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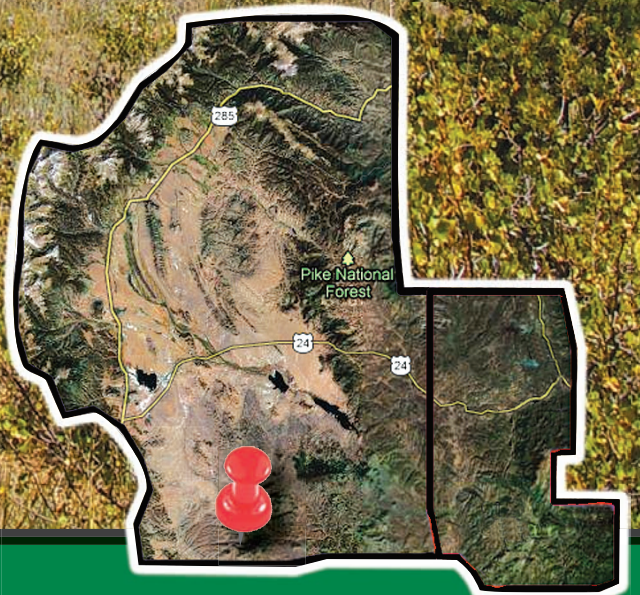
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## Welcome to Ute Country

"Every crag and gnarled tree and lonely valley has its own strange and graceful legend attached to it."

Douglas Hyde



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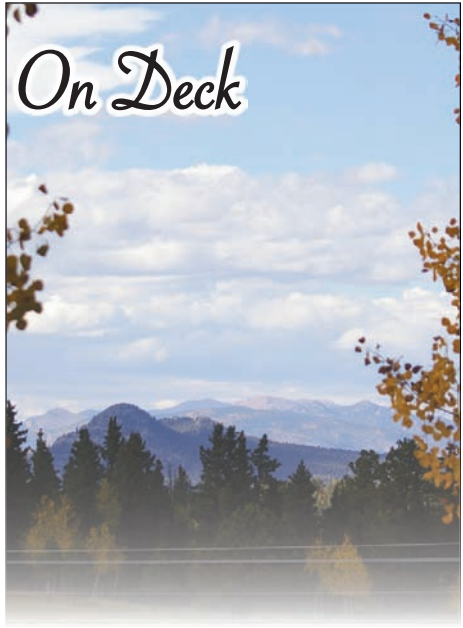
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This month's cover is of a lone tree on highway 9 along the Freemont and Park County border. It has clearly seen better days; it bears scars of stories yet untold, hints of a secret history nobody bothered to ask about. It stands tall; limbs twisted and torn off. Even though it will never again put forth leaves, its beauty is in its resilience.

This issue has many stories of resilience, legends of incredible people, and opportunities for adventures yet to come. We have asked those running for the office of Sheriff of Teller County to respond to a few questions so that our readers can make an informed choice. Please remember to execute your civic duty by voting in early November.

Do you have comments about this issue? Perhaps you have a human interest story or some good news to share. As always, feel free to contact us via email [utecountrynewspaper@gmail.com](mailto:utecountrynewspaper@gmail.com) or phone 719-686-7393. Make sure we have the chance to help you get your word out! Mr. Spaz was feeling like a slacker as he had only a few photos to pick from. Perhaps you have some pictures of your pets playing in the leaves or prancing by a pumpkin. Please send Mr. Spaz your Critter Corner pics at [utecountrynewspaper@gmail.com](mailto:utecountrynewspaper@gmail.com). He can't wait to get his paws on them!

Thank you,  
—Kathy & Jeff Hansen

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## Thymekeeper: Kitchen herbalism

by Mari Marques



Feeling funky? Season change is an open door for illness and right on cue, as we enter into this season change many people are experiencing respiratory problems such as cold and flu like symptoms. Let's peruse the pantry and see what medicine we have on hand. After all, who wants to leave the house to sit in the doctor's office when you're feeling bad and why should you when you probably have a few remedies lurking in the cupboard.

My Irish grandfather's favorite "go to" remedy at the first sign of a cold or the flu was honey and freshly squeezed lemon in hot water with the secret ingredient, whiskey. Now I'm not sure what whiskey he used but I can tell you this, I still shudder at the thought of warm whiskey. Being a child at the time I didn't understand grandpa's logic but did understand that medicine doesn't always taste good and obediently, but reluctantly, drank it down. It certainly did lessen my complaints for fear of having to drink more!

Fast forward to today. Being an herbalist, I have a few more tricks up my sleeve right here in my kitchen and garden to relieve the discomfort of cold and flu as well as many other maladies that may rear their ugly head.

### Thyme

One of my favorite home remedies for respiratory illness is, you guessed it, thyme. Thymol, named after the herb itself, is the primary volatile oil constituent of thyme, and its health supporting effects are well documented. The volatile oil components of thyme have been shown to have antimicrobial activity against a host of different bacteria and fungi including Staph infection.

The action of antimicrobial is a very important one to know. Antimicrobials include the actions of being anti-septic, antiviral, antibacterial, and antifungal. Anything that's an antimicrobial is all of those. The best thing about the plants that have this action is that you don't even need to know what's wrong! It can be a bacterial, viral, or fungal invader, and the plant will get it.

Per Nicholas Culpeper, thyme is "a notable strengthener of the lungs, as notable a one as grows, nor is there a better remedy growing for hooping cough. It purgeth the body of phlegm and is an excellent remedy for shortness of breath." Culpeper is one of the best-known 17th century herbalists in the English speaking world. The pounded fresh herb mixed with honey has been used with success as a cure for whooping cough. An infusion made from the dried herb at a rate of 1 oz per pint of water sweetened with honey is also used for the same purpose as well as in cases of sore throat.

Thyme is anti-catarrah. Anti-catarrah herbs can dissolve and remove excess mucus, phlegm, and catarrah that are making good breathing difficult.

Thyme is also a decongestant. Decongestants alleviate congestion of the sinuses and our sinuses provide us with oxygen that goes directly to our brain. So when you have a sinus infection or head cold, you're feeling stuffed up and can't think; you need a decongestant. Feeling the onset of cold or flu or suspect that you may have been exposed? Make a steam using thyme. Simply boil some water, remove from the heat and stir in dried thyme. Lean over the mixture while covering your head with a cloth and inhale the vapors. The volatile oils will coat the mucous membrane lining of the respiratory tract where bacteria may be attempting to set up shop. This method also helps facilitate sweating which is an important pathway of elimination and extremely important when fever is present.

Thyme is an excellent source of vitamin C, a very good source of vitamin A, and a good source of iron, manganese, copper, and dietary fiber. Doesn't it just make sense to add it to your food? It makes perfect sense. In addition to providing important vitamins and minerals, thyme is an immune stimulant.

### Sage

Another very valuable culinary herb found in almost every kitchen is sage. The regular old garden type sage is another excellent anti-microbial. It helps with respiratory problems like tuberculosis, bronchitis and sinusitis. Sage helps speed up recovery from head colds and from measles. It also helps to prevent infection so don't limit it to only when you're sick, just eat it on a regular basis or drink the tea regularly. You may

be thinking that tea is going to taste like Thanksgiving stuffing and you would be right. Every morning when I rinse with Sage tea as mouthwash I am indeed reminded of Thanksgiving, however for drinking purposes, adding a little lemon and honey to the tea really gives it a different twist. You can employ the same methods with sage as you do with thyme. Both sage and thyme can also be used on infected wounds and sores.

To give an example of how very versatile just one kitchen herb can be, let's take a look at other beneficial actions of Sage:

- Blood cleansing
- Antidepressant
- Antidiarrheal
- Antioxidant
- Deodorant-gets rid of foul odors
- Lowers high blood pressure
- Nervine- having a soothing or calming effect upon the nerves

Sage also helps for arthritis because it focuses on the joints as well as skeletal muscles. It's an anti-inflammatory, anti-spasmodic and anti-rheumatic with loads of vitamins, minerals, and flavonoids to help build and repair muscle tissue. Sage tea can also help to alleviate night sweats as well as dry up mother's milk when the time comes to wean. Much can be said of this culinary wonder.

### Rosemary

Let's not forget rosemary. No pun intended but rosemary is for remembrance. It's a wonderful memory enhancer as well as having anti-microbial, anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties. Consider that next time you make rosemary potatoes, as you are breathing in the lovely aroma while it's dispersing its volatile oils into the air. There's a lot more going on than just a tasty side dish! Yes! Inhale those vapors!

### Basil

Although basil has anti-inflammatory and anti-bacterial properties, the nutritional benefits of eating basil are where it packs its punch. It's rich in vitamins and minerals that most people in this country lack due to poor diet. Vitamins and minerals are much easier to assimilate from food. Our bodies really recognize the plants' gifts over a bottle of vitamin pills you get at the pharmacy.

### Garlic

Garlic is ranked high on the list for its antibiotic properties. Adding garlic to your food or just eating it can help to prevent and lessen the severity of common cold or flu. It is antioxidant and helps to lower blood pressure and cholesterol. It fights infectious disease without destroying the gut flora that most pharmaceutical antibiotics are famous for.

The best ear infection remedy I have ever used is simply a cotton ball dipped in olive oil with a sliver of garlic about the size of the end of a toothpick wrapped in the middle. Insert this into the ear taking care not to get garlic in the ear or directly against the skin. This has never failed in my experience and will save you a trip to emergicare as well as a ton of money.

### Onion

Another folk remedy in the same family as garlic is the onion. To move congestion out of the chest, slice an onion in half, cut some hatch marks in it and boil it for 10 minutes. Cover yourself with a cloth and apply the onion to the chest area. Amazingly it will move the congestion right on out of there. The onion method works on any area of the body that is experiencing congestion, for example, congested lymph.

### Honey

Honey by itself has amazing health benefits. Local honey can bring a great deal of relief for seasonal allergies as well as for soothing a persistent cough. Honey has antiseptic properties and can also be used topically for wounds. It should be found in every first aid kit for cuts, scrapes and abrasions. Honey and cinnamon have been used together for centuries as a remedy for all types of ailments. Once again cinnamon is on the list of antimicrobials. Mix warm water with honey and cinnamon at the first

sign of cold or flu to give yourself antimicrobial assistance as well as an immune boost. Home remedies don't all taste bad!

Keep in mind the herbs you find in the grocery store spice aisle are probably too old to retain much of their medicinal value. Stock your pantry with intention and update your kitchen herbs frequently as dried culinary herbs are most effective when used within six months. It's ok if your herbs are older, use what you have available, it will still work. Although I trust the quality and integrity of the herbs from mountainroseherbs.com, I have never found the quality from anyone to be as good as the thyme that was grown right here in my garden. Keeping it close to home ensures that you have maximum quality. This is how it was back in the day before there was a pharmacy on every corner.

We are already feeling autumn setting in and with all the sick people hacking and sneezing, let's take a look at how we could have done this differently. The key to getting ahead of it all is to boost the immune system before season change to increase your chances of avoiding the funk. All of the herbs I have listed here are immune stimulants. Wouldn't it just make more sense to use them in that way before the season changes? It happens so fast but it comes at the same time every year folks! Perhaps we could incorporate a routine to boost the immune at season change in addition to focusing on upcoming holidays like Halloween and Thanksgiving. One simple way to do that is to include the above mentioned herbs into your daily meals. Cut down on the fast food and spend some quality time in the kitchen!

### Good to know:

- Thyme and basil can actually decontaminate food that had been exposed to contaminants of any kind.
- Thyme, basil and cinnamon are anti-parasitic. In other words, they rid the body of worms. Not only do they kill them, they also kill the larvae.
- Thyme and sage are extremely beneficial for optimum gum health when used daily as mouthwash.

### Fun Facts:

- The ancient Egyptians used thyme as an embalming agent to preserve their deceased pharaohs.
- Thyme is such a powerful antiseptic that it was historically used to sterilize gauze for surgical dressing both on the battlefield as well as in hospitals.
- For thousands of years people have preserved their food from microbial contamination using herbs that are considered spices.
- All of the herbs mentioned in this article are highly nutritious, low in calories, and low on the glycemic index.

### Helpful Hints:

- Know where you honey is coming from. A lot of the honey you find in the grocery store has high fructose corn syrup added. I was recently informed by a local beekeeper that some of the local honey producers are adding it as well. Austin Family Farms is one of my favorites and can be found at Mountain Naturals in Woodland Park.
- Thyme, sage, rosemary, and lavender can be burned as incense to clear the air of airborne germs. The essential oils can also be added to a spray bottle with water and sprayed into the air as well as on surfaces for people that can't tolerate smoke or that work in an office setting. These herbs are extremely effective fumigants in contagious sick rooms.
- Best practice when using herbs as medicine when cooking is to add the aromatics towards the end in order to keep the good juju in the food and not cook it out into the air.

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The Thymekeeper's sage bundles, sprays, and cold & flu remedies are available at Mountain Naturals in Woodland Park.

## The Auto

by Linda Bjorklund

The first ideas for a motor vehicle went as far back as Leonardo da Vinci and Isaac Newton. These fellows drew up imaginary plans, but neither of them cranked up an engine and sped down the road. The first self-propelled road vehicle is credited to Nicolas Joseph Cugnot, a French engineer and mechanic. Cugnot's invention was a steam-powered military tractor used by the French army to haul artillery. Back in 1769, the three-wheeled vehicle could travel at a speed of two and half miles an hour, but had to stop every 10 or 15 minutes to build up steam power.

In 1770 Cugnot developed a steam-powered tricycle that had room for four passengers. In 1771 Cugnot became the first driver to crash his motor vehicle into a stone wall. Although the principle of steam engines became widely used in railroad trains, it never caught on for automobiles.

The automobile as we know it began with the invention of the internal combustion engine in 1885. A German mechanical engineer, Karl Benz, was the first to patent such an engine and integrate it with a chassis. Another German, Gottlieb Daimler, took the Benz engine and fitted it to a stagecoach. So in 1886 the automobile had a four-speed transmission and could get up to speeds as fast as 10 miles per hour.

It was a mere 20 years before the automobile began to catch on in Rocky Mountain towns. In 1906 an advertisement appeared in the Fairplay Flume that instructed auto owners to use a mixture of sperm oil, vinegar, and something called oil bergamot, to shine up the brass on their vehicles. They could buy a Buick, Maxwell, Mitchell, Reo, Knox, Franklin, or Queen, all of which were guaranteed to fill their touring needs. The prices ranged from \$750 to \$2,000.

The Flume announced in 1907 that the first automobile had arrived in Fairplay. It was noted, however, that the driver had to make a visit to the blacksmith shop before he could proceed to his destination in Buena Vista. The first Fairplay citizens to purchase autos were two bankers. In 1908 Al Dollison became the proud owner of a Maxwell runabout and his banking partner, J.C. Singleton, purchased a large touring car.

Not to be caught behind the times, Herman Bergstrand, owner of the Metropole Livery, added a Maxwell touring car to his barn, an alternative to the usual horse and buggy rental.

The mercantile firm of Karch and Heberer was proud to display their new 1908 Cadillac. They took a photo of 12-year old Max Heberer driving their auto and bragged that it took only nine and a half hours to get from Fairplay to Colorado Springs.

In America, the Ford became the symbol of auto ownership. Henry Ford developed the methodology of factory assembly line production, which brought the price of autos down to a level more people could afford. In 1915, the Flume published an article to ridicule those who were fixated on their Fords:

*"The Ford is mine auto. I shall not want (another). It maketh me to lie down beneath it. It sourest my soul. It leadeth me in the paths of ridicule for its name sake. Yea, tho' I ride thru the valleys I am topped up the hills. I fear much evil for thy rod and thy staff discourage me. I anoint thy tires with patches. My radiator runneth over. I repaired the blowouts in the presence of mine enemies. Surely if this thing followeth me all the days of my life, I will dwell in the bug house forever.*

*Moral: "Equip your Ford with one of the new cuckoo clocks. When you reach the speed limit of 20 miles an hour the bird will come out and sing "Nearer My God, To Thee."*

Another article in 1926 proclaimed that the motor car was the direct cause of the extinction of the common house fly. A Rhode Island doctor backed up this statement with his assertion



12-year old Max Heberer driving Karch's 1908 Cadillac.

that, "each year, as the automobiles have increased in number, the flies have diminished." The reason, he claimed, is the decrease in the number of horse manure piles, which are the principal breeding place for flies. He further backed up his hypothesis with proof that stores no longer kept fly-paper in their inventories.

As automobiles became widely used, automobile accidents also became common events. One afternoon in 1912, Arthur DeYarman, of Alma, was driving his new Ford car, accompanied by the Overholt family. DeYarman lost control of the car on a sharp curve, causing it to skid for a distance, then turn upside down, pinning Mrs. Overholt and three small children underneath. The two men were thrown through the windshield, out of the car. An older daughter, Mattie Overholt, was also thrown in the clear. She was cut and bruised but immediately ran to a nearby ditch and collected water in her shoe to revive the

automobile. It seems as though Governor William Sweet was scheduled to hold a conference at the state penitentiary board one afternoon. He parked his car in the prison yard and went in to his meeting. Two convicts made a mad dash for the car and enjoyed several minutes of freedom, as they sped through the streets and suburbs of Canon City. Deputy Sheriffs quickly ran them down and arrested them after a "running gun battle."

In 1925 a father of a three-year-old son in Marquette, Michigan, inadvertently put his child in danger one day. The boy must have decided that he wanted a ride so he jumped onto the running board of the car as his father drove away. He was still hanging on, when another motorist noticed his predicament. The motorist tried to signal the father, who thought the other guy was just trying to pass him, so he "stepped on the gas." The motorist, fearing for the child's life, circled the block and sped up to pull in front of the father, who was still unaware of his son's presence. The motorist shouted at the father, "You have a baby on the running board of your car!" The father must have gasped in horror when he looked at the side of his car and saw what was there. He quickly picked up the child and took him into the car before he drove away.

Bombings and turmoil in the Middle East have really made news world-wide in recent weeks. Far different news came from that area in 1909. David Forbes, an Englishman, was the first person to tour across Arabia in an automobile. His adventure was reported as follows:

*"David Forbes, an Englishman, has had the novel and somewhat exciting experience of being the first person to traverse Arabia in an automobile. His route was from Alexandretta to Bagdad, and the journey consumed nine days. It takes the ordinary traveler three days to drive from Alexandretta to Aleppo, and from there to Bagdad it is 21 days by caravan. The trip is not a safe one to take. Forbes had a party of five, an English chauffeur, an Assyrian mechanic, a Bagdad cook, an Arab and himself, and traveled in an ordinary 40-horsepower touring car. Gasoline was sent ahead to the caravan stations, and it took 136 gallons for the trip. It is said the motor used a gallon in 12 miles, which seems improbable, but allowing ten miles to the gallon the journey was 1,360 miles, and this was done entirely without maps. The irrigation ditches along the Euphrates offered serious trouble and the soft sand was bad. The Euphrates was crossed on a raft built for the occasion. The Arabs when they saw the car thought it was the railroad which had gone amuck, and became lost in the desert."*

Times do change, but the automobile is, more than ever, an essential part of our lives.



Front Street in Fairplay about 1920s.

others. Mr. Overholt walked to a nearby phone to call for assistance. Mrs. Overholt was under a physician's care, but all the others suffered only minor cuts and bruises. Not so the Ford, which was almost completely demolished.

