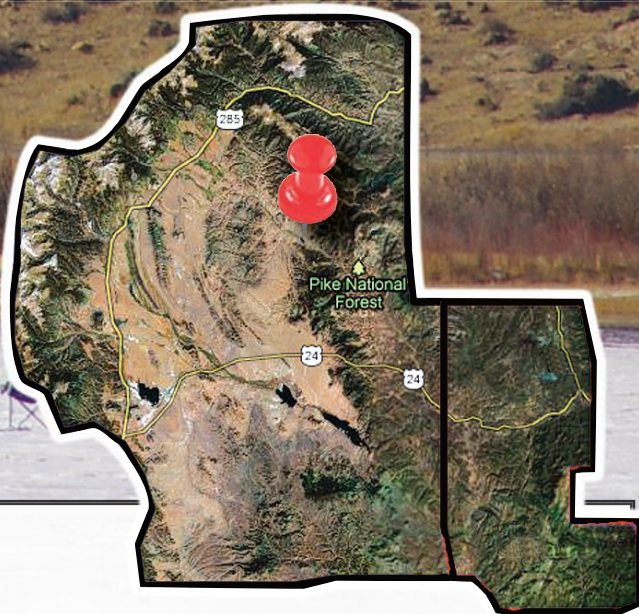
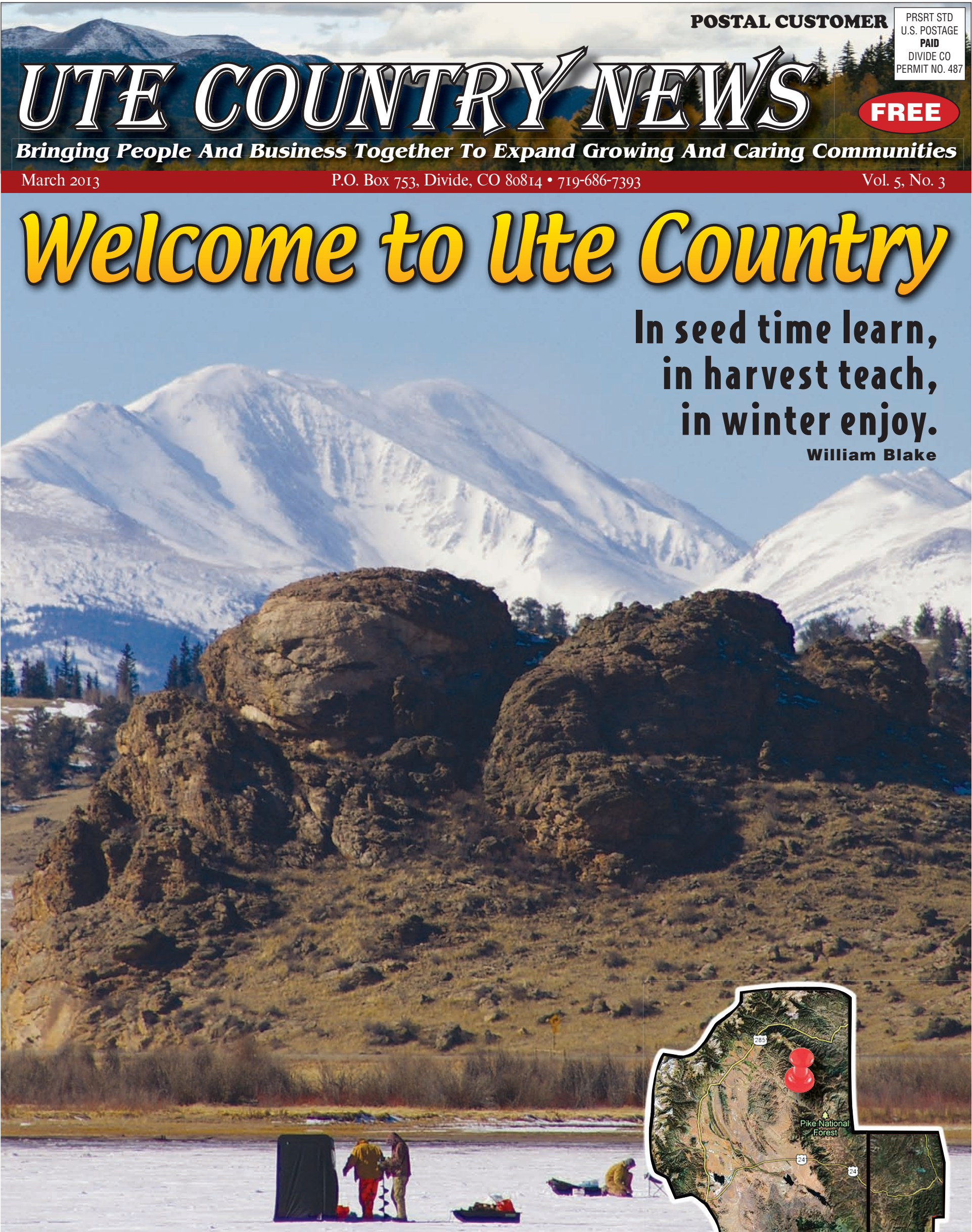


# Welcome to Ute Country

In seed time learn,  
in harvest teach,  
in winter enjoy.

William Blake



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This March edition of Ute Country News is dedicated to Jeff's Uncle, Don Hansen, and his wife, Ila. Uncle Don passed in the end of February. He was thought of fondly and will be missed dearly. It was truly our pleasure to have known him.

**Clarification:**

The Florissant Grange was chartered in 1937 on property owned by El Paso County. El Paso County purchased the property in 1887 from John Castello. In 1961, the Grange took possession of the "old Florissant School House."

**Correction:**

Lissa Hanner used the word "trees" in her quote, not "tress" as I miss-typed. I thank my brother, Mike, who catches just about every typo, misspelling, or grammatically incorrect usage in our paper and lets me know just as soon as possible. Mike has also been the most supportive of our endeavor. Yes, Mike, you've missed a couple and once Carol, our sister caught it first. Spell check and multiple people to proof are not always sufficient in capturing the error that got away.

I am reminded of the "Spirit Bead." A friend of mine in Milwaukee does award-winning bead work. One day when she was showing me her latest work, I noticed every piece had a single bead that appeared out of place; a black bead in a patch of blue or white bead in an area of orange. She identified each as the "Spirit Bead" of the piece.

The Native Americans believe the only perfection is the Great Spirit. Each human, animal, or plant has some flaw. True beauty and harmony can only be experienced when we consider all of creation. Therefore, perfection can only be found in the Great Spirit, who encompasses all. The "Spirit Bead" is a reminder of our human limitations as well as the perfection in the cycle of life. Special thanks to Ursula for encouraging me to put this into words.

We will continue to do our best to implement the necessary tools in order to produce the best monthly paper in Teller and Park Counties. We encourage our readers to give us feedback, corrections, and submissions.

Good things are worth waiting for, like snow. We finally are getting some moisture. We are grateful for every flake of snow, drop of rain, or bobble of gropple. We often need reminders we are living in the high desert.

Water conservation is rapidly becoming the most pressing environmental concern for the residents of Teller and Park Counties. We welcome your water saving or water wise tips for an upcoming article. Please send your ideas to [utecountrynewspaper@gmail.com](mailto:utecountrynewspaper@gmail.com), POB 753 Divide, CO 80814, or leave us a message at 719-686-7393.

Thank you,  
— Kathy & Jeff Hansen

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# Planting trees in the Waldo Canyon burn scar

by Coalition for the Upper South Platte

Looking across the charred landscape and barren hillslopes of the Waldo Canyon Fire burn scar, the dearth of green trees is perhaps the most striking and obvious change resulting from the fire. While planting trees as a means of restoring the area to a more healthy state may seem the most obvious and appropriate action, other critical measures are needed first. Initial emergency efforts will maximize the likelihood of future tree survival and mitigate the effects of devastating flooding. As the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) continues work to help affected communities and begin the healing process, CUSP has received many requests from groups to plant trees in the burn scar. Although these offers are generous and much appreciated, CUSP will only plant a limited number of trees in 2013 and 2014, with the majority of tree plantings beginning in 2015.

After a wildfire, short-term emergency efforts are essential to lessen the impacts of rain upon the denuded landscape and mitigate flooding risks. Particularly in the area of the Waldo Canyon burn, where granite soils exacerbate erosion in general and especially following a fire, emergency erosion control initiatives are critical. With the most immediate and potentially damaging threat in the post-fire environment being flooding and sediment flows, erosion control and hillslope stabilization must be the first priority. Relatively minor rain events have already washed out Highway 24, damaged vital water infrastructure, threatened schools, and resulted in tens of thousands of dollars in damages to private residences. Flooding potentials are only expected to increase in the coming year with spring storms and monsoon season rain events. Due to the Waldo Canyon Fire's proximity to residential areas, damage in and around the Waldo Canyon burn scar in the coming years is likely to outpace the destruction our community saw following the Hayman Fire.

The best approach for addressing looming flood events and establishing successful re-vegetation leading to healthy forest re-growth is to ensure soils are not washed away. This is why CUSP's initial efforts focus on hillslope stabilization by the strategic planting of native grasses and nurse crops as well as the installation of erosion control structures. Erosion control structures, including felled trees as erosion barriers, straw wattles, gabion baskets, sandbag walls, and rock structures, serve to slow the momentum of water and sediment as they move down hills with very few natural barriers. These structures are carefully implemented to slow and divert water and sediment flows away from homes, businesses, and infrastructure. The promotion of naturally occurring, fast growing, and stabilizing vegetation, such as native grasses and Gambel oak, complements erosion control structures in slowing water and soil.

Not only do hillslope stabilization efforts improve the likelihood of young saplings staying in place and not getting washed down with the rain, these efforts also improve the safety of the environment for volunteers and community members coming out to plant trees. By implementing emergency erosion control, then planting trees, future seedlings are given the best chance possible for survival in our harsh climate.

CUSP will plant trees in only a small number of areas this year. The limited number of trees planted in 2013 will go primarily on private property where hillslope stabilization efforts have been completed. These saplings will therefore have limited disturbance from people coming in to do work, which will decrease the chances of young trees getting trampled before they can get their start. In future years, tree plantings will continue to increase and offers for assistance in these efforts will be more important than ever.

