



RISTWATCH

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Letter from the President

A big thank you must go to the Festival Committee, Bridget Tisthammer, Jen Nolte, Vicky Jordon and Karen Steadman, for organizing a great event. The turn out was great and the weather was great, which made for a fun day. The time contributed by Committee members is incomprehensible to say the least. THANK YOU!

The Fireman's informational display tent, (Ed & Laurie Franklin); Book Tent, (Carolyn Stanley); Bake Sale tent, (Lisa Diederich); Plant Tent, (Ann Nichols); Ice Cream & Welcome Tent, (Shane Downing, Ice Cream), (Jon & Sue Stephens, Gabrielle Borin, Welcome); and Gift Basket Tent (Karen Steadman), were all presented in great fashion. Thank you all for a job well done and the enjoyment you gave to many.

We also appreciate the many craft booth participants, food vendors, great entertainers, and the many Larimer County associations who volunteered their time.

Those of you in our community who attended, we truly thank you.

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**2017 RCVFD
Annual Meeting & Potluck
Saturday, November 4 — 6 PM
Stove Prairie School**

**All Area Residents are
encouraged to attend.**

**Election of Officers, Update of Bylaws
Please review before the meeting at
www.RCVFD.org. (Click on About RCVFD at
the top of the Home page, then click on
RCVFD Bylaws on the pulldown menu.)**

**Please bring a dish to share. (main
dish, salad, bread or dessert)**

"Community" is so easy to say. The word itself connects us to each other. It seems so simple, so natural, and so human to say.

First and foremost, community is not a place, a building or an organization. Community is a feeling among the people who reside within a certain area. People form and maintain a community to meet common needs. Members of a community have a sense of trust, belonging, safety, and caring for each other.

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Letter from the President, cont'd.

There can be many neighborhoods within a community, which we have in our community. Each neighborhood has their own needs for the good of all and requires support from all within the neighborhood for many critical needs. Two of those critical needs are fire and medical assistance. Within many of our neighborhoods we are fortunate enough to have First Responders who care about their neighbors.

The caring for people in our neighborhoods carries over to caring for our community. Support for our communities, as with neighborhoods, is vital for a sustainable existence as a community or neighborhood. Many supporters volunteer or donate, and some do both, to assist in the critical needs. No one can be an army of one, and if you live in a mountain community long enough you will

need the assistance of a neighbor or possibly an emergency service. The Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department is one of the critical needs for our great community. For any type of emergency RCVFD First Responders will be the first faces you will see. Hopefully you will never need the professional assistance of our First Responders but, rest assured, if needed they will be there.


Please help our community to fulfill one of its critical needs. If you haven't done so, please donate today at RCVFD.org.

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President, RCVFD


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RCVFD Monthly Meeting Schedule: Meetings at Firehouse #1 on Rist Canyon Rd.

Operations – 1st Wed. @ 7:00 PM
Fire Training – 2nd Wed. @ 7:00 PM
Board Meeting – 3rd Wed. @ 7:00 PM
Medical Training – 4th Wed. @ 7:00 PM

Chief's Report

As usual, summertime is busy season for RCVFD responders. In July alone we had a dozen calls, including a wildfire that stretched over two days. Fortunately, wet weather in August slowed down the fire calls, but we stayed busy with medical calls and MVAs (motor vehicle accidents). As I write this, it is drying out again—just yesterday we had a Red Flag Day—so be especially careful until we get some moisture. If you do plan to burn slash this winter, get a permit on the Larimer County site [<https://www.larimer.org/health/clean-air-water-and-soil/air-quality/burn-permits>] and follow all their rules about the appropriate conditions to burn.

There will be lots of information about the Festival elsewhere in this newsletter, so I don't want to repeat what has already been reported. However, I do want to take a minute to thank the firefighters. In all we had 23 firefighters helping at the event. Laurie and Eddie Franklin get a special thanks for making the firefighter tent look awesome, Karen Steadman gets a shout out for organizing the Gift Basket tent and being one of our on-site EMTs, and John Benshoof and Terry Shetler get extra thanks for supervising the parking all day (I know all too well that is a hot and dusty job). I also need to thank Chuck Andre, a retired RCVFD firefighter, who comes back every year to help us with communication at the Festival.

Other news: RCVFD is getting a new vehicle. Loveland Fire Rescue Authority was retiring a rescue truck and offered it as a donation to any local department that needed it. We wrote a letter requesting the truck and we were selected. The truck does not carry water, but has emergency lights, and carries tools, radios and equipment that can help us on scene. The plan is to help us serve the western edge of our territory. The truck will be stationed at the home of an RCVFD officer who lives in the Buckhorn area. We think this

will help us get better communications and equipment on scene sooner for calls in that area. We hope to have the truck outfitted and in service by the end of October. Thanks to Loveland Fire for this great resource.

