



# RISTWATCH

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## Letter from the President

### September 9<sup>th</sup>! Mountain Festival!

Same headline as the last newsletter, but with different content. This year's Mountain Festival was a great success. Huge thanks to all who volunteered the thousands of hours to put the Festival together and huge thanks to all of our friends and neighbors who turned out to support the fire department. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find specific numbers, but we seem to have enjoyed record turnout and record donations from this year's Festival. The perfect weather helped a lot!

Besides the demonstrations of wildland gear, bunker gear and how medical responses are handled (I'm pretty sure this is the first time that our medical team rescued a new bride), we had our latest fleet addition out for the first time. Our new ambulance will make medical responses that much better. Our chief, fleet manager and medical team have been working hard to get this new ambulance outfitted and into full operation. This addition highlights

the importance of your generous donations of time and money so that we can improve our resources which helps to improve our response when you need us.

Speaking of exciting tools and response, I was fortunate to see a small impromptu demonstration of the new TAK system that our officers are beta testing. Keep watching this space for updates as that extremely powerful tool becomes active.

**Neil Faber**  
**President - 2023**

### 2023 RCVFD Annual Meeting

**New time and new location this year!**

**Stove Prairie Ranch**

**9116 Old Flowers Road, Bellvue**

**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 - 3:30 PM**

**1-2 PM: Potluck lunch and socializing (Please bring a dish and nonalcoholic drinks to share.)**

**2-3:30 PM: Business meeting, including reports from the RCVFD fire chief, board president, treasurer and the festival chair; and election of the Board of Directors.**

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Thanks to all of you who joined us at this year's festival! Our sponsors alone helped us raise **\$17,240.00**. We are still tallying how much all of you, our community, helped us raise. Thanks also to all of our volunteers, firefighters and board members who put in countless hours! All proceeds benefit the **RCVFD** and help protect our community!

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# Chief's Report



I hope this newsletter finds you well and safe. So far this year, we've responded to 38 calls, which is just below our annual average. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our volunteer firefighters and first responders. Your safety remains our top priority, and we are always ready to serve our community

in times of need. Please continue to stay vigilant and remember to call 911 in case of an emergency.

Our annual Mountain Festival this year was a resounding success, thanks to your support and participation. It's events like this that help us raise crucial funds to maintain our equipment and provide training opportunities for our volunteers. We are grateful for your continued support, and our volunteers are already getting started on next year's Festival to make it just as big a success as this year.

Our next training session will focus on Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). This equipment is vital for our firefighters to safely navigate smoke-filled environments during emergencies. We'll be ensuring that our volunteers are well-trained and equipped to handle any situation that may arise. SCBA is for more than just structure fires: we also use it in carbon-monoxide (CO) or other hazardous gas situations, as well as car fires.

In an effort to promote fire safety this winter, we are pleased to announce that we are once again giving out Chimfex devices. If you have a fireplace, please get in touch with your fire department area representative to receive your free Chimfex. These handy devices can be a lifesaver in case of chimney fires, providing a quick and effective means of suppression.

Your safety also extends beyond our immediate response to emergencies. We encourage you to

consider [air medical care helicopter insurance](#), which can be invaluable in situations requiring rapid transport to specialized medical facilities. For more information, please reach out to your area representative or visit our website (Emergency Preparedness -> Flight for Life Membership). Don't know how to reach your RCVFD area representative? Check the back page of the Ristwatch for a list, or head over to our [website](#) [rcvfd.org](#). (About RCVFD -> Contact RCVFD).

We are excited to announce that our new ambulance is nearly ready for service. This vehicle represents a significant upgrade to the sorts of medical care we can provide. It also allows us to reallocate our existing medical engine (M-14) to the western side of our response area. Expanding our coverage in this way will make our medical responses more effective and flexible.



As winter approaches, our Buckhorn fire truck will be relocating to Crystal Mountain to ensure rapid response to any emergencies in that area. We are committed to serving all corners of our community, and this move will help us do just that during the winter months. Stay safe, stay prepared and enjoy the beautiful fall season!

**Jeff Elsner, Chief**  
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# Letter From the Vice President

## 2023 RCVFD Mountain Festival a Big Success!



The annual RCVFD Mountain Festival was held on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for the Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department. It was a fun day and an excellent festival. We are still calculating the profit for RCVFD because there are some expenses to

come in and some Silent Auction purchasers need to pick up and pay for their items. We plan to announce the final amount of profit at the RCVFD annual community potluck lunch meeting at 1 PM on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Based on the information we have now, I am guesstimating we made \$25,000 to \$35,000 profit for the fire department!

