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Red, White, and True

by AMBER TUELLER

I find myself thoughtful and reflective when considering the two and a half centuries of our great nation!

It is momentous to be commemorating our 250th year along with Colorado's statehood and the Town of Parker's original charter. Looking back through history, where do we fit in?

During the Revolutionary War, Colorado was a very different setting, far from the conflict in both distance and lifestyle. The Front Range was home to several Native American tribes. Colorado would not become part of the country for a number of decades. In the mid 1800s, when more settlers came to Colorado for the gold rush on Pikes Peak, the foundation

of Denver began. By 1876, in the 100th year of our nation, Colorado became part of the Union. Soon before, Parker was established as a stagecoach stop in the mid 1860s, just 20 miles south of Denver. More than a hundred years later and 45 years ago, Parker was incorporated in 1981, being a mostly agricultural town at the time. It has grown to be an extraordinary spot for family and community.

As we celebrate these significant anniversaries, I want to look back at the beginnings of this holiday. Early America celebrated the first anniversary of the 4th of July, even while the Revolutionary War continued. They set the tone and tradition for the culture that we still enjoy today.

On July 3rd, 1776, John Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail, that Independence Day, "...ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

The July 5, 1777, issue of the Pennsylvania Evening Post reported, "Yesterday the 4th of July, being the anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America, was celebrated in this city with demonstrations of joy and festivity. About noon all the armed ships and galleys in the river were drawn up before the city, dressed in the gayest manner, with the colors of the United States and streamers displayed. At one o'clock ... they began the celebration of the day by a discharge of thirteen cannon from each of the ships... in honor of the Thirteen United States ... The evening was closed with the ringing of bells, and at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks ... on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated."

When George Washington was about to step down from his presidency, he was one of the first men in all of history to show a peaceful transfer of power from one leader to the next, outside of assuming a throne through inheritance. After his second term in office, despite many wanting him to stay for a third, he handed the presidency over to John Adams, exemplifying Republican ideals and denouncing the notion of one man leading for life. After giving so much of his life and love to his country, in his farewell address to the nation in the fall of 1796, the father of our nation talked about patriotism. He said, "Citizens by birth or choice of a common country, that country has a right to concentrate your affections. The name of American, which belongs to you, in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism, more than any appellation derived from local discriminations."

More important than being a Coloradan, or a Texan, from Parker or Castle Rock, our love for our great nation should rise above and unite us all! Joy, loyalty, and reverence for what we are part of should be seen in our actions and celebrations. So many have sacrificed to create this land of liberty from the very beginning until today. Whenever I see the American flag passing by at a parade with spectators standing to put their hand over their heart, I am moved. It has been so intriguing and heartwarming to see people from other countries visiting our cities this summer for the World Cup. Their love of and fascination with so many things that are everyday norms to us makes me think that we need to renew our gratitude for this special place. We are not a perfect nation, but the first of our kind and certainly one to be loved and honored! I am so proud and grateful to be an American.

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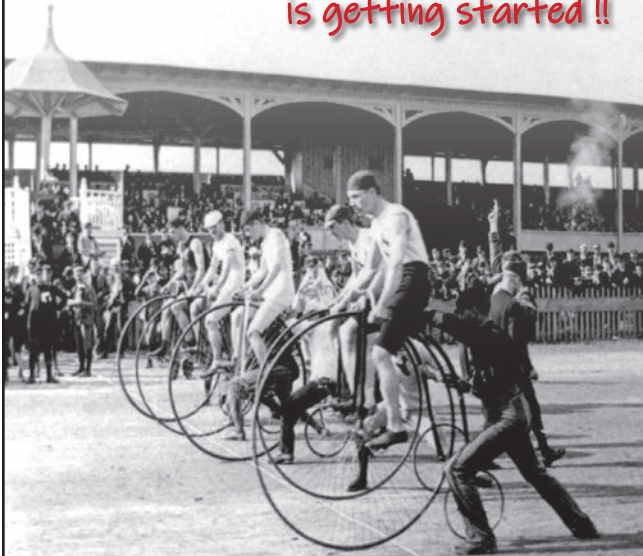