Just because CUSP is limiting the number of trees planted in 2013 while the focus is on emergency measures that will ultimately improve tree survival, this does not mean your help is not needed; actually, your help is now more critical than ever. As CUSP embarks upon the emergency work needed now, helping hands are needed for many projects, including: raking, reseeding, chipping, mulching, installing log erosion barriers or erosion control structures, debris removal, sandbagging, installing wattles, and installing gabion baskets. These projects throughout the Waldo Canyon burn scar will serve to protect infrastructure, water supplies, and homes.

CUSP has continued recovery work started right after the fire through the winter, as weather has allowed. The volunteer season will ramp up again in the spring, with groups and individuals invited to lend a hand. CUSP will be hosting many different project events throughout the spring, summer, and fall. Please take a look at [www.uttersouthplatte.org/Volunteer](http://www.uttersouthplatte.org/Volunteer) to learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities.

## Other ways you can help

Fundraising efforts are greatly appreciated as well. Current funding is very limited for fire rehab efforts; CUSP and partnering agencies continue recovery work through the generosity of a caring community. While looking at the skyline, a donation of trees may seem in order, yet buckets, chainsaws, work gloves and seed are also greatly needed. Waldo Canyon Fire recovery and restoration will be a long-term effort, requiring the collaboration of many entities and continuing support from communities throughout the area.

Please keep this in your thoughts and do consider lending a much-needed hand or making a donation to CUSP at [www.uttersouthplatte.org/donate.html](http://www.uttersouthplatte.org/donate.html)



Erosion control begins with straw wattles and sandbagging.



Crews are felling and chipping trees.



Raking the slopes.



Felled trees can divert water.



# What is March? It is Women's History Month

by Rainey Hall

“By 1986, 14 states had already declared March as Women's History Month. This momentum and state-by-state action was used as the rationale to lobby Congress to declare... March as National Women's History Month.” Congress conceded in 1987, according to National Women's History Project's website [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org).

Women that have made a positive difference throughout history include: Joan of Arc, Florence Nightingale, Betsy Ross, Harriet Tubman, Doc Susie, Anne Sullivan, (the teacher of Helen Keller), Amelia Earhart, Louisa May Alcott, Rosa Parks, and Jane Goodall. Susan B. Anthony was an important advocate for women's rights in America and Europe. Marie Curie was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1903. Mother Teresa won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, “for work...to overcome poverty and distress, which also constitutes a threat to peace.” In 2012, three Pakistani girls, Shazia Ramazan, Kainat Riaz, and Malala Yousufzai defied the Taliban by defending education for women. All three were shot.

American women in the military date back to the Revolutionary War. Information on [www.infoplease.com](http://www.infoplease.com) states: “Deborah Samson Gannett, from Plymouth, Massachusetts, was one of the first American woman soldiers. In 1782, she enlisted under the name of her deceased brother. “...for 17 months, Samson served in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. She was wounded twice. She cut a musket ball out of her own thigh so a doctor wouldn't find out she was a woman. Also during the Revolution War, in 1776, Margaret Corbin fought alongside her husband and six hundred American soldiers as they defended

Fort Washington, New York.”

Travel west through history to Park County, Colorado in the mid 1800's. Research shows two to three female prospectors worked here. Mrs. Fannie E. Smith was one of these women.

Little is known about Fannie. She was born in approximately 1835. After marrying Mr. Smith, she bore one daughter, name unknown. After Mr. Smith's death, Fannie sent her daughter to California to live with a relative. Fannie then continued to develop and work mining claims, often single-handed. She was known as a “rustler” among the miners.

Study shows Fannie was known as being a “very businesslike woman.” She was the plaintiff, (initiating legal action) against the Union Mining Company and a Mr. Milton Strong. It is believed at least one suit was not resolved before her death.

Historians agree that Fannie was not liked by the women of Park County, in particular, those of Alma. One can only presume it was because Fannie Smith's beauty was beyond that of a mountain sunrise, or her countenance equaled the gold she mined. Maybe women envied her keen mind. It is believable; her empathy and friendship with miners as they shared dark and damp caves and frozen fingers and toes could alienate female friends.

Her obituary states that Fannie E. Smith died on January 13, 1885, and “...is said to have been almost entirely alone during her sickness and death.” Tales of Mrs. Smith say only men were by her side during her final hours. The miners pooled “...about fifty dollars for the purpose of giving her a decent burial.”

Stories indicate the women of Alma re-



Alma Jack train on its way to mine.

Source: South Park City Historical Foundation



Louisa May Alcott

Source: [commons.wikimedia.org](http://commons.wikimedia.org)

fused to give Fannie aid even while she lay dying in a cabin just outside of town.

Fannie is buried in the Buckskin Cemetery, Park County; her gravesite unmarked.

We can all learn from women throughout history; to be kinder, self-reliant, braver, more empathetic, more virtuous, and to believe in ourselves enough to make a difference.

What will your legacy be?

Acknowledgments: Park County Archives, Colorado Historical Newspapers, Ellen McCallum



Alma Ladies Aid Society Hall. It was also used as residence, theatre and dance hall. Source: Town of Alma (Unknown date)

## 2013 an odd year, in deed, for the Assessor

by Betty Clark-Wine

It's 2013, and that means it is a busy year for Colorado Assessors. This year, all properties must be revalued. Valuations are based on sales through June 30, 2012. If you purchased property after June 30, 2012, your purchase price cannot be used until the 2015 revaluation cycle. While this may seem like a long time, please be aware that other sales in your area, within the statutory time period, will be considered. This year the Assessor will be considering sales for the four-year period ending June 30, 2012 for all residential properties, as well as vacant land. Commercial properties are revalued based on a five-year period ending June 30, 2012.

In preparation for the revaluation, the Assessor's staff has been busy gathering and carefully reviewing information about sales in Teller County. You may have seen appraisers in your neighborhood during the last few months. Appraisers are required to personally inspect new sales, new construction, and properties with new additions or significant modifications. Properties with improvements that were destroyed or demolished must also be personally inspected. Inspections and verifications continue through March, then on the first day of May we will mail Notices of Value.

### Questions, questions, questions!

Every year, the Assessor sends out several questionnaires. These are sent to commercial and agricultural property owners, developers and builders. These questionnaires are very important and assist us in determining market income rents, qualification for agricultural use,

whether a residence is ‘integral’ to the agricultural operation, and the developer discount for valuing any unsold subdivision lot. If you have received a questionnaire, please complete and return it as soon as possible. These questionnaires are completely confidential and are not available for public inspection.

If you are a commercial business owner, you will receive an income questionnaire. This questionnaire is particularly important to the valuation process, since Teller County has a limited number of income producing properties. If, for example, only 10% of the business owners in Teller County return the questionnaire, the valuation of certain properties may be affected. We do not ask for your business enterprise income and we do not need to know your sales. We only ask for the income derived from the real property.

By law, all owners of personal property used in connection with a business must complete a Personal Property Declaration for the assessment of personal property taxes. Please note that the threshold for personal property has now been raised to \$7,000. If you do not own \$7,000 in business personal property, you do not need to complete the form. If you own a rental cabin or house, the personal property used in connection with your rental is considered business personal property and is subject to the same filing requirements and threshold.

### You can help

Take some time to review your property record by visiting

the Assessor's website at [www.co.teller.co.us/Assessor](http://www.co.teller.co.us/Assessor). You can access your property record by clicking on the link to “Online Information” at the top of the page and then clicking on “Property Records Database Search”. You can find your property by your name, address, or legal description. If you do not have access to the internet, you can review your tax bill or the last Notice of Value you received by mail.

When reviewing your information, please check to see that all information is correct. For example; are the number of baths and bedrooms correct? Are the descriptions for interior, exterior, and roof characteristics correct? Have you made any improvements that aren't shown? Is your basement finished or partially finished as noted? Have you made any alterations or demolished any portions of the improvements? Does the condition of the property appear to be accurate?

If you find that any of the information is incorrect, please contact the Assessor's office at 719.689.2941.

A brief word about the Assessor's website: the website is packed with information about exemptions, tax information, protest procedures, sales information for all sales in the county since 2005, and much more. Please, take some time to look it over. If you have a suggestion about other information that would be helpful, click on “Suggestions” to send it our way.

Your County Assessor's Office wishes you and yours all the best in the coming year and we greatly appreciate your help and participation.



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# Cripple Creek's "Shower of Gold"

by David Martinek

Almost 114 years ago, on March 23, 1899, the city of Cripple Creek celebrated perhaps its second greatest day. It was a Friday and the community had been waiting two impatient weeks for "the Shower of Gold," as the celebration was called, with all the excitement that would fill Bennett Avenue that day, and night.

Everything happened on Bennett Avenue, the main street in Cripple Creek. It was the stage for life in the gold camp, at least on that side of Gold Hill. The avenue was the scene of laughter and sobbing, friendships and fistfights, runaway wagon teams, comedy and tragedy, violence and sometimes death. It was the center of a remarkable mining town handsomely bordered by the new brick structures built after the 1896 fires.

On that sunny Friday a grand jubilation was planned. In fact, it was designed to be so spectacular that it would dwarf anything ever witnessed in Cripple Creek before, except for perhaps the day the first Florence and Cripple Creek train arrived. Mayor Pierce had declared the day a holiday. The schools were let out and all the businesses in town were closed, except the saloons. A huge parade was planned, headed by Governor, C. S. Thomas, numerous state legislators and other distinguished guests, followed by a sumptuous banquet at the National Hotel.

Visitors would attend masked balls in the evening at the Butte and Grand Opera houses while Bennett Avenue itself, lined with yellow bunting, would be thrown open to street dancing with music supplied by Cripple Creek's favorite coronet player, Joe Moore, and his marching brass band.

Reportedly, there were six bands and two drum corps participating in the parade, including Joe's, as well as the new fire engine, dignitaries in wagons, men on horseback and even a steam calliope, possibly sponsored by the Elks fraternal order. Elaborate floats mixed and mingled in the throng from which samples were thrown to the crowds of people gathered on the sidelines - Pears soap, Malt Nutrine and small packages of Pozzoni's face powder. But maybe the most popular sample thrown to the crowd that day was Jack Dewars' little bottles of his famous whiskey. Dressed in his Scottish kilt, alternately playing his bagpipes and tossing his libation to waiting hands, Jack drew a lot of attention.

