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Message from Blackhawk Ranch POA President

Dear Neighbors,

As we enjoy the beauty of summer here in Blackhawk Ranch, I want to highlight the engine that truly powers our community: volunteerism.

The continued success of our POA depends on the commitment and generosity of community members who give their time and energy to vital efforts across the Ranch. This year, volunteers have been actively engaged in fire mitigation work, helping to reduce risk and protect our homes and land.

Our Emergency Management Committee has been setting clear goals to enhance our preparedness for wildfires and other emergencies, with an emphasis on practical, property-level action and improved coordination.

We also have dedicated volunteers focused on weed eradication. And behind the scenes, our communication efforts continue to evolve—from general announcements to ensuring that in a crisis, every resident receives timely and accurate information.

These efforts, and many more, are driven by volunteers who care - including, but not limited to Brad Brooks - EMC Chair along with his entire EMC team; Anne Ebie, Vice President and Communications Chair; Jim Nance, Road Chair; Nancy Pasternak, Secretary and Compliance Chair; Art Jackson, Tech Chair; Susanne Bloomfield, Weed Chair and Amber Laugesen, our Newsletter Coordinator to name several of our dedicated helpers.

Whether it's mitigating, creating a BHR Communication's plan, attending a committee meeting, or responding to neighbors in need, your involvement keeps Blackhawk Ranch strong, safe, and connected.

If you've been thinking about stepping up or getting more involved, I encourage you to reach out. There are opportunities to contribute in ways big and small—every hand helps. Contact either me at president@blackhawkranch.org or Anne Ebie at vicepresident@blackhawkranch.org.

Thanks to all our volunteers who make Blackhawk Ranch such a special place to live. Here's to a safe, productive, and community-minded summer.

Warm regards,

JP Angelillo

President, Blackhawk Ranch POA

Things You Need to Know

Our Second Annual BHR Musical Fourth of July Parade and Rolling Party will start at Anne and Dan Ebie's place (lot #163) at 11am. More information coming to Facebook soon!

Blackhawk Ranch Security by Using Hangtags and Decals

by Dan Ebie

Knowing who is driving on the ranch is necessary for our own peace of mind and for the security of our ranch properties. There are a lot of new owners now on the ranch as well as visiting friends and family, especially now that summer is upon us. We also have folks building here with lots of deliveries and contractors coming on the ranch. With all the traffic on the ranch, it is hard to know who belongs here and who does not.

In the past we have had trespassers and some of our residents have had things stolen. We have also had folks, sometimes rather inebriated, lost on the ranch. Illegal hunting and tree harvesting has occurred on the ranch. The point being, we need to know who is on the ranch and have a way to recognize their vehicles. The sheriff is 35-45 minutes away, if they are not already busy, and there are no police patrols on the ranch. It is up to us to be aware and patrol our ranch.

One of the best ways to identify each other in our vehicles is to use our BHR hang tags and windshield decals. A quick glance and a hand wave is all you need to reassure yourself that these people and their vehicle belong here. We outfit our friends and family with hang tags when they visit on the ranch, so folks know they belong here.

Since we are responsible for our own security and safety, people coming on the ranch without proper identification, need to be prepared to be stopped and asked why they are here. All with a smile and "Are you lost? Can I help you find your way?". Again, we are all responsible for the security of our ranch, and we need all eyes and ears watching out for each other. If you see something, please report it. Contact the Emergency Management Committee or Help@Blackhawk ranch.org. For an extreme emergency, contact 911.

Our BHR Property Owner's Association's Secretary, Nancy Pasternak, sends vehicle hangtags with all new owner Welcome Packets. If you need additional vehicle hangtags or visitor hangtags, contact Nancy at secretary@blackhawk ranch.org. Nancy also has extra refrigerator magnets with the contact information of our BHR Emergency Management Committee available.

Denver Air Connection

by Rayann Brunner

A new airline has arrived at the Pueblo Memorial Airport (PUB). As of May 1, Denver Air Connection is operating daily flights between PUB and DEN starting at \$49. I recently tried them out returning from visiting my family in Lincoln, Nebraska (LNK). I flew non-stop from LNK to DEN on United, switched to Denver Air Connection, and departed DEN at 5:35pm. Denver Air Connection partners with United, Delta, and American Airlines. This means if you are checking luggage, it will be checked through to your final destination. I traveled from LNK to DEN, changed planes, and went on to PUB. I checked my luggage in LNK and it arrived as expected in PUB despite changing airlines. I landed in PUB at 6:30pm after a relaxing 50 minute flight. My cost for the DEN to PUB flight? \$59.

