



RISTWATCH

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Letter from the President



Prepare. As the seasons are preparing to change, we should also be ready to respond to whatever changes we may—and will—experience in the seasons ahead. Being ready may include having a root cellar filled with canned goods; extra firewood or

other fuels on hand; equipment to clear fallen snow as may be necessary; and other emergency supplies for those times when you are without electricity. Another absolute necessity is both an overcoming perception, as well as established relationships with neighbors and friends. Many times, it is difficult—if not impossible—to deal with a hardship by yourself; you may also be called upon to help a neighbor or friend, as well.

Earlier this month, after a one-year hiatus (courtesy of the public COVID response), our annual Rist Canyon Mountain Festival was alive and well, and clearly enjoyed by many, many people! While there were a considerable number of folks from our local community, there were also folks who were simply “passing through” and taking part in the festivities. While I’m confident that H.J. will share many more details, it was evident by the many smiling faces I saw, and abundant laughter, that attendees were delighting in the activities and merchant offerings.

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RCVFD Annual Meeting

**Saturday, November 6th
6 - 8 PM**

**American Legion Hall
2124 CR 54G
(Corner of Taft Hill and 54G)**

Join us at the American Legion Hall for our Annual Meeting. We’ll hear from the President, Chief, Treasurer and Vice-president with a recap of this year’s Mountain Festival.

There will be no potluck this year. RCVFD will follow all CDC, CDPH and Larimer County Covid-19 Health Requirements effective at the time of the meeting. Masks are recommended in indoor settings, especially for those who are unvaccinated. There will be plenty of room to self-distance.

Letter from the President, cont'd.



As you may or may not be aware, our monthly RCVFD Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month, and they are open to the public. We will post the minutes

from previous board meetings, as well as the agenda for upcoming meetings on the RCVFD website. For more information, please go to <https://rcvfd.org/about-rcvfd/bod-meetings>.

I'd be remiss if I did not encourage folks to remain watchful for announcements in the Ristwatch (available by mail and online at <https://rcvfd.org/community-information/ristwatch>), as well as through our Community Alert system. Our Community Alert system is how we get important and timely information out to our residents. If you are not already registered, please do so through our website at <https://rcvfd.org/community-information/community-alert-signup>.

In addition to our Annual Drive fundraising letters, anyone at anytime may also make a donation directly to RCVFD via our website (at <https://rcvfd.org>). Two other very simple ways to donate to the fire department include designating RCVFD as the recipient of a portion of your purchases on Amazon (<https://smile.amazon.com>) and at your local King Soopers (with your King Soopers Rewards Card account), or through organizations like ColoradoGives (<https://coloradogives.org>) and Benevity (<https://benevity.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 is genuinely appreciated!

If you are interested in learning more about RCVFD, our community, or how you can help, please contact me at president@rcvfd.org.

Thank you!

*Kind regards,
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President, RCVFD*

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OCT. 23, 2021 || **3 PM**

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This year's Fall Festival, formerly Winter Festival, will be an all-outdoor event to maintain the health & safety of attendees, volunteers, students, and staff. We hope you will join us!

Questions? Contact Taylor Hubbard, PTO President: Taylor@TheCreativeHubLR.com

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Chief's Report

After a tremendous amount of hard work from our dedicated volunteers, we can close the books on another successful Mountain Festival. Last year we had to forego our largest fundraiser of the year because of the pandemic, so it was doubly gratifying to see the record turnout and smiling faces from community members and visitors alike. Once again the Firefighter Dunk Tank was a big hit, the Silent Auction and Used Book Sale were as popular as ever, and the large number of vendors and other booths made for lots of things to do for all ages. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year a success, the vendors and organizations that enhanced the experience, and all the wonderful folks who came and spent the day with us. I especially want to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation as we did our best to keep everyone safe and healthy in and out of our tents.