The parade started on Third Street and marched down Myers Avenue through the tenderloin district, then over Second Street to Bennett and up the avenue all the way to the Midland depot.

The "Shower of Gold" was Cripple Creek's celebration that marked the begin-



The steam calliope was drawn by four horse and was probably sponsored by the Elks fraternal order. (Photo: Denver Public Library)

ning of Teller County. Cripple Creek was destined to be its county seat.

Two weeks earlier, on March 8, 1899, the Colorado Legislature had passed a bitterly contested bill creating a new county out of portions of El Paso and Fremont Counties to encompass the World's Greatest Gold District. It was named Teller, after Colorado's distinguished senator.

The Ammons Bill was hotly opposed by the counties that stood to lose not only a portion of their land, but also the prestige of a gold camp whose mines had built most of the fine mansions in Colorado Springs and Canon City. However, the persuasive force of Colonel B. F. Montgomery, the District's leading attorney, along with some creative parliamentary maneuvering, resulted in the bill passing by a narrow margin. Governor Thomas signed it into law using a pin made of gold from the Independence mine in Victor.

The parade and subsequent celebrations were, indeed, one of the most memorable events to ever happen in the city's history, marred only by a fatal episode towards the close of day.

As Joe Moore and his brass band marched back up Bennett Avenue to play the music for the street dance, a drunken man shot and killed him in the middle of the street amid a fistfight that broke out among the party's revelers. The drunk had vowed vengeance on Joe for having tossed him out of saloon earlier. The police captured the man at the scene, the gun still smoking in his hand.

Such was the life of Cripple Creek in 1899, on the verge of becoming the seat of local government for an entirely new county - but still a rough and rowdy town, always on the edge of a powder keg. In fact, hostile mining union troubles would fester and grow violent within five years.

There is only one Cripple Creek, and there will never be another.

(Note: For an interesting account of the "Shower of Gold" celebration, upon which this story is based, read Cripple Creek Days by Mabel Barbee Lee)

# 4th Annual "Midland Days" Symposium

by David Martinek

The Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition (T.H.E. Coalition) and the Divide Chamber of Commerce proudly announce their co-sponsorship of the 4th Annual "Midland Days" symposium on March 30th - a continuing celebration of that hope for history's change, at least in our imagination - from 9am-3:30pm.

It will include conversations about both the Colorado Midland Railway and the Midland Terminal Railroad. Plenty of historical photos will be shared charting the overall route of both railroads. An overview of the history and recent foundation renovation of the Midland Depot in Divide will be presented, as well as presentations on special aspects of railroad operation.

Presentations and conversations about "Midland" railroad history will occur between local author and historian, Mel McFarland, and local historians, Art Crawford and Tom VanWormer. David Martinek, Chair of the T.H.E. Coalition, will moderate the discussions and present, as well. Special "guest" presenters are also planned. Ques-

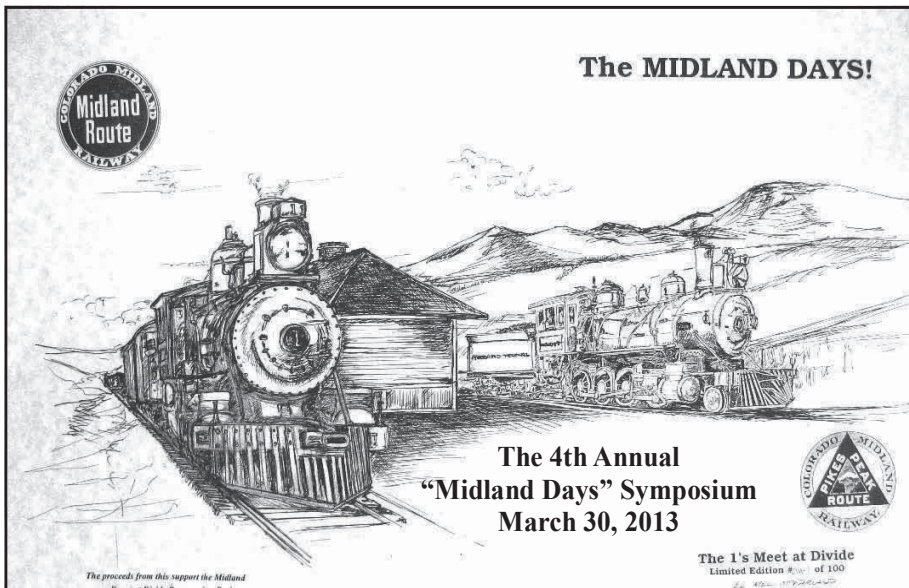
tions from the audience are always invited.

Seating is limited. The "Midland Days" symposium has become a very popular event for many "Midland" railroad enthusiasts. Therefore, only advance reservations will be accepted for a contribution of \$45.00 per person. Reservations should be made on or before March 22, 2013 by calling 719-687-1516 or 213-9335, or by email to MidlandDays@yahoo.com. The cost of attendance may be paid in advance by mail or upon arrival. All contributions are tax deductible and help support the Midland Depot at Divide Preservation Project, sponsored by T.H.E. Coalition.

All reservation contributors will receive a limited-edition railroad print, drawn especially by and courtesy of Mel McFarland for the 2013 "Midland Days" Symposium. Additional copies of the print, and prints from past symposiums, as well as a number of other railroad-oriented items will also be available for sale.

The John Wesley Ranch, is located south of Divide at 21285 Highway 67 just before the entrance to Mueller State Park, and just a few yards from the old Midland Terminal railroad grade.

"The 1's Meet at Divide" by Mel McFarland



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"The Colorado Midland has a special quality that keeps you hoping that history will change, somehow." Mel McFarland

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# Porcupine Cave: A window to the Ice Age

by Reilly Blakeslee  
photos by Steven W. Veatch

Porcupine Cave, located in Park County, Colorado is an important part of the paleontological world. It is a wild cave and not easily explored. It contains several types of ice-age animals, as well as clues to the Pleistocene Epoch. Another uncommon feature of the cave is its mud stalagmite. Several of the worlds' oldest ice-age animal bones/fossils have been found in the cave. The oldest mountain-goat, coyote, and black-footed-ferret bones have been identified. Several cheetah teeth have been discovered. Ice-age camel, ground sloth, wolves, deer, badgers, skunks, prairie dogs, lizards, snakes, turtles, frogs, and salamanders have all been found. These fossil animals provide insights about what the climate and ecosystem were like when all of these creatures were alive. It is possible that some of the animals were killed by predators and dragged into the cave. It is also possible that some of the animals were trapped there by snowstorms or predators. Some animals could have chosen to die in a place that was out of the snow.

A unique type of stalagmite was found at Porcupine Cave. The stalagmite is made of mud from melting glaciers. Mud stalagmites are formed the same way as regular stalagmites, but with one small difference. Instead of water with a mineral component forming the stalagmite, it is mud with a mineral component. Add dirt, water, and calcium carbonate, and you have a mud stalagmite. However, still more steps must occur before the stalagmite can form. The drips of mud must come at a regular interval. If not, the stalagmite will be irregular. The mud hardens, forming layers of mud, which eventually become big enough to be considered a stalagmite.

Porcupine Cave is full of biodiversity and includes many animals that lived during the Earth's last ice age. It has a surplus of rare features. From animal fossils to cave formations, Porcupine Cave has something to interest everyone.

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Mud stalagmite found in one of the several chambers of Porcupine Cave.



Ice-Age animal bones are everywhere and can be simply scooped up by hand from the cave sediments that have been lost to time.



Entrance into Porcupine Cave – ladder

# Thank you Grangers!

photos by Susan Zaba

January 25th was a night to say "Thank you" to our Grange members. Grangers were invited to an appreciation dinner hosted by Master, Alan and Secretary, Renee Caldwell with greatly esteemed help from Sharon Stackhouse. Grangers who attended enjoyed pork loin,

oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, roasted potatoes and cole slaw. Each Granger was honored with a speech about his/her value to the Grange, a certificate, and a gift bucket of homemade gifts, such as hand warmers, hot cup protectors, and toffee. The

Gentlemen received homemade shaving lotion and the ladies received homemade sugar or salt scrub. Some of the Grangers who are always in the kitchen or at the grills also received a special made apron with their name embroidered across the front.



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In fact, by staying on the investment sidelines, or at least by avoiding long-term, growth-oriented investments, you may incur several risks. Here are some to consider:

You might not keep up with inflation. If you put all your money under the proverbial "mattress," or, more realistically, you keep it all in "cash" instruments and very short-term investments, you might think you are "playing it safe." After all, you might reason, your principal is protected, so even if you don't really make any money, you're not losing it, either. But that's not strictly true, because if your money is in investment vehicles that don't even keep up with inflation, you can lose ground. In fact, even at a relatively mild three percent annual inflation rate, your purchasing power will decline by about half in just 25 years.

You might outlive your money. For a 65-year-old couple, there's a 50 percent chance that one spouse will live past age 90, according to the Society of Actuaries. This statistic suggests that you may need your investments to help provide enough income to sustain you for two, or even three, decades in retirement.

You might not be able to maintain your financial independence. Even if you don't totally run out of money, you could end up scrimping by — or, even worse you could become somewhat dependent on your grown children for financial assistance. For most people, this prospect is unacceptable. Consequently, you'll want to make appropriate financial decisions to help maintain your financial independence.

You might not be able to retire on your terms. You would probably like to decide when you retire and how you'll retire — that is, what sort of lifestyle you'll pursue during retirement. But both these choices may be taken out of your hands if you haven't invested enough to retire on your own terms.

You might not be able to leave the type of legacy you desire. Like most people, you would probably like to be able to leave something behind to your family and to those charitable organizations you support. You can help create this type of legacy through the appropriate legal vehicles — i.e., a will, a living trust and so on — but you'll still need to fund these mechanisms somehow. That means you'll need to draw on all your financial assets, including your investments.

Work with your financial advisor to determine the mixture of growth and income investments you need during your working years and as you move toward retirement to help you meet your retirement goals. However you do it, get into the habit of investing, and never lose it — because the risks of not investing are just too great.