There were about 2,700 happy attendees. Over 130 neighbor volunteers worked together to make the Festival happen; they are listed in this newsletter. This event brought neighbors together to renew old friendships, build new friendships, inform people about the activities of RCVFD and raise money for our RCVFD fire department.

This year's celebration featured a huge used book sale with over 20,000 books; a wonderful silent auction with over 250 items; a delicious bake sale with over 100 pies plus over 1,000 smaller items (e.g., cookies, brownies, muffins); a plant sale with over 200 plants; a great RCVFD Festival T-shirt sale, where we

sold about 90 T-shirts with a new logo for this year plus about 70 vintage shirts from past years; 40 booths with craft sellers and other vendors; over 20 non-profit educational booths; outstanding live musical entertainment by five local bands; an old-fashioned dunk tank; firefighter demonstrations of equipment; a display of our fire trucks; 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 over 40 generous groups supporting the festival as sponsors! The presentation at the RCVFD Annual Meeting (at 1 PM on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>) will provide more information and show photographs of the event.

Please mark your calendars for next year's festival: Saturday, September 7, 2024. To join the festival team, please contact H.J. Siegel, Festival Coordinator [HJ@computer.org]. There are lots of ways to help 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, become involved in the community and support your volunteer firefighters.

**H. J. Siegel**  
**RCVFD Board Vice President**  
**Mountain Festival Coordinator**  
[HJ@computer.org](mailto:HJ@computer.org)







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# Community News

## 9/11 Stair Climb

On Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> a small but hardy group of RCVFD firefighters and supporters participated in the 9/11 Stair Climb at Red Rocks. The event is one of many across the country that honor (and raise money to support the families of) the fallen firefighters from 9/11/2001. Despite lingering exhaustion from the festival weekend, we woke up early to be at Red Rocks by 7 AM and completed the climb, with approximately 3,000 others, in about an hour. For the record, the 110 flights of stairs is the equivalent of nine "laps" around Red Rocks. It was a somber but also uplifting experience for the group. We all plan to go back next year—let us know if you want to join us!



Participants were Carol Dollard (Asst. Chief), Mark McCracken (Lt. and PIO), Diane McCarthy (Asst. Treasurer) and Michael Randall (friend and supporter of RCVFD)

Some fire fighters complete the climb in full gear (and some on air with extra weight)!

## Fall 2023

### Stove Prairie Elementary School Notes

Submitted by Jacki Lawson, Stove Prairie PTO

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# Thank You to the Community Volunteers Who Made the 2023 RCVFD Mountain Festival a Success!

Most of the 2023 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 over 130 community volunteers who worked together so about 2,700 people could come together for 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, at [HJ@computer.org](mailto:HJ@computer.org).



• **Announcer:** Neil Faber

• **Bake Sale:** Patti Clutter, Chair; Bethany Schwartz, Carolyn Stanley, Diane Schwartz, Hayley, James Clutter, Jameson Schwartz, Jeremy Schwartz, Karen Salaz, Lisa Diederich, Marian Neergaard, Melanie Bevers, and all the wonderful community members who donated delicious baked goods for the sale

• **Book Sale:** Carolyn Stanley and Kathy Cox, Co-Chairs; Arin Hartwig, Barb Monesson, Benjamin Niell, Beth Corbitt, Betsy Bartel, Casey, Cory Stewart, Dana Stewart, Darcy Budge, David Thomas, Dean Yoder, Debbie Faber, Diane McCarthy, Gretchen Long, Harry Bates, Henry, H.J. Siegel, Hunter Squibb, James Clutter, Janet Siegel, Jeff Brack, Jeff Elsner, Joanne Fallert, Jody Beagle, John Porensky, Josef Dvorak, Josie Goodyear, Juana Jackson, Karen Salaz, Kathy Veile, Kim Workman, Larry Monesson, Linda Dellmar, Linda Fluke, Linda Squibb, Matt Hartwig, Melissa Thomas, Mike Salaz, Mike Wilkins, Molly McLean, Mourine Weaver, Neil Faber, Pam Thomas, Pat Baker,

