

Huntsville – Larkspur Timeline Government, Fire & Floods and Crime

Date	Year	Location	Event	Bibliography
May	1864	Huntsville	Huntsville area suffered damage from the 100 year flood	http://www.larkspurhistoricalsociety.com/larkspur/huntsvilletimeline.html
July 21; 1:00 PM	1865	Huntsville	U. S. Assessor's Office of Denver held County of Douglas Hearing Appeals meeting at Huntsville Post Office	<u>Rocky Mountain News</u> , July 27, 1865
	1867- 1869		Alexander Cameron Hunt: Colorado Territorial Governor, 1867-1869	http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/govs/hunt.html ; Denver: University of Denver, Unpublished Master's Thesis, 1957
	1868	Huntsville- Larkspur Region	Treaty of 1868 assured Utes of tribal lands. The Treaty was signed by Chief, Ouray, Kit Carson and Territorial Governor A. C. Hunt.	<u>Douglas County A Historical Journey</u> , compiled by Joan Mair Keiser
May 26	1869	Huntsville	William Crull postmaster of Huntsville Post Office	Post office application document; Huntsville, April 19, 1869; signed by William Crull on May 26, 1869
December r 13	1871	Larkspur	Huntsville Post Office S16,T9S,R67W relocated to Larkspur Depot SE1/4 of S27, T9S, R67W; Larkspur: December: Town of Huntsville moved to Larkspur.	<u>Fading Past</u> , Susan Consola Appleby, 2001, p. 103/etal Notes p. 113; Cannon: A Brief History of Huntsville, Larkspur, Hunt Ranch and Nickson Ranch.: p.3
July 1	1876	Colorado Territory	On July 1, 1876, Colorado voted 15,443 to 4,062 to adopt a state constitution proposed by a constitutional convention and to become a state. President Ulysses Grant proclaimed Colorado the 38th state of the Union.	<u>A Short History of Colorado</u> , Jerry Kopel; http://liberty.i2i.org/2004/07/23/a-short-history-of-colorado-statehood
August 1	1876	Colorado Territory		<u>A Short History of Colorado</u> , Jerry Kopel; http://liberty.i2i.org/2004/07/23/a-short-history-of-colorado-statehood
	1880	Huntsville- Larkspur Region	The Treaty of 1880 established a reservation at Ignacio, Colorado because, after the Treaty of 1868, the Utes still heavily came into the area in search of food and game and, under the leadership of old Chief Colorow, the Utes kept coming back to the area and posing both a nuisance and menace. By 1881, all of the Utes were gone from the area.	<u>Douglas County A Historical Journey</u> , compiled by Joan Mair Keiser
Nov 15	1895	Larkspur	An unknown man was found burned beyond possible recognition inside a box car that was burned on the side track; investigation indicated murder was committed and the box car set on fire to cover up the deed.	<u>Castle Rock Journal</u> , November 20, 1895
February 27	1898	Larkspur/ Huntsville	A spark from a Sante Fe locomotive sets fire to a pasture on the Walter J. Craig ranch directly below Hunt Mountain	<u>Castle Rock Journal</u> , March 4, 1898, Clarence O. Finch, verified on 10.28.09 with Colo Rail Museum

March	1898	Larkspur	Denver & Rio Grande locomotive ignites large fire on John Burke's Larkspur pasture	<u>Fading Past</u> , Susan Consola Appleby, 2001, p. 105/etal Notes p. 113; <u>Mountain Echo</u> (Nighthawk weekly), March 12, 1898, page 1
August 5	1898	Larkspur	A severe hail storm followed by heavy rain washed-out the Rio Grande track near Larkspur and the trains went over the Santa Fe. According to old inhabitants of the area, the storm was the worst in twenty years, destroying crops and fences.	<u>Castle Rock Journal</u> , August 12, 1898; <u>Mountain Echo</u> , Nighthawk, August 13, 1898
