Now Accepting Assessment Requests.

RCVFD now has trained Wildfire Partner Program (WPP) Ambassadors ready to offer voluntary home assessments designed to help you identify and prioritize practical projects that can improve the chances of your home withstanding a wildfire. These assessments are free, confidential, actionable, and focused on clear, achievable steps you can take at your own pace. To learn more or to request a Wildfire Home Ignition Zone Assessment for your home, please visit our website at:
rcvfd.org/emergency-preparedness/home-assessments

Working together, we can strengthen our community's readiness and help keep Rist Canyon safer and more resilient in the face of wildfire.

Can We Reach You In An Emergency?

Please take a moment to register with LETA911 (www.leta911.org). RCVFD and Larimer County Emergency Services use this system to send emergency updates and evacuation notices. You can choose to receive alerts by phone, email, or text. You can also note any special circumstances, such as oxygen use or mobility limitations, that may make evacuation more difficult. Thank you for considering registering with LETA911!



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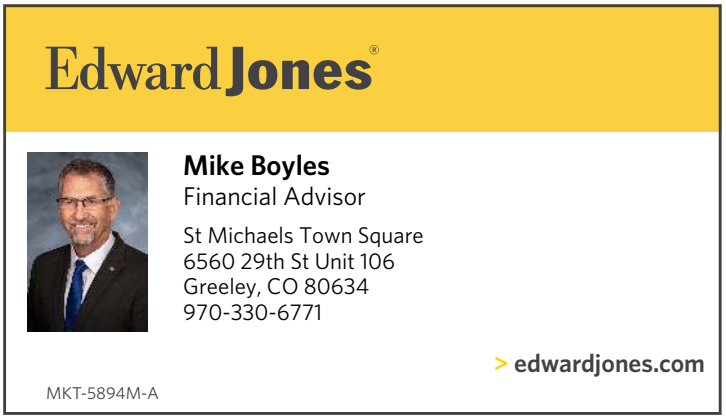
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STOVE PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

We have lots of old friends and new faces including a new school Principal, Ms. Angel!

We hope you were able to come visit us at our Fall Festival this year. Please note, we are running school tours at the Fall Festival, so if you were once a student or are interested in the history of the school, this is a great opportunity to visit us!

A BIG THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US AT STOVE PRAIRIE!

We have many people to thank as contributors and patrons of our school and fundraising efforts! We'd like to thank our sponsors in particular, as well as Charlotte A. Tilley who crafted this years quilt, and Sarah Rowan who donated a two-night getaway in Granby, CO! Our fundraiser provides many special opportunities and experiences for our students, who might not have the ability to do so otherwise.

A huge thank you to the Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department for being such a wonderful partner to our community as well. We appreciate you!



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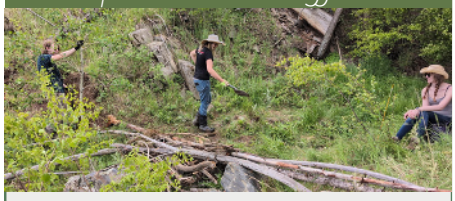
Wildland Ecotech is a Colorado nonprofit working to restore ecosystems impacted by wildfire, pollution, and environmental degradation. Through hands-on ecological restoration, community science, STEM education, and innovative conservation technologies, we're helping damaged landscapes recover for people and wildlife.

- ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION
- WILDFIRE MITIGATION
- NATIVE SPECIES REHABILITATION

THREE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

1 VOLUNTEER

Get outside. Make a difference.



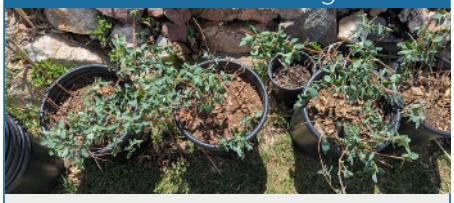
We have landowner approval to conduct restoration work across more than 1,000 acres in the Bellvue, Colorado area - and we need helping hands!

- Native plant restoration & tree planting
- Wetland & watershed restoration
- Beaver dam analog construction
- Wildfire mitigation
- Native species habitat improvement
- STEM education & community outreach

No specialized experience is required. We welcome all backgrounds and experience levels.

2 DONATE

Fuel restoration, not wildfires.



