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we do to ourselves.  
All things are bound together.  
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— Chief Seattle

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This month's cover features one of my favorite orb weavers who I like to refer to as Sunshine Spider. This is actually the female. She loves to eat wasps, hornets, and other insects. Learning about her helped me to understand her better and therefore embrace her. We agree her diet is beneficial to both of us! We found the quote to be appropriate for our October issue. October is a month of transition; the cycle of life makes a turn. As the planet turns to the south, we begin to turn within. There is much in this issue about life's cycles, transitions, and connections. We learn separation is really the illusion; we are all connected!

Speaking of connections we dedicate this issue to Kathy's sister, Carol Poklasny. Carol came to visit over Labor Day Weekend. The time went so quickly, she was gone again before we knew it. It seems siblings share a special relationship that continues to deepen over time. Time together, on the phone, even in correspondence seems to strengthen our bond and we resonate at a higher level. I miss her already (I love you Carol!). We share one of our adventures inside these pages.

We have a few new faces in Critter Corner this month! Even the area dogs are preparing for the change in seasons. What photos would you like to share with our November readers? Send in your photos of critters indoors or outdoors by emailing them to [utecountrynewspaper@gmail.com](mailto:utecountrynewspaper@gmail.com) or send in snail mail to Ute Country News, POB 753, Divide, CO 80814.

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## Seeds to Sprouts An ounce of prevention

by Maren J. Fuller, MSM, CPM

Real information on everything from conception to age two

As modern parents, we are buried in information from countless sources on every parenting topic from how to eat and exercise during pregnancy to how to encourage a child's love of learning and everything in between. My hope is that the information contained in this column will help bring attention to important topics and provide valuable resources for parents to make educated decisions and/or learn more if they wish. Nothing in this article should be considered a substitute for medical advice, common sense, or your own research and is written for informational purposes only. Please enjoy!

Fall is definitely here and winter feels like it may be just around the corner! With the weather turning cold, kids returning to school, and the flu season starting, it is an important time to start thinking of ways to protect your family from illness this winter. When you're pregnant or have a new infant in your home or family, this information should be top priority!

### Immunity in pregnancy

Your overall immune system is lowered during pregnancy as a natural part of growing another human inside your body. This means that you are more likely to get the flu if you are pregnant and that it is more likely to cause severe illness, hospitalization, or even death. The flu can also affect the health and development of your unborn baby by causing preterm birth – meaning your baby will be born smaller with underdeveloped and more susceptible lungs and immune system.

If you are pregnant or newly postpartum, the CDC and Dr. Sears recommend that you receive a flu shot sometime in early October. You may consider this even if you are a family member or friend of a pregnant woman or a new baby. This is the best way to protect yourself and your family specifically from the flu.

### Infant immunity

Infants have an immature immune system and are still developing the ability to fight infection. This is especially true for very young or premature babies. Breastfeeding your baby until at least one year of age and limiting their exposure to large groups of children and other people are great ways to boost their immunity. However, this may not be possible for lots of moms and families whose babies are in a daycare setting from a very young age. A good way to prevent infant illnesses is to vaccinate your baby for diseases that are more commonly found in these centers. You can also push for extra hand-washing and cleaning in the daycare during flu season. If your baby is six months old or older, the CDC recommends that they receive a flu shot. If you choose to immunize your baby for the flu, please insist that your child receives a mercury-free shot!

For young toddlers who notoriously love to crawl, walk, touch, lick, and lay on every surface they encounter, you should consider a careful, consistent hand-washing and bathing routine throughout every day to

minimize their exposure to infection. Teach your little ones to keep their hands out of their mouths, eyes, noses, and ears as these are great routes for disease. While this is a difficult task to accomplish, laying the groundwork for good hygiene now will benefit them this winter and for a lifetime!

This is a good time of the year to remember to get back to the basics:

#### Wash your hands

While this may seem obvious or too easy, it is still considered the very best way to slow or stop the spread of illness. You should scrub your hands for at least 30 seconds, using warm water and soap and then dry them on a clean towel. Change your hand towels often!

#### Keep your hands away from your face

Your mouth, eyes, nose, and ears are the best way for cold and flu diseases to enter your body and start an infection.

#### Eat real food

Whole foods that come straight from a tree, bush, or farm are the best way to keep your body well-nourished and healthy. Encourage your kids (and yourself!) to eat whole fruits and vegetables, unprocessed meats, and whole grain bread products and to limit sugar intake as much as possible. This will add to your overall health and wellbeing and make you and your family less susceptible to disease.

### If you or your baby/child have a fever stay home!

#### Clean surfaces

Clean and disinfect surfaces that are touched often by your family or other people in your home, car, office, or school setting. Using a disinfecting wipe on your car surfaces, door knobs, phones, reception counters, etc. will help keep you and others around you safer from illness.

#### Lower stress

This is definitely easier said than done but is a very important part of boosting immunity. Stress affects every body system negatively and interrupts sleep and can put you and your family at risk for severe illness this winter. Try to take a relaxing walk or bath, read a book, put your feet up, or listen to relaxing music and get a full night of sleep every night.



#### Isolate fevers

If you or your baby/child have a fever – stay home! This can be hard for working parents but will pay off in the end with reduced length and spread of illness. Most experts recommend not returning to work/school/daycare until at least 24 hours after the end of a fever.

Watch next month for our segment on treating colds/flu and what symptoms warrant a trip to your doctor or the ER.

#### Resources and suggestions for further reading & support:

- Dr. Sears on healthy pregnancy basics: <http://www.askdrsears.com/news/latest-news/7-tips-healthier-pregnancy>
- Dr. Sears on boosting the immune system: <http://www.askdrsears.com/topics/feeding-eating/family-nutrition/foods-to-boost-immunity/foods-that-boost-your-immune-system>
- Dr. Sears on immunity for kids: <http://www.parenting.com/article/ask-dr-sears-immune-system-boosters>
- CDC on preventing the flu: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/preventing.htm>

Interested in meeting other local, like-minded parents?  
•Join the Colorado Mountain Birth & Parenting Network on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/ColoradomountainBPN/>

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## Guffey Community Charter School to hire new administrator

by Madison Piotrowski, 6th grader

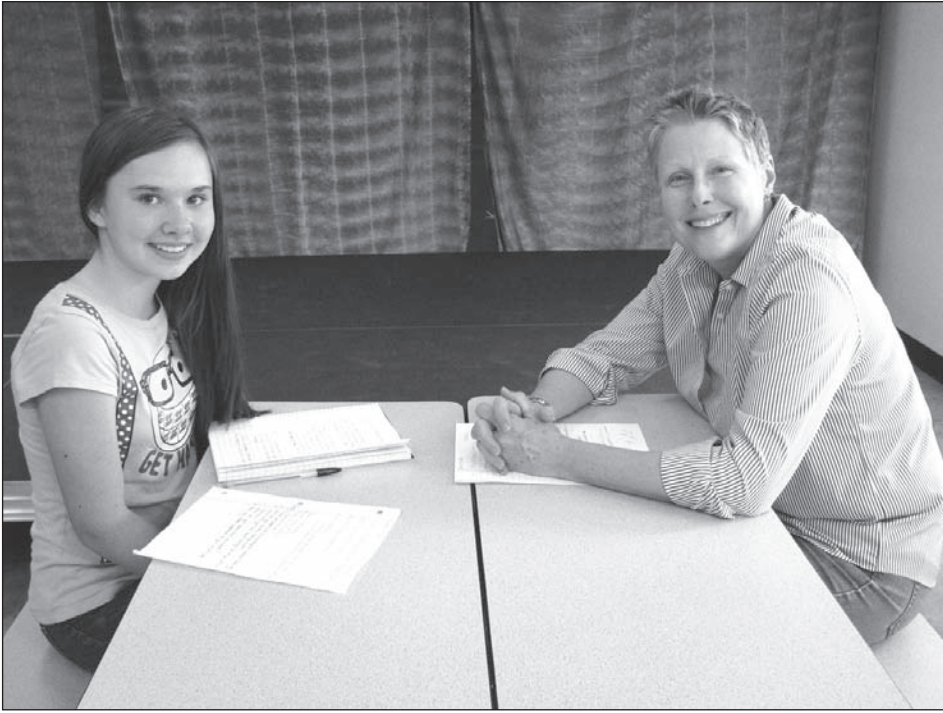
photo by Lynda MacDonald

Pam Moore has been the administrator at Guffey Community Charter School for years upon years. Now a break is needed for her. Our beloved principal is going to be retiring at the end of this school year. She is looking forward to being at home, having fun with her dogs, and enjoying all the things she likes to do like traveling, reading, and hiking.

Being an administrator/principal is quite hard work. The students at Guffey School need someone with a lot of love, kindness, and tons of care. Pam Moore has been all of these things plus so much more. She takes great care of the school and great care of the kids. To find someone like that would make us kids be very, very happy! "I would like someone with a sense of humor and loves children," stated Troy Dabney, a Guffey School 5th grader.

How Ms. Moore became principal is quite interesting. She began her career at Guffey Community Charter School 14 years ago. When she was first hired, she worked only quarter time then began to work more until the job became full time. From there, she became the wonderful principal that she is today. "Being a principal, you get to see kids grow and become amazing smart kids," she said of her memories at our school. She enjoys seeing the kids that have graduated from Guffey School and learning how they are involved with their own community. "That reflects our school vision," states Ms. Moore. "They don't just say the vision every day, it is embedded in them." That makes her happy.

Before Ms. Moore retires, she would like to work with the search committee to help find the right replacement for her position.



Madison interviews Ms. Moore who will soon be retiring.

This job requires hard work and a nurturing, caring, joyful spirit. Administering a small school also requires the person to wear many hats. Ms. Moore has had to do everything from cooking meals, to fixing things, to playground maintenance. As Frank Ruvo, president of the Board of Directors, points out, "Pam Moore's contributions to the Guffey Community Charter School during her tenure here would fill a very long list and she will be greatly missed. I have so enjoyed working with her over these past years and treasure her friendship as well. She has made

such a positive impact on both our community and our school and made a difference in the lives of so many children. I look forward to working with her in our search for a new administrator during the coming year. As they say these will big shoes to fill, but she is leaving a very tight ship."

If you love kids and fun, then this is the right job for you! If you are interested in applying for the Guffey Community Charter School administrator position, please go to [www.guffeyschool.org](http://www.guffeyschool.org) to learn more about this position and our school.

## CCHS Mountain Bike Team at Cloud City Challenge

by Deborah Maresca

photo by Tim Krantz

On Sept. 10, 2016, Tim Krantz, the new Cripple Creek and Victor High School Mountain bike coach, took three students to the Cloud City Challenge at Colorado Mountain College in Leadville, Colorado. The three student's rode in their first high school mountain bike race put on by the NICA (National Interscholastic Cycling Association) Colorado League. Colorado Mountain College's Leadville campus welcomed 863 mountain bike racers who pushed one another to the core. They demonstrated Ken Chlouber's classic proclamation, "You are better than you think you are. You can do more than you think you can."

The high altitude course is a Colorado League series favorite despite the lung crushing altitude of 10,200 feet. It is peppered with double track climbs, fast, fluid descents, and twists through an aspen grove known as the "glow tube". The finish requires a power move up a steep lip onto a road providing ample room for explosive sprints to the finish.

This two day event is divided into the Northern conference and the Southern con-



Stormy Brown enjoying the day at Cloud City Challenge.

ference. Each conference has rotating days so that each conference will be able to split the number of Saturday and Sunday race days. There are four races and a championship race in late October.

Eli Jacobsen and Arizona Brown raced in the sophomore group and placed better than over half of the racers that have been

racing for years. Stormy Brown raced with the freshman racers and did great for his first race. The team enjoyed breakfast burritos and had pizza for an after race reward. For more information contact Tim Krantz at 719-648-6616. The Woodland Park High School Mountain bike club contact is Caleb Shadle 719-669-4588.

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## Communities come together

by Polly Roberts

**We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men.**

Herman Melville

Merriam-Webster defines community as “an interacting population of various kinds of individuals in a common location” but it is so much more than that. A sense of community, like community spirit or community pride, is a feeling of emotional bonding to a place or area and its residents. People in a community have a feeling of belonging and a connection with others, a feeling that residents matter to each other even though people may not have personal relationships with each other. Citizens value their relationships to others in the area, care about the community’s well-being, and are interested in its future. It is anchored by a culture of good will. People do things for each other and add value to the quality of life for individuals in a community.

A strong sense of community is often described by the ways people work together or are friendly with each other, but it can also be seen on display — busy parks and businesses, packed seating and attendance at local programs and events, celebrated historic buildings and sites, and jam-packed bulletin boards are all physical evidence of a sense of community. Although in different counties, the Florissant/Lake George area has a long history of community. From potato farming and the Colorado Midland Railroad a century ago to a shared Chamber of Commerce in the 1980’s and ‘90’s, over the years the residents of this area joined themselves together with a sense of community.

In this spirit, the Florissant Public Library (Rampart Library District) has spear-headed

the creation of a web-based community calendar — FLGevents.wordpress.com. This calendar is a collaborative effort between the Florissant Public Library, Florissant Grange #420, Lake George Public Library (Park County Library District), Lake George Charter School, Pikes Peak Historical Society, Lake George Gem and Mineral Club, and the Thunderbird Inn. Beginning in the month of October, these organizations will post their events to this common calendar so that area residents can easily find out what’s going on in the Florissant/Lake George community. Just click on a posting for more information about an event. The calendar can be viewed by the day, week, or month. All posted events will be open to the public. Any other group wishing to have an event posted on the calendar need only contact one of the above listed founding organizations to have their event added to the calendar.

**Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much .**

Helen Keller

The Rampart Library District invites everyone to participate in our Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Decorate a pumpkin to put on display at either the Florissant or Woodland Park Libraries. The pumpkins should be decorated like the theme or character in a book. If you have a clever idea, and aren’t sure which book it might go with, come chat with your friendly librarians at either branch and we will help you figure it out! Bring your pumpkin(s) to the library beginning on October 19; pumpkins will be judged October 28. Pumpkins must be picked up by November 3. PLEASE no carved pumpkins as they will start to stink and rot.

## Master Gardener program

Do you enjoy gardening and sharing your gardening knowledge? The Colorado State University Extension Master Gardener Program of Teller County is looking for YOU! Applications for the 2017 training are currently being accepted. Colorado Master Gardener Volunteers thrive on gardening activities, enjoy learning about the latest gardening techniques, and enjoy sharing their gardening knowledge in a two-way learning atmosphere. Becoming a Colorado Master Gardener requires application and acceptance (includes a background check and interview) into the training program, completion of the training course, fulfillment of a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer work in the county, and submission of Activity Reports. Volunteer service, continuing education, and Activity Reports are required to continue in the program after the training year.

The 2017 training will be offered via distance education at the Aspen Valley Ranch in Woodland Park on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an hour for lunch from January 26, 2017 through April 6, 2017. The fee for this training is \$170 (\$85 for scholarship, based on need or \$530 without the volunteer commitment for a Colorado Gardener Certificate). If you are interested in becoming part of the Colorado Master Gardeners in Teller County, please contact Mark Platten at mark.platten@colostate.edu or 719-686-7961 for the application. The deadline for submission of the application is October 14, 2016 with interviews to be held October 20 or 21, 2016. Additional information about this program can be found at www.cmg.colostate.edu.

## Pikes Peak Historical Society annual auction

The 2016 Pikes Peak Historical Society’s annual auction will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Lake George Charter School gym/auditorium in Lake George, Colorado.

This auction is a major fundraiser for the Pikes Peak Historical Society, a non-profit organization which maintains two free museums in Florissant. The PPHS also provides free educational programs throughout the year. This organization and their sponsored events are funded by membership dues and donations. The funds generated by the annual auction supplements these funds.

A variety of items will be offered for purchase at the upcoming auction including

gift certificates to local stores, food items, antiques and collectibles, and something “Very Enticing” has been donated by Richard Fretterd, from the show “Prospectors”.

