



RISTWATCH

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———— BENEFITING THE RIST CANYON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ————

SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 • 10 AM TO 4 PM

Read on to discover all the festival activities!

The Annual Mountain Festival is fun for the entire family in a beautiful setting!



Letter from the President

As most of all of us already know, we are in the midst of wildfire season. This being present in our minds, it is an excellent time to review all home wildfire mitigation, emergency evacuation procedures and replacement cost insurance coverage on your home.

Wildfire mitigation includes defensible space around your home and outbuildings. Material explaining the proper techniques are available through your RCVFD Area Representative.

Practice all emergency evacuation procedures with children and have a common, agreed upon meeting place away from danger. Prioritize all things that need to leave with you. Be sure to know all roadway exits from your area.

Review your homeowner's insurance coverage to make sure you are adequately covered for replacement cost of your home and contents. Purchase price or mortgage loan amounts are not always sufficient; the amount should be for replacement costs.

STATISTICS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

- A home fire is reported in the U.S. every 86 seconds.
- You have three minutes to escape a burning home.
- Approximately seven people die each day in home fires.



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

- A fire doubles in size every minute.
- Forty-four fire fighters have died in the line of duty so far in 2018.

The statistics listed above are not intended to scare you, but to keep you informed and to keep fire safety present in your mind. As many of us who experienced the High Park Fire know, "This can happen."

We should also keep in mind the volunteers who are willing to assist everyone in our community 24/7, who give so freely of their time and ask nothing in return.

Please put the RCVFD Festival on your calendar for September 8th, the Saturday after Labor Day; NOT the Labor Day weekend, as in the past.

RCVFD is one of only three donation-based volunteer fire departments in the State of Colorado. Therefore your annual donation is extremely important to the support and safety of the first Responders.

Let's all do what we can to help keep RCVFD a NON-TAX BASED department. If you are in need RCVFD will be there.

*Dale Snyder,
President*

Please help us help you!

Response time can be delayed when your home does not have address numbers clearly posted.



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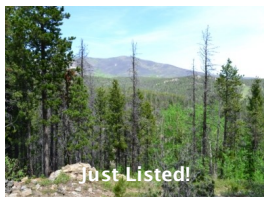
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Chief's Report

As I write this, it is cloudy and rainy outside—a welcome break from the dry, hot days we had in early June. The fire danger has plummeted for a while, so we can all breathe a little easier. It has been tough watching all the fires around us, particularly the Badger Creek fire and the other large fires near Durango. Many of us recall the long days of June 2012 when the weather would not give us any relief from the High Park fire. Our thoughts are with the people in those communities going through those same struggles. It is important to remember that I write this a few weeks ahead of when you read it. By the time you see this, the weather may have returned to a hot, dry pattern. If so, remain very cautious about any potential ignition source. For example, a few years ago we had a contractor mowing weeds on our Foothills Campus here at CSU. They started a grass fire by hitting a rock that created a spark—in the end several acres of grass burned.

RCVFD responders have been training hard, as we do every spring. To prepare for wildland fire season we do an all-day refresher and take a “pack test” to demonstrate our fitness. This is all on top of regular trainings. In addition, several responders have

participated in extra training with outside agencies and neighboring VFDs to gain additional skills. Thanks to all the responders who have put in the extra hours and thanks to our training officer, Phil Benstein, who coordinates much of our training.

Another thing that helps our readiness is up-to-date gear. Thanks to a grant from the El Pomar Foundation, many new responders updated their antiquated gear. Thanks to Laurie Franklin for helping to coordinate the ordering and issuing of the new gear. Also, thanks to Bridget Tisthammer & HJ Siegel for securing the grant for us.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to Andy Hall-Estand. Andy battled cancer bravely for several years. Unfortunately, in May he lost that fight. Andy trained with RCVFD but was never able to become a full responder because of his illness. At his celebration of life, the last time we saw Andy, we made him an honorary firefighter. He will always be part of RCVFD in our hearts.