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

# Angela Komar joins CASA staff

by Tracy Sellars

Angela Komar is the new Teller County Supervised Exchange and Parenting Time (SEPT) Client/Volunteer Coordinator at Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Pikes Peak Region. Prior to joining the CASA staff, Komar volunteered with CASA in both the SEPT Program and as a Court Appointed Special Advocate, and worked for Justice Corps Colorado assisting pro-se litigants. Komar has a B.A. in Sociology from Colorado College and has research experience in the areas of child sexual abuse and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

The SEPT Program is a court-ordered service that protects children from witnessing parental disputes and keeps them out of the middle of family conflict. Trained volunteers oversee the transfer of children from one parent to another in conflictive custody or domestic violence cases. Parents ordered into supervised parenting time are able to spend time with their children in a setting managed by CASA staff and volunteers. The program is a family-focused service that provides a safe place for parents and children to build positive relationships.



SEPT program services in Teller are scheduled to begin in April, 2013 with two locations: Community Partnership Family Resource Center in Divide and The Aspen Mine Center in Cripple Creek.

# Fun Facts about St Patrick's Day

- The Irish nickname for Patrick is Paddy. Patty is a female name, so it's never St Patty's Day.
- Leprechauns are always male.
- Blue is the actual color of St Patrick's vestments. The change to green happened in the 19th Century.
- According to Irish folklore and legend, green is worn by fairies, immortals, and people who are encouraging their crops to grow. Tradition has it that leprechauns will pinch anyone they can see. However, wearing green makes you invisible to leprechauns.
- The name "leprechaun" may have several origins. Perhaps it is from the Irish Gaelic word "leipreachan," which means "a kind of aqueous sprite" or maybe it is from "leath bhrogan," which means "shoemaker."
- St Patrick used the three shamrock in his teachings of the trinity (Father, Son, Holy Ghost). The ratio of three leaf shamrocks to four leaf clovers is 10,000:1. Folklore suggests the first leaf represents hope, the second faith, the third is love, and the fourth leaf of the shamrock represents luck; hence, the phrase, "the luck of the Irish."
- The Chicago River has been dyed green every St Patrick's Day since 1962.
- St Patrick's Day is the most widely celebrated saint's day with celebrations in 200 countries.
- St Patrick was actually of Scottish descent.
- If you have an Irish parent or grandparent, you are entitled to Irish citizenship.
- Among Americans, more than nine times Ireland's population claim to have Irish ancestry — that's 34.5 million people.



# Cripple Creek’s Elk’s lodge achieves Historical Building status

by Kathy Hansen  
photos by Jeff Hansen

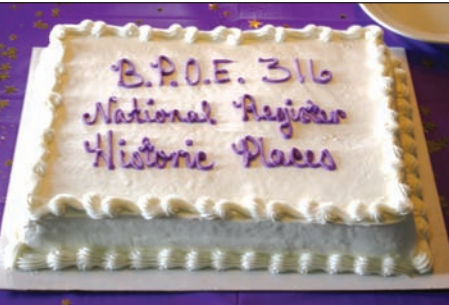
February 9th proved to be a very special day for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) in Cripple Creek as they unveiled the plaque granted to them by the Historic Registry.

The building was erected in 1896 shortly after the fires that burned Cripple Creek. It opened in December of 1896 as the Cripple Creek Gold Mining Stock Exchange. The building was constructed out of red sandstone quarried from Manitou Springs.

The BPOE purchased the building in April of 1910 from Larry Maroney for \$12,500. The document was notarized by Mollie O’Bryan, the first woman to ever hold a seat on the Gold Mining Stock Exchange.

The two adjoining lots to the west were purchased in order to enlarge the area that was the Exchange Floor, add the Anteroom, a balcony and the “Brandy & Cigar” room. While the building has gone through two major renovations, it has been occupied since it was built. It is amazing to see how well cared for this building is, not to mention its classic charm.

Just how does an organization go about getting on the Historic Registry? First, you need a couple of smart people dedicated to the cause willing to complete the application and dredge up all the documents. Fortunately, the BPOE has Missie Trenary and Cookie Ringo.



Cake, snacks, and champaign were served after the unveiling.

“We had to fill out a Preliminary Evaluation form. This included the history of the building – when it was built, architectural style, architect/builder, ownership, any major structural alterations. Part of the application called for historic photographs, as well as current photographs. We also had to include bios on any historically significant persons associated with the building. This application was sent to the State Historical Society and read by a review board,” reported Missie. It turns out that, “Because we were already a ‘contributing factor’ to a National Historic District, the process ended there.”

Missie had already completed a decade of research. She and Cookie spent many evenings in the Centennial Library in the Lodge combing through minutes, seeking the minutia of detail necessary to assure each “i” was dotted and “t” crossed. They even discovered the original blueprints of the 1910 expansion.

How is this beneficial? “Being on the Historic Register puts us ‘at the head of the class’ so to speak when it comes to com-



Elk mount donated by local member has traveled throughout Colorado and appeared in many parades.

petitive grants” said Missie. The door to a broader spectrum of grants opens for the Elks.

How is the grant money used? For those of you unfamiliar with the mission of the BPOE, their preamble states, “To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, ordains this Constitution.”

There are three major was the BPOE helps the Cripple Creek community. First, the Clem Audin fund is available to children up to age 19 for various needs related to education, whether that be eye glasses, extra-

curricular activity fees, physicals for sports, or the GED fee. Second, the in-school clinic benefits through the Elks National Foundation. Third, they help families in need, especially over the holidays, assuring there is food for a meal and a few gifts to open.

Special thanks are indeed in order for Missie Trenary and Cookie Ringo for helping to make this beneficial status a reality for the BPOE of Cripple Creek!



Cookie Ringo and Missie Trenary unveil the plaque.



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# High Country Hauntings

## The Costello Street Coffee House

by Christine Ford, Ghost Writer in the Sky

When Dale and Peggy Thompson purchased the two-story Victorian at the corner of Teller 1 and U. S. Highway 24 in Florissant, CO, they remarked, “This would make a great coffeehouse if it were remodeled.” Their intentions were quite different, but when their original business model was considered too “high-risk” by insurance companies post 9-11, those words turned out to be prophetic and Costello St. Coffee House became a reality. The planned 6 month restoration turned into 18 months and included all new plumbing and electrical in the circa 1885 building before it was opened as a coffee house/restaurant. A few months into that restoration, it became apparent that something else had also entered the Thompson’s reality; something cold and unseen.

Dale was the first to experience it. “I was working late, all by myself, about 3 to 4 months into the restoration,” related Thompson, sitting at the coffee house’s round back room table. “I was coming down the stairs when the proverbial cold wind blew by. It made my hair stand up.” Thompson made a thorough check of the premises for open doors or windows but the building was sealed tight.

As though this were an introduction, the unseen wind-maker proceeded to interfere in the remodel. When Thompson hung a painting for his wife, next morning it was found face down on the floor 6 feet away from the wall it had been hung on, but undamaged.

Once, Thompson was on his knees cutting a channel for electrical work next to a door with a history of being stubborn and needing pushing and latching to stay closed. “I saw a shadow from the corner of my eye and suddenly the door popped open, then closed completely by itself.” Shaken, Thompson quickly checked on the only other occupant, his mother, who was working in another room, but she had not moved from her task.

Another incident found Thompson alone in the building when he heard the front door open. Thinking it was his wife, Peggy, he called “Hello, hello!” but no one answered. When he checked, the door was closed and locked, the parking lot empty. Going back to work, he again heard the sound of the door opening and then the distinct sound of someone setting down grocery bags. Again, he called a greeting to his wife and was met by silence. “No Peggy, door still locked,” Thompson recalled.

He wasn’t the only one to experience the unseen occupant. A cleaning woman called them at home late one evening to exclaim, “I’m not sure I want to go up there by myself anymore!” Working in the upstairs area, which includes office, storage and laundry facilities, she had been bent over, scooping up some debris, when a handful of nuts and bolts from the dismantled old washing machine flew between her legs and into the machine. Thompson said the next morning they found a trail of cleaning rags marking her flight from the building.



Even non-humans were affected by the unseen presence. The Thompsons owned a self-described “little mongrel dog” at the time. “Friendliest critter we ever had,” reported Thompson, “loved to go for rides. We didn’t like leaving her at home alone so much, so we brought her down here with us, but she hated it here. Fur up, growling, trying to get out the door.” She underwent such a personality change, they stopped bringing her to the coffee house.

Word began to circulate in the community about the incidents. The coffee house was now up and running and some of the high school girls who closed up at night didn’t like being there alone, reporting footsteps upstairs. One day a local author brought in some of her self-published books on haunted buildings in Cripple Creek and Thompson purchased a few dozen for re-sale. He stacked the books against the wall of his office upstairs in the coffee house until a display area was ready. He was seated nearby when suddenly they just fell over. Thinking the bindings might be the problem, he re-stacked them by alternating the bindings so the stack was flat and stable. Back at his desk, he relates, “All of a sudden, whoosh, those books just flew about 4 feet, all over the floor.” He said he had to laugh, and asked aloud, “What, are you jealous?”

The 1885 Victorian was once known as the “McLaughlin House,” where the misses taught piano in the front parlor. Indeed, it may have been her figure seen crossing the parking lot one winter evening at dusk. Next-door neighbor and real estate broker John Lloyd Magoon was at his office when he saw from his window a faintly glowing apparition emerge from near the front parlor

and cross the parking lot. “She was in full Victorian dress. She seemed like she was on a mission to get somewhere, maybe to catch the train, then she just faded out.” The old railroad crossed right in front of both buildings.

There is a darker history as well. Local Betty Burns recalls how she used to clean the building back in the 1970’s when it was a real estate office selling lots in newly formed Indian Creek. There was a stain on the ceiling and Betty agreed to clean it off. “I got up on the table and tried to clean it, but it wouldn’t come off,” she recalls now. “They had been having trouble with the well pump, and just then an elderly local man who knew the building arrived to work on it.” Though she cannot recall his name, Burns clearly recalls what he told them next.