Also, keep in mind that parking at PUB is FREE! Denver Air Connection flies between Pueblo and Denver daily with an extra flight added on Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Check the website at [Denver Air Connection - Reliable, On-Time Flights](#).

Porchfest Brings Summer Vibes and Community Spirit to Walsenburg

by Kelly Anderson



This year's Walsenburg Porchfest was a great time for Chris and me! If you weren't there, I highly recommend you to make plans to join the festivities next year.

We began our day by dropping off my bicycle to GubGub's Pizza, where Tarantula Cycles from Trinidad was doing \$40 bike tune-ups. A great deal, and an awesome way to start off the day! All over town, porches and front yards were abuzz with activity—people hawking snow cones, T-shirts, and cups, and hosting yard sales. It felt like one big, neighborhood-wide block party.

Although we didn't catch the late afternoon music at the square, there was plenty going on. We heard the energy from a few blocks away, including live performances, and earlier in the day, the talented El Fandango Dancers brought some serious flair with their traditional dancing. With the plucked instruments, unfurled fans, and fancy footwork, it was impossible not to be reverently impressed.

That evening, we returned to GubGub's for pizza, tasty, cold margaritas, and the performance by Vegan Sharks we had been so eagerly awaiting. The music was bumping, and the crowd was an excellent Walsenburg mix—from longtime locals to colorful free spirits—enjoying the... aromatic ambiance.

Walsenburg Downtown Revitalization Committee team aims to broaden Porchfest in the next few years, bringing in more sponsors, activities, and community participation. If this year was any sign, Porchfest is fast becoming one of the top days of the year in Walsenburg—a real celebration of creativity, togetherness, and small-town spunk.

Mesa Junction Blessing Box

by Rayann Brunner

As part of his ongoing volunteer work with Pueblo Food Project, 18-year-old BHR resident, Sam, recently established a



Blessing Box in the Mesa Junction neighborhood of Pueblo. Blessing Boxes follow the same concept as Little Free Libraries, but instead of books, a Blessing Box provides non-perishable food items to those

facing issues of food insecurity. Sam recognized that there was not a Blessing Box in Mesa Junction; however, there is a large population of homeless and others lacking sufficient food. Per Sam, “we are all human, and no one deserves to be hungry”. If any BHR residents are interested in donating non-perishable food items to the Blessing Box, donations can be dropped at the Brunner's house, 538 Rugby Mines Road, Lot 146.

Chop: An American Steakhouse with French Flair

By Rayann Brunner

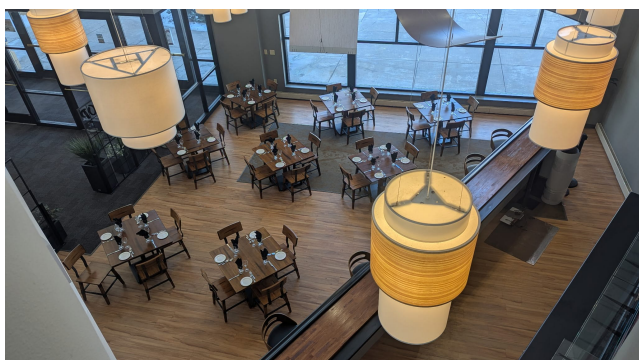
Pueblo has a new restaurant, and it is one you do not want to miss. Chop has recently opened in Pueblo Community College.



Chop, billed as “an American Steakhouse with a French Flair”, operates in partnership with Pueblo Diversified Industries, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting individuals with

intellectual and developmental disabilities. In partnership, Chop sources fresh organic, hydroponic, vegetables grown by individuals overcoming challenges, supporting both sustainability and the local community. That means that not only are you getting a great meal, but you are also supporting the Community College and individuals with disabilities.

