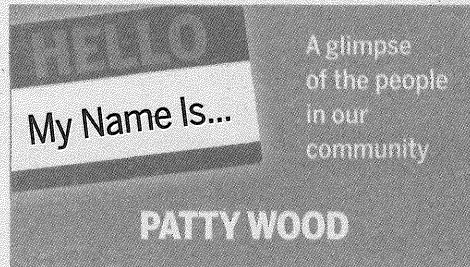


FACES AMONG US



Florist, mom and grandmother

About me

I'm a passionate mom, a grandma and now a florist living life like — in my father's words — it's a holiday.

We moved here right after I had my first baby, and this area was just lovely.

I studied physical education in college, and I love it. For 10 years I worked with the North Jeffco Parks and Recreation District, which is now the Apex Park and Recreation District, and the city of Westminster's parks department, where I served as both a receptionist and aerobics instructor.

When I started in these positions I could do it around my kids, and that was important to me. I have two daughters and a son, ages 41 to 37, and I have three grandchildren.

My passion is...

I started a home floral preservation business, and I think that's where my passion for working with flowers began. In that business I dried wedding bouquets, made shadow boxes and things like that for customers like my cousin, who opened Fiori di Flavio, a floral shop, in Olde Town in 2003.

After around 10 years working from home, I felt like I really knew the business, and my cousin had a need to sell her shop. I decided to take it over with the help of one of my daughters, and it's



Standing in her flower shop Fiori di Flavio one afternoon, Patty Wood smiles brightly. Her family has owned and operated the Olde Town floral shop for more than 12 years. *Photo by Crystal Anderson*

With the light rail coming in and more business coming to the area, we're looking forward to the years to come. It's been an amazing experience so far and a really good fit for us.

Other hobbies...

Outside of my time here at the shop, I love to dance. I'm a fun-loving gal and love spending time outside at my trailer in the mountains with my husband, Bob. Life is too short, so I try to enjoy life when I can.

My family is my top priority and, for us, every day is a holiday.

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ARVADA NEWS IN A HURRY

McGoff announces reelection campaign

Arvada District 2 council member Mark McGoff announced he will run for reelection. McGoff, elected to city council in 2007, said while he's accomplished much, there's more work to be done, citing continued development of the city's parks and its infrastructure issues.

District 2 serves the area that lies largely south of 80th Avenue and east of Wadsworth Boulevard. Since his election, McGoff has worked to help complete two parks, improve the city's biking and hiking trails, revise council policies and help collaborate to bring the Gold Line commuter rail and Red Rocks Community College to Arvada.

Outside of council meetings, McGoff serves with the Historic Olde Town Arvada, RTD Gold Line Local Governments team, Arvada Sister Cities, Adams County Economic Development Association, Metro Denver Health and Wellness Committee, the Ralston House Board of Directors and other various committees and organizations.

For more information or to donate to his campaign, contact McGoff at mlmcg41@comcast.net.

Arvada on Tap

Arvada's first brews and barbecue festival, Arvada on Tap, fires up on July 25.

Located at Ralston Park, 64th and Simms Street, Arvada on Tap will feature 21 local and regional craft breweries, 26 barbecuing teams, homebrewing competitions and more.

Entrance is \$5 and will benefit the Arvada-Jefferson Kiwanis, the Arvada Rotary, the Arvada Sunrise Rotary and the Arvada Vitality Alliance.

For more information, www.visitarvada.org/events/arvada-on-tap/.

Arvadan helps craft nationwide education proposal

Arvada resident Melissa Beck is one of 15 U.S. citizens chosen to help study and craft after-school and expanded learning policies with the White-Riley-Peterson Policy Fellowship.

This fellowship takes education leaders from across the nation and equips them with real-world understanding of policy-making in after-school programming and expanded learning.

For more information on the fellowship, visit, <http://bit.ly/1JJDGUL>.

Animal neglect

At 6:13 p.m. June 19, police arrived to the King Soopers at 8055 Sheridan Blvd. on a report of animal cruelty, according to police reports.

A Jeep with a dog locked inside was parked with all its windows rolled up. Police were told the animal had been in the vehicle for 15 minutes. The outside temperature was 90 degrees.

The owner came back to the vehicle after 20 minutes in the store and stated no water was available for the animal.

Police issued the owner a municipal summons for cruelty to animals.

Vehicle theft

A 1992 red Honda Accord was stolen June 18 at about 7:56 a.m. after being parked in the north parking lot in the 5300 block of Carr St. overnight. The vehicle has faded red