



RISTWATCH

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Letter from the President

Summer has officially ended, and this time of year reminds me to, among other things, prepare for the seasons ahead. Our Rist Canyon community is busy gathering provisions for our families and completing various projects in anticipation of the coming holidays, as well as the impending changes in our weather. At the same time, your RCVFD volunteers continue to train, prepare for and respond to our emergent and urgent needs . . . they generously give of their time and talents . . . they ARE the hearts and hands of OUR “9-1-1”!

As a non-profit organization, we are dependent upon the generosity of our community and supporters. RCVFD and its Board of Directors respond to the needs of our community, while continuing to steward existing resources, and solicit and secure the necessary funds required to continue to meet the needs of RCVFD and our community, and anyone else traveling through this beautiful area.

This year’s annual Rist Canyon Mountain Festival was a well-attended event enjoyed by many folks, both from our community, as well as others from neighboring towns and beyond. My wife, Michele, spoke with someone just passing through from

**2019 RCVFD Community
Potluck and Annual Meeting
Saturday, November 2nd
6 to 9 PM
Stove Prairie School**



**Join your neighbors for a potluck and
slideshow of this year's festival by
the Festival Coordinator, as well as
reports from the President, Chief
and Treasurer. We'll also elect the
2020 Board of Directors. Please
bring a dish to share. (main dish,
side, salad, bread or dessert)**

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Letter from the President, cont'd.

Wisconsin who was truly enjoying the festivities, as well! I extend a genuine and heartfelt "Thank You!" and "Congratulations!" to H.J. Siegel, RCVFD Vice-President and Festival Coordinator, as well as our "Friends of the Festival" and everyone else who helped this year. These folks have worked for many months and long hours to make this year's festival a success. I overheard several Festival "Friends" discussing next year's festival before this year's event had even been concluded . . . they're already developing plans to make next year's festival even better!

The festival is a significant activity that helps RCVFD raise its funding. Other activities include, but are not limited to: direct donations via the RCVFD web site (at <https://rcvfd.org>) as well as our periodic fundraising mailers; designation of RCVFD as the recipient of a portion of your purchases on Amazon and at your local King Soopers; or through organizations like ColoradoGives.org. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work": if everyone gives a little bit throughout the year, frequent fundraisers and large donations are not necessary. Any donation is always welcome, and will be genuinely appreciated!

The date for our annual RCVFD Meeting and Potluck Dinner is fast approaching. On the first Saturday of each November, our community gathers together to enjoy a meal and connect with one another, as we share highlights of this year's activities and elect our Board of Directors and Representatives in our community for the coming year. I encourage each of you to come to this meeting, share a meal with your neighbors, and celebrate this wonderful place we are blessed to call "home". If you are interested in learning more about RCVFD or our community, this is the perfect opportunity! We also welcome your ideas and input, as well as folks willing to serve others in our community . . . whether it be as a Fire Fighter or First Responder, RCVFD Board member, Friend of the (annual) Festival, or in some other capacity. Please contact me if you'd like to know more!

I trust that you and your loved ones will enjoy a safe, warm and fondly memorable holiday season!

*With Kind Regards,
Jeff Vanberry
RCVFD President*

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Chief's Report

Wow—if I had written this a few weeks ago, I would have said this has been a quiet year. RCVFD averages between 60 and 80 calls per year; however, through the first eight months of this year we only had 34 calls. Then Labor Day weekend hit and we had six calls, a few days rest then Festival weekend with four more calls . . . I am writing this after another Saturday with two calls. We are up to call #47, averaging nearly one per day in September. So, remember to reach out and say thank you to your neighbors who are responders—they have been working hard. Looks like we won't have a below average year after all.

It was a wet year so nearly all the calls this year have been medicals or motor vehicle accidents (MVs), but as I write this the McNay fire is burning north of us near Red Feather. We are not out of fire season yet—the hot, dry weather of the past few weeks has raised the fire danger so I will put in a reminder to be careful with fire.

