

Flying Horse Ranch history



Left: Built by William Edward Higginson in 1932, the original Flying Horse Ranch stretched 6,000 acres and six miles, from east of Highway 83 to the Air Force Academy's north entrance. A grand adobe ranch entrance archway with a caretaker's home and extensive corrals stood on what is now the south end of Rollercoaster Road between the old and new

Northgate Boulevards. Sold to Ned and Gloria McLean in 1942, the three-story, 30-room Spanish-style pink adobe mansion stored the Hope Diamond before the home was bought in 1948 by John Ben Snow, owner and publisher of *Western Horseman* magazine. Gloria McLean later married actor Jimmy Stewart at the ranch. After 10 years, Snow sold the ranch to his foreman Don Flint. In 1965, Arch and Gloria Barron fulfilled their Western dream and bought it; for five decades, Flying Horse remained in the Barron family. In 2006, 205 acres were permanently protected by a Palmer Land Trust Conservation Easement. *Photo and caption courtesy by Bill X. Barron.*

OCN photo contest winners

Monument pioneers, July 4, 2019



Above: Amid many well-wishers at the 2019 Fourth of July parade in Monument were Monument pioneer residents Marlene Brown (left, in sun hat) next to Norma Lavelett (seated in vehicle, for whom Lavelett Park is named) and Brown's nieces Samantha Brown (braids) and Cara Brown. The Brown brothers came to the Monument area in the late 1860s. Melvin Brown, Marlene's great-grandfather, started a cattle ranch while his brother Samuel Brown was the local sheriff. Melvin's son William married his high school sweetheart, Esther, from the local Monument high school. She was a Monument schoolteacher, as was their son Gwilym's wife, Lillian, Marlene's mother. The cattle ranch was located at what is now the Jackson Ranch subdivision on Higby and Rollercoaster Roads. Marlene and her brothers, Morgan and Marshal, grew up on the property and currently manage the subdivision business. *Photo by Dave Futey, caption by Janet Sellers.*



Left: Maria Garcia of Monument submitted *Glorious Evening*. Garcia took the photo during a walk in Monument June 11. **Right:** Bear holding an iris blossom welcomes summer. *Photo by Ross Meyer, June 11.*

Keep them coming! Send your best "Summer in Tri-Lakes" photo to editor@ocn.me no later than **July 24**. Include names of any people in the photo, date taken, a description of the activity or location, and the name of the photographer. Call Lisa at 719-339-7831 with questions. We will print the winners in our Aug. 1 issue.



Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the information number for that event.

4th of July Symphony on your porch

Enjoy the Colorado Springs Philharmonic's annual patriotic concert broadcast from your favorite radio station, all from your porch! Tune your radio to Sunny 106.3 FM, Y96.9 FM, KCME 88.7 FM, AM 740 KVOR, 92.9 Peak FM, or iHeartRadio App. Fireworks will light the night sky across the Pikes Peak region; check out the event map, www.coloradospringssports.org. If you don't have a great view of the fireworks from your porch, log into www.kktv.com to live stream all the action.

Help sought in Watkins homicide

The morning of Sept. 14, 2017, Tim Watkins rode his mountain bike up Mt. Herman west of Palmer Lake as he'd had done many times before. But he never returned, and three days later, a crew of volunteer searchers found his body, shot and buried on a hillside near one of his favorite trails. Two years later, no suspects have been named and no arrests have been made. Authorities in Colorado continue to ask for the public's help in the murder of Tim Watkins. Friends and family have established a GoFundMe goal of \$15,000 to Pikes Peak Area Crime Stoppers for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for Watkins' death. Anyone with information can submit an anonymous tip by calling the El Paso County Sheriff's Office tip line at 719-520-6666, or by calling Pikes Peak Crime Stoppers at 719-634-7867.

Community COVID-19 resources

The county's website, www.elpasocountyhealth.org/community-resources-0, has lists to help with basic needs, behavioral health resources, businesses, childcare resources for children and teens, health and wellness resources, and volunteer opportunities (local and immediate needs).

Safer at Home's physical distancing rules

For up to date information on this changing situation, see <https://covid19.colorado.gov/blog/safer-at-home>. The goal is still for the general public to stay home unless it's absolutely necessary to go out. Certain businesses may open now but with strict precautions. It's a new level of safety that still includes keeping your distance, wearing a mask when in public, and limiting size of gatherings to less than 10 people. The El Paso County Public Health Department still wants you to be Safer at Home.

Tri-Lakes Senior Center reopens July 8

The senior center now has a temperature check station at the entrance and will follow all state guidelines to allow seniors to participate safely in various activities. The senior center is located in the portable building between Lewis Palmer High School and the Don Breese Stadium. For more information, contact 719-464-6873 or www.trilakeseniors.org.

Tri-Lakes Cares is there for you

Do you need help as a result of COVID-19? Connect with Tri-Lakes Cares for assistance with groceries, rent or mortgage, utilities, car repair, and medical assistance at www.trilakescares.org/coronavirus. For more information, call 719-481-4864. See ad on page 13.

Stage I Fire Restrictions

Continued dry conditions and the National Weather Service forecast for continued dry and warmer-than-normal conditions have resulted in very high to extreme fire danger ratings. Stage I Fire Restrictions are now in effect for all the unincorporated areas of El Paso County. The following are prohibited:

- Open burning, excepting fires and campfires within permanently constructed fire grates in developed campgrounds and picnic grounds; charcoal grills and wood burning stoves at private residences in areas cleared of all flammable materials.
- The sale or use of fireworks.
- Outdoor smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while

stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Violations of Stage I Restrictions may result in a fine of up to \$600. For more information, visit www.epcsheriffsoffice.com.

Slash-Mulch season underway

The El Paso County Black Forest Slash and Mulch program will accept slash (tree and brush debris only) through **Sept. 13**. Mulch will be available through **Sept. 19** or until mulch runs out. Hours of operation are: Saturdays, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5-7:30 p.m. The mulch loader schedule is Saturdays only, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. The cost for slash is \$2 per load. The mulch loader fee is \$5 per bucket, about 2 cubic yards. The slash and mulch site is located at the southeast corner of Shoup and Herring Roads in the Black Forest area. For more information, visit www.bfslash.org or phone the County Environmental Division, 520-7878; Carolyn, 495-3127; Chuck, 495-8675; Jeff, 495-8024.

Annual County Fair for 4-H only this year

The 115th Annual County Fair will feature only 4-H exhibits and attractions. Under normal circumstances, the fair would be held **July 11-18** and include around 200 activities that would draw about 25,000 participants and spectators. The county decided to carry on the fair tradition while providing a safe environment, but also recognized large special events would be difficult while maintaining social distancing requirements at performances, carnival, and vendor areas. The 4-H Only Fair option would allow for 4-H participants to complete their projects and potentially participate at the State Fair. County staff will work with Public Health officials to determine the procedures for offering a 4-H Fair. This will likely include a variety of safety measures. For additional information, visit the website, www.elpasocountyfair.com; or contact Todd Marts, Recreation and Cultural Services Division manager, 719-520-6399, toddmarts@elpasoco.com.