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Don't Miss The Homestead in the Willows Neighborhood 4th of July Celebration!

Coordinated and hosted by the Homestead Hurricanes Swim Team

9:00 a.m. -- Bike Parade, Homestead Elementary School

Decorate your bike, scooter, wagon or other non-motorized vehicle in Red, White and Blue and join our parade at the elementary school back parking lot!

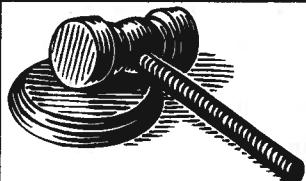
11:00 a.m. -- Food and Games, Homestead North Pool

Join your friends and neighbors for food and fun at the pool!

Grill items, drinks, cotton candy, snow cones and more will be available for purchase. Ground games and pool games will be held throughout the lunch hour and early afternoon including the popular Belly Flop contest!

*Happy 4th of July -- we hope to see you
at our celebration!*

Questions? Contact Deb Haines 303-210-2059



Next Regular
Board Meeting
6:30pm
July 12, 2011
West Pool Office

THE AUGUST
HERALD DEADLINE
IS
JULY 15th





ASSOCIATION NEWS

**JULY HERALD
DEADLINE IS
JUNE 15th**

BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board of Directors meeting for community input and manager's reports will be

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

West Pool Office, 6:30 pm

Mark your calendars now. The board meetings are open to all Homeowners.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: In an effort to provide timely Board information to the Membership, **UNOFFICIAL MINUTES** of each Board meeting will be published in the next issue of the Herald. Official, Approved copies of all Minutes will be on file and available at the Association Office.

REPORTS TO THE ASSOCIATION When an Association member wishes to report observed problems or any concerns or helpful ideas pertaining to the assigned areas of responsibility of the Architectural Control and Design Review Committee, Landscape, Pools, or Business Office, please, when you call and leave a message on the answering machine, include your name and telephone number so that we may return your call. **We cannot act on any call when the caller is not identified.** Thank you for your help.

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COMMITTEES:

ACC/Design Review; Covenant Review Taskforce
Swim Team, Tennis

CENCON REP: available

MOVING FROM HOMESTEAD? If you move from Homestead and retain ownership of your home, it is your responsibility to pay the Homeowners dues. Remember: Please notify the Business office of your new address. Dues are always due March 1st. If you are a Renter, you should forward all notices to the Homeowner.

THE HOMESTEAD HERALD is published monthly for residents of Homestead in the Willows. **The Business Office is located at 5896 E. Geddes Ave., (West Pool House) Centennial, CO 80112.** News items or advertisements must be submitted by the **15th of the month prior to publication**. Deliver or mail to Business Office. Call 303-793-0230 for commercial rates, ad sizes or other information.

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Architectural Control Notice

Homeowners are required to submit an "Application for Architectural Change" form to the HOA if you are planning to make updates, replacements or other improvements to the exterior of your home or property; even if you are replacing or updating with similar products or the same paint colors. Anything visible on the outside of your house or within the yard must be submitted for approval to the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) as our covenants require.

Applications must be accompanied by complete plans, sketches, samples, color chips and/or other pertinent information so that the ACC has as complete an idea of your project as possible. When requesting fence changes, sheds, accessory buildings, or play structures, also submit a drawing of your yard showing the location of the fence or item and indicate the material, height and style of the proposed fencing, shed or structure.

Forms are available at the office or on the website at www.homesteadinthewillows.org..

LOST & FOUND

An assortment of items have been turned into the Business Office over the last few months. If you are missing any of the following, please call the office at 303-793-0230 to claim:

1. Toyota Car Keys w/house key and King Sooper tag found at N. Tennis Courts.
2. Samsung AT & T cell phone
3. Ford car key found near West Tennis Ct.
4. Ladies gold ring with 3 gemstones
5. Honda & Toyota car keys w/house key
6. 14K gold wedding band
7. Nissan car key w/red Moto Guzzi tag
8. Honda car key w/house key
9. Chevrolet car key w/leather tag from James Wood Motors
10. Nextel Motorola cell phone
11. Men's Seiko watch w/brown leather band
12. Tiffany Style bracelet w/heart charm, name and Homecoming 2008 inscribed
13. Silver heart shaped locket
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Thank you for making this another great Hurricane season. We couldn't do it without our fabulous coaches, swimmers, parent volunteers, and community support.

