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BY **THOMAS GARMONG**  
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## BEHIND EVERY SUMMERTIME MEMORY IS A COMMUNITY TO SHARE IT WITH

**S**pring was a season of celebration as we hosted several grand opening events in the community. The Retreat opened up the new Bocce Ball Courts and league sign-up is underway. Two new Oakwood Homes communities celebrated grand openings in May for future residents: Carriage House and Park House. Carriage House balances the beloved tradition of the Oakwood Homes quality mixed with the new urban and updated feel with features like roof top decks, front balconies, and decks. Park House welcomes new neighbors to experience great outdoor amenities within walking distance of their front door: six pickleball courts, dog park, children's aquatic park, and access to 75+ acres of BLR parks, trails and open space.

Thank you to community members from The Retreat and Cub Scout Pack 228 celebrating Earth Day with acts of service and helping keep our neighborhood clean and beautiful!



Speaking of openings, we are thrilled to announce The Ranch House COVID-19 social distancing and capacity restrictions have been lifted and The Ranch House is now open for facility rentals, clubs and socializing during staff hours. The Ranch House will be open from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm throughout the summer. Keep an eye out for many exciting events and activities scheduled for the summer, courtesy of the YMCA and Banning Lewis Ranch Community Foundation. And finally: life is happening at Banning Lewis Ranch with a full schedule of FREE summer concerts, farmers markets, and family fun at



## BEFORE WE LET LOOSE FOR THE SUMMER

Before we let loose for the summer, we must pause and take a moment to thank the amazing teachers, staff, and students at all three schools in the Banning Lewis Ranch community: Banning Lewis Ranch Academy, Banning Lewis Preparatory Academy, and Inspiration View Elementary School. This has

been a very challenging school year requiring a lot of innovation and community support. We thank and congratulate you! Also, a very special shout-out to the first graduating class of Banning Lewis Academy seniors! We wish you well in your future endeavors and hope you always feel at home in Banning Lewis Ranch.



Vista Park every other Thursday night June 3-August 12. We invite you to grab your lawn chairs and join us in welcoming back the concert series and kicking off summer. We are so glad our community can gather safely in the open space of Vista Park and still enjoy events that foster and build the community. Thank you for steadfast support of one another in the community over the last 18 months – this is truly a unique and wonderful community. 🙌



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## CELEBRATE SUMMER!

There are myriad ways to have fun on a budget

BY LINDA DUVAL

**T**he Pikes Peak region is a vacation destination for people from all over the country, so why shouldn't locals take advantage of what it has to offer? There are lots of free and inexpensive ways to entertain your family (and visitors) - often places where visitors don't go.

Parks are an obvious choice. You've checked out the playgrounds in your area, no doubt. But have you checked out the spraygrounds?

Any kid who has ever ran through a water sprinkler will delight in these watery venues. Spraygrounds and fountains are free, by the way. They're located at the Deerfield Hills Park, Julie Penrose Fountain at America the Beautiful Park on the south end of downtown, the Uncle Wilber Fountain in Acacia Park in the heart of downtown, and the Water Hole at Venezia Park. They're open all summer.

The newly renovated Beach House at Prospect Lake will reopen this summer. Boat rentals and other fun water toys will be available. Plans are

for the Prospect Lake swim beach to be open this summer, too.

Rock Ledge Ranch, near Garden of the Gods, will host a variety of fun family events all summer. They include the Beards, Bonnets and Brews Fest on June 12. Admission is free. Food and drink will be available for purchase. It's part of the city's 150th birthday celebration. Ticket are free but you must have a reservation in advance to attend. Visit [coloradosprings.gov/beardsbonnetsbrews](http://coloradosprings.gov/beardsbonnetsbrews).

And speaking of Garden of the Gods, there are always fun things going on there for kids and families. Check out the happenings at [gardenofgods.com](http://gardenofgods.com). Most events start at the Visitors Center.

For hours and details on other city-sponsored events, visit [coloradosprings.gov](http://coloradosprings.gov) and navigate to the desired spot (events, parks, etc.).

The Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum hosts its share of fun, too. It offers the Little Learners program for preschoolers on June 16, History Detectives

for upper elementary students on June 26, and its week-long Museum Discovery program for middle-schoolers on June 7-11 and June 21-25. Family Fun Days, with crafts and activities for all, are on tap June 11 and 25. Plans are for events to be in-person. All events are free but all require pre-registration. Visit [cspm.org](http://cspm.org) to do so.

And don't forget the library. When it's too hot outside, or we get one of those unexpected thunderstorms, head indoors for fun tailored for youngsters and their parents.

For one thing, kids and teens can participate in the Summer Adventure program. Presented along with Children's Hospital Colorado, the program helps kids and teens stay engaged and active over the summer months, despite ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. All ages up to 18 can participate and win prizes for reading, moving, and imagining. Either participate in one of the virtual programs or use one of the activity guides.

For details, visit [ppld.org/summer-adventure](http://ppld.org/summer-adventure). For regular weekly events, such as Storytime, consult the library district calendar at [PPLD.org](http://PPLD.org).

### Special Events

**The Pikes Peak Soap Box Derby** was canceled last year, but there are plans to get back on the road this summer. The annual race will be on June 13. The first race starts at 8 a.m. in downtown Colorado Springs on Costilla St. between Wahsatch and El Paso. For details, visit [soapboxderby.org/pikes-peak.aspx](http://soapboxderby.org/pikes-peak.aspx).


**The Colorado Springs Western Street Breakfast** is one of Colorado Springs' oldest celebrations, rooted in its western heritage. Get a hot breakfast

served by Army and Air Force volunteers. Folks sit on straw bales and enjoy entertainment from bands and dancers. The event is an annual fundraiser that supports local military and their families.

This year's event is on June 16 in downtown Colorado Springs on Tejon Street. Breakfast will be served from 5:30 to 9 a.m. If your kids love horses, arrive in time to see the Pikes Peak Range Riders ride out of town on horseback at 8 a.m. There will be a Kids Corral with fun activities for children. And there will be the 72nd annual Lil' Cowboys and Cowgirls Round-Up costume contest (details to enter on the website below).

Other entertainment will include a trick roper, a gunslinger, and Sweetwater Native American dancers. There also will be music by the famous Flying W Wranglers. Cost is \$5 (includes pancakes, eggs, coffee, juice, and milk); children five and younger eat free. For more information, visit [cswesternstreetbreakfast.com/breakfast](http://cswesternstreetbreakfast.com/breakfast).

**A Sesquicentennial Celebration** on July 31 commemorates the founding of the city of Colorado Springs. A parade will kick off a full day of events, starting down Tejon Street at 11 a.m. The festival follows from noon to 7 p.m. on Vermijo Street; and the Olympic After Party will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. in front of the new US Olympic & Paralympic Museum. For more information or related events, visit [coloradosprings.gov/cos-150](http://coloradosprings.gov/cos-150)

The annual Labor Day Lift-Off wraps up summer's festivities. It happens Sept. 4-6 at Memorial Park just east of downtown. Balloon lift-off will be from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each day, and balloon glows are planned for the evenings when weather permits. For a full updated schedule of activities, visit [coloradospringslabordayliftoff.com](http://coloradospringslabordayliftoff.com). Admission is free. 

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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!

**The Orrs: Daniel, Heather, Hayden, Addison, Nathanael, and Madelyn**



### How are you involved in the community?

My husband is in the Air Force and that keeps us pretty involved in the military community. I am a therapist at an Addiction Treatment Facility in Monument and I am really involved in the therapy and addiction community. I have had the opportunity to work with youth within the foster care system, group homes, and those with active DHS cases. We assist our church congregation in finding opportunities to serve at food banks and visiting with those in need. Our two oldest children attend Liberty High School and our youngest is at Timberview Middle School which usually takes up the rest of our time.

### Do you have any pets?

Wicket is our fierce guard dog, all 5-lbs of cute Yorkshire Terrier. Our oldest son has an Axolotl and takes care of him on his own. Our youngest daughter has a hamster. We also have a 75-gallon aquarium in our kitchen.

### What are your favorite summer traditions?

We love traveling and have really missed being able to have family vacation and visiting family. We enjoy being outside, swimming, hiking, cooking, playing games, watching movies, and working on home improvements. We are looking forward to the summer months and continuing to spend time together and with family and friends. 🍷

### What street do you live on?

Maple Stone Lane

### Who built your home?

Richmond-American

### How long have you lived in Banning Lewis Ranch?

10 years this year!

