



# Pine Brook Press

A Quarterly Journal for, about and by  
Pine Brook Hills Residents

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## JULY HOA MEETINGS - A DOUBLE-HEADER!

By Tim Triggs

**T**here will be two HOA gatherings late in July: **Wednesday, July 25, at 7:00 at the Community Room.** A hot topic of discussion at the April HOA meeting was mountain lions. Neighborhood opinions and concerns are “all over the map” on this one. Therefore, the HOA is devoting the whole evening to the topic of mountain lions. High level representatives of the Colorado Division Of Wildlife will present information. This will be followed by Q&A as well as an open discussion for all attendees.



Chautauqua Auditorium

It's a really good feeling to see the reservoir filled to the top. We expect that the rearranging of the dirt piles around the dam will take place this fall, thus creating a slope that can be

planted with wild grasses on the front side of the dam.

We did not receive much feedback either by e-mail or at the last HOA meeting concerning desired recreational use of the reservoir area. The Water Board created a survey that was delivered with the June water bills. Also, an HOA committee has been formed to study recreational issues. At this time, no detailed cost or risk analyses have been done for any of the activities that might be considered. Also, no funding for recreational activity has been approved by either the Water Board or the HOA at this time.

At the April HOA meeting, a motion was made and approved to make the reservoir officially private (not open to residents outside PBH). A second motion was made and approved to introduce Greenback Cutthroat Trout. The Water Board will have to approve a contract with the Colorado Division of Wildlife before Greenback Cutthroat Trout can be introduced into our reservoir. The DOW is still studying the viability of the project. If this works out, we want to make sure that no other species are introduced until we know if they would be compatible. (For instance, rainbow trout like to eat greenbacks.)

With work on the Timber Lane Shaded Fuel Break



Thanks for the drink!

Photo by Allen Saville, 2002

**Thursday, July 26, at the Chautauqua picnic shelter (just south of the Auditorium) at 5:30.** The picnic-potluck will be followed by a short HOA business meeting that will include nominations for a new Vice President and Secretary. These new officers would begin serving in January. The earlier time schedule for this meeting ties in with the Prokofiev/Tchaikovsky concert that follows at 7:30. For concert tickets, call 303-440-7666 or go to [www.coloradomusicfest.org](http://www.coloradomusicfest.org) and use the code word “PineBrook” (one word) for a 25% discount. This will be a wonderful concert if you enjoy classical music. If you don't, come to the picnic anyway!

Masthead Photo by Greg Scott

completed, we are working on the next highest priority, which is tying this project into the existing Sunshine Fuel Break. This connection would be from the southernmost point of Timber Lane, looping around to the Southwest, partially through City open-space. We are currently working with the City on this as well as with the State Forest Service in obtaining matching grant funds for the project.

I hope that all of you in the community are enjoying this wonderful summer season. And, don't forget to weedwack.

## THE TRAIN TRIP

By Marla Saville

In celebration of my father's 90th birthday, we took a train trip from Denver to Glenwood Springs. It was exciting pulling out of Union Station and winding our way up into the mountains as the Flatirons and Denver buildings disappeared from our view. The train climbed up into the gray/green canyons and reminded me of paintings of puffy white clouds in beautiful blue Colorado skies. I was proud to be "hosting" this grand tour, as if I were somehow responsible for the spectacular scenery!

We rocked along on our mountain "boat." We did not want to miss anything and our necks started aching from craning to see out of the train's picture windows. The sights were worth the achy neck muscles! But then I started to notice something that I didn't want to acknowledge, as if I could keep it from becoming real if I ignored it. But there was no ignoring what was outside - pines that were completely brown. Dead sentinels. Just a few at first, then LOTS of them.

Winter Park was barely recognizable as the place where, just five years before, my husband and I had ridden in the Fat Tire Classic. The forests had been beautifully green at that time. Was this really possible? Just five years to kill all these trees?!

The train pushed forward. As we snaked our way into each new valley, the scene became more dismal. Whole mountainsides were the color of rusty farm machinery. The devastation of the pine bark beetle was blatant, everywhere we turned. This was not a TV news report that I could turn off, or a newspaper article that I could skip over. This real, ugly, "inconvenient truth" was right before my eyes.

Relief came only as we made our way into the red hills of western Colorado which were covered with healthier

Junipers, Firs, Pinyons and Sage Brush. At least, I thought to myself, this area is still the Colorado I love so deeply. But for how long? And how long will Boulder be spared? We know the infestation has already begun here. In five years will our hills be rust colored too? Here in Pine Brook Hills we are pro-active about things. There are some things that we can do. My train trip and my visceral reaction to the rust colored hills tells me that we should heed the messages and do what we can to keep our hills green!