The Lake George Charter School is located just a few minutes from Florissant, on the south side of Highway 24 just 2 mile west of the Ferrall Propane lot. The School has ample parking and seating. But come early! Viewing begins at noon and the Auction starts at 2 p.m. Drinks and a snack lunch will be available, benefiting the school, for purchase during the pre-auction walk through.

For more information call Scott Adams at 719-748-9035 or John Rakowski at 719-748-3861.

## Prescribed burning planned

The Pike National Forest-South Park District is preparing for prescribed burning in Park County. This may include up to 1,200 acres of broadcast burning, which involves the ignition of surface fuels within prepared units. The projects are south of Lake George between Blue Mountain and Wilson Lakes, and southwest of Lake George in O’Brien Gulch.

Burning will last through the fall. Ignition will take place when weather and fuel conditions are such that the fire behavior will be within the burn plan limitations and substantial smoke impacts are unlikely to surrounding communities. If burning does take place, it may continue from one to several days. Expect smoke to be visible from Highway 24 and other areas during actual burning days. Smoke may linger in the air for several days after ignition is completed.

Vegetation types are predominantly ponderosa pine, grass, mountain shrubs and aspen stands. Surface burning of the area is designed to reduce the amount of timber needles and woody debris on the forest floor and to remove a portion of small diameter trees and low-hanging branches of larger trees. In addition, prescribed burning helps to restore the health of conifer and aspen stands by improving soil nutrients and re-sprouting grass and shrubs for wildlife habitat.

Follow @PSICC\_NF on Twitter for up-to-date information on this and other topics. Use #LkGeoRx for South Park Ranger District prescribed fire information.

## A Tale of three pianos

When an anonymous donor became aware of the need for a better piano for music students at the Downtown Campus of Pikes Peak Community College, it set in motion a chain of piano moving.

Through the Ute Pass Chamber Players, a music ensemble based in Teller County, a brand new Yamaha grand piano was purchased for the college, an older piano from the college was donated to the Woodland Park Senior Center and the very tired grand piano from the Senior Center was donated to The Piano Project.

Not only did the PPCC music students benefit, the Ute Pass Chamber players are now able to continue their free concerts at the Senior Center, and The Piano Project will be painting their piano and setting it out in public venues in Colorado Springs, along with other donated pianos, to be enjoyed by anyone passing by. Four non-profit organiza-

tions benefited from this piano exchange.

Clark Wilson, president of the Ute Pass Chamber Players said “It is our tremendous pleasure and honor to be able to facilitate this gift to the college from our donor and to benefit not only the college, but the Senior Center, the Ute Pass Chamber Players and The Piano Project as a result”. Mr. Wilson, who is also on the music faculty at PPCC and a piano technician, donated his time and expertise to spend a day doing the prep work on the new piano.

The new Kimball baby grand piano was heard for the first time at the Woodland Park Senior Center at its annual Tea and Serenade in June. To dedicate the new piano at the college, a joint recital with PPCC music faculty and members of the Ute Pass Chamber players is planned for 2:30 p.m. October 9 at the PPCC Downtown Campus located at 100 W. Pikes Peak Ave, Colorado Springs in Room N-214. All are invited.

## Retire your tires and junk

The El Paso County Environment Division will host Clean Sweep, a household hazardous waste and tire disposal opportunity from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, in the parking lot of the El Paso County Fairgrounds at 366 Tenth Street, Calhan.

The event is free and open to residents of El Paso and Teller counties, but you must make an appointment. Due to the long lines at previous Clean Sweep events, El Paso County Environmental Division has changed to an appointment only disposal. Please register at www.fairgroundshazardouswasteandtires2016.eventbrite.com

The following items will be accepted:

- Tires, light truck and passenger tires, limit of 10 tires per vehicle.
- Electronics: Televisions and computer monitors, but limited to only three total per vehicle. Computers, printers, fax machines, laptops, notebooks, ultra-books, net books, electronic tablets, DVD players, VCRs, radios, stereos, video game consoles, video display devices with

- viewing screens greater than 4” diagonally
- Paint and paint-related products (stains, strippers, thinners, varnishes, etc.)
- Household chemicals (aerosols, ammonia, bleach, cleaners, lamp oil, etc.)
- Lawn & garden chemicals (fertilizers, pesticides, poisons, plant food, etc.)
- Automotive chemicals (motor oil, antifreeze, brake & transmission fluids, waxes, bug/tar/vinyl/chrome/engine cleaners, etc.)
- All types of batteries – lead-acid vehicle batteries and all types of household batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt, watch & hearing aid batteries)

Not Accepted:

- Business waste
- Containers larger than 5-gallons, fluorescent bulbs & tubes, lab-grade chemicals, mattresses, medicines, trash or recyclables, and unlabeled or leaking containers.

For additional information, call El Paso County at 719-520-7871.

## The Loralie Antique Mall Grand Opening

by Flip Boettcher

True to form, there is another new business in Florence, The Loralie Antique Mall, located at 109 West Main Street, formerly The Iron Gate Antique Mall. The Loralie will be having the Grand Opening of their antique mall and the unveiling of the Loralie Designs mini-boutique and design center on October 21 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., according to store manager Rena Pryor. The Loralie will be keeping the 40 plus vendors in the antique mall that the Iron Gate had.

Loralie Harris opened her first one-of-a-kind boutique in California after graduating college in the 1960’s. Loralie married her husband Chuck and they moved to Alaska, where Loralie had a dress design shop. When their son Tim was five years old they moved to California and started Loralie Originals, a formal wear dress design business which they ran for 20 years. Then, the



Chinese entered the formal design business and Loralie Originals could not compete.

Loralie’s doodlings became the basis for her ‘Fun Ladies’ characters which Loralie Designs, started in 2005, uses in their embroidery patterns, coloring books and fabrics. Loralie is considered a sewing and quilting artist. Loralie and her husband Chuck are looking forward to being a part of the Florence community.

Don’t forget The Loralie Antique Mall’s Grand Opening October 21 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Business hours for The Loralie are: Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

## HRRMC Foundation awarded \$200,000 DOLA grant

Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center Foundation has received a \$200,000 grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). The funds will be used to help purchase a new CT scanner with cardiac capabilities for the Salida hospital.

“We are very grateful for DOLA’s support and their partnership with us,” said Kimla Robinson, HRRMC Foundation director. “The new CT scanner will cost \$605,000, and the DOLA grant goes a long way toward making that purchase possible. Proceeds from this year’s Jewel Ball fundraiser on Sept. 24 [have been] earmarked for this purchase.”

The new CT scanner will replace the CT scanner purchased by the hospital in 2003 and offer enhanced image quality and reduce a patient’s exposure to radiation. It will also provide some new capabilities, including a noninvasive way to visualize the heart and

identify coronary artery disease.

HRRMC has been expanding its cardiac services in recent months. James Schmidt, M.D., of Colorado Springs Cardiologists began seeing patients full time in Chaffee County in June. Previously, visiting physicians from Colorado Springs Cardiologists rotated through the hospital’s Specialty Clinic and HRRMC Buena Vista Health Center. The new CT scanner will offer Dr. Schmidt an important tool for diagnosing heart disease and enable patients to schedule the test locally rather than traveling to the Front Range.

The HRRMC Foundation provides the hospital with financial support to facilitate innovative programs and provide state-of-the-art health care services to the Salida Hospital District. For more information about the Foundation’s initiatives, call Kimla Robinson at 719-530-2218.

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## Town of Hartsel

by Flip Boettcher

The Park County Historical Society hosted two successful dinner programs this summer in Hartsel at the community building. Linda Bjorklund, local historian and writer, spoke at both of the programs. The first, in June, was about local pioneer Sam Hartsel. The second program, September 17, was about the town of Hartsel. Around 40 people attended each of the programs.

Sam Hartsel was born in Bucks County Pennsylvania, population about ten people, in 1834. Sam came to Colorado in 1860, like most of the early pioneers, to find his fortune in the gold fields. Gold had been discovered at Hamilton and Tarryall, near Como, in 1859, and the rush was on. Note: this was not today's Tarryall which was originally called Puma City.

It took Sam and his four buddies but a few short weeks to run out of money. Sam, being a resourceful person, realized there were other ways to make money, and he started buying up the thin, tired cattle and oxen that had pulled the wagons west. Sam fattened them up on the rich South Park grass and then sold the beef to the miners. This proved to be very successful and led to the start of Sam's ranching career.

With the passing of the Homestead Act in 1862, Sam filed for his 160 acres where the Middle and South Forks of South Platte River meet. He was the first homesteader in the area. A short time later Sam developed Hartsel town, which was never a platted town, and the Hartsel hot springs across the river from the town. Sam's ranch house was located one and a half miles southeast of the town site and hot springs.

In 1877, at 42 years of age, Sam married 31 year old widower and descendant of Daniel Boone, Nancy Boone. They had three daughters and a son, Sam, Junior, who died at one year.

The Hartsel ranch was successful with Sam purchasing surrounding ranches. When he sold the ranch in 1907 to the South Park Land and Livestock Company, there were 9,000 acres. The livestock company eventually acquired about 100,000 acres.

Sam moved to Denver but kept the town site. By 1910, though, he had sold that as well. Sam died in Denver in 1918, but his town prospered on. For more on Sam Hartsel see the July, 2016 issue of the *Ute Country News*.

The Colorado Midland Railroad was built through Hartsel from Colorado Springs in 1887 and they promoted excursions to the Hartsel area. The wildflower excursions were very popular in their day. The railroad also would bring extra cabooses and leave them in the area to provide accommodations for vacations, outings, hunting and fishing expeditions and then pick them up for the return to Colorado Springs. The old abandoned Midland depot is still standing today.

The Hartsel Hotel, located where the Badger Basin gas station is today, was very popular in its day. The old carriage house, the barn next to Bayou Salado, housed the horses and carriages which the hotel used to take its guests across the Platte River to visit the hot springs. Many came to soak in the hot spring's medicinal and healing waters in hopes of cures. Dances were held every Saturday night at the hotel.

The hotel met its fate in December of 1972, when the vacant building caught fire on the second floor and burned to the ground.



Town of hartsel in the early 1900's looking northwest.

A cattle company owned the building at the time and there was speculation that they had started the fire on purpose. The fledgling Hartsel fire department could not get their fire engines started and had to call the Fairplay fire department to help put out the fire. A water bucket line was started from the river, but to no avail, the historic hotel burned down.

The only portion that survived the fire is now the one story Bayou Salado. It was the one story handicapped section of the hotel. At one time, school teacher Betsy Hanlon lived there with 20 - 30 cats.

Besides the hot springs bath house and the large outdoor pool, there was a floating shed with a hole in the floor, a bathtub, an empty bucket, and a bucket full of cold water. Each visitor would dip a bucket or two of hot water from the hole in the floor, about 130 degrees, and pour it into the bathtub and then mix cold water from the other bucket to get the right soaking temperature. Before one left, they were supposed to leave a full bucket of hot water to cool down for the next visitor.

The hot springs have had years of disuse. They were abandoned mainly for the water's high radium content. The waters are still hot. In the 1920's when the cattle business was

down, raising sheep became popular and profitable in the Hartsel area. By the 1930's there were more automobiles than horses or railroad passengers.

The Hartsel School, now the community building, was started in the early 1870's. The middle and high schools were right next door. Each of these buildings has been moved at least once in their life time. Eventually, the middle school was added onto the back of the community building. The chalk boards are still on the walls in the building and the old bell on top.

At one time there were three gas stations and a Plymouth car dealership in Hartsel, as well as two mercantile stores. One was a general mercantile store, housed in the present day Highline Café, and started by the Kleinknecht's. They just stocked general merchandise. The other mercantile, across the street, catered to the ranchers and stocked ranch equipment.

Today, Hartsel is a small community with a gas station, post office, café, bar, realtor, and several shops. For a complete history see *Hartsel: History of a Town* by Linda Bjorklund, her first book. The next Park County Historical Society program in Hartsel will be next summer.



Sam Hartsel, on the right is from the 1880's, no date on the other.



## Native Plants of the Ute Country Ponderosa Pine, *Pinus ponderosa*

by Mary Menz  
photos by Mary Menz

The Ponderosa Pine is one of the more prolific native plants of the Ute Country, but gets little attention — until fall — when it undergoes its annual “needle drop.” An annual occurrence, this stately evergreen drops its leaves just as deciduous trees do before winter. Some years, it looks as if all the pines are dying when, in fact, it's just a natural cycle of the trees shedding old needles.

The leaves of spruce, fir, and pine trees are needle shaped, and are arranged in sheaths of 2 - 3 needles each, approximately 10-20 cm long. These leaves have a lifespan of 3 - 4 years, yet not all of the pine's needles are the same age, hence the fall needle drop that looks as if the tree is dying from the inside out. Never fear, however, as November comes along the fall needle drop will have stopped and the resulting needles on the forest floor are the only reminders that it even happened.

### Culturally Modified Trees

In the Ute Country, we're lucky to witness the Ponderosa Pine's ancient use as a Prayer Tree. Prayer Trees in Ute Country are pines that have been peeled, marked, scarred, or altered in some way to indicate the centuries old practice of modifying a tree. Some say that the modifications indicate the location of food sources, the direction of a path, or a ceremonial marker.

Facebook users can find a page dedicated to the Culturally Modified Trees in North America. Search for Native American Culturally Modified Trees/Prayer Trees and become a member of the group to learn more about these kinds of trees nationwide. There appears to be a special focus on trees of Colorado.

### Medicinal uses

*Pinus ponderosa* is not only a beautiful addition to the landscape, it was once a staple medicinal food source. A tea steeped



These Ponderosa Pines are showing the effect of their annual “needle drop”.

with the needles is high in Vitamins A and C. Native American tribes of the American West, where this tree specimen is primarily located, used the inner bark of the Ponderosa Pine in a mix with corn, meat, and/or salt as a high carbohydrate, high protein treat to chew on. Some tribes also used the bark gum in healing rituals, likely held at the foot of the Healing Tree.

### Fun facts:

*Pinus ponderosa* was “discovered” and named by Scottish botanist David Douglas. Douglas was fascinated by the numerous botanical discoveries of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark years earlier and he, too, traveled west to collect seeds and identify new species he found in the Pacific Northwest. The name Ponderosa comes from Douglas's description for the large, ponderous tree.

The Ponderosa Pine provides a critical food source for the Abert's Squirrel. The unique black squirrel with tufted ear fur holds the pine's cone and eats it in that same manner a human eats an ear of corn. As it rotates the cone, the squirrel peels away the scales of the cone to access the seeds inside. The Abert's Squirrel also eats ectomycorrhizal fungi found in the bark of the Ponderosa Pine and helps to distribute the necessary fungi by spreading spores throughout the Pine forest. This symbiotic relationship between the squirrel and pine is necessary for each to survive.

Mary Menz is a naturalist and Colorado Native Plant Master who lives in Ute Country. She loves to search for — and find — native plants. You can reach her at snowberryblossom@gmail.com.

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## Growing Ideas Wrapping up the season

by Karen Anderson The Plant Lady

### Happiness is a journey, not a destination. \*

Autumnal greetings to my high altitude gardening friends. As the buzz of chain-saws and wood splitters resonate throughout the land, we mountain folk are reminded that winter will be approaching before we know it!

The month of October brings colder days and freezing nights as the fall season progresses with its natural beauty and drastic changes in the weather. Mother Nature's transition means there is much to do in and around the gardens in preparation for winter-time. In my experience, the average date for our first big snow fall is around Halloween, Oct. 31st, so it is my goal to have everything I need to do outside — done — by that date.

Personally, I am ready to take a well-deserved break by then and look forward to stoking the fire and stirring the soup in the warmth and comfort of my humble home. My heart is full of gratitude for life with Grandfather Sun shifting and streaming through the southern windows more and more each day along with the vibrant orange and yellow colors of the turning Aspen leaves.