Last but not least I want to thank Phil Benstein who has been handling training since I took over as chief two years ago. Phil (with the help of Jeff Elsner, Jesse Cepelcha and Luke Whitson) has been doing a great job of keeping training relevant, interesting and fun. Recently he has been coordinating with neighboring departments and agencies to get special training, including: electrical fires; extrication (cutting apart cars with the Jaws of Life); and controlled burning. While RCVFD will never conduct a controlled burn, by working with other agencies that do conduct these operations, we can get valuable training in wildfire behavior and control/ extinguishment tactics.

If you have questions about the RCVFD or about becoming a firefighter or medical responder please contact me at chief@rcvfd.org.

Carol Dollard

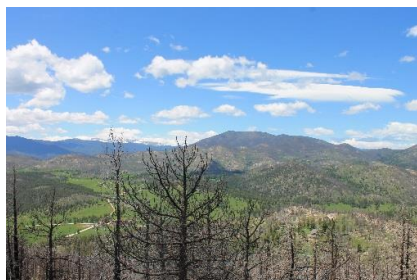
Chief, RCVFD



Firefighters Kathryn Touran, Mark McCracken, Ruben Arieta and Chief Carol Dollard posing for a photo.

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Fire Department Photos

Extrication Training



Phil Benstein hooking up the Jaws of Life.



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Firefighters from several agencies participated in the controlled burn.

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2017 RCVFD Mountain Festival

Thanks to the many, many volunteers who helped with the festival!

Our volunteers helped to:

- collect, sort and move books all year;
- create and hang signs and banners;
- coordinate advertising and press releases;
- arrange the onstage entertainment, children's activities, educational booths and food trucks;
- order and set up tents, tables and chairs;
- bake and sell goodies for the Bake Sale tent;
- collect huge amounts of donations, organize and wrap the baskets, and sell tickets for the Gift Basket tent;
- grow and sell plants in the Plant tent;
- create and man the Fireman's tent;
- work in the Announcement booth and Ice Cream tent
- run the children's activities;
- coordinate parking and portapots;
- advertise for, sign up and coordinate crafters;
- and so much more!

Yes, it takes an army of people to run a successful festival. Thanks to the volunteers who give their time and talent year after year to raise money for our firefighters and our community. And many thanks to the Michauds, who generously donate their land each year!

Thanks from the Book Tent Coordinator:

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the ladies, gentlemen and boys who gave of their time, energy, talents and suggestions to help sort, box and move the books to have them ready for sale at the RCVFD Festival. This year we received **three times** the normal number of donated books and the "Book Bees" worked all year sorting. There are other neighbors and friends who gave their time, trucks, trailers and backs to help move books and helped at the book tent at the festival and on Monday. THANKS to all for a successful year.

Carolyn Stanley
Book Tent Chairperson



The Book Bees had a lot of fun on Festival Day!



Special Thanks to Mark McCracken, who personally helped every vendor with their Wi-Fi connection.



Thanks from the Plant Tent Coordinator:

The plants donated for the RCVFD Festival Plant Booth were fantastic this year. Thanks to all of you who donated plants for us to sell! We made over \$500 for our Fire Department, which is the largest amount we have made since we started in the early 2000s. Many thanks also to our volunteers who helped during the Festival and who endured the heat: Colleen Clark with African Violets from the Loveland African Violet Club; Diane Watkins, a Master Gardener from Bonner Peak; Trish Johnston; Phyllis Goedl; Paul Nichols; Josh Neufeldt; and Landon Nichols.

Ann Nichols
Plant Booth Chairperson

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This year I volunteered to reach out to local corporations seeking monetary donations to help offset the expenses of our Festival. I had no idea what to expect but was incredibly pleased with the generous response of our local businesses. I would like to extend a warm thank you to them, and ask that you consider patronizing these businesses when the need arises!