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- **Community Volunteers Sign-Up List:** Trisha Johnston
- **Craft/Vendor Booths:** Debbie Benson, Chair; Jill Smith, Kelly Wrighton
- **Credit Card Reader Attachments:** Diane McCarthy
- **Dunk Tank:** Trisha Johnston, Chair; Amelia Lauenroth, Brett Johnston, Juana Jackson, Molly McLean, Shannon Phelps
- **Electricity:** James Clutter
- **Entertainment:** Sandy Reilly, Chair; AKA (Also Known As) (Dave Bauer, Gerald Craig, Taylor Lukasiewicz, Walt Niccoli, Pete Ramirez, Tom Southard), Choice City Duo (Alan Anderson, Edwin Chong), Liz Barnez Band (Liz Barnez, Steve Ivey, Eric Moon, Marty Rein), Rusty 44 (Derek Crane, Stacy Heikes, Dave Jensen, Mike Smith, Wes Tucker), Sunflowers and Sawdust (Susan Dailey, Julie Lynam, Ron Lynam, Willie McDonald), Dom Gambone (owner Shaped Music), Fish Carpenter (sound engineer)
- **Facilities** (e.g., tents, tables, chairs, potties): Shannon Phelps
- **Festival Coordinator:** H.J. Siegel



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## Mountain Festival Thanks, cont'd.

- **Field Layout:** Shannon Phelps, Chair; H.J. Siegel, James Clutter, Juana Jackson
- **Field Provider:** Gail and Gene Michaud
- **Fire Trucks:** Juana Jackson, Chair; Firefighters
- **Firefighter Demonstrations:** Juana Jackson, Chair; Amelia Lauenroth, Erika Sloat, Jeff Brack, Jeff Elsner, Jocelyn Wolf, Hunter Squibb, Mark Neuroth
- **Firefighter Display Booth:** Juana Jackson, Chair; Lucy Corro, Shayne Magstadt
- **Food Trucks:** Bridget Tisthammer, Chair
- **Graphic Designer:** Brett Carr
- **Helicopter for Airlifts Exhibition:** Mark Neuroth
- **Ice Cream:** Bridget Tisthammer, Chair; Abbas, Jack, Louise Creager, Moby Wile, Shelley O'Conner, Tim Jackson
- **Kids' Activities:** Trisha Johnston, Chair; Jack, Molly McLean
- **Mentor:** Richard Lund
- **Non-Profit and Educational Booths:** Trisha Johnston, Chair; Angela McQuillan, Jon McQuillan
- **Parking Areas Setup:** Jeff Elsner, Chair
- **Parking Control Day of Festival:** John Benshoff, Chair
- **Permit:** Bridget Tisthammer
- **Photographer:** Erica Michel
- **Plant Sale:** Kimberley Carr, Chair; Addison Minnick, Brett Carr, Maram Yousif
- **Publicity – Posters:** Brett Carr, Chair
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- **Road Signs:** Randy Hediger
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- **Shuttle Trailer:** Steve Denlinger
- **Silent Auction:** Janet Siegel and Pam Thomas, Co-Chairs; Carolyn Stanley, Star Solicitor; Betsy Bartel, "Book Bees," Brett Carr, Bridget Tisthammer, Carol Nichols, Dave Thomas, Debbie Benson, Debbie Faber, Diane McCarthy, Erica Michel, Gretchen Long, H.J. Siegel, Karen Salaz, James Clutter, Jeff Elsner, Jen Dartaz, Jocelyn Wolf, Jon McQuillan, Juana Jackson, Kathy Cox, Larry Monesson, Louise Creager, Lyle Benson, Mark McCracken, Melissa Thomas, Mike Salaz, Molly McShane, Neil Faber, Patti Clutter, Richard Lund, Shannon Phelps, Trisha Johnston, Woody Saunders
- **Sponsorships:** Tony Pavlantos, Chair; Brett Carr, Bridget Tisthammer, Dana Stewart, Darren Cantor, H.J. Siegel, Karen Salaz, Molly McLean, Richard Lund, Sandy Reilly
- **T-Shirts:** Molly McLean, Shannon Phelps, Co-Chairs; Jody Beagle, Linda Dellmar, Mike Salaz
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## Book Tent

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped in the festival. The Book Bees, husbands, families and neighbors worked hard to earn money for our fire department. You can find the list of all our "Book Sale Volunteers" under the Community Volunteer list. We could not do this without all of you.