Before I can completely let go of the growing season, there are many tasks to accomplish in and around the gardens in order to prepare for the winter months ahead. The following is a basic checklist of things I want to take care of by the time the snow flies. I invite you to consider these suggestions based on my long time experience and am reminding you to enjoy the process along the way. We are 'wrapping up the 2016 growing season'.

#### Collecting seed

Timing is important when you are collecting seed for storage or replanting to specific areas in the garden. Seed pods must be 'ripe' before collection. This means they need to be pretty much completely dry. The seed is not fully ready to harvest until then. Plants bloom at various times during the cycle of the growing season, so seed will be collected accordingly throughout September and October.

I have learned some great techniques over the many years of being a 'seeds woman' and here are a few tips for you to practice in this category of gardening. I have found that paper bags work quite well for collecting most types of seeds. Make sure the bags do not have any holes in them; I usually open up the bag and hold it up to the light, looking to make sure there aren't any holes for smaller seeds to fall through. Be sure to label the bag so you don't get confused later. I always place a rock in the bottom as it is usually a bit windy when I am collecting and this keeps the bags of seeds from blowing over and spilling out the goodies held inside.

As you go through this process, keep the bags in a dry environment — do not allow them to absorb any moisture. You might want to turn the seed pods upside down when you collect, as it helps to separate the seeds from the pods. Poppy seeds are tiny little things and I would suggest a glass jar for collection. Eventually, you will want to put seeds in an airtight container and store in a dark cool place until you are ready to plant them.

If you do not wish to save the seed, then fall is a good time to sow them in the appropriate locations of your garden. They will not have the time or conditions to germinate until next spring, which is a good thing.

#### Cut back perennial foliage

I find that it is best to clean up the dead foliage in the fall rather than springtime. There are a few really good reasons to follow this practice. Insects tend to get a little too comfy within the remnants of plant leaves left uncut during the winter and may lay eggs that can emerge next year. Disease can also be managed better if affected foliage is cut and destroyed. Cleaning up the gardens before winter sets in gives me a fresh start in the spring and eliminates the chore of trying to trim up the old dead foliage while being careful of the new growth emerging. I find that it is simply a healthier way to manage established landscapes. A small shredder is utilized to chop the cuttings directly into the compost bins, which is recycling organic matter right back to the Earth Mother and will be a nutritious source



of 'food' for growing new crops next year: Full Circle!

#### Incorporate amendments and winter mulches

After the gardens are tidied up, it is time to add some amendments to the soil. Bone meal is an essential ingredient to aid in the blooming process next season. Because it takes a while to break down in order for the root systems of plants to be able to absorb it, I recommend that you continuously use bone meal when planting new additions to the garden, as well as in the autumn.

An application of well composted manure is also added to the beds and then mulch, mulch and mulch for winter protection. Please do not forget to water deeply during dry periods until the snow provides a natural blanket to hold the moisture and also to keep the ground from freezing and thawing, which is detrimental to plant life during the resting period of winter.

#### Rain barrel maintenance

When the ice starts forming in the top of my rain barrels, it is time to sump pump the remaining water out and into the gardens where the moisture is needed. I recommend that you scrub the empty barrels with a little bleach solution and turn them upside down. A full frozen 55 gallon plastic container could easily crack during the cold months and it is a good idea to have a clean barrel to collect next spring's rain.

#### Protect yard ornaments

I like to bring all my garden angels and decorations inside for the winter; it keeps them from forming the blackish residue that time and harsh elements produce on resin. Any concrete birdbaths and such will deteriorate in short order if not covered or brought in out of the weather.

These are just a few of the basic tips to 'Wrap up the Season'. Enjoy the process of completing your projects as we move on. Thanks to the *Ute Country News* Readers who have shared in this gardening journey with me throughout the spring, summer, and fall. I sincerely hope that you have been able to receive some helpful guidance along the way. It has been a pleasure and a learning experience for me as well to share what I know to be true in the world of high altitude, organic gardening. It is my plan to take a short sabbatical from writing for the months of November and December. I will return in January of 2017 with some houseplant advice and whatever else comes to mind during the rest of the winter.

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## Psychic on the Peak The thinning of the veil

by Tatianna Ramos

All Hallow's Eve is upon us once again! This fun and frightening holiday of mischief and candy, which we all enjoy celebrating no matter our age, has deep roots with even deeper meaning. We have always sensed that our souls are eternal. However, the questions of where we go after death and if we will again see those we love, are of true intrigue. Beyond the debate of what becomes of us, we all miss someone who is on

the other side of this life or the veil. In the longing to reconnect with loved ones we find it a much more simple and accessible task on the night of Halloween. For this night of ancient mysticism, we are open to the known and the unknown. This holiday is a celebration of the human spirit, in its numerous and questionable and ever changing transformations.

Halloween began centuries ago, as a pagan celebration noting the end of summer. The holiday was called Samhain, pronounced Sow-wen. The rituals of these ancients were focused on life cycles; the end of summer heading into the coming winter, and that became associated with the cycles of human life.

From its inception All Hallow's Eve has been devoted to celebrating our dead. Carving jack-o-lanterns to ward off spirits of ill will were used since the first celebrations of Samhain by the Celts. The rituals have changed, adapted, drifted into new and strange realms of practice... but these rituals have remained focused on death and seeking life in death. It was believed and remains so, that our dead walk among us; on this night most especially, for the veil is at its thinnest. It is a hallow'd (holy) night that allows us to reconnect with and celebrate our dead in a myriad of ways.

The dead are celebrated year round and world-wide by the living: in Mexico people have graveyard parties, where they drink, dine and reminisce beside their passed family members on Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Fortune telling, divination, seances, spell casting, tarot card reading and the like have been thought to be gateways to interpreting and understanding messages from disembodied souls; however they are considered more acceptable by the mainstream on Halloween. Drumming circles and pipe ceremonies are used to connect the physical and the spiritual worlds by the Native Americans year round. Leaving gifts outside your home or graveside to appease lost souls has been a ritual for as long as people can think back. Setting a place at the table for dead family members to welcome their visit to the realm of the living is also a year round practice followed in numerous countries, usually on birth and death anniversaries.

Not everyone believes that this is the only night to communicate with the dead. However it is believed to be more easily achieved on this night by many. Those who think the veil is thinnest on Halloween night are correct, to a degree. You can commune with your dead whenever you please. But,

on Halloween people come together in the celebration of the dead; the collective consciousness helps to create an easier pathway between worlds. We all think about those who have passed and it piques our curiosity. We think and create together to achieve something that, I believe, is rather amazing. With our mutual belief we collectively thin the veil between these two worlds and allow the seemingly impossible to occur and

become reality; if only for one night a year.

What is the veil exactly? It is belief: The belief that there is a separation of soul and source/God, a theoretical partition that keeps the living away from the dead. We are souls who are forever connected; individuals who are always connected to God and to one another. We become confused with the rules

of time and the physical plane. We forget the eternal soul is limitless. We need only ask to connect with passed loved ones. We must overcome our learned beliefs of what is possible and consider taking a few small, or large, steps in a new direction of thought.

A simple method for communication with your dead can be obtained through fire magic. To begin your ritual you will need: a secure, fire-safe place (a fireplace, outdoor fire pit, or grill), paper, a writing utensil, and a true desire to have a soul to soul connection. Now you are ready to go: Light your fire (safety first, adults only!). Think about the person with whom you want to communicate. Write down what you need to share with them. Burn the paper. Be aware of all of your senses, so that you are better able to receive any possible reply. You will need to trust yourself in your interpretation of any message received from the other side of the veil. The message may come immediately, after a few hours have passed, in a dream, or passing thoughts throughout the week that draw your attention. It is a message meant for you, sent to your soul, which is eternal and understands all. After you have sent and received your messages, be sure to extinguish your flame responsibly and completely.

For those of you with recent losses, I encourage you to reach across the boundary. Take time to think about your shared experiences with those who have passed. Consider the lessons learned (good and bad), allow yourself the opportunity to feel whatever emotions you feel, give thanks for the relationship and all that you gained from it, and release with love. (Holding any emotion for too long can hinder your spiritual growth.) The thinning veil is an opportunity to heal, to find a new means of connecting and perhaps, a new perspective of the eternal.

I wish you all the best in your holiday celebrations! In whatever manner you choose to celebrate, I hope you enjoy yourselves and perhaps you will even incorporate something new into your rituals.

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This is the second time that the Rocky Mountain Wildflower Guide was a big CIPA EVVY winner. The first edition scored two 1st place awards and a Merit Award in the 2014 CIPA EVVYs. The expanded second edition boasts over 270 varieties of wildflowers.

Author and illustrator Linda and Bernie Nagy are retired from a direct marketing business and are now photographers and artists in South Park Colorado. The couple has already published four books including two award-winning photography coffee table books showing the beauty of South Park, a Park County History book, and the first edition of their Rocky Mountain Wildflower Guide, all of which won several top book publishing awards.

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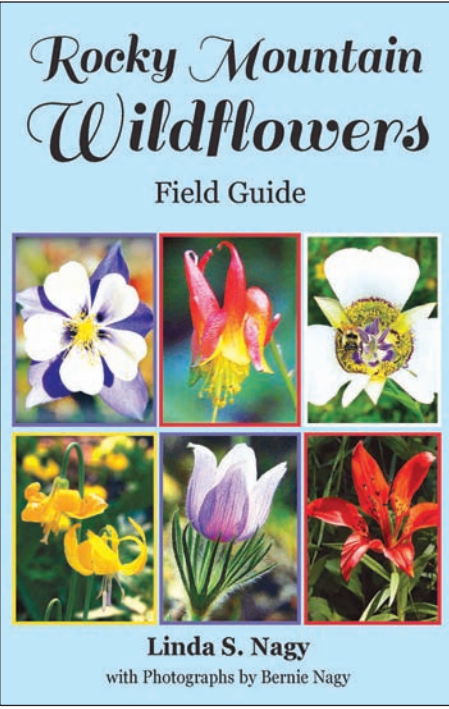
flower Guide is a great source with color coded pages, rounded corners, detailed information and as before, clear color photos," said Bernie Nagy who did the photography as well as the cover and page design for the second edition. Besides book publishing, Bernie is a media correspondent, travel writer, and lifelong press and nature photographer.

"It took me several years of researching wildflowers and taking Colorado Native Plant Courses to finally achieve the Colorado Flora Certificate last year and the Colorado Native Plant Master Certificate this year," said Linda Nagy, an author, artist and graphic designer.

"Bernie and Linda Nagy's latest award-winning book, Rocky Mountain Wildflowers Field Guide, outshines anything like it on the market in terms of its well-researched content, brilliant photography, superior quality production for its price point. If you're in the Rockies looking for wildflowers, this is THE book to buy and carry!" said Mike Daniels, MPA, President, CIPA Education and Literacy Foundation.

The expanded second edition of Rocky Mountain Wildflowers is available through HighCountryArtworks.com, numerous book and gift retailers in Colorado, and also

on Amazon.com. An eBook version is also available on Amazon's Kindle store, Barnes & Noble Nook, iBooks & Kobo.



# BLM seeks public comments on proposal to lease Salida East

The Bureau of Land Management Royal Gorge Field Office is hosting a public meeting to provide information and an opportunity to comment on a proposal to lease the Salida East Recreation Site to Colorado Parks and Wildlife under the Recreation & Public Purposes Act.

The public is encouraged to attend the meeting, starting at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 28 at the Salida SteamPlant Event Center, 220 E Sacket Ave. BLM and CPW representatives will discuss current user conflicts and natural resource concerns at the site, as well as the steps to move forward with a lease.

With an approved lease, the BLM and CPW would collaboratively manage the area by improving facilities, reducing user conflicts and ensuring natural resource protection. If the lease is approved, CPW could collect fees to fund maintenance, capital improvements and monitoring costs.

The BLM is analyzing the proposed R&PP lease in an environmental assessment and seeking public input to identify issues and concerns that should be addressed. Comments will be received until Oc. 28, 2016 and accepted via the BLM's ePlanning website or by mail to the BLM Royal Gorge Field Office, 3028 E. Main St., Canon City, CO 81212. For additional information, please contact Kalem Lenard at klenard@blm.gov or 719-269-8538. Information on the alternatives can be found online at: <http://bit.ly/2cpES31>

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment — including your personal identifying information — may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Thank you for your interest in the management of your public lands within the Royal Gorge Field Office.



Excavation of the foundation for the shooting position cover. Building construction will begin shortly and should be finished no later than mid-October.

# Teller County Shooting Society building cover

Construction began in September and is expected to be completed by mid-October for the Teller County Shooting Society 100-yard range shooting position cover. Open Range Construction of Woodland Park will be in charge of the construction along with the able assistance of Rick Henderson. The building will be constructed of Fox Blocks (industrial strength insulating concrete forms, ICFs). Fox blocks ICF wall systems improve the interior environment by eliminating moisture intrusion, managing the air flow, allowing for accurate climate control, and providing sound mitigation. The range is located near Gilet Flats north of Cripple Creek see [www.tcss-co.org](http://www.tcss-co.org).

# Book Review Early Days in South Park

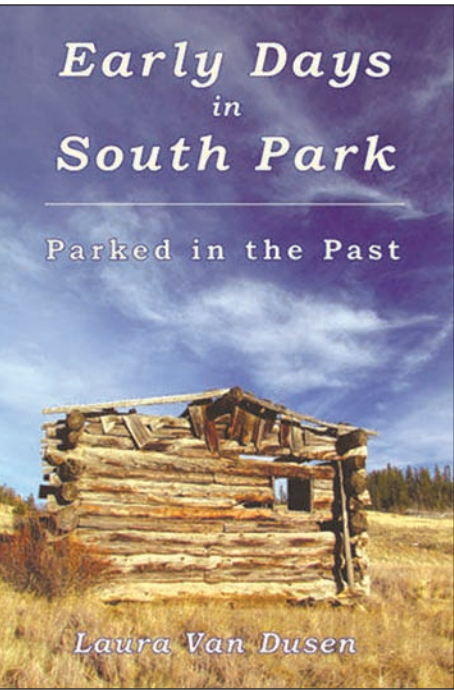
by Jeff Hansen

Historian and journalist Laura Van Dusen's second book, *Early Days in South Park: Parked in the Past*, tells of the history of central Colorado from the 1860s to the 1970s, with a bit of prehistory that was found in Porcupine Cave. South Park is located in Park County, Colorado, which is a high-elevation valley at the geographical center of Colorado. It's colorful past includes miners, ranchers and a few rapscallions, all recalled in the pages of her book. Some of the photographs have not been published before, and many of the stories seldom told.

Van Dusen writes about the famous, like letters from eventual Colorado Supreme Court Justice Wilbur Fisk Stone, writing his future bride about the dangers of traveling with the outlaws Felipe and Vivian Espinosa running wild. She also covers the not-so-well-known, like a journal written by William Hamilton Johnson, a miner's wife who lived in Alma in the early 1920s. Van Dusen also talks about towns like Como and Fairplay that somehow survived the booms and busts of mining towns to exist to this day. Other communities like Montgomery and Balfour, are just fading memories today.

Van Dusen was inspired to write "Early Days" after the success of her first book *Historic Tales from Park County: Parked in the Past*, a collection of monthly stories she had written for the *Park County Republican and Fairplay Flume (Flume)* from 2011 to 2014. Her new book also uses stories printed in the *Flume*, plus one story previously published in *Colorado Central Magazine*, as well as new stories never before put to page.

The book is broken into chapters devoted to specific decades from 1860s to the 1970s. Van Dusen captures the flavor of the decades with information scoured from local news-



papers of the time and from the memories of the descendants of some of the subjects. One of the more humorous chapters has to do with the pranks that youngsters played on the unsuspecting towns in the 1890s. Did you know it was a common prank to remove fence gates from people's homes and gardens? You'll learn more about this and other fun stories when you read this short (180 pages), but informative book.