The automobile became popular with sportsmen, as they found more and better uses for their vehicles. In 1912 several men were riding in a taxicab in Sydney, Australia, on their way to a hunting expedition. The driver failed to notice the condition of the road as he was speeding merrily down it. It must have been a shock when the car sailed over a 10 and a half foot ditch, landing on the opposite side. Every tire was burst, the axles were badly bent, the front doors mangled and the framework knocked out of alignment. It turned out that the workmen, who were repairing the road, had taken out a culvert and stopped for lunch. The hunters, though they didn't get to the hunt they were planning, were miraculously unhurt.

Closer to home, an incident in Canon City in 1923, told of yet another innovative use for the

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# Habitat partnership program grants to help reduce wildlife conflicts

by Mike Porras

Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Habitat Partnership Program is now accepting applications for \$500,000 in Habitat Improvement Grants to fund large-scale habitat projects across Colorado. Any entity, agency, organization or individual that is interested in applying can download the application at [www.cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/HabitatPartnershipProgram.aspx](http://www.cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/HabitatPartnershipProgram.aspx). The deadline is 5 p.m., Feb 2, 2015.

Up to five successful applicants will be awarded grants of \$100,000 or more.

Created by Colorado Parks and Wildlife and authorized by the state legislature in 1990, HPP brings wildlife managers, hunters, landowners and land management agencies together in a cooperative effort to reduce big game damages to forage and fences. Project proposals for this grant opportunity must be developed to reduce big game/agricultural conflicts in keeping with the program's mission.

"By working together with our partners, we have been able to find a variety of creative solutions to reduce these conflicts," said Pat Tucker, HPP coordinator for Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "These grants are another opportunity to continue that work on a larger, landscape-scale effort."

Wildlife managers and private landowners both say that large-scale habitat rehabilitation

not only enhances forage for wildlife but it also improves conditions for livestock as well, creating a 'win-win' situation for everyone.

"This grant allows for multiple partners to cooperate and accomplish what would be difficult for an individual to do on their own," said Tucker. "Productive habitat is the key for healthy and viable wildlife populations. A successful project can provide improved conditions for many years into the future."

HPP is funded from a portion of the revenue generated by the sale of big game hunting licenses but also asks for matching funds and labor from project proponents. Applications will be reviewed by HPP state council members who will consider the details and scope of the planned project. The availability of additional funds the applicant can leverage with grant money will also be a priority during the evaluation process. Applicants will also have to make a presentation to the state council in support of their request.

Additional criteria and instructions can be found on the application. Grant recipients will be notified by April 1, 2015.

Information about the HPP program in general, HPP activities in your area or this grant offer can be found at [www.cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/HabitatPartnershipProgram.aspx](http://www.cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/HabitatPartnershipProgram.aspx).

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## Strictly Guffey

by Flip Boettcher

There is a new shop opening in Guffey called Strictly Guffey, which will be featuring works from local area craftsmen and artisans, according to owner operator Dana Peters. The grand opening was on Wednesday, October 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Peters said she already has 20 local artists who are going to display their crafts in the new shop. Strictly Guffey is located adjacent and behind the Freshwater Saloon at 52 8th Street. Regular hours will be Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The shop will also be having regular classes for many different artistic mediums every Saturday and a special 'Unfinished Fridays' class. Strictly Guffey will be offering custom matting and framing services also.

Peters is known for creating jewelry for the 'finds' of the miners on the popular television show, "The Prospectors" and she will be having her work studio in the new shop. Plan on doing your Christmas shopping at Strictly Guffey this holiday season Peters added.



Dana Peters, owner of the new shop, Strictly Guffey. photo by Flip Boettcher

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## Museum benefit auction set for October 11th

Tava (Ute for Pikes Peak) commands the eastern horizon of Teller County, a constant reminder of the First Nation of people in this region. Ute Pass, another of their legacies, threads its way into the heart of the Front Range making Teller County a major doorway to the Rocky Mountains. Pikes Peak Historical Society, headquartered in Florissant, honors this heritage each year by helping the Ute to return to their homelands.

In August, 2005, the Pikes Peak Historical Society opened their new 2,600 square foot Pikes Peak Historical Society Museum in downtown Florissant. In order to pay the mortgage on their museum, the Pikes Peak Historical Society is holding a benefit auction at 2 p.m. at the Florissant Library on Saturday, October 11th.

Each fall, the Pikes Peak Historical Society sponsors the Ute Nation as they return to their ancestral lands at Pikes Peak. The Society also works to preserve the history of the area

through the Museum, monthly educational programs, stewardship of the Florissant cemetery, informational kiosks, and community outreach programs such as an annual clean-up day. All of these activities are funded by memberships, grants, donations and this annual auction. We receive no tax money for this work.

Merchants and residents throughout Teller County have donated everything from dinners for two, weekend getaways, gems and minerals of the region, crafts and artwork. These, and more, will be auctioned in a fun-filled afternoon at the Florissant Library, located at 334 Circle Drive next to the Community Park in Florissant. Hot, spiced cider, coffee, juice and popcorn will be provided free. There is no admission to the auction. Items will be available for viewing at noon, Saturday, October 11, prior to the auction. For more information, please call 719-748-3562.

## 37th Annual Halloween Carnival at LGCS

by Cori Freed

The Lake George Charter School would like to invite you all out to our 37th Annual Halloween Carnival, Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014 from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. There will be plenty of games for everyone! Admission is free, and every child gets a treat bag. We will have our traditional cake walk, bingo games, carnival games, and prizes. We have added a silent auction this year, as well as an outdoor climbing wall. Carnival and raffle tickets will go on sale October 20th at the school. Advance game tickets are five for \$1, (four for \$1 at the door). All raffle tickets will be four for \$1. The snack bar will be serving hot dogs, nachos, pizza and drinks. We hope to see you all there. If you have questions, please call the school at 719-748-3911 or Cori Freed at 719-687-0178.



## Lake George Charter School What Is a Charter School?

by Denise Kelly

A charter school in Colorado is a school that is funded through district revenues, but governed by a separate board. Lake George Charter School became a charter school in 1996, when the community expressed a desire to operate its public school separately from the district. The intent was to allow our community greater autonomy in governance, finances, and general operations. We are still considered a public school, but our employees are charter school employees, and our budget, policies and procedure are determined by our School Board. We are unique in the state of Colorado, in that we were one of the first charter schools to be formed from previous district schools, operating in district buildings. Because of our unique status, we are considered 'pioneers' among rural Colorado communities who wish to establish greater local autonomy for their schools. Being a charter school is just one more way that our school establishes itself as a true community school!

We have been in our beautiful new school for three years. The Lake George Charter School offers: preschool - sixth grade (online for grades 3-8), a four day week, smaller class size, great home-cooking, all-day kindergarten, locked doors, daily security guard, Music programs, PE, art and music, technology, gifted & talented program, and sports offered through Cripple Creek Parks & Rec.

We offer a winter skiing & snowboarding

program through the district on Fridays, which has been a fantastic program for years. The students love it!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is the annual Halloween Carnival. It has been around for 37 years and is a very popular event for the entire community. We have a school-wide Christmas, and Spring Music Program every year. Our Walk for Education is always in May, and the entire school, including the staff, walks around the lake at Lake George, with water and fruit stations along the way. The students get sponsorships from neighbors and friends and earn prizes! This is another fabulous fundraiser.

We have a terrific cook who has been at LGCS for 29 years! The kids love Mrs. Zaccagnini and her 'down home' cooking, and enjoy coming for lunch even when they do not attend our school anymore. She enjoys making most of the items home-made. The community is welcome to come for lunch, the cost is \$3 for adults, and \$1.60 for young children.

We are proud of our little school in the mountains, surrounded by natural beauty! We will always support the qualities of our surroundings, small class size, community commitment, and educational excellence, which we now enjoy. As a community-minded school, we invite everyone to stop by and tour our school. We are a quality, caring school and have openings for new students!

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## Trick or Treat neat

by Erin Snyder

Halloween is one of my favorite holidays. There's so many fun things associated with it... costumes, candy, parties, decorating. This can seem overwhelming to some people though, so I've come up with a few tips to make Halloween easy and inexpensive to get ready for.

### Costumes:

There is no need to spend a fortune on Halloween costumes. You can still create a great look for much less than you think.

- **Shop the Thrift Stores** - they usually have a decent selection and many of the costumes have only been worn once before, so they are still in decent condition.
- **Make Your Own** - Do you have a lot of clothes in one color? Come up with a costume that fits that color so you only have to buy accessories. Superheroes and vampires fit well into this category. Cardboard boxes are great for making costumes. They can be easily painted, cut or written on. You can make signs with them or turn yourself into a box of cereal, a rubix cube, a juice box, or countless other things. Boxes are especially good for kid's costumes. Turn your little one into a fire truck, robot, or lego for just the cost of paint. A sheet is another great prop. Easily craft a toga, a kimono or an angel costume.
- **Reuse Props Year After Year** - Capes can be a great accessory to use again and again. Vampires, witches, matadors, and superheroes can all wear capes. It's a great item to reuse for different costumes. Wings are another prop that can be used for a variety of ideas. I used a pair of wings to go from an Angel to the Tooth Fairy and it didn't cost me a dime!

### Decorations:

- Decorating for Halloween can also be super cheap and easy. My favorite place to shop for decorations is the dollar store. You can get spider webs, pumpkins, skeletons, purple and black flowers and more for a fraction of the cost of other stores. You can buy clear glass vases and fill them with the flowers and small pumpkins. Tying an orange or black ribbon around the outside of the jar gives you an instant Halloween centerpiece for just a couple dollars.
- You can also use the cheap pumpkins from the dollar store and spray paint them, cover them in glitter, or paper mache them for a custom look.
- Homemade decorations can be really fun and look amazing too. Try cutting bands out of construction paper, create a large spider web

## Follow-up from Divide Planning Community meeting

by Jim Irving

The Divide Planning Committee (DPC) held a community meeting on September 11, 2014 at the Little Chapel of the Hills in Divide. The DPC acts as a review agency providing feedback to the Teller County Planning Department representing the residents and businesses of the Divide Region.

At the September 11 meeting two pending change applications impacting the Divide Region were discussed. One is a text amendment to the Teller County Land Use Regulations (LUR). The other is a request for a height variance related to erecting a new cell tower. Information on these applications and all activities of the DPC is available on the Divide Planning website [www.DividePlanning.org](http://www.DividePlanning.org).

DPC membership and categories of members was reviewed and the culling Committee members were introduced. Current members have terms consisting of one, two or three years to stagger new membership. New membership terms are for three years. Current Committee membership was established at the end of January 2014. This September 11th meeting is the first annual community meeting of the new DPC. Due to less than a year has passed since the Committee was populated with members, elections were deferred until next year (September 2015).

To be notified of the happenings of the DPC and future change applications impacting the Divide Region please sign up for email notifications via the website [www.DividePlanning.org](http://www.DividePlanning.org). All meetings of the DPC are open to the public.

out of yarn, or make decorative pom-poms out of tissue paper.

### Trick-Or-Treating:

- If you pass out candy, you know how expensive it can be. Try splitting a large bag with a neighbor to cut down on costs. Discount and dollar stores also carry candy. You can also buy inexpensive stickers or toys to hand out that is more cost effective than candy.
- Many malls and churches also hold trick-or-treating or carnival events for Halloween. These can be a great alternative to traditional trick-or-treating, especially if you have really young children or have bad weather.
- There is no reason to buy a candy bucket each year. Re-use ones from previous years or use a pillowcase.

### Parties:

- If you're hosting a Halloween party, these tips will help you organize and keep the cost down.
- Do a Halloween potluck. You can provide the main dish and have friends bring appetizers.
- For beverages, consider having drinks you can make in large quantities. It is less expensive and you can prepare them ahead of time. Think about serving punch for the kids and sangria for adults.
- Streamers and balloons are cheap and make a

big impact when it comes to decorating for a party. Add a few spiderwebs and a black plastic tablecloth and you're ready to go.

- Instead of goody bags for the kids, let them do a craft or decorate a small pumpkin or white pillowcase they can take home. Again, the dollar store is a great resource for these things.

Halloween does not have to be expensive or overwhelming. It is supposed to be fun, so don't worry about breaking the bank. If all else fails, throw a witch hat on and head out the door!

Erin Snyder is a Professional Organizer and the author of the organizing blog Neaten Your Nest. For more information, please visit [www.neatenyournest.com](http://www.neatenyournest.com) or contact Erin at [erin@neatenyournest.com](mailto:erin@neatenyournest.com) or 678-622-6718.



Halloween decorations can be inexpensive, easy, and fun! photo by Erin Snyder

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## Protect your retirement against market volatility

As an investor, you're well aware that over the short term, the financial markets always move up and down. During your working years, you may feel that you have time to overcome this volatility. You'd be basing these feelings on actual evidence: the longer the investment period, the greater the tendency of the markets to "smooth out" their performance. But what happens when you retire? Won't you be more susceptible to market movements?

You may not be as vulnerable as you might think. In the first place, given our growing awareness of healthier lifestyles, you could easily spend two, or even three, decades in retirement; so your investment time frame isn't necessarily going to be that compressed.

Nonetheless, it's still true that time may well be a more important consideration to you during your retirement years, so you may want to be particularly vigilant about taking steps to help smooth out the effects of market volatility. Toward that end, here are a few suggestions.

• **Allocate your investments among a variety of asset classes.** Of course, proper asset allocation is a good investment move at any age, but when you're retired, you want to be especially careful that you don't "over-concentrate" your investment dollars among just a few assets. Spreading your money among a range of vehicles (stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, government securities and so on) can help you avoid taking the full brunt of a downturn that may primarily hit just one type of investment. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can help reduce the effects of volatility, it can't assure a profit or protect against loss.

• **Choose investments that have demonstrated solid performance across many market cycles.** As you've probably heard, "past performance is no guarantee of future results," and this is true. Nonetheless, you can

help improve your outlook by owning quality investments. So when investing in stocks, choose those that have actual earnings and a track record of earnings growth. If you invest in fixed-income vehicles, pick those that are considered "investment grade."

• **Don't make emotional decisions.** At various times during your retirement, you will, in all likelihood, witness some sharp drops in the market. Try to avoid overreacting to these downturns, which will probably just be normal market "corrections." If you can keep your emotions out of investing, you will be less likely to make moves such as selling quality investments merely because their price is temporarily down.

• **Don't try to "time" the market.** You may be tempted to "take advantage" of volatility by looking for opportunities to "buy low and sell high." In theory, this is a fine idea but, unfortunately, no one can really predict market highs or lows. You'll probably be better off by consistently investing the same amount of money into the same investments. Over time, this method of investing may result in lower per-share costs. However, as is the case with diversification, this type of "systematic" investing won't guarantee a profit or protect against loss, and you'll need to be willing to keep investing when share prices are declining.

It's probably natural to get somewhat more apprehensive about market volatility during your retirement years. But taking the steps described above can help you navigate the sometimes-choppy waters of the financial world.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by Tracy E Barber IV, AAMS, your Edward Jones Financial Advisor.*

## Rampart Library news

by Anne Knowles

Fall is the perfect time to reacquaint yourself with the library. Come into either of our libraries in Woodland Park or Florissant and browse our shelves, read a magazine or newspaper, check out a book or movie, use a computer, get help from a friendly, knowledgeable librarian, attend a program or computer class, or just meet a friend and relax. You may access our catalog, databases, ebooks and much more anytime from anywhere by going to our website <http://rampartlibrarydistrict.org>. We are here to serve you so please come by and see what we are all about.

You still have time to register for the nutrition classes at Florissant Public Library on October 6 and 8 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. These are presented by Community Partnership through a grant from the Colorado Health Foundation and are designed to help participants make healthy meals at home on a budget. They offer hands on experience using lots of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. Participants will take home a bag of groceries after the class to practice what they have learned. Please register by calling Kathy Cefus at 686-0705, ext.1 or email her at [kathy@cteller.org](mailto:kathy@cteller.org).

Storytimes at Florissant Public Library are every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. A special storytime on October 9 will feature "Fireman Ty from Florissant Fire Rescue" and an emergency response vehicle, fire helmets to try on, coloring books and stickers. Other October

storytimes will be "Friends" on October 2, "Farms" on October 16, "Fuzzy Things" on October 23 and "Frankenstein" on October 30. Woodland Park storytimes are every Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a.m.

The Florissant Book Club will meet at the library on Wednesday, October 15 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the book "My Beloved World" by Sonia Sotomayer. The Book Club at Woodland Park Library will discuss "The City of Women" by David Gillham on Tuesday, October 7 at 10:30 a.m. New members are always welcome at both book clubs.

Heading the list of special events at the Woodland Park Library in October is the Local Authors Showcase on Oct 8 at 2 p.m. Six authors from our area will talk about their work and you will have the opportunity to ask questions and visit with them. The first one held in April was a huge success and this one should be even better.

The next AARP Smart Driver Course will be held at Woodland Park on Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is a driving refresher course for drivers aged 50 and over who want to improve their driving skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques. Completing the course may qualify you for lower insurance rates. Registration is required; please call 687-9281 or stop in the Woodland Park Library.

We look forward to seeing you and helping you in the library in October!



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## The Palace Hotel in Salida

by Kathy Hansen

photos by Jeff Hansen

**Leaves are falling all around  
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Led Zeppelin

The choice you make for a hotel can potentially make or break a trip. If you want to hedge your bets on a pleasant stay, I highly recommend the Palace Hotel when staying in Salida.

Located in the heart of downtown Salida, this beautiful hotel can easily become your home away from home. Whether you are planning on fishing in the Arkansas River at the end of the block, plan to do some shopping downtown, or are choosing Salida as a close spot to Monarch Mountain for that winter ski trip, this location cannot be beat. It is within



*The beautiful oaken staircase provides perfect contrast to the rounded hallway corners.*

walking distance to many restaurants as well as the infamous Steam Plant, which holds various forms of entertainment. If you cannot find something to do in Salida, you are choosing to be bored. After all, Salida is the second Creative District designated by Governor Hickenlooper (a section of Denver was the first).

The building was erected in 1909 by Ambrose Ramsey, as a "sample hotel" meaning it was a place where merchants could show their wares, take orders, and deliver the next time they came through town. The first floor had been open to hold very large tables the merchants could use to show their products. It made sense since the train was a block away; not too far to walk with a load of goods.

The Palace Hotel still has three floors. When owners Vicki and Fred Klein purchased it, it was a 44 room flop house. There was something about the building that seemed to call Vicki. Given that Fred had decades of construction experience, they decided to give some thought as to what they wanted to turn it into. They decided to maintain some of the open feel on the first floor and use the high ceilings as a way to accentuate the local artists' work, especially after exposing a beautiful tin ceiling. They created one suite on the first floor to serve a family with children or someone with a disability, as there is no elevator to reach the second or third floors.

The oaken stairway is beautiful as it invites you to come home. The second and third floors are tastefully decorated with many antiques. There are now a total of 15 suites, each with a bathroom, sleeping and sitting areas, as well as a kitchenette equipped with dinnerware, cookware, stove/oven, microwave, and small refrigerator. Each kitchenette also has a table and chairs, contributing to a very comfortable feel that really gives you a sense that this is your home away from home.