Carol Dollard,

Fire Chief



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Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to introduce our new assistant treasurer, Steve Denlinger. Steve is a long-time resident of Rist Canyon (35 years) and a Fort Collins business owner (see Colorado Spas ad in this newsletter). I have known Steve for over 26 years and warmly welcome Steve to this position.

As we move into the second half of 2018 I would encourage you to send in your donations in support of your firefighters and medical personnel. We are a little behind in our donation dollars compared to 2017. HJ Siegel, festival coordinator and his Friends of the Festival crew are working hard to make this a great fundraiser once again. As in past years, the festival is a great supplement to our annual drive. The festival is also a great way for each of us to meet some of our neighbors, working hand in hand to make our community the best it can be.

Richard Lund
Treasurer, RCVFD

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RCVFD Mountain Festival News



Revamped and revved up, the Rist Canyon Mountain Festival will be packed with fun and entertainment like never before. The popular outdoor fair, with free admission and free parking, will be held from 10am to 4 pm on Saturday, September 8 (the Saturday after Labor Day Weekend), opposite the main firehouse at 11835 Rist Canyon Road.

"It's going to be a family-fun good time," said Festival Coordinator H.J. Siegel. "We've updated the annual tradition for a great end-of-summer celebration. All are welcome for a spectacular day on a beautiful mountain meadow."

Highlights include live music, arts and crafts booths, silent auction, children's games, farm animals, used book sale, bake sale, plant sale, firefighter demos, educational booths, refreshment vendors and free ice cream. Celebrated singer/songwriter Liz Barnez will perform her eclectic style of music, affectionately known as acoustic swamp groove.

The Festival is the major fundraiser for the Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department (RCVFD). All-volunteer and 100% donation-based, the RCVFD provides emergency, medical and fire services to over 100 square miles northwest of Fort Collins.

If you have any questions, please contact H.J. at HJ@computer.org.



Have a Green Thumb?

Please start your plant seedlings or transplants now for the RCVFD Festival on Saturday, September 8th. You may bring your donations on Friday or Saturday morning for the plant booth. Thank you all for your support! Any questions, please contact me at chopin18@aol.com.

Ann Nichols
Plant Booth Chair

Time for Dessert!

The bake sale has been a part of the Rist Canyon Festival since its beginning. It's the perfect way for you and your family to help our fabulous Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department. All proceeds from the Bake Sale go to the Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department. Pies have always been our biggest attraction. We sell them whole and by the slice. Brownies, cookies, bars and cupcakes are big hits too. Having said that, please know that any and all baked goods are welcome. It is very helpful if items are packaged in sellable quantities, such as 6 -12 cookies in a baggie. Listing ingredients, especially common allergens like nuts and eggs, is very helpful too.

We can always use volunteers to man the Bake Sale Tent. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Festival!

Lisa Diederich
Bake Sale Chair

RCVFD Mountain Festival News, cont'd.

The Stars are Out for the Mountain Festival

We have a full line up of talented musicians who are donating their time to the 2018 Mountain Festival. All have been a part of the festival, or our community in years past. We're excited to welcome back both Liz Barnez and Jill Brzezicki, both singer-songwriters. Liz brings an eclectic acoustic "swamp" groove to her guitar playing and songwriting, which originates from her hometown of New Orleans and the clubs on Bourbon Street.

Jill interprets life through her music, integrating a vast composition of styles. She has both country and bluegrass roots, which she delves into on her April 2018 CD and vinyl release, "Darkness Falls." The Larimie River Band returns, bringing the energy of a five piece banjo, fiddle, mandolin, guitar and bass combo.

Cowtown, a country swing group, brings the fun of boogie to the dancers in the crowd. Curious Gage, a frequent contributor to the festival, features four talented vocalists singing a cappella.

And the story-telling ABLE Quartet brings vocals, an acoustic 12-string guitar, electric bass and percussion to songs, some of which are original, and others that are familiar, all intended to encourage community and connection.

Whether you come for the books, the baked goods, the firefighter demos or the kids' games, you'll be serenaded by some of the best acts in Fort Collins!