Doing something about the Beetles: The Beetle Busters (some of them).

The 4 most important things to do to combat the bark beetle epidemic:

1. Keep alert for signs of bark beetle infestation (trees fading in color from green to pale green to rust, pitch tubes, boring dust from insect penetration).
2. Ask for help from The Beetle Busters (contact them via Mitigation at Fire Station 1 (440.0235) or go to [www.colostate.edu/Depts/CFSF/PCF.html](http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/CFSF/PCF.html) for a list of consultants & contractors. The Beetle Busters are free.
3. Take action promptly if you have any infested trees. The trees must be cut and the wood taken away or treated appropriately.
4. Join the Beetle Busters!

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Where is the paper today? I've been waiting forever!

Photo by Kirk Bach

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Meetings are at the Community Center/Firehouse unless otherwise noted.

**HOA MEETINGS WEDNESDAY JULY 25 AT THE  
COMMUNITY CENTER AND JULY 26 AT CHATUAQUA PARK.**

July 25, 7 P.M. at the Community Center: "MOUNTAIN LIONS."

July 26, 5:30 P.M. at Chautauqua Park: Picnic Potluck, nomination of new officers, followed by concert.

(See page 1 for details).

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE** - Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 P.M.

**BIBLE STUDY** - Meets weekly. For info, call Greg or Donna Johnson at 449-1692.

**FIRE BOARD** - Meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 7 P.M. at either the Pine Brook or Boulder Heights Firehouse. Call 440-0235 for specifics.

**FIRE AUXILIARY** - Generally meets the first Sunday of every month at 7 P.M. Call 440-6132 for confirmation.

**WATER BOARD** - Meets first or second Thursday of every month at 4:00 P.M. Call Water Office at 443-5394 for dates.

**FIRESIDE CHAT**

By John Benson, Fire Chief

Hello once again from your friendly neighborhood fire department. Before we get deeper into the article, I just wanted to express my sincere gratitude to the residents of Pine Brook Hills. Your generous donations of garage sale items, shopping and contributions helped raise a substantial amount of money [\$14,000] for the district. I would also like to thank the fire department auxiliary for their dedication and long hours making this garage sale a huge success. What a team.

As we look to the summer season, I can tell you it is getting hotter and dryer as the days go by. As all of you are aware, the amount of moisture we had earlier this year has helped the grasses to grow like crazy. This means as we get hotter and dryer the potential for a hot, fast moving wildfire is very realistic. Please be sure that the area around your home is mowed. If you have been watching the news lately you can see the problems the western slope is dealing with already. This could be at our back door sooner than you think. This leads me to another point; if you have contractors, guests or new people to the area, please make sure you are conveying the following points:

- Keep all used cigarette butts inside vehicles, ashtrays or other proper containers that will not cause a fire. If you see someone throwing a cigarette butt out a window the best thing you can do is to get the license plate number, vehicle description, driver or passenger description.



Call 911 with this information and they can get a Sheriff's deputy to assist in finding the individual.

- Make sure your contractors have some type of water supply nearby when there is any possibility of a spark being generated. Welding, cutting and grinding could cause one little spark, creating a major fire.
- When working on summer projects such as staining, varnishing or cleaning, remember to either place your used rags in an airtight container or spread them out in a non-combustible area. Always remember, rags that are wadded up have a tendency to build up heat and can spontaneously combust, causing substantial fire potential.
- Always remember if you are mowing in our area that there is a potential for a spark off a rock or other hard object. This is what caused the Foothills Fire a couple of years ago.
- Do not park vehicles in grassy areas. Due to the heat generated by the catalytic converter and exhaust system, it only takes a few minutes for grasses underneath a vehicle to ignite. BMFPD has responded to fires in the district where vehicles parked in grassy areas have ignited.
- If you think you see or smell smoke call dispatch (911) immediately. REMEMBER: DO NOT CALL THE STATION IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. WE ARE NOT STAFFED 24/7.
- Please remember all Open Burning is prohibited within Pine Brook Hills. All outdoor cooking must be conducted in devices which will contain your fire, embers and sparks at all times. You can find the complete Pine Brook Hills fire code on the Pine Brook Hills web site.

I hope these tips will assist you in making your summer a safe and fun time.

**CAUTION!!** I know there are probably many of you who now have Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP). The big problem with VOIP right now is that with this set-up there is no way to contact you in the event of an emergency using emergency call back procedures. Only hard line telephones will receive an emergency call-back notification. Until the FCC enacts regulations to include VOIP equipment you run the risk of not receiving notification. We have no information as to when this rule will be enacted. If you are one of these individuals with VOIP, please make sure you contact our

office at 303-440-0235 and provide us with information, so that we can notify you in the event of an emergency evacuation.