As they gutted the building, they recycled as



*One of the 15 suites, featuring a king bed and sitting area, as well as a kitchenette equipped with dinnerware, cookware, stove/oven, microwave, and small refrigerator.*

much as they could, using the original moldings and maintaining the oaken stairway. The curved walls upstairs were notched woodwork. They eliminated the "common restrooms" and added a hallway by reversing the notched woodwork; how clever! The woodwork contributes to a sense of nostalgia, or as Vicki calls it, "Edgy Victorian". They sound-proofed each suite; even the floor is solid with no creaking that one might expect for a building of this age, because they added a new I-beam, stabilizing the second and third floors. Vicki said the foundation is unusually solid for the area as it was fashioned after those used in areas prone to earthquakes. You will believe you are the only guests at the Palace Hotel because you won't be able to hear your neighbors.

The building boasts being a "Greenleader" for energy efficiency. They have a solar unit on the roof. They purchased modern windows but had them retro-fitted to the original openings. The first floor continues to use steam heat, whereas each suite uses electric heat.

Vicki is clear that she only uses essential oils for cleaning as she does not want her guests or staff to be exposed to harmful chemicals. The soap and shampoo are full size and made from natural ingredients, not to mention the earth friendly dish soap. Each kitchenette has a "green" wastebasket for recyclables.

Instead of a stale continental breakfast found

at many hotels, they have a much more personable system. When you check in you will fill out your request for breakfast, which is delivered to your room at the time of your choosing, and consists of muffins baked fresh each morning (from flax, coconut oil, and free-range eggs), and a delicious yogurt, fruit, and granola parfait; both are delicious! The muffins were still warm when they arrived, and they melted in the mouth quite nicely. This is also how you will request cream for your coffee or tea. What a wonderful way to refrain from unnecessary waste, while providing real cream in a small creamer server, so much nicer than fumbling with those plastic creamers that are shelf stable. The kitchenette is equipped with a coffee maker and the coffee, as well as raw sugar, is ready when you are.

Vicki takes special care when hiring staff. Every person we met was very polite. Lenny helped us more than anyone; he told us a bit about the hotel when we first came to check out a suite. He is very knowledgeable about the area, the history of the hotel, and can pair each guest to the perfect suite.

The next time you plan a trip to Salida, make the smart decision to book your home away from home at the Palace Hotel. You will be treated like royalty as you enjoy such a pleasant stay. For more information see [www.salidapalacehotel.com](http://www.salidapalacehotel.com) or call 719-207-4175.

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## Farm Bureau Insurance now at Park State Bank & Trust

by Perini and Associates

Park State Bank & Trust today announced Farm Bureau Insurance will have an office in the bank. "We listened to our customers who asked for on-site services in insurance and claims," according to Tony Perry, President and CEO of Park State Bank & Trust. "To better meet this growing demand, we selected an agency that has gone from humble beginnings to one of our nation's most respected companies."

Brett Rider was named to be the local agent — one who is committed to helping business owners, individuals, and families achieve their insurance goals and objectives. Farm Bureau Insurance's role is to help customers make well-informed decisions about home, auto, life and farm. "I am dedicated to helping people reach their insurance goals," said Rider. "I am here to educate them. Not to sell them," he said.

Rider provides the following representative services and products to customers:

- Auto Insurance
- Property Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Farm & Ranch Insurance
- Commercial or Business Owner Insurance
- Health Insurance and other related products

"As an experienced agent, I am in a position to be objective and give unbiased advice," Rider said. "I see you as a person, not a policy," he said.

Working from an office he is renting inside the bank, he provides services available to the entire community, not just current bank customers. Visitors will find insurance planning services to include: Life (Term and Permanent), Condo/Townhome, Manufactured Homes, and Excess Liability, among other pertinent policies.

Rider emphasizes the importance of having an ongoing personal relationship with customers. "We at this company don't believe you need to be 'handled'; we believe you need to be valued and treated right," he said. "I will work on your claim until the job is done," Rider said.

Rider feels strongly about being a partner with the bank. "It is a privilege to be able to partner with an institution that continues to build community — a one stop shop location for key quality of life services," he said.



Brett Rider

Rider is driven by what he saw during the recent local fires and floods and how they impacted the community. "The lack of knowledge and understanding about insurance coverage during disasters really motivates me," he said. "I am working hard to help people completely understand about coverage they have and what they really should consider for emergencies."

He also believes that there exists a low perception of life insurance. "Life insurance today is less expensive than in the past," he said. "It is vital, so vital for those who are living versus those who have died."

About Brett Rider: Rider has a B.S. in Environmental Engineering from Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI. Rider is in his 35th year of working with small to medium businesses. He has two children, both attending Manitou Springs High School. He is also the President of the 175-member Pikes Peak BMW Riders. He believes it's important to give back to the community and for that reason, supports many local charities and sponsors youth teams, showing his commitment to the quality of life in the city above the clouds.

If you are interested in consulting with Brett, he can be reached at 719-687-1750 or you can stop by Park State Bank & Trust, located at 710 U.S. Hwy 24, Woodland Park, CO. Rider is available during bank hours. Other times are available by appointment.

## Line dancing

by Flip Boettcher

For those of you who are looking for a fun, low impact, mind/body workout, western line dancing may be just the thing for you. Guffey offers a free line dancing class on Wednesday nights from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, according to Guffey resident Louise Peterson.

Peterson, a former ballet dancer, started the line dancing class a couple of years ago and finds she enjoys teaching it. People tell her she is a good teacher.

Several years ago Peterson went to the line dancing class Patti Myers, who is from near Cotopaxi, taught in Guffey. Since there never were enough people for the class to pay for Myers' gas money, she stopped coming up. Peterson decided if there was going to be line dancing in Guffey she would have to start it and she did.

Line dancing is a western style of dance done in lines which doesn't require a partner. "You can put on your cowboy boots and hat, or wear sneakers, it doesn't matter," Peterson said.

The group is small and they welcome newcomers. Peterson always starts with the simpler dances and progresses on to the more complicated dances. Since the Community Center is free there is no charge for the class. Line dancer, Pascha McKeough, added that there are very few things that are free anymore.

McKeough said that Peterson is an excellent teacher. She is very patient with beginners yet innovative in making new dance routines for everyone's abilities.

Peterson has about 20 different dances she teaches and is always learning new ones. Some of the dances are called Achy Brakey Heart, Cow Patty, Blue Rose Is, Aspen, Crusin', Twinkle Waltz, and Cowboy Cha Cha.

Peterson uses traditional country and



Line dancing enthusiasts in front of the town hall on July 4th Guffey Heritage Days from left to right are Lani Gossett, Louise Peterson, and Pascha McKeough. photo by Flip Boettcher

western music, some traditional bluegrass for variety, and even some waltzes.

There are quite a few steps and it looks pretty complicated, but once you learn some steps, it makes learning any new dance much easier, said line dancer Lani Gossett. Some of the steps are called the grapevine, the kick ball change, the shuffle, the pivot, the cha cha, and the toe-heel.

Gossett, who is the line dance teacher when Peterson is gone, said she loves line dancing. It is a good workout for the mind and body, as well as great fun.

According to Peterson, who has a bad lower back, line dancing is a low impact exercise. One can really work up a sweat though. It is also a great brain exercise as well, because one has to think about the routine, not what one is going to do tomorrow. Line dancing helps one to stay focused.

McKeough said that Wednesday evenings she doesn't always feel like driving into Guffey to dance, but said "I always feel better, younger, and more full of energy after the dance session. Age 73 doesn't feel so old to me anymore!"

So, come on down to Guffey Wednesday evenings and kick up your heels, scoot your boots and sneakers and have a lot of fun doing it.

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## Quick notes on amethyst

by Steven Marquez

Amethyst is the violet to purple variety of quartz. Amethyst is often associated with albite and orthoclase in pegmatites. Fine specimens of amethyst can be classified as semiprecious gemstones.

This specimen was found in Cripple Creek, Colorado as a near surface deposit on the David Leighton gold mine, owned by Steven Wade Veatch across from the hardware and grocery store on Teller County 1. The short, stubby amethyst crystals formed gas pockets in a hot, welded ash deposit that once covered the landscape of Cripple Creek. Amethyst is mined in great quantities from the state of Minas Gerais in Brazil. A deep purple amethyst is commonly found in Uruguay.

The color purple is a royal color which is why amethyst is often used in jewelry for kings and queens. Amethyst was highly valued by Egyptians. The ancient Greeks believed that amethyst was a protector against intoxication. Amethyst is the birthstone for February.

### FACTS ON FILE

Chemical formula: SiO<sub>2</sub>

Composition: silicon dioxide; the color is caused by iron or manganese impurities

Color: purple, greasy luster

Streak: white

Hardness: 7

Crystal system: hexagonal

Transparency: transparent to translucent

Specific gravity: 2.65

Luster: vitreous

Cleavage: none

Fracture: conchoidal

Tenacity: brittle

Group: silicates, tectosilicates



Note the faint crosswise striations on the surface of the amethyst crystal. This is one of the diagnostic features of quartz. Specimen is from the Steven Veatch collection. photo by Steven Marquez.

Peek Inside cover caption: A stubby, pyramidal amethyst crystal from a gold mine in Cripple Creek. Specimen is from the Steven Veatch collection. photo by Steven Marquez.

### Haiku:

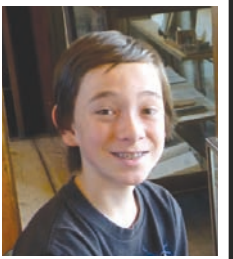
Brilliant purple

Never ceasing to amaze

Glowing like the stars

## About the author

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## A scientist's reflection on poetry

by Steven Wade Veatch

There are many ways to view and understand our world. Science provides theories, psychology exposes human nature, philosophy assesses reality, religion shapes faith, and literature offers insight. Poetry shines light into the dark recesses of our lives, revealing essential truths about us and to us.

Poetry inspires me; it is one way I experience and understand the world. Poetry's highly charged words make the speeding bullet of my life slow down so that I can enjoy the best parts of living.

One of my favorite poems is the sonnet "Ozymandias" that Percy Bysshe Shelley wrote in 1818, when Egyptian archaeology was in its infancy. Ozymandias is the Greek name for Ramses II, arguably one of the greatest Egyptian Pharaohs. Ramses II erected magnificent statues of himself to ensure his immortality. The text of Shelly's sonnet follows:

*I met a traveller from an antique land,  
Who said: "Two vast and trunkless legs of stone  
Stand in the desert. . . . Near them, on the sand,  
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,  
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,  
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read  
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,  
The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed:  
And on the pedestal, these words appear:  
'My name is Ozymandias King of Kings;  
Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!'  
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay  
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare  
The lone and level sands stretch far away."*

This poem does a lot of work. Its dancing words distill life down to its essence; and, in 14 lines, it yields a dense architecture of meaning.

What are the meanings in Shelly's poem? First, there is the message about the decay of empires over time. Ozymandias represents despotism and tyranny. The crumbling, ancient statue underscores the fact that power and glory are brief — they do last, even though the



Artwork by Steven Wade Veatch

"shattered" face of Ozymandias, with his "sneer of cold command," his "wrinkled lip," and his "frown" survived through the millennia, the great Egyptian Pharaoh no longer commands anyone.

Second, the poem is about the fleeting nature of life, fame, and fortune. "Ozymandias" shows the ephemerality of our existence and what survives, what fades, and what vanishes.

Through the poem I sense the endless desert; where sand reaches in all directions around "that colossal wreck, boundless and bare." The word "boundless" in the poem describes time — it has no bounds. The poem also shows that every person is subject to time. In the case of Ozymandias, the passing of time took its toll on him and his kingdom, leaving a crumbling, lifeless statue drenched in silence, gripped by parching heat, and surrounded by somber swirling sands. Everything is gone. *Gone.* The sculptor who made the statue is gone. Ozymandias is gone, and the traveler seeing the ruins is gone. Shelly's poem pushes me to consider what is left, and what is not; what is important, and what is not. The sobering thought of the fate we all share — death, decay, and ultimately ceasing to exist, looms large.

Poetry teaches. It brings ideas and understanding. It delivers discovery. It crafts beauty in spite of the chaotic landscape on which life plays out. Through "Ozymandias" I concede the time-bound nature of humanity — knowing that at one point I will disappear from the Earth and be forgotten — a stark reminder to live for what matters. Poetry is a pause in my hurried and hectic life — an oasis to find some measure of truth in my journey, even if only for a brief time in the swirling, shifting sands of life.

Steven Veatch lives on acreage near the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument and grew up in the Pikes Peak region. He is an active geoscientist. His poems, science articles, and nonfiction work appears in newspapers and magazines. Veatch paints watercolor landscapes and writes a popular blog called Colorado Earth Science.

## The legacy of James John Hagerman - Part 10

by David Martinek

Beyond all other motives, James J. Hagerman had good reason to be very happy and proud with the progress and eventual completion of the Colorado Midland Railway. He was, after all, the man most responsible for its salvation and birth. He became its president while it floundered on paper and gave it direction and life. He either personally or through investors helped raise a large part of the monies used to finance the construction. He battled all efforts by existing railroads to interfere with or prevent the Midland from being built.

### Midland in operation!

By the late summer and fall of 1887, the railroad was in operation. On July 13, 1887, regular train service was first inaugurated to Buena Vista. Later, a work gang of 300 men pushed tracks through to Leadville by September 1, 1887, averaging a little over a mile a day. Train service to Leadville began immediately. By October 8, 1888, the Midland road had completed its build through the great canyons of Hagerman Pass, all the way down the Frying Pan River Valley, beyond the coal fields of Jerome Park and through Glenwood Springs to "end of track" at the coal mining town of New Castle.

Earlier that same year, the company had ordered an enormous inventory of rolling stock and locomotives — over 1,000 freight cars, 35 passenger cars with all the latest features and appliances (manufactured by the Pullman Palace Car Company) and 25 huge and powerful engines specially designed for the curves and steep grades of the Midland. They were built by Schenectady and Baldwin, and while some were also ordered from the American Locomotive Company later sources say they were never delivered.

During that time, work on the Western Division line had not stopped, although it was delayed by the Denver & Rio Grande (the "D & R G") interference. For example, the bore through the Saguache Mountains west of Leadville at Hagerman Pass, at an elevation of 11,530 feet, had been extended 1,000 feet.

While it is true that the D & R G would reach Aspen before the Midland, celebrating its arrival on November 1, 1887 with a great trainload of dignitaries, the totality of the Midland's construction effort was a feat unrivaled for its time. In just over 23 months the Midland had built 238 miles of standard-gauge railroad through some of the most rugged and difficult Colorado terrain imaginable. In addition to reaching Aspen itself a little later, the Midland had dug 17 tunnels, laid track up four percent grades, erected innumerable trestle bridges (the ones in Hagerman Pass being the most dramatic), as well as built a roundhouse and maintenance shops, water tanks, snow sheds, depots and other improvements all along the route. It was the first standard-gauge railroad to pierce the Continental Divide.

The extraordinary effort was not without its obstacles and delays caused by a variety of issues, as well as the shenanigans of competitors, followed by counter maneuvers, all of them colorful and some of them down right underhanded. But grossed up as a total accomplishment, they were in good measure equal to the style and behavior that marked the nature of the railroad business for the age, if not the character of James J. Hagerman.

The following episodes capture just a small taste of that character.

### The Moreno Avenue caper

Hagerman wrote J. R. Busk on August 15, 1887 telling of an altercation with the Denver, Texas & Gulf (the "D T & G") during the summer in Colorado Springs. In the beginning, the Midland had contracted with the D T & G for track rights from Denver to Pueblo and for depot privileges in Denver. But as the Midland infrastructure began to take shape, it soon became apparent to Hagerman that he could strike a better deal with the Santa Fe Railroad who was laying their own standard-gauge track over the same route, to be finished by October. A deal with the Santa Fe would also secure depot privileges in both Denver and Colorado Springs.

But there was an obstacle. An ordinance passed by the Colorado Springs common council in 1882 had given the D T & G

a mile long, 100 foot wide corridor along Moreno Avenue, running east to west. The railroad was allowed two through tracks and as many side tracks as they needed. In effect, they were using the entire avenue as a yard. Finding that Moreno Avenue would provide the most efficient access between the Santa Fe depot and the Midland's terminus in Colorado City, their roundhouse, yard and proposed shop facilities, as well their line between Denver and Pueblo, the Midland petitioned the D T & G for use of the Moreno right-of-way. They refused.

"I tried to make an arrangement with Evans [the D T & G president] for use of [the] street occupied by the D T & G across the town [Colorado Springs] and made him a liberal offer but in vain," wrote Hagerman. "Therefore we had to jump him."

The "jump" story appeared in the "Colorado Springs Gazette" on August 16, 1887. Not to be thwarted, the Midland convinced the city council to hold a special meeting on a Saturday night to pass an emergency ordinance granting them a right-of-way along Moreno Avenue. With crews standing by waiting for the council's decision, by the following Sunday morning track had been laid along the whole route of the street before the D T & G folks had breakfast. The article mentioned also that if the D T & G had any thoughts of contesting the action in court, the city would probably come down on the side of the Midland. Although somewhat low-handed, Hagerman added, "I have written Mr. Evans telling him it was done because we had to, and not because we wanted to fight him. They may try to raise a row, but they are helpless. By this we will save 18 to 20,000 dollars over going through another street, even if the... council would have given us permission, which is doubtful."

### Sharing the Leadville business

Meanwhile, in the same letter Hagerman described being in conference with the Union Pacific (on behalf of the Denver South Park and Pacific, a Union Pacific subsidiary) and the D & R G to discuss rates and a pool arrangement for business in Leadville. While neither railroad was interested that much in coal and coke traffic (contrary to William S. Jackson's comments a few years earlier), which was one of the Midland's anticipated and major revenue sources, they were adamant regarding their share of the ore and bullion market. Leadville was a mill location (competing with Pueblo) for the silver mined in both Leadville and Aspen. Mr. Potter of the Union Pacific wanted all of the ore they carried to be refined in Denver where they could control the process. In any event, he demanded 25 percent (less coal and coke) of the Leadville business.

"That is my ultimatum," he said. "You and Moffat [then an officer of the D & R G] can do as you [expletive] please about the 75%."

But David Moffat and Hagerman could not agree on their split, with Moffat saying that he had to have approval from his directors before agreeing to anything less than 49 percent. Hagerman had suggested dividing the 75 percent equally. Moffat asked Hagerman to join him in New York, but Hagerman refused due to the "present state of my health, hot weather, and the developing things here..." However, despite his health, Hagerman did go to New York in September 1887, both to meet with the D & R G board and to raise another million dollars to complete the Midland's construction.

### Malicious attack from within

A few months later, on January 23, 1888, just before full service was to begin all the way to Glenwood Springs, Hagerman wrote J. R. Busk again, this time seething from articles which appeared in the "Denver News" a few days prior "maliciously" attacking the Midland. The stories charged that Hagerman had fired engineer Thomas H. Wigglesworth and relieved Homer D. Fisher from his general manager duties, *which he did*, and hired D. B. Robinson in their place (with both titles). All this was true. However, the stories went on to claim that Hagerman's actions were causing the company to wastefully increase its construction costs. A year or so before, Hagerman had written glowing comments about Wigglesworth, calling him a "jewel in the rough." But as time went on and construction depended on Wigglesworth's surveys, he concluded that the engineer's mind was mired in narrow gauge thinking which caused the company to spend much needed funds to undue or improve upon his grade work. The inference of the stories was that the Midland was insolvent before total operations were to begin.