### Why did you choose to live in BLR and what do you enjoy most about the community?

Banning Lewis is safe, family-focused, has fun parks, pools, and various activities all yearlong. We have loved the various opportunities right within our neighborhood to enjoy time together as a family and as a community.

### Favorite activities/hobbies?

We love to eat and we enjoy trying new restaurants and recipes! I'm sure that our neighbors smell our grill all summer. We also enjoy spending time outside hiking, camping, and exploring new places.

### Favorite neighborhood restaurants?

Happy Korean BBQ, Umi Sushi, Arharn Thai, Ted's Montana Grill, and of course MOD!

### Favorite Sports?

I enjoy watching gymnastics and cannot wait for the Summer Olympics! Our boys are avid rock climbers. Our oldest is in college so we enjoy watching lots of college sports.

### Favorite Sports Teams?

OH-IO! Buckeyes all the way! Our daughter is at the University of Utah so we enjoy watching their various sports teams, especially gymnastics and football. I graduated from the University of Southern California, and will always be a Trojan. It is really fun when USC plays the University of Utah and there is a rivalry in the house.

### Favorite family dinner menus?

My husband is Hispanic and nothing can beat his three-color plate! I am grateful that his Auntie taught me how to make the best guacamole. After living in Asia for several years for military assignments, we also enjoy making various Asian dishes from Korea, Japan, and Thailand.







# SUMMER VACATION IS HERE!

**W**e are excited to finish our second year at Inspiration View Elementary School (IVES) and are already planning ahead for a great 2021-2022 school year! If you are new to the area, we invite you to view our IVES' website [49.org/ives](http://49.org/ives). IVES is committed to fostering the passions and talents of all our students through an arts-integrated approach to teaching and learning.

As your neighborhood school, IVES is committed to building strong school to home relationships. This year, our first grade team organized a Mystery Reader program, inviting family members to read a story to their students through Zoom. Each day, students looked forward to the next "mystery reader." We had grandparents from Oregon and Utah Zoom in to read as well as family members from just across the street! This event brought families into the classroom virtually bringing joy to all involved!

In addition, the Cool Science Team came and brought fun and engaging science activities into the classroom. Students experienced a hands-on lab taking them through a Color-Changing

Carnation experiment! These great activities supported our IVES vision and mission of giving students opportunities to explore their passions and talents.

Our fifth graders led the school beautifully throughout the year through presenting morning announcements, being role models to younger students, and finishing their elementary experience well. Our bright and creative 5th graders enjoyed a unit about how the Earth's spheres interact. Students illustrated their learning through an artistic representation. We will miss our 5th graders but know they are ready for middle school!

Our year culminated with 11 first place winners in the D49 and Air Academy Virtual Art Show! One of our talented third grade artists won "Best in Show"! We are very proud of all our IVES artists! Ms. Rayer-Reid, our Art Teacher, is dedicated to fostering the artistic talents of all our students.

As our numbers continue to grow so does our excitement in planning for our 2021-2022 school year. IVES encourages families that are new to the neighborhood to register early so that our growing school is prepared for the 2021- 2022 school year. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in August! 🍓



First graders enjoying the Cool Science Presentation



Fifth graders sharing their learning of how the Earth's spheres interact with Kristy Rigdon, Principal



Winning artwork for "Best of Show"

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## TEACHER HIGHLIGHTS

Banning Lewis Academy would like to honor two teachers that have been with us since the beginning - celebrating 15 years with Julie Gellerman and Jesse Mavel



### JESSE MAVEL

I can remember touring Banning Lewis Ranch Academy as it was being built. We had to put on hard hats as we walked through the framing of this school. I could not have imagined what it would become 15 years later. Since starting as a 6th grade science teacher, I have gotten married, became a father, completed two masters degrees, held six different teaching positions, and have seen so many of my students graduate, get married and start families of their own! I have even had former students come to the Ranch and do observations as they were in college training to become teachers. Some of my favorite memories are from 6th grade camp at Estes Park and Keystone Science School and being with my students outside of the Ranch in the woods was such an incredible experience. Paragon Nights are another tradition that evokes so many great memories with my students. The amount of cherished memories that this place holds in my heart is impossible to measure or count. I will be forever grateful to the thousands of students who have been in my class, sports team I have coached, or simply got to talk with in the hallways.