Thank you for supporting our annual swim-a-thon which was held on June 20 to support the Morgan Adams Foundation and our friend, teammate, and neighbor Grace Petroff. The Morgan Adams Foundation raises money and awareness on behalf of children affected with cancer. Working with leading physicians, they directly fund pediatric cancer research and therapies which will improve survival rates and reduce the devastating side-effects cancer treatments have on our children.

End of season Hurricane events are as follows:

July 4	Annual 4 th of July Celebration
July 5 – 8	Swim Practice
July 8	Pep Rally at the North Pool
July 9	Dual Meet at Homestead Farm II
July 11 – 15	Swim Practice revised schedule TBD
July 11	8 and U prelim at Ben Franklin
July 12	13-18 prelim at CCV
July 13	9 – 10 prelim at Homestead North Pool
July 14	11 -12 prelim at Heritage Greens
July 15	Prelim Rain Date
July 16	Rocky Mountain Swim League Finals at Stonegate
July 17	5 – 7 pm Hurricanes Award Ceremony South Pool Lawn 7 – 8:30 Hurricanes End of Season Pool Party South Pool

Our neighborhood is hosting the League Prelim on July 13. There will be a lot of traffic and many cars parked along Easter Avenue and on the adjoining neighborhood streets between 6 am and 3:30 pm. Alternate routes are suggested to alleviate delays and congestion. Thank you for your patience and assistance in making this opportunity possible for our swimmers and the Rocky Mountain Swim League.

HOMESTEAD IN THE WILLOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Regular Board Meeting June 14, 2011 – Unofficial Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Board President, Reed Richardson, called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Board Members present were Aloah Kincaid, Chris Raab and Bill Shelden; as well as Business Manager, Katie Kidwell; Pool Manager, Jaylene Jones; Landscape Manager, Nancy Bauer; and Tennis Manager, Melissa Shuck. Homeowners Don and Peggy Filarowicz attended a portion of the meeting as well.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 10th regular meeting were approved as read.

SWIM TEAM: President Reed Richardson read a written report from the Swim Team Parent Representatives who were attending the Tuesday night STAR swim meet. Registration for Swim Team had closed at 245 swimmers for the 2011 season. The first dual meet of the season was against Cherry Creek Vista. The Homestead Hurricanes won the meet 517 to 385.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer, Aloah Kincaid presented the Board with the expenditures from January through May. Most expense categories were within budget except for the legal expenses. Expenses totaled \$58,412 during May, 2011 and included \$20,320 in Pool Expenses, \$18,231 in Land Maintenance charges and \$12,442 for Trash and Utilities.

HOMEOWNER COMMENTS: Mr. & Mrs. Don Filarowicz approached the Board regarding a repair issue on their property which had impacted the Association irrigation system.

MANAGER REPORTS

- POOL:** Pool Manager, Jaylene Jones, reported that all repairs approved as part of the 2011 budget had been completed. Extra, non-budgeted repairs of coping stones at the West Pool and plaster, tile, coping and stair repairs were made at the North Pool. Jaylene also requested that the Swim Team Coaches remain after practice to clean up swim team so that the life guards could focus on preparing the pool for opening. The Lost and Found was already overflowing so Jaylene will donate the contents twice monthly, on the 15th and the 30th, to avoid build-up.
- LANDSCAPE:** Landscape Manager, Nancy Bauer, reported the West Pool landscaping was complete, the entry beds had been replenished with new plants, sod had been installed where needed throughout the property and flower pots placed at each of the three pools. Perimeter fence painting was proceeding as weather permitted and the Maples along Quebec had been trimmed off the sidewalk. While repairing a failing power line Xcel Energy had damaged some sprinkler lines and pavement. Nancy was pursuing repair and re-payment for these items. Our irrigation contractor, Water Ketch, proposed updating the computerized mapping of the sprinkler system last performed in 2006. The Board questioned why such drawings were not provided as part of the contract. After some discussion it was agreed that the Board would like Water Ketch

