



FACES, PLACES, & VOICES OF



MATT SMITH

Owner/Operator & Executive Chef
Backyard Bird Chicken + Donuts

Bringing quality food and drinks to our local area that's easy for busy families to get, but that isn't fast food.

That's executive chef and owner/operator Matt Smith's focus for Backyard Bird — a chicken and donuts restaurant in the Timnath community that's been serving up high quality home cooking type fare for families on the go since 2020.

Matt and his wife Nicole, who works as Backyard Bird's design, marketing, and accounting department, were drawn from California to Timnath for the town's family-oriented approach to living.

"The sense of family here is pretty cool in how it's looked at from more of a whole community perspective," Matt said. "Everyone looks out for each other. It's amazing to encourage my kids to go outside as opposed to being worried that they're going to play out front."

The couple also chose the area for their brick-and-mortar location because they were looking for a place where their restaurant could put down roots alongside their family. "We're here to be part of the community and part of the growth of Timnath," Matt said. "It was a pretty cool opportunity to be in the beginning stages of the town."

Being so close to downtown Timnath and the growing neighborhoods surrounding it gives those busy families an easy option for breakfast, lunch and dinner prepared by people who care. Located just off Harmony Road east of I-25, Backyard Bird gives commuters a quick, quality option for breakfast and coffee too.

On why Matt chose to bring his Michelin starred French cuisine background to chicken and donuts, Matt explained he believes there's a little bit of a

misconception of what healthy really is. "To me, healthy is something you've made that's not processed."

"Sometimes the best way to move forward is by going backwards to only using simple, raw ingredients that are never processed," Matt said. You can expect fresh, never frozen ingredients for a superior food and coffee product. "I want to be proud of food that I make, and I want it to be the kind of food my kids would eat," said Matt.



WHAT TO TRY

Fried Chicken – Lemon brined, marinated in yogurt, twice tossed in organize flour and house crafted spice blend.

Coffee – Donut Milk Latte – Milk infusion with donut flavors to make a true coffee donut drink!

WHERE TO FIND THEM

4650 Signal Tree Dr., Suite 1900, Timnath, CO 80547

- Wednesday – Thursday 11am to 2pm, 4:30 to 7:30pm
- Friday 7am to 7:30pm
- Saturday 8am to 7:30pm
- Sunday 8am to 6:30pm

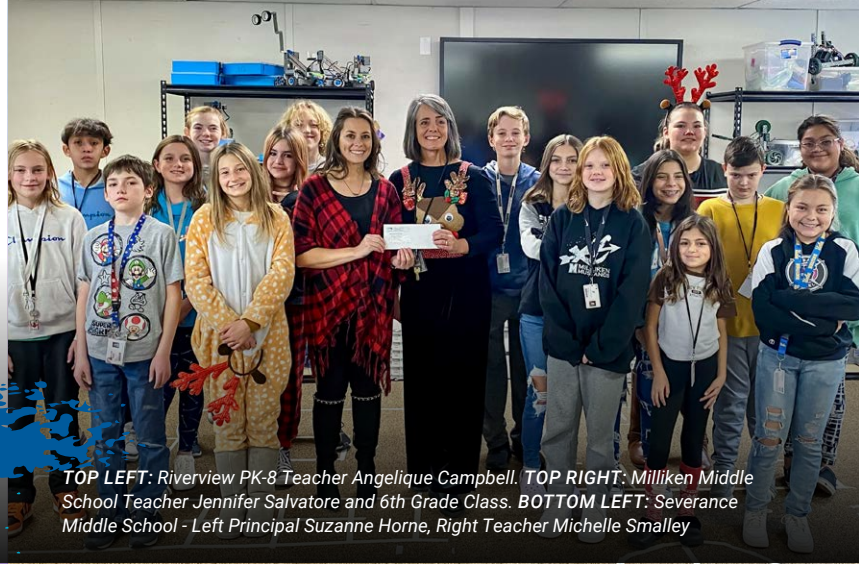
Food Truck at Odell Brewing every Thursday evening. More food truck appearances in the spring, summer and fall.

Catering options available for weddings, corporate events, and more.

Online at www.backyardbirdco.com



BACKYARD BIRD
chicken + donuts



TOP LEFT: Riverview PK-8 Teacher Angelique Campbell. TOP RIGHT: Milliken Middle School Teacher Jennifer Salvatore and 6th Grade Class. BOTTOM LEFT: Severance Middle School - Left Principal Suzanne Horne, Right Teacher Michelle Smalley

Northern Colorado teachers and students received much-needed STEAM funding!



Our Empower Grants are awarded to area schools in support of classroom projects focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. Each project is awarded up to \$2,000 to help foster educating kids in our communities.

In total, 8 classroom projects were selected to receive \$16,000 in grant funding.

We're excited to share the stories of these projects throughout the new year, as teachers implement the funds for projects in their classes. Stay tuned as we release stories, pictures, and videos!

Watch the video to learn about our Empower Grant Program and see what types of fun, creative, and educational projects these funds support.



Scan the code to watch the video.

Learn more about the Empower Grant Program, including application deadlines for 2023-2024 school year, visit www.pvrea.coop/empower-grant-program.

New Year, **New You?**

- DO YOU WANT TO ADD SOMEONE TO YOUR ACCOUNT?
- DID ANY GATE CODES CHANGE LAST YEAR?
- SHOULD WE BE AWARE OF CHANGES TO ACCESSING YOUR PROPERTY?

HAS YOUR CONTACT INFO CHANGED?