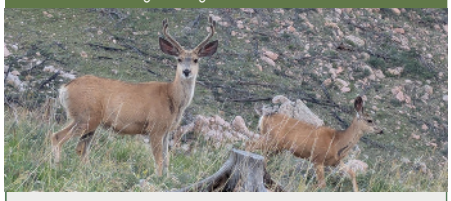
Your support helps provide the tools, materials, equipment, transportation, and educational resources needed to restore damaged landscapes and expand our community programs.

Every contribution helps turn restoration plans into restored ecosystems.

Every dollar makes a difference.

3 COLLABORATE

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We're seeking community partners, landowners, nonprofits, researchers, educators, businesses, and conservation organizations interested in working together.

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The per-issue rates are: $30 business card; $60 quarter page; $90 half page; $120 full page.

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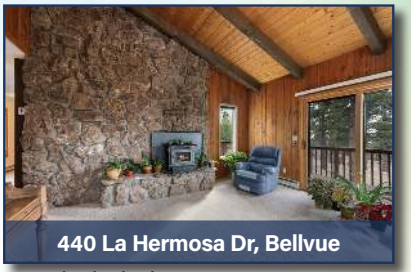
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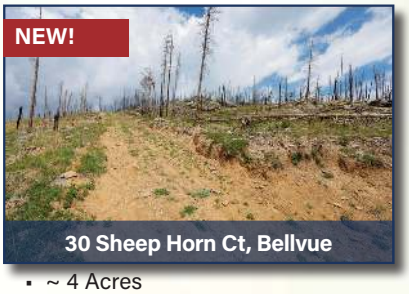
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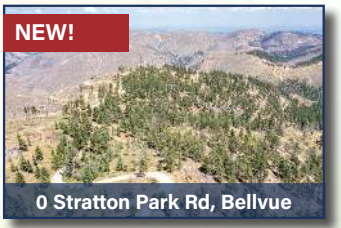
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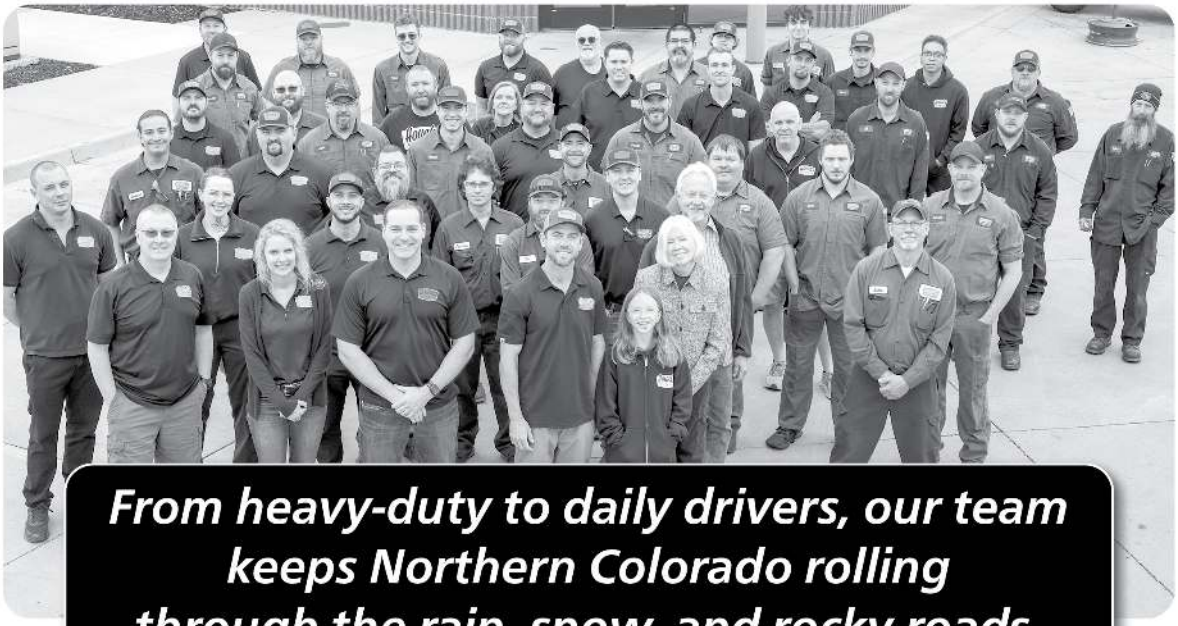
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