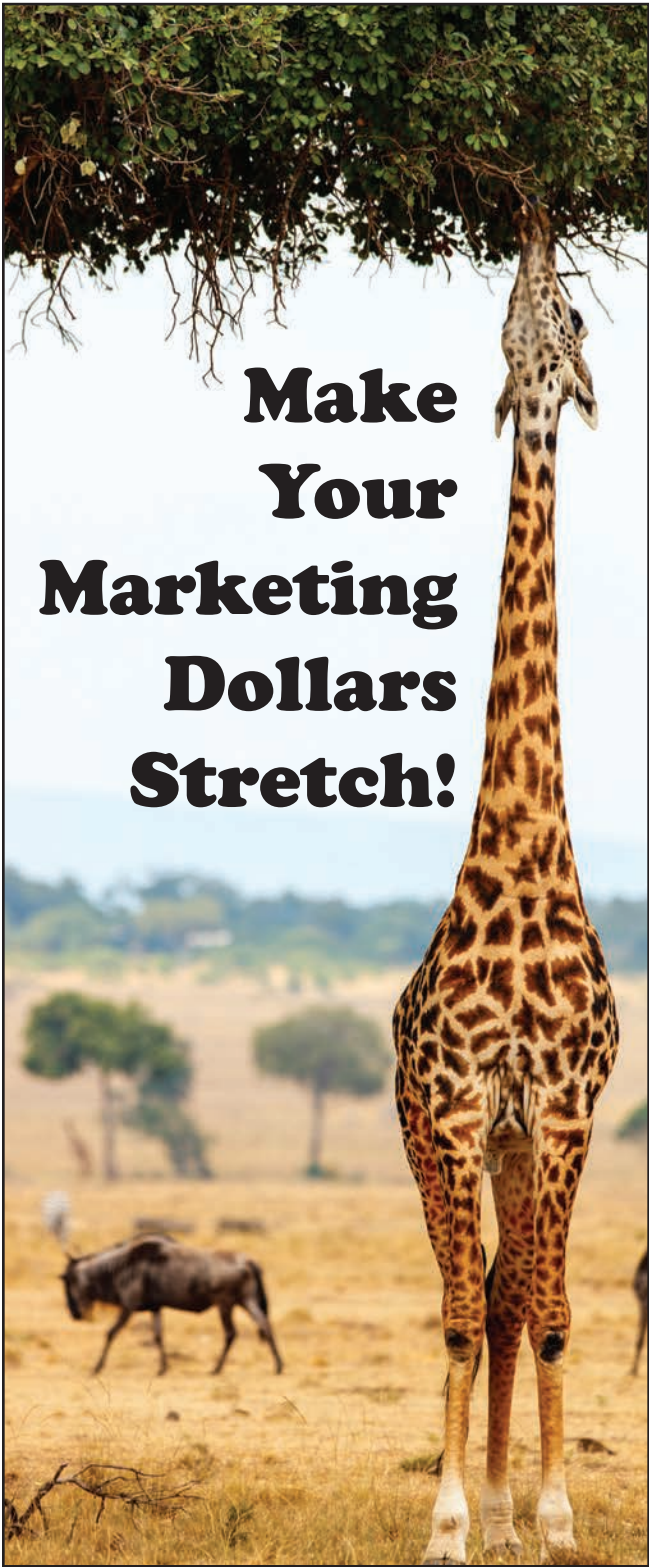

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O Say, Does That Star-Spangled Banner Yet Wave

by BRET TUELLER

We hadn't lived here long. Anxious to get engrained into the community, my wife and I sat patiently with our six kids along a parade route. As the procession started, the American Flag came into view. As our family stood, I couldn't help but notice the number of people who remained seated and all together ignored our country banner.

I came to realize that day how it had become "popular" to show disdain for our country. Somehow people took pride in pointing out our nation's flaws and mistakes. What a great country that we live in that allows us the freedom to disrespect the very thing that gives us the right to do it.

I know this probably isn't politically correct with some of you. but I don't care. I love this country. So at the risk of drawing the Karen's ire, here are the perscribed guidelines to show our respect for the flag of our country.

