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BABY BOOM BUMPS UP BOULDER POPULATION

By Tanya Collings



Heritage Festival Babes. From left to right: Violet Jane Trombley (born 6/10/14), Magnolia Grace Apperson (born 6/25/14), and Samantha Rain Kirby Hitt (born 6/10/14).
Photo credit: Dan Hitt

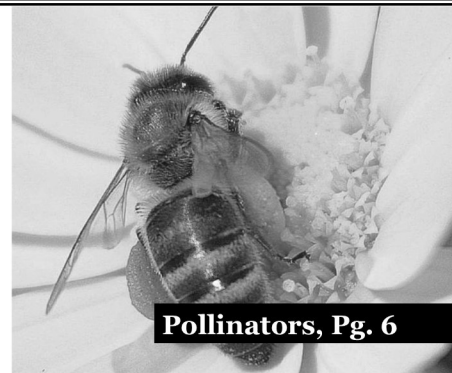
In an explosion comparable to the post World War II Baby Boom, Boulder is rapidly being invaded by onesie wearing little ones. Violet was delivered in Josh and Jill's greenhouse with the assistance of friends at the Heritage Festival for a photo shoot.

Stephanie Love and midwife Jules Johnstun. Only 30 minutes earlier, Dan Hitt and Angela Kirby welcomed Samantha Rain into their family. And this was only in June. Magnolia Grace, daughter of Haylee This year Gloria Holladay was blessed enough to be born right here in town, and Garin, arrived two

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Compiled by Peg Smith

Brian Dick, who’s been a big bicycle racing fan his whole life got to live his dream this year when he was selected to be a Course Marshall for the Tour of Utah professional bike race. He reports, “In addition to being close to some exciting racing, I was able to travel to some parts of Utah I had never seen before, and work with a great race staff. My job as a Course Marshal entailed working with a group of people each day to control a portion of the race course for safety of the riders and crowds. It was such a great experience I have already put my name on the list to work next year.” (In the photo Brian is stationed in Cedar City flagging the corner where the racers zoomed down from Cedar Canyon (at over 60mph!).

Raymond Shurtz’s “Social Distortion”--- playwriting/directing/acting production of 12 five-minute plays is underway. Deadline for submission of plays is Aug 30. Casting will begin Sept 6. Rehearsals will continue throughout September, and the performances will take place at Red House Farm Oct 2,3.and 4. Anyone and eve-



ryone is welcome to play a part (so to speak) in this creative endeavor.

Pete and Cookie Schaus took a six-week trip of a lifetime to Namibia this summer. Visiting places with names like Okavango and Etosha Pan... seeing a black rhino 30 feet away,...kudu, impala, springbok, and of course, lions...Pete just says, “Everyone should save up.... That trip was a revelation.”

John and Martha Veranth celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this summer with a three-week trip to Nova Scotia by way of Martha’s hometown in Connecticut. Happy Anniversary guys! Speaking of which, Sergio and I are celebrating our 20th (!!!) anniversary in August, but don’t tell him I let the word out.



Geogine Blazer and Colter Hoyt visited friends in California, with Colter serving as minister in a wedding ceremony, dressed as the Mad Hatter, for a young couple he introduced...Also spent time with friends, like Jay Leno. (There’s certainly another part of this story.)

Of course, school is underway, with **Elizabeth Julian** newly hired as the head teacher. Elizabeth would like to “thank all the folks that helped prepare the school. It was a pretty amazing group of folks that put in lots and lots of hours getting the school and resources ready for the year in one week,” she said.



A True Story

Amy O. Woodbury

You tip the ashes onto the pool's surface.
They are tendrils of smoke.
They are the Milkyway submerged.
They are white gems, nestling in the sandy bottom,
Throwing their brightness up at you.
The canyon swallow scoops and sips on the wing,
Messenger of eternity.
Neon dragonfly buzzes a zigzag,
Alighting on the slickrock garden.

June 6, 2012
Upper Calf Creek Falls, Boulder, Utah

ACCEPTING
SUBMISSIONS

Sage Page continues to accept original poetry, photographs, and feature submissions. Please contact Peg Smith: peg@bouldercommunityalliance.org.