*Karen Steadman
RCVFD EMT/Firefighter/Volunteer Fundraiser*

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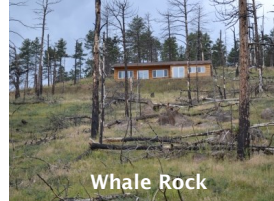
Paradise Park

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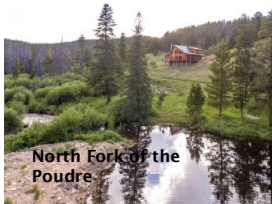
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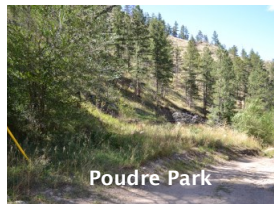
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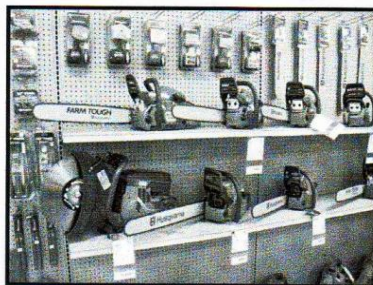
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A big thank you to all of the folks who came out to support the Gift Basket tent at the Mountain Festival. We had some great donations from local businesses that helped us make beautiful baskets to raffle! We made over \$3,500, with all proceeds going directly to the Fire Department. The following is a list of the basket winners. Congratulations to all!!!!



1. Pamper Me Basket - Sue Harbaur
2. Tool Basket - Julie Dasinger
3. Beer and Bronco Coozies - Margaret Sager
4. Horse Basket - Don Pytlik
5. Howling Cow Café Basket - Jane Gidlewski
6. Laundry Basket - Susan Crookall
7. Honey Bee Basket - Linda Nelson
8. Electric Pressure Washer - Sheryl Nelson
9. Beer and Pretzel/Peanuts - Glen Carter
10. IrwinTool Basket - Rich Hagendorn
11. Vern's Basket - Bridget Tisthammer
12. Boys & Girls Toys - Beth Campbell
13. Beer and LaPorte Pizza Gift Certificate - Kathy Veile
14. Fishing Basket - Dan Hutchens
15. Starbuck's Coffee Basket - Nicole Puchan
16. Reliable Big Game Gift Certificate - Nicole Auchan
17. Beer w/2 Large Mugs - Russ McCartney
18. Gardeners Basket - Dan Hutchens
19. Beauty in Nature (Log Drawer and Paxton Sign Gift Certificate) - Victoria Lindsey
20. Beer and Mountain Vista Golf Course Gift Certificate - Vicki Campbell
21. Art Basket - Tammy Kurzmack
22. Beer and LaPorte Pizza Gift Certificate - Kim Klien
23. Clothes Pony/Dandelion Toys Basket and Gift Certificate - Beth Campbell
24. Dog Basket with Gift Certificate for Laporte Animal Clinic - Tom Phelps
25. Beer and Pretzel/Peanuts - Karen Miller
26. Irwin Tool Basket - Ingrid Groshoff
27. Beer w/2 Large Mugs - Bridget Tisthammer
28. Starbuck's Coffee Basket - Bob Leiby
29. Beer and LaPorte Pizza Gift Certificate - Karen Miller
30. Bullhide 4 x 4 - Oliver Mueller
31. Beer and 7 Firehouse Sub Sandwiches
32. Night on the Town - Gale Deturek
33. Cabela's Cooler - Terri Vanderloop
34. Casserole Carrier - Jenny Cope
35. Wine and Cheese/Chocolate Basket - Laurie Franklin
36. Home Decor Basket - Tina Smith
37. CSU Baskets - Debbie Petersen
38. Yeti Cooler - Greg Brigham
39. Bathroom Essentials (Water Pik) - Chris Oberhoffer
40. Irwin Tools - Kerry Key
41. Water Adventure Basket - Loni Gray
42. Chainsaw Turkey Carving - Karel Waltermire



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News from the Area Representatives

Thank you to all who joined us at the Festival this year! I enjoyed meeting so many of my neighbors!

Jill Smith
Stove Prairie Area Rep.

Our new firetruck (See Chief's Report) will be stationed in Buckhorn Canyon. Although this truck doesn't carry water, it will be fully stocked with gear, and most importantly, it will have a radio. Of course, always call 911 in case of emergencies.

Future road reconstruction is self evident by the proliferation of orange flagging along Buckhorn Road. The start date is yet to be determined but per the Larimer County web site it should begin this winter. Note that when construction begins it may impact residents' commute and, possibly, emergency response time for a two year period.

Don Diemer
Buckhorn Area Rep.

My Goal for 2018 is to have Everyone on the road with their Address Sign! Do you have Yours! Only \$15 - cheap insurance when you need RCVFD to find you. Whether for a fire or medical emergency! Call me today at 970.217.6843

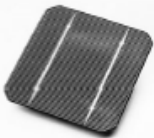
Louise Cheager
Stratton Park Area Rep.