As I write this, we have had just over 50 calls for the year so far. This is about an average load for us, and the vast majority have been medical calls, with motor vehicle accidents taking the silver medal. Covid has had a moderate effect on our call volume, but it seems that most folks who get sick are either weathering it at home or seeking non-emergency medical help. As community members ourselves, we appreciate everyone being responsible and protecting themselves and their neighbors. Please get vaccinated, folks, it could save your life or the lives of your loved ones.

It was an easy fire season this year, with no confirmed wildfires in our area. With cooler weather

coming in, our fire attention turns to chimney fires and carbon monoxide. Make sure to maintain your chimney, keep your furnaces and other fuel-burning appliances in good repair, and move ashes outside and under a sealing cover. Ashes emit carbon monoxide for many hours after they seem extinguished, and uncovered ash buckets next to fireplaces are about half of our carbon monoxide calls. Remember, CO is invisible and has no smell, so you may not know you are in danger until it is too late. Change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors.

Your Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department continues to grow and improve to serve you better. Many new recruits have joined and gotten involved, a lot of effort has been put into organizing Station 1 to make things easier to find and tidier, and we have donated some unneeded equipment to other agencies that needed it. One of our engines has been staged for the summer in the Upper Buckhorn, and will be coming home soon before freezing temperatures damage it. We have had a rescue response truck parked on Old Flowers to further improve our response time on the west side of our area, and this summer we purchased a removable water tank for it. This small tank will make firefighters in that vehicle doing reconnaissance or community outreach during a large fire safer, as they can use the water to defend themselves.

2021 has been a much better summer than 2020, but we still have a ways to go back to "normal". Keep up the good fight, and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Jeff Elsner, Chief

Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department

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Chief Jeff cooling off in the dunk tank
Photo courtesy of Erica Michel

RCVFD Monthly Meeting Schedule

Ops, Fire and Medical Trainings at Firehouse #1
on Rist Canyon Road. Board meetings on Zoom.

Operations —1st Wednesdays (7 PM)
Fire Training—2nd Wednesdays (7 PM)
Board Meeting—3rd Wednesdays (6 PM)
Medical Training—4th Wednesdays (7PM)



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2021 RCVFD Mountain Festival a Big Success!

The annual RCVFD Mountain Festival was held on Saturday, September 11, 2021, to raise funds for the Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department. There were about 2,000 happy attendees, and a nice profit was made for the fire department (the exact amount is still being calculated as expenses are finalized and Silent Auction items are being collected by the bid winners). Over 100 neighbor volunteers worked together to make the festival happen.

This year's celebration featured a huge used book sale with thousands of books; an excellent silent auction with hundreds of items; a delicious bake sale with an amazing number of pies, cakes and more; a large plant sale with a variety of types and sizes of plants; a great RCVFD Festival T-shirt sale, with a new logo for this year plus vintage shirts from past years; over 30 craft vendors; over 25 non-profit educational booths; outstanding live musical entertainment; an old-fashioned dunk tank; firefighter demonstrations of equipment; a display of our fire trucks; an opportunity to inspect a medical evacuation helicopter; free ice cream in a variety of flavors; food trucks; kids' area with lots of

different activities, games, farm animals and a 14-foot bubble machine; a memorial honoring Richard Schmid, who headlined the fine art auction for RCVFD for many years; a commemorative presentation in memory of those who perished in the attacks on September 11, 2001; and an "80+1" birthday surprise celebration for Richard Lund, Festival leader for many, many years and still mentor and Treasurer for the Festival.

Please mark your calendars for next year's Festival: Saturday, September 10, 2022. To join the Festival team next year, please contact H.J. Siegel, Festival Coordinator [HJ@computer.org]. There are lots of ways to help in the months before the Festival, days before the Festival, during the Festival and after the Festival. We eagerly welcome new members for the fun and friendly "Friends of the Festival" leadership team!

H. J. Siegel

Mountain Festival Coordinator, RCVFD Board Vice President, Firefighter and Emergency Medical Responder



Diane McCarthy and Carolyn Stanley in the Book Tent
Photo courtesy of Erica Michel

Book Tent News 2021

This year I moved the cashiers and the rest area outside, which went over well since it was hot and the shade was welcome; and the cashiers did not have to wear a mask for six hours. The silent auction and the book tent were the only two areas to require masks and people were willing to don masks to enter. I would like to thank Taylor Hubbard for her work on the mask signs for the book and silent auction tents. Taylor also made a poster thanking Home Depot South who donated a storage building for books.