The guidelines for showing respect to the flag are outlined in the U.S. Flag Code, a federal law that serves as a guide for voluntary patriotic conduct. According to federal statute these specific gestures and postures are meant to be rendered at the exact moment the flag passes.

When the flag is passing by, such as in an event or parade, you should adhere to the following steps as it approaches:

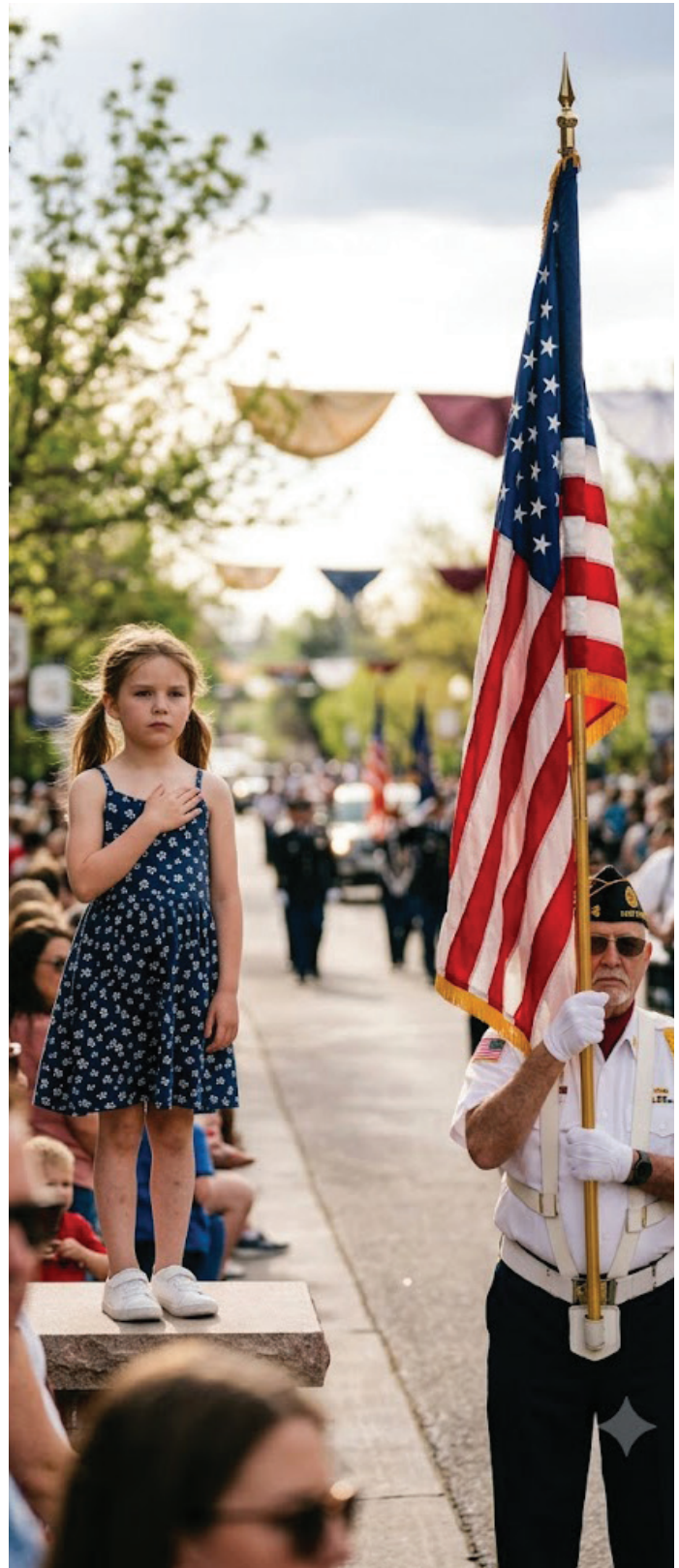
Face the flag: Stop walking and turn to face the direction the flag is traveling.

Stand at attention: Stand up straight with your shoulders back

Place your hand over your heart: Civilians place their right hand (palm open) over their left breast.

Remove your hat: If you are wearing a hat, remove it with your right hand and hold it at your left shoulder, ensuring your hand is still over your heart.