If you want to burn slash this winter, get a permit through Larimer County [<https://www.larimer.org/health/clean-air-water-and-soil/air-quality/burn-permits>] and adhere to the conditions to burn safely.

We mixed up training a bit in September—we held a training at Station 4 on Whale Rock. We were familiarizing new responders with the roads in that area and checking out a new LZ (predetermined landing zone) for the helicopters we use on medical calls. We have additional plans

for training out and about in the community, so don't be alarmed if you see several fire trucks in your neighborhood on the second Wednesday of the month.

There will be lots of notes in this Ristwatch thanking everyone for another successful Festival. I want to add my thanks to everyone who helped organize it, set it up, run it and then clean up afterward. It takes a small but mighty army of folks. We all enjoyed the day and made money to help support the RCVFD.

Finally, we would like to put out a call to members of the community who are interested in joining the RCVFD as a responder. We learn a lot with our training, and it is very rewarding to help members of (and visitors to) our community. Just last night I proudly watched our skilled EMTs and responders help four very scared teenagers who had rolled their vehicle. Without the RCVFD, help would have been more than 30 minutes away. If you are interested in joining, contact me at chief@rcvfd.org.

PS: Fall is coming, it will be getting cold soon. Don't forget to clean and inspect your chimney before you fire up the woodstove.

Sincerely,

Carol Dollard

RCVFD Chief



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Three Easy Ways to Help the RCVFD



Colorado Gives Day is Tuesday, December 10th.

Please Spread the WORD to family and friends!

It's easy—just post this link:

<http://coloradogives.org/RistCanyonVolunteerFireDepartment>

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Treasurer's Report

When I see the word "Treasurer" I think of numbers with dollar signs. In these notes I will share numbers that equal dollars and numbers that equal percentages. Some may think the numbers are good or numbers not so good.

\$80,944 - \$41,882.98

51% - 75%

1,189 - 265 - 22%

What do these numbers mean? In the July newsletter I shared RCVFD Income and Expenses. This newsletter I am sharing budget figures, donations to-date and number of landowners in the RCVFD mailing database; along with percentages.

Annual Budget \$80,944

Annual Drive by September 30th \$41,883

75 percent of 2019 is gone and donations are only at 51% of our budget.

1,189 - 265 - 22%

The RCVFD mailing database has 1,189 addresses for our response area. There have been 265 donors who have responded to the annual drive letters sent.

These figures show RCVFD has only received support from 22% of our database.

Not So Good?

Your fire department needs YOU. Fire and medical volunteers need YOU! They are ready to answer your 911 calls 365 days each year. They religiously train weekly all year long. Weekends and Holidays are work days, not days off. We can do better than 22%!

*Richard Lund
Treasurer*



An Extra Hour of Sleep!

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3rd at 2 AM. Spend your Sunday between football games setting every clock back one hour, changing the batteries in your CO2 and smoke detectors, and making Rotel queso dip. (1 can Rotel tomatoes and 1 lb. Velveeta. Yum!) Did you know that CO2 and smoke alarms are only reliable for 8 to 10 years? Might be time to replace the alarms as well.

Letter from the Vice President

Rist Canyon Mountain Festival Big Success

Thanks to the Volunteers!