Hagerman was furious, raging that the "malicious attack [was] designed to make our creditors uneasy and to do the company the most harm possible, even to put it in the hands of a receiver if that could be done." The source of the stories was Hagerman's own associates, Fisher and Orlando Metcalf, a member of the Midland Board of Directors! Hagerman was critical of both Metcalf and Fisher earlier, saying that Metcalf shrank from every question and Fisher was always looking out for his dignity, but now he labeled both men as traitors and lobbied Busk to minimize the damage as seen by the Midland's British investors and to refute the allegations by showing that the increased cost overruns were the result of Wigglesworth's inefficiencies.

Apparently, the effort worked for the Midland did not go into receivership. Four months later (April 1888), however, Hagerman declined to continue as president due (he said) to his



A drawing of Hellgate, a dangerous precipice just west of Hagerman Pass on the Colorado Midland route, and a frequent stop for Midland excursion trains. Denver Public Library

illness, but he remained on the board and continued to be the company's largest stock and bond holder.

### The Rio Grande Junction Railroad

Throughout the early "paper" days of the Colorado Midland and even during its construction, dreams of expanding the Midland line into Utah had been shelved, dusted off and shelved again. The money, investment interest and operational revenues just weren't there, even though Hagerman had pushed Wigglesworth to survey a suitable route into Utah during the summer of 1886. But by late 1889, a new possibility arose which would accomplish the same objective — providing a connection to the Pacific and making the Midland a regional railroad with transcontinental access, instead of just a bridge line.

The solution came in the guise of the Denver and Rio Grande Western (the "R G W"), an independent and prosperous road owned by General William Jackson Palmer, whose line extended from Grand Junction, Colorado to Ogden, Utah, and connected there with the D & R G lines. At about the same time, the D & R G felt pressure to upgrade their track to accommodate standard-gauge traffic and began laying a third rail in some locations. This policy may have prompted the R G W to bring the Midland and the D & R G together and propose a joint venture for shared track between New Castle (the actual end of the Colorado Midland line, about 13 miles beyond Glenwood Springs) and Grand Junction, thus effecting the link the Midland wanted and needed. The enormous construction expense would be cut in half for both railroads and the R G W would enjoy the traffic from both.

True to their nature, at least as Hagerman saw it, the D & R G was not readily cooperative. In his letter to Samuel S. Sands, then chair of the Midland board, in September 1889, Hagerman continued to harangue the D & R G saying, "they have done all in their power to obstruct and delay construction of the 'Link Line' [i.e., the proposed Rio Grande Junction]... It will be built anyway, no matter whether the Rio Grande takes an interest or not, and... if they do not take an interest in it, they will be so much worse off..." What Hagerman didn't realize is that the D & R G wanted to delay construction of the Rio Grande Junction until they had the capital to "broad-gauge" their whole line.

Hagerman wrote of David Moffat, "[He] is very ambitious to be considered a big man, but he is not so big as he was when he could wield the Rio Grande club to reward his friends and punish his enemies as he pleased... I do not suppose there are 500 shares of Rio Grande stock owned in Colorado, but to hear the officers here talk, you would suppose they owned it all... The influence of the Rio Grande Company is the most powerful influence in the state. It can make or unmake many localities. Disorder, power to play tricks, to slaughter rates, to reward friends and punish enemies is what they want... Therefore, the Link Line, with its joint ownership, or joint power to hold things level, is just what they *do not* want, and you may be sure that Moffat will do all he can in New York to make trouble."

It is not difficult to understand Hagerman's opinion of the D & R G. But even Hagerman underestimated the Rio Grande's ability to delay. He wrote a friend, A. C. Brown, in Marinette, Wisconsin in October 1889 that "the Midland is earning from \$51,000 to \$55,000 a month net." He added that the Midland would be part of a "transcontinental line" by the first of April 1890. He was wrong.

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# Giveaway to be Give BACK event of the year!

by Kathy Hansen

Have you recently been diagnosed with breast cancer? Are you currently receiving treatment for breast cancer? Are you a survivor of breast cancer? If so, then you are eligible to enter the giveaway that just may be the give BACK event of the year. October is breast cancer awareness month. It is time to draw attention to this horrendous disease, but more importantly, to give something back to those who have been diagnosed, are in treatment, or have survived. Visit [www.breastcancersurvivorgiveaway.com](http://www.breastcancersurvivorgiveaway.com)

About one in eight women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. Men can also get breast cancer, and while their chances are much less, their challenge is that we consider this a disease that only affects women. Both genders face a battle that may last their lifetime.

There are so many losses associated with breast cancer. During the course of treatment it is likely you will lose your appetite, which is likely to result in weight loss at an unhealthy level. You are likely to lose your hair, which in many cases can lead to a loss of identity. Let's face it, the first three pieces of information we gather when we look at a person are their gender, their age, and how closely their physique matches our society's ideal for that gender and age. Western society tends to value voluptuous breasts. The Latin root of the word "voluptuous" means "pleasure", akin to the Greek root, meaning "hope". It is easy to see how there could be a loss of libido. It is also easy to understand how women could lose their sense of femininity and men lose their sense of masculinity. Then, there is the challenge of overcoming the loss associated with partial or full mastectomy; a grieving process accompanies loss of body parts. There is loss of control, in that all these things are happening which you have little, if any control over. There may also be a loss of support because when people do not know what the "right thing to say" might be, they may withdraw from the relationship as they don't know what to say or do. Together, this amounts to incredible loss. Time to give BACK after so much has been lost.



Sandy Bobal-Zuniga

Sandy Bobal-Zuniga, founder of [www.MyPersonalBreastCancerJourney.com](http://www.MyPersonalBreastCancerJourney.com) is aware of these losses from first-hand experience and has chronicled her own journey on the website (more about that later). It is now two years since her journey began. She created [www.breastcancersurvivorgiveaway.com](http://www.breastcancersurvivorgiveaway.com) as a way to give back to anyone diagnosed with, in treatment of, or surviving breast cancer. She gathered sponsors who have products and programs geared toward physical, spiritual, and mental health (see sidebar). It is her goal to help you heal, survive, and thrive! There is no cost to register; all gifts are FREE, however this is a time-limited offer, so sign up before October 13.

Before Sandy had been diagnosed with cancer she'd been struggling with depression, feelings of being "not good enough", and always trying to measure up, but never quite feeling accepted. She described herself as a "loner". She openly shares the battle with this mindset, which also caused her to take her own life. Then once the diagnosis of cancer became her reality, she realized, "Little did I know that my new enemy would become my strongest ally in my lifelong battle against depression; the irony is surreal when I really think about it." So with the last twinkle of hope she had left, she tapped into her resilience and transformed the despair into inspiration. "I had strong shoulders; if others can see my process, they will find the courage to get through their own." Perhaps documenting her journey helped to make the unimaginable an acceptable reality while the cancer reminded her she still had time to become the person she had always wanted to be.

She knew she would need to battle the depression demons head on. She knew she would need to make some changes in her lifestyle, mindset, and ability to accept herself. She knew there were physical challenges ahead like none she had been through before. Sandy gathered her courage to move forward by remembering how she had always felt motivated to help the underdog. Perhaps it was this very calling that allowed her to fight for herself in order to be a role model to others who experienced a similar path.

It has become her goal to help anyone diagnosed with breast cancer to transition from "Why me?" to "What now?". She reminds us of the "Right to choose your breast cancer doctor" a segment about the option to request a second opinion when the first doctor seems to provide nothing but statistics on a death sentence. Sandy shared how the next doctor was different; even though he gave the same statistics, he also had a message of hope, and it was hope that she needed now more than ever. She reminds us

of the power of choice, at a time when we feel powerless because everything seems to be happening "to" us. Sandy reminds us of our treatment "team" and that what is truly significant is the belief in a positive outcome.

Sandy courageously shares each phase of her journey on her website: [www.MyPersonalBreastCancerJourney.com](http://www.MyPersonalBreastCancerJourney.com). She covers nutrition, sleep, chemotherapy and side effects, holistic or alternative medicine, emotions including depression, surrounding yourself with support, giving yourself options, and to love yourself as you are. There is a "Ya need to know" series which includes a segment on "Drain bands" which help to hold the surgical drains while doing personal cares and to offer stability while being mobile, as well as "Breast cancer quick tips".

Please see her "Look of Courage: chemo hair loss" video after recognizing that chemotherapy was making her hair fall out. She shows the hair from her comb and the shower drain after day 1, day 15, and day 16. Then, with more courage than a pride of lions, she looks at the camera, takes shaver in hand, bends over the rail of her deck, and begins to shave. The lovely locks fall to the ground. She looks at the camera again and reminds us of choices: go ahead and be bald (Sinead O'Connor did it!); go ahead and find a fun hat; go ahead and find a colorful scarf. Whatever your choice is, do what works for YOU! Then, she challenges the viewer to take a "Courage Shot" and send it in. Sandy shares what her viewers send in so that there are MANY women sharing their strength; they become "Survival Sistas"! I dare you to find the video and I warn you to have some tissues nearby as there will not be a dry eye.

Pervasive throughout each page of her websites is the message of loving yourself, accepting yourself, and affirmations of permission to be who you are. Ultimately it is permission to "be". What better message could be put forth when given a diagnosis that often accompanies a death sentence? Sandy keeps in mind that folks often want to find their cancer. While we may not always get answers to questions we ask, we sometimes need to ask better questions. She encourages people to consider the habits they had before and ask what needs to change?

Sandy herself had reflected on her lifestyle. She had been dedicated to a vegetarian diet since 1996. She assured a daily workout. She drank copious amounts of water. What changes could she make, after all, those all sound like healthy choices?

She learned about processed foods, canned foods, Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) especially in the soy she had been eating. She learned to eat more whole foods, assure a variety of micro-nutrients, and to look for color as a signal of antioxidants. She learned tap water is different from alkaline water, and the importance of maintaining an internal alkaline environment as it is thought cancer thrives in acidic environment. She learned about Electromagnetic Fields (EMFs) from current technology such as cell phones, computers, televisions, etc. She learned to pay attention to labels on skin care products, as the skin is the largest organ of absorption. She learned to change her mindset to one of gratitude, she learned about toxic relationships and reciprocity, and she learned she has to give love to get love (was it John Lennon of the Beatles that sang, "The love you take is equal to the love you make"?). She also learned of the inherent power of a hug, which brings us to her third website, [www.hugsforcancer.com](http://www.hugsforcancer.com).

We are each entitled to our emotional process as we ride the waves this battle brings. Much like grief, the reality breaks through unexpectedly and suddenly straight to the pit of our stomach — HARD — stopping us in our tracks. The walls of denial crumble along with what we understood to be our strength. Left with nothing but raw emotion, there is no pretending this is indeed a life changing event. The creepiness of the impending unknown looms around us. This would be the perfect moment to be wrapped in a loving hug. Sandy developed the website: [www.hugsforcancer.com](http://www.hugsforcancer.com) for this very moment.

A gentleman named Richard Debertin had lost his wife, Rosemary, after her 30 year cancer journey. He found the MyPersonalBreastCancerJourney.com website. Richard wanted to give support in some way; he offered to teach Sandy how to make the blankets the way Rosemary had. Sandy traveled to meet Richard and they shared their stories, honored each other's battles, and made some blankets. Through this website you can request a free blanket. Each handmade blanket is 6X4 feet of soft, washable fabric, made by loving hands who understand the battle of cancer. Each blanket includes a



Here is a sample blanket. Request yours at [www.hugsforcancer.com](http://www.hugsforcancer.com).

prayer and lots of hope, which many recipients have said they could feel. The blanket is there for you when the reality strikes, when the chemo hits hard enough to wipe you out, or when your support system is temporarily out of reach. What an incredible gift!

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the giveaway that is to be the give back event of the year. Please visit [www.breastcancersurvivorgiveaway.com](http://www.breastcancersurvivorgiveaway.com) for your free gifts and become a "Survival Sista"! Also visit [www.MyPersonalBreastCancerJourney.com](http://www.MyPersonalBreastCancerJourney.com) for virtual support as needed; remember Sandy personally answers each email (she used to be a loner, now she is Chief Hug Officer!). If you would like a free blanket, please visit [www.hugsforcancer.com](http://www.hugsforcancer.com).

## Breast Cancer Survivor Giveaway

Sept 29th - Oct 13th 2014

by MPBCJ

### Participating partners gift summary

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**Gift title:** Annmarie Gianni Skin Care Travel Kit

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#### CORE POTENTIALS

**Gift title:** Body Awakening Method - Online Training

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**MY PERSONAL BREAST CANCER JOURNEY**  
**Gift title:** Blanket & Drain Band  
**Gift description:** Blanket and drain band from [www.hugsforcancer.com](http://www.hugsforcancer.com)



Highway sign on Rt. #24

## South Park Regional Heritage Area

by Maurice Wells

photo by Maurice Wells

As you drive west from Florissant to Lake George you now notice a sign near the county line that indicates the "South Park National Heritage Area". In March of 2009, congress approved a bill that designated the South Park National Heritage Area. This was the initial action that set in motion a series of events that made this designation a reality.

A National Heritage Area is a place where natural, cultural and historic resources combine to form an important landscape. Heritage Areas are "live-in" regions. They are grassroots, community-driven approaches to natural and cultural conservation and economic development.

Because the conservation efforts are grounded in the community, the designation does not compromise local control over the use of the landscape. Designation comes with limited financial aid and technical assistance from the National Park Service.

The legislation prohibits the use of any Heritage Area federal funding to acquire real property or an interest in real property. All participation is voluntary and all public access

is provided voluntarily by the property owner. The designation cannot be used to change land use regulations or be used to regulate land. It does not alter water rights, nor the state's ability to manage fish and wildlife.

Once legislation was signed, the next step was the establishment of a Board of Directors. The Board is composed of seven voting members, at least five of which must be full-time residents or property owners in Park County. This assures local interest and control over the Heritage Area.

Additional non-voting members may be appointed by the Park County Commissioners to represent interested organizations and agencies. The legislation required the creation of a five year Management Plan and this was completed after extensive public participation between 2011 and 2013.

The Heritage Area web site, [www.south-parkheritage.org/about-spnha](http://www.south-parkheritage.org/about-spnha), is an excellent source for more detailed information, especially the Management Plan. The Plan also includes numerous bits of historical data about the South Park region.

## Flag Retirement Ceremony

by Jana Bartlett and Maurice Wells

American flags that are no longer in good condition should be respectfully retired and replaced with new flags. On October 11 at 10 a.m. the Lake George Fire Department will host a special flag retirement program. The Florissant-Lake George VFW Post 11411 will actually conduct a formal ceremony to which the public is invited. Flags may be brought to the ceremony or dropped off at the Woodland Park Senior Center, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Flags may also be dropped off at the Lake George Fire Station on weekdays when it is staffed.

New flags may be purchased at the ceremony or by contacting Bob Tyler at 748-1335. The VFW Post would like to thank Tim Kulin Cabinetry and the Woodcraft Store in Colorado Springs for providing the special woods used for the ceremony.



"Old Glory" flies above Lake George. photo by Maurice Wells

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# ghost horse

by Danielle Dellinger

There is a legend that a white ghost horse haunts the area around the Colorado State Penitentiary. When an inmate sees the horse, it means a psychotic break is imminent. When a pair of twins, a boy and girl, appear on the horse's back, it means that they have come to free the inmate's mind. Colorado State Penitentiary stands firm against the desolate, desert landscape outside of Cañon City. Originally built in 1871, it is one of seven prisons scattered in and around Cañon City. It was the original state penitentiary, and used to house death row inmates. It doesn't anymore. They are currently housed in the Colorado Territorial Correctional Facility. Reportedly, all inmates at the state penitentiary are in solitary confinement, or administrative segregation, for roughly 23 hours a day. Putting social creatures into a box with only their own mind for company is bound to cause some scary things.

Pale light filtered in through the window slit in Cornelius Hutch's cell. It was the mid-1990s, a few years after the new state penitentiary had been built. He hadn't had his exercise time for a whole week due to a lockdown, and the longer he had to wait, the more agitated he became. He had to get out of the cell, even if it was only for an hour. He paced from the door to the bed and back again. He heard other inmates also getting restless. They never were allowed to exercise together, which was probably for the best. All of them were like caged wolves, and ready for a fight. Finally, the slot in his door opened, the handcuffs rattling and clinking as they were pulled from the officer's belt.

"You know the drill," came the officer's rough voice.

Cornelius put his hands through the slot, watching and grimacing as the cold metal slid around his wrists. He hated feeling trapped, more than anything.

The door slowly creaked open and they quickly fastened cuffs around his ankles, and clipped his wrists to a metal chain around his waist. They then began the slow journey down to the indoor exercise yard. He breathed a little faster and shallower in agitation as they seemed to take forever removing his shackles. Once he was free, and they were safely outside of the exercise yard, he started his exercise routine by running laps. It felt so good to stretch his legs. After running, he moved on to push-ups, sit-ups, and lunges.

"Inmate!" a guard called.

Cornelius looked over to the door; his hour up already. Sighing, he wiped the sweat from his brow as he walked over to the gate and got into position so he could be put back into the shackles.

He glared at the window as he walked into his cell after getting everything removed again, the door clanging shut behind him. He sat in the corner of his bed by the window. He could watch visitors come and go. He'd already been locked up for a few years, serving time on this go-around for multiple assault charges. Being trapped was what had led to the assaults.

It'd been almost a year since anybody had visited him. He could feel the miasma of depression seeping into his brain as he remembered the last conversation he'd had with his then-girlfriend.

"Baby, come on. Don't be hysterical." "I'm not being hysterical!" she'd snapped, her eyes sparking with anger. "I can't keep sending you gobs of money for the commissary. I gotta pay the rent and feed your dogs! You're in prison-you're not supposed to be getting luxurious things."

"Tyna, please. I just need to be able to buy some good soap. You know how I hate to feel dirty."

"Cornelius, I don't care about you smelling good. I have to keep a roof over my head and the dogs'. Find someone else to leech on!" She'd stood up after that and started for the door.

"Wait, babe! I'm sorry. Come back and we'll talk about something else. How's your momma?"

She'd turned and given him a cutting glare.

"Like you care!" She'd then walked out the door.

"Tyna, I love you!" he'd called after her, before he was swarmed by guards and hurriedly ushered back to his cell.

The pattering of rain against the window pulled him from his memory and he sighed, rubbing his misty eyes. Tyna had meant so much to him, but he'd asked her for money too many times without concern of what she was going through. Like she'd ever told him anything, though. She had always said that things were being handled, so now he couldn't stop wondering about what had made her snap at him. He'd written her letters and called her, but had gotten no reply. The fact that everything had ended over a petty argument about soap and money left a bad taste in his mouth. Cornelius pulled the thin, itchy blanket up over himself, leaning his head against the window.

He could see the storm already starting to lift out on the horizon. The setting sun was a small golden ball resting on the landscape. He didn't want to sleep just yet, but his mind was too dark with depressing thoughts to stay awake.