*Early Days in South Park: Parked in the Past* can be purchased at the Mountain Man Gallery in Como, the Knotty Pine in Bailey, the visitor's center at Wilkerson Pass, and at A Gathering Place in Shawnee. In Fairplay find it at Fairplay Antique & Art Gallery, South Park City Museum, South Park Ranger District, Hand Hotel and the Chocolate Moose. It can also be purchased at [www.facebook.com/parkedinthepast](http://www.facebook.com/parkedinthepast), or by sending a check for \$23 to: PO Box 445, Como, CO 80432.

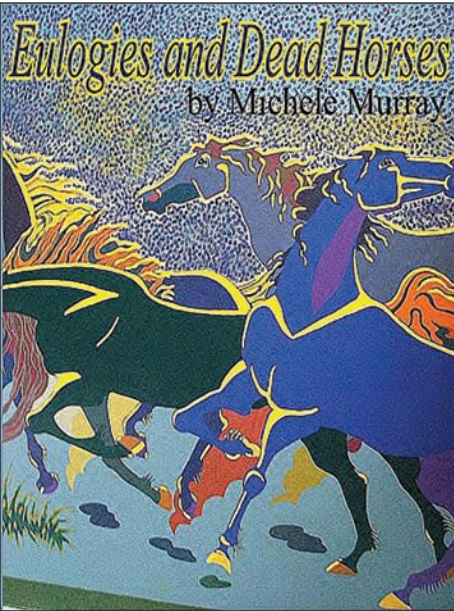
# Book Review Eulogies and Dead Horses

by Kathy Hansen

This is the first self-published book by Lake George author Michele Murray, who has written for the *Mountain Gazette* for years, and her stories have been published in *Discover the Outdoors*, *EQUUS*, *Fly Fishing World*, *Native People's Magazine*, *New Tribal Dawn*, *Aquarian*, [coloradofishing.net](http://coloradofishing.net) and [wyomingfishing.net](http://wyomingfishing.net). Michele is a geologist, bassoonist, nature lover, fly-fisher, and introspective human being. The book is a compilation of essays, all which have a theme around death. Each chapter begins with a quote, followed by a short paragraph (almost like the abstract of an article from a scientific journal), and then the meat of the story unfolds through the narrative that follows. This task-oriented woman witnesses the events of the day for the reader through her scientific lens coupled with her zest for life. She then filters the experiences through her soul as she masterfully pens the page.

While the topic of the book is death, the stories are very much about honoring life and the inherent balance between the two. Death becomes personified to the point where the reader can almost feel death's breath looming near. All sides of the life cycle are presented, along with a myriad of questions that tend to surround such issues; questions that take courage to ask and even more courage to uncover the answers. There are parts of reality we simply turn a blind eye to until they meet us head-on. Michele shares her external journey through each chapter using her extensive command of the English language to transport the reader to various locations on this incredible planet all the while filtering the adventure through the innermost private world of her thoughts, feelings, conflicts, and conclusions. She churns through questions few dare to ask.

The reader is likely to run the gamut of emotions throughout the chapters. Michele has a delightful sense of humor; the reader is likely to find a smile emerge, if not audible laughter as the pages turn. This is balanced nicely with other chapters the reader may prefer to just sit with for a while, allowing the message to gently seep in. I suggest a box of tissues nearby; whether you are currently grieving, have ever grieved, or have ever loved enough to know an absence would be a loss. The chapters do not need to



be read in chronological order as they do not directly relate to each other. I can honestly say as I approached the end of this book, I found myself procrastinating because finishing the book would mean it was over.

No need to take my word for it, find out for yourself how elk bring the joy of another day. Be the fly on the wall the day Michele meets the devil in person or how she sees God's sleeves. Learn why Jimi Hendrix played the *Star-Spangled Banner* as he did. Just how does one resolve a box full of kittens? Perhaps most importantly, will "Ranchin' Barbie" come through with the back hoe? Signed hard copies of Michele's book *Eulogies and Dead Horses* are available at Tumbling Trout Fly Shop in Lake George, or can be ordered online via Tumbling Trout online shop: <https://squareup.com/market/south-park-east-and-blast-shop>.

Electronic versions can be bought online - search in a browser like Google for *Eulogies and Dead Horses*. This will generate venues such as ...

- <https://www.amazon.com/Eulogies-Dead-Horses-Adventures-Interesting-ebook/dp/B019GADXRQ>
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## Pikes Peak Fire Learning Network (PPFLN)

Pikes Peak prescribed burns scheduled to begin mid-October

by Coalition for the Upper South Platte

CUSP is a proud, founding member of the Pikes Peak Fire Learning Network (PPFLN). This collaborative group was established to bring local and regional partners together to collectively identify and implement strategies for the safe, effective and appropriate use of fire for forest management. You can learn more about PPFLN on their website: <http://www.pikespeakfln.org/>.

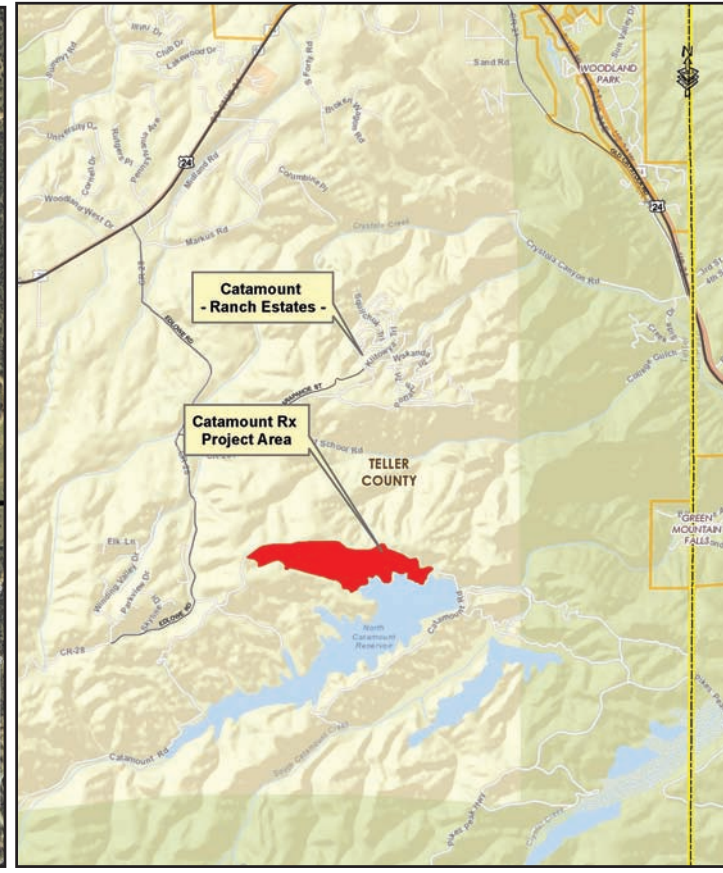
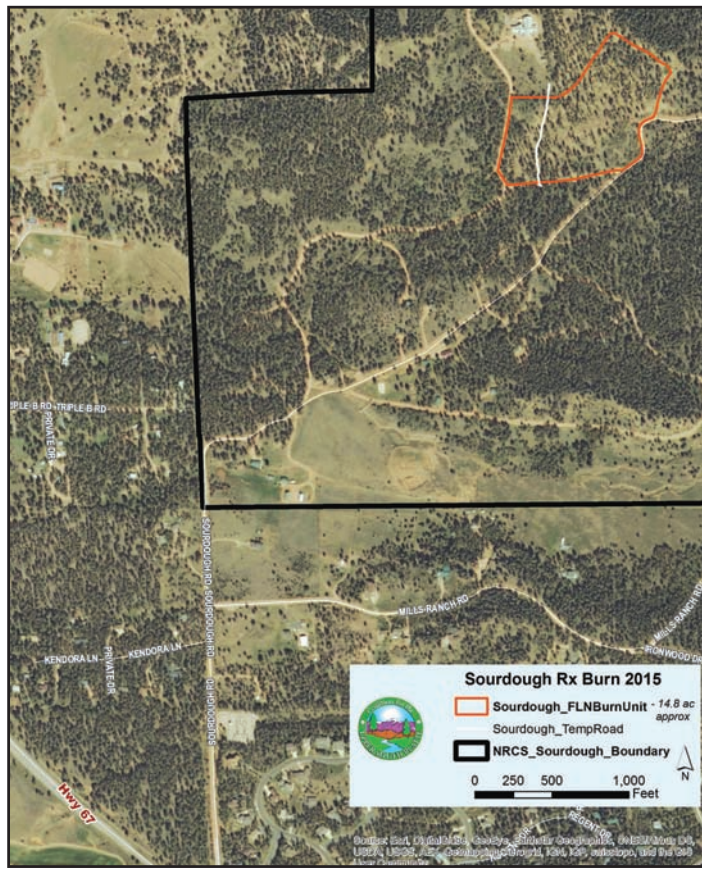
The PPFLN employs a range of treatments and prescriptions for successful forest management and prescribed fire is one of these methods. As cooler and wetter weather conditions allow, preparations and planning are in full swing for local projects.

"Prescribed fire is a highly effective land management tool that can greatly minimize the risk of unnaturally large and damaging wildfires, while improving wildlife habitat and strengthening the health of our landscapes and watersheds," said Jason Lawhon, Fire Manager for the Colorado Nature Conservancy. "The Fire Learning Network brings together community members and fire and land management professionals to learn from each burn experience."

Starting in mid-October and running through November this year, the Pikes Peak Fire Learning Network is planning two prescribed fire projects in the Woodland Park area at Sourdough and North Catamount. Exact dates of the prescribed burns are weather dependent.

The Sourdough prescribed burn will happen over a 14.8 acre area located north of Woodland Park. It will occur on private property off of Sourdough Road, just south of the Manitou Experimental Forest. Organized primarily through the Coalition for the Upper South Platte, North East Teller Fire and The Nature Conservancy, the goals of the project are to reduce hazardous fire fuels and increase understory grass and plant recovery after a previous forest thinning project.

The North Catamount prescribed burn will take place on 105 acres located on the Colorado Springs Utilities' North Slope Watershed near the North Catamount Reservoir. Colorado Springs Utilities is the lead



Network member on this project with goals of protecting water supply and infrastructure in its watersheds as well as improving forest health and reducing fuels.

The exact burn dates depend on weather and fuel conditions and could conceivably be pushed to a later date in spring 2017. There will be one to two days of burning with crews on the scene for multiple days thereafter, monitoring the project areas until they are completely extinguished.

"Without prescribed fire, we as a society cannot hope to achieve the goals of forest resiliency, community protection, and watershed health," said Jonathan Bruno, Chief Operation Officer of the Coalition for the

Upper South Platte. "These are all critical to protecting people, property, and ecosystems."

"Over the past 20 years, multiple fuel reduction projects have been completed on the North Slope using hand crews and other mechanical techniques," said Eric Howell, Colorado Springs Utilities Forest Program Manager. "Over time, however, wildfire conditions have increased. We can help mitigate risks effectively and safely through the implementation of prescribed fire."

Pikes Peak Fire Learning Network is actively working with Colorado Air Pollution and Control Division to manage potential smoke impacts from the burns. When a controlled burn is implemented, it is conducted under very

specific parameters laid out after years of planning. Daily weather conditions play a key role in whether a burn can be accomplished or not. The project fire managers will be evaluating conditions and forecasted weather to make the best decision on when to initiate these burns.

PPFLN is working to make sure that community members are kept abreast of information regarding these burns and hope to address any concerns and questions. Once the exact dates of the burns are known, the media and public will be notified. Up to date information will also be available through the Pikes Peak Fire Learning Network twitter account, @Pikespeak\_FLN with related hashtags, #SourdoughRX and #CatamountRX.



## Citizenship Day

Citizenship Day at Gateway Elementary School honored the Woodland Park Police Department with student performances, cards, and posters thanking the officers for keeping them and the community safe.

## CC&V Mine supports schools

Lisa Becker, External Relations Manager from Cripple Creek & Victor/Newmont Mining Corporation, presented several donations to Woodland Park School District during the Board of Education meeting held in September. A total of \$19,200, plus an in-kind donation of an AED to the high school, were given to various programs at Columbine, Gateway, and Summit Elementary, as well as WPMS and WPHS.

Pictured is Lisa Becker presenting a check to WPMS Counselor Kate Kettler to fund their Substance Abuse Prevention program. Thank you to Newmont for their continued support of Woodland Park School District!



## Flag retirement observance

Is your American flag faded, torn, or just plain worn out? American flags that are no longer in good condition should be respectfully retired and replaced with bright new flags to represent our country. The Lake George Fire Department, located at 8951 County Road 90, Lake George (at the corner of Highway 24 and County Road 90) will host a special flag retirement observance on October 8, 2016 at 10 a.m. To assist our local community with this service, the Florissant-Lake George Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #11411 will conduct an official ceremony. The public is invited to witness and participate in this short ritual to pay due respect to the symbol of our great nation.

You may bring your flag for retirement to the ceremony or if you are unable to attend,

you may bring your flag to the Woodland Park Senior Center (312 N. Center Street, Woodland Park) Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. by October 6 or to the Florissant Public Library during their normal business hours by October 6 to be transported to the ceremony. Flags may also be dropped off at the Lake George Fire Station weekdays when the station is staffed. In the event of a burn ban, the ceremony will be rescheduled.

New flags may be purchased from the VFW at the ceremony or by contacting Bob Tyler at 719-748-1335. Special thanks are extended to Tim Kulin Cabinetry of Woodland Park and the Woodcraft store in Colorado Springs for providing the particular woods used for this distinct ceremony.



Students at Columbine Elementary School participate in their annual Walk-a-thon.

## Walk-a-thons raise money

Columbine Elementary School recently held its Walk-a-thon as a major fundraiser for the year. Gateway held their Fun D'Run on September 23, and Summit Elementary School held their Walk-a-thon on September 28. To take the place of traditional fundraisers, the three schools now host events that involve exercise, children, families and friends. Donations to any of the WPSD elementary schools can be made online at [wpsdfoundation.org](http://wpsdfoundation.org) or by check, payable to Woodland Park RE-2 School Foundation and sent to Woodland Park School District Foundation, P.O. Box 99, Woodland Park, CO 80866.

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A tiger, crossbred lion and tiger.

## Serenity Springs Lions, and tigers, and bears; oh my sister!

by Kathy Hansen  
photos by Jeff Hansen

Serenity Springs Wildlife Center is a sanctuary for over 120 'big cats' on the premises located at 24615 Scott Road in Calhan, Colorado. What a perfect place to take my sister, Carol who came to visit last month. It is the purrfect place because we are both cat lovers, and Jeff is, too! We were able to set up a private tour experience.

What an experience it was to see these big cats. When I say 'big cat' I mean the largest sub-groups within the Panthera genus: Tigers, lions jaguars, and leopards, also known as the four that roar (with the exception of the snow leopard, who cannot roar). A cat will either purr or roar, but not be capable of both.

Did you know "panther" simply means a member of the Panthera genus? That big black cat that roars is actually a black leopard with black spots. When the sun or lighting is just right the individual spots can be distinguished.

The sun was hiding behind thinning clouds when we arrived. We were a bit early. It was the perfect chance to take in the atmosphere: Large paw pads pacing, waiting to be fed next. The sound of these very large animals huffing; expelling disappointed breath that the 20 pound piece of meat wielded overhead landed in the habitat next door. The sounds of tongues licking and slurping against the huge piece of meat held ever-so-gently between the massive front paws of the tiger who is watching us watch him enjoy his meal.

We can see habitats with pairs of tigers who appear to be playfully challenging each other to see who has the wildest skills to reach the meat first. We are in awe. We are silent, except for the voiceless breath escaping our bodies as the amazement of these phenomenal creatures before us slowly sinks in: We are watching wild animals feed! We look at each other, share a smile, and take in more of this display. What an incredible experience to share.

The caretaker feeding the big cats is aware we are at the gate. His name is William Talley. He said he will check the schedule and be back to us; he is almost finished dispensing the meat.