We have visited twice to enjoy Chop’s excellent happy hour menu which includes 50% off appetizers, plus a discount on cocktails, wine, and beers. After two



visits, we can highly recommend the French style escargot served with a baked-in-house French bread. We also enjoyed the tempura shrimp, shrimp cocktail, and the tempura battered zucchini blossoms. Do not miss the French bread with honey truffle butter, and for an extra treat, ask for honey truffle dipping sauce to go along with it. The cocktail program is innovative and uses high quality ingredients. We tried The Smoked Experience, a fun play on a smoked Old Fashioned where the drink is smoked in a special box right in front of you, The Butcher’s Pour, a traditional Old Fashioned, the O.G., a play on an Italian margarita, and The Yellow Diamond, which is styled after a lemon drop martini but adds orange liqueur.

Chop is located inside the Student Center building at Pueblo Community College. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 4pm to 8pm and Friday and Saturday from 4pm to 9pm. Happy hour is



Monday through Friday from 4pm to 5pm. You can find more information and the complete menu on the Chop website here:

choppueblo.com

Trinidad Theatre: Main Street Live

by Nancy Pasternak



Did you know that there is a small venue community theatre in Trinidad? It started as the Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre in the Autumn of 2001 in collaboration with the Trinidad State Junior College as a Summer program, to showcase local talent including children and teens, providing cultural enrichment to the region. The 125-seat theatre moved to its current location at 131 West Main Street in 2011 and was reorganized as Main Street Live in 2021.

The theatre produces plays or musicals every other month, and hosts “one night” comedy routines, dance performances and concerts. The upcoming 2025 season includes the melodrama “Pony Expresso” in mid to late June, the musical “Annie” in late July and early August, “Dracula” in late October and early November, and “Miracle On 34th Street” in mid-December. Previous plays this year were “Little Women”



the musical and “Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery”. Performances begin at 7:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2:00pm on Sundays. Ticket prices start at \$15.00 to \$20.00 for plays, and \$20.00 to \$24.00 for musicals. Tickets can be purchased online and at the door. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase. For more information contact the theatre at: www.mainstreetlive.org.



Nearby restaurants in the same block and across the street include: Bella Luna Pizzeria, featuring wood-fired “pies”, appetizers, fresh garden salads, wraps, beer and wine in a relaxed atmosphere, open on Friday and Saturdays from 5pm to 9pm, and on Sundays from noon to 6pm, located at 121 West Main; and Mission at the Bell specializing in Mexican Cuisine with daily specials, kid’s menu, appetizers and a full bar, open on Fridays and Saturdays from 11am to 8pm, located at 134 West Main, #14.

So why not enjoy a fun and entertaining evening just 45 minutes away in Trinidad?

Meet Your Neighbors

by Rayann Brunner



That adorable tiny home you may have seen along 4 Mile Road belongs to Jason and Cerise Pelley, some of our newest full-time BHR residents. Jason and Cerise met in 2010 through mutual friends



while playing pool. Two months later their paths crossed again, and Jason proposed in the car. Jason is originally from Colorado, although he took a 30-year detour to find his way back to his home state. Cerise is originally from Indiana, but she moved to Florida in 2002.

Throughout their time living in Florida, they had tossed around the idea of living in a tiny home in the mountains. They visited Colorado several times to explore different areas, and in 2019 built their tiny home which they initially established in Woodland Park, Colorado. Their search for the perfect property in Colorado led them to BHR where they plan to build their dream home; however, in the meantime, they are enjoying tiny house living on our beautiful ranch.

When they are not working on their property, Jason and Cerise enjoy the gorgeous views and the wildlife. Cerise is an avid reader and a regular member of the BHR Book Club, and Jason enjoys fishing. Jason works in Cybersecurity, and Cerise recently left her job as an elementary school teacher after 13 years.

They have enjoyed getting to know all their neighbors, but asked for a special shoutout to the Brunners, Kimballs, and Butters who gave them an especially warm welcome by inviting them over and helping them out when they first arrived to the ranch. They make it a point to not discuss politics or religion, and they love that people look out for each other on the ranch. Rounding out the family is Jason's son, Alex, who lives in Florida, and the Pelley's Covid puppy, Tika, a precious little Havapoo who recently proved herself to be an excellent boating dog on the Brunner's boat. Welcome to BHR, Jason and Cerise!