July 18	1900	Larkspur	Fire south of the D&RG Depot destroyed the house owned and occupied by W. D. Edmonston and a house owned by Mrs. Lounsbery and occupied by Ed Wilson; depot was scorched. Had it not been for water being turned into the ditch from the railroad company's water tank all of the town east of Plum creek would have been destroyed.	<u>Castle Rock Journal</u> , July 20, 1900
July 26	1901	Larkspur	Larkspurian, W. D. Edmonston, has received an appointment as forest ranger from the government and will work Douglas County.	<u>Castle Rock Journal</u> , July 26, 1901
	1903	Larkspur	John Gray was appointed Game Warden for Larkspur by the Colorado State Game and Fish Commissioner	<u>Elbert County Banner</u> , June 19, 1903
May	1906	Larkspur	L. T. Bardell of Larkspur was a Douglas County deputy sheriff	<u>Castle Rock Journal</u> , August 10, 1906
	1907	Larkspur	Murder Committed Near Larkspur.Chris Weekley, an employee at the clay-pit near Larkspur, shot and instantly killed John Trumble a fellow employee, while under the influence	<u>Castle Rock Journal</u> , May 10, 1907
December	1907	Larkspur	A petition signed by the following persons was presented to the County commissioners at their meeting Monday, asking that a license be granted to P. H. Durkee permitting him to sell intoxicating liquors in Larkspur: Jacob Smith, Chas E. Smith, Jas. P. McInroy, Levi C. Smith, Wm. Christian, Chas Fisher, A. M. Anderson, Ed Whitehead, C. D. Moorefield, John Kinner, H. E. Corey, J. P. Riggs, W. Jaksch. T. W. Taylor, A. B. Compton, Walter Starr, Thos. Mcinerny, Thos. Linklater, Fred Hilburger, H. S. Bernheisel, C. H. Brand, C. B. Frink, E. F. Baily, J. Upton, J. R. Noe, Swan Ringdal, T. C. Ware, A. S. Gove, and W. D. Edmonston. Durkee was not granted a license	<u>Castle Rock Journal</u> , December 6, 1907
June	1910	Larkspur	The Colorado State Engineer's Office taking bids for the construction of a 32 foot concrete steel highway bridge over the East Plum Creek near larkspur in Douglas County, Colorado; bids closed June 11, 1910	<u>Record Journal</u> , May 27, 1910; <u>Record Journal</u> , June 3, 1910
Thursday, July 25	1912	Larkspur	A cloudburst hits Larkspur (2:00 PM) damaging the State bridge and the D&RG track (causing trains to be delayed for 3 hours).	<u>Record Journal</u> , July 26, 1912

October 12	1912	Larkspur	Larkspur Heights plat map recorded, the same day, William Phifer sold a tract of land east of the Santa Fe Railroad tracks to District 15 on which the new Larkspur School was to be built.	Ida May Noe Historical Records Collection
May	1913	Larkspur	Douglas County commissioners fund the state highway that will become Highway 85 between Sedalia, Castle Rock, Larkspur, Greenland to Palmer Lake. Charles Allis was awarded the contract for constructing the concrete bridges, culverts and cattle runs.	<u>Record Journal</u> , May 2, 1913; <u>Record Journal</u> , August 8, 1913
December 22	1913	Larkspur	Roof of Frink Creamery catches fire and is extinguished without extensive damage.	<u>Record Journal</u> , December 16, 1913
	1916	Larkspur	The Forest Service conducts a nationwide lumber census, estimating that there are 30,000 sawmills in the United States. At the turn of the century, Colorado was estimated to have 1,200	<u>Record Journal</u> , November 24, 1916; <u>Colorado Industries</u> , McPherson, 2009
	1917-1918	Greenland, Spring Valley, Cherry and Larkspur	Approximately 125 boys signed-up or were drafted for WWI service from 1917 -1918. Charles Metz was the only enlistee; all the rest were drafted.	The number of men for the area signed-up were counted from the <u>Record Journal</u> newspapers published during the time.