This gives us more time to absorb this incredible sight. These tigers are HUGE! We walk past one habitat after another, able to see individual differences in size, stripes, agility, and mood. Most seem curious about who we are

or why we might be there today and faced us. Others were more interested in focusing on their meal. The lions and tigers seemed to get beef, while a black leopard was given chicken. We noticed most of the habitats had sides and no ceiling, while the black leopard had a wire ceiling that was peaked at the top. William later told us the black leopard can jump 15 feet vertically, so to assure he remains within his enclosure it has a ceiling.

William had only been at Serenity Springs about two months, but in that time he managed to learn each resident's name, story, and began to develop relationships with each of them. He taught us that behavior is very similar from the 'big cats' to little cats: stalking, pouncing, ambush, and chase are games cats big and small enjoy.

At one point we reached the enclosure of a very large tiger, several years old; he looked somewhat bored at first. Then William shared he likes to play "Red light-green light". William took to all fours, his back to the tiger, and began scraping the ground with his hand. This was the signal to begin the stalking and the tiger very slowly emerged from his house. Head down, haunches gracefully lifting his large orange and black striped body advancing toward William as he looked back at the cat and said, "Red light!" and the massive beast stopped in its tracks. William looked away and said, "Green light" and the big cat continued to stalk closer until William uttered, "Red light" freezing the cat in time. The game continued with the words "Green light" as William continues to scrape the ground and the big tiger comes from behind and is just about to pounce as William stands up and the two stand facing each other, fence between, but they are pawing each other as if to say, "Good game"! We had the impression the tiger would have been happy to go a few more rounds, but we had to get on with the tour.

**Much like housecats, the big cats sleep 18 to 20 hours a day. They need that much sleep because as predators their bodies are made to go from zero to 60 in three seconds, which burns a great deal of energy at once.**

We commented to William about the relationships they share. He has no question these are sentient beings, each capable of relationship. As the tour progressed we found there were pairs that had been together for years. We learned there was a pair that had a litter; the alpha-female had to be moved to her own enclosure as she grew, because she began threatening her mother. William was very knowledgeable of how these animals live in the wild and the differences between wild living versus sanctuary living. Serenity Springs does a very good job offering these animals a good balance of both worlds.

We saw a pair of white Bengal tigers. We noticed the proud look on the male's face as he poked his head out from his house. His mate did not share his level of ease as she is pregnant. We learned a pregnant predator cat typically doesn't "show" as that could be interpreted as her being an easy mark.

We saw the lioness who had starred in the movie *Second Hand Lions* alongside Michael Kane, Robert Duvall, and Haley Joel Oment. If you have not seen this movie do so; it is a heart-warming story suitable for the entire family. We're glad this lioness is retiring so comfortably.

We came upon a mountain lion recovering from an injury. She was very talkative with William. We could see he had developed a trusting relationship with her; Carol and I both "awing" at their interaction. This taught William something about us and next thing you know we are on the way to something special William wanted to share.

William guided us to a very special experience. It turns out a pair of mountain lion kits had been found abandoned and subsequently rescued by Serenity Springs. This pair of kittens was only 7-weeks old! He let us right in there! These little guys came right up to us.



Carol and Kathy really enjoyed the close-up experience with these mountain lion kittens.



We could pick them up, pet them, let them teethe on our fingers (be warned of those tiny needle-teeth), and watch them romp about. What an amazing experience to hold this "kitten" while looking into its still blue, curious eyes. Their fur is still showing the spots they are born with, that will disappear as they come into adulthood. Jeff is taking pictures as one of them chooses to meet the camera strap. Carol picks up a kitten, turns to me, and the joy in her eyes fills my heart. This was such an incredible opportunity to share with the two closest people in my life!

As we levitate out of this experience and make our way through the rest of the tour we meet a few creatures we've never been so close to before. William reminds us the two reasons we stay at least a full step back from the enclosures: These are wild animals that could hurt us and they can/will spray! While we were drawn to the caracals, we wisely took a step back.

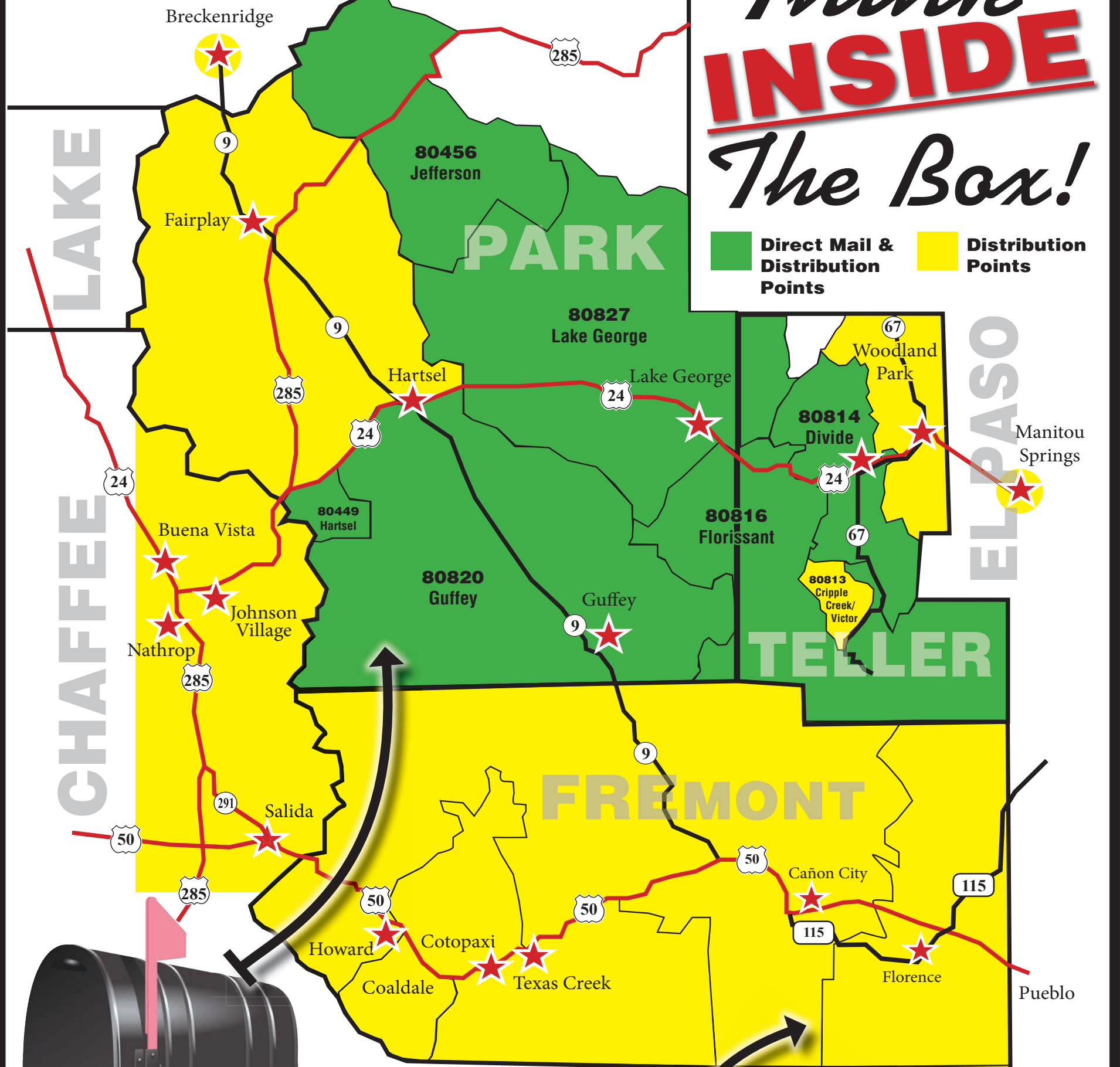
If you have never met a liger, this would be a good place to meet and learn more about them. A cross between a lion and a tiger, this creature is much larger than both of them. The stripes are white on the orange fur. William shows us a variety of sub-species or should I say specialized species. We notice the back of the ears on these big cats look like eyes. William informs us this is one way nature stacks the deck in favor of the predator; they appear to have eyes in the back of their heads.

He reminds us these are all predators; they need to keep their skills honed, their strength up, and their problem solving skills up to par. They find ways to tend to each of these areas to assure each cat is happy. Much like housecats, the big cats sleep 18 to 20 hours a day. They need that much sleep because as predators their bodies are made to go from zero to 60 in three seconds, which burns a great deal of energy at once. Their senses are some of the sharpest of any species, taking in and processing more data than non predators, which requires a great deal of energy and plenty of downtime to get ready to rev up again.

We have taken in much information, incredible sights and sounds, and held mountain lion kits! What a roaring good time to share with my sister and my husband. If you would like to visit or learn more about Serenity Springs Wildlife Center contact them at 719-347-9200, see their website at serenitiespringswildlife.org, or visit 24615 Scott Road in Calhan, Colorado.

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# The Lonely Ghoul

by  
Danielle  
Dellinger

"Today, class, we're going to learn the history of ghouls," Ms. Screamer said, tapping her pointed nail on the chalkboard next to the word "ghouls." She looked out over her class of little monsters, including Crunch the krakken, Onesie the cyclops, Furry the werewolf, Tilly the troll, Straw the scarecrow, and Groot the ghoul. The class was snickering and shooting glances at Groot.

"Class!" snapped Ms. Screamer. "Your attention up here, please." Her eyes, with slit, diagonal pupils, looked to Groot. "Groot. What can you tell me about your family history?"

Groot looked down shyly, and shrugged. "I don't know . . ." he muttered. He didn't know why Ms. Screamer was singling him out. She knew that he'd been adopted by a pair of banshees.

The class snickered again, a couple of them moaning to imitate his parents. Ms. Screamer's sharp glare shut them up.

"Very well, then," she said. "Turn to page 394. Here, you will see that ghouls are a monster in Arabian mythology. A ghoul is supposed to lure human victims into uninhabited areas to kill them and then eat their flesh." She raised her eyes from the page to give a pointed look at Groot. He shrank down in his seat.

Killing humans and eating their flesh had never been something he'd wanted to do. Being a grave robber hadn't suited his fancy either. Instead, he wanted to be a chicken farmer. The thought of raising chicks from egg to adulthood is what made him the happiest.

"The term 'ghoul' was first used in English literature in 1786 in a novel titled *Vathek* by William Beckford," Ms. Screamer went on. "Ghouls are also supposed to shapeshift into animals to disguise themselves, particularly a hyena."

"Ewww!" the class said in unison, all except Groot.

After that, the bell shrieked to signal the lunch break.

Groot hurried out of the room ahead of everyone else. He went through the lunch line, being served Necromancer's Delight, the mystery meat of the day. He then sat down at his table in the dim corner of the lunchroom.

No one wanted to sit with him, and that was fine by him. He found the other students to be plain. He ate as slowly as possible, dreading to have to go outside for recess. That was where his classmates would torment him and make him the target of any game they could think of.

Finally, the inevitable happened and he was shoosed out onto the playground. Within minutes Onesie, Crunch, Tilly, and Straw were surrounding him.

"Look, it's the loser moaners useless son," Tilly teased.

Straw mimed Groot's parents pacing around while moaning.

The group laughed, closing in on Groot. "I bet you drool, Groot, like the hyena dog you are," Crunch snarked.

He shook his head. "I don't!"

Straw mimed out a dopey dog running in circles.

That really got the group laughing.

Tears welled up in Groot's eyes and he pushed his way out of the circle, running away. Straw chased after him and the others made barking sounds. The barking caught the attention of Furry, and when he saw Groot running, his prey drive kicked in and he joined the chase with fangs bared and saliva flying out behind him. Groot screamed and grabbed onto a climbing rope, making his way to the top.

It wasn't his best pick for a means of escape. The group surrounded the bottom, grabbed it, and began to swing it around violently in big circles, making him sick.

Finally, the bell shrieked to indicate it was time to return to class. The group dropped the rope and left.

Groot watched them enter the building, and just as he was about to make his descent a thrumming noise came from behind him. He warily peeked over his shoulder and saw a grey alien in her little spaceship that was decked out in spikes and pony decals. Her name was Galaxy. She spooked him so badly that he squeaked and immediately transformed into his hyena form, which promptly resulted in him being unable to hold onto the rope any longer, and he fell to the ground.

Just as he was about to hit, he was caught by the alien's tractor beam, and she slowly lowered him down the rest of the way.

He shyly watched her as she landed her ship and walked out. She stood no taller than three feet, and her big black eyes gazed at him. She cutely waved at him, and he awkwardly waved back. She then held out her hand and he cautiously took it, no longer a hyena. Together, they walked back into the school.

From that point on, they were best friends. One evening, they were in Groot's garage playing with his first batch of chickens that his parents had finally given him. He picked up a red one and kissed the top of its head.

Galaxy giggled and picked up one as well, gently touching the back of its head with her suction cup finger. The chick peeped and its eyes dilated. She was probing the chick for its thoughts and feelings, wanting to know how to make it happy. It peeped again when she pulled back her finger.

"Well?" Groot asked, watching.

"Uh . . ." Galaxy stammered, English not being her first language. "Warm."

"Warm? It wants to be warm?"

She smiled, showing off small pointy teeth. "Hold it like this," Groot explained, cradling the chick against his chest.

She leaned forward, studying the position of his arms around the chick. Once she was sure she understood what to do, she copied his position. The chick immediately settled into her, softly peeping.

Groot smiled. "Look, it likes you. You did it!"

Galaxy grinned at him, really showing off her teeth. She then looked back at the chick, who'd fallen asleep. "You want to be this?" she asked.

"A chicken farmer?" he said, and she nodded. "Yeah. I just love these little guys. They're the best. I've read a lot about them. Once I'm grown up, I'm gonna buy a farm to have a ton of these, maybe thousands."

Galaxy lifted her head to look at him. "Help?" she asked.

He nodded excitedly. "Yeah! You could definitely help! Though, don't your parents want you to abduct humans and do experiments on them?"

Her face fell, and she lowered her gaze. "I won't."

"I understand. I know I don't want to be a traditional ghoul, nor a traditional banshee. But, what do you want to do?"

Galaxy thought, her eyes staring at the ground. "Yoga teach."

"A yoga teacher?" he repeated for clarification. She nodded.

"I think you'd be wonderful at that." She lifted her eyes to his, not quite believing him.

"You really would," he encouraged. She smiled timidly at him.

"Knowing how to get someone to relax is the first part of the job," he said, gesturing to the chick asleep in her arms.

Her smile grew.

Over the next few weeks, Galaxy and Groot worked together to build a chicken coop for the quickly growing chicks. When they finished, Groot's parents moaned their congratulations for a job well done.

After a second batch of chicks arrived, Groot brought one in for show-and-tell. He was excited as he walked to the front of the class, his chick carefully clutched in his hand.

When he turned around and started his report, his bullies began to laugh and point.

"What is that? A mutant?" one of them jeered. "No, it's his snack! Or it's mine if he won't eat it," taunted Furry. That brought up a chant that said in Groot's skin crawl.

"Eat it! Eat it!"

The words rang in his ears, and the horror that flooded through him rooted him to the spot. Ms. Screamer soon rose from her seat and towered over Groot. "Perhaps you should demonstrate what a ghoul is supposed to do," she said calmly.

Groot trembled, quickly shaking his head. He then ran from the room as his classmate's laughter followed him, deafening him.

"You're all monsters!" he shouted back at them, and that only made them laugh harder.

He ran all the way home with the chick cradled in his arms, even after transforming half-way there into a hyena because his emotions were overwhelming. His parents found him sitting on the ground inside his chicken coop, all the chicks and chickens clustered around him and on him for warmth. His parents moaned and lamented with him, doing the best they could to comfort him. When he shared what the class had started to chant, they wailed.

Just as he started to calm down and wipe his eyes, Galaxy showed up in her spaceship. When she approached him, she held out a picture of her and him surrounded by chickens. He took it and then gushed with happiness, hugging her tightly.

"My place favorite?" she said, pulling back finally.

"What's your favorite place?" he asked.