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to update the “as-built” drawings of the irrigation system and repairs to the lines annually. The Board would stipulate that amending the drawings annually would be part of the contract. Board Member Chris Raab would meet with Mark Peterson of Water Ketch to confirm the software requirements. Board Member Bill Shelden might sit in as well.

3. **TENNIS:** Tennis Manager, Melissa Shuck, announced that crack repair was finished at the North and West Courts. There was a problem with residents propping the tennis gates open and leaving them that way. Jaylene offered to have the pool lifeguards make sure the gates were shut securely when they closed the pools for the evening. The new rebound net for the North Courts should be installed by the end of June.
4. **BUSINESS:** Business Manager, Katie Kidwell, reported that five liens would be filed for non-payment of Association Dues. Letters had been sent to two residents for covenant violations and two pending violations had requested extra time. The Board reviewed both pending violations and made decisions. The Swim Team had reported that an electrical outlet was not working at the North Pool Guard Station. The breaker would get tripped because too many items were plugged in during swim meets. Katie consulted an electrician who suggested installing a dedicated circuit which would be a line directly from the electrical panel to the outlet. Bill Shelden moved and Chris Raab seconded that the Board spend \$170 to provide a supplemental GFI outlet at the North Pool to accommodate the Swim Team electrical needs at swim meets. Motion Passed unanimously.
5. **COVENANT REVIEW TASKFORCE:** Board Member Aloah Kincaid reported that the Covenant Review Taskforce was walking the neighborhood during the month of June. One pair of volunteers had questions about the yard art of a particular house. Reed directed Aloah to have the Taskforce volunteers consult the Residential Improvement Guidelines.

OLD BUSINESS: Katie reported that the surplus accumulated during 2008 - 2010 had been transferred to the reserve fund bringing the total to \$342,012. Our defense against the lawsuit filed by Mr. Dunbar and Mr. and Mrs. Horneck against Homestead is continuing forward. A significant number of depositions have been completed, and both sides have endorsed expert witnesses to address the claims made and damages demanded by the Plaintiffs. Our attorneys have also filed a Motion for Summary Judgment which seeks the dismissal of all of the Plaintiff's claims. The Court is not required to rule on the motion by any particular date, and so we are continuing to move ahead with the expectation of trying the case to a jury in August. The case remains set for a five-day trial beginning August 29, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business

ADJOURNMENT AND CALENDARING: Chris Raab moved and Bill Shelden seconded that the regular meeting adjourn at 8:16 pm. Motion passed. The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:17 pm to discuss the ongoing litigation. The next regular Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 12th at 6:30pm at the Business Office.



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COVENANT ADVISOR

In June, homeowner volunteer teams on the Covenant Review Taskforce began walking our community to review homes and properties against a checklist of issues and letters will be sent to those homeowners cited. As a reminder, the goal is to help ensure that our community continues to look good and homes and properties are well-maintained. The schedule is to have the review completed by mid-July.

Should you receive a letter this is what you need to do.

First, read the letter through carefully then:

1. Review the noted situation/s.
2. Take corrective action OR make a plan to do so with a specific timeframe.
3. Check the appropriate box at the bottom of the letter.
4. Sign and date the letter.
5. Return the letter to the HOA business office by the required date.

For your convenience, the letter has a place at the bottom to indicate either that you have corrected the situation/s noted or that you have a plan to correct the situation/s by a specific date. It is important that you return the letter to the HOA office as your response must be in writing.