I would also like to thank Beth Corbitt, Neil and Debbie Faber, Jeff Brack, Gretchen Long and Tom and Irene Holtzer for allowing the book tent to borrow their pop up tent for the rest area and the cashier area; and Laporte Hardware and Laporte Pizza for allowing us to place book donation boxes at their businesses.

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## Roger Dev and Marolyn Kvols named Colorado Tree Farmers of the Year

Whale Rock residents Roger Dev and Marolyn Kvols are the recipients of the Colorado State Tree Farm Committee's *Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year* award. Their project, Forest Treatment After Fire: 11 Years Later, was highlighted on a Sept. 30 tour of their property. The award annually recognizes a Colorado tree farmer for an exceptional job of forest management on their property and promoting the importance of forestry in the state.[1]



Roger Dev and Marolyn Kvols, center, are presented the 2023 *Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year* award by Greg Zausen, on left, and Michael Hughes.

"Here in Larimer County, we have a lot of burned acreage," said Greg Zausen, Colorado State Forest Service, Colorado State University Northeast Area Forester in presenting the award. "Roger and Marolyn have taken on the work of reclaiming their property including the failures and successes."

Optimism, a passion for a diversified ecosystem, dedication to the land, hard work and patience clearly are attributes of Marolyn and Roger's approach to their 120-acre property, which burned in the 2012 High Park Fire. According to Roger, "Buying property that has been burned has three advantages: views, you have the opportunity to redesign the

landscape, and you do not have to worry about a forest fire."

The 11-year reclamation project has included experimenting with a wide variety of deciduous and evergreen tree species as well as other plants and grasses. "Planting is only one-fourth of the effort," says Dev. "Caging to protect the trees from the deer, mulching and watering is the rest. You just can't get to everything, so every day I try to do something."

The award is presented annually by the Colorado Tree Farmers, a landowner network co-sponsored by the Colorado State Forest Service. The Colorado program is part of the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) and is an American Forest Foundation program. The ATFS is a privately funded, national tree-growing effort that encourages forest management on private lands. The ATFS is the oldest and largest forest certification program in the United States.[2]

A tree farm is defined as privately owned land voluntarily dedicated by its landowner to the growing of renewable resources, while protecting environmental benefits and increasing public understanding of sustainable forestry.[3]

Part of the mission of the Colorado Tree Farmers is to inform the public of the need for active forest management of private forested property and encourage landowners to get started. They encourage all forested property owners and anyone else interested in forest health and sustainability to attend Colorado Tree Farmer meetings, tours and events.[4]

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To qualify for the program your woodland property must be ten acres or larger; have a written and implemented plan addressing your objectives; and be managed for the sustainable production of forest products, while recognizing the importance of water, wildlife and recreational opportunities.[6]

For more information visit [Tree Farm Program | Colorado State Forest Service | Colorado State University \(colostate.edu\)](#) or contact Michael Hughes at [Michael.Hughes@colostate.edu](mailto:Michael.Hughes@colostate.edu), Fort

Collins Field Office, NE Area, Colorado State Forest Service, Colorado State University.



Roger Dev hosted the more than 40 attendees on a tour of the property pointing out various species planted, planting and maintenance techniques, burned timber clearing, and answered questions.



Newly planted trees are caged to protect them from wildlife.

**Karen Salaz**  
**Rist Canyon Resident**

### Endnotes:

- [1] [Larimer County Landowners Receive Tree Farmer of the Year Awards – BARN OnAir & OnLine 24/7/365 \(barnmedia.net\)](#)
- [2] [Tree Farm Program | Colorado State Forest Service | Colorado State University \(colostate.edu\)](#)
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## Create Defensible Space this Fall

It's been a great year for our forests, with lots of rain for our trees, bushes, grasses and flowers. The increased rain means our trees picked up and stored needed moisture, increased growth and became healthier. The grasses also did well this year—I saw hay fields with many more bales in them than in past years. The grass in the forests also did well, but is now drying out and standing tall which makes for a fast moving fire if one should break out. Fire season in Colorado lasts from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, so we can't let our guard down because we had wet weather and no fires in our district (yet).

Fall mitigation is important. Mow down tall weeds and grasses; and prune overgrown bushes and low hanging branches. Remember to store firewood away from your house. For more information on defensible space, please visit the [RCVFD.org](https://www.rcvfd.org) website or <https://www.rcvfd.org/emergency-preparedness/wildfire-home>. Your firefighters train year-round and remain prepared to respond to any fire that may happen.