*Sandy Deraney-Reilly
Onstage Entertainment Chair*

Ideas Needed for Festival Silent Auction

The Mountain Festival to raise money for the RCVFD will be September 8th, and with that, the silent auction is coming up too, and we need your help. This year we'll have a few ways to contribute, some requiring just a little work, the other requiring some ingenuity.

The first contribution involves getting donations. We need people for a few tasks.

1. **Pick up donations** from businesses around town. These donations were solicited beforehand and just need someone to pick them up and drop off a form.
2. **Suggest possible donors.** If you know a business who could offer an item/service/gift certificate that you and your neighbors would be interested in, please let us know!
3. **Talk to prospective donors.** If you're familiar with businesses such as restaurants, salons, gyms, breweries, bars, stores, services or ???. It will be easy to talk to them about donations. Their incentive, besides the pleasure of doing good, is free advertising! There is a silent auction Facebook page with a full page for each donation with donor information prominently displayed. We will get this out on Facebook and Twitter (with your help) to give them a big audience. The donor can add their own copy or business card, or we can make something

up for them. Please let us know who you'd like to talk to **BEFORE** you do! We don't want to ask donors more than once.

The other task involves some brainstorming.

4. **Think up interesting services and goods** that you and your friends and neighbors can offer. Do you know how to do something that your neighbors might like to learn? Music or art lessons? Chainsaw sharpening? Generator maintenance? How to build fences, sheds, gardens, dog beds, good resumes? Wilderness survival? Gardening, cooking, sewing, dog or horse training? The possibilities are endless! The more original the better! You can offer services as well as instruction, of course! For items that require materials, it may be possible to include the cost of them in the minimum bid, which would still turn a profit for the Festival AND you get free advertising, as well!

I look forward to seeing your ideas soon! You can send them to me at silentauction@rcvfd.org. Thank you!

*Janet Siegel
Silent Auction Chair*

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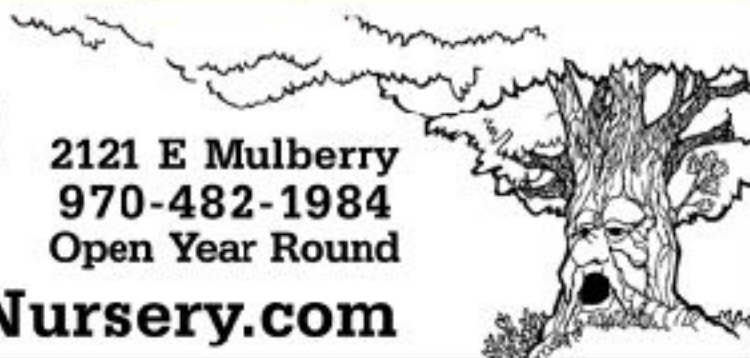
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Jill Smith
Stove Prairie Area Rep.

Plans for the Mountain Festival are progressing nicely. Join us for a day of family fun in our beautiful canyon. If you have time on Friday, September 7th to help us set up, or take down on Sunday the 9th, that would be great. We also need people on the day of the Festival to help direct parking. This is a community event that benefits us all, we welcome your participation. Contact HJ Siegel, Festival Coordinator, HJ@computer.org or just show up!

Sandy Deraney-Reilly,
Davis Ranch Area Rep.

If you live in Rist Canyon and have any questions related to either life here in the Canyon or any RCVFD activities, please send me a note through the RCVFD web site, by using the "Contact" link for me. Take care and enjoy safe travels!

Jeff Varberry
Rist Canyon Area Rep.

What did the Buddhist ask the hot dog vendor?

"Make me one with everything."

Marvin Rist's Fundraiser for the RCVFD

- I am selling plastic laminated license plates that can be mounted on the front of your car. The license plate shows a view of Rist Canyon with two solar lights to show how Rist Canyon Road would look having solar lights, as pictured below. The plate cost is \$10.50, which would help raise money for the fire department and to give them solar light visibility at night during emergency situations. So far, I have collected \$300 in donations, of which \$100 has been given to the RCVFD, and \$200 has been put in the solar light project.
- I have about 100 plates left for anyone to purchase.
- To order, contact Marvin Rist at MarvinRistwatch@yahoo.com.
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Notes from Stove Prairie School

The birds and little creatures have fun when we leave for Summer Break!