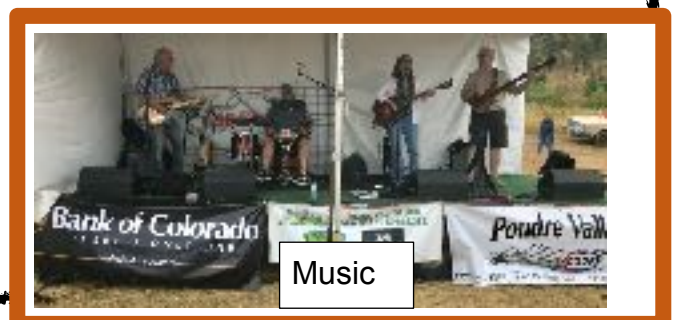
- The annual Rist Canyon Mountain Festival was held on Saturday, September 7th to raise funds for our Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department.
- There were about 2,000 happy attendees.
- A nice profit was made for the fire department – the exact amount is still being calculated.
- Big thanks to the over 100 neighbor volunteers who worked together to make the festival happen!!! They are listed on the next page.
- A more detailed report will be presented at our annual community pot luck dinner on Saturday, November 2nd at 6 PM at Stove Prairie School.
- ***Please mark your calendars for next year's Festival: Saturday, September 5, 2020.***
- To join your neighbors as volunteers for next year's festival, please contact H.J. Siegel, Festival Coordinator [HJ@computer.org]. You can help before the festival day, on the festival day and after the festival day. There are a great variety of ways in which you can help.

*H. J. Siegel
RCVFD Board Vice President,
RCVFD Firefighter and Emergency Medical Responder,
and Mountain Festival Chair*



The over 100 neighbor volunteers who made the 2019 Rist Canyon Mountain Festival possible!!!!!!

- **Announcer:** Chuck Andre
- **Bake Sale:** Lisa Diederich, Chair; Beth Schwartz, Diane Schwartz, Hayden and Hayley Schwartz, Heather Watson, Melanie Bevers
- **Book Sale:** Carolyn Stanley, Chair; Allie, Barb Monesson, Betsy Bartel, Bill Gully, Cale Brehio, Chad Link, Dakota Squibb, Dawn Bolin, Dianne McCarthy, Eric Schaveland, Erik Williams, Gabi Replogle, Gabrielle Borin, Gretchen Long, Harry Bates, Hunter, Jean Otte, Jeff Brack, Jeff Elsner, Joan Miller, Joe Shellhammer, Juana Jackson, Karen Salaz, Kathy Cox, Karen Rairdon, Kristen Michaels, Larry Sippel, LeAnne Mumpy, Linda Squibb, Mark McCracken, Melina, Melinda Bremmer, Molly McLean, Muminah Hamid, Nancy Sheriff, Nicki Rutt, Norm Miller, Pam Thomas, Pat Baker, Pat Carey, Randy Stanley, Ruben Arrieta, Sarah, Shannon Phelps, Tanner, Tanya Shenk, Tracy Skinner, Vivian Burke
- **Coordinator:** H.J. Siegel
- **Corporate Sponsors:** Taylor Hubbard
- **Craft/Vendor Booths:** Jill Smith, Chair; Denise Dobbs, Lori Schleber
- **Dunk Tank:** Trisha Johnston, Chair; Brett Johnston, Juana Jackson, Molly McLean, Shannon Phelps
- **Facilities** (e.g., tents, tables, chairs, potties): Richard Lund
- **Farm Animals:** Coreen Rairdon and Kim Gilbreth, Co-Chairs; Cricket Mason
- **Field Provider:** Gail and Gene Michaud
- **Fire Trucks:** Juana Jackson
- **Firefighter Display Booth:** Juana Jackson, Chair; Carol Dollard
- **Firefighter Gear Demos:** Juana Jackson, Carol Dollard
- **Food Trucks:** Bridget Tisthammer
- **Helicopter for Airlifts:** Ron Hall-Estand
- **Ice Cream:** Bridget Tisthammer, Chair; Louise Creager, Lori Schleber, Hunter, Tim Jackson, Moby Wile, Teri Tracy, Tannis, Tanner, Jill Smith, Jackie Klausmeyer, Claudia Arrietta
- **Kids' Activities:** Trisha Johnston, Chair; Abbas, Angie McQuillan, Ann Nichols, Brett Johnston, Denise Dobbs, Hunter, Jack, Josh Neufeldt, Molly McLean, Tamera Snyder, Taylor Hubbard, Tim Jackson
- **Mentor/Treasurer:** Richard Lund
- **Musical Entertainment:** Sandy Reilly
- **Non-Profit and Educational Booths:** Angie McQuillan
- **Plant Sale:** Eve Ege, Chair; Colleen Clark, Jackie Klausmeyer-Pierce, Josh Neufeldt, Ann Nichols
- **Publicity:** Leisa Taylor, press releases, online calendars; Taylor Hubbard, Facebook, posters
- **RCVFD Firefighters for Set Up, Site Signage, Parking, Dunk Tank, Medical, and/or Close Up:** Juana Jackson, Chair; Carol Dollard, Dakota Squibb, Eddie Franklin, Eric Schaveland, Erik Williams, Jeff Elsner, Jeff Stark, Jesse Ceplecha, Jim Terrell, Jon Benshoff, Karen Steadman, Kory Bublitz, Larry Monesson, Larry Sippel, Mark McCracken, Mark Neuroth, Norm Miller, Ron Hall-Estand, Ruben Arrieta
- **Road Signs:** Randy Hediger
- **Shuttle Tractor Drivers:** Brett Johnston, Josh Neufeldt
- **Silent Auction:** Janet Siegel, Chair; Brett Carr, Co-Chair; Allie, Carol Nichols, Carolyn Stanley, Danelle Drew, Dawn Bolin, Diane McCarthy, Eric Williams, Jon McQuillan, Juana Jackson, Louise Creager, Mark Squibb, Sky Siegel, Trisha Johnston
- **Smokey Bear Organizer:** Juana Jackson
- **Stage Top Setup:** Randy Hediger
- **T-Shirts:** Molly McLean, Shannon Phelps, Co-Chairs; Michele Yarberry
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Book Tent News