Keep us up-to-date on your account's contact and access information. It helps us ensure we can quickly and easily provide you account notifications and gain access for service and maintenance.

Verify your contact information in your online account or PVREA mobile app. Call us to report any changes in access preferences or gate codes.

Rebates for 2023

Be sure to stay up-to-date on how you can save money on the purchase of new electric products and appliances.

Quickly submit rebates in our easy-to-use online application. Rebates must be submitted within 90-days of purchase. Rebates of \$250 or less will be applied to your monthly PVREA bill as a credit. Rebates over \$250 will be issued to you as a check.

Find rebate amounts and applications online at

www.pvrea.coop/rebates



Cooperative Principle No. 7 – Concern for Community

We're proud to help support those who provide valuable services for our community.

The nonprofits and charitable organizations we support embody the 7th Cooperative Principle. They provide a way for people in our community to work together for the common good, transforming shared ideas into action. That's the true cooperative spirit!

This year, we have provided financial support to local nonprofits to help fund their community services.

A way you can give back is by donating to Energy Outreach Colorado – who helps to support, stabilize, and sustain vulnerable households in Colorado by providing home energy assistance.

It's easy to help another member. You can select the amount you want to donate at the bottom of your printed electric bill, make a one-time payment, or set up monthly donations. Donate today at www.energyoutreach.org/donate/.



CO-OP GRASSROOTS

Let **Your Voice** Be Heard

By joining our Grassroots Network, you can impact the legislation that has the potential of impacting your electricity. When we work together, our collective voices can make a difference.

We call upon our Grassroots Networks when there is legislation that needs action. Join today to make your voice heard.

Sign up now at www.pvrea.coop/grassroots or by texting **GOCOOP** to **25886**.



JOIN US IN-PERSON FOR

Our 2023 Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Embassy Suites in Loveland, CO

- BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED
- BUSINESS MEETING STARTS AT 9:30AM

An official invitation will be sent to all active members. Per our board election cycle, members will not receive a voting ballot as no open seats are up for election this year.

More details will be posted online at www.pvrea.coop/annualmeeting

SAFETY CORNER

Safe Driving & Downed Poles/Lines



With winter weather here to stay, it's important to remember to stay safe out on the roads. Here are some tips to remember about what should happen if your car contacts a power pole.

Here's what to do in a car accident with a power pole, pad-mounted transformer, or other electrical equipment:

- Do not get out of the vehicle or cab unless there is smoke or a fire. Instead, call 911 and wait for utility crews to come and de-energize power.
- If you must exit, make a clean jump or hop from your car or truck (without touching it).
- Then hop with your feet together or shuffle keeping your feet on the ground until you are at least 30 feet away.
- If you see an accident that involves a downed power line, do not approach the scene. Instead, call 911 for help and relay this helpful safety information to others nearby.

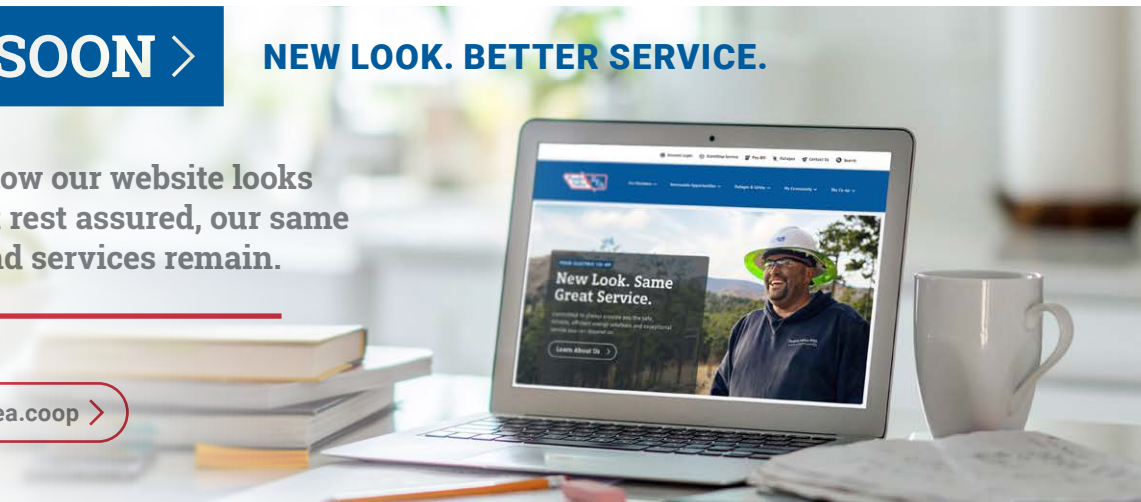
For more information about electrical safety, visit us online at www.pvrea.coop.

COMING SOON >

NEW LOOK. BETTER SERVICE.

We're changing how our website looks and operates. But rest assured, our same great products and services remain.

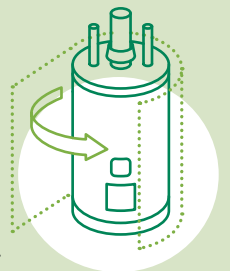
Learn more at www.pvrea.coop >



Insulating your electric water heater can reduce standby heat loss by 25-45%, saving you 7-16% on annual water heating costs.

The Dept. of Energy rates this project as medium difficulty, meaning most homeowners can tackle this project on their own. You can purchase pre-cut jackets or blankets for about \$20 at most home improvement stores.

Visit energy.gov for project tips and additional considerations.



Source: energy.gov

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