The area was once a haven for moonshiners during Prohibition, said the old-timer. A card game was played in the parlor one night and a man was accused of cheating. Things went bad, and another player shot him in the head. The stain was his blood and brains. “It won’t ever come off,” the old man warned. Burns relates, “To my knowledge, it didn’t.”

Thompson has even had a paranormal investigator from “back east” on the property. Thompson recalls that she arrived with both film and video cameras, giving her name only as Cheryl L. He produced a photograph she had taken in the upstairs bathroom. It appeared to this author’s naked eye to be an original, un-retouched photograph on film paper. It showed an empty bathroom with an indistinct female figure sitting on the side of the tub. She appeared to be hunched and naked, with her arms wrapped around herself, and her figure was surrounded by a heavy, black shadow.

Thompson reports that Cheryl L. had trouble with her cameras in one room of the building. Attached to the back of the house is a small extension which formerly housed a servant, said Thompson, and had been furnished with a bed, small stove and sink. Underneath that room was a 500 gallon iron tank and the well, now covered over. When Cheryl L. entered this room, the auto-wind feature on her camera suddenly went off and could not be stopped. She had to remove the batteries to stop the camera from winding. She went to switch to video, but the battery, which had been fully charged, was dead. Going back to her film camera, she found the same condition. She removed both batteries and took them into another room to recharge. Later, when she attempted to film in the well room again, the batteries were again drained.

Thompson, who describes himself as an “even-keeled” individual, said he is “a lot more open minded than I used to be,” prior to the remodeling and these experiences. “The universe is so big,” he concludes. “At first it was a little unsettling, but there has never been any malice. Now I find myself kind of anxious for another contact.”

Author’s note. At the conclusion of the interview, I asked for a tour and last I took a digital photograph in the well room. Leaving the property, I turned to take a photo of the coffee house and found the camera inoperable. It seemed the processor had gone crazy, and to this day I have not been able to take a usable photograph with that camera again.

*Do you have a High Country Haunting story in the Teller or Park county area? Ghostwriter in the Sky can be contacted at: 719-963-0081*

# Mike Perini top 10% most viewed LinkedIn Profiles for 2012

Michael Perini, owner of Perini & Associates, a full-service public relations and marketing firm has one of the top 10% most viewed profiles for 2012, according to LinkedIn officials.

“LinkedIn now has 200 million members. Thanks for playing a unique part in our community,” wrote Deep Nishar, LinkedIn’s Senior Vice President, Products & User Experience in an email to Perini.

“I want to personally thank you for being part of our community,” Nishar said. “Your journey is part of our journey, and we’re delighted and humbled when we hear stories of how our members are using LinkedIn to connect, learn, and find opportunity,”

More than 74 million members live in the U.S. with two new members joining every second, according to LinkedIn. The total number of searches in 2012 was 5.7 billion.

“It was a surprise to hear the news,” Perini said. “I come to work with a purpose to connect and share with others my PR and marketing skills and it is exciting to know that people are searching my profile for value added,” he said.

Perini’s profile ([www.linkedin.com/in/michaelperiniabc](http://www.linkedin.com/in/michaelperiniabc)) was viewed by 6 people in the past 15 days and his name has shown up in search results 17 times in the past week. Perini has added 46,406 new people to his professional network since February 3.

LinkedIn Corporation is a social networking website for people in professional occupations. Founded in December 2002 and launched on May 5, 2003, it is mainly used for professional networking.

Perini has worked in the public relations field for more than 30 years. He’s an award winning writer and a Public Relations Society of America, Silver Anvil recipient. American Public University and American Military University uses the firm’s PR and marketing materials in several of their marketing courses as examples of real world work.

Perini & Associates has served clients in a number of industries, businesses, and nonprofits. “We know it’s a tough time but now more than ever there is a need to manage conversations and we have a lot to offer to help people reach new levels,” Perini said.

Before starting Perini & Associates, he was the Executive Director, National Institute of Science, Space and Security Centers, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

Perini served more than 36 years in the Air Force, in both civilian and military positions. He is a retired colonel.

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Michael Perini



# 4th annual Pie Palooza

by Flip Boettcher

Guffey resident Gene Farmer was named Grand Champion pie maker with his prize winning, original recipe, pomegranate and mixed berry pie which sold for \$200 at the auction during the Fourth Annual Pie Palooza.

Just over 100 people gathered in the multi-purpose room at the Guffey Community Charter School on February 7th for the pie fest. According to school principal, Pam Moore, over 50 pies were entered in the contest this year.

Before the pie auction started, everyone got to sample any of the over 50 pies that were entered in the contest. The pie auction got underway with Guffey-area resident Chris Downare as the auctioneer, with the bidding friendly, but competitive.

The pies mainly sold from \$20 to \$70 each. A lemon meringue pie sold for \$100. Norma Farmer's (a previous Grand Champion winner and wife of this year's winner) triple berry pie sold for \$110 and a pear pie sold for \$130. The Grand Champion pie sold for \$200.

"All in all \$2,366 was raised or donated at this year's contest," said Moore. "A big thank you to all who attended and donated pies," said Moore, "It is not too early to think about next year's contest."

The proceeds from this year's pie auction will be going to the school's landscape and playground project. Moore said the school had just received a \$12,000 Conservation Trust grant for the project as well.

The program started with an old time melodrama entitled "In a Pickle at the Pie Palooza", Part I of an original melodrama series written by Alexi Aliferi and directed by school teacher Phyllis Schimpf, featuring the third through eighth graders.

In an ordinary western town, somewhere in time, Besta Pie has won the Pie Palooza contest for the past 60 years, mainly because her mother was one of the pie judges all those years.

With the passing of the Pie Sisters' mam-



Pie Palooza traveling trophy.  
Photo by Pam Moore

ma, "rest in peace mamma", Besta, Lotta and Honey exclaim, some think it is time for a new pie champion.

The villains, Mince meat, Crusty and Creamy, set out to steal Besta's pie recipe and the head pie judge this year, Sheriff Rolland Dough, has a crush on Honey Pie...

In the end, Honey Pie is named the new pie champion and the villains are thwarted in their attempt to steal and use Besta's pie recipe, which called for a cup of pickle juice. Besta's 60 year winning pie was a pickle pie!

At the end of the melodrama, the pie winners were announced by the judges – local residents: Betty Royse

for cream category, Jim Tubbs for fruit category, and Linda Parrish, other category.

The winner in the cream category was Karen Johnson with her banana cream pie. The winner in the fruit category was Gene Farmer with his pomegranate/mixed berry pie and the winner in the other category was Pat Lamb with her lemon meringue pie.

The Grand Champion winner, picked from the three category winners, was Gene Farmer. Farmer said besides the pomegranate, there were blackberries, blueberries, raspberries and strawberries in his pie.

The Grand Champion award is a traveling



2013 Pie Palooza Grand Champion Gene Farmer and Judges Jim Tubbs, Linda Parrish and Betty Royse.  
Photo by Flip Boettcher

trophy of a mounted pie pan with dangling baking utensils that resides in the winner's home until next year's Pie Palooza.

# Exostrategies contributes \$7,500 to the Wounded Warrior Project

by Mike Perini

Exostrategies, Inc. an aerospace company headquartered in Woodland Park, recently donated \$7,500 to the nonprofit, nonpartisan organization Wounded Warrior Project, which provides unique programs and services to injured military members

The Wounded Warrior Project's mission includes providing unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of injured service members; helping injured service members aid and assist each other, raising awareness, and enlisting the public's aid for the needs of injured service members.

The donation was made in memory of US Army Special Forces Team Sergeant, Master Sergeant (MSG) Richard Lee Ferguson, as part of Exostrategies' 2012 end of year Giving Back Campaign.

"Our whole team is absolutely humbled and honored to provide this donation to the Wounded Warrior Project in memory of MSG Ferguson, a fallen but not forgotten local Woodland Park hero and Green Beret. MSG Ferguson made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation," said LTC Chris Enger, USA (Ret.), Exostrategies' Vice President for C4ISR and Operations, and Woodland Park resident.

MSG Ferguson was killed in Iraq in 2004. He had a long and distinguished 28-year career with the Army. The majority of his service was with the 10th Special Forces Group, based in Bad Tolz, Germany, Fort Devens, Massachusetts, and at nearby Fort Carson, Colorado.

MSG Ferguson is survived by his spouse, Mandy, and 4 children; his daughter and 3 sons – 2 of which are Eagle Scouts, with his youngest son rapidly climbing the Scout ranks.

You can learn more about the Wounded Warrior Project at: [www.woundedwarrior-project.org](http://www.woundedwarrior-project.org).

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# The Robin Boy

by Danielle Dellinger

**Author’s Note:** Boy, it’s been a rough year, huh? Hopefully we’ll be able to catch our breath now. I am dedicating the following story to the nine wonderful, special people that the Woodland Park community has unfortunately and suddenly, lost within the past year or so. I love you all, dear readers. Hang in there!

The sun filtered through the still budding aspen leaves, their shadows flickering as a crisp breeze swirled around them. Alan sat at his open bedroom window, looking out at the world reviving itself after a bitter winter. Alan was only nine-years-old, but it felt like he was much older. He had been through a lot within the past six months. The grief of losing his five-year-old brother Drew still clung to him like a wet fur coat. It was heavy and very suffocating. All the adults in his small world had been trying to comfort him, to get him to talk so he wouldn’t bottle up his feelings. He told them repeatedly that his feelings weren’t bottled, but no one seemed to believe him. He was also told that he was not responsible for his baby brother’s death, but that did nothing to dissipate the guilt crushing his heart.

“These things happen,” they said.  
“It was a freak accident,” they said.  
But what did they know? He was the big brother after all, and he had taken it upon himself to watch over Drew all the time. His parents only asked him a few times to watch his brother while they were in the other room or working outside. He had been doing just that, then he blinked, and Drew was dead. It

had taken him nearly a week to stop crying and for his parents to stop crushing him to their bodies. After that first week, he had been numb for about a month, then he finally transitioned to being on autopilot. He barely heard anything that anyone said to him, which got him in trouble almost every day. “Everyone grieves in their own way,” they said.