DEFINING
COMMUNITY

People strolling by the BCA booth at the Heritage Festival were asked to add their comments to the question, “What does ‘community’ mean to you?” Here are their comments:

- ~ Community is a group of people who recognize and honor their common interests and who care enough about the good of the whole to respectfully address anything else.
- ~ A community is like an extended family that may or may not be blood related.
- ~ Community comes from commune which is a group that shares.
- ~ Community is engagement.
- ~ Community is when someone brings you cookies.
- ~ People connected by place, shared experience, and values.
- ~ Community involves a bonding of human lives, relationship skills, support, friendships, art, and other creative endeavors for individual and collective well-being, growth, and happiness.
- ~ Community is what you make it!
- ~ Community is where you live with a bunch of other people.
- ~ Extended family, social capital, spiritual context.

BEAVER QUIZ ANSWERS From Pg. 5



- 1) **c. kits**
Baby beavers are called kits and groups of beavers are referred to as colonies.
- 2) **a. trees & grasses**
Beavers are herbivores and feast mainly on cottonwoods, willows, aspens, grasses, clovers, and even water lily roots.
- 3) **Yes**
Beavers typically mate for life. However, they will take on a new mate if the first one dies.
- 4) **b. up to 30 years**
In the wild, beavers usually live for about 10 years, but they have been known to live for 20-30 in captivity.
- 5) **b. the teeth**
The beaver’s signature incisors never stop growing, allowing them to be continuously worked down by tree chewing.



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THE UNDENIABLE IMPORTANCE OF POLLINATORS

By Tanya Collings

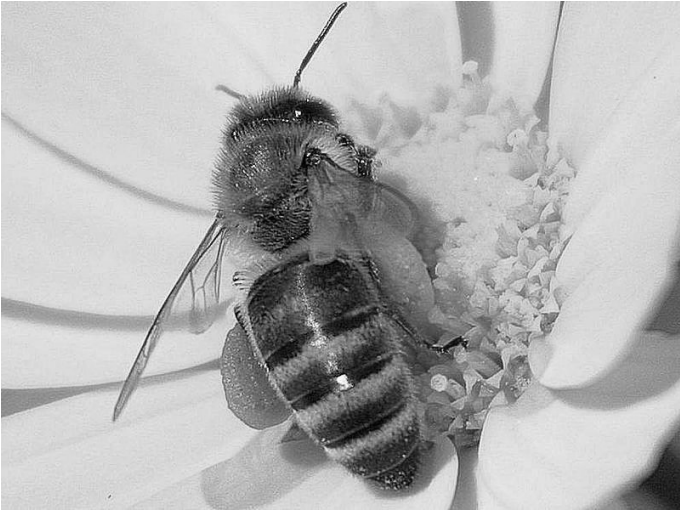
On June 17, Boulder Community Alliance (BCA) sponsored the informational forum “Attracting Pollinators with Plants for Food and Habitat Health” presented by NRCS Biologist, Casey Burns. Boulder Town was well represented with thirty individuals in attendance. The presentation provided Boulder residents with some helpful tips on how to attract native pollinators to our gardens, farms, and ranches.

Casey explained that 1 in every 3 mouthfuls of the food and drink we consume requires pollination. And this is only a conservative estimate. If we factor in the entire food chain, even more of our food requires pollination prior to reaching our bellies. For example, milk often comes from cows who were fed alfalfa, which requires pollination.

70% of flowering plants require an insect to move this pollen. Casey illustrated that in China, due to the massive absence of pollinators, human apple farm workers use cigarette filters to move pollen from one flower to the next, a process that is economically impossible here in America. Why pay *Homo sapiens* to do the work that pollinators—such as butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, wasps, bats, and, most importantly, bees—are naturally evolved to accomplish?

Attracting native pollinators—specifically diverse, native bees—leads to an increase in farm production and efficiency and the development of higher quality food products.

Casey will be visiting again this fall to conduct personalized pollinator assessments on private land. Exact dates and times will be posted on Pegboard once they are determined. More detailed notes, contact information, and free informative literature are available on our website at www.bouldercommunityalliance.org.



