

Mod Pizza, City Rock, Lolley's, Freedom Car Wash, Black Forest Deli, Legends Mini Golf & Batting, Pies & Grinders, In-N-Out, Bad Daddy's Burgers, Texas Roadhouse, Costa Vida, Burger King, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chipotle, World Arena, Whataburger, Vibes, The Edge Zipline, Snarf's, Red Robin, Qdoba, PF Chang, Nothing Bundt Cakes, IHOP, I Fly, Freedom Car Wash, Freddy's, Elitch, Denver Zoo, Crumble Cookie, Canes, Fuzzy's, Hamula Orthodontics, Taco Bell, Torchy's, and Wendy's.



LPHS After Prom photo provided by Michelle Oliger

We had over 100 volunteers who helped with purchasing prizes, organizing food, selling tickets, decorating, working on the night of the event, and cleaning up the day after, and so much more.

A very special thank you goes to Angie Ivall, Jenn Clinard, Dyann Wenckus, Liz and Chris Scott, Laurie Devine, Julie Hart, Nicole Pritchard, Liz Meggett, Coach Tupper, and Bridget O'Connor (principal). Michelle Oliger  
After Prom Chair

### No Mafia in Monument

Through an open-record request to the Town of Monument, it was discovered that the town illegally engaged in electioneering with taxpayer dollars to promote passing the Town Charter. Fearing if voters found out about this illegal activity, they might potentially lose, the town manager and most on the Charter commission hid the illegal activity from the voters until after the election. Some engaged in this illegal activity are now, as of January 2023, your Monument Council.

The outgoing trustees called for a legitimate investigation into how and why taxpayer dollars were

used illegally, but these newly elected corrupt politicians didn't want you to know the results. They went to great lengths to try sabotaging the investigation, and the reporting of its findings. The town attorney wrote a laughable "report" to try to justify what was discovered. Thinking you can simply vote to bury a report and its evidence of corruption in order to "go away" is something the Mafia does.

On top of illegal electioneering, and only under pressure of an open records request, you, the taxpayers, are going to pick up the tab for the mayor's personal attorney fees over \$21,000. The personal attorney was hired to protect the mayor during the electioneering investigation, which uncovered, among other things, an inappropriate sexual comment made by the mayor toward another trustee.

The taxpayers should never be paying for an elected official's legal counsel for inappropriate behavior. Shouldn't our tax dollars be put toward better use, such as fixing the numerous potholes between LPHS and YMCA that would benefit our citizens? Lack of transparency and excusing bad behavior by this Town Council is not in the best interest of Monument citizens. Not now, not ever.  
Amy Stephens

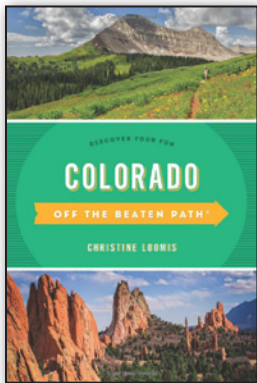
### Between the Covers at Covered Treasures Bookstore

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By the staff at Covered Treasures  
"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better."—Albert Einstein  
This is a glorious time to get outside in Colorado. Here's a sampling of books to learn more about plants, wildlife, and getting outside.

Colorado Off the Beaten Path: Discover Your Fun  
By Christine Loomis (Globe Pequot Press) \$17.95

This new, updated 13th edition by local author Christine Loomis is an essential source of information about the sights and sites travelers and locals want to see and experience. From the best in local dining to quirky cultural tidbits to hidden attractions, unique finds, and unusual locales, this guide takes the reader down the road less traveled.



How to Read the Wilderness: An Illustrated Guide to the Natural Wonders of North America

By Nature Study Guild (Chronicle) \$35

From the mountains to the ocean shores, from the wetlands to the deserts, North America teems with flora and fauna. With this book in hand, you will understand the language of nature and see those wild places with new eyes. For more than 60 years, these Guild guidebooks have helped hikers, campers, foragers, and explorers navigate the great outdoors. Now, the best of the guides' informative text and iconic illustrations are gathered in one book, the perfect reference for today's rambblers.

