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# Smoke Signals

Arrowhead Improvements Association

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER Kathy Leary

Ah, Arrowhead in the summertime! The sun is shining, the wildflowers are blooming and the breeze gently wafts through the aspens. But, while we enjoy this idyllic environment, the Board is considering some very serious matters.

We are in the process of identifying priorities that need to be addressed both short and long term to present to the community for consideration. Two projects that are already being addressed are providing a new RV dump (our current one will be closing) in conjunction with providing a lavatory for the winter parking area and redefining the job descriptions and responsibilities of the security force. Ralph Ambruster is diligently working on the first project with a strong assist from Rich Ostrom. Reinie Masanetz, our security manager, is leading the task force studying the security regulations. Other issues under immediate consideration are road improvements, upgrading our water system and the future management of the community. Ongoing issues include fire mitigation, developing emergency evacuation routes and promoting relationships both within the community and with our neighbors.

Projects that are further in the future include the implementation of the above mentioned activities as well as others. These include upgrading heavy equipment, parking lot enhancements and the reconstruction of Hazel Lake. The Board will be discussing these with the community as they come along.

We also need to develop a funding plan for all of these activities. Several of them are quite costly and will require a thoughtful and judicious approach from the entire community.

The future holds many challenges for Arrowhead. We will all need to work together to face them.

### WILDLIFE...DID YOU KNOW

**Bobcat.** With a gray to brown coat, whiskered face, and black-tufted ears, the Bobcat resembles the other species of the mid-sized Lynx genus. It is smaller than the Canadian Lynx, with which it shares parts of its range, but is about twice as large as the domestic cat. It has distinctive black bars on its forelegs and a black-tipped, stubby tail, from which it derives its name.



Though the Bobcat prefers rabbits and hares, it will hunt anything from insects and small rodents to deer. Prey selection depends on location and habitat, season, and abundance. Like most cats, the Bobcat is territorial and largely solitary, although there is some overlap in home ranges. It uses several methods to mark its territorial boundaries, including claw marks and deposits of urine or feces. The Bobcat breeds from winter into spring and has a gestation period of about two months.

Although the Bobcat has been subject to extensive hunting by humans, both for sport and fur, its population has proven resilient.

# Fire Department News

## FIRE CHIEF'S LETTER KEVIN STILLEY

The fire department has been real busy with training, education and protocols, however, we have yet to go on a real call this summer. Way to go. We will continue with our busy schedule and you can continue being safe and we will all be happy.

The picnic, what can I say but a big **THANKS!** We raised a lot of money for the fire department and had a good time to boot. This is going to sound like some kind of Academy Awards acceptance speech however it needs to be said. We owe a big thanks to all kinds of people and organizations. I am not going to name names, because once I do then I will be remembered as the chief who forgot to thank John Doe for all his work. Obviously we need to thank the people who came, participated, had fun and spent some money. We also need to thank all the individuals and businesses who donated their gifts and money for the raffle and silent auction. A big thanks go to the people who donated money for the food. All the people who you saw working in the kitchen, the booths, games, flea market and so on. But I also want to thank all of those people who you did not see that did more than you can imagine. Just the raffle alone took an army of people - from the good guy who prints all those tickets to the person who calls all the establishments asking for donations to the one who actually had to get the raffle license in her name. You also might have noticed the grounds. They don't mow themselves. Same for the landscaping out in front of the firehouse. Did you notice that the firehouse out buildings have been painted as well? The list goes on and on. I'd like to say I am a good organizer of volunteers, however, I will never know because these people take the initiative and get the work done before I even see that the work needs to be done. I have never seen, nor heard of, a group of people who volunteer their time like they do here at Arrowhead. For that, I am one lucky fire chief and individual to call these people my friends.