None of the book vendors showed up this year so our sales were not as high as in previous years. We did what we could for the fire department as this was the goal. Sharon Bloyer (Elenore Lund's sister) and her group from the Senior Center took some of the leftover books to help with their January 2022 fundraiser for the Food Bank.

The book bees sorted their hearts and hands out on Sunday morning before moving the books that we will sell next year. The rest were recycled to Arc and Goodwill. I have already had requests for drop off locations for next year's books. We have two permanent book drop off boxes, Station 1 and Pleasant Valley Church near the Bellvue Post Office.

With the help of all the book bees, their husbands, families and neighbors, we did our best to earn money for our fire fighters. You will find a list of all our volunteers under the "Book Tent Volunteers". If I have failed to mention anyone, your name might not be in print but your work will not be forgotten and I thank you so much.

I also thank Joe Shellhammer, Gabrielle Borin, Gretchen Long, Jeff Brack, Neil and Debbie Faber and Tom and Irene Holtzer for allowing the book tent to borrow their pop up tents to save the fire department tent rental money. I thank all who donated their time, talents and muscle to making this year's festival successful.

Carolyn Stanley, Book Tent Chair

Thank You to Our Mountain Festival Sponsors!



2021 CORPORATE SPONSORS

Platinum Level - \$2500

- Bohemian Foundation (2020)
- Bohemian Foundation (2021)

TOTAL: \$5,000

Premium Level - \$1000

- Audiology Group (2020)
- Audiology Group (2021)
- Bank of Colorado
- Houska
- Dandelions to Daisies
- Liquor Cabinet (\$900)
- The Creative Hub (\$150, \$850+ in-kind design work)

TOTAL: \$6,050

Partner Level - \$500

- Jax Mercantile Co.
- Joy Organics
- Jon Stephens
- Louise Creager (Ice Cream)

TOTAL: \$2000

Tent Level - \$400

- Sky Corral Ranch (Bake Sale Tent)
- Small Farma Co., LLC

TOTAL: \$800

Patron Level - \$250

- Fort Collins Nursery
- Larimer County Farm Bureau
- Rist Canyon Inn

TOTAL: \$750

Festival Friend Level - \$50

- alisonann, LLC
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- Secret Compass
- TGS Enterprises
- Jay Klein (\$100)
- Greg & Amy Carr (\$100)

TOTAL: \$400

SPONSORSHIP TOTAL: \$15,000

Bake Sale Tent



Lisa Diederich in the Bake Sale Tent
Photo courtesy of HJ Siegel

A big shout of Thanks to everyone who donated baked goods to the Bake Sale Tent. We had another successful year earning money for RCVFD. We had over 84 pies and lots of other delicious cookies, breads and cakes. We even had yummy jams, vegetables and fruits from local gardens. It is heart warming to see our community come together and support our fire department. I truly appreciate all the time and effort everyone donated in order to make the festival a success.

With great appreciation,
Lisa Diederich, Bake Sale Chair
970-472-8426, diederich@toast.net

Thank You to the Community Volunteers Who Made the 2021 RCVFD Mountain Festival a Big Success!