She motioned for him to follow, getting back into her ship. He stopped, looking at how little room there seemed to be, but she flicked a lever, and the seat widened to accommodate him. He got in, grinning from ear to ear.

They took off into the air at light speed, only slowing once they were above Earth. He stared down at the mostly blue planet with large eyes. She let him take in the view for a minute.

"Fun?" she asked.

"What kind of fun?"

She merely grinned and they zoomed back down to Earth, flying over a power plant. She pushed a button, and the plant went dark except for a few emergency lights. People came running out, confused, and were soon pointing up at the sky when they spotted the ship.

Hearing Galaxy's sweet laugh of mischievousness made Groot laugh from deep within.

They were then zooming away to a missile silo. She pulled out a pad that looked like a calculator and started punching in numbers. The next thing Groot knew was that there were doors opening in the ground as alarms sounded.

Galaxy switched on a small TV monitor so they could watch the humans inside panic about why the missiles were being activated for no reason.

Groot started to get nervous as he watched smoke billowing out and the countdown began.

"Uh, that's enough fun, Galaxy," he said quickly. "Please don't blow up the planet. My chickens will die."

She gasped, clearly not having thought her actions through, and quickly hit a big red button, returning everything to the way it was.

"Sorry," she said morosely, avoiding eye contact. He put a warm hand on her shoulder. "I do like your kind of fun, Galaxy," he said.

She finally smiled. "Too."

"Does that mean you want to go back and play with the chickens?"

She giggled, thrust the spaceship into gear, and they zipped back to the house.

But when they landed, they saw something they weren't expecting to see. All of Groot's bullies were outside and had cornered his parents who were wailing loudly like sirens.

"Hey! Leave them alone!" Groot shouted, flinging himself out of the spaceship and running at them.

"Oooo, here comes the big, bad hyena," mocked Crunch the krakken.

"Is he foaming at the mouth? He might have rabies!" squealed Tilly the troll.

Straw pretended to puke everywhere.

"I said leave them alone!" Groot snapped, glaring. "Yeah, what're you gonna do about it, pup?" Furry the werewolf sneered, gesturing at him.

He looked down at himself, realizing he'd transformed into his hyena form. He forced himself to raise his eyes to Furry. "This!" he growled, lunging at him and knocking him to the ground. The scuffle that ensued was chaotic and full of horrifying sounds. The chickens behind the house began squawking their alarm at the commotion out front.

But before the brawl could carry on for much longer, everyone but Groot's parents found themselves rising off of the ground and unable to move.

Groot managed to look over at Galaxy to see that she had them all stuck in her tractor beam.

"No!" she shouted, separating everyone into their



own beam. She then dropped the bullies from way up high, letting them hit the ground hard. Meanwhile, she gently lowered Groot down.

She hopped out of her ship, glaring at the bullies. "Go! Go! Go!"

"No!" snarled Furry, getting up and stalking toward her.

Galaxy held up her key fob for her ship, pressed a button, and Furry was back in the tractor beam. She raised her hand as high as she could, and the beam rose up high until Furry was lost in the clouds.

A minute later whiney howling could be heard. "Let me down!"

She jerked her hand down and the beam followed, stopping just before Furry became a crater in the ground. She then released him from the beam again.

He wobbled away and puked in the bushes. After that, the group helped Furry down the street, occasionally shooting wary glances over their shoulder at Groot and Galaxy.

Groot turned to Galaxy. "Thank you for your help. I appreciate it. So do my parents," he added, smiling at them as they came over, moaning in agreement.

"Chickens?"

Groot smiled, nodding. "Yes, let's go play with them."

"Wait!" she said quickly. "Show!"

He frowned, confused.

Galaxy smiled and backed away from them. She then started doing yoga poses, and Groot had no idea how she was doing it without hitting her large head on the ground, especially in Downward Dog pose. But he and his parents applauded her.

"See, I knew you'd be good at it," he chuckled, watching as she started to float above the ground while still doing poses. "Wow, look at you!"

She giggled, righting herself and sitting cross-legged six feet above the ground.

"How're you doing that? Can you teach me?" he asked excitedly, moving closer to her.

She floated down to his level, took his hand, then pulled him up into the air beside her, and he somehow stayed there.

His eyes were huge as he tried to copy what she was doing. He wasn't very good at it, but he was having fun trying. She then tried to show him a couple poses that could be done with a partner, and that made it even more fun.

When they were all tucked out from their impromptu yoga lesson, Galaxy was invited inside for dinner.

The following day after class, Groot was approached by his bullies, but this time he was ready to combat whatever they were going throw at him. However, they all held out little piles of cotton balls taped together to look like chicks.

Groot stared.

"We don't want to be monsters," Crunch said. "We want to learn about chickens, and whatever you two were doing last night in the air."

Galaxy and Groot exchanged smirks.

"We just started a club called Chicken Yoga," Groot said. "Hope you're ready."

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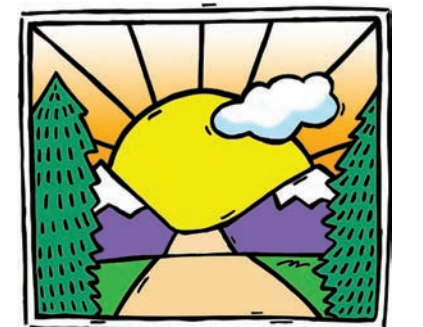
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# A Mountain Seed: The leaves

by Jessica Kerr

It's all silent. All but the leaves. No dogs are barking, the horse is not snorting noisily. No cars are whizzing past on the nearby highway. Everything is still.

Except for the leaves.

That's the best part about autumn: silence. When cold weather returns, the clouds turn gray instead of white or black and slide slowly down the mountainsides. At first, the trees turn pale green, then the yellow starts to show; a dot, here and there. Then the whole forest rooftop is alive in the spectrum of warm colors. The grass fades from green to yellow to gold.

In the east, the sun rises a little further to the south as Earth turns on its axis. The western sun sets, and as it does it sets the land ablaze. Fires are kindled here and there... in the valley, by the creek...in our yards. The fiercest fire burns halfway up the peaks, where the last aspens venture before evergreens and stone take over. Day after day, the blaze creeps down the mountain, following the clouds, until the last of the trees have been stripped of their quaking leaves.

Autumn is the time of year when the busyness of summer disappears. In the warm months, there is a constant buzz. The voices of tourists shout and laugh, the river roars, thunder rumbles, and the crickets sing. It's when the mountainside signals with its fire, the land answers with a hush. Nature silences itself in vigil to the decrescendo of life.

Take a walk through the trees and just listen. The streams and the river are quiet, they roar no more. Cottonwood Creek whispers among the granite river stones. Possibly the loudest noise one may hear is the rumble of a bear raiding a dumpster. Animals silently flutter about and deer gently crunch through the tall, golden grass. The blue grama and its cousins whisper to the trees, who reply in soft murmurs. They tell stories.

That morning, I sat in my car and could only listen to the whispering of the trees. Frost sat on my rear window and the rising sun set the trees ablaze and bounced off the frost. It was so beautiful. I couldn't really

think, I couldn't do much but listen. The black horse stood in the pasture patiently waiting for her breakfast, silently swooshing her black tail, mist from her muzzle rising in the early morning sun. Sassy, the black dog I also cared for, sat inside the door waiting for me to let her out of the house.

I wasn't trying to ask myself the question I was pondering that morning — my *hope* lies in a greater answer than Hollywood can give — but I was still asking the question: How is it that life keeps going on and the earth continues spinning when your own world momentarily stops? How do things keep moving, unchanging, when something you never thought would change has changed? How do things stay beautiful when everything inside feels ugly?

Those golden leaves kept humming, and the orange sun kept rising, though my soul felt like it was sinking. The frost melted, and it ran down my window. Tears also ran down my face, drenching the collar of my hoodie. No one was expecting the day the rocks came tumbling down.

I fed the animals, filled the trough. The icy cold water fell onto a layer of ice. I observed the water's formation — how it moved around the ice, how it all came back together after breaking. I thought about how, in the fall, water freezes and melts, then refreezes. Things expand and contract continually, then things just...fall: Leaves, twigs, rain, snow — rocks. I guess that's why they call it fall; because things fall down.

Water is the most vital force on the planet. Each thing needs water to survive. Humans are roughly 60 percent water. Plants need water, and ecosystems, animals, and industry would all be extinct if not for water. On the other hand, water's presence is also the most



dangerous and deadly force on earth. It can kill, it can destroy, whether it is present or absent. Forest fires, tsunamis, drought, floods, snowstorms, rockslides — all of these are products of too much or too little water.

Despite the upper Rocky Mountain Valley's average annual precipitation (it is about nine to 15 inches a year, which is low compared to the national average), the mountains comes with its own water-related risks. Rockslides are one of those risks. This land is beautiful, but dangerous. A fall hike is one of the most gratifying experiences known to man. Who knew it could turn as deadly as it did?

Three years have passed since the death of three of the most beloved people in Buena Vista. I imagine enough water has been shed through the eyes of their family, friends, coworkers, and acquaintances to fill the Ar-

kansas River. The day is as fresh in my mind as if it happened yesterday. I can still hear those leaves singing me their song as they did that horrible morning.

Have you ever wondered why things become more beautiful when you think they shouldn't? I think that darkness makes beauty and light shine even more clearly. Those leaves were beautiful. They were beautiful before the tragedy and now they are even more so because I am reminded of three beautiful people when I hear them, and when I see them quaking. I wonder if leaves are called leaves because they tell stories of those who have left.

This October, take a walk amongst the trees and listen. Think deeply, and reflect on the goodness that has happened to you and the goodness you can do. Take some advice from Dwayne Johnson. If you've fallen off your horse, get back on. Don't let the fear of something that might happen keep you from living. Just like the water, you can come back together after you've been broken.

To me, three years seem like a round number. Three years seem good for closure. The tears haven't ended at three years, but it's a good time to move on and stop regretting the words you never said, the ones you didn't mean, and the ones you never heard. Get back on your horse and remember what once was good. Laugh a lot. Move forward. Feed your soul; take a walk through the trees and listen to the stories the leaves tell.



## Study abroad in Vietnam and Cambodia through CMC

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Colorado Mountain College's Chaffee County Center has added a new study abroad program to its 2017 course offerings. "Storytelling Then and Now — Vietnam and Cambodia" (COM 220) begins May 24 and includes a trip to Southeast Asia from June 16-July 3, 2017.

For "Storytelling Then and Now," students will study historical coverage of Vietnam and Cambodia in Western mass media, literature and popular culture and then travel to Vietnam and Cambodia where they will document their own experiences and encounters.

CMC Instructor Stephanie Glaser maintains the goal of the program is to give students a more comprehensive look at Indochina and expose them to the cultures of Vietnam and Cambodia, ultimately, so they can create new narratives.

"Many Americans still associate Vietnam and Cambodia primarily with war, tragedy and genocide," says Glaser who earned a master's degree in journalism and mass communication at the University of Minnesota. She continued, "We've all seen the iconic images of Huey helicopters, jungles, Kim Phuc — "the Napalm Girl," as well as the stacks

of skulls in Cambodia. We think of "Nam," "The Killing Fields," and "Rambo."

According to Glaser, "The idea behind the class is to get beyond those portrayals and see Vietnam and Cambodia as the beautiful, vibrant, welcoming places they are now."

Along with Glaser, Amy Dennis, CMC Coordinator of Academic Services at Chaffee County, will lead the trip, which includes an excursion to Angkor Wat, Cambodia's historic temple complex and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Dennis holds a master's degree in anthropology from Kent State University with a focus on archaeology.

Other highlights of the trip include tours of the Mekong Delta region, Hue's Imperial Palace and Citadel, the Cu Chi Tunnels, Da Nang's "China Beach," Tuol Sleng Prison (S-21) as well as sightseeing in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Phnom Penh and boating on Ha Long Bay.

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October is an exciting month at the Humane Society of Fremont County. We will be at many events around the community. On Oct 1 we will have adoptable dogs and dog safety information available from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. On October 8, we will hold training classes for volunteers. Anyone wishing to volunteer at the shelter is encouraged to attend and to fill out an adoption application. On October 15, we will be at The Tractor Supply Company in Cañon City with some adoptable dogs. On October 22, we can be found with some of our adoptable Pitbulls at the Southern Colorado Pitbull Advocates National Pitbull Awareness event in Colorado Springs.

Our big event for October is The Pittie Party! It will be held on October 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be games, informational booths, prizes, a silent auction, and many vendors. This event is to bring awareness and education about Pitbull type dogs and coincides with National Pitbull awareness month.

The Humane Society of Fremont County is located at 10 Rhodes Ave in Cañon City. Call 719-275-0663 for more information.

### Spotlight on the Divide Chamber

Each month we feature our new and renewing members of the Divide Chamber of Commerce. Please consider joining Divide Chamber and you can see your name listed here in the future - [www.dividechamber.org](http://www.dividechamber.org).

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Woodland Park High School and French exchange students along with WPHS French teacher Ann Cummings.

## WPHS French students learn about culture first-hand

by Tyler Damico, WPHS Senior  
 photo by Isabel Rossi, WPHS Junior

Culture is an essential part of all of our lives. It's what makes us unique to others. Experiencing culture first-hand is an opportunity Woodland Park High School (WPHS) French students have in an exchange program with students from France. WPHS French Teacher Mrs. Ann Cummings has been having her students communicate to pen pals in two different French high schools for the last six years. They write back and forth for a couple months before deciding if they want to share a physical exchange. "If students want to make a travel exchange, they are paired with another student who shares that interest. There are meetings with parents from both countries to discuss the time frame," Mrs. Cummings said. "The exchange usually occurs from July 5-12 when our students fly to France to August 6-10 when the Americans and their pen pals fly back from France. Each interested family agrees to host a student for three weeks."

Mrs. Cummings explains that the final week of the French pen pals' visit aligns with the first week of school, so that the French students can attend WPHS for a week. "The great part about the exchange is that the students need only find the funding for the plane ticket to France or the U.S.," she said. "Since both families are exchanging children, the parents agree to pay for the meals, sightseeing, and any other necessities while the pen pal lives with them. This makes the exchange much more affordable."

This year we had 10 students exchange, the largest group we have ever had."

All the students, both French and American, expressed how passionate they were for this program. "It was really fun to live with an American teenager so we could share our culture and our differences!" said Robin Paquette, a French exchange student. "It was a really good experience," said Melanie Maugain from France. "It was a great opportunity." When asked if they would do this again, the answer was a resounding yes among all the exchange students. In fact, some are doing it again next summer.

"We hope to continue this opportunity because we feel like it is a more affordable way for students to travel to the country they have been learning about and to put in action the language they have been learning over the years," said Mrs. Cummings. "The students are motivated to speak the language because they are spending time with a pen pal who is close to their same age. They want to know what their school is like, their social scene, their music, food, politics, holidays, etc. It encourages discussion and cultural understanding. Students on both sides of the exchange improve their language skills and their cultural knowledge."

"We are very lucky to have so many willing families and interested students. We want this exchange to grow and blossom," Mrs. Cummings said. "It's a great experience for the students, the families, and for our high school."

WPHS students who participated, along with their French exchange students include:

WPHS Students	French Exchange Students
Emily Estep	Coralie Gaudron
Teagan Couch	Agnès Guinot
Salem Couch	Caroline Monnier
Zoe Austin	Lison André
Emerald Thomas	Melanie Maugain
Sylvie Vogel	Marie Journot
Lauren Mellinger	Charlotte Pagnier
Meg Good	Clara Marmier
Sam Cummings	Robin Paquette
Jesse Hageman	Leanne Drezet



## WPHS Foreign exchange students

Woodland Park High School foreign exchange students were introduced by Gary Brovet to at the Woodland Park School Board of Education meeting in September. WPHS is hosting six students from different countries. Those who were present answered questions from the board, describing their experience living in Woodland Park and attending WPHS. Pictured from left: Fabian Janowitz from Germany; Nicola Zenarolla from Italy; Yaryna Peretyatko from Ukraine; and Supakorn "Mel" Suwanwongkij from Thailand. (Not pictured: Vivienne Yvonne Priester from Switzerland and Jens Christian Hoffman from Denmark.)