**Mark Neuroth**  
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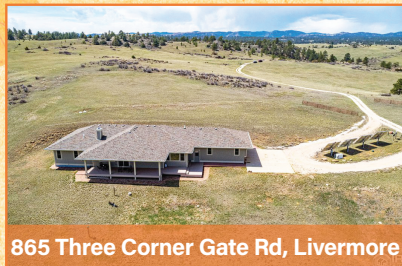
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**244 Blue Grouse Ln, Bellvue**

- ~ 10.06 Acres
- New Full Barn Set Up



**106 Beartrap Rd, Red Feather Lakes**

- ~ 4.93 Acres
- Crystal Lakes Mtn Get-Away



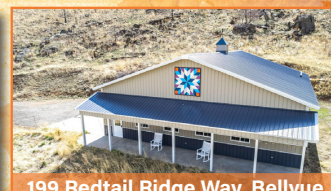
**318 Turkey Roost Dr, Livermore**

- ~ 9.97 Acres
- Horse Property in Glacier View



**3919 Lincoln Ct, Wellington**

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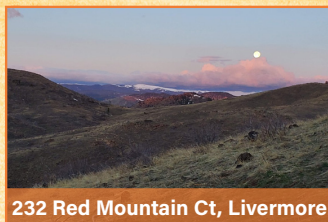
**199 Redtail Ridge Way, Bellvue  
192 Moondance, Bellvue**

- ~75 Acres - 2 Lots Together
- 2688 SqFt Shop w/Full Kitchen + 2 Barns



**2185 Eiger Rd, Livermore**

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## Notes from Your Area Representatives



Hi folks:

The upcoming autumn season is always a wonder to me. As we drive up the canyon signs of the season climb with us every day as the cottonwoods and other deciduous trees and bushes become a blast of colors from golden yellows to amber oranges and reds, then finally, drop to become part of the detritus that feeds our forest.

As this quarter's safety tip, it's time to change those smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries to ensure your family's safety should their siren's blast be a necessary alert to us. REMEMBER TO ALWAYS CALL 911 in case of any emergency! Your firefighters are always here for you.

**Cheers,  
Louise Creager  
Your Stratton Park Area Representative**

We're having a lovely start to fall this August and September. The trees along Buckhorn Creek have largely turned and many have lost their leaves or are in the process of losing them.

We've continued to have the occasional rainstorm that threatens to flood the Buckhorn Valley, especially near CR 44H. One of these torrential storms caused a washout of CR 27 just a couple hundred yards from the start of CR 44H.

Larimer County road crews had the road reduced to one lane for a good month. About the start of the second week of September a crew came in to repair the damage. That is now completed as of 9/18/2023.

**Dean Yoder  
Lower Buckhorn Area Rep**

It is the season for turning leaves, cutting wood and burning slash when there is enough snow to meet 742 county regulations. Be sure to get a permit to burn.

The address signs are still free and help find your home in an emergency faster. Call me if you are interested in the sign.