Many of the festival activities and the names of most of the volunteers who participated in those activities are listed below. A big thanks to the over 100 community volunteers who worked together so about 2,000 people could have a fun day and learn about the RCVFD; and we could make money to provide needed equipment and supplies for the RCVFD to serve our community. 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:** Lisa Diederich, Chair; Beth Schwartz, Diane Schwartz, Eileen Cordsen, Lisa Mayse, Marcy Gray, Mary Atella, Melanie Bevers
- **Birthday Celebration for Richard Lund at 80+1:** H.J. Siegel and Janet Siegel
- **Book Sale:** Carolyn Stanley, Chair; Allie, Amelia Lauenroth, Andrea Toryer, Becky Lunt, Beth Corbitt, Betsy Bartel, Brett Johnston, Bridget Tisthammer, Brittany Johnston, Carol Dollard, Dana Stewart, Debbie Faber, Diane McCarthy, Erica Michel, Gabrielle Borin, Gretchen Long, Harry Bates, H.J. Siegel, Hunter, James Clutter, Jack, Janet Siegel, Jeff Brack, Jess Stark, Jesse Celtecha, Joan Miller, Josie Goodyear, Juana Jackson, Judy Jones, Karen Salaz, Kathy Cox, Kelly Eichberger, Kim Workman, Landre, Larry Monesson, Lauren Lee, Mark McCracken, Mike Salaz, Molly McLean, Neil Faber, Pam Denlinger, Pam Thomas, Pat Baker, Pat Carey, Patti Clutter, Rain, Shannon Phelps, Shawn Ziegler, Tanya Shenk, Tim Jackson, Tracy Skinner, Trisha Johnston, Winter
- **Commemoration for 9/11 and RCVFD Recognition:** Erica Michel, Chair; Don Diemer, Joe Shellhammer, Justin Smith, Karen Salaz, Neil Faber, Taylor Hubbard
- **Corporate Sponsors:** Taylor Hubbard, Chair
- **Craft/Vendor Booths:** Jill Smith, Chair; Ilsa, Lori Schleber, Rylie
- **Dunk Tank:** Trisha Johnston, Chair; Amelia Lauenroth, Brett Johnston, Juana Jackson, Molly McLean, Shannon Phelps
- **Entertainment** (five music acts): Sandy Reilly, Chair; bands who volunteered services: Also Known As, Choice City Trio, Cowtown, Maya Dankowski, Don Diemer; Shaped Music technician, Fish, volunteered extra time
- **Facilities** (e.g., tents, tables, chairs, potties): Richard Lund
- **Farm Animals:** Shiloh Dairy, Small Farma Co.
- **Field Provider:** Gail and Gene Michaud
- **Fire Trucks:** Juana Jackson
- **Firefighter Display Booth:** Juana Jackson, Chair; Amelia Lauenroth
- **Firefighter Gear Demos:** Juana Jackson
- **Food Trucks:** Bridget Tisthammer
- **Helicopter for Airlifts:** Mark Neuroth
- **Ice Cream:** Bridget Tisthammer, Chair; Abbas, Asha, Jack, James Clutter, Louise Creager, Patti Clutter, Riley
- **Kids' Activities:** Trisha Johnston, Chair; Abbas, Austin, Brett Johnston, Jack, Taylor Hubbard
- **Memorial for Richard Schmid:** Janet Siegel, Jon Stephens, Louise Creager, Wes Rutt
- **Non-Profit and Educational Booths:** Angela McQuillan
- **Plant Sale:** H.J. Siegel, Chair; Chris Bender, Coreen Rairdon, Gabrielle Borin, Jarret Welch, Jenn Dartez, Kim Canfield, Kimberley Carr, Mark Squibb, Raina Clingan
- **Publicity:** Karen Salaz, press releases, online calendars; Taylor Hubbard, event design, Facebook, posters, social media
- **RCVFD Firefighters for Set Up, Site Signage, Parking, Dunk Tank, Book Sale, and/or Close Up:** Juana Jackson, Chair; Alan Villavicencio, Alex Schaefer, Amelia Lauenroth, Carol Dollard, Dakota Squibb, Erica Sloat, Gretchen Long, H.J. Siegel, Jeff Elsner, Jeff Stark, Jesse Ceplecha, Jim Terrell, Jon Benshoof, Karen Steadman, Kathryn Touran, Kim Workman, Larry Monesson, Mark McCracken, Mark Neuroth, Pedro Boscan, Shawn Zeigler, Terry Shetler
- **Road Signs:** Randy Hediger
- **Shuttle Tractor Drivers:** Brett Johnston, James Clutter
- **Silent Auction:** Janet Siegel, Chair; Allie, Bridget Tisthammer, Carol Nichols, Carolyn Stanley, Debbie Faber, Erica Michel, Gretchen Long, H.J. Siegel, Jeff Elsner, Jon McQuillan, Judy Jones, Lori Schleber, Mark McCracken, Pam Thomas, Richard Lund, Shannon Phelps, Sky Siegel, Tracy Skinner, Trisha Johnston
- **T-Shirts:** Molly McLean, Shannon Phelps, Co-Chairs
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The Emergency Alert System that generates messages sent through LETA911/NOCOAlerts receives data from the 9-1-1 database. This includes 9-1-1 information provided by the Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department. If you sign up on either of the websites listed above, you can receive alerts on your mobile phone (texts), voice calls and/or emails. Several devices may be registered to receive the notifications and you can sign up for multiple locations such as your home, child's school or that of a family member for example.