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FED BY WILD NATURE WORKSHOP

September 12-14, 2014
Hosted at Boulder Mountain Guest Ranch

Join us for an opportunity to re-connect with your Self, health and well-being in a weekend long workshop. This experiential workshop will be led by Constance Lynn who will be guiding and teaching what constitutes a healthy holistic lifestyle. The weekend will include a confluence of intertwined topics such as: organic, whole foods diet and nutrition; medicinal plants and remedies; yoga; and nature awareness walks, while deepening into our relationships with Self, each other, and our more-than-human community.

The workshop also includes:
Six healthy organic meals customized for the participant
Producing your own medicinal salves and tinctures
Foraging for wild edibles

Cost: \$185
Discounts rate for local Boulderites
Limited space available

For more information or to register please call 435-335-7480 or write brandie@bouldermountainguestranch.com.

Constance Lynn has been active in the organic food movement since the 80’s working in natural food coops, organic farms, community gardens, CSA’s and local food organizations. She is a certified instructor of Interdisciplinary yoga, practitioner of Therapeutic yoga and her personal yoga practice spans 23 years.

Constance offers Holistic Health consultations and creates natural remedies with plant medicines grown in her garden or ethically wild crafted from the desert and mountain. Her passion is to empower people with the awareness and tools to heal, and to live in alignment with all of nature.



Instructor Constance Lynn.

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with two new grandchildren, Chloe and Marcel.

Rylan, with his impressive head of dark hair, was born to Ron and Jessica LeFevre in March.

Shadow Tippetts and Shannon Spence are expecting a baby at any moment—an event that may have occurred between the publication and delivery of this newsletter.

These are only the babies I’ve met personally. I know that even more have sprung up during this bountiful year, and, according to the ever-efficient rumor mill, there are several more bambinos baking in the oven as I write.

Many have speculated on the supposed origin of this baby boom,

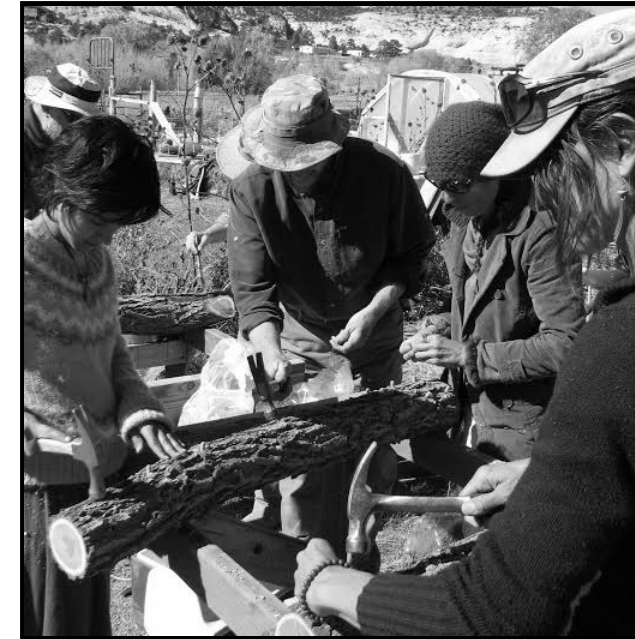
attributing it to our world-class drinking water, quality produce, and the over consumption of watermelon seeds.

However, the most legitimate theory is that a remarkably cute child was introduced into the Boulder population, leading to a dramatic increase in fertility.

WANTED



“The” Leona
Supposed Origin
of the Boulder Baby Boom



THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 8, 2014
Red House Farm

~ Children’s Activities
~ Workshops—including Crockett Dumas on “The Art of Making Hay”
~ The Harvest Potluck

The community is invited to participate!

Presented by The Boulder Heritage Foundation

THE RUSSIAN OLIVE OUTCOME, A LAND OWNER DECISION

By Tanya Collings

FIRST IN LINE

Boulder is the first town in the Southwest to attempt the complete management of Russian olive on private lands. In fact, Boulder Community Alliance (BCA), in cooperation with local landowners, has successfully removed this invasive tree from all private properties in Boulder, with the exception of specific trees that landowners wished to keep for practical or decorative purposes.