Until next time the members of BMFPD wish all of you a safe and fun summer season.



## ON THE WATERFRONT

By Bob de Haas

The reservoir continues to perform above expectations! We hit full capacity on the evening of May 10, and that same night we shut down our raw water transfer pumps. These pumps move our water from Four Mile Creek to the reservoir. We also catch water from Two Mile Creek, which is the creek that runs through Pine Brook Hills. It is a fairly minor creek, but nonetheless it supplies additional water. How much water depends on the amount of precipitation in any given year, and, of course, on the time of year. Two Mile Creek has been running strong enough since May 10 that it almost fed as much water into the reservoir as we were removing. Finally, on June 12 we turned the raw water transfer pumps back on, 33 days after turning them off!

The reservoir had only dropped 6 inches during that time. We probably would have let it drop even a little further but the State of Colorado would like us to keep the reservoir as full as possible for the next six months while they evaluate its performance.

The other hot issue is, of course, the questionnaire that the Water District sent out to study public interest in recreational activities at the reservoir. If nothing else the questionnaire has generated a lot of discussion. We would like to point out some items that need to be considered.

The first issue is cost and liability. The only recreational activities that the District is considering allowing are those activities that our insurance carrier has said would have minimal cost or no cost. Once we have gauged the public's interest in specific recreational activities we will obtain information on exact costs for those activities. The second issue is general liability. Again, the activities that we placed on the survey are ones that have very limited liability. Courts do not view reservoirs, lakes, ponds, or irrigation ditches in the same light as swimming pools, regarding liability. The courts have generally viewed reservoirs, lakes, ponds, or irrigation ditches as not

having a reasonable expectation that the owner/operator would be required to supply special safety considerations. But even with that informal caveat, one of the activities that, early on, our insurance carrier said would significantly increase our costs is swimming; that is why swimming was not listed as a choice on the survey.

The other most frequently asked question is how will the recreational activity be "policed" and managed. That is the real issue for the District. The District does not have the budget to add additional personnel, and has made it very clear that this means there must be community involvement (read volunteers) who will help the District police and manage the area. If there is a lack of volunteers, then the area will not be opened to any recreational uses.

The next question is, will these recreational activities adversely affect our ability to continue to supply safe potable water for your homes? Again, we have only opened the discussion to those activities that either have no impact or very minimal impact on our treatment processes.

**UNTIL THE DISTRICT HAS APPROVED ANY ACTIVITIES AT THE RESERVOIR, NO ONE IS PERMITTED ON THE DAM OR ON THE LAND SURROUNDING THE RESERVOIR. ALSO, REMEMBER THAT TO GET TO THE DAM/RESERVOIR YOU ARE CROSSING PRIVATE PROPERTY WHICH YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO DO, SO YOU ARE TRESPASSING! UNTIL THE DISTRICT APPROVES ANY ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING WALKING ON THE DAM OR IN THE AREA OF THE RESERVOIR, YOU ARE TRESPASSING.**

If you would like to see the area or go onto the dam please feel free to give us a call (303.443.5394) and we will be happy to schedule a time and day where we can escort you and answer any questions you might have about our reservoir.



## MEDITATION RETREAT FOR PINE BROOK RESIDENTS

By Pam Creswell

**W**ant more insight and serenity in your life? Please consider joining us for a special non-denominational meditation retreat appropriate both for beginners and experienced practitioners. There is no charge. The three day retreat will be held at Pam Creswell's over the Labor Day weekend. This retreat will include instruction in "calming the mind" and "seeing clearly,"

practices variously called mindfulness, awareness and insight meditation. There will be periods of sitting meditation interspersed with walking meditation, discussions and question and answer sessions.

The retreat leader, Pine Brook resident Steve Grad, has studied for nearly two decades in the Theravada and Shambhala (Tibetan) Buddhist traditions. He was trained as a Mindfulness Practice Instructor at Naropa University, where he received his M.A. in Transpersonal Counseling Psychology, taught meditation and served on the Board of Trustees for twelve years. He has also taught meditation at the Longmont Senior Center, at a retreat spa in Mexico, and in the Federal Prison complex in Florence, Colorado, for the Shambhala Prison Community. For the past few years he has been leading a meditation class in his home. He has worked as a volunteer chaplain and grief group facilitator for Boulder County Hospice. In addition, he is a founding member of Theatre 13, a professional theater company in Boulder.

Please RSVP by August 1 to be guaranteed space.

Pam Creswell: pamelasuzzane@gmail.com (yes, a new email address)



## PRAISE FOR PINE BROOK'S FUEL BREAKS



Mitigation Coordinator Steve Lynn speaks to visiting dignitaries and the Press about Boulder Mountain Fire's mitigation program.