Our next event is August 30 when we will have the firehouse summer games and pancake breakfast. The breakfast will be from 8 am to 10 am followed by the games. Your favorite fire fighters will be competing against your other favorite fire fighters in a couple of timed events. At 3 pm there will be a GPS orienteering competition for all of you. at the Inn. Your 2 person team will be racing against others to find your flags by reading your GPS correctly and racing to the designated spots. Meet at the Inn for this event which is entirely free. The winning team will get a free Thursday evening dinner at the Inn. You may use your GPS or ours. If you use our GPS we will be glad to show you how to work it. It might save you from calling Search and Rescue in the future. To continue an action packed Saturday, starting at 8 pm we will have Roundabout playing at the Inn. Join us for some great country and western music and dancing at the Inn. Roundabout has been to the Inn several times and has always been a favorite of ours. Come join us Saturday August 30 for all the fun at Arrowhead.

To close this letter I am going to mention what to do in case of an emergency. In the past we've asked that you call the fire department on our emergency line and then 911. That is changing. We now ask that you call 911 like you would do anywhere else in this country. Dispatch will then get an ambulance rolling if need be and then dispatch will notify us to assist you until the ambulance arrives. If it is a fire, or other emergency, we still ask that you call 911 who will then notify us immediately.

Thank you for supporting the Arrowhead Fire Department.

# Board Reports

## Road and Heavy Equipment Report Ralph Ambruster

What's new? What's old? Well what's new is that we have a new set of chains for the high-loader. This may seem pretty mundane but they will exponentially improve the performance of the high-loader in snowy conditions making it a much more usable piece of equipment.

Also as of this writing Gunnison County has graded and applied mag chloride to the Alpine from the mailboxes to the Inn. Thank you county! We hope that they will be able to perform additional work later this summer. We will be performing maintenance on the filing roads throughout the rest of the summer.

Old business is that excavation for the new trailer dumpsite will be begin in the next week or so. Construction on this project is not expected to take very long. Hopefully construction on the new bathroom should begin shortly thereafter.

Well that's about it for this month. Send your comments and input to [ambruster@mac.com](mailto:ambruster@mac.com)



August 5th Noon



Robb Penny Photos



# Board Reports

## DESIGN REVUE

Rich Ostrom

Folks, just a reminder from the Design Revue Manager:

Fees must be paid before any work begins. They have increased over the years.

\$250 Utility Fee. One time only.

\$250 Fee for House and Garage

\$100 Fee for Garage built later.

\$75 Fee for driveway walk in.

\$50 for sheds, decks, and exterior modifications.

Rock walls on common ground will begin to be removed this summer.

Signs over the size limit may be placed on owner's property.

Signs at driveway entrance must be two square feet or nineteen inches in diameter with street numbers to comply with Gunnison 911.

Only one drive way cut from filing roads will apply.

## DESIGN REVUE

**HELP WANTED:** Design Revue Manager. The AIA Board has created this position to ensure proper interpretation of the regulations during future periods of growth of the subdivision. The DRM will oversee and perform all functions of the former Design Revue Committee.

This is a full time paid management position. The DRM will report to the AIA Board.

Knowledge of building techniques desirable. Ability to read plans desirable. Subdivision resident preferred. For more details, contact:

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Board Liaison  
970 862 8438  
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## Colorado's state flower, Columbine

The Rocky Mountain Columbine was designated the official state flower of Colorado in 1899 after winning the vote of Colorado's school children. Discovered in 1820 on Pike's Peak by mountain climber Edwin James, the Rocky Mountain columbine (*Columbine Aquilegia caerulea*) is a lovely flower with a rich aroma to attract bees, hummingbirds and butterflies to its nectar. The Latin word *aquila* means "Eagle" and refers to the claw-like spurs at the base of the flower.

Another honor was bestowed on the Rocky Mountain columbine in 1915 when the song "Where The Columbines Grow" was adopted as the official [Colorado state song](#).



# Board Reports

## Maintenance & Improvements

Sondra Clifton

M & I has gotten off to a slow start. Hopefully, all of the summer projects will be completed before winter comes rolling around.

Thistle continues to be a priority. It is a problem that must be dealt with constantly. There has been one spraying between the Alpine Road and Ponderosa and Hazel Lake. Two more sprayings are planned.

The next sprayings will be late August and then the last spraying in late September. Lot owners please continue to work on controlling thistle infestation your lots.

Another work day has been planned to clean up downed materials and other material along the filing roads. Volunteers are always needed and very much appreciated. We are setting August 23<sup>rd</sup> as the date.

So put on your gloves and come join us.

