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Say Hey!

There is no debate that William Howard Mays is the greatest living baseball player. In a world where prior generation sporting achievements now pale against the accomplishments of today's multi-million dollar performance athletes, his career statistics look PED enhanced - yet it was just pure talent. There is disagreement on how Willie was nicknamed the "Say Hey Kid" but the general consensus is a combination of Willie being shy and also not remembering other MLB players names, so he used to call out "hey" vs a player's actual name. Having lived on the Ranch for awhile, I enjoy the benefit of knowing many of the residents and also recognize their vehicles. When we moved here, I quickly adopted the "2 finger wave" from the steering wheel for everyone I encountered even if I did not know them. With the influx of new neighbors, Staunton Park visitors and the weekend wedding guests, I found myself hesitating to provide my friendly wave as I was unsure if they were Ranch residents. No matter your political slant, I think it is safe to say we live in a world less friendly than when Willie Mays joined my beloved Giants in 1951. With that in mind, I have decided to start waving more and encourage everyone to do the same. If you want to wait until after you pass the entrance to Staunton or withhold your hands on Saturday afternoons I am OK with that decision. While I passed on following the footsteps of the most dedicated Giants fan and did not name our son Willie Mays Crespo, I am going to try and be more like the "Say Hey Kid" and wave even if I don't know your name.



- David Crespo

Mark your Calendars—Annual Meeting is July 10th

Our annual meeting will be held Sunday, July 10th from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Elk Creek Fire Department on 11993 Blackfoot Rd. (the top of Richmond Hill).

This is a great time to meet your neighbors and hear the latest about what's happening in Elk Falls as well as Staunton State Park and the community at large. It's also a great time to ask questions and discuss issues that may arise. Please plan on attending!

You will receive a notification in the mail about the meeting as well as a proxy vote designation. If you can't attend the meeting you may want to assign your proxy vote to a neighbor so that your voice can be heard.

**ANNUAL ELK FALLS HOMEOWNERS MEETING
SUNDAY, 10 JULY 2016
ELK CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT
11993 BLACKFOOT RD. (TOP OF RICHMOND HILL)
1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM**

Local Art Guild Welcomes Participants

Do you know there is a local Art Guild? We meet at the Bailey Fire Station every Wednesday to work on our art together. We have painters, drawing, and will accept any art media. It is very sociable. We inspire, assist, encourage, and help to grow each other. We have an Art Show at least once a year. Our business meetings are the first Wednesday of each month for an hour.

If you are interested, call Joanne Gregory at 303-816-7361 or email at: tucson2co@yahoo.com

Firewise Reminder

Please let Mike Hensick (mthensick@gmail.com) know what hours you have spent on fire mitigation/slash collection on your property. This counts towards our Firewise Community certification, which can benefit all of us with lower insurance rates!

POA Board Members Needed!

Do you have a desire to do a bit of volunteer work and serve your community? Elk Falls POA needs volunteers for the board! We have two openings occurring this coming year.

If you have questions or wish to be considered, please contact any board member!

Staunton State Park Marmot Fest, June 25 & 26

Staunton State Park is holding its annual Marmot Fest on June 25 & 26 this year. This popular event includes activities for the whole family! Here is the schedule of events:

Guided Marmot Meander Hike - 9:30 a.m.

Hike approximately 1.5 miles one-way to see the marmots in park. Meet near the Staunton Ranch Trail just past the Group Picnic Area parking area.

Marmot Observation Sites – 9:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Visit sites with park marmot monitors at the Staunton Cabin District and on Staunton Ranch Trail. Hike out on Staunton Ranch Trail and follow the signs to meet the monitors.

"All About Marmots" Activities for Children & Families - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Make marmot puppets and masks. Explore a marmot burrow, spot marmots and predators with binoculars and explore skins and skulls. Located on Staunton Ranch Trail just past the Group Picnic Area parking area.

Self-guided Marmot Scavenger hike - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Learn about marmots on a scavenger hunt for marmot cutouts posted in the park along the Staunton Ranch Trail.

Self-guided Marmot vs. Dog Challenge - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Take your dog for a walk along the Staunton Ranch Trail to take the challenge.

Introductory Rock Climbing at Whistle Pig– 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday

Learn to climb a rock formation called Whistle Pig. All equipment provided. Head out on Staunton Ranch Trail to Climbing Access Trail and follow the signs.

Friends of Staunton State Park "Adopt-a-Marmot" Stewardship Program

Help protect the habitat in the park so it can be a healthy home for marmots and all park animals. Located on Staunton Ranch Trail just past the Group Picnic parking area.

Next POA Meeting

The next POA board meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 July at the home of David Crespo, 34470 Jensen Rd. at 7:00 PM.

Staunton State Park Programs for June

Tuesday June 7

Wildflower Hike 10am

Meet at the Group Picnic area for a guided hike and discover Colorado's wonderful wildflowers!

Sunday June 12

The Great Bird Adventure! 10am -3pm

Participants will explore Colorado's most popular birds with a overview of interesting facts, as well as nesting and feeding behaviors. Then armed with binoculars and birding guides visitors can enjoy a guided hike (12n) in search of these beautiful creatures!

Wednesday June 15

Kids Crafts 10am

Bring the kids for an hour of interactive play and learning at Colorado's newest State Park! Each week offers a different outdoor educational adventure!

Saturday and Sunday June 18-19

Father's Day Weekend!