September-October-November	1920	Larkspur	Just after pay day for a Mexican extra gang working on the railroad in Larkspur, three Mexican were arrested by railroad detectives in town.	<u>Record Journal</u> , October 1, 1920
	1920	Larkspur/ Pike Forest	The district forester in Denver requested bids for 82,560 board feet of sawlogs and 2320 standard gauge rail ties cut from the Pike National Forest (60 acres in Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 68 West) ...the bid request specified bids for no less than \$3.85 for sawlogs and 10¢ per railroad tie.	<u>Record Journal</u> , October 29, 1920
March	1921	Larkspur	J. P. Riggs Store robbed by a 23 year old man from Arizona, Dick Miller, who was arrested on the Hunt Ranch east of Larkspur by Sheriff George Nickson. Miller plead guilty before Judge Cornforth and was sentenced to 4 to 8 years in the Canõn City penitentiary.	<u>Kiowa County Press</u> , March 18, 1921, page 2; <u>Record Journal</u> , March 11, 1921; <u>Record Journal</u> , March 18, 1921; <u>Record Journal</u> , March 25, 1921
September	1921	Larkspur	Burglars hit Larkspur and Greenland: Frink Creamery in Larkspur, the Higby Mercantile in Greenland and pay telephone booths in each town.	<u>Record Journal</u> , September 9, 1921
November	1921	Larkspur	Grace Lamb of Larkspur assumes duties of County superintendent of schools.	<u>Record Journal</u> , November 4, 1921
July	1922	Larkspur	Fire destroys timber on Donley (Trust) land. The fire is first spotted by the Devil's Head lookout station around noon and fought until evening volunteer corps from Castle Rock, Larkspur, Greenland and surrounding ranches, assembled by Sheriff Nickson.	<u>Record Journal</u> , July 21, 1922

July 9	1931	Larkspur	Sheriff Bert Lowell, Undersheriff R. H. Campbell and Deputy Hugh Buckner arrested John Roy, Frank Goglio, and Dominic Cost (all of Denver) for operating a moonshine still on the Lockhart Ranch. The product of the still was dumped and the individuals served time and were given a \$100 fine each for violating liquor law.	<u>Record Journal</u> , July 10, 1931
July 13	1931	Larkspur	Joe Morrello, Cal Fall, and Guy Domenico were arrested for operating a still on the Theodore Ware Ranch (owned by Ira Raymond). Judge Cornforth gave each man 30 days in jail and fined each \$100.00.	<u>Record Journal</u> , July 17, 1931
October 8	1931	Larkspur	Fire destroys two buildings on Lincoln Fur Farm. No animals were lost and the volunteer fire department kept the fire from spreading and saved the house.	<u>Record Journal</u> , October 9, 1931
June 16, 3:00 AM	1932	Larkspur	C.A. McCarthy of Denver burglarizes Shelton & Shelton and is caught by Deputy Hude Buckner of Larkspur	<u>Record Journal</u> , June 17, 1932; <u>Douglas County - Our Heritage</u> , page 37
November 1	1932	Larkspur	Deputy Hude Buckner arrested Eunice Thornton in Larkspur which led to uncovering a clever counterfeiting operation that was taken place inside the state penitentiary in Cañon City.	<u>Record Journal</u> , November 18, 1932; <u>Douglas County - Our Heritage</u> , page 37
September 6 11-12:00 PM	1933	Larkspur	Major fire starts in the boiler room and damages a considerable portion of the Frink Creamery building and its equipment contents.	<u>Record Journal</u> , September 8, 1933
June 14	1934	Larkspur	Four to six inches of heavy hail almost the size of chicken eggs severely damaged crops, buildings and automobiles; the hail was heavily concentrated on the Larkspur townsite. Most of the buildings in town had to be re-roofed.	<u>Record Journal</u> , June 15, 1934; <u>Record Journal</u> , June 25, 1934