Around two in the morning he was awakened by the sounds of neighing and clacking hooves. He slowly opened his eyes and looked out to see a white horse trotting around the parking lot in front of the prison. She wove between the few cars still there, occasionally bursting into a gallop and going from one end of the lot to the other. He blinked, shook his head, and rubbed his eyes with the heels of his palms. When his eyes focused again, he could still see the horse. She was looking right at him, into his soul, it seemed. She then bared her teeth and charged. He gasped, jerking away from the window. It had felt like she was right in his face. He cowered against the wall for a moment, breathing quickly.

After a few minutes, he slowly sat up and peered out the window. There wasn't a horse, or any other creature for that matter, in the parking lot. He frowned, wondering if he'd imagined it. Checking the parking lot once more, he grabbed his blanket and laid down at the other end of his bed where the pillow was. He got under the blanket and looked up at the ceiling. Several minutes later his eyes closed as he started to fall asleep. But then came a high-pitched neigh that sounded like it was right in his cell. He gasped and bolted upright, looking around frantically. The shadow of a horse was racing back and forth on the far wall where the cell door was.

Cornelius stared, dumbfounded. The horse could've easily been in there with him. The shadow of the horse seemed to turn, face him, then run at him. He gave a cry as the horse appeared to jump over him, and in an attempt to get out of the way, he pushed himself against the wall, knocking his head into the unforgiving surface. He laid there unconscious.

"Inmate, on your feet for count!" shouted a guard.

Cornelius's eyes struggled to open at hearing his name. Acting on autopilot, he roused himself into a standing position, keeping his eyes half-closed. He had a pounding headache at the back of his head where it had hit the wall the previous night. He swayed slightly where he stood.

A few minutes later the slot in his door opened and his breakfast tray slid in. He shuffled over and lifted it with a shaky hand, taking it back to his bed where he sat down to eat.

The events of what had happened to him in the night played through his head as he tried to make sense of it all. He just couldn't find any logical reasoning behind it. He'd always prided himself on being able to solve puzzles, so he was frustrated that he couldn't piece anything together. He ate only half of his food before he returned it to the door and it was taken away. He laid down on his bed, pressing his face into the cold side of the pillow. It helped ease his headache. He stayed in that position until they came to take him to the exercise yard.

The guards noticed something was off with him, so they weren't as gentle as they normally were. He felt like they were trying to provoke him to get him to snap out of whatever funk he was in. But he didn't react. He felt too sluggish to—and it wasn't because of the whack to the head.

He did only half of his exercise routine. As he was walking back to the door where the guards stood, one of them called out.

"What's the matter, are you losing your touch, inmate?" There always had to be that one loudmouthed guard.

Cornelius looked at him but ignored him.

"What? You suddenly too wimpy? Lazy?" the guard taunted.

Cornelius barely remembered running at the guard and wrapping his hands around his throat. The blaring of the alarm deafened him, and the wind was knocked from his lungs as the other guards yanked him off and down to the ground, shouting orders at him. He struggled for all he was worth. He hated being trapped. They strapped him into a restraint chair and wheeled him back to his cell. They put the chair in the middle of the room, facing the wall.

"Let me out!" he growled. "You don't know what you've done!" He thrashed about in the chair, his face turning bright red. "Stop! Let me go!"

"Quiet down!" shouted the guard, shutting the door with a harsh clang.

"No! No!" Cornelius shouted repeatedly, thrashing again.

He settled down, finally. He stared at the wall like he was in a catatonic state. Soon, the sun set and the light faded out of his room. Eventually the overhead lights went out for the night. Every time one of the guards would come in to check on him, he would growl at them. They gave up trying to get him out of the chair for the night.

The complete darkness bothered him. He frequently jumped and gasped, looking to the sides as if someone were approaching him. His eyes darted around as he struggled to get out of the chair. His heart thumped in his ears.

"Gotta get out . . ." he muttered. "Not safe . . . It's coming for me . . ."

His breathing picked up as he heard the clacking of hooves. He whined and jerked back and forth in the chair. "Please go away. Leave me alone!"

The sound of the hooves stopped. He listened intently, chuckling to himself out of nervous relief when he didn't hear any other strange sounds.

Over the next few days Cornelius wasn't allowed out of his cell, but he had been let out of the chair. He laid in bed most of the time, drool collecting underneath his cheek. A therapist was sent in to see if his problem could be figured out, but was unsuccessful. There was talk of putting him on drugs, or that he'd ingested drugs, but it'd be a while before they figured out anything. The therapist wanted to try small group therapy, but was shut down because he had violent tendencies. The therapist argued that letting Cornelius waste away in his cell wasn't doing anyone any favors.

Almost a week later was when Cornelius sat up, looking like he felt better. A guard opened the slot to get him to put his hands out to put the handcuffs on, but he shied away from the noise the handcuffs made. He retreated back to his bed, pulling the blanket up to his chin. The guard didn't know what to do, so he left. No one came back to his cell. Cornelius's mind took over at that point. He began to pace in circles, muttering under his breath and sometimes shaking his hand like it had a cramp in it.

"No one cares . . . No one talks to me anymore . . ." he mumbled. He scratched at his arm repeatedly, creating long, red marks.

He didn't stop pacing for the whole day. When night fell, he dragged the flimsy mattress off its bench, and started to slam it around. The guards heard the noise and rushed in, tackling him down and wrestling him back into the chair. As he thrashed about in the chair, tears leaked from his eyes and slid down his cheeks. He felt so hopeless and depressed.

"No one cares!" he shouted at the guards as they left the cell.

The lights went out for the night.

He sat there whimpering and rolling his head from side to side. It wasn't long before he heard the sound of hooves coming toward him. His breathing instantly picked up, and he looked around fearfully. That's when he saw the horse's shadow on the wall getting bigger and bigger as it seemed to come toward him.

In a burst of bright white light the mare stood in front of him, pawing the ground and neighing. She tossed her head a few times, snorting. She then seemed to quiet and turned so her side was to him, revealing a boy and a girl sitting on her back.

"Good girl, Star From Afar," said the young girl, stroking the horse's neck.

Cornelius frowned, watching. "What do you want?" he growled, baring his teeth.

"We've come for you," said the boy. "It's time to release you."

"Release me how?"

"Your mind. It needs freeing of its human limitations," replied the girl.

"How are you going to free it?" he asked, nervously.

Both children smirked. The girl then slid from Star From Afar, coming to him and pressing her palm to his forehead. Cornelius's breathing hitched as he felt her palm grow warm. His mind became fuzzy.

"No," he moaned. "Stop . . . You don't know what you're doing!"

"Oh, we do know," said the boy.

"St-stop . . . Please . . ." His mind was going blank.

He barely felt her hand leave his head. His eyes fluttered as the horse neighed and reared, the children laughing like they were the happiest beings in the universe. Star From Afar began to gallop around Cornelius, nipping at him. He glared at the horse, his eyes glinting like a predator's. The children laughed more, like this was a fun game to them. He growled and snarled, snapping his teeth at them. The horse then galloped straight at the wall, becoming a shadow that grew smaller and smaller until it was gone.

Cornelius howled out of anger at the deafening silence.

The next morning, they found a person who was more animal than human strapped in the chair, watching them like they were prey.

**Author's Note:** Lovely readers, let's connect! Follow me on Twitter @ZepherSong and/or 'LIKE' my Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/dmdellin08](http://www.facebook.com/dmdellin08). I can promise story teasers, sarcasm, and possibly an alter ego.



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During Constitution Week, the DAR strives to reinforce three goals: 1) Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution; 2) Inform citizens that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life; and 3) Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

Here are 10 quick facts about the Constitution

1. The U.S. Constitution was written in the same Pennsylvania State House where the Declaration of Independence was signed and where George Washington received his commission as Commander of the Continental Army. Now called Independence Hall, the building still stands today on Independence Mall in Philadelphia, directly across from the National Constitution Center.
2. Written in 1787, the Constitution was signed on September 17th. But it wasn't until 1788 that it was ratified by the necessary nine states.
3. The U.S. Constitution was prepared in secret, behind locked doors that were guarded

amendments have been introduced in Congress since the Constitution was ratified. Thirty three have gone to the states for confirmation and 27 have received the necessary approval to actually become amendments to the Constitution. (Retrieved from <http://constitutioncenter.org/constitution-day/about-constitution-day/10-fast-facts-on-the-constitution/>)

The DAR was organized on October 11, 1890 and was chartered by the U.S. Congress on December 2, 1896. It is a non-profit, lineage-based service organization for women who can trace their ancestry directly to a relative involved in the fight for American independence. It has chapters in all 50 states and several foreign countries. Although it is known generally as the "DAR," its official name is the *National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution*.

In the Pikes Peak region there are five DAR chapters: the Cheyenne, Kinnikinnik, and Zebulon Pike chapters in Colorado Springs; the General Marion chapter in Canon City and the Arkansas Valley chapter in Pueblo. There are 40 or more chapters located throughout the state of Colorado.

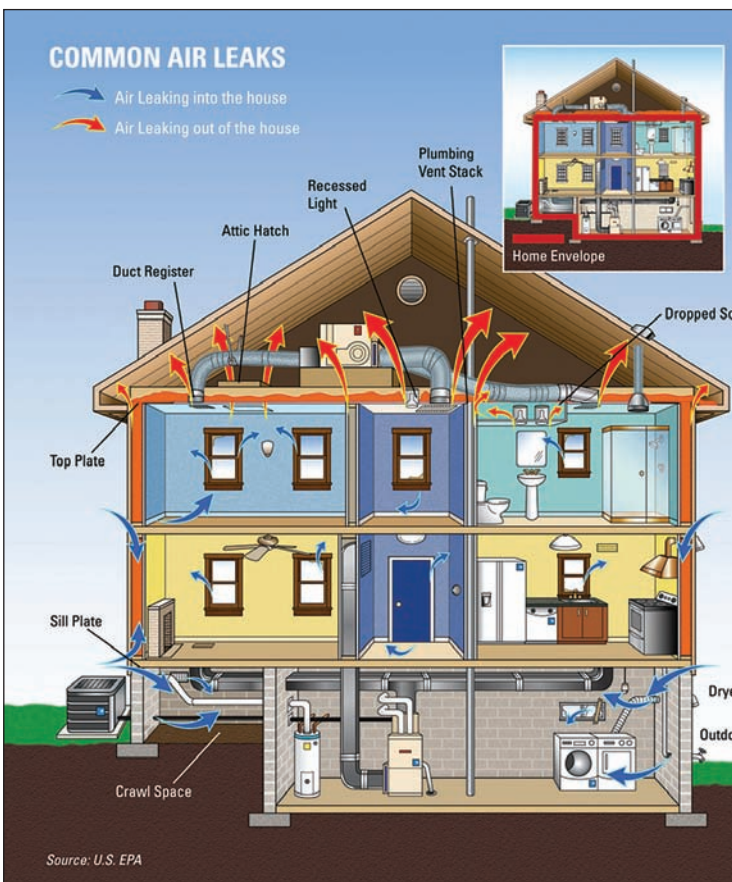


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## Fall colors and bugling elk Highlights of Mueller State Park's October Programs

by Linda Groat

The aspen trees are a vibrant gold and the elk are very active, so now is the best time to visit Mueller State Park!

Mueller is located just 3.5 miles south of Divide on Highway 67, just 15 minutes from Woodland Park. In all directions one can see the stunning gold of the trembling Aspen trees contrasting against the rich greens of the spruce, fir, and pine trees. We are approaching the peak in color now. Fall is here; leaves are changing, birds are migrating, and the elk are doing the mating behavior that they've done for centuries.

Bull elk, the males, compete for females and the right to breed. They will chase other males away while trying to herd the cows, or females, into groups and keep control of them! The bulls will bugle, calling out with their loud, eerie voices to communicate their intentions. You will never forget the first time you hear it, standing in the crisp weather, surrounded in bright yellow leaves and bold blue sky, the sun starts to go down, and that sound echoing over the hills!

Guided hikes to see and hear the elk will be on October 3rd and 4th. Folks need to pre-register for these limited hikes by calling the Visitor Center (719) 687-2366. Many other hikes and programs are scheduled throughout the month to see the trees, historical sites, and fabulous views in the park. Two fun "haunted" hikes will be on October 26th and 31st to celebrate Halloween. Also a Beginning Fly Fishing program will be October 11th.

See the full list of program on the website: <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Mueller>. For more details please contact the Visitor Center at 719-687-2366.

Vehicles entering the park must have a \$7 daily or \$70 annual State Parks pass. For more information about Colorado's state parks, see [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us)

### Hikes and programs for October

#### Fall Challenge Hike

Oct 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, at 8 a.m. Meet at Visitor Center

#### Hike: Rock Canyon

Oct 1 at 9 a.m. Meet at Outlook Trailhead Join Interpretive Naturalist Penny on this trip through many Montane micro-environments. This is a moderate 5 mile hike.

#### Hike: Stoner Mill/School Pond

Oct 2 at 9 a.m. Meet at School Pond Trailhead  
Feel free to ask questions of Interpretive Naturalist Penny as you enjoy watching the landscape change. Look for wildlife and view wildflowers on this moderate 3.5 mile trail.

#### Hike: Elk Bugling

Oct 3, 4 at 5 p.m. Sign-up at Visitor Center Every fall, bull elk seek out and compete for females. Visitors over the age of 10 can witness this amazing yearly event with Mike Storey. This is about a 3 mile round trip hike, returning after dark. Please sign-up at the Visitor Center via walk-in or by calling (719) 687-2366.

#### Amphitheater: Jeopardy in the Park

Oct 3 at 6:45 pm Test your knowledge of park geology wildlife, flowers, and animal facts. We will have fun while learning. There will be prizes!

#### Hike: Cahill Loop

Oct 4 at 9 a.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead  
Tag along with Interpretive Naturalist Penny on this moderate 2.5 mile hike, exploring the flora and fauna of Mueller all the way.

#### Hike: Family Friendly

Oct 4, 11, 18, 25 at 11 a.m.  
Meet at Visitor Center  
Adults and children are encouraged to join volunteer naturalist Carole for this 1 mile loop.

#### Hike: The Forgotten Trail

Oct 5 at 9 a.m. Meet at Black Bear trailhead Golden Eagle is the name of this infrequently hiked trail. For a journey to the border of Dome Rock with a view of interesting rock formations, join interpretive Naturalist Penny on this 4.5 mile hike.

#### Hike: Homestead Hike

Oct 5 at 1 p.m. Meet at Homestead Trailhead Take a pleasant 2 mile hike through forest, meadows and rock formations on the Homestead Trail with volunteer naturalist Anne. Aspens may be golden by then.

#### Hike: Aspen Trail

Oct 6 at 9 a.m. Meet at School Pond Trailhead Are you ready for a challenge? Join Interpretive Naturalist Penny on this invigorating hike with its six roller coaster hills.

#### Hike: Outlook Ridge Loop

Oct 7, 25 at 9:15 a.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead  
Explore the flora and fauna of Mueller as well as Lost Pond on this 2.14 mile loop with Interpretive Naturalist Penny.

#### Hike: Full Moon Hike

Oct 8 at 6:30 p.m. Meet at Outlook Ridge Trailhead  
Enjoy the awesome view of the full moon rising over Pikes Peak. Learn some random facts and fun myths about our only natural satellite. This 2 mile hike is rated moderate. We will be returning in the dark. Wear hiking boots, layered clothing, bring water, cameras, and a flashlight.

#### Hike: Buffalo Rock

Oct 9 at 9 a.m. Meet at Grouse Mountain Trailhead  
Join Interpretive Naturalist Penny for this beautiful 4 mile hike through aspen and pine forest, meadows and see Cheesman Ranch.

#### Fly Fishing Basics

Oct 11 at 2 p.m. Meet at Dragonfly Pond Learn the difference between bait fishing and fly fishing, and give it a try! Equipment provided.

#### Touch Table: Meet the Birds

Oct 18 at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Meet at the Visitor Center  
Come see the bird of the Pikes Peak region up close. The feathers, skulls, and nests of Red Tail Hawks, Golden Eagles, and Broad-tailed Hummingbirds are just a few of the bird items that will be on display. Come talk to volunteer naturalist Char about birds.

#### Touch Table: Volcanic Rock

Oct 25 at 1 p.m. to 3p.m. at the Visitor Center  
Learn about the geology of the Pikes Peak area with volunteer naturalist Bob. See and touch volcanic rocks and learn to identify them. Come any time to check out this hands-on opportunity.

#### Hike: Haunted Hike

Oct 26 at 1 p.m., and Oct 31 at 5 p.m.  
Meet at Homestead Trailhead  
Join volunteer naturalist Anne on this 2 mile hike through valleys and forest. Visit an old hunter's cabin and be prepared to hear a scary tale or two. Scary and silly hats are welcome. Keep your eyes open, you never know who or what hides in the forest!!



## Spiritual redirection: Peace Visioning Circle

by Barbara Royal, Interfaith Certified Spiritual Director

*Spiritual Redirection is for those of you who are willing to step outside the traditional box of your formal belief system to grow your soul — your divine spiritual nature. Spiritual Redirection may come in story form, lesson form or in any gentle way the Spirit nudges me to communicate with you. In these writings, I will use the many names for God. Because we all have different beliefs, please feel free to use the term by which you know the Divine. Please use your discernment to determine what is true or not for you. Now, let us begin.*

Many of us are upset with the conditions in our lives and world. Some even think we are limited in our ability to make change. Nothing could be further from the truth. As seekers, we become aware Spirit will use us, and work through us, to bear light into the world and make the darkness bright.

The Peace Visioning Circle serves to fulfill this purpose. The Circle is for people from all walks of life. We come together as community and ask to be used as instruments for change by receiving Spirit's vision of peace. We become the cups for Spirit's vision, knowing Spirit will direct the energies of peace and love through us to where they are most needed.

As you read this article and the outline below, please ask your inner wisdom if this is a way you can serve the greater good. If so, I look forward to seeing you every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Mountain View United Methodist Church, 1101 Rampart Range Rd, Woodland Park, CO 80863. Come in through the front door and enter the sanctuary through the double doors to your left.

There is no charge to participate in the Circle and the church is not charging us for use of the facility. I will, however, ask for a free-will donation to offset the utility expenses incurred by the church in keeping the building open for us.

### Peace Visioning Circle Outline

- We consciously unify with Spirit by invoking the presence of God, I AM, the Angels, the Beings of Light and the entire Company of Heaven.
- We ask to be enfolded in their radiation of light and love, becoming cups for the transmission of divine love around the world.
- We ask Spirit to give us Spirit's vision of peace in our lives and world, stilling our hearts and minds long enough to let it be revealed to and through us.
- We each have our own idea of peace, but for the Peace Visioning Circle, we do our best to surrender our ideas and allow Spirit's vision to come forth.
- As each person receives Spirit's vision of peace (which could come in different forms, i.e. visual, feeling, words), they express it verbally, in a popcorn-like fashion. Some may prefer not to speak and that is okay.

### We become the cups for Spirit's vision, knowing Spirit will direct the energies of peace and love through us to where they are most needed.

- Your essence is what is needed.
- With Spirit's vision in our consciousness, we are the bearers of light to all humanity. We send forth Spirit's vision upon the verses of The Great Invocation.