On May 8 a long caravan of cars occupied by foresters, reporters and representatives from political offices drove up Linden to the site of the Timber Lane Fuel Break. These notables, taped by Channel 9 news, were organized by Allan Owen, Colorado State Forester, who was using PBH as an example of a proactive community in regard to fire mitigation and

forest health. Citing the cooperation of the HOA, the fire department's mitigation program and the Beetle Busters, Owen said, "Thank you for making our job easier." HOA President Tim Triggs replied, "Thank you for your money!"

Native Ecology, the company who did the work on the Timber Lane Shaded Fuel Break, was present and was praised for the careful and thorough work they did. In turn, the Native Ecologists mentioned the niceness of Pine Brookers, who brought them cookies and gave them money for beer.

It was a beautiful sunny day and Pine Brook was showing its best face, as a community capable of working together to mitigate the twin threats of fire and forest diseases.



## TWO VIEWS ON MOUNTAIN LIONS.....

### FIRST VIEWPOINT: Eliminate them..... WHAT PBH RESIDENTS CAN DO TO COUNTER THE COUGAR THREAT

By Ben Fox

All cougars (mountain lions) are killers. A choice must be made between the lives of the cougars and the lives of their victims.

Roughly, there are three possible positions in regard to the cougar threat:

1. Do nothing. (Continuation of current PBH Board and County policies)
2. Study the problem. [PBH HOA committees have studied much less urgent problems for many months without reaching closure. Parks and Open Space is presenting a cougar study proposal to the Boulder County Commissioners. This proposal is from the Colorado Division of Wildlife, which has been extremely unhelpful in countering the cougar threat)
3. Eliminate the threat ASAP by exterminating the cougars statewide. [Those supporting this position have been the least vocal, but that does not imply that they are in a minority]

The following should be obvious:

#1 implies that more people and/or pets will be killed.

#2 implies that, whatever those studies eventually recommend, more people and/or pets will be killed at least until the studies are completed and probably well beyond that time.

#3 implies that, right after implementation and beyond, no more people or pets will be killed by cougars

Any argument that we intrude on cougar domain is irrelevant to this tradeoff. Would you really care about intrusion if your loved one got trashed?

Exterminating the lions might lead to an undesirable increase in the number of deer. A solution to that problem is to have the Division of Wildlife humanely kill excess deer, targeting weaker deer.

I believe that all cougars see people and pets as prey, but - for the sake of argument - suppose that only some cougars do and those cougars should be killed.

The risks of a reactive policy are asymmetrical: if you guess that a cougar does not and will not target people or pets, then you let the cougar live and pray that you are right; if your guess is wrong and you wait until the cougar kills to kill it, then people or pets will die - needlessly.

The right policy is proactive, kill all the cougars state-wide.

Moving them won't work: there is no place in Colorado that will both sustain them and get them far enough away so they don't threaten people, pets, and stock.

Melissa Cipriani, Tom Foster and I gave brief presentations at the PBH HOA meeting on April 25 urging #3. I have written a 7-page letter to the Boulder County Commissioners and to Parks and Open Space, copied to the Division of Wildlife, urging #3 and explaining why at length. Melissa was motivated by a huge cougar killing the family dog, Asha, a few feet from her mother and a few feet from their house door - in daylight, in a residential neighborhood. She believes that Asha saved her mother's life. Tom was motivated by a cougar killing the family cat, Spencer, and threatening his son, Cedric. The threat to their families and themselves will persist until the cougars are eliminated. I was motivated by fear for my dogs, Bob and Katie, my only children. Whether or not you empathize with my concern for my "children," protection of pets is aligned with protection of people. You should be motivated by fear for your children, spouses, and pets as well as for yourselves. Risk from cougars has a huge downside (especially if it is your loved one that gets trashed) and (unlike skiing, for example) no upside.

What can the Boulder County Commissioners and the PBH HOA Board do to implement the killing of cougars in Colorado? The Commissioners can order

the immediate extermination of all cougars on land the County owns - for example, Parks and Open Space (which PBH abuts), and can request the Governor and the State Legislature to order the extermination of all cougars statewide - so that cougars from elsewhere in the state do not migrate to Boulder County. The PBH HOA Board can urge the County to kill cougars on County land and the State to kill cougars statewide.

Without great pressure from the public, this is very unlikely to happen. That's where you come in. Apply that pressure, forcefully. Lives are at stake. If you do nothing or you support #1 or #2, then you will be complicit in the maulings and killings to come. Point that out, as I have, to the PBH HOA Board and to the Boulder County Commissioners. Point out, as I have, that not acting urgently to eradicate the threat would be shirking their essential duty to protect the community.