## One Nation Walking Together Turzi Team baton passed to daughter

by Kelsey Comfort

At a non-profit One Nation Walking Together (ONWT) every day is take your daughter to work day.



For almost 10 years, father-daughter duo Urban and Kathy Turzi's partnership has been leading ONWT, a non-profit dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of Native Americans.

Urban came to One Nation almost 10 years ago through his friend, Doris Dillie, who knew of Urban's interest in Native American culture. The organization was going under and in desperate need of help. At the time, Urban was working with the Mineralogical Society's journal so he thought he could possibly put a newsletter together for the organization.

But when Urban arrived, he saw that the organization needed much more than a newsletter editor. There was no administrative staff, no board president, no money, no workers' comp insurance, the organization hadn't filed taxes in at least a year — and they had no executive director.

At the time, Urban had been retired after 33 years of federal civil service with the Cadet Wing at the United States Air Force Academy. He had also been an active volunteer with Silver Key Senior Services for 10 years.

"I was enjoying retirement," Urban said, "I golfed and napped every day. I originally said no." But after learning about One Nation's mission of providing much-needed items to Native Americans both locally and on reservations, Urban agreed to take on the executive director position voluntarily until the organization could afford to pay someone to do the job.

Urban was the executive director for almost 10 years.

"ONWT was essentially on 'life support' when I took over," Urban said. "I basically had to start from scratch." He got a Board of Directors together with some of his friends; he contacted the AARP to get volunteers to do receptionist work. He organized a couple of small fundraisers to solicit funds.

Then Urban's daughter, Kathy, started volunteering at One Nation a couple of months later.

"I was only supposed to be here two weeks," Kathy said. But after volunteering in the warehouse, she was quickly appointed warehouse supervisor by the board president. Her responsibilities included donation pick-ups, coordinating volunteers and helping load the semi-truck full of donated items to go to the reservations.

Although Urban said it took about three years for the organization to get its feet on

the ground, he said the turning point was when the board decided to promote Kathy to operations manager.

As Kathy became more involved with the day-to-day office needs, she began to head projects such as writing letters to donors, organizing fundraising events, developing a food sustainability program and more.

Then things really started to happen, Urban said. ONWT was accepted into the Colorado Springs Independent's Give! Campaign fundraiser, they hired a development director, a pro-bono grant writer came on board and the organization started to gain momentum.

Although One Nation was beginning to thrive, something happened. In Urban's words, "I got old!"

In August, Urban officially retired and the Board of Directors appointed Kathy to the position of executive director, after she had served almost three years as associate director. Urban said, "I think it's the smartest move they could make."

Kathy said she's sat in every one of these chairs, coordinated volunteers and shipments, taken phone calls, set-up pick-ups, done the pick-ups, loaded and shipped trucks, developed some fundraising efforts, done outreach with volunteer groups, given presentations, enlisted new volunteers and donors and developed the recycling program.

"Kathy also knows the needs of the people we serve and she knows a lot of them personally," Urban said.

Kathy said she took trips to the reservations in various states. For two years, she spent about one-third of each year on the reservation. She travelled to the reservations to help build the relationship between One Nation and the people ONWT serves, gaining the people's trust and respect.

Of his time at One Nation Urban said, "It was the best job I ever had, I learned about poverty; I learned about another culture, I made new friends. It changed my life."

He said what he'll miss the most is the appreciation and gratitude expressed by the people ONWT serves. The feeling of knowing that "you gave somebody hope for one day," Urban said.



Urban and Kathy at the First Annual One Nation Film Festival on April 2. Also pictured is Kathy's grandson (and Urban's great-grandson!) Fabian.

Urban said he wishes he could be in-office to see where the organization is heading. "I see big changes and us helping the people more," he said.

Kathy said she sees goals with her new role as she looks forward. She wants ONWT to grow into even more Native communities and expand to serve more states; make our food sustainability programs greater and stronger; and find ways to serve local Natives in a larger way.

Her dad has given her the tools to do it. She said her dad taught her that there's always somebody worse off than yourself so you should always be willing to help other people, and that you should fight for what's right.

Though Kathy said what she'll miss most about her dad's retirement is "not having my best friend here every day". Urban emphasizes he ain't quitting.

"The way my health is, I just can't do what I used to do and I don't have the energy to do it," Urban said. But he continues to stay involved through conference calls and working on projects from home.

In Lakota, they don't say "good-bye," because it is a statement of finality. Instead they say, "Until I see you again." So with Urban's exit as executive director, to all of the kind-hearted, dedicated volunteers, donors and friends of One Nation, he says, "Tókša akhé" (until next time).

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Judith Sanchez, left, and Diana Von Holdt stand inside their gift shop, Juniper Creek Country Crafts and Thimblewicke Boutique inside Steers Realty.

## Shopping Cañon City

### Juniper Creek Country Crafts and Thimblewicke Boutique offer gifts

by Charlotte Burrous  
photos by Charlotte Burrous

A plethora of items, including dolls, handmade cards, folk art and much more are available at Juniper Creek Country Crafts and Thimblewicke Boutique inside Steers Real Estate at 311 Main St., Cañon City, Colorado. Owner of Thimblewicke Boutique, Judith Sanchez, who works in the reception area at Steers Realty, said she has the opportunity to create and sell her wares while Diana Von Holdt owns Juniper Creek Country Crafts in her home.

Sanchez' interest began when her grandmother taught her to sew. Then she joined 4-H and continued to hone her skills. Along the way, she started making dolls, bears and other stuffed items for her family, friends and children. When she got the job at Steers, she said she could focus more and concentrate on the creative processes so she decided to sell them.

"I can get more involved with the dolls and put a lot more detail in them for collectors," Sanchez said.

One of the dolls looks like a mouse bride, which is made from muslin for the body and a veil from vintage lace. She said she purchased the lace from a local antique dealer so she could shop as local as possible.

"I work with my own patterns, but I will occasionally buy other people's patterns to teach me a technique," Sanchez added. "Some of my other dolls are more 'Annie' dolls. I try to make dolls that are child safe that don't have buttons or tiny objects. I make dolls that have painted on ... features."

Sanchez noted she had been selling her dolls for about 25 years, but wanted someone to join her in the endeavor. About two years ago, she met Diana Von Holdt, whose husband works with Sanchez' son, that's when the two women joined forces.

In the meantime, Von Holdt got involved in mixed media many years ago.

"Ninety-nine percent of my items are nature and environment focused," she said. "The farthest I adventured from it is creating Halloween crocheted items — a witch, a pumpkin, a ghost and a bat."

But its nature and environment she concentrates on the most, such as an alligator she created in the amigurumi style. She also creates handmade cards with a combined mixture of media, leaving space for people to write their own message, wooden plaques, grape vine wreaths, dream catchers and various merchandise, such as real leaves that have been treated. She said she also will take special orders from customers.

Her interest began after teaching for several years. From there, she worked in counseling and in several other fields before working as a veterinary technician. When she retired, she decided to pursue her artwork.

"All along, I have been collecting things and thinking 'someday,'" Von Holdt said. "I have my shop at my house on Hole in the Wall. I'm very interested in so many things, watercolors, acrylics, inks, tiles, pastels and many other medias."

Sanchez and Von Holdt's merchandise can be found at Juniper Creek Country Crafts and Thimblewicke inside Steers Realty. Sanchez and Von Holdt will be at the Apple Day festivities, at the Golden Age Center craft show, and at the Fremont Center for the Arts. Von Holdt also sells her wares on Etsy.



Clown dolls, regular dolls and other stuffed animals along with a plethora of folk art, plaques and much more are available at Juniper Creek Country Crafts and Thimblewicke Boutique inside Steers Realty at 311 Main St. in Cañon City, Colorado.



## Just The Facts

### Slithering through stuff about snakes

by James W. Hagadorn, Ph.D.

I remember the first time I stepped over a snake. Mid-stride, the round rock below me moved. It wasn't a rock, but a coiled-up rattler. Yikes!

Colorado is full of snakes, as well as snake myths. Snakes have lived here since the Jurassic Period, and today about 30 snake species call Colorado home. They base-camp from serpentine lairs of the southeastern plains and occur all the way up to 11,000' high Rocky Mountain valleys. Our snakes are diverse, too. They include constrictors like the kingsnakes, pit vipers like rattlesnakes, water-loving snakes like gartersnakes, and underground ones like threadsnakes.

Snakes are a key part of our landscape because they're food for many other creatures like foxes, eagles, and raccoons. They're also predators on smaller animals, from insects to lizards and even fish, worms, or other snakes. Some snake prey can be pests, like plague-bearing prairie dogs, hantavirus-bearing mice, crop-eating grasshoppers, and rodents that carry disease-bearing ticks.

Human activities aren't generally helpful for snake survival. Development diminishes their abundance because these cold-blooded animals like to warm up in these sunny, open spaces like roads and trails, where they are prone to be run over. Cats and to a lesser extent, dogs, are common snake killers. But some places like Chatfield Reservoir or gently-sloped irrigation ditches, can provide regular habitat for snakes like the Northern Watersnake.

Snakes also have economic value. For example, some snake venoms, after modification, have anticancerous or therapeutic qualities akin to those of a Gila Monster's venom. The latter's a new Type II diabetes aid — because it suppresses appetite and regulates blood sugar. Plus there's the pet trade, where snakes and other venomous reptiles are part of a billion dollar U.S. 'herpetoculture' economy.

This time of year, snake sightings often increase as snakes return to their overwintering dens, or "hibernacula". Sometimes they migrate en masse. Because it's warmer



Amateur herp enthusiast Joe Farah holding an adult smooth greensnake.

These snakes are active during the day and hunt in grass, their color is camouflage. Jefferson County, CO. photo by Joe Farah

during the day, that's when they primarily travel, thus increasing our propensity to spot them more frequently in the early fall. Ditto for the spring when they emerge.

Colorado's snakes are generally quite shy, especially toward larger animals like humans. Witness their great defensive or avoidance strategies. They camouflage, they play possum when threatened, and some even shake their tails, as if feigning that they're rattlers. They have complex sensory systems that can include infrared (heat-reading) vision, vibration-sensitive "hearing", and incredible chemical scent detection that they use to "smell" — that's why they often flick their tongues out.

Like bears, snakes snuggle together in winter dens, and males exhibit mating displays and fights akin to bighorn sheep.

They feed in interesting ways — killing their prey by constricting them, wolfing them down whole, or poisoning them.

Fortunately, the three dangerous types of venomous snakes here are easily recognized. All of them have stubby or rattle-bearing tails, as opposed to the pencil-tip tails of their non-poisonous brethren.

What about those pet boa constrictors that get dumped by owners? They can't survive winters here, even on the plains. So Colorado snakes aren't much of a risk to humans, pets or livestock.

The experts' advice: If you encounter a snake, leave it alone. If it's a rattler, move away slowly. None of our snakes are aggressive unless they're threatened. Most attempts to play with, rescue, or kill the snake end up with a hand being bitten or worse, being covered in the stinky musk a garter-snake releases when it's trying to slither out of your grip.

What if you do get bitten? Don't use a snake bite kit — they have been shown to be ineffective. Don't try to kill or catch the



Common gartersnake biting the hand of an avocational enthusiast during a field outing. Boulder County, CO. photo by Joe Farah

**On the cover:** Cannibalism! Adult yellow-bellied racer swallowing a younger version of the same species. Douglas County, CO. photo by Joe Farah



D. Tran taking a voucher photo of a Bullsnake on a back country road, Colorado. photo by K. Garten

snake — most folks who do this just get bitten again, and having the snake won't help your doc heal you. What should you do? Get to the nearest hospital and ask for antivenom. Today's antivenom, brewed from the antibodies of sheep, is quite effective compared to the stuff of old. Time is of the essence: The shorter the time between the bite and the antivenom, the better.

Have you heard that urban legend about baby snakes being deadlier? Not true. Whereas their venom might be twice as potent as an adult's, they inject a twentieth to a hundredth as much when they bite. They do control their venom release — they can release a small amount or even none at all, producing a dry bite.

Colorado snakes reduce pests (if only they ate mosquitos!), they're a key part of our ecosystem, and are harmless unless provoked. No

need to scream or run away next time you see one. It's probably thinking "Don't tread on me".

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Sampling venom from a rattlesnake in western Colorado. photo by Steve Mackessy

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## HRRMC's Cardiac Rehab Program awarded certification

Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center's Cardiac Rehabilitation Program was recently awarded certification by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR).

The goal of cardiac rehab is to help heart patients recover faster, reduce the risk of future heart problems, and improve their quality of life by implementing healthy lifestyle changes. These changes include adopting a physically active lifestyle and a heart healthy diet. Education on stress management, controlling high blood pressure and high cholesterol, smoking cessation and stress management is also included.

Each cardiac rehab program is individually designed to meet a patient's needs. It begins with a complete medical evaluation by a specially trained physician. During the program, heart patients are given a chance to learn how to exercise again safely while under the supervision of a registered nurse,

exercise physiologist or respiratory therapist. Programs can last from 12-36 weeks depending on a patient's circumstances and goals.

To achieve the AACVPR certification, HRRMC participated in an application process that required extensive documentation of its cardiac rehab program's practices and met strict standards of practice. AACVPR certification is the only peer-review accreditation process designed to review individual programs for adherence to standards and guidelines developed and published by AACVPR and other professional societies.

AACVPR-certified programs are recognized as leaders in the field of cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation because they offer the most advanced practices available. The certification is valid for three years.

For more information on HRRMC's Cardiac Rehab Program, call 719-530-2280 or visit [www.hrrmc.com](http://www.hrrmc.com).

## 89th Annual Pioneer Day Parade

by Flip Boettcher  
photo by Flip Boettcher

The running of the 89th Annual Pioneer Day Parade on September 17, 2016 in Florence was a huge success. Crowds lined both sides of closed-off Main Street for the parade which took about an hour and a quarter to pass by as the parade participants walked, drove, rode and cart wheeled along the five block route.

It was your typical old-time, small town parade. There were fire trucks, motorcycles, old cars, new cars, trucks, floats, tractors, go carts, horses, kids, adults, clowns, singers, dancers, music, and bands. What made this year's parade unique was the fact that the Netflix crew was on hand filming the parade, so everyone was really enthusiastic for the event.

Netflix has been in the Florence area filming *Our Souls at Night* starring Robert Redford and Jane Fonda. The movie is based on the book of the same title written by Colorado native Kent Haruf. Haruf was born in Pueblo, went to middle school and high school in Cañon City, and passed away in Salida in 2014 at the age of 71. It's a great book; everyone should read it, according to Patrick Mignano, Netflix's location manager at a meeting with the Florence City Council.

It is a love story about two widowers who find a relationship together after many lonely years, in the fictitious town of Holt, Colorado. The film crew has been filming in



The Netflix film crew on top of the Oil City Antique Store filming the 89th Annual Florence Pioneer Day Parade.

Florence, Cañon City, and Colorado Springs where the two Victorian homes that Redford and Fonda live in are located.

In fact, this year, the parade passed through twice for the filming crew. The second time around, the Redford and Fonda doubles were filmed walking up and down the parade route among all the people. The film crew was on top of the Oil City Antique store on Main Street for the filming.

After the parade there was still plenty to do with the 15th Annual Junktique, a vintage market, with vendors set up on a closed off street, vendors in Pioneer Park and the tractor pull at Pathfinder Park, plus all the wonderful antique shops, stores and restaurants along Main Street, which opened up after the parade.