#### The Great Invocation

*From the point of Light within the Mind of God  
Let light stream forth into the minds of men  
Let Light descend on Earth.*

*From the point of Love within the Heart of God  
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men  
May Christ return to Earth.*

*From the center where the Will of God is known  
Let purpose guide the little wills of men  
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.*

*From the center which we call the race of men  
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out  
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.*

*Let Light and Love and Power  
restore the Plan on Earth.*

- In our choice to be instruments of change, we realize peace begins within. The Circle is a safe place to speak our truth as we move through life's opportunities to achieve inner peace and be greater gifts to the world. We listen without judgment or advice-giving to whomever wishes to speak. We recognize anything of a personal nature shared in the circle stays in the circle.
- We depart in gratitude with full hearts and open minds to the many ways we can make the darkness bright.

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## MTCC ice cream social

by Deborah Maresca



MTCC riders enjoyed the ride as much as the ice cream!

The Mountain Top Cycling Club hosted its Third Annual Ice Cream Social September 14th. A great day for a bicycle ride, the weather was perfect. Thirty three riders showed up with eagerness to enjoy the family ride to Manitou Lake and back.

Starting at noon from Mountain Scoops parking lot, everyone rode their bikes down Centennial trail to Manitou Lake. Denise Symes, event coordinator, did a wonderful job making sure everyone signed waiver forms and gave out patches to all the kids. Mr. Ron Blevens hosted a rest stop across from the lake entrance where riders where able to enjoy some cold Gatorade and lemon bars donated from Teller County Chiropractic.

The Mountain Top Cycling Club members and Katy from Cripple Creek helped riders along the route to ensure everyone was able to ride safely back to the finish. Free Mountain Scoops delicious ice cream was rewarded to everyone that participated.

The Pro Challenge may be a distant memory but for the Mountain Top Cycling Club, cycling is an everyday opportunity to promote cycling for better health. The Mountain Top Cycling Club will be the shared beneficiary of the Ute Pass Players concert November 9th. Please call Debbie 719-689-3435 if you would like to purchase a ticket that would benefit the Mountain Top Cycling Club's many programs. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students.

## Spinning in the Western Region

by Sharon Swint

Yarn spinning has been a basic life skill since prehistory. Even when the Industrial Age mechanized the process, spinning wheels still found their way to home and hearth. This program will describe and demonstrate the history of spinning from ancient time to present day, with a look at how spinning wheels were a part of the westward migration. Time permitting: attendees will have a chance to try their hand at spinning as well. The program will be held October 10 at Old Colorado History Center at 11 a.m.



Charlease spinning away

Charlease is a great presenter because she is passionate about history, music, art, and science; a combination of interest that led to roads less traveled. She joined the Society for Creative Anachronism in the 1980s and began researching pre-1600s textiles, and music, and then started spinning and hand-weaving. Soon after, she joined Pioneer Fiber Workshop, a demonstration group that gave demos, in costume, of the 1500-1900s. It was those demos that resulted in two trips with the USAID Farmer to Farmer Program to teach spinning and natural dyeing in Kyrgyzstan in 1993 and 1994.

In 2003, she joined the Chamber Orchestra of Colorado Springs, where until lately she was a member of the second violin section and

string personnel manager. Currently, she holds the position of Past President on the Chamber Orchestra Board of Trustees.

Chasing Colorado mining, railroad, and ghost town history over mountain passes and bumpy dirt roads resulted in engagements to perform spinning demonstrations at Living History Days in Fairplay, CO and Railroad Day in Como, CO. While in Como for a demo, Charlease met her husband, Kor Elzenga, also a railroad aficionado. Charlease supports her interests and four cats by working as a contract software engineer at Verizon. Charlease is also an OCCHS member.

The program is free to society members and \$5 to non-members. Light refreshment will be served. Please contact Sharon Swint for more information at 719-636-1225.

## First Annual People's Choice Car, Motorcycle and Truck Show

by Flip Boettcher

photos by Flip Boettcher

The Rolling Thunder Cloud Café sponsored the 1st Annual People's Choice Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show on Saturday, September 6, in Guffey, said Café owner Geordi Walston.

More than 100 people attended the event including Guffey locals, folks from Buena Vista, Fairplay, Canon City, and Colorado Springs. The vehicles, 25 cars/trucks, and 15 motorcycles, ranged in variety from a full scale hook and ladder fire truck owned by local Guffey resident Eugene Farmer, to vintage motorcycles and cars.

Since it was a people's choice show, voting took place throughout the day while music was played on the deck by the Stiletto Sisterz, RTC café's own Geordi Walston and Guffey resident Karyn Miller.

The first place winner in the automobile category was Coy D. Richie. Richie had the winning 1965 Porsche, Model 356C, which he bought in 1981. Richie has been a Guffey resident since 1987, and is a Doctor of Manage-



Winner of the motorcycle category Travis Scott receiving winning kisses from the Stiletto Sisterz, Geordi Walston on the left and Karyn Miller on the right.

ment and a retired Lieutenant Commander in the US Navy. Richie said he is looking forward to next year's People's Choice Car Show because he has several other vehicles he would like to enter.

The first place winner in the motorcycle category was Travis Scott, a 17 year Guffey resident. Scott entered a 1938 Nimbus motorcycle originally from Denmark and one of only about 200 in the United States, he said. Scott is a carpenter by trade but his passion is tinkering with old motorcycles.

The car show concluded with awarding the winners their trophy's, just before the afternoon thunder shower.

## Adopt Me

By Lisa Moore  
of TCRAS

### Max

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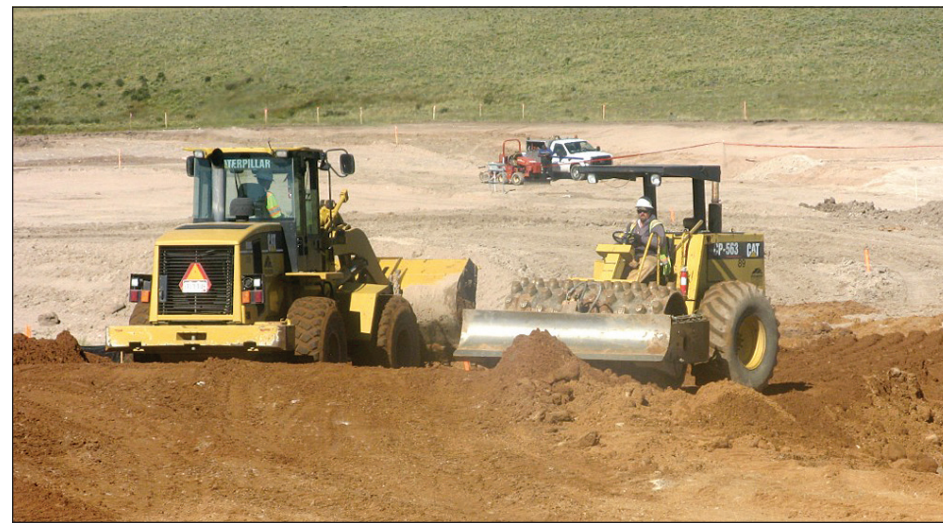
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## CDOT is building a storage facility in Divide

by David Martinek  
photos by David Martinek

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is building a storage and maintenance facility in Divide just west of the Ute Pass summit about 1,000 yards from the intersection of Highway 67/Teller 5 and U.S. Highway 24 on the north side of the road. Due to be finished early next year, the facility will house vehicles and store sand.

Kitty Armstrong, Project Manager for Copestone General Contractors of Colorado Springs, the company building the site, estimates that work will be completed by February 2015, depending on the weather. Ground was broken on site on July 22. About seven acres of a 22-acre parcel are being disturbed and will be used for the facility which will house an eight-bay garage for trucks and equipment and a 3,840 square foot storage shed capable of holding approximately 1,200 cubic yards of sand. The driveway for the facility is located



Copestone General Contractors of Colorado Springs is CDOT's contractor.

just over the ridge from the summit. CDOT's main telephone number is 303-757-9011 and their address is 4201 East Arkansas Avenue, Denver, Colorado, 80222. Copestone General Contractors may be contacted by calling Armstrong at 719-578-8833.



## Mountain Naturals celebrates Local Food Day

by Kathy Hansen  
photos by Jeff Hansen

Fun was shared by about 200 families on September 20, when Mountain Naturals hosted "Local Food Day". This event was a way to bring the vendors and customers together, to help raise awareness of the importance of eating local, and simply have fun!

Food that is raised locally is bound to be packed with flavor because the shorter the distance between the grower and the market, the fresher the food can be. That means the food can remain on the vine until the food is ripe and ready to go. Most of the produce from California or Mexico is picked before it has had a chance to ripen, robbing the opportunity for flavors to fully develop, yet that is a necessity when travel time needs to be considered.

Jan Greene and Laurie Glauth are the owners of Mountain Naturals. They continue to explore options for food suppliers that are dedicated to growing organic, healthy food without harmful sprays, pesticides, and insecticides. Over the years they have developed working relationships with a variety of food suppliers that meet their standards. It was 2008 when Lee Wiloughby and his wife, Cathy, approached Jan and Laurie about their idea for the Harvest Center, a group of volunteers interested in learning more about gardening, and sharing their ideas with fellow volunteers. In some cases, the home gardener has reached such success that the excess can be offered to market. It seems the idea has grown full circle! Local Food Day presented the opportunity for folks to come together.

Kids and adults had fun getting their faces painted by Nasima's Face Painting, as local musician Bud Johnson provided entertainment. Wally's Tamales gave away samples of their tamales. Blue Moon Goodness offered samples of their gluten free granola. Other gluten free vendors include Paisley Pantry, and In Joy Baking Company. Chocolate samples were available from Monse's Taste of El Salvador and Radiantly Raw Kitchen. Various local growers included: Paradise Gardens, Better Health Farm, Dancin Feet Farm, Sunflower Gardens, and Sunset Greenhouse. The Thyme-keeper was there bringing us from summer into autumn with a full array of products from "Just Breath", and "Mosquito Repellent", to "Immune Booster" and "Cold & Flu Tea". Merrin came with her goats so the kids and adults could get within petting distance to learn more about these amazing animals. Other vendors offering their wares were Voices From the Heart, Offhertzarts, Aspen Circle Creations, Clay from Nature, America's Natural Beauty, and Kitchen and Home Brew.

Everyone had a great time enjoying samples, meeting vendors, getting their faces painted, and learning more about the importance of buying local food as it contributes not only to a healthy mind-body balance, but also to the local economy. Let's hope Jan and Laurie are up to the task again next year!

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Inside of cave

## Fluhmann's Cave

by Maurice Wells

photos by Steve Plutt

Have you heard of it? Is it a real place? Who was Fluhmann? Do you know where it is? If you've lived in western Teller County or Park County for some time then you have heard of "Fluhmann's Cave". Some people believe it to be a community legend or one of those stories that grow and spread with a life of their own. Steve Plutt, regional historian, felt the need to resolve some of these questions so he arranged a field trip on a beautiful fall Colorado day and invited eight representatives of various historical organizations. Included in the group were Tom Simmons, Front Range Research Associates; Erica Duvie, South Park National Heritage Area; Amy Unger, Park County Office of Historic Preservation; Laura Van Dusen, U.S. Forest Service; Linda Bjorklund, Christie Wright, Jane Gilsinger and Jerry Davis, Park County Local History Archives.

The goal of Plutt's trip was to provide these people the actual experience of seeing the cave and expanding their knowledge base about the location, which is on public Forest Service land.

Gottlieb Fluhmann came from Switzerland and settled in the Lake George area in the mid to late 1800's. He was known as a bit of an eccentric and somewhat paranoid about people stealing his cattle. Unbeknownst to others, Fluhmann found a cave in the hills 5 miles west of Lake George above his ranch where he could observe activities below. He put in wood floors, built in shelves, a Dutch oven, stored wine bottles and other items for comfort and food preparation. He also installed a window to keep out the weather, but allowed him to observe the ranch.

In 1893 Fluhmann disappeared! There were years of speculation as to what had happened when in November of 1944, Master Sgt. Francis Brahl, stationed at Peterson Field, discovered an answer to the 50 year old question about Fluhmann's disappearance. Searching for a quicker way down from a rocky mountain top, he discovered a crevice in the rocks with a window over the opening. Further investigation revealed many personal letters, weapons, a telescope and other items. Returning the next day he found a



Cave entrance

human skull and bones. A forest ranger was notified and then the Park County sheriff was alerted to the find. Law enforcement personnel did a thorough investigation of the contents of the cave and found Fluhmann's Swiss passport.

A rifle with damage to the stock was found near the skull. The sheriff, after examining the weapon, concluded that a bullet caused the damage and due to the angle, would have killed a person holding the rifle to his shoulder.

The actual cause of Fluhmann's death was never confirmed and the identification of the remains could not be assured since DNA technologies had not been developed. Officials concluded, by circumstantial evidence, that Gottlieb Fluhmann had been killed by persons unknown.

Today the location bears little evidence of the history associated with the site. If interested, many of the long-time residents can provide directions, but be prepared for a rugged up-hill hike.

## Fall fishing

by Jeff Tacey



Fall is in the air and brown trout, lake trout, and brook trout are spawning. Rainbow trout, northern pike, kokanee salmon and cutthroat trout are putting on the feed bag for the long, cold winter, so get ready for some hot fishing in South Park and the Colorado Front Range.

Bait will work well at Antero and Elevenmile Reservoirs for all fish. The reservoirs will be doing the fall turnover soon as the top layer of warm water sinks to the bottom and the colder water will be on the surface until next spring. The rainbows and pike will be trying to eat the eggs the browns, brookies, and lakies lay. So bait such as salmon eggs and Power Bait, where legal, will catch fish. Use pink, red, orange, and

yellow as your colors to match the eggs.

At Rampart Reservoir the lake trout will be spawning in the shallows. Lake trout (also known as mackinaw) are an aggressive fish and will hit big Rapalas or heavy spoons such as Kast Masters, Krocidiles or Little Cleos.

Northern Pike will be in shallow water at Spinney Mt., Elevenmile, Tarryall, and Skagway Reservoirs looking for an easy meal. Sucker meat, where legal, will catch these predators. Also try tube jigs or big floating Rapalas. For brook trout action head further west and find some beaver ponds in the Pike or San Isabel National forests.

Check the 2014 Colorado fishing booklet for all rules and regulations.



## Why label GMOs?

by Carol Grieve

This November you will have the opportunity to vote on whether you think that we should have a mandatory label on foods that contain GMOs (genetically modified organisms). If passed, Proposition 105 would give you the right to know what is in your food. This seems pretty simple, doesn't it? Let's delve in a little deeper and discuss this issue.

What exactly is a GMO? The process of genetic engineering is created in a laboratory and here is how it is done. The DNA is extracted from a plant, animal, virus, bacteria, and even a human, and injected into a total different species using what is called a gene gun. This process is very different than hybridization which involves cross-breeding of same species, and hybridization is done in nature — not in a laboratory. The problem with this random gene insertion is that the results can be unpredictable. The technology of genetic engineering is currently very crude. It is not possible to insert a new gene with any accuracy, and the transfer of new genes can disrupt the finely controlled network of DNA in an organism. There has never been any real long-term testing done on GMOs and how they affect humans. Keep in mind 80-90 percent of all food found in our grocery stores are genetically engineered — and you may not know which ones are because there is no transparency and no labeling currently required.

The second problem is that GMOs are engineered to be resistant to a powerful herbicide; RoundUp. They are called RoundUp Ready Crops and they included soy, corn, canola, alfalfa, cotton, and sorghum. The active ingredient in RoundUp is Glyphosate. Glyphosate is the most widely used herbicide in the world. Glyphosate, when mixed with other ingredients in RoundUp like COeA, makes it 1,000 times stronger. These RoundUp Ready crops are sprayed with huge amounts of this pesticide so that the weeds around them are killed. The problem is that the weeds are getting smart and are becoming resistant to this herbicide, thus creating superweeds. These superweeds require the farmers to use more and more of this toxic herbicide to kill these weeds. Are you getting the picture here? We are dosing these plants with an herbicide designed to kill!

The corporations want the American public

to believe that this herbicide is not harmful to human health and that it does not get into the human body. This is not true! Glyphosate has been found not only in our soil and water, but in our blood, urine and just recently in human breast milk. In essence, if you are breastfeeding and eating GMOs, you could be unknowingly poisoning your child. If you would like to learn more about Glyphosate, go to <http://foodintegritynow.org/2014/09/18/children-poisoned-time-new-resistance>. For more information on testing for Glyphosate in your breast milk or urine, you can go to [www.momsacrossamerica.com/action](http://www.momsacrossamerica.com/action) to find out how to get your urine or breast milk tested.

Another problem with Glyphosate is that it is a patented mineral chelator. What does that mean? Glyphosate binds minerals like calcium, manganese, and other beneficial minerals and makes them physiologically unavailable. Glyphosate kills good gut bacteria! Is it any wonder why we have an epidemic of food allergies and other gut related diseases in this country.

## This issue is all about transparency. Do you have the right to know what you are eating?

The third thing to know about Glyphosate is that it is a powerful patented antibiotic. What this means is that when you eat GMO foods and other foods sprayed with Glyphosate (there are currently over 100 different crops sprayed with this herbicide and it is also sprayed on lawns), you are getting a daily low dose of antibiotic in your food. We all know that antibiotics kill good gut bacteria. Since there are no voids in nature, when the good bacteria are killed, the harmful bacteria can take over.

Now that I have given you some information about GMOs and Glyphosate, do you think we have the right to know which food contain GMOs? This issue is all about transparency. Do you have the right to know what you are eating? Even if you are on the fence about



GMOs, do you think you have the right to know what you feed your family? Labeling enables us to make an informed choice about what foods are right for our families. We have the right to know what's in our food and the right to choose for ourselves what we eat and feed our families. These are fundamental American values.

Labeling is supported by consumers, farmers, nurses, and doctors across the U.S., and polls regularly show that more than 90 percent of Americans want labeling of genetically engineered foods. A 2011 poll found that GMO labeling has broad bipartisan support, with 89 percent of Republicans, 90 percent of Independents, and 93 percent of Democrats favoring GMO labeling in the U.S.

The corporations who make this food do not want labeling! They know that given a choice, many would not buy food that is genetically modified. You will start seeing ads on television sponsored by these big corporations that will try to confuse you and just blatantly lie about what labeling will cost you. Manufacturers change their labels often and based on labeling in other countries, food costs should not be impacted. U.S. food processors agree that changes in labeling have no effect on consumer costs. "We, as with most manufacturers, are continually updating our packaging. It is a regular cost of doing business — a small one at that — and is already built into the price consumers pay for products," said Arran Stephens, president and founder of Nature's Path. "Claims that labeling GMOs would significantly increase the price of food for consumers just aren't true." Companies would most likely update their packaging for other reasons within the timeframe they will

be given to comply with a new law and could simply make the additional GMO labeling changes at the same time.

In Europe, GMO labeling "did not result in increased costs, despite the horrifying (double-digit) prediction of some interests," according to David Byrne, former European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Protection of the European Parliament. Similarly, Norway did not see prices increase when it adopted GMO labeling policy.

These corporations also will tell you it will be too confusing for consumers. In essence, they will try to tell you "you are not smart enough" to know how to read labels! I find this insulting, do you?

This November, we have a choice to make. Do you want to know what you are eating or do you want to be kept in the dark? These corporations have put profit ahead of human health. Please take the time to consider what this means to you and your family. These corporations are spending millions to keep you in the dark. This begs the question, why don't they want GMOs labeled? I think the answer is clear. You get to choose!