Summer Library Activities

The Poudre River Library District will offer a Summer Reading Challenge this summer where students can earn prizes for reading! Check it out at poudrelibraries.org.

Important Dates for 2016-2017 School Year

New K-5 Student Registration: Thursday, August 9, 8:00-4:00 at the school, 3891 Stove Prairie Road. Stove Prairie's attendance area extends west from Davis Ranch Road in Rist Canyon; Buckhorn Canyon from mile marker 19 and west; and north to Poudre Canyon on Stove Prairie Road.

First day of school: Tuesday, August 21, for K-5 students
First day for Preschool: Monday, August 29
School hours: 8:10 a.m. -2:55 p.m.
BBQ &
Back to School Night: Thursday, August 30, 5:30 p.m.

Preschool

Children ages 3-5 may attend preschool here at Stove Prairie. BASE Camp, a Fort Collins non-profit

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Stove Prairie School*

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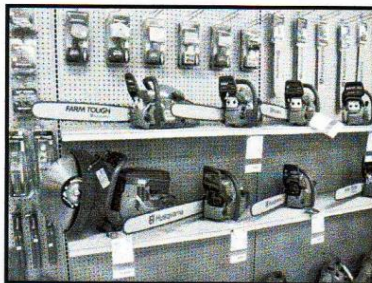
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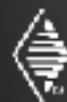
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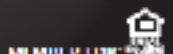
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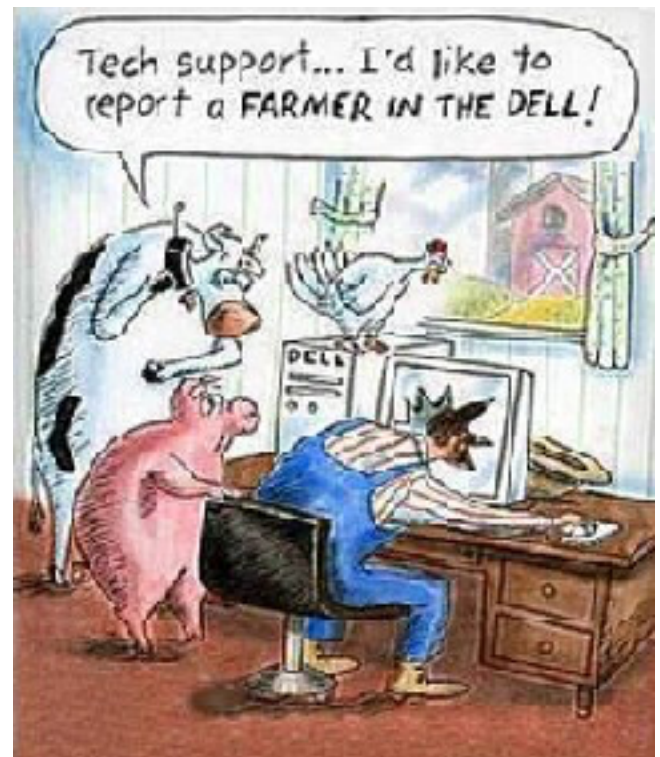
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The Annual Mountain Festival is fun for the entire family in a beautiful setting!



THE FESTIVAL OFFERS:

Live music and entertainment on the main stage • Silent Auction, Bake Sale, & Plant Sale

Local arts & crafts, jewelry, clothing, and gifts • Book Sale with great prices

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FREE ice cream, FREE parking, and FREE admission

• *The festival is located in the field opposite Fire Station 1 at 11835 Rist Canyon Road* •

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Funds raised from the Mountain Festival are vital for the financial operations of the all-volunteer, 100% donation-based fire department. Supporting RCVFD and the Mountain Festival is an investment in the safety of the mountain, its residents, and all who enjoy spending time in this beautiful setting!

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