The book bees have really been busy this year. We have added five new bees to the hive. In addition to the extra hands in sorting, we have a new addition of a storage building which Moby Wile was able to acquire for us at no charge. Larry Monesson stepped up and took charge of making the concrete form for the building to sit on along with Norm Miller. The following people helped with pouring the concrete: Larry Monesson, Harry Bates, Carol Dollard, Juana Jackson, Don Diemer and Norm Miller.

On August 13, 2019 our building arrived and with the help of Larry Monesson, Jeff Elsner, Larry Sipple, Ruben Arrieta and Norm Miller they "man handled" the building a quarter of a turn to have it in place. Joan Miller, Gretchen Long and I were on hand to watch the event. Larry Monesson added a sturdy door and caulking to seal the weather and critters out of our shed. We "book bees" are really proud of our new addition. Come by and see our new building in back of Station 1.

I would like to thank all the bees and our extra helpers for making this festival a big success. I would like to thank Kristen Michaels for making sure the books were moved on Sunday and seeing that things were packed up and put back in the trailer. Also, anyone who came to help move books on Sunday, thank you. If I have failed to mention anybody, your name might not be in print but your work will not be forgotten.

*Carolyn Stanley
Book Tent Chair*

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1. You will need a burn permit. These are available free. Wait till October 1, 2019, then go to our web site at RCVFD.org, click on Community Information, then click Burn Permit and you will see a note at the top - **THEY ARE TRANSITIONING to a new burn permit. So read carefully.** Complete the information. There are regulations to follow. Read these located at the bottom of the form such as: There must be a minimum 3" of snow on the ground before you can burn; Call the non-emergency Sheriff number to let them know when you plan to burn on the day you are burning; Fires must be out at dusk; You must have a charged hose close at hand. All the regulations are at the bottom, so click on Regulations.
2. Be sure to have your fireplace or wood stove chimney cleaned regularly. Don't forget to clean and inspect the chimney, making sure you have a properly installed chimney cap on, and clean the ash pit.
3. It's good to have a Chimfex at hand. These can be purchased at your local hardware store. If you ever have a fire in the chimney you can follow the directions (read ahead) and immediately call 911.

Here's to a Safe Fall and Winter!