Archery in the Park Saturday and Sunday 10am-3p

Wildlife Photography Class (Saturday Only) 10am

Bring dad along and learn how to take breathtaking pictures! Bring your camera and Hike along to learn how to use your camera to take extraordinary pictures of the beautiful scenery at the Staunton Park!

Thursday June 23

History Hike to the Cabin District 10am

Join a guided hike to the historic cabin district and learn the history of the Staunton family and other colorful characters who played a role in the history of the area.

Tuesday June 28

Wildflower Hike 10am

Meet at the Group Picnic area for a guided hike and discover Colorado's wonderful wildflowers!

Junior Ranger Program (Ages 6—14)

June 8, 9, 10; July 13, 14, 15; August 3, 4, 5

Each Session includes a three day program held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00am to 2:30 pm.

The program will introduce children to the natural wonders of the park, hiking safety and their role in preserving nature for future generations.

Please fill out an application and choose one of the summer sessions prior to the first day of the session. Applications can be picked up at the Park entrance or completed on line at the Staunton State Park web site:<http://www.parks.state.co.us/parks/staunton/Pages/Staunton.aspx>

Drop your completed applications off at the entrance station or email them to: annie.thran@state.co.us

Wednesday June 8

Kids Crafts 10am

Kids will explore Colorado's most popular birds and learn a few interesting facts, as well as nesting and feeding behaviors. Then armed with binoculars and birding guides our little adventurers will enjoy a guided hike in search of these beautiful creatures!

Tuesday June 14

Wildflower Hike 10am

Meet at the Group Picnic area for a guided hike and discover Colorado's wonderful wildflowers!

Thursday June 16

History Hike to the Cabin District 10am

Join a guided hike to the historic cabin district and learn the history of the Staunton family and other colorful characters who played a role in the history of the area.

Wednesday June 22

Kids Crafts 10am

Bring the kids for an hour of interactive explanation of Colorado's newest State Park! Each week offers a different outdoor educational adventure!

Saturday and Sunday June 25—26

Marmot Fest

Come enjoy a weekend of fun as we celebrate our beloved Marmots! In preparation for Marmot Fest we are partnering with local businesses in Evergreen, Bailey, Pine Jct. and Conifer for a "Where's Raymond?" Scavenger Hunt (starting May 27th). See attached flyers for Marmot Fest activities and find out how to help us find our favorite Marmot, Raymond!

Wednesday June 29

Kids Crafts 10am

Bring the kids for an hour of interactive play and learning at Colorado's newest State Park! Each week offers a different

**ELK FALLS RANCH
PROPERTY OWNERS
ASSOCIATION**

President: David Crespo
Vice-President: Bob Wallace
Treasurer: Renae Braun
Roads: Cindy Henshaw
Secretary: Cyd Lantz

Next Board Meeting:
Wednesday, July 6
7:00 PM
34770 Jensen Road

**We're on the web!
Elkfallspoa.org**



Elk Falls Ranch Property Owners' Association

The Elk Falls Property Owners' Association is a non-profit corporation in good standing since 1965. The intent of the corporation is to preserve the integrity of the area and lifestyle.

The corporation was formed and incorporated for:

- 1. The promotion, improvement and protection of property values in the area represented by the Association by maintaining the area as a highly desirable single dwelling residential neighborhood possessing features of extraordinary value and improvement, maintenance and**
- 2. The repair of all roads and all ongoing maintenance within the area represented by Elk Falls Property Owners' Association.**

Recipe of the Month: Cast Iron Skillet Pizza

Ingredients:

(makes two 9-inch pizzas)

1 package (1/4-ounce) active yeast
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1 1/4 cups warm water (about 110°F)
1/4 cup unsalted butter, softened
3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
1 cup corn flour
2 teaspoons salt
4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
1/2 cup kalamata olives, pits removed, chopped
1 cup quartered artichoke hearts
4 Roma tomatoes, thinly sliced
12 ounces whole milk mozzarella, shredded, or
12 ounces goat cheese, crumbled
1/4 cup pine nuts
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, more for
oiling the bowl and skillet, divided
1/2 cup basil leaves, torn into pieces



Directions:

In the bowl of an electric mixer, combine the yeast, sugar and water and let stand 5 minutes until foamy. Add the butter, flour, corn flour and salt and combine well, using the paddle attachment. Knead, using a dough hook, until the dough pulls away from the sides of the bowl and crawls up the dough hook. Add 1 to 2 tablespoons water if dough is dry and not coming together. If dough is too wet, add 1 to 2 tablespoons flour. Remove the dough from the bowl. Grease the bowl with olive oil and return the dough to the bowl. Cover and let the dough rise until it doubles in bulk, about an hour. Turn the dough out onto a floured surface and divide in half. Shape the dough into two balls, cover and let rest for 15 to 20 minutes.

Preheat oven to 500°F. Oil two 9- or 10-inch cast iron skillets. Pat or roll dough into a circle and transfer it to the skillets. Press dough down into bottom of skillets and up the sides. Scatter dough with garlic, olives, artichoke hearts and tomatoes. Top with mozzarella cheese or goat cheese and pine nuts. Drizzle each pizza with a tablespoon of olive oil.

Bake on bottom rack of oven for 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 400°F and bake until pizza crust is golden brown and toppings are starting to brown, 10 to 15 minutes. Remove pizza from oven and top with basil.

Toppings like pepperoni should be added when the oven temperature is reduced to 400°F, otherwise they will brown too quickly.