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Notes from Stove Prairie School

We are enjoying our remaining warm days doing activities outside and playing hockey at recess! We are gearing up for our favorite festival of the year . . . Winter Festival!

Winter Festival

The PTO will host the 41st annual Stove Prairie Winter Festival on **Saturday, December 2**, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Come to see what the Festival has to offer.

- Local artisans provide unique shopping opportunities. (*Applications have gone out.*) If you would like to rent a booth to sell your artwork or craft, contact Debi Randol at 488-6575.
- Students will sell their creations at Kids' Corner.
- Community members can help by providing home-made items and baked goods for the Country Store, where Stove Prairie t-shirts, Richard Schmid note cards and prints of the school are sold, or by renting a booth space (community members get first dibs), donating to the Silent Auction and by shopping on Festival Day.
- The parents have made another beautiful quilt to raffle. Quilt tickets will soon be available in your neighborhood. We hope you will have many chances to win! For tickets or information, call the school at 970/488-6575.
- Silent Auction always offers a variety of special items on which to bid. If you have awesome items to donate to the Silent Auction, please contact Kacy Liles at 482-0579. Include some business cards or brochures with the item you donate, to promote your business.

We appreciate all the support the community gives us every year.

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Debi Randol



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The High Park Fire - Five Years Later

In case you missed it in the Tree Farmer Alert, September 7th edition, the USDA has issued a fascinating 17 page report on ***“Learn from the Burn: The High Park Fire 5 Year Later”***.

A brief summary:

The High Park Fire was ignited five years ago on June 9, 2012 and burned over 85,000 acres in the Poudre watershed. Last fall, CPRW organized a workshop with the USFS Rocky Mountain Research

Station to discuss what has been learned about our response to the fire. The May/June 2017 Rocky Mountain Research Station ***Science You Can Use Bulletin*** reviews the topics and science discussed during the workshop last fall.

To read the report, go to www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs_journals/2017/rmrs_2017_miller_s003.pdf. You can also go to the October RistWatch on the RCVFD.org website and click on the link in this article.

Have You Checked Out the New RCVFD Website?

Here are answers to a few questions that we have received from residents:

- **How do I check the current fire danger status?**
It's on the Home page. Just look at the top right corner.

- **Can I read the Ristwatch online?**
Yes. There is a link on the righthand side of the Home page.

- **I need to get a burn permit. Can I do that online?**

Yes! Click on the Community Information tab, then click on “Get a Burn Permit” from the pulldown menu. There will be a form to complete and send.

- **I found a lost goat. How do I send a Community Alert?**

Scroll down to the bottom of the Home page. There you'll find a link to Request to Send a Community Alert, then fill out the form that pops up, and send.

- **I need to contact my Area Rep. Can I do that on the website?**

Yes! Click on the tab, About RCVFD, on the Home page. Then select Contact RCVFD on the pulldown menu. All RCVFD Board members, area reps, and the website administrators are listed. Click on the name of your Area rep. and complete the email form that pops up. Be sure to scroll down the page until you see the Submit button, and send.

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2017 RCVFD ANNUAL DRIVE BUDGET REPORT

Why is the Annual Drive so important? The Annual Drive is the major funding source for the Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department. We no longer have the art auction or the High Park fire donations to fund our annual budget.

To enable the Annual Drive to provide the funds to sustain the financial future of the RCVFD requires the participation of ALL our community residents and land owners.

You may not be aware that you have an Annual Drive team working to reach the financial needs of the RCVFD. Your Annual Drive Committee team is Deb Pedersen, Davis Ranch Area Rep., Juana Jackson, Rist Canyon Area Rep., Louise Creager, Stratton Park Area Rep., Brian Finley, Whale Rock Area Rep., Don Diemer, Buckhorn Area Rep., Jill Smith, Stove Prairie Area Rep., Shane Downing, Area Rep. At Large and the Annual Drive Steering Committee, Gabrielle Borin, Sue Stephens and

Jon Stephens. Should you have questions, do not hesitate to contact any of us. You can do so via RCVFD.org.

It was a pleasure to meet those of you who visited the ice cream tent during the RCVFD Mountain Festival. We are also looking forward to seeing you at the Stove Prairie School Winter Festival.

We need our entire community to pitch in and donate to keep our RCVFD financially viable.

Remember; the Responders, EMTs, Board Members and Community Volunteers all contribute their time, so the least we can do, as members of the community, is to make that financial donation today to RCVFD.org.

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