



# MICHIGAN HILL NEWS

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## Notes from the Board

The Board of Directors has implemented a new accounting system designed to enhance the accuracy, transparency, and efficiency of our financial operations. One of the key benefits of the new accounting system is that it will provide more real-time tracking of our association's financial activities, ensuring greater precision in budget management and expense reporting.

### What this means for you:

- All future financial communications and statements will be generated through the new system.
- Your existing account information will be securely transferred to the new platform.
- You may notice slight changes in dues statements and payment procedures.

We anticipate this transition will be smooth and will significantly improve our financial management capabilities. If you have any questions or concerns about the new accounting system, Please contact the HOA at [boardmembers@mhhoa.com](mailto:boardmembers@mhhoa.com).

And finally, the online system for owner's to post information about the availability of free firewood on their property is no longer in the works.

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## Did you know?



### Horns or Antlers?

People sometimes refer to the growth on the heads of male deer, elk, and moose, as horns. However these structures aren't horns at all, but antlers. Antlers and horns differ in many ways.

Antlers are grown by members of the deer family, or Cervidae, and are a single, branched structure made of bone that grows from the skull. They are generally found only in males—with the exception of Caribou, which are the only deer species in which both males and female have antlers.

Horns, found on pronghorn, bighorn sheep, bison, and domestic cattle are a two-part structure. An interior portion of bone, which is an extension of the skull is covered by an exterior sheath grown by specialized hair follicles (similar to human fingernails). Horns are usually found on both males and, in diminutive form, in females.

Antler's grow from the tips and, for most animals, are shed annually while horns are not branched, are never shed and continue to grow throughout an animal's life. One exception is the pronghorn, which sheds and regrows its horn sheath each year ([nps.gov](http://nps.gov) and [wgfd.wyo.gov](http://wgfd.wyo.gov)). (Pictured above are horns, on bighorn sheep, and antlers on elk and moose.)

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## Events

Board meeting anyone? Members are invited (and encouraged) to attend the next meeting February 8, 2025.

And don't forget to mark your calendar, June 7, 2025, for the annual meeting! Check the Michigan Hill website—[MHHOA.com](http://MHHOA.com) for more information.

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## Featured Member(s)

Meet Debbie and Larry Caine! They bought their lot in 1999, but it wasn't until the fall of 2009 that they began construction of their cabin on French Pass Circle.

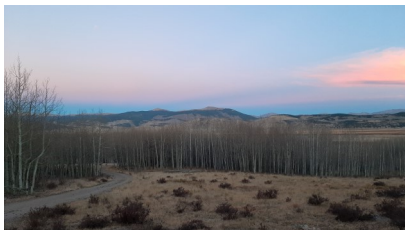
The cabin is their "happy place" and when they learned that the name of the Caine's family ancestral home on the Isle of Man was *Ballaskyr*, they knew they had found the name for the cabin. They, and their children and grandchildren, love to spend as much time as they can on the hill. In the winter the kids love to snowmobile and in the summer, it provides a welcome getaway from the triple digit heat in Denver. Over the years, they have gotten to know a lot of their neighbors and love the small-town feeling they have in the community, especially since it is such a contrast to resorts such as Vail or Breckenridge. With the cool mountain air just a little over an hour away from their Lakewood home, *Ballaskyr* is their welcome retreat.

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## Photos

If you have pictures taken on Michigan Hill, or the surrounding area, and you would like to submit for publication here, **and** can tell me when and where the photo was taken, and by whom, please email them to [elaine.grace1067@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.grace1067@gmail.com). If people are in the pictures, please identify them as well.

As you may, or may not know, there is a **Michigan Hill Facebook** page, and a **Michigan Hill Nextdoor** page where folks post a lot of wildlife pictures and other items of interest. Another testament to the wonder and beauty of Michigan Hill.



Sunrise on the hill, Fall 2024

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## What's to come?

The next issue of the newsletter is scheduled for MAY 2025. If you have story ideas, or would like to be featured, email [elaine.grace1067@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.grace1067@gmail.com).