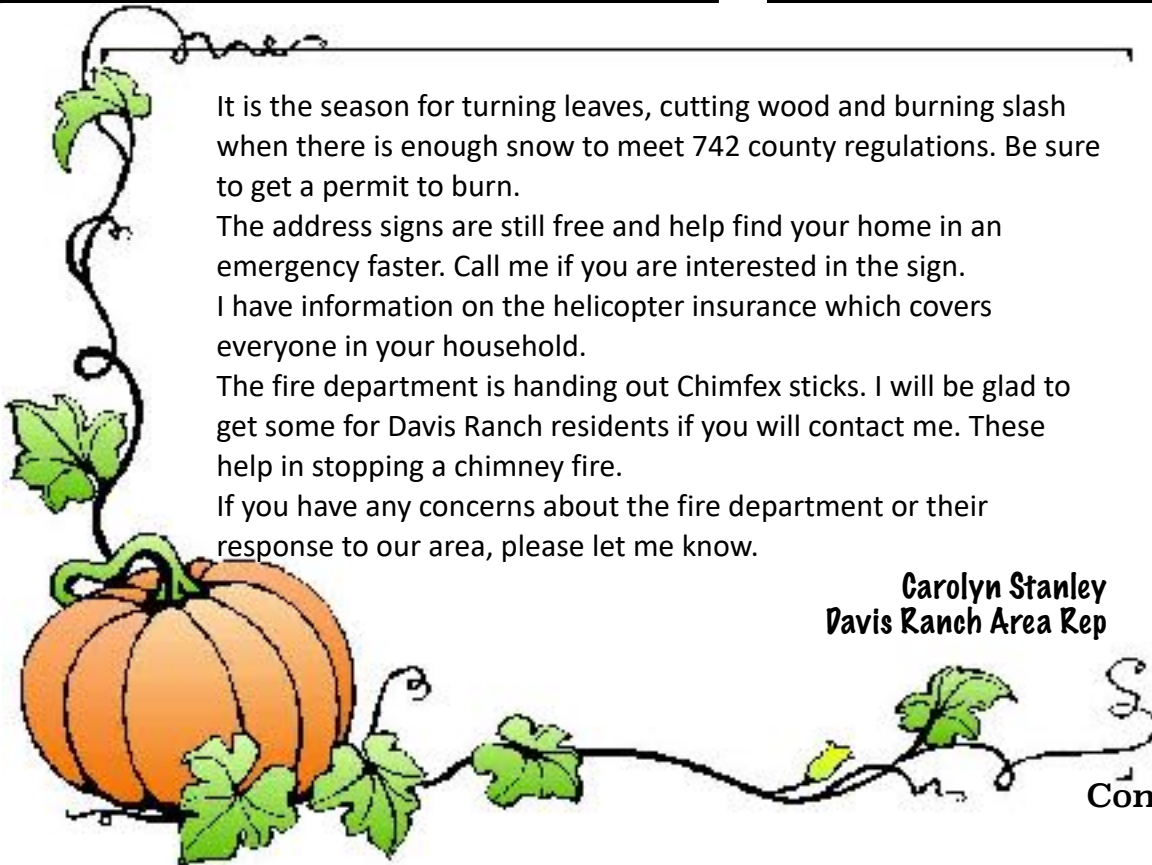
I have information on the helicopter insurance which covers everyone in your household.

The fire department is handing out Chimfex sticks. I will be glad to get some for Davis Ranch residents if you will contact me. These help in stopping a chimney fire.

If you have any concerns about the fire department or their response to our area, please let me know.

**Carolyn Stanley  
Davis Ranch Area Rep**

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## Notes from Your Area Representatives, cont'd.



Helloooo, Rist Canyon Area residents! I am honored to introduce myself as the new Area Representative for Rist Canyon.

For my first notes, I thought I would share a bit about your new neighbors at 11900 Rist Canyon Rd. My husband, Lyle and I, along with our two german shepherds, moved here from Littleton in 2021. I'm a telecommuter working the nine to five desk job and Lyle is a home inspector. We were here three days when the doorbell rang and there stood our RCVFD Fire Chief to welcome us to Rist Canyon and by the end of his visit inquired with a broad smile

if we would be interested in joining the volunteer fire department. Just over our two year anniversary now as residents, Lyle and I feel blessed every day to be part of such a wonderful community and are both RCVFD fire fighters.

Being new to the Area Rep role, I look forward to meeting more community neighbors and I welcome any thoughts, feedback or concerns you have about the Rist Canyon area so I can be as knowledgeable and helpful as possible.

In case you haven't heard, the fire department has Chimfex sticks (*a must have for anyone with a fireplace or wood burning or pellet stove, the Chimfex is a fire suppressant and the first line of defense in controlling chimney fires*) available to community residents. Please contact me if you'd like one.

**Debbie Benson**  
**Rist Canyon Area Rep**

### 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 (6-9:30 PM)

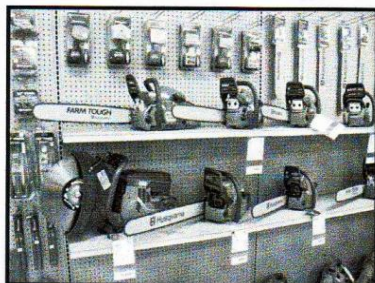
Ops, Fire and Medical Trainings are at Firehouse #1 at 11835 Rist Canyon Road. Board meetings are held at Firehouse #1, or on Zoom if necessary. All Rist Canyon area residents are welcome to attend. Around the first of each month, RCVFD sends out a Community Alert with the deadline to request a copy of the agenda. 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](mailto: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](http://RCVFD.org).



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If you have any questions about the King Soopers Rewards Program, contact them at 800/576-4377. **And thank you for telling your neighbors to sign up, too!**

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