Military and Veterans: Members of the Armed Forces and veterans (even if out of uniform) may render a military salute instead of placing a hand over the heart.





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#Celebration

A look back at the various
festivities in our town to honor
our nation's birth

BY AMBER TUELLER

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With the upcoming Fourth of July celebration, we wanted to take a look back at some of the celebrations in the Douglas County area through history. In decades and centuries past, people celebrated with many of the same activities as today. Parades, fireworks, live music, family gatherings, and picnics were typical.

Below, these women and girls (circa 1900-1920) participate in a float display in Castle Rock. Women wear banners with the names of U.S. states; one holds the U.S. flag.

A very memorable Fourth of July in 1899 was written about in *The Weekly Mascot* from Castle Rock. The article told of the Parker Baseball team beating the Eagle Athletic Club, respectively scoring 21 and 9. It also describes the horse race after the game in which the horses and riders were so close it was hard for spectators to tell the winner. The judges announced that the horse with its tongue stuck out had won the race! (*A Folk History of Parker and Hilltop*, by Sandra Welchel, pp. 70-71)

"In (Douglas County) earlier days, fireworks were not regulated. The Fourth of July brought a mixture of excitement and fear. Old-fashioned Roman candles spewed fountains of beautiful colors, torches burst with more varieties than the rainbow, and everyone had to have a sparkler." (*A Folk History of Parker and Hilltop*, pp 70-71)

In the early 1900s, the holiday was also celebrated with a baseball game, parades, and picnics. "Equestrian entries (were) an important part of the Fourth of July parades. Whether a 4-H horse club or the Parker Trail Riders, horses played an important part in the celebration." (*Images of America: Parker*, by Sandra Welchel, pp 83-85)

Today our traditions focus around many of the same events. The Town of Castle Rock produces a huge and beautiful fireworks display, along with social gatherings and live music. Despite the growth and sprawl of our growing town, it still radiates the atmosphere of a small town summer. It feels good to be part of something timeless.

Thank you Castle Rock, and Happy Birthday, America!



THE GUIDE

THE BEST PLACES TO DINE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY

In the interest of providing the 50 best dining options in Douglas County, we must be able to personally recommend each listing. The guide is subject to change. If you have a suggestion for inclusion on the list, email us at contribute@tuellers.com.

KEY

Based on a typical dinner for one person, excluding drinks, tax or tip.

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(EC) Editors Choice
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10841 S. Crossroads Dr., Suite 10, Parker
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19751 E Mainstreet, Parker
720-851-8559 \$\$

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18374 Cottonwood Dr., Parker
720-500-5555 \$ (N)

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19585 Hess Road, Parker
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8433 Park Meadows Center Dr., Suite 143B, Lone Tree
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Authentic Italian eatery featuring pizza, pasta, calzones and heros. The local "go-to" for fresh Italian. **10920 S Parker Rd, Parker** 303-841-9900 \$\$

SCILEPPI'S

A modern Italian restaurant focused on family recipes and premium ingredients. **210 Third St., Castle Rock** 303-688-9000 \$\$

VIA BACI

Neapolitan pizzas join modern Italian fare at this casual eatery featuring a full bar & patio. **10005 Commons St, Lone Tree** 303-790-0828 \$\$

MEXICAN

ADRIANNA'S

Intimate Mexican eatery for authentic cuisine in a relaxed ambiance. Great for parties. **7272 E Hwy 86, Franktown** 303-663-7800 \$\$

CASA MARIACHI

Unassuming local joint serving up straight-forward Mexican plates. **9771 S Parker Rd, Parker** 720-842-5105 \$\$

LA LOMA

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LAS POTRANCES

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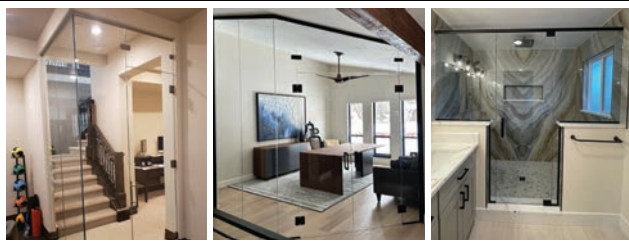
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