## **SECOND VIEWPOINT: Learn to coexist.....**

### **COEXISTING WITH MOUNTAIN LIONS IN PINE BROOK HILLS**

By Deborah Menagh

Recall your first visit to Pine Brook Hills -- wild and so beautiful that all of us chose to live here. We are privileged; our homes reside in a vibrant ecosystem with stunning biodiversity. However, the same attributes we cherish, the steep topography, rocky cliffs and abundant wildlife also makes PBH an ideal habitat for mountain lions.

Recent losses of pets to mountain lions stirred fear and alarm in some residents. After all, the mountain lion is a powerful predator who stalks and ambushes prey. We know they can overpower us. Should we encounter a lion we are vulnerable and dangerously out of our element. But how much danger of an attack is there? And, of prime importance, how might we alter our behavior and what can each PBH household do to mitigate risk of a mountain lion encounter?

#### **What's the risk?**

Mountain lions are sublime predators that we absolutely must take seriously. Risk is real and arguably higher in PBH than many locations, but risk is difficult to quantify and attacks on people remain a rare occurrence--so here's some perspective. Since 1890 we've had two confirmed human deaths from mountain lion attacks in Colorado and 17 nationwide in the same

time period. Compare this to other risks we face and accept everyday. Paul Beier, a noted mountain lion expert in the Dept. of Forestry and Resource Management at the University of California, Berkeley, states:

"Each year in the U.S. there are about 12 human deaths resulting from over 5,000 bites by rattlesnakes, 40 deaths due to bee stings, and 3 deaths due to bites of black widow spiders. Dogs annually kill 18-20 people and inflict suture-requiring injuries on 200,000 U.S. residents. In a single recent year there were 86 U.S. deaths due to lightning strikes. Thus cougar attacks are much rarer than other hazards from animals or nature."

#### **Why not eliminate any threat from the mountain lion?**

Intentionally eliminating a species has been tried, but we've learned that annihilation of predator populations creates other issues: predators perform a vital role in the ecosystem by moderating other wildlife populations, primarily deer and other small mammals in the case of mountain lions. If this argument doesn't work for you, consider hunting activity and the people whose livelihood is dependent on it. Mountain lions are a game animal in Colorado with established hunting seasons; the Division of Wildlife's (DOW) 2006 hunting quota was 550. I suspect neither big game hunters nor outfitters, houndsmen or trackers would support annihilation.

#### **Do we have protection? Who's in charge and what are they doing?**

DOW has responsibility for wildlife management throughout Colorado. Wildlife officers are assigned territories and when incidents occur they, along with their management, decide appropriate action. If a lion is considered a threat to public safety they will put the lion down as they did in Boulder in April 2006 and May 2007. A DOW study is underway to gain better understanding of mountain lion behavior and Boulder County will participate in this.

#### **Mountain lions will continue to live in Colorado. How do we coexist?**

We made the choice to live in PBH and we have a responsibility to our families and neighbors to live 'lion smart' in this habitat to minimize risk of a mountain lion encounter. Our aim is to keep mountain lions wild so they retain their elusive nature and not 'urbanize' them or encourage behavior that will result in less fear of humans.

What you can do to avoid an encounter with a mountain lion.

- When outdoors be aware of your surroundings and avoid activity outside from dusk to dawn. Supervise children outdoors, hold their hands while on walks and keep them between adults on trails. Make noise and carry a deterrent like a walking stick or pepper spray.
- Do not allow pets to run freely. Dogs and cats fit the mountain lion preferred prey profile: four-legged furry mammals. Roaming pets are a lion attractant and will lure lions to your property. When pets are outdoors keep them in a covered, secure pet enclosure as lions can jump 15 feet vertically and 40 feet horizontally. Allowing pets outdoors from dusk to dawn outside of a proper enclosure is dangerous with high likelihood of an eventual lion encounter.
- Do not feed any wild animals. Attracting prey (like deer) to your home will increase risk of a mountain lion visit to your property.
- Install outdoor automatic lighting systems in regularly traveled areas.
- Remove hiding places like dense vegetation or large rocks that lions can hide behind.
- If you encounter a mountain lion do not run or turn your back. Do all you can to appear larger, and if attacked FIGHT BACK with rocks, sticks or anything you can.

Be proactive, implement these basic 'lion smart' tactics and decrease the risk of a mountain lion encounter for your family and your neighbors. With care we can coexist with the majestic mountain lion.



The PB Press welcomes articles, letters, photos and comments from Pine Brook residents. Submissions may be made to [pinebrookpress@aol.com](mailto:pinebrookpress@aol.com). Deadlines are September 15, January 15, April 15 and June 15.