*"Clear eyes, full hearts, can't lose!"*

### JULIE GELLERMAN

BLA is unique because it encourages a school-community-family relationship where everyone is involved in a student's education. The trust and respect that is fostered between BLA and families helps to cultivate a sense of belonging in the school community among everyone involved.

My favorite memories are words from the mouths of my students.

- You're the best teacher ever! (As a kindergartener, they have had so many.) I do hope that my students think this when they graduate high school or at least remember that I was their first teacher!
- When students call me "mom" and tell me they love me every day. When this happens, I laugh because the look on the student's face is priceless. Then I think to myself "I hope that I am giving them the same kind of love, emotions, and care that their mom does."

The biggest change that I have experienced in education happened in 2020 and continued into this school year and was a result of the pandemic. First, I would have never dreamed of wearing a mask to teach every day. Second, who would have ever thought that twenty-four students would spend every moment in school together: learning together, eating together, and playing together. The classroom is full of students who love to learn but it is so hard to see the smiles on their sweet faces due to the mask, but we have made it work. Students have also learned to work in their "offices." Yes, plexiglass has been a huge adjustment in what our school year has looked like. Despite all the changes, I am blessed to have been able to teach in person. These students are a part of history and have a story to tell their children someday.

*"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." -Henry B. Adams*

## 2021-2022 EVENT CALENDAR

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	School Closed - New Teachers Report
	School Closed - All Teachers Report
	1st day of Semester
	Assessment Day
	Student Led Conferences

July	
4	Independence Day
23	School Closed - New Teachers Report
26-30	School Closed - All Teachers Report

August	
2	Kindergarten/6th Grade/9th Grade Orientation Kindergarten - 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 6th and 9th Grade - 7:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
3	All Students Report
12	BLRA Assessment Days
13	BLRA Assessment Days

September	
3	Teacher Inservice - No Students Report
6	School Closed - Labor Day
17	eLearning Day - No Students Report

October	
1	End of First Quarter
8	eLearning Day - No Students Report
14	Early Dismissal
14	Student Led Conferences
15	No School - Student Led Conferences
18-22	School Closed - Fall Break

November	
12	eLearning Day - No Students Report
22-26	School Closed - Thanksgiving Break

December	
16	Early Dismissal/End Second Quarter
17-31	School Closed - Winter Break
TBD	8th PSAT/ eLearning

January 2022						
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	School Closed
	Early Dismissal
	eLearning Day
	End of Term

January	
3	BLPA/BLRA Assessment Day - No Students in Session
4	School Closed - All Teachers Report
5	All Students Report
14	eLearning Day
17	School Closed - MLK Jr. Day

February	
18	eLearning Day - No Students Report
21	School Closed - Presidents' Day

March	
4	End of Third Quarter
11	eLearning Day - No Students Report
14	Early Dismissal
18	Student Led Conferennces
18	No School - Student Led Confernces
21-25	School Closed -Spring Break

April	
22	eLearning Day
TBD	HS SAT/MS eLearning

May	
13	eLearning Day
20	Last Day for Seniors
25	8th Grade Promotion
25	Kindergarten and 5th Promotion
26	End of 4th Quarter/Last Day of School
27	Teachers Report/HS Graduation
30	School Closed - Memorial Day



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# BLRA STUDENTS SHOW THEIR CREATIVITY AT THE DISTRICT 49 ART SHOW

Students at Banning Lewis Prep Academy recently competed in the District 49 Art Show. We are pleased to announce that several students have been recognized for their hard work and creativity. Banning Middle School won a total of eight awards. The winners for sixth grade are Taylor Gillespie (1st place), Bryanna Temple (2nd place), and Talia Nienow (3rd place). In seventh grade, Adriano Padilla won 1st place and Best of Show for Middle School. The winners for eighth grade are Chase Riehle (1st place), Cloe Michigan (2nd place), and Laurna Alesch (3rd place). Banning High School students brought home two awards. The winners for high school are tenth graders Jaryn Even (1st place) and Adrianna Alesch (3rd place).