Cheers!
Louise Creager

Bake Sale Tent

A huge Thank you to all who helped make this the best Bake Sale Ever. We asked for baked goodies to help support our fire department and the wonderful folks in our area delivered! Thank you bakers! We had 78 pies and lots of cookies, bars, candy, bread, etc. to sell.

It was fun to see so many people having a great time at the festival. We appreciate everyone who stopped by the bake sale tent and purchased goodies to support RCVFD. It is such a delight to live amongst such wonderful people.

Thank you too, to all the Volunteers on the Fire Department who keep us safe all year round.

Warm Regards to all,
Lisa



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Did you get to the RCVFD Summer Festival this year? If not, you missed a good one. Inexpensive books for this winter's fireside reading. A huge selection of your neighbors' things were available in the Silent Auction (my apologies to the person who contacted me concerning how to donate to the auction . . . I lost your eMail . . . sorry). Plants and baked goods and free ice cream. You could have thanked our sponsors for their support. Craft booths galore, food trucks, live music, things for kids to do. A chance to visit with (or dunk) your volunteer fire fighters and see their equipment . . . all of which are supported by very generous donations, not taxes. Speaking of which, if you missed the festival you missed a golden opportunity to DONATE and receive a nice THANK YOU. You also missed your chance to volunteer to support the department by becoming the Area Representative for the Lower Buckhorn, that part of the canyon from Moody Hill on down. If you live in or near that area Uncle Sam Needs You . . . it's something you can do for the community without getting real dirty. Only one will be selected, avoid the rush, it could and should be you. Write or stop by Mile Marker 31 for details if you dare. Consider attending the Annual Meeting in November, too, to pitch in, commiserate, or just eat. We are all so fortunate to live here, it's worth fighting fire for.

*Don, Briggs the Dog, and the Darned Cat, the only
one with a real job.
Upper Buckhorn Area Rep*



A great year with all the moisture. So many colorful wildflowers this year. There are so many easy ways to help your fire department. Look through the newsletter for how you can donate without writing a check. Sign up at your local King Soopers; when buying from Amazon, go to Amazon Smile and sign up for RCVFD: they give us a percentage without adding to your total. Coming in December is the annual Colorado Gives—let's make this a great year!

*Louise Creager,
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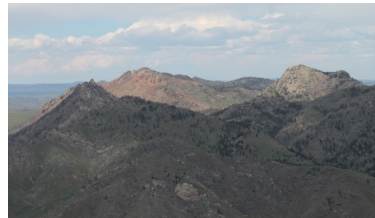
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Emerald Ash Borer Detected in Larimer County

BERTHOUD, Colo. – October 2, 2019 –

National and state experts have confirmed the presence of emerald ash borer (EAB) – an invasive, highly destructive tree pest – near the Town of Berthoud, in Larimer County. This detection represents the first ever in the county, and the third confirmation of EAB in Colorado outside of a federal quarantine in less than two months.

An estimated 15 percent or more of all urban and community trees in Colorado are ash species susceptible to being killed by EAB – and a majority of these trees are on private land. EAB attacks and kills both stressed and healthy ash trees and is so aggressive that trees typically die within two to four years after becoming infested.

It is unknown whether this pest arrived in Larimer County by natural spread or via accidental human transport, such as in firewood or other raw ash material. Staff with Larimer County and the City of Loveland recently helped to obtain insect samples gathered near Berthoud, after an arborist brought an ash log containing the insects to the Loveland recycling center. A Colorado State University Extension agent delivered the insects to an EAB expert on campus, who first confirmed it as being the pest . . .