BCA works purely to support the *land owner's desired outcome*. "It's what the land owner wants," explained Steve Cox, "and the long-term outcome is based on [their] desire and commitment." Since 2011, Steve has worked with local landowners to manage the removal of this invasive tree on private property throughout Boulder town.

From 2010 through 2014, BCA has received funding from the Walton Family Foundation as part of their Freshwater Initiative. The majority of the cutting was completed in 2010-2011, and BCA has been re-treating and monitoring from since then to the present.

This is the last year BCA will receive money for re-treatment. Throughout 2014, Steve will continue to help with this transition by providing land owners with personalized demonstrations and instructions on how to keep Russian olive regrowth in check. Land owners will be completely responsible for maintaining this valuable investment beginning in 2015.

AN ACHIEVABLE GOAL

When discussing Russian olive removal with various individuals, BCA is often asked the same question: "Why fight a losing battle?" Understandably, there are many people who feel that the removal of Russian olive is an impossible task. So is this a hopeless battle? Absolutely not. In Boulder the battle has already been won.

It is important to remember that we are not fighting against a cruel enemy; we are seeking to *manage* a problematic invasive. Steve explained that, "We want to keep Russian olives at a level where we can coexist with them." We are never going to eliminate every tree, but if land owners consistently manage and re-treat, we can prevent them for taking over the ditches once again, Steve said.

Although the battle is over, we have yet to win the war. The actual removal of the trees—the expensive bulk of the work—has already been completed. True and lasting success will result only through continued upkeep. By simply exterminating Russian olive sprouts as they appear, land owners can prevent regrowth with relative ease.

THE OUTCOME

"Russian olive removal in Boulder is already done," Steve pointed out. "Now it's just about educating landowners and turning it over to them. But ultimately it's [their] land."

"It's been a massive effort, both in coordination and in literally hundreds of thousands of dollars over the past several years," said Peg Smith, BCA Exec. Director. "But it's all effort and money that's been redirected back into the community. We're leaving Boulder landowners with an out-of-control situation made manageable. It's up to individuals now to determine the outcome."



Not exactly an olive branch of peace.
Russian olive decreases the value of property, displaces native vegetation, decreases wildlife diversity, and forms

Steve Cox personally visited every parcel treated since 2010 to document specific data on the efficacy of the treatment.

His rapid assessments informed personalized letters to landowners that were delivered in July of 2014.

If, for any reason, you did not receive your letter, please contact Steve Cox at scox7550@gmail.com.

A family-friendly festival in celebration of Southern Utah's most useful mammal



LEAVE IT TO BEAVERS!

WHEN
September 13
12:00 PM — 8:00 PM

WHERE
Boulder, UT
Anasazi State Park
and the
Boulder Community Center

FEATURING

Live Music • Water Science
Activities • Movies • Crafts •
Puppet Shows • Educational
Booths • Food • Special
Guest Speakers • & More!

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+ Community Volunteers

WHY BEAVERS?
Peg Smith, Festival Coordinator

It's all about the water! If we leave it to the beavers, they'll improve riparian areas, build in long-term sustainability to our ground water systems, help maintain water table levels for lush, grazable pasture areas and meadows, catch silt and sediment that otherwise rushes downstream to clog irrigation ponds and conveyances.

stone species in their native habitats.

We'll have plenty of live music, yummy food, puppet making and shows, children's creative dam-building exercises, and lots of real world experience by people who've handled, live-trapped, and been amazed by beavers.

BEAVER QUIZ

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- 1) What are beaver babies called?
a. beaverlings
b. squabs
c. kits

- 2) What do beavers eat?
a. trees & grasses
b. small plants & insects
c. fish
- 3) Do beavers mate for life?
Yes/No
- 4) How long can beavers live?
a. up to 9 years
b. up to 30 years
c. up to 80 years
- 5) What part of a beaver never stops growing?
a. the tail
b. the teeth
c. the fur