For more information about Proposition 105 and labeling go to [www.righttoknowcolorado.org](http://www.righttoknowcolorado.org).

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These dedicated folks will soon begin the important work of advocating for the best interests of children in the courtroom and the community. On behalf of abused and neglected kids in Teller County, we thank you.

CASA also welcomes Berkeley Davis to the staff as the Teller County Programs Coordinator.

## Remembering Dee Breitenfeld

by David Martinek

A loving, long-time friend passed from our sight recently, but not from our memories. Some would reassure us and say "not from our presence." We should believe that is true, for anyone with a personality so sweet and generous, with so strong a character, with so much purpose and determination in life, would not leave us entirely.

If there is a spirit that remains after the body has retired, then Doris "Dee" Breitenfeld's spirit is among us still, everywhere and anywhere, comforting us to not grieve so much, to not linger on why she is gone, to not dwell on the struggle she so bravely fought, but rather to continue down the path she has marked for us, using her example, with the same purpose, the same patience, and the same passion.

Dee was a friend of so many people in Teller County and beyond. Her life-long dream, and all her efforts, were to remember the legacy of people and things that have gone before. Now, in response to that dream, we who still live must now strive to remember her, as well, and to include her in that legacy—to remember all the things that she stood for, and the purposes she held dear.

For a little while, we can be selfish. That's what the living do when a loved one departs. We can mourn quietly at her passing and wish that she were still with us. We can remember all the moments she gave us. We can regret our loss of her and promise never to forget how she affected our lives. But in truth, her passing was as much a part of her long life as it is ours, and we will live on without her, enriched all the more for having known her.

The affliction she endured over the last two to three years, and that she seemingly and so nonchalantly accepted is now over. We miss her, of course; we loved her; we will cherish her memory; and we hope as we live on to behave in a manner that she would approve.

Doris "Dee" Breitenfeld, 1937 - 2014

So, in the midst of sorrow, let us be happy. We have been touched by a remarkable person who is really not far away. She is just across that thin veil that separates us from her and the rest of eternity - the same veil that we ALL draw closer to with each passing day. Let us resolve to not lose sight of the course she has set for us.

Her influence has empowered us. While she is now just beyond our power to see, she remains still - encouraging us, still showing us the way, leaving us with her example of a gentle strength of character that defined her as we knew her. Let us be grateful for her peace at last, and for all she has meant to us. She will live in our hearts.

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## Little Chapel Food Pantry update on progress

by Ken and Judi Hesselberg

Great News from the Little Chapel Food Pantry in Divide! After a very wet summer that has delayed the building of our much needed warehouse facility, we have finally received our building permit, lined up many faithful volunteers, and generous donors of materials and services to help us get this building up before winter sets in! The rains have delayed this project all summer (still better than fires though, right?) but we are still very hopeful that we can get this building up in the next few weeks. Prayers for a long "Indian Summer" are much appreciated!

So many people have worked so hard to bring this project into being, and we are so grateful for everyone who has been involved so far and those who will be helping us to build it. We plan to have a ribbon cutting and grand opening as soon as it is complete; everyone will have a chance to see in person what your generosity and hard work has provided for those in need of food to make ends meet. So many people in our community have come together to make this happen, and we appreciate every single one of you!

The number of families coming to the Pantry for food assistance has grown by approx. 100 from last year to this, with more coming in all the time.

Thanksgiving is coming up very quickly, and as most of you know, we provide a complete turkey dinner for our friends in need to cook and serve in their homes, in addition to the regular box of food we distribute twice a month. If you, your company, or your church are able to help us this year with collecting food for this Thanksgiving distribution, please call us at (719) 322-7610 or email us at littlechapelfoodpantry@outlook.com and let us know you want to help.

Thank you to this incredibly generous and loving community for all you do to help us feed the hungry!

If you or your family are in need of food assistance, please call us at the above number and/or join us every second and fourth Monday from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for our regular food distributions.

### Special thanks to Loaf 'n' Jug team

Thank you to Kelly and Debbie and the Loaf 'n' Jug team, who have been so supportive of the Little Chapel Food Pantry, not only with their weekly donations of food but also their tremendous fundraising efforts on our behalf. This wonderful team put together a carnival/rummage sale at one of their Colorado Springs locations this summer. This event raised money to pay for the concrete work for the building that we have been trying to build for over three years now. Thank you so much; your efforts are finally going to pay off...the building permit that we have been waiting so long for has just been received, and the excavation should start any day now, (depending on how much rain we get)!

### BIG thank you to Teller Waste

We would like to say a BIG thank you to Teller Waste, for their continued support and extreme generosity to the Little Chapel Food Pantry. We appreciate you so much, and everything you have done for us! We will continue to promote your services to everyone we meet, as the company with a heart for helping your community! Thank you!

### Bad Rock Automotive

Thank you to Bad Rock Automotive for their generosity in donating time and parts to keep our Food Pantry truck in working order.

### Colorado Springs Christian School of WP

Thank you to CSCS (Colorado Springs Christian School of Woodland Park) for having a food drive for the Pantry and collecting over 250 pounds of food!

### Glaser Gas

Thank you to Glaser Gas for supplying the propane for all of our events!

## JA in a Day at Cresson Elementary in Cripple Creek

by Sherri Albertson

On Thursday, September 25th, Junior Achievement (JA) of Southern Colorado along with 13 Teller County volunteers representing Woodland Park businesses and service clubs, plus community members from both Woodland Park and Cripple Creek spent the day teaching the Junior Achievement in a Day curriculum, also known as JA in a Day, to the 1st through 6th grade elementary school students at Cresson Elementary in Cripple Creek.

Guided by the classroom volunteers, more than 130 students enjoyed learning about financial literacy from interactive programs designed to teach personal finance, work readiness, entrepreneurship, and economic skills and empower young people to own their economic success. Woodland Park business volunteers were represented by Bad Rock Auto, a Woodland Park CPA, a real estate agent, and an appraiser. Michael Duffy, proprietor of the Cripple Creek Hospitality House & Travel Park was a first time volunteer this year, thanks to 5th grade teacher, Gari Lu Schwab. Service club volunteers represented the Pikes Peak Rotary Club and the Ute Pass Kiwanis Club.

Students learned to recognize the difference between wants and needs and understand life outside of their home and school by exploring different types of businesses from banks to restaurants, the roles of people working in a community, and the skills needed to perform certain jobs.

As JA volunteers share their real-world experiences and present JA materials, they help students connect what they learn in school with what they can expect in the world of work. But the students aren't the only ones who benefit from JA -- the volunteers enjoy being in the classrooms as well. Pikes Peak Rotary Club President, Ethan Rector, shared that "watching the students engage with the material and learn how the economy works raises our spirits about what future generations of young people are capable of. It's a real pleasure to be back at Cresson for the 7th year with our service organization and to bring the specialized JA curriculum to the students." Rotarians will be back at Cresson this fall for the 10th year of their "Dictionaries for 3rd Graders" project which distributes dictionaries to all third graders in Teller County.

"I just want to say how grateful we are for the Junior Achievement program and for all of the volunteers who took the time to be here with us today," said Cresson Elementary

JA volunteer Mary Ann Schroeder teaches about aspects of operating a successful business including advertising, finances, and human resources in Ms. Riley's 4th grade class.

Ethan Rector, Rotary Club President, and Michael Duffy, Cripple Creek Hospitality House, interact with students during the globalization of business web exercise in Gari Lu Schwab's 5th grade class.

School Principal, Miriam Mondragon. "This is one of the highlights of the school year!" Volunteer with or donate to Junior Achievement and be a positive influence on the future of young people in Teller County. Contact Sherri L. Albertson, Teller County Area Coordinator at (719) 650-4089 or via email to sherri.albertson@ja.org for more information. The JA in a Day programs will continue with a new partner school, Lake George Charter in October, and resume at Columbine Elementary next January, Summit Elementary in April, and Gateway Elementary in May.

## Histories at the Museum Entertainment in Cripple Creek, 1890s style

by Trevor Phipps

In the 1890's, self-proclaimed prospector Bob Womack found a sample of ore that contained the earth's most precious metal in a small gulch near Cripple Creek. The discovery of gold in Colorado brought forth great change to the area and changed the world in many ways. Thousands upon thousands came rushing into the great mountainous regions of Colorado in order to get their hands on a chunk of the highly sought after sparkling stone. When the Cripple Creek District was at its peak the total estimated population of the district neared 60,000 people. The district not only offered a chance to get rich quick, the area also boomed into an area that offered a unique social scene.

The town of Cripple Creek escalated into a prosperous town that had much to offer in the shopping and entertainment realm. At one time Cripple Creek was the "happening" spot for the entire state of Colorado. If you lived in other parts of the state and were interested in shopping or a night out on the town your best bet would be to book a trip on the train to Cripple Creek. The main shopping area of Cripple Creek was the home of many things that you could not purchase in other parts of the state. In the market square of the town one could purchase anything from fresh fish to a brand new grand piano. The district also offered the best lines of new fashion clothes and had famous department stores that couldn't be found within hundreds of miles. The town also offered an exciting night life with a wide variety of entertainment. The well-known Myers Avenue was host to one of the most famous "red light districts" of the world. Aside from the infamous high dollar brothels there was every other kind of entertainment available as well.

The district was the home of a total of three opera houses; two in Cripple Creek and one in Victor. All three of these opera houses were built to entertain up to 1,200 people. These opera houses provided many options for entertainment. Among the opera houses the district provided a wide array of other venues from smaller stage and theater venues to a variety of outdoor entertainment venues. These outdoor settings ranged from outdoor amphitheaters, to baseball parks, to horse racing arenas. In one small town of the mining district called Cameron, the Woods brothers, who were the major investors that developed the booming town of Victor, CO, decided to build a place that offered a cleaner and more family oriented type of entertainment for the miners.

In the small town, first called "Grassy", the Wood Brothers decided to build a huge amusement park and zoo while the town was first being plotted and settled. The idea was to get the miners of the district out of the saloons, gambling halls and brothels of Cripple Creek's infamous "red light district" and into an area where they could have fun on their days off and be entertained in a more family oriented environment. "Pinnacle Park" perhaps named from the infamous gold producing Pinnacle Mine, featured a large variety of entertainment geared towards the whole family. Inside the huge park a 1900s miner could bring his family or come alone to enjoy the many things Pinnacle Park had to offer.

The park featured a large amusement park with a carousel and many other rides for the younger crowds. The gigantic property also featured a large outdoor dance pavilion that was big enough to allow over 1,000 couples to "bust a move" in the Colorado sunlight while enjoying the sounds of a local or traveling live band. The park also featured a large zoo that housed a healthy collection of local wildlife and more exotic animals alike. The zoo inside Pinnacle Park housed the normal zoo collection of animals in cages but also offered a unique setting where the local wildlife could be seen inside replicas of their natural habitat. The one of a kind zoo offered large fenced in areas where miners and their families could view native deer grazing the land or mountain lions playfully fighting each other. Included in their "natural habitat" exhibits, was a unique replica "bear cave" built with shovels and rocks in order to reproduce the natural caves bears would live in. Since the time of the gold boom era, the chunk of land the town of Cameron thrived on at one time is now the property of the Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining Company. The respectful people of the C&V Mine and the City of Cripple Creek have joined forces and provided a smaller version of these well-known bear caves for the viewing of the public at the Cripple Creek District Museum.

Since the District was such a hot spot during its peak, the area was the host of many other forms of popular entertainment. The old times newspapers contain many advertisements and bulletins in the "Events" section that depict the many different types of entertainment that was available in the Crip-

ple Creek District. Being a hot spot in the whole region during that era, just about every type of show available during that time made its way through the Cripple Creek District. Everything imaginable that was popular during that era could be seen somewhere inside the Cripple Creek mining district. All potential spectators being miners, businessmen and travelers could enjoy various shows including popular Broadway plays, grand operas, live bands, dance performers, live "glove" (and "bare knuckle") fights, and performers of the paranormal ranging from "palmists" (palm readers) to the sometimes comic hypnotists and mind readers.

The opera houses along with smaller theaters were the host of many plays and dance performances. Among the many famous plays and Broadway renditions that made their way through the district were a collection of shows that were controversial during that time period. Some of the traveling acts featured plays that portrayed the lives of homosexuals, which was borderline controversial in the early 1900s. One popular performer was "Chiquita". She was a little person that sang and danced and entertained the spectators of Cripple Creek for a long time. The town also had their own orchestra called The Cripple Creek Band that played many shows around the district.

Another popular attraction the theaters and opera houses offered from time to time was performances of the paranormal. During the late 1800s and early 1900s Cripple Creek's thriving red light district was the host of not only the usual variety of saloons, gambling halls and brothels, but a large amount of people claiming to be mediums or psychics. Most of the mediums advertised their "unique" ability to read minds through palms, tarot cards, or crystal balls. The main purpose a clairvoyant would serve back then was to give information to where the gold was and which areas investors should place their money in. Some also advertised "love finding" and "lost love finding" services. In addition to the many shacks and offices that housed "professional mediums" the district would host large performance of comic mind readers and hypnotist; anything unusual and out of the ordinary turned into entertainment during the gold boom times.

Another popular event that entertained old day miners and their families was public fighting. Whether it was a "gloved" or "bare knuckle" match, many Cripple Creekers enjoyed the sights of grown men pounding each other. A modern day restaurant in the Midnight Rose Casino in Cripple Creek is named Dynamite Dick's after the nickname given to a famous and successful bare knuckle boxer that reigned for years in the gold boom towns. One news article from around 1900 advertised a world famous "Rassler" (wrestler) that made an appearance at Cripple Creek's City Park to do a promotion and meet and greet event while he was traveling the country. As a result of the climate in the area, indoor activities were more popular in the mining district as they could be enjoyed year round without having to suffer the cold weather. However, the district did have many famous outdoor events and venues.

The outdoor activities mainly consisted of ice skating and hockey in the winter and baseball in the summer. Victor, CO remains the home of the historic Gold Field Baseball Facility that has provided the town with a baseball/softball playing area for over 100 years. During the peak time of the mining district baseball was the most popular sport in the U.S. At one time Gillette was the host of a minor league baseball team, but it only lasted a few years. Also in Gillette two promoters in the district decided to have the country's first "legal" bullfight and built a large arena specifically for the event. The promoters failed to get bulls imported from Mexico like they had promised, and ended up being stuck with using local steers. The Colorado bulls were not as aggressive or "spunky" as their Mexican relatives. The highly promoted event turned out to be a failure. Not only did the show fail to attract a large crowd or entertain the crowd they had, the two gentlemen responsible for putting on and promoting the event were thrown in the slammer on animal cruelty charges. After the bullfighting idea failed, the arena then turned into a horse racing track that added to the available gaming activities that were available (but not necessarily legal) in the area.

When the Cripple Creek mining district boomed, the desolate area filled with many people very quickly. As a result many businessmen and entrepreneurs leaped at the chance to profit from entertaining the miners and others that flocked to an area that ten years previously was barely even a town. These intelligent business owners used the entertainment industry to turn Cripple Creek, CO into "THE place to go" in the entire region.



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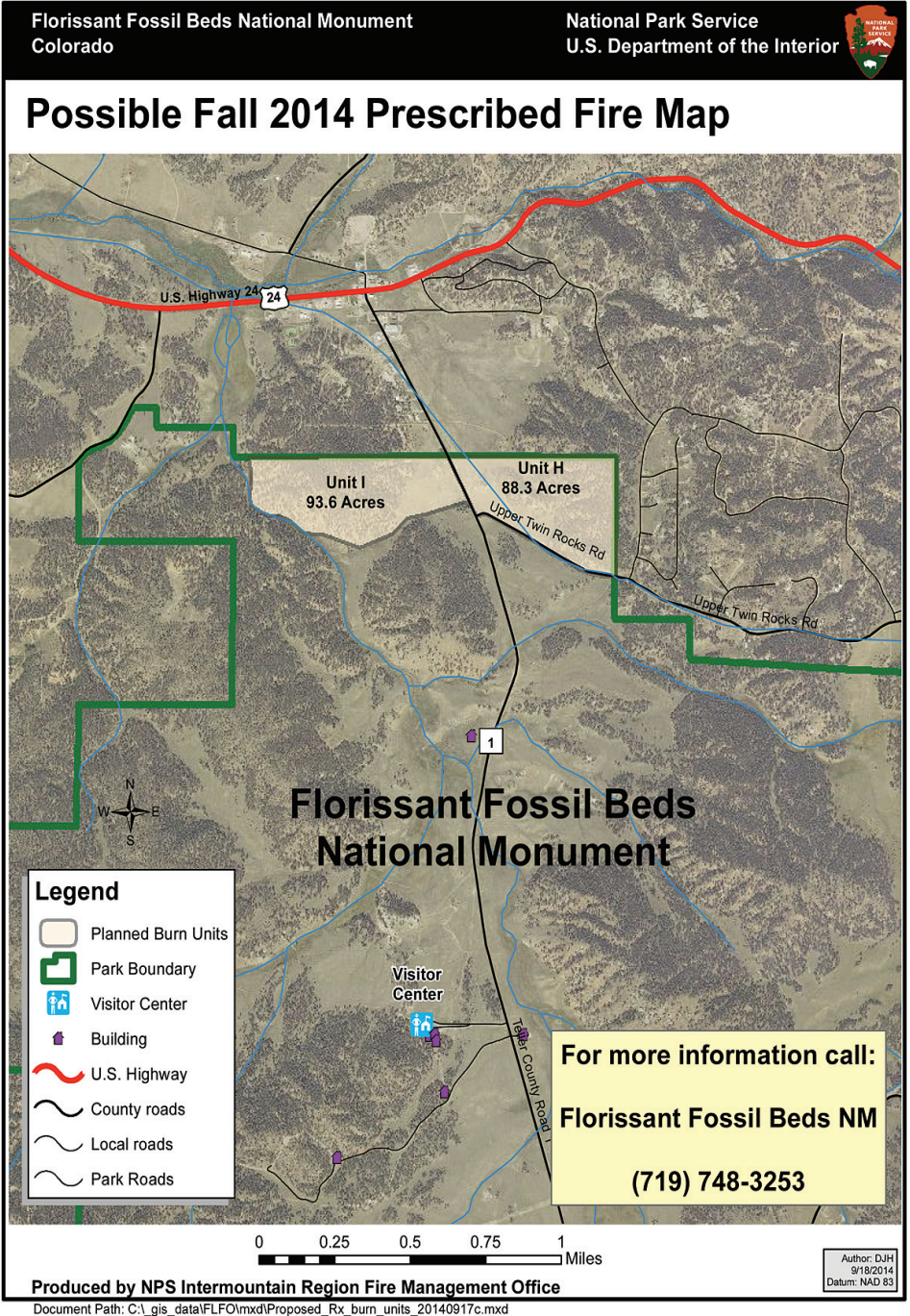
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## Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument to conduct prescribed burning in October

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument plans to implement a prescribed burn on approximately 180 acres of monument land along the northern boundary adjacent to Teller County Road 1. The primary goal for the project is to reduce accumulated hazardous forest fuels and to create a buffer near the monument's northern boundary to help protect adjacent neighbors and communities.

Prescribed burning operations are scheduled to begin the week of October 13, however, fire managers must wait until specifically prescribed conditions are met. Wind, fuel moisture, and availability of fire staffing all play a factor in when and whether burning operations occur. If conditions are not met within the scheduled week, then burning may be delayed until later in the month or until next spring.

