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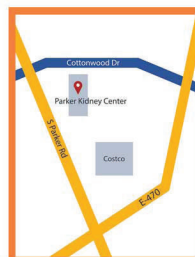
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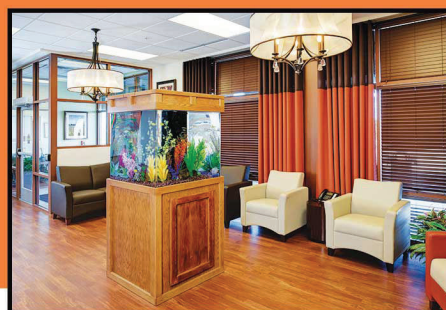
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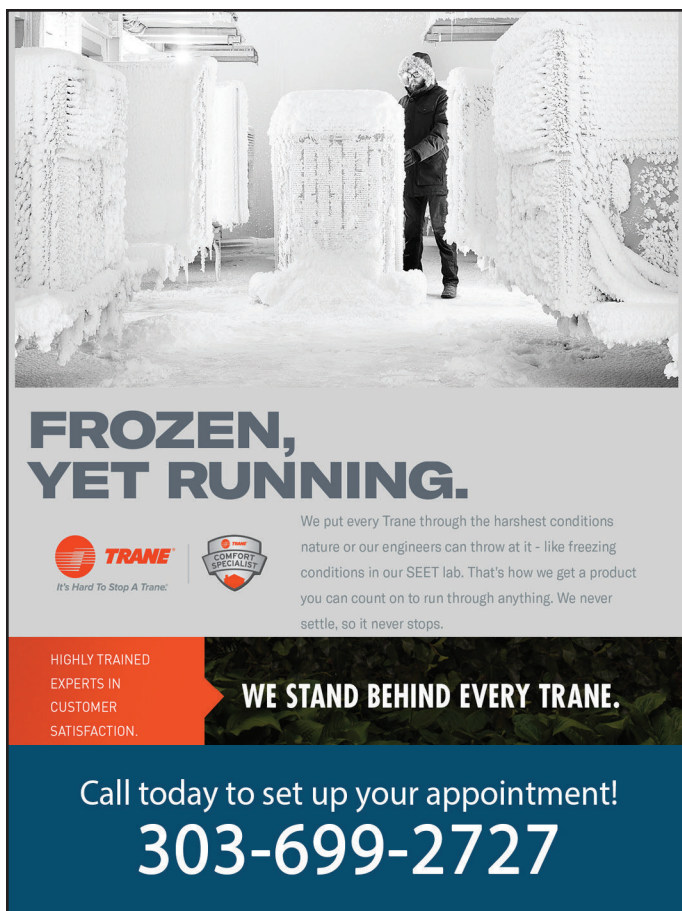
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THE DONUT HOUSE: A STORY OF GENERATIONS - Moe Aladayleh, owner of The Donut House, worked as a night baker at a donut shop in Aurora through high school. When the shop went up for sale, he and his father decided to go into the donut business together. Moe learned from his father the techniques and tricks of the trade.

Moe's father, Omar, came to Colorado as an exchange student from Amman, Jordan. While attending CU Denver, he met his future wife and was soon employed by his future father-in-law, who was a deputy at the sheriff's office and had started the Parker Donut and Sandwich shop. It was on downtown Mainstreet in the 1980s, current spot of The Local. Omar continued to work as a night baker off and on while raising children to help make ends meet.

The Donut House hit its 10-year anniversary last month and has expanded to nine locations throughout the Denver area and Douglas County, four of which include bakeries. To maintain excellent quality, and to stick true to their roots, every donut is still made by hand, using the same process learned decades ago. Perhaps one day the family donut business will be handed down to the next generation!



EDITORSTAKE

AURORA HISTORY MUSEUM -

Step back in time and be inspired by awesome displays and exhibits at the Aurora History Museum. This community museum shares historic pieces and stories from the Aurora area. The museum is exciting and interesting for all ages. Go to climb inside Trolley number 610! Learn about local historic sites and the details of the historic preservation program. There is a current display about Student Athletic and Extracurricular Activities in Aurora that will spark interest of teenagers and show some of the high school scene from decades past. Show your hometown pride and learn more about it!

Admission to the Aurora History Museum is free. The museum is open for field trips and tours, and even some rental options. The Historic Preservation Commission meets regularly with meetings that are open to the public. Go see how you can get involved and volunteer to help preserve the treasures of the past. See auroragov.org for more information.

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JustServe.org was started several years ago and has grown to involve communities throughout the United States and Canada. This organization is a great resource for anyone ready and willing to serve. The online site helps spread the word about service opportunities. Go online to justserve.org and enter your zip code to see local needs for volunteers. Some are ongoing projects, and others are set for a certain date and time. Click on the project you are interested in and sign up to help. Local volunteer and service organizations are listed on the website. If you know of a service project, you can submit it.