The teams make every effort to be specific about the type of issue and where it is on the home or property. There may be instances where there is a misunderstanding, for instance, addresses could be confused or

a dead tree may be on a neighbor's property. If there is a misunderstanding, the HOA would like to clear it up as soon as possible. Just write your comments regarding the misunderstanding on the bottom of the letter and send it back to the HOA.

The teams walking the community are homeowners and volunteers who are invested in our community, appreciate what it offers, and are giving back. Their service, and the continued care and maintenance Homestead residents put into their properties, keeps Homestead an attractive residential community.

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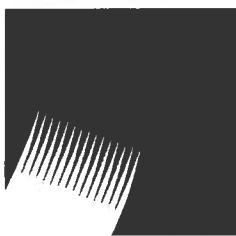
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LANDSCAPE LOGIC

By Nancy Bauer

Keep your turf healthy

Turf areas can become weedy unless you are diligent about good watering, and mowing. If you have a sprinkler system, make sure the heads are properly operating and are providing adequate coverage. Sometimes heads can get out of alignment, become clogged or even possibly be broken. Water deeply and infrequently which will stimulate root growth. Check turf for signs of dryness especially on south or west facing slopes and increase watering in these areas.

Be sure to keep lawn mower blades sharp. Dull blades rip and bruise grass tips and cause them to turn brown. This also opens the grass blade tips for turf disease infection. Mow the lawn no less than 2-2 1/2' in height, never cutting more than one-third of the growth.



Broadleaf Weed Control

The best control is to maintain healthy turf as mentioned above, but if weeds appear, treat only individual plants or weed infested spots with chemicals. Liquid spot treatments generally are more effective than 'weed and feed' type applications.

Use herbicides when temperatures are between 65 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit. Do not apply when temperatures are expected to rise above 85 degrees within 48 hours of application. To minimize the danger of herbicide drift, spray weeds during a calm part of the day when there's little or no wind. Don't apply when rain is expected within 24 hours of application, and avoid watering for 24 hours after application.



Are your plants being bugged?



Try a natural solution: If your plants are crawling with aphids, pick up a batch of ladybugs from your local gardening store. Ladybugs feast on these garden pests and do not harm your plants in any way, unlike their prey.

Are ants suddenly appearing? Do a little scouting and find out where their nest is. Sprinkle red chili pepper, paprika, or dried peppermint leaves around the area.

Wasps and bees can be trapped in specially made hanging jars.

To eliminate snails and slugs, which feast on foliage, place shallow dishes of beer on the ground.

For the rest of your pests, visit any garden center and look for organic products for insect and disease solutions to help remedy any buggy situation!



Snakes

Depending on where you live, you can expect to see snakes in Colorado. The good news is that out of more than twenty snakes found here, only two are poisonous. (They have rattles.) We do not have rattle snakes in Homestead!! To deter snakes from your garden, try to limit places where they take shelter or rest. Trim tall grass, clear tall weeds and brush, get rid of rock piles and stacks of firewood.

Also, limit their food supply, mainly insects and rodents. Keep in mind that bird feeders and pet food attract rodents. If you feed pets outside, pick up pet dishes as soon as the pets have finished eating! Use bird feeders only in the cold weather when they have trouble finding food.



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CLASSIFIEDS:

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CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS NEWS

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For questions or concerns about Cherry Creek Schools, contact Tustin Amole at **720-554-4475.**

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2011-2012

Wed., July 6 – first day of school, four-track calendar

Mon., Aug. 15 – first day of school, transitional calendar

Mon., Aug., 22 – first day of school, common calendar

The district's 11-12 four-track, transitional and common calendars are available on the district's website at www.cherrycreekschools.org.

SUMMER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

The Cherry Creek School District Summer School Program offers students great opportunities to get caught up, get ahead, get required courses out of the way, and enrich their educational experience. There will be two sessions of summer school:

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5-7 years old Future Stars Int. These classes are for 6-7 year olds who want to learn about match play. Each class will include not only two days each week of practice, but also the opportunity to play in modified and supervised matches.