Since the introduction of www.nocoalert.org, this has been the preferred location to use to sign up for emergency alerts. If you already are signed up for LETA911, you do not need to reregister on NOCOAlert.org. Both websites also provide a wide variety of community and emergency information, although NOCOAlert is the primary spot to find information about the emergency alert system, view interactive alert maps and find additional alert details.

The alerts consist of information provided through all Larimer County agencies to quickly distribute vital life-saving information to the public. They include imminent threats to life such as severe/threatening weather, natural flooding, wildfire, Amber Alerts, missing endangered adults and police activity requiring evacuation or shelter in place.

Please visit <https://leta911.org/> or www.nocoalert.org to sign up or receive further information.

Karen Salaz

Sample NOCOALERT Notification



LCISO – FLOOD AREA UPDATE COUNTY ROAD 44H

Saturday, July 31st, 2021

This is the Larimer County Sheriff's Office with a follow up message for County Road 44H.

Officials are keeping this area of County Road 44H from Pennock Pass to County Road 27 as voluntary evacuations. County Road 44H is passable at this time for evacuations only. Residents who have not evacuated voluntarily are encouraged to plan accordingly. Roadblocks are still in place at County Road 44H and County Road 27 and County Road 44H and County Road 63E. Travel is still hazardous and resources are working in the area so use caution. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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Shannon Phelps and Molly McLean in the T-shirt tent
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Dunk Tank



Book tent

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Notes from Your RCVFD Area Representatives

Fall is already in the air. The sun shines a deeper hue, our leaves are changing to spectacular colors of reds, yellows and golds, and we're hearing chainsaws all over the mountains. With fire prevention still on our minds as the skies are still smoky and sunrises are a crimson color, be careful with your chainsaws as sparks could ignite leaves and other material on the ground. Keep your firewood away from your home, not under decks or close to flammable materials of homes, shops and other outbuildings. If you are planning to burn your slash remember to go to the RCVFD.org website to get your Free Burn Permit before you burn. It's under Community Information. There you will see *"Get a Burn Permit."* Remember, if you need information about our area feel free to call me anytime at 970.217.6843. Or stop by, I'm right at the beginning of the Stratton Park Rd top of the hill, on your left. May you all have a Happy Fall and Happy Thanksgiving!

*Cheers,
Louise Creager
Stratton Park Area Rep.*

Things have been pretty quiet in the upper Buckhorn. Aside from the bears, moose and road work crews, that is. With the summer of monsoons, a lot of us suffered from various degrees of flash flooding. The roadwork crew had to rework a lot of culverts as a result. Expect delays as they continue working and give consideration when driving the narrow areas. I didn't know what to expect this first summer after a fire. What I saw was a lot of wildflowers, mushrooms and mountain friends rebuilding and working together as a community.

*Erica Michel
Upper Buckhorn Area Rep.*



Photo at right courtesy of Erica Michel



Photo of mountain lion courtesy of Tim Stratman and his neighbor's wildlife cam

All is seemingly well on Stove Prairie. There's construction up 44H. Trucks, trucks and more trucks. Ugh! But this too shall pass. The mulies are scattered due to the mountain lions owning it right now. There's bear scat to avoid while hiking. That's pretty cool if you ask me. The colors are beginning to change and the temps are dropping. This is all ok by me. I'm ready for whatever another Colorado winter has to offer. There is no such thing as a bad day up here. Some inconveniences, sure. That is life. I cannot imagine having an opportunity to live in a more beautiful place. I am home!