Under the *About Us* tab on the website, justserve.org says, "We may not solve world hunger immediately, but we're convinced that by serving with each other in our local communities, we're paving the way for much broader changes. Our individual efforts don't need to be huge—a little bit of change here, a few hours there—but even small efforts quickly add up to make a real difference."

See inspirational photos and stories about others' experiences on the website, or go to the justserve.org facebook page.

VOLUNTEER CONNECT D.C.-

"Connecting Volunteers with Organizations in D.C."

This is another online resource that lists available service opportunities in the area. The website shares information about projects all around Douglas County. Volunteer Connect has many new volunteers register each month.

You can look under the Volunteers tab to search for opportunities and to get registered. The search feature allows you to choose specific parameters to be able to account for different ages or interests in the search for service. Projects are of various lengths and levels.

Volunteer Connect's vision is "to sustain a culture of volunteerism in Douglas County and a lifelong love of volunteering." The website has a photo gallery, as well as the Volunteer Connect blog to read about past projects and experiences. The blog also contains posts about National holidays, service days, etc. For more information, go to volunteerconnectdc.org

**Get to know some of the Service Groups,
and find ways to give back to the community.**



VETERANS DAY

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." President John F. Kennedy

Just over a century ago, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as "the Great War." This day became commemorated in numerous countries as Armistice Day and in 1938, November 11th became a National Holiday in the United States. Years later, in the aftermath of WWII and the Korean War, Armistice Day legally became known as Veterans Day. A day dedicated to American Veterans of all wars.

For some, Veterans Day is seen mainly as an extra day off from school or work. People even believe that Memorial Day and Veterans Day are celebrated for the same reason. There is however a subtle, but important, difference between the two. While both honor our military personnel, Memorial Day is to remember and pay respect to all the men and women that died serving our country in a war. While Veterans Day is to celebrate the soldiers who are still alive and served in the armed forces at anytime, during peace or war. This November 11th, be sure to spend a few minutes on its true purpose, by acknowledging the men and women who serve in our armed forces.

Honoring those who served is an act that should be constantly present for all of us. On Saturday, November 9th, the community is invited to come together in honor of all who have served, at the site of the Douglas County Veterans Memorial.

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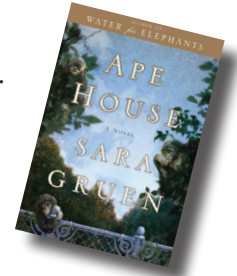
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BOOKENDS

APE HOUSE - BY SARA GRUEN

Isabel Duncan is more than a scientist studying bonobos at the Great Ape Language Lab. She is part of the family of bonobos. John Thigpen is introduced to the amazing communication of the apes and the scientists while writing an article about the facility. Then, disaster strikes when an explosion destroys the building, as well as the safety of the bonobos and scientists. Isabel must fight to save her family of apes.



Becky and Pam

Pam and Becky have been reviewing books for over 10 years.

Pam and her husband have lived in Parker for 19 years with their two wonderful sons. She has always been an avid reader and enjoys exploring new books.

Becky has been married for 24 years and lived in Parker for 10 years. She has two children, a daughter and a son. She is a Colorado native and has loved reading since she was a child.

However, I did feel more connected to the animals than I thought I would. After the explosion it is discovered that the bonobos were sold to an unsavory character, and they are now the topics in a reality show. With Americans' love of reality television, do you think this was a plausible storyline?

PAM It definitely played upon the love of reality television! However, it is hard to believe that the American public would stand for this type of exploitation of the bonobos. Isabel considers the bonobos to be her family and continues to fight for them, even as she is recovering from her injuries from the explosion. She begins to wonder who she can trust and who she cannot. There is a coworker that appears to be the perfect person of interest, with her defiance and non-traditional lifestyle. Did you find her character suspicious?

BECKY Celia, a lab assistant, was a character that I enjoyed, and I would have loved to know more about her. She was tattooed and spicy. In my opinion, she was the more interesting female role in the story. I was a little suspicious, but her character was set up too perfectly to either be a friend or foe to Isabel. I didn't find myself very invested in who the bad guy would be, and it played out as I would have expected. If you are looking for a challenging mystery, then you might be disappointed. This is the same author as *Water for Elephants*. Do you feel like this novel compares to her previous book?

PAM I have always been drawn to stories of animals, and this book was no exception. The two-way communication between the bonobos and the scientists was an added bonus, and I had to read this book. I was drawn in immediately to the different apes that made up the family. Did you feel a connection to these characters?

BECKY The idea of sign language to communicate with animals has always been an interesting topic to me. It also gave the apes a bigger character roll than an animal would typically have in a story. They had distinct personalities and likes/dislikes, so that made them more relatable and human-like. I thought that it occasionally felt forced, and I found their high amorous levels to be strange and might be offensive to some.

