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About 30 lawn care professionals assisted with the 6th Annual Day of Service at Riverside Cemetery on Friday, April 25. Several large dead trees were removed, several large trees trimmed, 3-4 acres of land prepared, fertilized and Revive applied along with native grass seeds, 2 flower beds weeded and enlarged, and 3 raised Plant Select demonstration beds cleaned up. A beautiful day resulted in more progress on the revival of the cemetery landscape. See article on page 4.

### President's Message

**Tom Lynch**

The Colorado Pesticide Applicators Act is undergoing Sunset Review right now; it must be acted upon by the 2015 state legislature. Why is this important to you, our members and our industry? The answer is very simple. A five page list of recommended reforms and changes to the Pesticide Act has been submitted for introduction to the 2015 legislature by the Colorado Pesticide Reform Coalition; an association of Colorado citizens consisting of representatives of other organizations and individuals. CPRC is proposing changes to the structure of who will oversee our industry, bans on pesticides, limits on pesticide use and additional fees to be incurred by applicators to maintain our licenses to name just a few. If only a few of CPRC's proposed changes are acted upon by the legislature, the way we do business in Colorado's Green Industry will be changed forever. CALCP and many other GreenCO member boards are forming an Industry Leadership Coalition. This coalition will meet with DORA and other state entities to present the industry point of view. Our combined efforts will also be put forth to the state legislators to ensure our voice is heard at the state house. The CALCP board is committed to keeping you....*cont. page 4*

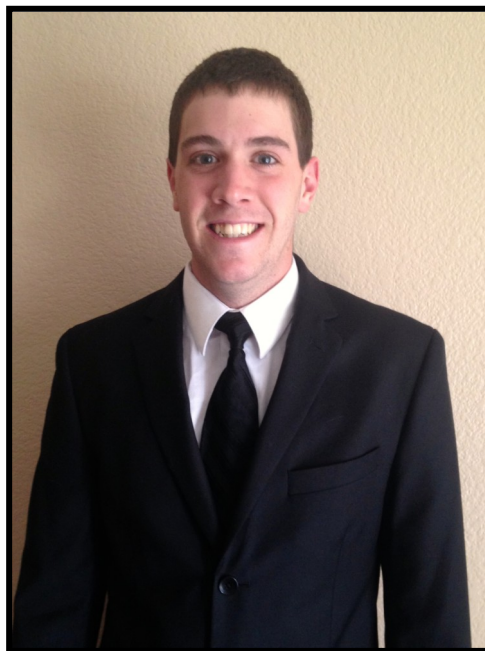
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## Scholarship Winners

For 14 consecutive years, CALCP has sponsored two scholarships of \$1500 each for students who attend any school in Colorado and are enrolled in a horticulture program. A 3rd scholarship is available for an employee of a green industry member company who is going back for additional training. (This scholarship was not awarded in 2014.) The winners of the student scholarship are below.

**Tom Zimmerman** is a senior at Colorado State University studying Environmental Horticulture with a concentration in landscape business. He is expected to graduate in the fall of 2014. Originally from Arvada, CO, he has a twin brother and younger sister. As a senior at Colorado State he has been active in the green industry through managing an on-campus stadium, coordinating the university's Annual Trial Gardens, and competing in this year's P.L.A.N.E.T. competition. As a young member in the green industry he looks forward to a career where he can give back to others by providing them with landscapes that they can be proud of.

from Westminster, Colorado where he graduated from Mountain Range high school. He has competed in the Sports Turf Managers Association Student Collegiate challenge for CSU the last two years. He is an active member of the CSU turf club where it is encouraged to participate in collegiate challenges and attend Turf conferences to network with industry professional. He is excited to graduate to become a full time industry member and be able to practically apply what he has learned at CSU in his line of work.



### Winners of 2014 CALCP scholarships:

Above: Casey Steere  
Left: Thomas Zimmerman



**Casey Steere** is currently a senior at Colorado State University. He will be graduating in December with a degree in Environmental Horticulture with a concentration in Sports Turf. Casey is

## SouthWest Green Industry Meeting

A joint get together with all members of all segments of the green industry is planned for Friday, Sept. 19 at the Four Seasons Greenhouse & Nursery, 26650 Road P, Delores, Co. Behind the scenes tour is from 3:30-5:00 p.m. and food, drinks & fun from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Anyone in the area is invited to join in for a social gathering. Reservations are requested by calling the CALCP office at 303 850-7587.