Alan sighed now, watching two woodpeckers race up a tree. His brother had always loved birds, and had been able to name them all from the time he could speak. His favorite bird had been the robin because of their fiery red breast. He said it made him think of warriors wearing armor. Part of their room had been covered in pictures and figurines of robins of all sizes. They were now packed away in boxes in the basement since they’d moved recently. They’d moved to Victor from Divide three months after Drew’s death, his parents unable to stay in the house where their baby had died. It was such a small town that Alan had to really work to make friends his own age. So he spent most of his time in their backyard, digging in the dirt or the snow, or sleeping in the shade of the pine tree.

As he sat in his pensive state, more and more birds flew back and forth between the trees outside his window. It was mesmerizing and calming to watch them go about their business, unaware of the troubles of a nine-year-old boy. He thought back to how Drew wanted to learn everything about robins. It became almost like an obsession. If he encountered a stranger on the street, he would start spewing facts about robins, hoping that the person would take an interest and have a conversation with him. They never did. Because, honestly, who really cares about robins?

“Where do they go?” he would ask.  
“Where does who go?” Alan had responded.  
“The robins. They stay here all the time, but you never really see them when there’s snow. Why? They’re like spirits. You never know they’re there until they want you to know.”

Alan could only shrug, not being an expert on where birds go during winter, or the ways of spirits.  
“I want to be a robin,” Drew would say. “When I die I want to come back as a robin.”

Alan always thought that was dorky, so he would make fun of Drew.  
Then Drew would cry and run to their mom to tattle and find comfort.

What kind of five-year-old knew what animal they would come back as when they died?

Alan jerked himself from the memory and wiped his eyes hastily. He heard his mother calling for him from the kitchen, so he shut his window and went downstairs. She gave him his lunch and he took it to the table in the dining room, sitting there to eat. His thoughts soon swept him away to a therapy session he’d had recently. He’d shared the only memory he could think of at the time.

“Robins are spring birds. They represent luck, renewal, and happiness,” Drew would tell him.  
“Do you even know what ‘represent’ means?” Alan would ask.  
“Yes I do! Guess you don’t. You’re dumb!”  
“Am not! Mom, Drew is calling me names and making up stuff!”  
“Liar!” Drew would yell.  
“You’re a liar!” Alan would retort.

They spent the rest of the afternoon in time-out, but by the end of it they were trying to figure out how to get secret messages to each other from opposite corners of the room.

Alan’s mom sat beside him to eat her lunch as well. They didn’t talk much these days, only to check in and make sure nothing important was going on the next day or for the rest of the week. She reached out and rubbed her son’s back. He only smiled and kept eating. When he was done, he took his dishes to the sink then went out into the backyard, taking a seat at the base of a ponderosa pine tree. The scent of warm sap wafted into his nostrils and he inhaled deeply. The sun was bright and almost uncomfortably hot. Since it was March and spring would be there soon, the earth had already begun tilting back toward the sun to thaw away the bitter winter. Christmas this past year had been just as bitter as the winter.

“I already know what I want for Christmas, Alan!”  
“It’s only May, Drew. Why are you so weird?”

“I’m not weird! You are ’cause you don’t know what you want.”  
“I do too!” Alan actually hadn’t known.  
“You’re lying again. I’m gonna tell mom!”  
“Wait, no! What do you want for Christmas?”  
Drew’s grin was triumphant since he’d just gotten his way . . . Again. “I want a picture of a robin standing in the snow with snowflakes falling all around him.”

Alan just rolled his eyes. “If you love robins so much, maybe you should just marry one!” he had hollered before running to the next room to escape Drew.

“Maybe I will!” Drew had hollered back before stomping outside.

A massive cloud drifted across the sun, darkening the world and pulling Alan back out of his memories. He couldn’t remember what had happened to Drew’s Christmas presents, and the urge to find out hit him like a kick from a horse. He jumped up and ran inside, going down to the basement first. Normally he would’ve had one of his parents go with him as he was still terrified of the dark, but the need to find Drew’s Christmas presents overrode his fear. He stopped at the bottom of the stairs, switched on the pale light, and scanned the room. He didn’t see anything at first, but then a glint of something shiny almost directly behind him caught his eye. He went around to the side of the stairs and felt a sort of elation when he saw the six still-wrapped Christmas presents with Drew’s name on them. He sat down on the cold floor with them and started ripping into them one by one. A collector’s car, the latest nerf gun, three pairs of Aquaman underwear, a donkey stuffed animal . . . Alan was beginning to think his parents hadn’t gotten the picture after all, but then he opened the second to last box. Inside was a framed 5X7 photo of a robin in the snow with snowflakes falling around him. Alan could only stare and stroke the smooth wood of the frame.

He didn’t hear his mother until she was right behind him, saying his name repeatedly. When he turned to look at her, he had tears in his eyes he was unaware of. His mom was flipping between anger and sadness, eventually settling on the latter. She knelt down and wrapped her arms around him. This action caused the sobs to come forth and rattle his body like a car with square tires. They held each other until it was time to start dinner. Alan cleaned up the wrapping paper and put everything back in their boxes. He kept the picture, though, and took it up to his room, setting it on the windowsill.

Alan awoke to birds chirping and a strange tapping noise on the window. He slowly opened his eyes and looked to the window and the pale morning light. With his vision still blurry from sleep, all he could make out was the silhouette of something outside the window. That must have been the source of the tapping. Whining quietly, he sat up and rubbed his eyes. Once his vision was clear, he saw a robin sitting on the windowsill on the other side of the window. It kept chirping loudly, like it was trying to talk to him. He got up and went to the window, moving slowly so as not to startle it. But the bird didn’t seem bothered by his looming figure. It tilted his head to the side and looked up at him with its dark eye and then dove from the windowsill toward the ground, pull-

ing up before impact, and then landing with a few hops at the base of the ponderosa pine tree. Alan quickly dashed outside.

The chorus of birds was overwhelming but beautiful. He looked up and saw all kinds of birds sitting in the tree branches. He looked back down to the robin that was at his feet now, studying his toes like they were bugs. Alan chuckled and took a step back to deter the curious bird, but it only hopped closer. He took a few more steps back and before he knew it, he was being chased around the yard. But the bird meant no harm. He sat down in his usual spot in the yard once he was tucked out and the robin landed on his knee. This frightened him a bit, making him question the bird’s intentions. The robin stayed still and watched the boy watch him. There was something familiar about the look in the robin’s eye. Alan did his best to figure it out, but he only ended up frustrated. A loud chirp came from the robin and Alan could’ve sworn it sounded like his name.

He then had a thought. Could this robin be the reincarnated soul of Drew? His breathing quickened as he continued watching the robin. Maybe this all had something to do with him finding the picture a couple days ago.

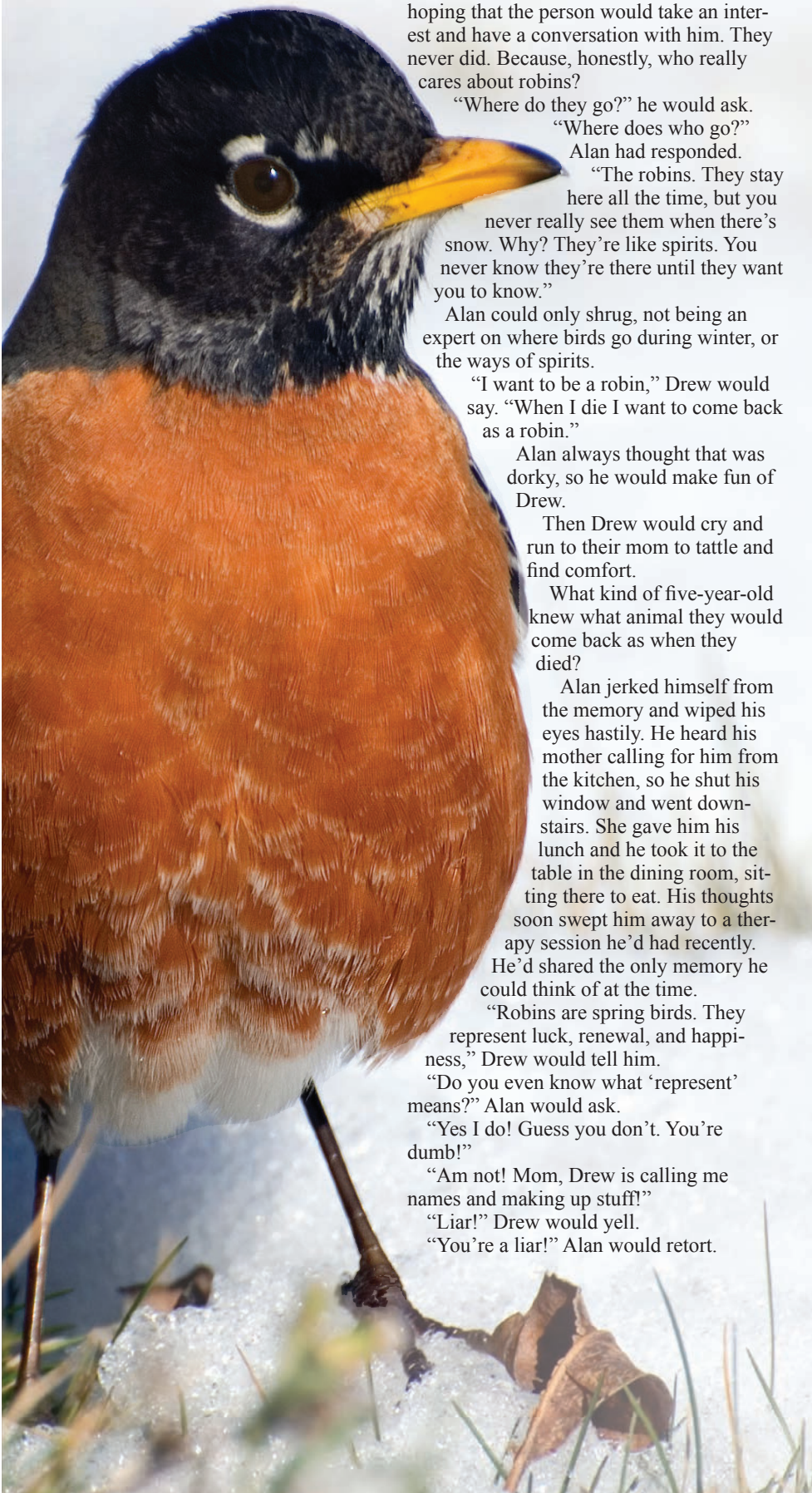
“Drew?” he asked slowly.  
The robin looked at him and chirped loudly. Without warning, it took off into the air and did a few loops around the backyard before coming back and landing on the ground in front of Alan. Alan laughed and grinned. Even if it wasn’t his brother and just a bird, this was making him feel better. The robin’s feathers poofed out and he shook his body before taking off into the air again, flying up into the ponderosa pine tree, going to the top. Sighing, Alan laid down on some dead leaves and grass, feeling sleepy. A few minutes of quiet passed, then the robin began singing its wonderful song. Alan smiled as he listened. He felt that the song was a lullaby for him, and he couldn’t resist the pull of sleep. He felt like his wet fur coat of grief was slowly flaking off in chunks like paint peeling off a weathered fence.