I want to thank Paul McDermott for all his work with M&I. He continues to be a resource for me.

## John Krall Community Service Award 2008

The volunteer committee is currently accepting nominations for the "John Krall Community Service Award". Please consider the following criteria as you are making your nomination.

The recipient:

- must have served the community consistently over a number of years.
- is a person who accomplishes tasks over and above what is asked or expected.
- contributes without any expectation of reward or recognition.
- cannot currently be serving in any official capacity or paid position.
- May be an individual or couple.

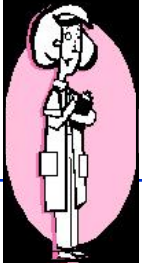
Please complete a written summary detailing why you think this person is a good candidate for the award. All nominations must be signed and will be kept confidential.

You may mail your nominations to: Gerry Wigent, P.O. Box A-8, Cimarron, CO 81220 or e-mail to: [gerrywigent@aol.com](mailto:gerrywigent@aol.com). Also, you may e-mail Sondra Clifton at [sjlclifton@gmail.com](mailto:sjlclifton@gmail.com).

The deadline has been extended for nominations until Sunday, August 31st. The award will be presented at the Sept. 20th board meeting.

Previous recipients of the award are ineligible.





# Community News

## HEALTH ON THE MOUNTAIN

Joyce Boulter

This has been a delightful summer, with plenty of rain and cool temperatures. Everything is green and the wildflowers are beautiful. Use and care of your chain saw is especially important during the summer when a lot of residents are storing their winter wood supply and cleaning lots.

- #1. Know your chainsaw, **READ** the manual and understand its operation.
- #2 Personal protective equipment
  - 1. **Hard hat**-use when falling timber. The hard hat can also protect from saw kickback.
  - 2. **Chaps** – these are made for chain saw use and protect the legs from cuts.
  - 3. **Footwear**- metal toe and slip resistant boots should be worn when using a saw.
  - 4. **Safety goggles, glasses**-always wear eye protection when using saws of any type, especially chain saws.
  - 5. **Ear plugs**- necessary when using any loud equipment.
  - 6. **Hand protection** - gloves, especially leather will protect the hands from cuts.
  - 7. **Refueling** – Use care with storage and the refueling of gasoline operated chainsaws. Use proper outdoor electrical cords and care that you don't trip over cords when using electric power chainsaws.
- #3 Equipment Maintenance - Sharpen, lubricate and adjust the chain according to directions. Always turn saw off after a cut and before setting it on the ground.
- #4 Use safe cutting techniques – avoid cutting with the saw above shoulder height. The manual will also outline safe cutting techniques. Call the fire department or Bob Rosenbaum for information on defensible space or fire mitigation on your lot. There are several good web sites that give good information on chainsaw safety. Keep a jug water nearby the cutting area in case a fire starts from the sawing.
- #5 Emergency reminder – There is an emergency phone located in the winter parking lot (in the warming hut) and a phone at the phone terminal about halfway down the Alpine. Do not hesitate to call for emergency help. The protocol for emergency medical help or fire is **911**. For non-emergency or information calls, call security at **862-8262 or 209-6335(cell phone)**.

This has been a busy summer for Arrowhead residents. A lot of friends and relatives have been visiting our little paradise to get away from the heat in other parts of the country. First aid information is always important on the mountain, since we are at least 45 minutes from professional medical aid. Please be aware that your guest are coming to a high altitude and allow them to acclimate before going out trekking on the mountain trails. They need to rest a day or two, keep well hydrated and limit alcohol and coffee the first few days. Your guests should also bring any emergency supplies with them. For those with insect sting allergies, an epi-pen is essential as we have a good supply of bees and stinging insects. This has been a bad summer for biting flies. Some simple home remedies for insect bites include:

- 1. Cold compress or ice pack (never leave ice on skin for more than 15 min and always place a towel between ice pack and skin).
- 2. Meat tenderizer solution, mixed with 1 part meat tenderizer and 4 pts water. Apply with cotton ball.
- 3. Baking soda paste applied to the bite.
- 4. Topical steroid cream or calamine lotion with Benadryl.