PAM I feel like the novels are very different in style and content. *Water for Elephants* seemed much deeper, especially in character development. However, it has been many years since I read it and may not be recalling accurately. This author certainly has a very different voice in this book, and I don't know if I would have realized they were written by the same author if I hadn't known ahead of time. Did you find this as well?

BECKY I agree with you regarding the depth of the characters and style of storytelling. It must be challenging to have a huge bestseller that is a constant comparison. It was a novel that I'm glad I read, but it won't hit my top ten list of favorite books.

For December, I have chosen *Alaska RV Park Tales* by *Kathleen Utecht*, a local author that shares her adventures owning an RV park in Alaska.

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A Turkey Story....

Last November, in the Stroh Ranch neighborhood, a wild turkey was wandering around for a few weeks. In a tussle with a neighborhood dog she was injured and lost some of her feathers on one wing. Terrified, she huddled up against a fence. A friendly animal lover saw the injured turkey. She called around to try to find help for the turkey.

Lynda Edwards and a volunteer youth came to rescue the turkey. They scooped it up in a net and carried it back to the rescue farm in a crate carrier. Some from the neighborhood even went to feed and visit the turkey! Since her recovery, the turkey has gone to live in a protected land area with a flock of wild turkeys who accepted her into their group. An interesting Thanksgiving twist.



About the Farm...

John and Lynda Edwards started out welcoming foster children into their home after both retiring from teaching. They had a lot of their own animals because it was good for the children to interact with them. Lynda said they felt that there were a lot of great foster parents, and they eventually decided to shift their focus to helping unwanted or abused animals. The Edwards Foundation for Rescued Animals was created. They have been rescuing animals for many years.

John and Lynda run the farm completely on donations. Donation money goes to animal feed, veterinary costs, medications for the animals, and farrier costs. Lynda said they have worked with Dr. Jeff, Rocky Mountain Vet, and Dale Rice, from Three Peaks Veterinarian, and really appreciate all they do for the animals. You can donate or even sponsor a specific animal. Many of the animals are also available for adoption. Volunteers are always needed and welcome to help take care of the animals.

Edwards Foundation works closely with many groups for volunteers. They coordinate with several county courts to provide community service opportunities. Youth and adults with special needs volunteer regularly. High schoolers, as well as boy and girl scout groups, also serve to earn community service hours.

When asking Lynda about the message she would like to get out to the community, she said she would like to encourage people to do their research before buying animals. Find out how big they will get and how long they will live. (The farm often has a few surprise chickens or roosters show up in the yard a few weeks after Easter.) Also, be careful to ensure proper fencing for animals.

The 5-acre farm, east of Sierra Middle School, currently provides a home for 2 horses, 2 ponies, 3 llamas, various goats, chickens, ducks, and one Zebu cow! Visit the farm by appointment to volunteer or donate. For more information, see edwardsanimals.com.



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**363 Village Square Lane,
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303-792-2571 \$\$\$

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**11205 S. Parker Rd.,
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**19308 Cottonwood Dr.,
Parker**
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UNIQUE

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Quaint Tuscan grill made fresh from local fare. Every dish is a winner!

611 Wilcox St., Castle Rock
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GRATITUDE AND GIVING

This is a beautiful holiday season where we reflect and consider what we have been given in this life. We celebrate harvest, home, and blessings. It is also a time to gather and appreciate the people in our lives. We show gratitude for family, friends, and faith.

As families across America prepare to gather around Thanksgiving Day dinner tables, many will carve out a little time to share what they're grateful for before they carve into the turkey. They'll exchange nods and smiles, feel warm and fuzzy, and then eat themselves into a stupor. But what if people acknowledged what they were grateful for throughout the year?

There is something about looking around you and seeing all you have to be grateful for. It lifts your spirit and soothes your soul. Living with an attitude of gratitude makes us happier! Of course, no one's life is perfect, and everyone has struggles and concerns. But we all have something - actually, many things - to give thanks for.

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PIES
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GIVING THANKS
HARVEST **FAMILY**
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In feeling gratitude, it often seems that our hearts turn to also want to give. We seek to lift others up and share with them a taste of what we are thankful for. Grateful hearts overflow with joy and are inspired toward generosity and giving. Looking outward helps us to feel even more joy. On helpguide.org, an article from June 2019 talks about volunteering's surprising benefits. Volunteering connects you with other people and is good for your body and mind. It brings fun and fulfillment to your life and can even hone important skills to use in your career. Like Ghandi said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

This November issue of Search South Aurora features many organizations and individuals who serve the community. We hope this will inspire you to get involved, to serve, and to give. Take a moment to look around and see what you can do for someone else. Happy Thanksgiving!

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