His parents came looking for him an hour later and were surprised to see him sleeping on the ground with a robin roosting on his leg. Alan’s father went over to him and tried to shoo the robin away, but it merely looked up at him sleepily. He eventually bent down and lifted the robin off of his son’s leg, setting it aside. He then gathered Alan into his arms and took him back inside, his mother shutting the door behind them all quickly as the robin came flying toward them. Alan awoke a few hours later and his parents questioned him about what he was doing sleeping outside under the tree. He did his best to explain to them his thoughts about the robin, but they weren’t buying it. He exclaimed that the robin really was his brother. They only shook their heads and exchanged worried glances.

“Maybe this is just the grief talking,” they said.

The family spent the rest of the day researching reincarnation. It was a comforting thought to all of them that Drew might still be with them, just in a different body. It’d be like they never really lost him. However, the dark side of that was they couldn’t communicate with him anymore and vice versa. Alan was a bit more optimistic, though, saying they just needed to learn a new language. They shrugged, still uncertain. As they sat down for dinner, the robin perched on their back steps and started singing. It brought a sense of happiness to the small family, and Alan saw his parents genuinely smile for the first time. Alan believed the robin signified happiness and renewal more than anything else. He hoped that their broken hearts could finally start to mend and that he could shed his wet fur coat of grief completely.

A flock of numerous robins surrounded the graves of Anna D., Richard “Coach D” D., Scout Master Richard K., Kevin M., Jeff C., Alex R., Paul K., Nick N., and Chris D. Some of the robins perched on the headstones, while others took up residence high in the trees above them and started building nests. A few of them sang their songs as if they were celebrating the lives of those recently departed souls. Or they were announcing the arrival of their spirits, letting the grieving community know they were there.





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# The charity of giving fishes

by David Martinek

An old Chinese proverb says: "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." It's a good lesson and a good philosophy. Everyone should develop their skills, hone their talents and be self-reliant in life. Suppose a man becomes a great angler but occasionally finds that there is nothing in the waters to catch. What then?

The Little Chapel Food Pantry in Divide has the answer and the ministry: "Go back to step one – give the man a fish."

Ken Hesselberg is director of the Little Chapel Food Pantry. His wife, Judi, is his assistant. They are surrounded by a close group of volunteers who help distribute all kinds of food and other staples to needy families throughout the region on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

The pantry is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization located at 69 County Road 5 at the intersection of Highways 24/67 in Divide, behind the Little Chapel of the Hills church. With the Teller County Sheriff's Posse directing traffic, the volume of member families getting assistance can readily be witnessed on distribution days.

"If we have to cancel a distribution day due to snow or some other emergency," said Hesselberg over the phone, "some of our families would be in a tight situation."

The pantry's mission is to help meet the nutritional needs of those residents of the community who are unable to provide for themselves due to current income or capacity issues. Indeed, since 2001, the pantry's 100+ volunteers have given of their time and resources to help meet the needs of folks in both Teller and Park Counties who struggle to put food on their tables. With increases in unemployment, reduced working hours, and stagnant cost-of-living raises, the pantry has seen their ministry and the need grow.

Through donations from several food sources, as well as ministry purchases, the pantry distributed over 695,000 pounds of food to 21,692 family members in 2012. Of those receiving regular distributions, about 25%

A group of volunteers joins Ken and Judi Hesselberg in one of the food distributions rooms of the Little Chapel of the Hills Church. Pictured in random order: Ben Green, Isabella Fallon, Judi Hesselberg, David Maioli, Jackson Peters, Debbie Porter, Larry Toy, Kevin Kraemer, Karen Hathaway and Ken Hesselberg. (Photo by David Martinek)

were children and 18% were senior adults.

Currently the Little Chapel Food Pantry is searching for more space to expand their operation. They have recently been offered a lease on a portion of a large warehouse facility in Divide (part of the old community center near Divide Feed) and are in negotiations to make sure it will be satisfactory to all parties.

To help finance their operation and their ministry, the pantry sponsors several annual fundraising events. Recently, they held a banquet at the Shining Mountain Golf Club facility on January 26 which yielded over \$13,000. Events they will hold later in the year include: a golf tournament on May 18th, food booths in the park on July 4th during the Cruise Above the Clouds event, Oktoberfest, the Teller County Fair, and Lake George's Gymkhana.

The pantry is pursuing grants to support their food ministry, general operating expenses, their building fund and other special projects – such as classes on canning, preserving methods, and gardening. The pantry has a limited number of communal garden spots in Divide.

"Hunger is a real problem in our community," concluded Hesselberg. "Our only income is from grants, donations and fundraisers; and although we sometimes barely meet expenses, God somehow always brings in what we need." To continue the metaphor, this "charity of giving fishes" is entirely supported by faith.

The website for the Little Chapel Food Pantry is [www.littlechapelfoodpantry.org](http://www.littlechapelfoodpantry.org). For more information about its fundraising events, to become a receiving family, or to make a donation or volunteer, call them at 719-322-7610 or send an email to [foodpantry@jklint.com](mailto:foodpantry@jklint.com).

Called the Sea of Galilee, an outdoor portion of the pantry's distribution area is behind the church surrounded by Connex containers where the volunteers work in the center." (File photo contributed by the Little Chapel Food Pantry)

# Intermountain Rural Electric Association will pay capital credits to customers

by Bill Schroeder

The board of Intermountain Rural Electric Association (IREA) voted in its February 5th board meeting to approve the retirement of \$3.65 million worth of capital credit checks. District 3 board member Gene Sperry hailed the action saying the checks came at just the right time.

"The condition of the country's economy has made this a difficult time for so many of our customers – families and businesses alike. We have heard from them that every little bit helps. So I am pleased that we will be able to provide some financial relief," said Sperry.

Each year the board considers whether the financial condition of the Association

warrants the retirement of capital credits. In the years in which the Association's margins or revenue exceeds its capital needs in the coming year, capital credits are retired and customers are refunded a portion of the retirement based on their electric consumption.

"IREA has paid over \$62 million in capital credits since 2000," said Sperry.

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Gene Sperry, District 3 board member



# Great food, good vibes, & great fun!

by Kathy Hansen

It is always curious to me how it is people choose where to go for a good meal. What you're hankering for may be a factor. Location may play a part. It just may be those intangibles that become the deciding factor. When it comes to Rita's Place in Guffey, it's more than the food.

There is no question the food is good, but that may not be why they come. After all, just about anyone can make a sandwich. Ah, but Baklava? Green chili? These are certainly two staples Rita Mick always has on her menu and for good reason; they are delicious! Just one taste and you know there's more to it than good ingredients, yet no better way to start.

It was about eight years ago that Rita decided to move to Guffey. She wanted to give her children the best advantage she could. She believed it was better to be a big fish in a small pond so a smaller school seemed like a great place for the teachers to have time to get to know each student in order to help bring out the best in them. A gift many teachers have; one of many gifts Rita has.

Just how does a Philosophy and Anthropology Major make a living in Guffey? Rita opened a restaurant. She began with the simplest of ideas: good, healthy food, the golden rule, and some of grandma's recipes. Rita combines these to create a delightful dining experience.

Rita's grandma, who she refers to as "Tita", was a BIG influence in Rita's life. Rita embraces the golden rule: Do unto others as you would have done to you. Meal times are to be family time, catch up on your day time, and treat you like you're a real human being time. Rita knows her customers may not always be in the best of moods when they come in. This does not stop her from genuinely asking, "How are you today?" Rita believes it is best to treat people politely and respectfully. She doesn't expect it come back to her immediately. She trusts that if she can in some way brighten someone else's day, they are likely to be just a tad more pleasant to the next person they come across. In this way, she helps to brighten the days of many.

There is no question Rita is creative. She offers her space to showcase local artisans' wares. Rita likes to change it up every now and again. It can be fun to stop in to see what's new.

She also works cooperatively with local musicians. Dinner shows happen from time to time at Rita's Place. Rita prepares and serves the meal and she rents her space to the musician. The musician sells tickets to fill the house.

Rita develops all of her menus intuitively (is there any other way?). Karl, Rita's partner, suggested she plan a rotating menu to keep it switched up. Rita refused saying, "But that just doesn't feel right. I have to FEEL like making something, then I get excited about it and it turns out." Her intuitive method applies to her daily menu as well as when she partners on a show. She entertains a few ideas but it isn't until it "feels right" that she makes her final decision. Oh, what a great decision it is!



Rita Mick

The dinner show we attended began with a lightly dressed romaine salad, followed by baked brie that was a perfect blend of gooey cheese and flaky phyllo dough. The next course was a tasty lamb stew with dinner rolls. A creamy tiramisu provided a sweet finish. We agreed; this was truly one of the best meals we'd had in the state of Colorado. There was more than the food that made it a special evening.

Rita has a gift of knowing people. She is in charge of seating, which is limited to about 16. Although there are many regulars Rita knows well, Rita again trusts her intuition for seating people together. We were amazed to learn one of our tablemates actually had worked at the same place Jeff does! This common

thread surely made conversation easier for a couple of strangers who first met. A periodic glance around the room consistently reflected her well-honed gift as clearly people were

**I have to FEEL like making something, then I get excited about it and it turns out.**

Rita

mingling and sharing pleasant conversation while waiting for the show to begin.