If there is more swelling than just around the bite, emergency treatment may be needed especially if the bite is on the face or head. Any difficulty in breathing or swelling of the throat is indication of a serious medical emergency. Call 911! Planning ahead will help you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

# Community News

## Wildflower Walk Up-Country lead by Linda Dysart



## The Inn Update.

Labor day weekend don't miss the country-western band Roundabout 8:00 pm Saturday night, August 30, no cover charge.

What's happening at the Inn? "Because of the last six months and the ongoing renovations to the kitchen and pub, as well as rising gas and food prices, the Inn will be doing 'controlled food service' only." This simply means that we will continue to serve food but in a controlled kind of way. Inn guests will continue to have breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week.

We will continue to host weddings, family reunions, events at the Inn such as the upcoming Hash Run with the country-western band Roundabout, the Scottish/Irish Highland Festival featuring the traditional Irish rock band The Commoners, the Vampires Ball, Christmas parties, the New Year's Eve Masked Ball and all other organized entertainment, as well as all the local Arrowhead events, the Arrowhead Homeowners Fellowship Dinners on Thursday nights at 6:00 pm, the Herrenfruhstuck Gentlemen's Breakfast, the Wrangler's Ladies Breakfast, the Shutterbug Photo Club Brunch and the Ladies Book Club Luncheon, and any other functions involving food service.



## Squirrell Tales

Jim Squirrell, who developed Arrowhead on his family ranch some 30+ years ago, gave a talk on his family history at a community dinner in the fall of 2006. Ofeliz Vandembosch was kind enough to transcribe it so that we have it for posterity. Here is an excerpt from that talk.



### ***STORIES I REMEMBER WELL...***

#### ***OLD HOMESTEAD...***

When we spent the summers up here, in the earlier part of the time, we stayed up in the old homestead cabin which was up on Pine Creek. Some of you snowmobile by it, and some of you have driven by it. It's a little, teeny cabin. It was the old Brasswell Homestead. When I was a kid, I thought it was a pretty good size, but it's only about 12x14' square. We had two bunk beds, a table, a coal stove and a cupboard to keep stuff in. We had to doctor cattle – if we had a bloated one we'd have to stick it – and do all those things that cattle people do. It was just great. We had an old milk cow there. We milked the cow. We made the butter. We made the cheese, and it was just a great, great summer.

At that period of time, we could ride the entire summer and never meet another person. This whole country was closed up with locked gates. There were big ranches around us, but we didn't spend much time there, and they didn't spend much time on our ranch. I can remember one summer, we had the neighbor come over to castrate a colt or something like that. Or if we had a barbecue with a lamb, people would come in for that. But, otherwise, you didn't see people at all.

#### ***WILD STALLION...***

During this time, we had a mare that was out there in the corrals behind that old cabin, and she was in heat. One night, we heard the biggest racket you could ever believe. Something was tearing the corral down! We got out there with our lights. It was a wild stallion. At that time, we had wild horses up here. It had come down to steal one of our mares – and he did it, too!

#### ***PACKRAT STORY...***

You had to be there to really appreciate it! It was late in the fall, and we were riding for cattle. In the fall, you had to go out and ride for about three or four weeks looking for cattle. The snow would be one to two foot deep, and you'd be riding every day. It was cold! The horse would just barely last one day. We had to have a whole string of horses for every guy riding. During that period of time, we were staying in that upper cabin. There was Granddad, Dad and myself. You have to visualize this because Granddad wore those old nightgowns. Remember? That was a sight and then he had the white hat with a tassel on it. Dad always slept in the nude. Anyway, this packrat comes in. The damn thing just kept making noise and kept making noise and finally Dad says, "I've had it. I'm going to shoot the S.O.B.!" So he gets up, stark naked. He's got a pistol about yea --- long! Granddad gets up and he grabs a broom, and he's in his nightgown with his tassel. They get to chasing that packrat! Pretty soon you'd hear BOOM! BOOM! WHACK! WHACK! They chased that rascal around there for about 15 minutes and never did get it!