The infested ash was located on private property in unincorporated Larimer County, less than three miles southwest of Berthoud. Foresters are now in the process of conducting field inspections of ash trees on other properties in the vicinity, to determine the extent of observable EAB infestation. This detection, like the other most recent Colorado detections in Broomfield and Westminster, occurred outside the existing EAB quarantine. The state quarantine boundaries will not change, however, due to plans for its repeal. The quarantine, which primarily encompasses Boulder County, was established six years ago in an effort to prevent or slow the insect's spread via the movement of ash nursery stock, firewood and other wood that may contain the pest. The Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) and USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service are now preparing to repeal it at the end of the year, with a formal

process beginning last month. The repeal is largely due to the insect's ability to naturally spread to new areas, without the movement of infested wood being the sole means for population expansion.

CDA is also removing the quarantine to allow already-affected communities more options for the disposal of removed trees, and because other means are now in place to help slow the spread of EAB in Colorado . . . EAB was first confirmed in Colorado in 2013, in the City of Boulder. Since then, the pest has been confirmed in several other municipalities in Boulder County within the quarantine, as well as in Broomfield in late August, and Westminster in September.

Experts have now detected EAB in four Colorado counties – all along the northern Front Range. Many Front Range and Larimer County communities have been managing for EAB before its arrival, including Berthoud, Fort Collins, Loveland and Windsor . . . Larimer County also has been preparing for EAB. The county forester previously identified ash trees on county rights-of-way, which were later removed under the direction of the County Road and Bridge Department. In addition, many ash trees in Larimer County Parks already have been removed and replaced with other tree species not susceptible to EAB.

General public information about EAB is available at csfs.colostate.edu/emerald-ash-borer. Larimer County residents with questions specific to EAB management on their property can also contact their local municipal forester; those outside a municipality with a forestry department can contact the county, CSU Extension or the Colorado State Forest Service:

- ❑ Fort Collins City Forester: 970-221-6361
- ❑ Larimer County Forestry: 970-498-5765
- ❑ CSU Extension, Larimer County: 970-498-6000
- ❑ Fort Collins Field Office, Colorado State Forest Service: 970-491-8348



Emerald Ash Borer Tips for Front Range Residents

[?] Determine now if you have any ash trees. Identifying features of ash trees include compound leaves with 5 to 9 leaflets; leaflets, buds and branches growing directly opposite from one another; and diamond-shaped bark ridges on mature trees. More information about a related [app for mobile devices](https://csfs.colostate.edu/emerald-ash-borer) is available at csfs.colostate.edu/emerald-ash-borer.

[?] If you have an ash tree, start planning. Decide if the overall health of the tree merits current or future treatment or if it would be best to remove and replace it with a different species. If you aren't sure, contact a certified arborist. If pesticide treatment is the preferred option, the applicator must be licensed by the Colorado Department of Agriculture as a Commercial Pesticide Applicator.

[?] Recognize signs of EAB infestation. Property owners with ash trees should be on the lookout for thinning of leaves in the upper tree canopy, 1/8-inch D-shaped holes on the bark and vertical bark splitting with winding S-shaped tunnels underneath. Report suspect trees by calling the Colorado Department of Agriculture at 1-888-248-5535 or filling out their EAB Report Form at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/agplants/eab-identification-and-reporting>.

[?] Be aware of EAB imposters. Other insects like lilac/ash borer, ash bark beetle and flat-headed apple tree borer may look like EAB or cause similar tree symptoms. For more information, visit www.eabcolorado.com.

[?] Help prevent further spread of EAB. Do not transport ash or any hardwood firewood, or any other untreated ash wood products, to other locations. Boulder County and some surrounding areas are still under a federal EAB quarantine, allowing for significant fines for those who move untreated wood from the area.

For more information about ash tree identification, the symptoms of EAB and treatment options, go to eabcolorado.com or csfs.colostate.edu/emerald-ash-borer.



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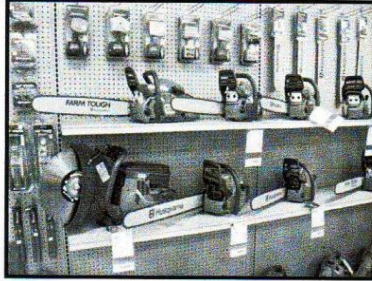
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