**Congratulations to all the winners!**



Adriano Padilla 1st place  
7th grade and Best of Show  
Middle School



Taylor Gillespie 1st place 6th grade



Laurna Alesch 3rd place  
8th grade



Chase Riehle 1st place 8th grade



Bryanna Temple 2nd place 6th grade



Jaryn Even 1st place 10th grade



Cloe Michigan 2nd place  
8th grade



Talia Nienow 3rd place 6th grade



Adrianna Alesch 3rd place  
10th grade

## DISH UP SUMMER FUN' ON THE GRILL

BY LINDA DUVAL

Summertime means breaking out the grill, scrubbing off last year's debris, and firing it up for some burgers and dogs. But there's so much more you can grill. From appetizers to desserts, the grill can be your outdoor oven for the duration.

Some basic tips to follow before you begin include giving the grill a good scrubbing, then oiling the grates to keep things from sticking. And learn to use the various parts of your grill for slower cooking or for browning. Read the manual that came with it, for starters!

Want to make an outdoor feast from start to finish? Here are some recipes that might help.

For more ideas, search "grilling recipes" online. There are hundreds of them.

### HONEY HOT WINGS

- » 2 pounds chicken wings, tips discarded
- » Salt and pepper to taste
- » 1 cup honey
- » ½ cup hot sauce (your choice)
- » ½ cup melted butter

Preheat an outdoor grill for medium heat and lightly oil grate. Wash wings well and pat dry with a paper towel. Season the meat with salt and pepper. Cook the chicken wings on preheated grill until cooked through and juices run clear, 20 -30 minutes depending on the size of the wings. Brush the wings using ½ cup of the honey while they are cooking.

Melt the butter, pour into a large bowl and mix in the remaining ½ cup of honey and hot sauce. Remove the wings from the grill and immediately toss them in the hot honey butter sauce to coat. Serve the wings "wet" or return them to the grill for 1 minute per side to set the sauce.

### GRILLED SEAFOOD

- » 1 pound Mahi Mahi or other firm fish cut into 1 ½ inch cubes
  - » 12 large shrimp, peeled and deveined
  - » 12 scallops
  - » 1 red onion, peeled and cut into 12 wedges
  - » ½ cup melted butter
  - » ¼ cup olive oil
  - » 2 tablespoons lemon juice
  - » 1 teaspoon garlic salt
  - » 12 skewers
- (if using bamboo, soak in water at least 20 minutes before grilling to prevent burning)

Combine the fish cubes, shrimp, scallops, red onion, olive oil, lemon juice, garlic salt in a zipper bag. Gently turn the bag over several times to coat all of the seafood. Chill and marinate the mixture for 30 minutes while preheating the grill. (Don't do too far in advance as the lemon juice will "cook" the seafood and make it tough.)

Thread each skewer with a fish cube, shrimp, scallop and red onion wedge. Save remaining marinade for grilling.

Heat charcoal 30 minutes. Heat gas grill 10 minutes with lid closed. Place the skewers on the grill and cook each side for about 4 minutes, brushing each side with remaining marinade. Do not overcook or seafood will get tough. Serves 6.

Serve with grilled vegetables. The same marinade works for any combination of veggies – zucchini, yellow squash, cherry tomatoes, mushrooms, peppers or whatever you like.

**It's time for dessert. Forget s'mores – so retro. You can grill many fruits (bananas, peaches, etc.) with great success – serve with ice cream for a real treat. Or here's a new take on a summer classic.**

### GRILLED STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

- » 4 slices pound cake
- » 2-3 tablespoons melted butter
- » 2-3 teaspoons brown sugar
- » 4 scoops ice cream
- » 1 cup sliced strawberries
- » ¼ cup strawberry syrup
- » 1/3 cup sliced almonds, toasted
- » Whipped cream, sweetened to taste (optional)

Preheat the grill over medium heat. Coat the grill with cooking spray. Brush the pound cake with the melted butter. Grill until the edges are browned and the slice is heated evenly. Sprinkle the slices lightly with brown sugar before removing from the grill. Combine strawberries with syrup. Place a cake slice on a plate, top with a scoop of ice cream, sliced strawberries in syrup, almonds and whipped cream, if using. Serves 4.