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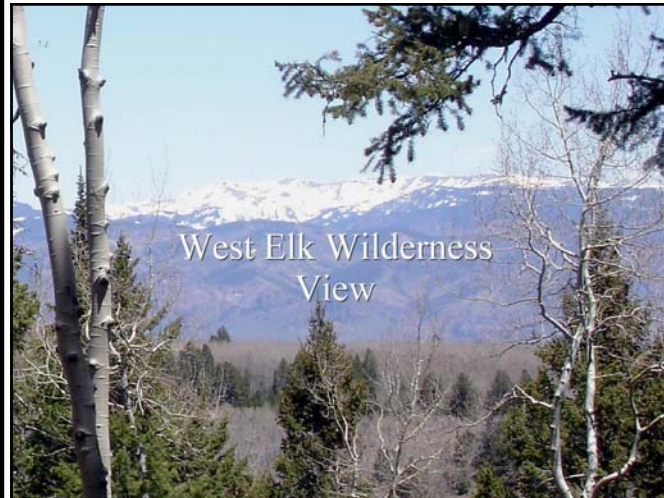
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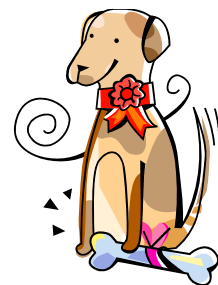
The next A.I.A. meeting August 16th 2:00 at the Inn, will have home made baked items and AVFD merchandise on sale. (Please bring your baked goods by 12:00) The sale of these items will go towards the purchase of A.E.D.s (heart defibrillators).

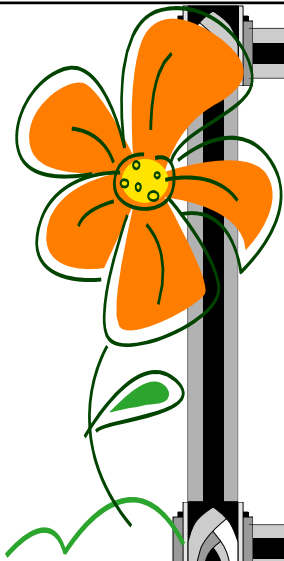
Also on sale that day will be the 2009 Shutterbugs Calendars to benefit the photo club and the book club's books with donations going to the "Pennies for Peace" program.

*Have a Happy Labor Day*

Dog-gone good news!

Congratulations to Pete and Julie Nauyokas.  
Their dog Trigger gave birth to 7 puppies last month!





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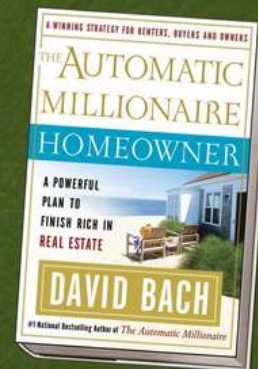
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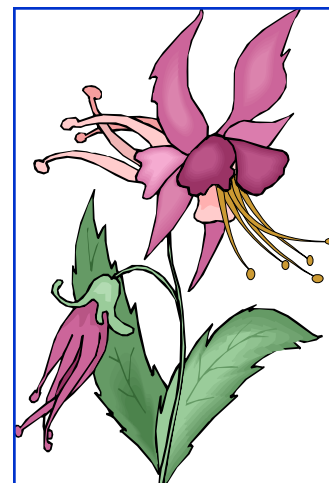
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### Zucchini Sausage Bake

**1 lb. Italian Sausage**  
**5 Tablespoons flour**  
**6 cups thin sliced zucchini**  
**½ cup chopped onions**  
**2 Tablespoons margarine**  
**16 oz. cottage cheese**  
**¼ cup grated Parmesan**  
**2 eggs well beaten**  
**½ teaspoon garlic salt**  
**1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese**



**Preheat oven to 350°.**

**Brown meat and toss with flour. Spread on bottom of 11" X 7" baking dish.**

**In same skillet, cook zucchini and onions in margarine until tender. Remove from the heat.**

**Toss with remaining flour.**

**Spoon ½ of zucchini mixture over meat.**

**Mix cottage cheese with eggs, salt & grated cheese. Spoon evenly over zucchini.**

**Top with remaining zucchini.**

**Bake for 30 minutes at 350°.**

**Top with Cheddar cheese. Bake 2 minutes longer or till cheese is melted and crusted.**

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