*Take it easy!
Tim Stratman
Stove Prairie Area Rep.*



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Hope everyone went to the festival and enjoyed it. This year the book tent handed out King Soopers slips asking book tent patrons to take a few minutes to add the RCVFD to their card to help us raise money without costing them a cent. I know we all will be busy cutting, moving and stacking wood soon but please do not forget to look around and enjoy the fall colors. Don't forget to clean your gutters and the gardens so they will be ready for spring. Wear your mask to keep all our friends and neighbors safe and healthy.

Enjoy the fall!
Carolyn Stanley
Davis Ranch Area Rep.

Two Special Requests

From: Assistant Chief Carol Dollard

I would like to reach out to the community to get some help on a couple of projects.

Project 1: We could use the services of a graphic designer to make badges for our responders. It would require working with the officers to come up with a design (logo, picture and "rank" as a minimum) and then printing and getting them laminated. We can reimburse for hard costs but are hoping someone is available to donate their time to the Department for this project.

Project 2: I worked with PVREA this summer to conduct energy audits on our stations. The recommendations will help reduce energy costs for the Department and make our stations more resilient. Turns out off peak electricity is cheaper than propane, so we will install 10kW electric shop heaters at all three stations (and some fancy thermostats to make sure they only run off-peak). We just need an electrician or HVAC contractor. I am happy to discuss the project if you can help RCVFD get this project done. Not looking for a freebie, but would appreciate a "friends and family" rate for the RCVFD.

If you can help with either of these projects, please contact me at assistantchief@rcvfd.org

We've had quite an eventful summer, spending time with family and friends, and enjoying the natural beauty in our corner of the Buckhorn. Volunteers with the charitable group, Serve 6.8, helped clean up debris around Buckhorn Creek in July, and also filled the sandbags that the county delivered throughout the area for residents to use for flood protection. The creek has flooded twice so far in our area, and quite a lot of damage has been caused by the floodwaters. The sandbags have been put to good use, and we are hoping we've seen the end of this year's flooding. We are so grateful for all of Serve 6.8's hard work!

We've had six yak calves so far this year, and are expecting two more. Unfortunately, due to the flooding we've had this summer, they haven't been able to spend as much time by the creek as they normally do. They don't let that get them down, however, and enjoy their days napping, snacking and frolicking around the pasture.

We've had a lot of bear and mountain lion activity in the area this summer, and our dogs even managed to tree a mountain lion behind our house, right off our back deck. They're certainly good at their jobs! Although we did get some halfway decent film footage of the event, we didn't manage to get any photos. Suffice it to say that the dogs were quite proud of themselves, and the mountain lion seemed slightly annoyed when he finally jumped out of the tree and sauntered up the mountain.