# THE PERFECT PARTNERSHIP

**B**oy Scouts of America at both the Cub Scout Pack and Scouts BSA Troop level are committed to the community and those around us. Scouts cannot function on their own. In fact, we need an organization to host us and be our Chartering Organization. Here in Banning Lewis Ranch, Cub Scout Pack 228 is Chartered by Banning Lewis Ranch Academy while Scouts BSA Troop is Chartered by Banning Lewis Preparatory. We have been hosted with meeting spaces, weekend support for events like out Pinewood Derby, and access to equipment when necessary. The Principals have severed as amazing Chartering Organization Representatives and it can easily be said we could not have done it with out them. In turn, over the years our Scouts have served as the Color Guard for Veterans Day Ceremonies and conducted service projects around the schools. Even the pedestal under the beautiful Stallion out front of BLRA was done by one of our Eagle Scouts as his Eagle Service Project.

Our partnership and support goes beyond the schools to the greater community. The majority of our Scouts are neighbors here in Banning Lewis Ranch, with a few from outside the community, a true testament to the quality of the group and the partnership. We love being your Scouts and loving working with you to make this a great place to live. The Citizenship in Community merit badge is one tangible way the Scouts engage in the partnership with Banning Lewis Ranch but deeper than that, the Scouts working hand in hand with their community can bring out amazing results - just look to Banning Lewis Ranch (BLR) and your Scout units and you will see.



- » When COVID-19 canceled so many loved community events, your neighborhood Cub Scout Pack organized a Memorial Day Parade and drove through as many of the main streets as possible to show and share the love we have for this country and honor those who have fallen.
- » When one of our Scouts BSA Troop members needed his Eagle Service Project, he looked here to the neighborhood to see what could be done to improve our area and worked to provide new dog stations along the walking paths of Village 2 and 3.
- » When we all start prepping for the holidays, your Scouts hit the streets for two Saturdays, dropping donation bags at every doorstep and returning the next week to collect your amazing offerings for the Fresh Start Center (a local food bank supporting the local community). This year marks the fifth year of this food drive and we hope to break our top record of over 7,500 lbs of collected food donations.
- » Of course, we love Christmas and like many of you, we like having live trees in our homes. When we were approached by the Treasure Davis Team to see about organizing a Christmas Tree recycling effort here in the neighborhood, how could we say no? Your Scouts worked hand in hand collecting, mulching, and reusing trees in support of our neighbors and local business.

At our Cub Scout level there is the Law of the Pack: "The Cub Scout follows Akela (leader), The Cub Scout helps the Pack Go, The Pack helps the Cub Scout Grow, The Cub Scout gives goodwill." The Banning Lewis Ranch community helps our Scouts shine. We are proud to be your Scouts and look forward to many more years of working together.

As we return to activities and opportunities, we would be glad to have you join the Scouting Adventure with us. You can find our units on the [beascout.scouting.org](https://beascout.scouting.org) webpage, ask about us on Facebook, or look around your close neighbors and see if you see one of our Scouts (hint: we are the ones in the cool uniforms). We are meeting, we are active, and we are proud of what we do together. Thank you BLR for being our community. 🙌



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# The Retreat

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BY RACHAEL SCHULTE, LIFESTYLE DIRECTOR



## The Barn Construction

Construction is progressing. We hosted our first of many community celebratory events for the construction of The Barn, the groundbreaking on March 5th. On May 17th, members celebrated the next phase of building with a special beam signing event.

Retreat bocce ball courts are officially opened and the grand opening on April 30th went very well – we event have a Retreat Bocce Ball League getting started!

Pickleball courts still under construction and we hope to have the courts up and running by mid-summer.

Lifestyle programming has really ramped up for members of The Retreat!

## Monthly Events

- » **Tuesday Trivia Night** (1st Tuesday month) Each month, we host Tuesday trivia & have a different theme.
- » **Wine Down Wednesday** (3rd Wednesday month) Each month, we host Wine Down Wednesday exploring a different region of wines.
- » **Wellness Walk Wednesday** (4th Wednesday month) As a community, all Retreat members are invited to join their neighbors to explore a new trail in Banning Lewis Ranch.