## Spring Training Conference 2015 & 2016

CALCP entered into another 2 year contract with the Ramada Plaza Hotel to host our main educational event for 2015 and 2016. Dates are March 3 & 4, 2015 and March 1 & 2, 2016.

## CDA newsletter on EAB

The EAB Newsletter which will be a email update that individuals can sign up for is now up on the CDA website - the link to sign up is at the top of the front page. CDA will send out updates often. Go to <http://www.webowidget.com/subscribe/DeptofAgriculture/>

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## State House update

The legislators will wrap up this 2014 session on May 8 with a flurry of last minute bills and efforts to push through bills that have been debated in committees and slowly moving along for most of the session. You can use this link to follow progress of all bills that have been introduced this session: <http://www.coloradocapitolwatch.com/bill-tracker-votes/0/1550/2014/0/>

In the next newsletter there will be a complete summary of bills tracked by GreenCO that affect your business.

## Day of Service

CALCP conducted its 6th Day of Service project in conjunction with the PLANET event at Riverside Cemetery on Friday, April 25. Again this year we planted native grass seeds, fertilized and used Revive products to enhance the soil in 3-4 acres, added to and extended one of the new entrance flower beds, and performed maintenance and spring clean up of the 3 Plant Select Demonstration beds.

As we have done for the last several years, we worked to fell dead trees on the property removing at least 4 large trees and trimming several others. Due to losing their handshake water rights in 2002-3, many of the large trees on the property have died and are a danger to graves and people. Thanks to Mountain High Tree, Lawn & Landscape, Swingle Tree, Lawn & Landscape, Davey Tree Expert Company for their crews and use of tree trimming equipment to remove several large trees at Riverside.

Thanks to Alpha One Fertilizer Company, Revive, Helena Chemical Co, and Pawnee Buttes Seed company for their donation of products. Manpower and equipment donations from L.L. Johnson Distributors made preparation of the soil easy. Professional Tree & Turf converted a

small water tank to a spray tank for use in helping to control the weeds. All contributed toward the success of this project.

Companies that sent workers to assist included TerraCare Associates, Thunderbird Design, Green Mountain Lawn & Tree Care, John Deere Landscapes, Michael Reis, and several Denver Master Gardeners.

## Calendar of Events

**May 5-9**—CALCP office closed.

**May 8**—last day of legislative session for 2014.

**May 19**—10:00—noon, Pesticide coalition meeting at Crowne Plaza Hotel. Call 303 850-7587.

**June 11**-CALCP board meeting at Stockyard Saloon at 4710 National Western Dr, Denver. Call 303 850 -7587.

**June 20-July 11**-CALCP office closed.

**July 22**-GreenCO board meeting. Call 303 758-6672.

**January 13-16, 2015**—ProGreen Expo at the Colorado Convention Center. Call 970 219-0655.

## Pres. Message cont.....

our members informed through this process. Thanks for being a member!

I can't end without giving recognition to the entire contingent of volunteers who helped make CALCP's Sixth Annual Day of Service at The Historic Riverside Cemetery a great success! Thanks to Davey, Mountain High and Swingle for their terrific tree work. L.L. Johnson sent Leo and his infamous "Dingo" for bed and turf preparation, the many Master Gardeners who used their knowledge and elbow grease in the planting beds. The product donations from Rick Roehm - Helena Chemical, Revive Inc, Gary Bragdon - Alpha One and the Pawnee Buttes Seed Co. are essential to this revitalization project. It's amazing to see what is accomplished in one day through the combined efforts of these volunteers. Thanks to all who participated!

## Chuckles

The real measure of your wealth is how much you'd be worth if you lost all your money.

To better the future, know the past.

We do not remember days; we remember moments.

Memories are keepsakes of happy times we've known.

You know it's going to be a bad day when your twin forgets your birthday.

As perfume is to the flower, kindness is to speech.

Hold those you love with open hands.

Faults are thick where love is thin.