

Fire-breathing dragon

by Baxter Black, DVM
Special to The Mail

It was a picture that stopped you in your tracks: a magnificent sorrel stallion with nostrils flared, flames reflecting in his wild eyes, mane flying aloft and a ball of fire roaring at the tip of his teeth. If ever there was a dragon horse snorting fire, this would be it.

This image was the brain-searing mental picture I formed as CB spun me his tale. It seems CB had made his regular morning visit over to his neighbor's house. The visit was part of their routine.

They helped each other do their chores, then had a coffee and discussed the future of Kansas. Whether there was a Democrat west of Lawrence? Should Kansas annex the panhandle of Oklahoma before Texas does? Is there any point in moving the Three Points monument of Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska (a mailbox and four livestock panels) to its real location 42 feet to the southeast?

CB and Dale, his neighbor, walked out to the corrals, and during their chores they found



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a dead chicken in the hen-house. Dale was stove-up so CB crouched down and drug it out with a wire.

"Feed it to the dogs," said CB.

"Should I pluck her first?" asked Dale.

They discussed the benefits of feathered or featherless dog food. CB suggested featherless because he had once seen a Pekingese choke on a duck and nearly die. Neither was worried by the Pekingese duck tale. Dale said, "We'll just singe them off."

They tossed the sacrificial chicken into the stud corral and, using a wad of paper feed sacks and kindling, set the carcass afire and went on with their chores.

They were stopped by a

ruckus of other chicken squawkin' and tawkin'. They hurried back around the barn and saw the stud runnin' through the flock, scatterin' them sideways! But when he turned to look back he had a big ball of fire in his mouth!

CB and Dale ran toward the scene of the arson. The ball of fire fell out. They could see his whiskers were singed as well as his eyelashes. He snorted, and a chicken foot dropped to the ground. Our two wise men looked at each other.

"Horses don't eat meat," said CB.

"Of course they don't," said the second wise man.

At this, the fire-breathing dragon dropped his head and ate the foot.

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PUBLIC WORK SESSION: Tuesday May 7th
An overview of the proposed Guidelines and Regulations will be presented on May 7, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 104 Crestone Ave., Salida, Colorado

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING: Tuesday May 21st

This proposed Guidelines and Regulations will be considered by the Board of County Commissioners at a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on May 21, 2013 at the Buena Vista School District Office, 113 N. Court, Buena Vista, Colorado

For more information contact:
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Garrett Bachand wins B Class

by Cailey McDermott
Mail Staff Writer

Garrett Bachand, 17, Salida, took first place overall in the B class at Round 2 of the Colorado Off-Road Championship Series Sunday.

The 4-mile course took 2 hours.

His dad, Darren Bachand, said the course was "extremely dusty, but Garrett finished all 11 laps."

With the win, Bachand is in first place in the B open class

and second place in B overall in the Off-Road Series.

His next Off-Road race will be May 19 in Colorado Springs.

Darren Bachand said the month off will be a "much needed break."

Pita Palace wins chili cook-off

by Cailey McDermott
Mail Staff Writer

"Pita Palace," Salida, won the chili cook-off at closing-day festivities at Monarch Mountain Sunday.

"Cowboy Ribs and Beans," Salida, won second place, and "The G Spot" from Gunnison won third.

For best recreational vehicle décor, Roxy's Bottle Shop won for its "trailer trash"-

inspired decorations. The Bross Clan from Colorado Springs won second place.

Eric Ramsey, Monarch marketing coordinator, said there was no third-place award.

Legal Notices

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
REGARDING EXCLUSION OF PROPERTY
FROM SOUTH ARKANSAS FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the South Arkansas Fire Protection District, Chaffee and Fremont County, Colorado, that a meeting regarding a Petition for exclusion of property from South Arkansas Fire Protection District is hereby set as follows:
Place of Meeting: Fire Station, 124 'E' Street, Salida, Colorado, 81201
Date of Meeting: May 13, 2013
Time of Hearing: 4:00 p.m.
Names and Addresses of Petitioners: Salida Investments, LLC
c/o John Wood, Bryan Cave HRO
1801 Thirteenth Street, Suite 300
Boulder, CO 80302
Property Description: The real property situated in the City of Salida, Chaffee County, State of Colorado, to wit;
Exhibit A
Description of Property to be Excluded
PARCEL 1
ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4) OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 50 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE NEW MEXICO PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CHAFFEE COUNTY, COLORADO, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF C STREET AND THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SACKETT AVENUE,

ALSO BEING A POINT ON THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SALIDA;
THENCE NORTH 52°02'00" WEST ALONG SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY SACKETT AVENUE, A DISTANCE OF 50.03 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 33 AND A POINT ON THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SALIDA;
THENCE NORTH 00°23'00" WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF SECTION 33, A DISTANCE OF 164 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE CENTER OF THE ARKANSAS RIVER;
THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER OF THE ARKANSAS RIVER, A DISTANCE OF 153 FEET, MORE OR LESS;
THENCE SOUTH 37°48'34" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 120 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
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Secretary
SOUTH ARKANSAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE PROPOSED PETITION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE SOUTH ARKANSAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SHALL APPEAR AT THE DESIGNATED TIME AND PLACE AND SHOW CAUSE IN WRITING WHY THE PETITION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. THIS MEETING IS REQUIRED UNDER C.R.S. § 32-1-501 (2).
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