

3rd Annual Reynolds Ranch Harvest Festival
October 10th and 11th
 10 am to 3 pm
 \$5 admission 4 and older

Two Days of Fun:

- Hayrides
- Pumpkin Patch
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- Operating Engines and Black Smith shop
- Live Entertainment
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- Farmer's Market
- 'Spooky' Histories
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- Food and Drinks

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posted on the web and brought to the annual meeting.

- The board approved Besau's request to renew WIA's annual membership in the Mountain States Employers Council, which helps with the handbook,

document review, personnel issues, and other issues.

The Board of Directors of the Woodmoor Improvement Association meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Barn at 1691 Woodmoor Drive, Monument. The next meeting

will be on Oct. 27. WIA Board meeting minutes can be found at: <http://www.woodmoor.org/content/admin-bod-meeting-minutes.html> once approved.

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September 2014 Weather Wrap

By Bill Kappel

September was a mild and mainly dry month, very much in contrast to last year when much of the Front Range was devastated by record rainfall and flooding.

September started off mild and mostly sunny. High temperatures reached in the mid- to upper 70s on the 1st and 2nd, then all the way to record high territory on the 3rd, with mid- to upper 80s. The high of 87°F on the 3rd was warmer than the warmest day in the August; certainly a little unusual. Highs "cooled" down to the upper 70s on the 4th, ahead of a significant change in the weather pattern. A cool front moved through during the evening of the 4th. This allowed upslope conditions to take hold, providing a layer of low clouds and fog the next day. High temperatures were held in the 50s that afternoon with around a third of an inch of rain accumulating during the early morning hours.

Sunshine mixed with areas of low clouds and fog affected the region on the 6th, again helping to keep temperatures below normal, as highs reached the mid-60s. Mild air quickly returned on Sunday the 7th, and temperatures warmed accordingly. Scattered showers developed each afternoon on the 6th and 7th as well, dropping a couple hundredths of an inch each day, barely enough to wet the pavement

The second week of Septem-

ber went from summer to winter, skipped fall, and came back to summer—overall not too unusual for us on the Palmer Divide during the transition seasons. The week started off about average, with temperatures ranging from the upper 60s to mid 70s from the 8th through the 11th. Each day also saw areas of low clouds and fog, along with scattered showers. More beneficial moisture accumulated over the period, with around a half-inch total over the four days. Then a strong cold front (for September anyway) moved through just after midnight on the 12th. This brought temperatures a good 30 degrees colder than normal. Low cloud and fog quickly filled in.

Light rain changed to light snow during the early morning hours as temperatures fell into the low 30s. Temperatures were in the upper 20s by morning, providing our first freeze of the season, about a week or two earlier than normal. The low clouds and fog also kept temperatures cold during the afternoon, with highs only reaching the low 40s. However, high pressure from the west quickly kicked out the cold air and allowed dry mild air to move in. Highs jumped back to the upper 70s the next day and stayed there through Sunday. So, in a two-day period we went from the mid-60s to the low 40s and back to the upper 70s.

High pressure was in control of the weather pattern for the most of the rest of the

month. This meant beautiful fall weather—that is if you like sunshine and mild temperatures. High temperatures reached into the upper 70s and low 80s each afternoon from the 16th through the 20th, an unusually long streak for the middle of September. Temperatures peaked at 84°F on the 19th, near-record high territory for the day.

A quick-moving weather system did move through the evening of the 20th, bringing a shot of rain that evening, but this was our only measureable precipitation from the 13th through the 28th. High temperatures dropped back to slightly below average the next afternoon, reaching the upper 60s. Then temperatures continued a slow climb to back above-normal levels through the remainder of the month, again reaching into the low 80s on the 26th and 27th.

The last couple days of the month saw a change in the pattern, as a slow-moving storm system rolled through out of the west. This storm brought rain and mountain snow to the Four Corners and northern Rocky Mountains. As bands of moisture rotated around the storm and interacted with deeper layers of moisture and instability on the 29th, several rounds of thunderstorms, rain, hail, and severe weather developed. Several areas just to our north received large hail and strong winds. We of course didn't totally miss out, as some areas of small hail fell during the late afternoon, along with brief heavy rain and lots of lightning. Most areas received about a half inch of rain, which was welcome after an extended dry period. This storm moved out that evening and left behind a cool and quiet day to end the month.

A look ahead

October can be an active weather month for the Tri-Lakes region, with winter conditions often experienced. In fact, for three of the last five years, weather around Halloween has been cold and snowy. Remember the 6 to 15 inches of snow that fell during 2004 from Halloween night through Nov. 1. Snow can be heavy at times during any part of October, as when over 20 inches of snow fell October 9-10 in 2005 and 2006 saw over 24 inches of snow fall in less than 24 hours on Oct. 26. Just last year, nearly 10 inches fell on Oct. 8, so get those snow plows ready. Of course, the weather can also be very dry and mild, so enjoy those days when you can.

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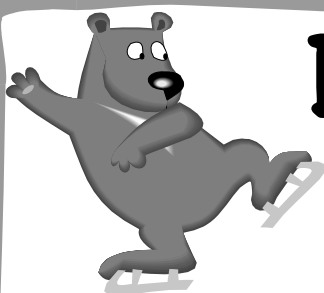
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