7-9 years old Mid-court Monsters Beg. Lots of tennis games and fun without the pressure of competition, and commitment. Great for beginners and those kids who just want to enjoy some organized play and exercise.

7-9 years old Brawlers Int. These classes are for 8-9 year olds who want to move into match play. Each class will include not only two days each week of practice, but also the opportunity to play in modified, and supervised matches.

9-15 years old Heavy Hitters Beg Tennis fun for teen and "tweens"

10-18 years old Junior Tennis League Beg/Int. The Rocky Mountain Junior Tennis League is an inter-club only league for 10-18 year olds. Matches are played against other RMTA clubs in the S.E. Denver area. Youths are grouped by age and ability and RMTA staff is present at all matches. No need to create a team.

8-18 years old USTA Jr. Team Tennis Beg/Int./Adv The USTA Junior Team Tennis program is a national program ran for 8-18 year olds which culminates in the top teams in each division playing for local, state and national championships. Teams will be formed by parent captains.dult

Beginner This class designed for beginner adults is the perfect opportunity to learn to play tennis, develop your skills and meet other players.

Adult Ladies Drill and Play The best of both worlds – drill with your pro and then round robin doubles!



COMMUNITY NEWS

SWIM TEAM LOST & FOUND

Has your swimmer been leaving things behind at the pool after Swim Team practice? The Lost & Found bin at the North Pool is overflowing. Please remind your swimmer to check there for lost goggles, towels, sweats and t-shirts. To keep up with the influx, the contents of the Lost & Found bin will be donated to charity on the 15th and 30th of each month.



Learn to Swim Program

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HOMESTEAD PLAYGROUPS

For more information, please contact:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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2-3	Jill Martini	303-459-2282
3-4	AK Cotton	303-544-0996
4-5	Laura Hirsch	303-779-0495

POOL PARTIES

Interested in having a party at the pool this summer? Pool parties can be scheduled through Front Range Recreation, our pool management company. Homestead offers two types of Pool Parties: after hours events in which you have the pool facility to yourself for your group; and parties during regular pool hours in which you share the pool with other residents. Parties during regular pool hours are limited to 20 people and may require that you pay for an additional lifeguard to be hired during your party.

To schedule a pool party at Homestead in the Willows, log on to frontrangerecreation.com and click on the tab labeled "Pools". Scroll down to the Homestead in the Willows pool you are interested in, complete the necessary forms and submit your request. You can also call Front Range at 303-617-0221.

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POOL OPERATING HOURS, SUMMER 2011

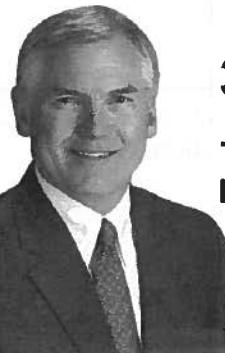
POOL ACTIVITY	NORTH POOL May 28-30 June 9 – August 21 Phone: 303-770-8290	SOUTH POOL (Season Schedule) May 21 – Sept. 5 Phone: 303-796-9581	WEST POOL (Season Schedule) June 4 - Aug. 21 Phone: 303-793-0296
Early Morning Lap Swim - The pool is open for lap swim before work	See schedule pg. 17 5:00 – 7:00 am - July 16 5:00—10:00 am July 17 through Sept. 6th	5:00 – 8:00 am	5:00 – 8:00 am
Swim Team Practice	7:00 am – 12:00 pm Monday – Friday June 8 – July 15		
Open Swim – Residents and their guests may swim during these hours. Interested adults may request the Lifeguard set up one lane rope at the North Pool for Lap Swimming anytime daily.	12:00 pm – 7:00 pm Daily	10:00am – 7:00pm Daily	10:00am – 7:00pm Daily
Tube Night – Floating toys and rafts may be brought into the pool. (For safety reasons the lifeguard on duty may limit the number of rafts and toys allowed in the pool).	5:00pm – 9:00pm Monday	5:00pm – 9:00pm Tuesday	5:00pm – 9:00pm Wednesday
Barbeque Night – The HOA will provide the grills, while each family supplies the grub!	5:00pm – 9:00pm Sunday	5:00pm – 9:00pm Friday	5:00pm – 9:00pm Saturday
Late Night Swim – Family swim is extended at one pool six out of seven nights of the week	7:00pm – 9:00pm Sunday, Monday Thursday	7:00pm – 9:00pm Tuesday & Friday	7:00pm – 9:00pm Wednesday & Saturday
Swim Meets – 6:00am through 2:00pm	May 28th June 18th & 25th Prelims July 13th		
Tuesday Star Meets – 6:00pm – 8:00pm	June 7, 14, 21, 28 July 5th Rain Day		

