

A Gal for All Seasons

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God has created four basic seasons for us to enjoy or for some to dread. The basic four are winter, spring, summer and fall. Personally, I like a little bit of all four and some more than others.

Winter provides us with major holidays like Thanksgiving, Christmas and Chanukah. The glistening of the sun on new fallen snow provides a spectacular picture. Then there is the dreaded part of blizzards, icy roads and the need to shovel and plow.

Spring is the time of awakening with trees budding and perennials beginning to peek out of the ground. Planting the annuals and getting gardens tilled and planted. Anticipating longer daylight with the arrival of daylight saving time. The dreaded part for those with allergies are the sneezing, wheezing and running eyes.

Summer is the time of being outdoors enjoying swimming, picnicking, family, friends, grilling and thankfully fewer bugs than in other states where I've lived. The sounds of summer like lawn mowers and children playing in the sprinklers. The dreaded part may be increased electric bills caused by running the AC during the Dog Days of Summer and high fire danger.

Fall's brilliant display of colorful leaves and cooling temperatures and the harvest moon bring joy. Then the dreaded part may be trying to get all those leaves raked or mulched and out of the yard only to find that strong wind last night brought the neighbor's leaves into your yard. Back "in the day" when burning leaves was permitted, the aroma of burning leaves and small bon fires were times of nostalgia.

Then there are the sub-seasons. There is "falter," (winter crashing into fall) which usually makes its appearance around Halloween when kids anticipating a nice fall evening for trick-or-treating end up wearing their winter coats over their costumes.

Comparable to "falter" is "sprinter" (when spring gets put in its place because winter lets it know it shouldn't have started yet) when those pretty Easter outfits and bright colored hats just don't look the same when wearing boots and a parka.

Denver sports season is year-round. There is ski season which can run from October to July. The Nuggets basketball season charges onto the floor in October with regular games through April. The Avalanche skate from October through April with 82 games and the Stanley Cup playoffs play on and on and on and begin to compete with the Boys of Summer. The Rockies, pitched as the Boys of Summer, hit it off in spring, burn through summer and slide into fall. The Broncos start training camp in the summer and tackle their season from August with pre-season through getting down to business through the end of December. Then if the clippings are to be believed there might even be playoff games...even something super. (All puns intended!)

Gotta love them all but not the season that can last for years – the season of ROAD REPAIR!