Wildlife Anatomy: The Curious Lives & Features of Wild Animals Around the World

By Julia Rothman (Storey Publishing) \$18.99

Bestselling author/illustrator Julia Rothman shares a delightfully illustrated guide to all the beasts of the wild, from lions, tigers, and bears to elephants, giraffes, foxes, owls, and much more. This guide covers all the key features, right down to the anatomy of a lion's claw and a wild horse's hoof. All the illustrations are accompanied by labels, intriguing facts, and identifying details, such as: When is a Panther not a panther?

The Secret World of Weather: How to Read Signs in Every Cloud, Breeze, Hill, Street, Plant, Animal, and Dewdrop

By Tristan Gooley (Experiment) \$17.95

Learn to "see" the forecast in the hidden weather signs all around you in this eye-opening trove of outdoor clues. Acclaimed natural navigator Tristan Gooley shows us how, by reading nature as he does, you'll not only detect what the weather is doing (and predict what's coming), you'll enter a secret wonderland of sights and sounds you've never noticed before. Discover the ways that weather can reveal a hidden world with every step you take—through the woods or down a city street.

Sounds Wild and Broken: Sonic Marvels, Evolution's Creativity, and the Crisis of Sensory Extinction

By David George Haskell (Penguin) \$18

We live on a planet alive with song, music, and speech. David Haskell explores how these wonders came to be. Starting with the origins of animal song and traversing the whole arc of Earth history, Haskell illuminates and celebrates the emergence of the varied sounds of our world. This book is an invitation to listen, wonder, belong, and act.

100 Plants to Feed the Monarch: Create a Healthy Habitat to Sustain North America's Most Beloved Butterfly

By The Xerces Society (Storey Publishing) \$16.95

The plight of the monarch butterfly has captured public attention and sparked widespread interest in helping save their dwindling populations. In this in-depth portrait of the monarch butterfly, detailed instructions on how to design and create monarch-friendly landscapes are enriched by guidance on butterfly behavior and habits. You will find profiles of plant species that provide nourishment, including those that bloom in late season and sustain monarchs on their great migration. Gorgeous photographs of monarchs and plants, plus illustrations, maps, and garden plans, make this a visually engaging guide.

437 Edible Wild Plants of the Rocky Mountain West: Berries, Roots, Nuts, Greens, Flowers, and Seeds

By Caleb Warnock (Familius) \$27.99

This thorough field guide documents 437 edible wild plants for Colorado, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and New Mexico. Self-sufficiency expert Caleb Warnock brings the ultimate guidebook to living off the land, including a section on poisonous plants to avoid. Packed with over 1,450 photographs and invaluable information on plant identification, flavor, seasonality, history, common synonyms, eating and preparation instructions, and more, you can have accurate information. Be aware: Much false information on wild edibles has been widely distributed on the internet.

Until next month, happy reading.

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### June Library Events

## Join us for a Summer Adventure

By Harriet Halbig

It's time again for the Summer Adventure summer learning program. Summer Adventure is open to those up to age 18 and runs from June 1 to July 31 this year.

Come to the library to register on June 1 or later, or register online via the website [ppld.org](http://ppld.org).

Upon registration, each participant receives a free book (those ages 12 to 18 may choose a journal instead). There is a wide selection of titles to choose from.

Download and print a game card from the website and fill in a space for each day spent reading, moving, or doing such imaginative projects as art, crafts, or music.

After 30 days of participation, those up to age 3 will receive a colorful bath toy, those ages 4 to 11 will receive a reading medal, and those ages 12 to 18 can choose a second book or journal.

Please see the website for a schedule of fun programs for all ages throughout the district. These include science programs, music, and art programs. In Monument, the programs will be on Tuesdays at the same time as regular story times.

Adult programs such as book clubs and Socrates Café will continue at their regular schedule during the summer months.

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