## 9/11 Memorial Ceremony in Woodland Park

by Larry Ingram  
photos by Larry Ingram

Woodland Park, Colorado is not a big town, nestled up in the Rockies at 8,500 ft., but it does have a big heart. American Legion Post 1980 organizes and coordinates the annual 9/11 Memorial ceremony held at Lions Park. Before the ceremony, ceremonial American flags are placed around the park. Opening remarks provided by David Buttery (Army vet), and the importance of remembering the tragedy of 9/11 was presented by Dan Williams (Army vet). First responders were then honored as a black veil is placed around the two pieces of Pikes Peak Granite that represent the twin towers. The national anthem was sung by the Woodland Park Middle School Choir and then the flag was placed at half-staff. Let us never forget and pass along the importance of these memories to future generations.



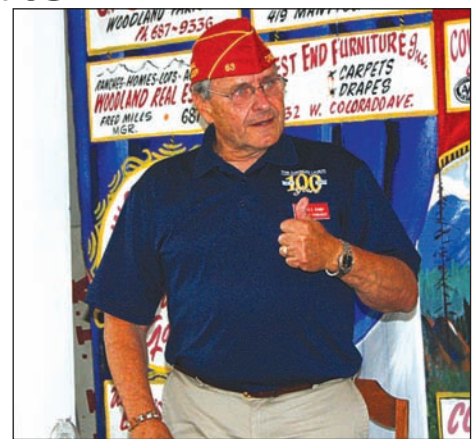
## American Legion National Commander visits Woodland Park

by Larry Ingram

The newly elected American Legion National Commander, Charles Schmidt, visited the newly renovated Veterans Hall and the members of American Legion Post 1980 and VFW Post 6051 of Woodland Park on Monday, Sept 12, 2016.

Since being elected to the office last August, he has been on a cross country trip, visiting Legion Posts all across America. Charlie, as he likes to be called, brings with him a message of preserving the lessons of the past and moving forward into the future.

Since its founding in 1919, the American Legion has been the major force protecting Veterans' rights and it should continue in that tradition. An example he gave was when the past commander stood before congress and demanded that changes be made to the Veterans Administration to better serve our wounded veterans. According to Charlie,



there are 17 million veterans who are not members of the Legion. He made it a point to say that they should be sought out and given the opportunity to join the largest Veterans' organization in America. A resolution drafted by Robert Lowry and unanimously proposed by the post to expand eligibility for the Legion was discussed and recommendation made for its acceptance nationally.

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## A Message of Thanks... from Gary & Terri Buchanan

It's hard to believe that Terri and I have been part of Chaffee County and Heart of the Rockies Radio Group for two years now. It seems like just yesterday we joined the Johnson Family as partners in our third business venture, bought a home and settled in Chaffee County. Terri and I thank you for making us feel like we made the right decision!

The past 24 months have been a great experience for all of us at Heart of the Rockies Radio Group. It was an amazing honor to be named the Salida Chamber of Commerce 2015 Business of the Year! We were also thrilled to receive nine Broadcast Excellence Awards from the Colorado Broadcasters Association! The bar is set high for our future endeavors.

Heart of the Rockies Radio Group is proud to support our community with live, local radio. Our sports programming is the unparalleled leader in local sports coverage. More than 170 home and away high school sporting events were broadcast last year, with hundreds of local student athletes interviewed.

Additionally, Heart of the Rockies Radio broadcasts 7 newscasts per day, per radio station, totaling 10,220 local newscasts! We love to broadcast live at area businesses and events, and have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars in free air time to support community organizations and events.

Frankly, we could not have done it without you! Your continual support helps us serve the community better today than we did yesterday.

So with that, please accept this message as a heartfelt THANK YOU! We promise to be the best local radio group in the area, and lead the way in family-friendly radio and broadcast excellence.

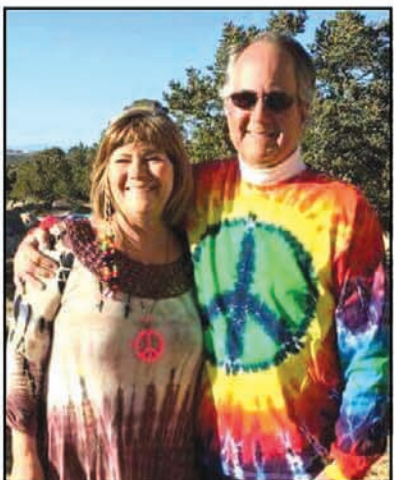
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Thank you!  
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The Matt Bloom Band performs at the Alpine Music Festival

## 1st Annual Alpine Music Festival a success!

by Kathy Hansen  
photos by Jeff Hansen

Judi and Ken Hesselberg can add Major Event Coordinator to their resumes as the 1st Annual Alpine Music Festival held in Divide on August 27, 2016 was a success! In less than eight months they pulled together the day-long event held at the Ute Pass Saddle Club grounds in Divide, Colorado. All proceeds went to the Little Chapel Food Pantry.

The day began with a pancake breakfast. There were lots of activities for children of every age to enjoy including a climbing wall, laser tag arena, mechanical bull, barrel train, bounce house, and carnival tent.

The Dunk Tank was a busy place throughout the day. Various pastors and principals from the area came to show their support and sense of humor. Teller and El Paso County District Attorney Dan May took his turn to get dunked, and so did several Teller County teens.

The stage held several musical acts throughout the day, including the Matt Bloom Band, Mia Troxell Band, Mark Cormican (a John Denver Tribute Artist), Charlie Searle and the Ashtonz, and the Flying W Wranglers.

There was also a cake walk, plenty of food vendors, as well as craft vendors.

"We have decided by unanimous vote to do the festival again next year, but on July 8th," said Judi.

Ken and Judi Hesselberg would like to give special thanks to the Ute Pass Saddle Club for donating the property for the event. They would also like to thank Pikes Peak Travel Land, Creative Providers, Glaser Gas, Black Mountain Pump, Park State Bank, Vectra Bank, People's Bank, Pikes



A rock climbing wall was just one of the family-friendly activities available.

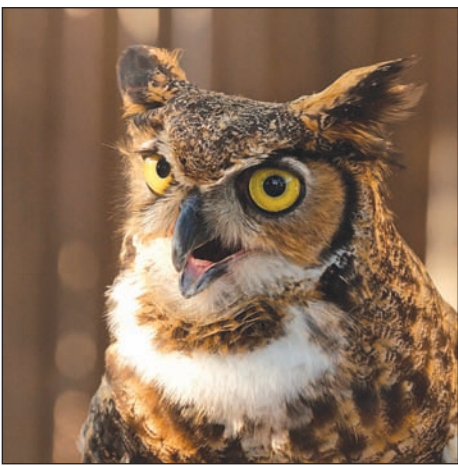
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## "Talon Talk"

BPEEC hosts free raptor program to celebrate four-year anniversary

Beaver Ponds Environmental Education Center located at 2234 Busch Run Road on Sacramento Creek near Fairplay is open to the public from noon to 5 p.m. on October 23rd. In celebration of providing environmental education at the Center for four years, Beaver Ponds will host a birds of prey program at 2 p.m. that day. The "Talon Talk" program, presented by Alpine Bank, will feature a falcon, owl, turkey vulture, and one other mystery raptor from Nature's Educators. Appropriate for individuals of all ages, the birds will also be available for pictures after the hour-long presentation.

"In celebration of our four-year anniversary, we want to offer something fun, exciting, and free for the community," explains Director of Development Kelly Voss. "Raptors are an integral part of our ecosystem and getting up close and personal to the birds offers a unique opportunity to learn about a species we so often see flying above in the sky. There will be cake served after the 'Talon Talk' program and folks can get out on the interpretive trail with guides to learn more about renewable energy systems, beavers and other wildlife, sustainable agriculture, watershed stewardship, and much more. It should be an educational, fun afternoon. We are encouraging everyone who can to carpool, as we expect the raptor program to be very popular." It isn't necessary to RSVP, however in



Athena the Great Horned Owl.  
photo by Mark Pedersen

order to help Beaver Ponds plan for the day, individuals are being encouraged to join the Facebook event and indicate if they will be attending at: [www.facebook.org/BPEEC](http://www.facebook.org/BPEEC).

The mission of Beaver Ponds Environmental Education Center is to provide environmental education that gives individuals of all ages the tools and knowledge they need to become better stewards of the earth. For more information about Beaver Ponds please visit [www.beaverponds.org](http://www.beaverponds.org)

## ~OUT AND ABOUT~

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### BUENA VISTA

6 Veteran's Recognition Concert - Salute to the Armed forces by Alpine Orchestra FREE concert at 3 p.m. at Clearview Community Church, 457 Rodeo Rd. For more information contact: [info@alpineorchestra.org](mailto:info@alpineorchestra.org)

15 Walk for Freedom from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Forest Square Park next to the Buena Vista Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the walk is to create awareness of human trafficking. Please call 719-395-6938 to register for the walk and a free t-shirt by October 6th. If you have a t-shirt from last year please wear that one or a black shirt to the walk. You can register on line as well. Go to [bvhope.org](http://bvhope.org), click on the Walk for Freedom banner and follow the instructions. See you there!

29 Annual Pitte Party held at Humane Society of Fremont County 10 Rhodes Ave - see page 19.

### COTTONWOOD HOT SPRING LODGE

Sunday evenings at 6 P.M. A Spiritual Networking Group meets at the Cottonwood Hot Springs Lodge in Buena Vista to discuss issues of common interest and participate in a group meditation with a positive outcome. There is no fee for the meeting and anyone with an interest is welcome to attend. For more information, call Kathy or Robin at 719-395-6434. If you would like to bring a snack to share with a few other people, it will be appreciated.

### CALHAN

Retire your tires and junk see page 5.

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### COLORADO SPRINGS

9 Piano dedication concert at Pikes Peak Community College Downtown Campus 100 Pikes Peak Ave, Rm N-214 featuring PPCC music faculty and Ute Pass Chamber Players see page 9.

### CRIPPLE CREEK

4, 11, 18, 25 Quilting/Crafting Circle meets each Tuesday morning between 10 a.m. and noon. All crafts are welcome. Please join us and share with us those crafts you enjoy the most.

14 TBL Group participation meetings regarding Traumatic Brain Injury on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, hosted by the Independence Center. The meeting is held in the 2nd floor conference room at the Aspen Mine Center from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

5, 12, 19, 26 AMC Community Luncheon. The Aspen Mine Center hosts the Community Luncheon that is held each Wednesday between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. All community members are welcome, particularly seniors, persons with disabilities, volunteers, low income individuals and families. Meals are

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• Archery Classes, most Fri. 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Sat. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. by

provided on a donation basis.

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BUTTE OPERA HOUSE

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The show is directed by Chris Armbrister, and musically directed by James Mablin, and features many of TATC's favorite actors, including Nick Madison, JT Rider and more. As an extra bonus, this show is followed by a very special Halloween Ohio, full of dance, music and spooktacular comedy.

For more information and to make online reservations, visit ButteTheater.com. To make phone reservations, call 719-689-3247.

GED classes are offered Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. New Student Orientation will be Thursday, Oct 6. Please call Katy to register 719-686-0705.

CC PARK & REC

8 Garage/Yard Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. either outside or in the arena depending on weather. 15 Outdoor Archery 2-D Shoot from noon to 3 p.m., only \$10 call to register.

15 Haunted Field of Screams trip to Thornton from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. only \$8 for bus ride (see Archie for Haunt fees)

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- Learn to play the piano or keyboard and to read music! Private lessons by experienced, credentialed teacher. All ages/levels. Openings are available Mondays and Wednesday afternoons at the Florissant Grange Hall. Fee is 6 month introductory rate of \$12.00/lesson. Please call 719-748-8639 for information and scheduling.
- 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.

### FLORISSANT LIBRARY

7 A free legal clinic for parties who have no attorney, will be featured from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the FIRST FRIDAY of each month at your Florissant Public Library in Florissant. By computer link, volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for all areas of civil litigation, including family law, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, small claims, veterans issues, and civil protection orders. Please preregister by calling 719-748-3939 for Florissant. Next clinic is November 4.

### THUNDERBIRD INN

Every Thursday night is open mic jam at 7 p.m.

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- 1 Super Chuck, Stompin' George & John Juan 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- 2 Celebration of Life for Avril Anjers 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please bring a potluck item, cash bar available.
- 3 Chris Juda's Birthday Party 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Foggist Notion 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- 4, 21, & 28 Karaoke with JoAnn at 7 p.m.
- 5 Prairie Como Band 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- 6 River City Blues Band 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- 7 Monster Mash Bash 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Hosted by Piz & Pitbull Productions, prizes for best costumes. For more information check our website at [www.thebullmoosein-guffey.com](http://www.thebullmoosein-guffey.com) or call 719-689-4199

### LEADVILLE

- 5 Veteran's Recognition Concert - Salute to the Armed Forces by Alpine Orchestra FREE concert at 7:30 p.m. at Lake County High School, 1000 W. 4th St. For more information contact: [info@alpineorchestra.org](mailto:info@alpineorchestra.org).

### MANITOU SPRINGS

- 28 Miramont Castle hosts Emma Crawford's Wake. Viewings every 20 minutes beginning at 6 p.m. and last viewing at 7:20 p.m. Generous buffet dinner. \$50 per adult, \$30 for 12 and under. Reservations required by Oct. 20 call 719-685-1011.

### PARK COUNTY

- 1 Park County Senior Coalition has a Grant for Park County Veterans of any age to help pay for Housing, Utilities, Groceries and Gas. For more information, please call 719-836-4295.

### LAKE GEORGE

- 1 Teller Park Conservation District invites you to their presentation on Drones and Agricultural Applications from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Breakfast and registration from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.) This event is free. The Open Board Meeting follows from 11:30 a.m. to noon at the Lake George Charter School 38874 US Highway 24. RSVP and more

### SALIDA

- 4 Veteran's Recognition Concert - Salute to the Armed Forces by Alpine Orchestra FREE concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Steamplant, 7 Poncha Blvd. For more information contact: [info@alpineorchestra.org](mailto:info@alpineorchestra.org).
- 6 Chaffee County The Emergency

### WOODLAND PARK

- 3 Diabetes Support Group meets the third Monday of every month from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Pikes Peak Regional Hospital. Open to all persons with diabetes and their family members. Call 719-686-5802 for more information.

### WOODLAND PARK

- 6, 7, 8 Munchkin Market. HUGE children's consignment sale in Woodland Park featuring gently used clothing, shoes and accessories (infant to junior). Toys, media, play equipment, strollers, high chairs, sporting goods, baby gear, maternity, bedding and more! Woodland Park Community Church, 800 Valley View Dr. FREE Admission. Cash, Check or Credit Card. Proceeds benefit Ute Pass MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers). Call 719-433-3215 (Jenny) or 719-748-1068 (Heidi) for more information or visit [www.utepassmops.org](http://www.utepassmops.org). The sale runs from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Everything is half-price on Saturday!

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- beginning with Woodland Park and traveling west to Edlowe, Divide and Midland.

### WOODLAND PARK

- Meet the authors at a book signing, noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, October 8 at Ute Pass Brewing Company, 209 East Midland Avenue in Woodland Park. Purchase Discovering Ute Pass, Volumes I and II at the book signing or at Ute Pass Historical Society, 231 East Henrietta Avenue, behind the Woodland Park Public Library. Discovering Ute Pass, Volumes I and II are sold individually at \$21.99 plus tax. Cash or check, please. Questions? Contact UPHS at 719-686-7512 or [uphs@peakinternet.net](mailto:uphs@peakinternet.net).

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- Farmer's Market takes the month of October off. See you indoors Nov 12.

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### WOODLAND PARK

- MOUNTAIN TOP CYCLING CLUB 4 Join us at Denny's for our monthly club meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. for socializing. The actual club meeting is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sue Davies, the Executive Director of the Trails and Open Space Coalition will be our guest speaker. Sue is a great cycling advocate and very knowledgeable about the local trails in the area. Mountain Top Cycling Club was a bronze level sponsor for the Starlight Spectacular June 18th, 2016. Sue will talk about the Ring the Peak Trail project that will probably be a much better mountain bike trail than hiking trail. For more information visit <http://www.mountain-topcyclingclub.com> or call Debbie 719-689-3435

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- WOODLAND LODGE entertainment schedule on page 4.

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