February 23	1936	Larkspur	Railroad ties at rear of Creamery resulted in the Castle Rock Fire Boys being called to the creamery ...by the time the Fire Boys arrived, the locals had the fire under control.	<u>Record Journal</u> , February 28, 1936
May	1937	Larkspur	A slot machine was stolen from W. T. Christian's Texaco Station; the culprits had stolen slot machines in other surrounding towns and were captured in Fountain, Colorado.	<u>Record Journal</u> , May 7, 1937; <u>Record Journal</u> , October 15, 1937
July 9	1938	Larkspur	Larkspur resident, long time town merchant and former Douglas County Treasurer, James P. "Uncle Jim" Riggs dies of a heart attack at the age of 82 in Larkspur.	<u>Record Journal</u> , July 15, 1938
July 30	1938	Douglas County	The Republican County Assembly nominates S. H. Buckner, resident of Larkspur since 1900, for County Sheriff.	<u>Record Journal</u> , August 5, 1938

December	1939	Larkspur	Sam Argus's grocery store burned to ground ...was one of the older buildings in town; built by Dan Whitehead. In 1933, the store was operated by the Cameron Brothers for a couple of months before Jake Sigler took over. In 1934, James P. Riggs bought and ran the store that much later was purchased by Sam and Cynthia Argus. The Smith store across the street was ignited by the Argus blaze but extinguished without a great deal of damage.	<u>Record Journal</u> , December 22, 1939; City Directory, 1939
	1964	Larkspur	Larkspur volunteer fire department formed.	Larkspur Fire Protection District records; Chapel information from DC News Press; (Also, See Roping Club Minutes for prelude); Interview with Ann Trueblood
July 16 & 17	1965	Larkspur	Groundbreaking occurred for new fire house across from where the Larkspur Chapel formerly stood	Larkspur Fire Protection District records; Chapel information from DC News Press; (Also, See Roping Club Minutes for prelude)
June 16	1965	Larkspur	Plum Creek flood ...Frink Creamery and Larkspur Chapel destroyed and washed away by flood	http://history.douglascountylibraries.org/floods/1965.htm ; Interview with Ann Trueblood
December	1974	Larkspur	Larkspur Fire Protection District was created by District Court	Larkspur Fire Protection District records
	1979	Larkspur	Larkspur Incorporation ...Anne Trueblood first mayor	
December	1984	Larkspur	The building and property at 9524 S. Spruce Mountain Road was purchased by the Town of Larkspur from Stan and Anne Trueblood for use as the Larkspur Town Hall	Douglas County Assessors Office; Anne Trueblood Records
January	1986	Larkspur	Annexed 2,500 acres south of the Larkspur town limits (Spruce Mountain Developer's "Flagpole Annexation")	Fading Past, Susan Consola Appleby, 2001, ps. 107-108/etal Notes p. 113
January	1987	Larkspur	Stan Trueblood, Larkspur Fire Protection District's first fire chief, retires after 23 years of service.	<u>News-Press</u> , March 14-15, 1987
May	1987	Larkspur	Comprehensive Plan for Larkspur written	Ida May Noe Historical Records Collection
	1990	Larkspur	Larkspur Mini-storage remodeled (Goldie Hessler lived in the house until 1965 Flood)	Ida May Noe Historical Records Collection
	1995	Larkspur	Establishment of the Larkspur Community Park	Fading Past, Susan Consola Appleby, 2001, p. 109/etal Notes p. 113; <u>DC News Press</u>
July 17	1996	Larkspur	1986 annexation de-annexed	Ida May Noe Historical Records Collection
	1997	Larkspur	Larkspur Recreation Advisory Board established	Larkspur Town Hall Records
	2000	Larkspur	Larkspur Liquor Store robbed	Ida May Noe Historical Records Collection
	2003	Larkspur	Larkspur Annexed 34 acres (Redeker property) for development (County Road 56 & Spruce Mountain Road)	<u>DC News Press</u> , October 30, 2003
	2009	Larkspur	New Larkspur Fire Protection District, Station 161, built and opened (November, 2009)	<u>Perry Park Sentinel</u> , September 2009