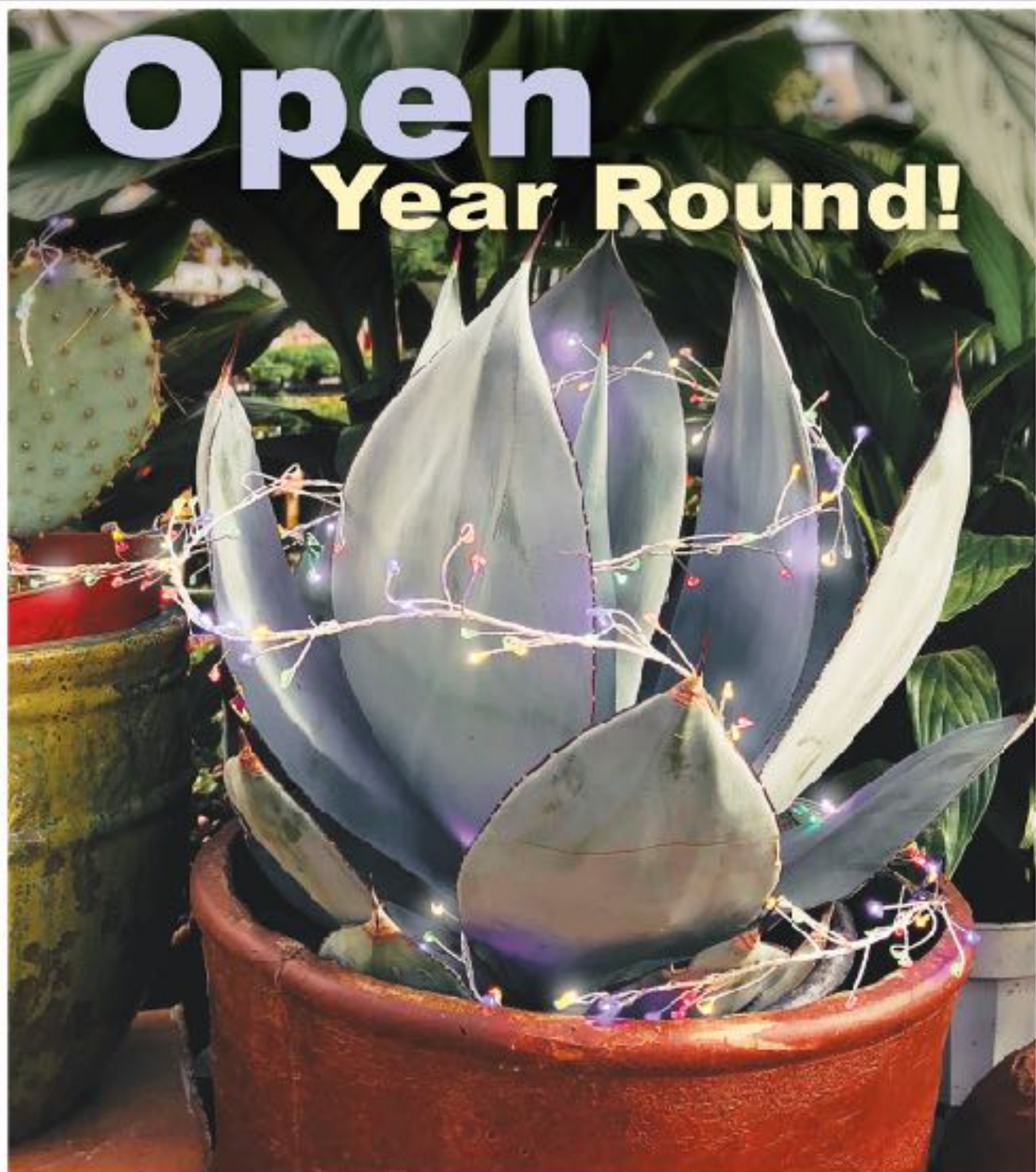
Photo of Terry with yak calf and Zeus courtesy of Raina Clingan

If you dropped by the Rist Canyon Mountain Festival on 9/11, you may have seen me and my family cheering on Maya Dankowski during her musical performance, browsing the various booths, socializing with neighbors and friends, or pitching in at the plant booth. The festival is my favorite community event, and I hope that most of you were able to enjoy it as well.

Now that autumn has arrived, my family and I will be doing our best to soak up every beautiful moment of this glorious season, while preparing for the long winter ahead.

Raina Clingan
Lower Buckhorn Area Rep.

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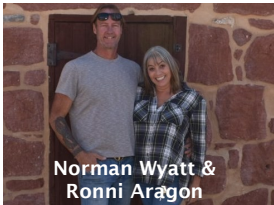
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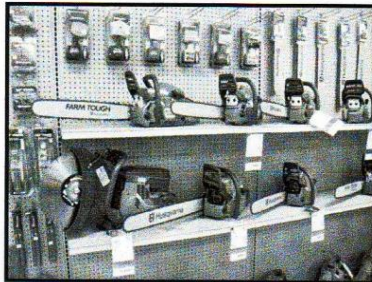
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