**Boulder Mountain Fire PD**  
**Mitigation Services**  
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## Frances Jill Gibbs

(February 27, 1937-May 11, 2007)

*By Bob Evans, Shaun Stanberry and Erin Hooper Haas*

On May 11, 2007 our community lost another resident to breast cancer. Frances Jill Gibbs fought breast cancer and its complications on and off for over 13 years. Throughout her long fight, she remained active in the community and involved in life, to the extent that the disease and its treatments would permit.

Jill was born in Los Angeles on February 27, 1937. She grew up in California and attended Redlands College. In 1960 Jill married Craig Hooper. A year later they moved to Kenya, where Jill taught high school in the town of Kericho. Jill delighted in telling her children and grandchildren about how she and Craig hitchhiked from Tangier, Morocco, to Cairo, Egypt, on their way to Kenya, and how, later, she and Craig hitchhiked from Kenya to South Africa and back when she was three months pregnant.

In June of 1962, Jill's daughter Shaun was born in Nakuru, Kenya. When Shaun was six weeks old the young family returned to California. Jill's second daughter, Erin, was born in October of 1964. Shortly thereafter the family returned to Kisumu, Kenya, on the shores of Lake Victoria, where Jill taught school and started a local newspaper called The Kisumu Advertiser.

After two years in Kisumu, the family moved to Texas, where Craig worked for NASA and Jill worked at raising her daughters and teaching Montessori School. Five years later they relocated to Boulder where they owned and managed several college rentals on The Hill in Boulder. In 1974, the family built a home at 994 Timber Lane, where Jill lived until her death.

Jill and Craig were divorced in 1981, after which Jill met Bob Evans. They lived together for the rest of Jill's life. During their time together they traveled to Africa, Australia, New Guinea, Indonesia, Malaysia, and many places in between.

Jill had a strong sense of responsibility toward family, friends and community. She was an outspoken Democrat who voted in every major election. She served on the board of Boulder County Safe House and volunteered at the local women's center. In addition, Jill organized a group of friends who walked each year in support of the Safe House. The group turned out annually for at least nine years, until Jill was no longer able to complete the walk. Some of Jill's other interests included reading, pottery, quilting, hiking, and being out-of-doors. Jill was proud of her family. She loved her grandchildren, and wanted desperately to see them grow up (she almost made it). This desire sustained her through many dark days when the cancer treatment made her life almost unbearable.

Jill is survived by her husband, Bob Evans; her sister Janet Aldrich, of Sonora, CA; her daughter Shaun Stanberry, of Evergreen, CO; her daughter Erin Hooper Haas, of Portsmouth, NH; her grandson Dylan Cisneros and granddaughter Cassidy Cisneros, both of Evergreen, CO; and Nyita Hooper Haas, of Portsmouth, NH. She is sorely missed by all of us.



**PINE BROOK KIDS' PAGE**

By Ayla Besemer, Age 11

Happy summer!

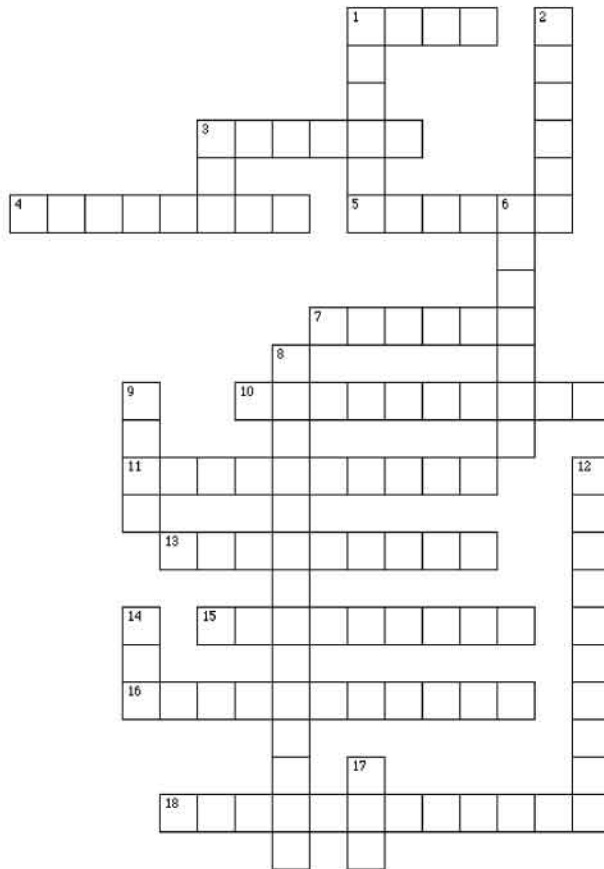
First, I would like to thank everyone who came to the May Day party. There was lots of energy and conversation as we made daisy wreaths for our hair and May Day baskets full of flowers to surprise our neighbors (see picture on page 15).