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Kids Golf Free all Summer!

South Suburban Parks and Recreation is offering FREE Golf for Kids 17 and under on the weekends all summer long at all four district golf courses. This great opportunity is available after 5pm on Saturday and Sundays at Littleton Golf Course (Bellevue and Federal) and Family Sports Golf Course (Arapahoe and Peoria); and after 6pm on Saturdays and Sundays at South Suburban Golf Course (University and Dry Creek) and Lone Tree Golf Club. (Lincoln and Lone Tree Parkway). Reservations can be made up to 3 days in advance by calling the course of your choice. For more info, www.sspr.org.

FREE Gazebo Music Concert Join South Suburban and the TuneGuild for a lazy afternoon of blanket picnics, picking and singing on the lawn outside the de-Koevend Park Shelter C 6301 S University Boulevard, Centennial. Bring your acoustic guitars and/or voices

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BABYSITTER/PETSTTER: Responsible, caring, fun 9th grader. Red Cross certified. Loves kids and pets! **Call Caitlyn Concklin at 720-200-4024.**

BABYSITTER: Responsible, Red Cross certified honor roll middle school student; I love kids and enjoy watching your kids while you're at work or having a night out. **Call Ava Nazem @ 303-220-5301 or email: avocado15@live.com.**

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BABYSITTER/PETSITTER: Responsible, Red Cross Certified 13 yr. old who enjoys playing games and making crafts. Loves kids & pets! **Call Jenny Siekmeier at 303-850-9369 or jsiekmeier@comcast.net.**

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BABYSITTER/PETSITTER: Experienced, responsible 17 year old high school junior looking for summer babysitter/nanny position. Great with kids. Can safely drive your children. References available. **Call Anne Scharmann at 303-717-3533.**

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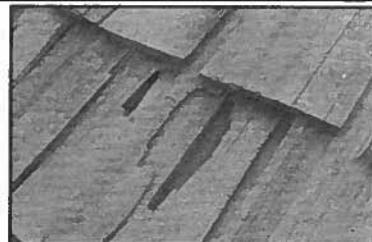
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ARAPAHOE COUNTY NEWS

Arapahoe County Fair invites Open Class entries
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Aurora, Colo. – Residents of all ages and all counties are invited to enter their original creations and home-grown treasures in the Open Class competition of the Arapahoe County Fair, July 20-24. The Open Class competition is a long-standing tradition that has recognized the craftsmanship and green thumbs of Coloradoans for more than 100 years.

Since the first Arapahoe County Fair took place in 1906, many talented individuals have earned ribbons, cash premiums and bragging rights for their baked goods, dried and canned foods, needlework and quilts, photography, fine arts and homegrown vegetables, herbs or flowers.

Categories in the Open Class Contest include:

- **Fiber Arts:** Quilting, knitting, felting, crocheting and various needle arts
- **Visual Arts:** Photography, drawing, painting and other fine arts
- **Culinary Arts:** Varied breads, cakes, cookies, jellies, jams, preserves, and canned, pickled or dried foods
- **Horticulture:** Vegetables, fruits and herbs
- **Floriculture:** Flowers, ornamental grasses and arrangements

Entries will be accepted and displayed at the main exhibit hall at the Fairgrounds (25690 E. Quincy Ave, Aurora). Horticulture entries cost \$1 and must be delivered 7-10 a.m., July 21. Floriculture entries cost \$1 and must be delivered 7-10 a.m., July 22. Culinary, Visual and Fiber Arts entries cost \$1 with a pre-entry form or \$2 for walk-in entry and must be delivered 9 a.m. - noon or 4-7 p.m., July 18 or 8-11 a.m., July 19.