## Special Events/Programs

May was Military Appreciation Month and Retreat members honored our active duty and veterans through a series of programs:

- » Retreat Veterans Appreciation Breakfast (May 20th)
- » Volunteering at the Finish Line at the Memorial Day Run & March (May 29th)
- » Memorial Day Family Fun Day (May 31st)

Early May kicked off our Retreat Friday Food Truck Series with Treehouse BBQ. See the schedule for upcoming trucks – all Banning Lewis Ranch community members are invited to come out and enjoy lunch.

JUNE		
June 4th	Treehouse BBQ	4pm-6pm
June 11th	Lobstah Trap	4pm-6pm
June 18th	Solsage	4pm-6pm
June 25th	Cluckin' Chicken	4pm-6pm
JULY		
July 2nd	Scratch Mobile Chicken	4pm-6pm
July 9th	Pizzarte	11am-2pm
July 16th	Treehouse BBQ	4pm-6pm
July 30th	Cluckin' Chicken	4pm-6pm
AUGUST		
August 13th	Pizzarte	11am-2pm
August 20th	Treehouse BBQ	4pm-6pm
August 27th	Cluckin' Chicken	4pm-6pm
SEPTEMBER		
September 3rd	Scratch Mobile Kitchen	4pm-6pm

We have a few different resident clubs that are very active including our garden club, book club, and hiking club. The garden and book clubs meet on a monthly basis and the Retreat hiking club meets every Monday at 8:00 am for a local hike in the springs.

For more details on The Retreat happenings or to get involved, contact Rachael at [rschulte@myoakwoodlife.com](mailto:rschulte@myoakwoodlife.com).



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### Spring Events

The YMCA-BLR Community Foundation Easter Egg Hunt on April 3 was a huge success. We had a record turn-out with 400 children participating. The kids collected their eggs while searching for the "golden" egg, which awarded them a special prize. All children received a goody bag and a ticket to the cupcake and beverage trucks. The Easter Bunny was there for photographs and dancing. The event took place at the new Vista Park Pavilion. The weather was great and everyone had a blast.

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### Healthy Living

The YMCA would like to introduce Dillon Loomis to the community. Dillon Loomis is a UCCS graduate and NASM certified personal trainer. He has 10 years of experience in exercise and human performance. Helping others achieve the highest potential in health and functional movement is one of his greatest passions. When he's not training himself or others, Dillon enjoys spending time hiking in the Colorado sun with his wife Angela and two children, Evelyn and Lincoln. Dillon is excited to help BLR reach their health and wellness goals. Free consults are available. Call the Ranch House to make an appointment.



### YMCA Summer Snapshot

The Ranch House is excited to announce that COVID-19 social distancing and capacity restrictions have been lifted. The Ranch House is now open for facility rentals, clubs, and socializing during staff hours. The Ranch House will be open from 7am - 8pm throughout the summer.



## SUMMER SNAPSHOT

**Pool and waterpark opening**  
May 29, 2021

**Summer Kickoff BBQ**  
May 29, 2021: 12pm - 3pm

Featuring live music, food  
and outdoor games  
*Reservations required*

**Water Aerobics class**  
M, W, F 9am  
Ranch House pool

**Art Camp**  
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### Design Review Committee

Please submit plans to:  
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Metropolitan District #1  
8390 E. Crescent Parkway, Suite 600  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

### Ranch House Access Card

Pick up your access card for the Ranch House Recreation Center at the Ranch House Call (719) 522-2432 for more information.

Northtree Ranch House Recreation Center amenities are included as part of the Banning Lewis Ranch Metro District Operating Fee.

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memorialhealthsystem.com

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Children's Hospital  
mhchildren.com

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### US Fish & Wildlife Service

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**Residents 50 years and older are welcome to join the Silverados Group. Quarterly activities are planned for members. At this time, an outdoor event is being planned and details will be forthcoming once plans are finalized.**

**If you would like to join the Silverados, please send an email to [silveradosblr@gmail.com](mailto:silveradosblr@gmail.com) with your contact information. If you are currently receiving emails from the Silverados, there is no need to reply.**

**Sincerely,**

**The Silverados' Planning Team**