For something different, I tried making a crossword puzzle full of Pine Brook Hills facts and information. I'm no expert at making these puzzles (in fact, it's my first one), but I hope you have fun and maybe learn a few things about our special neighborhood. It could be a fun activity to do with your family on one of our beautiful long summer evenings. If you have fun doing it, you could even try and make one of your own at [www.puzzle-maker.com/CW](http://www.puzzle-maker.com/CW).

Another fun summer idea is to start an animal log (or blog) and keep track of all the animals you see this summer. You can track the type of animal, day and time you see them, and any special markings (so you can tell if you see the same animal over and over again). One of the great things about our neighborhood is all of our animal friends.

Please remember, I would love to publish any stories or poems you have about living and being a kid in Pine Brook Hills. Send them to me at [ayla@besemer.com](mailto:ayla@besemer.com) or Ayla Besemer, 1431 Timber Lane, Boulder 80304. Have a great summer!

**Pine Brook Hills Crossword Puzzle**



**ACROSS**

- 1 Doe a \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 A feline with a short tail
- 4 A native Colorado grass
- 5 "Spurn the \_\_\_\_\_"
- 7 The main road leading into Pine Brook Hills
- 10 A burrowing tree bug
- 11 The longest road located solely in Pine Brook Hills
- 13 Our neighborhood is covered with these
- 15 Largest mammal prowling Pine Brook Hills
- 16 A Thanksgiving visitor (animal)
- 18 A nocturnal, prowling cat

**DOWN**

- 1 Our new dam is named after which family in Pine Brook Hills
- 2 Large bird that is black, white and a hint of blue
- 3 A flying mammal
- 6 Our neighborhood is built on what type of rock
- 8 Community volunteers that help protect us
- 9 Fox babies are called
- 12 It's important we all do this work in our yards
- 14 The name of one of our mountains in Pine Brook Hills
- 17 Pine trees produce this (especially when you trim the branches)

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**WHO'S WHO AND WHAT ARE THEY DOING?**

**Pine Brook Scat, or the Straight Poop  
(OOPS!) Scoop**

Pine Brooker Cindy Lindsay is Chair of BoldeReach. Their October 6th, 2007, gala, "Around the World with BolderReach," will benefit two microcredit programs: Friendship Bridge and The International Alliance for Women's Microenterprise Development Program. Both programs seek to alleviate poverty and empower women by providing small loans, scholarships and technical advice. For more information go to [www.boldereach.org](http://www.boldereach.org).

When you see gray squirrels in PBH (in addition to our black ones) credit Herb Wiedemann. These Town Squirrels are imports from Denver. When he learned that a squirrel-hating acquaintance in Denver was catching and drowning squirrels, Herb made repeated trips to the Big City, rescuing and ferrying the trapped squirrels up to Pine Brook for a life of freedom in the fresh mountain air.

Have you seen a mountain lion this summer? Bobbie Thompson may hold the record. She was decidedly disconcerted to see TWO mountain lions on her deck one morning at about 7:45. "They came up on the deck like it's no big deal," she reported. Not for THEM, maybe!

(The Press includes the next item over the objections of its editor. Layout editors control the page!!!!)

Our very own Suzanne Adams inspired a movie star! The following text is from an ad that TEACHERS COUNT will run in national publications, along with the photo: Virginia Madsen's high school theater teacher, Suzanne Adams, has always been a free spirit. She studied in Switzerland.

Acted in Chicago. Helped found a performing arts school in Uganda. And directed Virginia to higher planes. "She gave me the courage to be me—and all of the me's inside me." Behind every famous person is a fabulous teacher.



Jim Eyster had the second of his two recent hip replacements on April 13. This procedure was much easier than the earlier one in January. He is back playing golf and running around (climbing down into the Cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde last week). These are his fourth and fifth hip replacements. We hope he can go a few decades before six and seven!

Jesse and Weesa Parker have moved out of PBH but not too far: Niwot, where they are renovating an old farm house. Weesa has made so many people aware of Lyme disease in our area and helped them cope. Long term residents John and Susan Landwehr have also moved on: to Arizona.