Special Contests

A variety of new special contests will be unveiled at the 2011 Fair. Join the pioneers of the past and make history

by bringing a fantastic fruit pie to be judged by a celebrity judge in the Pie Contest at 4 p.m., Thursday, July 21. Take 'the cake' by bringing an unbeatable bundt or delicious dutch chocolate cake to be judged by a celebrity in the Chocolate Cake Contest at 5 p.m., Saturday, July 23. Or tackle a pastry head-first in the Pie Eating Contests at 4 p.m. Friday, July 22 or 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 23. Special contests are open to all and will be judged by age group as follows: 12 and under, 13 to 18, or 19 and over. The entry fee is \$1 and contestants can pre-enter by June 24 or enter on the day of the contest.

All contest guidelines, categories and an entry form can be found in the Open Class Fair Book, available at www.arapahoecountyfair.com or by calling 303-730-1920.

The Arapahoe County Fair offers summer fun at an incredible value! Gate admission (\$5-10) includes full access to all concerts, rodeos, tractor pulls, livestock shows, a demolition derby, fireworks and more. The little ones will enjoy a kiddie peddle-tractor pull, petting zoo, mutton bustin', face-painting and craft stations at no extra cost. Plus you'll find the best bargain around for just \$10-15 additional for a wristband with unlimited carnival rides. Visit www.arapahoecountyfair.com for a coupon and to learn more.

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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2011!

Congratulations to the more than 3,600 students who graduated this week from the Cherry Creek School District's six high schools; Cherokee Trail, Cherry Creek, Eaglecrest, Grandview, Overland and Smoky Hill. They have accomplished much – in academics, athletics, the arts and activities – during their high school careers.

The Class of 2011 has earned more than \$35 million in scholarships and includes a Presidential Scholar, 39 National Merit finalists, 5 National Merit Hispanic Scholars, 5 Boettcher Scholars, 9 military academy appointments (Air Force, Naval Academy, West Point and Merchant Marines), and many other scholarship recipients.

More than 2,000 students, or 55% of the Class of 2011, took one or more Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate classes as seniors. Members of the Class of 2011 won state titles (individual or team) in 20 different sports, and performed a variety of classic and contemporary plays and musicals. They also devoted tens of thousands of hours to community service, helping people in our district and around the globe. Congratulations graduates!

JOIN THE CHERRY CREEK FITNESS CHALLENGE!

Have fun, stay fit, and get your whole family in on the action by joining the **Cherry Creek Fitness Challenge** this summer.

Designed for Cherry Creek elementary school students and their families, the challenge works like this: between Memorial Day, May 30, and Labor Day, Sept. 5, keep track of all your physical activity and convert it to miles (using the handy dandy mileage conversion guidelines below!) The goal is to log the equivalent of 26.2 miles – a marathon! – over the course of the summer, with the last mile completed with family, friends, classmates and teachers at the **First American State Bank (FASB) Fitness Festival** on Sat., Sept. 10.

“Research shows that kids who are healthy do better academically,” said **Dr. Scott Siegfried**, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Support Services for Cherry Creek Schools. “So helping kids stay active supports our district goal of academic achievement for all students.”

The Cherry Creek Fitness Challenge is part of the district's Comprehensive Wellness Strategy, which promotes healthy students and schools through wellness, good nutrition and regular physical activity.

Elementary school students who participate in the Cherry Creek Fitness Challenge and the FASB Fitness Festival will receive a medal and recognition in their school newsletter. Get mileage tracker sheets, mileage conversion guidelines, and FASB Fitness Festival registration forms at <http://www.fasbfitnessfestival.com/race.htm>.



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