In advance of the planned burn, Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument will host a community information meeting on Wednesday, October 8 from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument's

Visitor Center, 15807 Teller County Road 1, to explain the prescribed burn plan.

"Firefighter and public safety is our top priority as we implement the planned prescribed burn," says Superintendent Michelle Wheatley. "During the week of prescribed burning, nearby residents and monument visitors should expect temporary smoke in the vicinity of any prescribed fire activity and drivers should pay extra attention while traveling through or adjacent to burn areas."

For safety purposes, monument neighbors and visitors are urged not to stop along the roadway or enter areas while burning operations are being conducted. The monument visitor center, trails, and roads are expected to remain open.

The locations of the proposed prescribed burn area and additional details will be available and updated on Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument's website at <http://www.nps.gov/fflo>.

Starting on October 10 updates will also be available on Twitter and Facebook @FlorissantNPS or call at (719) 748-3253, ext. 135.

## Discover the unique history of Fairplay

### A Brief History of Fairplay

by Linda Bjorklund

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## ~OUT AND ABOUT~

Check out these activities going on right here in this area. If you know of an activity we should include, please call us at 719-686-7393 or email us at [utecountrynewspaper@gmail.com](mailto:utecountrynewspaper@gmail.com).

### BRECKENRIDGE

**24, 25, & 26 Breckenridge Craft Spirits Festival.** Featuring: Still on the Hill; a Grand Taste of handcrafted spirits on Saturday, October 25th at 4pm. Riverwalk Center. \$25 (\$30 at the event) gets you admission, complimentary tasting glass, delicious craft spirits tasting, craft cocktails, people's choice voting, artisanal snacks and live music!

### CANON CITY

**Babies On Our Knees (BOOK)** meets Oct 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 10:30 a.m.  
Story Time & Craft meets Oct 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, & 30 at 10:30 a.m.  
Lego Club meet Oct 16 & 30 from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. For more information call 719-269-9020.

### FARMER'S MARKET

**7 & 14 Garden fresh** in Veterans Park from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free Classes at the Farmers Market: 8 a.m. Yoga with Pascale. A great start to your day in a beautiful setting. Please bring your own mat. For more information please call 719-221-8076, and 9 a.m. Chi Gong with Catherine. Come as you are, relax, stretch, and balance your inner & outer chi. For more information please call 719-320-3753.

### FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

**3** Tour our many galleries along Main St and side streets, beautiful art, live music, refreshments, and more!

### SOUND OF MUSIC

**5** Fremont Civic Theater is proud to present The Sound of Music. Under the direction of Nancy Fenyes and in cooperation with Rodgers and Hammerstein Organization they will be performing this captivating musical at the Canon City High School. Tickets are available in Canon City at City Market and the Daily Record and in Florence at the Fox Den of Antiquity. The cost is \$5 for children, \$7 for seniors/FCT members, and \$8 for adults. For advanced group and preferred seating information call 719-269-8902.

### CRIPPLE CREEK

**4** The City of Cripple Creek will host its third annual Mine to Mine Challenge race at 10 a.m. The race will begin across the street from the Mollie Kathleen Gold Mine, at the Cripple Creek Heritage Center, 9283 South Highway 67, 80813, and continue to the Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company. The 9K road race takes place at an altitude of 9,494 feet and presents scenery so stunning, race organizers say, that runners may need a reminder to keep breathing. This race is point-to-point and includes mixed flats and hills. Runners of all levels are encouraged to participate. Entry fee is \$35. Top men's and women's overall winners will win real gold nuggets. First-place winners receive \$500 in gold nuggets, second place \$200 and third place \$100. Every age-group winner receives a one-of-a-kind fluoroide gold prize from the mine. Plus, runners will be given a T-shirt, and the first beer is free with race entry. Transportation will be provided from the finish line to the Brass Ass, and to the Start Line. Also, a bag-drop service will be available to all runners. Don't miss the race After Party on Bennett Avenue at the Brass Ass parking lot, complete with a Beer Garden and live music from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Packet pick-up will be available on race day at the Cripple Creek Heritage Center, starting at 7:30 a.m. To learn more about the race, please go online to VisitCrippleCreek.com/events.

**18** Local Geologist & Historian, Steven Veatch to Speak! As a descendant of Cripple Creek, Colorado miners, Steven Veatch, is a passionate about the District. He's also a published geologist and historian - recognized for his academic contributions. Combine these two qualities, and Steve can tell a story that will thrill and educate an audience at the same time. Join us on Saturday, October 18, at 10 a.m., to explore how a geologic survey, conducted in 1894, created the foundation on which Cripple Creek miners made millions. Have you heard the name Penrose?

Does it make you think about big business, philanthropy, or the Broadmoor Hotel? Then come to hear this presentation: "Cripple Creek's Foundation of Fortune: The 1894 Cross and Penrose Geological Survey," and you'll learn how that name became famous in the "World's Greatest Gold Camp." The presentation is sponsored by the Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company (CC&V), and is free and open to the public. After the presentation, CC&V will pay admission for a visit to the Cripple Creek District Museum to see their Cross-Penrose Rock Collection. The location for this presentation is CC&V's Visitors Center at 371 E. Bennett, Ave., Cripple Creek, Colorado 80813 - seating is limited, so RSVP today to: 719-689-2341. For additional information, please contact: Brad Poulson, Communications Specialist Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company 719-689-4052 or Brad@CCVMine.com

**31** Aspen Mine Center's Teller County Food Distribution from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please bring photo ID and proof of Teller County residency.

**SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CRIPPLE CREEK RIPPER** Holmes and Watson travel to Colorado and become embroiled in one of their most baffling and terrifying adventures. After a string of murders take place at the Palace Hotel, the great detective must solve the case before he, too, becomes a victim of the Cripple Creek Ripper! This show will be followed by an all-new Halloween Olio. The show runs Oct. 3 through Nov. 1. Ticket prices range from \$12 to \$18 per person. To make reservations visit ThinAirTheatre.com or call 719-689-3247.

**13 & 27 Divide Little Chapel on the Hill - Food Pantry Distribution** 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. For more info 719-322-7610 or email [littlechapelfoodpantry@outlook.com](mailto:littlechapelfoodpantry@outlook.com).

**FAIRPLAY PARK COUNTY SENIOR COALITION** Trips originate from Fairplay Town Hall.

Transportation is free for seniors (suggested donations for seniors 60+ is \$5 per one way trip). Non-senior guest 18 or over are welcome for a fee. RT fee is \$20.40 with RSVP and \$27.00 without RSVP.

**7** Tuesday to Woodland Park Wal-Mart shopping and lunch. Bus will leave at approximately 10 a.m.

**21** Tuesday to Cottonwood Hot Springs (cost \$15). Shopping and lunch to follow. Bus will leave at approximately 9 a.m.

**Trip originates from Lake George** Tuesday to Woodland Park Wal-Mart shopping and lunch. Bus will leave Lake George Community Center at approximately 11:05 a.m. To schedule trips please call: 719-836-4228.

**FLORISSANT FLORISSANT FOSSIL BEDS** Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The entrance fee for the park is \$3.00 per adult (16 years or older) or free with one of the many federal land passes. For more information please call the Monument at (719) 748-3253 ext. 122 or 202 or visit our website at [www.nps.gov/fflo](http://www.nps.gov/fflo).

**FLORISSANT GRANGE** 4 Fall Craft Show and Sale. Start your Christmas shopping now and get fabulous, one of a kind gifts at the Florissant Grange Craft Show and Sale Oct 4th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**11** Glass Painting and Basket Making Classes. Join us at the Florissant Grange and learn the art of Glass Painting. This is fun and opens the door to wonderful painting opportunities. The ideas are endless. Class is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Then stick around and learn to make Pine Needle Baskets from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring a snack so you don't get hungry. See you there.

**25** Sewing Day - Bring your project or learn the Project of the Day. We will be making Iron Caddies. These are great for RV's or small homes. They not only make a handy carrying case for your iron, but they open up to a flat spot to safely

do your ironing just about anywhere. Join us from 9 a.m. to noon with your project or make ours. A small fee will be required to cover the cost of materials.

**31** Treat Street Halloween Party. Join us from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. as we transform the Grange Hall into a fabulous Halloween House. Enjoy games, crafts, treats and more. Wear your costume and join the costume parade. Prizes will be given for these categories: Scariest; Cutest; Ugliest and Best overall.

**Jam Night -** Every Thursday all year the Grange Hall is open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the Jammers Music and Pot Luck. For more information call the Grange at 719-748-5004

**Yoga Classes:** Tuesdays at 9 a.m. for all ages and 10:30 a.m. Yoga for Seniors. Thursdays for all ages at 9 a.m. Donations accepted, everyone welcome. Call Debbie for more info: 719-748-3678

**Save the date** Nov.1

The Help U Club will be having its annual Bazaar at the Florissant Grange. Once again we will be serving your favorites: home-made biscuits and sausage gravy for breakfast and home-made chicken and noodles for lunch. The ladies have also prepared their holiday baked goodies for your holiday enjoyment at the bake sale. There will also be a variety of art and craft vendors for holiday shopping. This year's fundraising has been a raffle to give away a beautiful designed quilt from the 30's "Sun Bonnet Sue." We are also doing a special raffle this year to give away a Samsung Galaxy Tablet #3 with all of the accessories. Hours for the bazaar will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the raffle occurring at 3 p.m. For more information you may contact Joan Tomlinson, President at 689-2486. Please come and help us help those in need! All fundraising for the volunteers go to helping others in our community of Teller and Park Counties.

**Nov 26** is the Free Thanksgiving Dinner. Make Plans now to attend and start collecting canned foods for our Holiday Boxes. Donations can be made for the dinner and the boxes any Thursday evening at the Jam sessions from 6 to 9 at the Grange Hall.

**FLORISSANT PUBLIC LIBRARY** 1, 6, & 8

From a Tree Education Program: Florissant Public Library is partnering with Community Partnership to provide a nutrition education program with a series of six classes for adults. Community Partnership received a grant from the Colorado Health Foundation for this program which will provide hands-on classes using lots of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. It will help participants make healthy meals at home on a budget and improve their eating habits and nutrition knowledge. Participants will take home a bag of groceries each week to practice what they have learned. Preregistration is required by calling Kathy Cefus at 686-0705 ext 1 or emailing her at [kathy@teller.org](mailto:kathy@teller.org). Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays, October 1, 6, 8 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**PIKES PEAK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AUCTION OCT 11** See story on page 6.

**GUFFEY** 11 & 12 and 25 & 26

Grammy's Mountain Market at the point of Hwy 9 and CR 102, mile marker 21, near Guffey. Fresh produce, home-made jams, nuts/trail mixes, canned goods, pure fresh honey, Canadian wild rice and more! Begins 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit [grammysmtmarket.co](http://grammysmtmarket.co)

**31** Halloween Party Lissa Hanter, Stompin' George and Super Chuck perform from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Freshwater Saloon.

**LAKE GEORGE PARK COUNTY SENIOR COALITION POTLUCK** We meet the 3rd Wed at noon - Park County Senior Coalition potluck at the Lake George Senior Center (yellow metal building by maintenance shop on north side of Hwy 24). Bingo will follow the potluck this month, so please bring a

wrapped "white elephant" prize and your dish. Table service and coffee/tea furnished. Call Carol for more information at 719-689-5950.

**LAKE GEORGE LIBRARY - ONGOING** Wed 9 a.m. Low Impact Exercise 1st & 3rd Fri: Lake George Quilters Square 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**4th Fri:** 9:15 Friends of the Library - Book Clubs "Tainted Tea" and "Titles" meet afterward.

**Help U Club:** We have our meetings the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Lake George Community Center, starting with noon potluck and the meeting at 1 p.m. We are all "Good Cooks." We are seeking new members. This would be a good place for new members to the community to meet people while helping out their community.

**OLD COLORADO CITY** 10 Spinning in the Western Region, presentation at 11 a.m. For more information call 719-636-1225. See article on page 23 this issue.

**WOODLAND PARK BENEFIT WEEK FOR TIFANY LAMBERT IS OCT 6-11**

**6** Spaghetti Dinner, Live Music at WP Middle School 5 p.m.

**7 & 8** Hair extensions, shaved heads, hair color at Summit Beauty School, all day

**9** BINGO Shining Mountain Golf Course at 6 p.m.

**10** Tiffany Tee Shirt Day - Facebook Selfie (TAG Tiffany Lambert)

**11** "Amazing Race" two to three hour city-wide event, registration 10 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. at Woodland County Lodge.

Race Begins at noon. Entrance Fee: \$10. Food & Music: noon to midnight. Call Donna 719-306-4249 or April 719-331-7583 or email [weeklong-benefit@gmail.com](mailto:weeklong-benefit@gmail.com) for more information.

**COMMUNITY PEACE VISIONING** 4, 11, 18, & 25

You may think you are limited in your ability to improve conditions on earth. Nothing could be further from the truth. You can be an instrument for change by adding to the love and peace sent worldwide from the peace visioning circle. The circle is free of religious doctrine and for people from all walks of life. We gather every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary of Mountain View United Methodist Church, 1101 Rampart Range Rd, Woodland Park, CO 80863. For more information: Barbara Royal, CSJ, 719-687-6823 or [barbararoyal@gmail.com](mailto:barbararoyal@gmail.com).

**DINOSAUR RESOURCE CENTER** 25

Inspector Magic from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Journey to the center of the earth where young geologists, zoologists, and paleontologists will be needed to solve the mystery of what is at the center of the Earth. Could it be a cheery nugget (or nugget)? There will be lots of fun, magic, and loads of audience participation and involvement. Children will see a real fossil and learn from a not-so-real dinosaur. They also will learn about the three basic types of rock: Igneous, Sedimentary, and Metamorphic. Immediately following Inspector Magic's show there will be a costume contest with prizes and a parade after the contest. Dinosaur Resource Center, 201 S. Fairview St., Woodland Park, CO. Visit [www.rmdrc.com](http://www.rmdrc.com) or call 719-686-1820.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FILM SERIES** 19

The Harvest Center and Woodland Park Public Library have collaborated since 2009 as sponsors of films addressing important environmental issues. We continue the series October 14, 2014 with a video screening 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the large meeting room on the lower level of the Woodland Park Public Library. A lively, civil discussion generally follows the film. The audience leaves this event with fresh ideas and new friends. Free admission.

**FARMER'S MARKET** 11

Second Sat of each month Oct through May inside Ute Pass Cultural Center from 7 a.m.

to 1 p.m. SNAP welcomed. For more information call (719) 689-3133 or 648-7286 or email: [info@WPfarmers-market.com](mailto:info@WPfarmers-market.com)

**FINAL COUNTDOWN ONGOING.** Living Streams Church at 108 N. Park Street will be presenting Pastor Billy Crone from Sunrise Baptist Church of Las Vegas, NV in his series "The Final Countdown". We will meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Please call for reservations since seating is limited 719-687-2388.

**MOUNTAIN TOP CYCLING CLUB** 7

MTCC will be meeting at the Historic Ute Inn October 7th for a social and educational network. Colorado Spring Health Partners will be on hand to share the educational part as it relates to cycling as a local physician from Woodland Park. Open to the public, we usually will eat before the meeting that starts at 7 p.m. The Historic Ute Inn located at 204 West Midland Ave. in Woodland Park was an Alpine club level sponsor for 2014. Parking is located in the back. We hope you will come and hear all the latest updates from the clubs activities and share some of your own. Door prizes will be drawn for after the meeting. Call Debbie for more information 719-689-3435.

**PIKES PEAK REGIONAL HOSPITAL - COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR** 11

It's almost Community Health Fair time! On Saturday, October 11, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, come join us for the "2nd Annual PPRH Community Health Fair." It will be held at the Medical Campus with the hospital and the Woodland Medical Center, both upstairs and down. We expect over 35 healthcare vendors that will provide some type of medical service that day. Prospect Home Care & Hospice, TC Public Health, and the Senior Center are our partners in bringing this event to you! A huge thank you goes out to CC&V Gold Mine for their Sponsorship. Need more information? Call 719-686-5802 or go to our Facebook page.

**UTE PASS CHAMBER PLAYERS BENEFIT CONCERT TO HELP OLDER ADULTS AND KIDS! SAVE THE DATE:** The annual UPCP benefit concert, to be presented on November 9, 2014, will benefit the Woodland Park Senior Citizens Club and the Mountain Top Cycling Club. Proceeds from the concert will help support programs essential to the well-being of seniors and handicapped adults in northern Teller County, as well as to provide students at Cripple Creek & Victor High School with a positive, life-changing experience through

participation in National Inter-scholastic Cycling Association Races. More information coming soon!

**WHOLISTIC NETWORKING COMMUNITY** 14

Holistic Healing Day, from 10 a.m. to noon. Practitioners from the Wholistic Networking Community invite you to experience the benefits of holistic services on a first come, first served, donation basis. You may choose from touch and no-touch Reiki, chakra balancing, essential oils, color, crystal and sound healing, dowsing, EFT, Tarot, relationship/addiction counseling. Practitioner information can be found at Facebook page WNC - Wholistic Networking Community. AARF- Adoptable Animal Rescue Force, a local, non-profit, no-kill animal rescue group will be the beneficiary of your donations. Venue: Mountain View United Methodist Church, 1101 Rampart Range Rd., Woodland Park. For more information: Shari Billger, 719-748-3412, [shari1551@aol.com](mailto:shari1551@aol.com)

**21** Our speaker for October 21 is Patricia J. Turner, "Back to the Earth". Pati is the Founder and CFO of Tierra Sagrada, The Sacred Earth Foundation. It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of indigenous cultures, their territories and their wisdom. She will be joining us to share in the magic of this wisdom. After nearly 20 years of working with indigenous elders, shamans and medicine people from around the globe, she has been given permission to share what she has been taught. This will be an experiential talk with ceremony and joyful oneness. For more information about the Wholistic Networking Community or to RSVP, telephone 719-963-4405. The Wholistic Networking Community invites you to meet area practitioners and learn about holistic wellness from 11 a.m. to 12:30 at the Mountain View United Methodist Church, 1101 Rampart Range Rd., Woodland Park, CO 80863.

"Wholistic" in our name includes all who pursue conscious living, a healthy lifestyle and desire a peaceful, natural world. Be sure to mark your calendars for our regular meetings on the third Tuesday of every month.

**VICTOR** 30

Trick or Treat Street. Participating businesses of Victor welcome trick or treaters and their guardians to drop by for candy and sweet treats from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Pumpkin Bowling at 5:15 p.m.

**Ute Trail Muzzle Loaders:** shoot and meetings the last Saturday of each month at Victor. For information call 719-684-7780.

**POTATO SOUP SUPPER** 24

Ute Pass Historical Society & Pikes Peak Museum present the Annual Potato Soup Supper at Pikes Peak Community Club, 11122 Hwy 24 in Divide. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; program begins at 6:30 p.m. Back by popular demand: Larry Black will present, for the first time ever, *Where oh Where in Colorado?* Tickets are \$5 at the door. Meal consists of potato soup, salad, roll, drink and dessert. For more info, call 719.686.7512 or check our Website: [UtePassHistoricalSociety.org](http://UtePassHistoricalSociety.org)





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