**IN THE NEWS.....**

**Father of 'Billings Method' dies  
April 3, 2007**

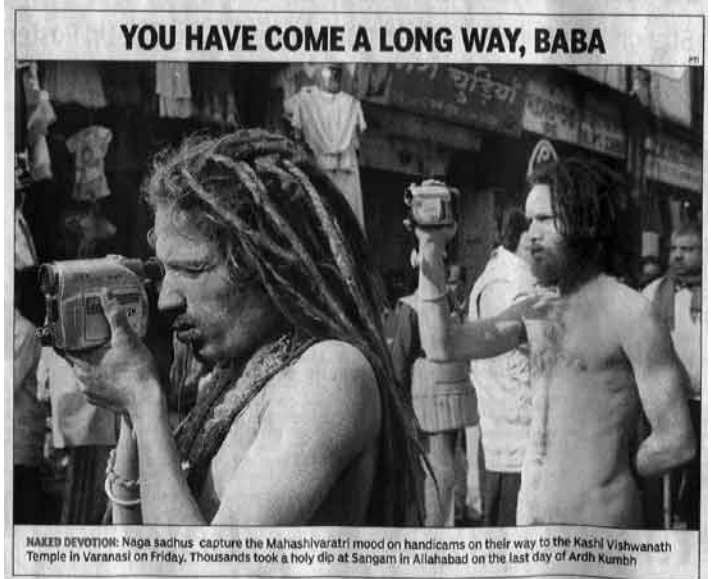
The founder of one of the world's best known natural contraception systems, Dr John Billings, has died in a Melbourne retirement home after a short illness.....He is survived by his wife Evelyn, eight of his nine children and a growing family of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

From The Age (Australia)

**THE WORLD...TIS CHANGING**

The photo below is from the front page of The Times of India, February 17, 2006. The caption reads: NAKED DEVOTION. Naga sadhus [holy men] capture the Mahashivarati [a major Hindu festival] mood on handicams.....

Wonder where they store their electronic equipment? WATCH OUT SUZANNE, HE'S GOT YOU IN THE CROSS-HAIRS....



**YOU HAVE COME A LONG WAY, BABA**

NAKED DEVOTION: Naga sadhus capture the Mahashivarati mood on handicams on their way to the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi on Friday. Thousands took a holy dip at Sangam in Allahabad on the last day of Ardh Kumbh



May Day Celebrants: From left to right (front row): Benjamin, Nicholas, Micah, Kendall, Amber. Back row: Alec and Ayla. (See page 9).

### Garage Sale 2007 Sets A Record

By Babette Markey

Our Garage Sale returned with gusto! After a year without a BMFPD garage sale, this year's gross income from the sale was \$14,341, which beat the total from the 2005 sale by about \$2200 and hit an all-time record high by about \$70!



Can I fill it with toys?

We did have to dodge a few raindrops, both during the final set-up days and during the sale. But our "anti-rain dances" seemed to work, and the threatening skies always cleared.

Once again great donations, including a lot of furniture and several vehicles, helped push the sales total up. A special shout-out to John and Sue Landwehr, former PBH residents. When they moved to Arizona, they left several rooms of furniture in their PBH house, and they

decided to donate that furniture to our sale.

One new feature that Jim Eyster came up with - offering to deliver furniture purchases for an additional \$25 donation - netted us some additional dollars and one scary moment for Tom Byram and Art Markey ..... when they realized that the young ladies who had purchased a bulky sofa and chair set lived on the third floor up two flights on a rather narrow staircase! They were saved by the fact that the ladies

had recruited some strong young men to take it up those stairs. Next year we will be clear: delivery is to street level only. And next year maybe Jim will be the one providing the delivery service (for those of you who weren't aware - Jim was on crutches when he came up with this idea!). Just pulling your leg, Jim, it really was a great idea.

And now let's talk about next year. The garage sale has grown so much over the last 10 years that it now has exceeded our ability to run it. To keep it going, we need to gather a team of people each of whom is willing and able to take over responsibility for a piece of the sale. What those pieces are isn't defined yet, but examples might be: scheduling all the volunteers, handling publicity, being in charge of a drop-off weekend, being in charge of clean-up, handling those deliveries, etc. We have some folks who have taken on pieces already and to them we say THANK YOU. There are still lots of opportunities to carve out a piece of the action that interests you!



Art and Babette Markey.

Remember, the money raised by all previous garage sales has purchased things like the Jaws of Life system, wildland fire helmets, and a heat-sensing camera for the Fire Department's use in protecting us (and them). So if you want to see the sale continue to be a big fund raiser for BMFPD, please step up and help to keep it going. Call the Markeys at 303-440-6132 and let us know of your interest. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!



On May 6 Pine Brookers unveiled the plaque naming the dam in honor of the de Haas family's contributions to PBH. Several community members expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the task that Bob de Haas had undertaken and accomplished so well.



One of the kits that has been crossing lower Linden, with Mama.

*Photo by Leo Dirks*

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