Rita's consideration for each individual is a parallel to the variety of foods she likes to cook. The flags on the back wall will tell you where her cultural specialties originate: Greece, Lebanon, Mexico, India, Thailand, and the Euro flag (because it is pretty). Rita knows we all have something special to offer.

How fitting is it that Guffey happens to be set along the Trans America Trail? Rita truly enjoys feeding the hungry cyclists and hearing about their travels. She surely has what it takes to help them feel welcome, to serve them a lip-smacking meal over a pleasant rest before the go on their way.

Next time you are looking for a pleasant dining experience, come to Rita's Place in Guffey. Whether you choose the green chili, the Taoist, or the Dante, it will be delicious, made with love, and served with a genuine smile.

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# Twilight of the Mammoths

by Zachary Sepulveda



*Perched upon a grassy hill ancient hunters prepare to make a kill...  
Blaring trumpets shatter the air  
Terrified voices echo despair  
Hurling towards their own demise  
A chance at life, their fate denies*

*The blood of giants spills forth upon the grass  
Brought forth by razor-edged volcanic glass  
Marching closer to defeat with each fresh laceration  
Panicking behemoths flee from inevitable damnation*

*Perfectly adapted to a dying world  
Their fate was sealed when their blanket of ice unfurled  
Their fragile world was brought to bear before the fury of the sun  
And before they even knew it, their time on earth was done.*

Zachary Sepulveda will be representing the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society and the Colorado Scientific Society at the Western Interior Paleontological Society’s Founders Symposium: Ice Worlds and Their Fossils. The symposium will be held at the Colorado School of Mines on March 16-17, 2013. He will be presenting a poster as part of a section on “Bringing the Past to Life (Artist Scientist Panel).” His poster is on poetry and art.



## About the author:

Zachary Sepulveda recently moved to the Pikes Peak region from San Diego, CA. He became interested in paleontology by visiting the La Brea Tar Pits in Los Angeles as often as he could. He is a junior member of the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society and is part of the Pikes Peak Pebble Pups and Earth Science Scholars Program. Zach is 15 years old and is in 10th grade at Palmer Ridge High School in Monument, Colorado.



Pastor Trish

## Home at last

Finally, after collecting clothing for 2 years, Pastor Trish’s clothes closet has a home! The Woodland Park Middle School (WPMS) has agreed to provide the space. The clothes closet is open to the public as of March 16th from 8am-4pm. The clothes are free and everyone is welcome!  
WPMS is located on the corner of Kelly and Rampart Range Road. Parking is available in the lot off Kelly. The cafeteria has a separate entrance; look for the double doors.  
Pastor Trish is happy to receive donations. For more information please call 719-323-0525.

## Rampart Library District news

The District is pleased to announce an exciting new resource that will begin in March. All Rampart Library District patrons will be able to download magazines to their PCs and mobile devices. You can check out as many of the 54 magazines on the list you would like and there is no due date. The list includes such titles as Field and Stream, Bicycling, Newsweek, Everyday with Rachel Ray, Natural Health, Family Handyman, National Geographic, Consumer Reports, Reader’s Digest, Martha Stewart Living, Motor Trend, Mother Earth News and even Gluten-Free Living. Once you are on the District website [www.rampart.colibraries.org](http://www.rampart.colibraries.org) and have clicked on Zinio, you can create a Zinio account using

your library card number.  
The District is again partnering with Teller County VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance). VITA will be in the large meeting room at the Woodland Park Library every Thursday from 1-5pm during tax season. Appointments are required and anyone with an income less than \$50,000 is eligible for this free service. Please call 229-9868 or email [TCVita@skybeam.com](mailto:TCVita@skybeam.com) to make an appointment. Both libraries have some Federal as well as Colorado tax forms and you can get all of them online through the link on our library website homepage.  
On Saturday, March 2, the Florissant Library is celebrating Dr. Seuss’ Birthday with the showing of a current popular Dr. Seuss

movie and Dr. Seuss-themed snacks, such as Ape Cakes Grape Cakes from “Oh Say Can You Say?”, Schlottz’s Knots from “Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are?”, Pink Yink Ink Drink from “One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish”, and Nupboards’ Nuggets from “There’s A Wocket in My Pocket!” Fun starts at 11am.  
On Saturday, March 16, Celinda Kaelin will present a program on the “Spirit Trees” in the Pikes Peak Region at the Florissant Public Library. The native Ute Indians marked hundreds of trees in the area for spiritual reasons over their hundreds of years of occupation. Join us for this fascinating program at 10:30 a.m.

## Predator hunting season

by Jeff Tacey

March is primetime to go hunting for predators in Colorado. Coyotes are the main quarry as bobcat and fox season closed at the end of February.  
The coyote pelts are in prime condition now as they are really furry from the long cold winter. A good fur buyer will pay good money for a prime pelt.  
March and April are also mating season for coyotes so they’ll be aggressive. Howling calls work well this time of the year.  
Prime areas to hunt are around cattle yards as the cattle calf from February through April. Many ranchers will let you on their private land to hunt coyotes because they

kill newborn calves. Coyotes will hunt in packs like wolves to get their prey.  
My friend who works on a cattle ranch has killed two coyotes at once as they had a newborn calf and a heifer mother cornered in a fence line. Use a 223 Remington, a 22-250 Remington, a 220 Swift, or a 243 Winchester with a light non-expanding bullet to get this cow, sheep, elk, and deer killers.  
A decoy will also work well for coyote hunting. Use with a rabbit or fawn distress call. Electronic calls can also be used. Hunting over a dead animal is also effective. Check the 2012-2013 Colorado Small Game brochure for all rules and regulations.



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# Mountain lions may be visiting your neighborhood without you even knowing it

by Michael Seraphin

When people hear reports of mountain lion sightings, they naturally assume the incident must have been in the back-country. Recent reports of mountain lion activity in populated areas, however, reinforce the fact that mountain lions can be present just about anywhere in Colorado – including cities and towns.

Over the past few weeks, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Officers responded to reports along the southern Front Range involving mountain lions killing deer near people's homes.

"We remove the deer carcasses and advise the residents to remain vigilant for the next few days in case the cat returns," said Colorado Springs Area Wildlife Manager Cory Chick.

Mountain lions are active year-round but generally most active at night. Chick suggests people avoid letting their pets out alone – especially between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

"We don't want to scare anyone, but we want people to know about mountain lions," said Chick who explained that lions' main prey are deer, rabbits and other small mammals.

"They have evolved over thousands of years to hunt for prey that moves on four legs. They go after prey that represents the greatest opportunity for the least amount of risk."

Mountain lions have extremely large territories. They sometimes roam more than 20 miles a day in search of new food sources or mates. This is especially true after young mountain lions leave their mother at about a year and a half old. If a lion moves through a neighborhood and does not find anything to eat, it will keep moving.

"Lions in Colorado are a normal part of the life cycle," said Chick. "Some mountain lions seem to be able to live in the vicinity of humans without conflict."

Colorado Parks and Wildlife officers believe there are a variety of reasons for increased mountain lion sightings. One is that more humans live and recreate where mountain lions and their primary prey, mule deer, exist. Other explanations could be related to changes in lion distribution and movement patterns, increasing lion populations, or the simple fact that people are more apt to report sightings.

The vast majority of sightings happen very quickly and end when the lion runs away. However, wildlife managers are concerned that more and more reports are coming from populated areas where mountain lions are finding plentiful food supplies.

"The chances of you even seeing a mountain lion are highly unlikely," Chick said. "So the chances of being attacked are even lower. But people still need to be aware that lions live among us."

## Don't feed the deer.

According to Jerry Apker, a carnivore specialist with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, feeding deer and other wildlife draws prey animals into residential areas - which means mountain lions are likely to follow. "Sometimes people become a little too anxious to see wildlife and attempt to bring animals closer by putting out food," he said.

It is illegal to feed deer or any big game in Colorado, but sometimes people do it anyway because they are unaware of the problems it causes. "Deer are capable of finding plenty of natural food to eat on their own," Apker explained. "Feeding deer congregates them in back yards and puts everyone in the neighborhood at risk because deer are one of the main food sources for mountain lions. Mountain lions usually avoid people, but even with human activity nearby, mountain lions are more likely to stay in an area where deer congregate."

When a lion kills a large animal like a deer, they consume part of the meat and conceal the rest by covering it with dirt or leaves. They return later to eat more. As long as the meat does not spoil, the lion will remain in the vicinity until it is consumed. That might be up to a week during the winter.

If you find a partially eaten carcass on your property, call your local Parks and Wildlife office for advice on removing the carcass. Removing the carcass will prompt the lion to leave the area.



In some cases, wildlife officers use "negative conditioning" techniques to haze cats away from populated areas. One method is shooting the lion with beanbags or rubber buckshot. It sends a strong message to reinforce the cat's natural instinct to avoid people.

Hunting is one way to manage cougar populations. Licensed hunters legally kill about 350 mountain lions a year. Another 40 or so are killed each year by car accidents, or by state or federal wildlife officers responding to calls of lions taking pets or killing livestock.

An extra month was added to the mountain lion hunting season in Colorado this year. The traditional close of the mountain lion hunting season was March 31, but beginning this year, the season will not close until April 30. Hunters should check with their local Colorado Parks and Wildlife office to get details on the license requirements for 2013.

## Mountain lion safety tips:

- If you see a lion, do not approach it. Stay calm and stand upright. Talk loudly and firmly at the lion and back away slowly. Do not turn your back.
- Do not run: Some experts believe that running can trigger a predator instinct in mountain lions; the lion will react to you the same way it reacts to a fleeing deer or elk.
- Do all you can to appear larger: raise your arms and hold your jacket or shirt open wide.
- Mountain lions tend to avoid people and rarely attack unless cornered. A cougar that is about to attack may have ears held back, snarl or growl, or twitch its tail.
- If the lion appears aggressive, throw stones, branches, your backpack or anything that is handy.
- If attacked, fight for your life. Use any weapon and advantage available such as rocks, binoculars or flashlight. Direct your defense to vulnerable areas such as eyes, inner nose and ears, ribs and abdomen.
- Stay in groups when hiking, cycling or running in lion country. Do not let small children hike or play alone.
- Make enough noise when hiking, cycling or running that you do not get too close without them hearing you coming. Lions that hear you coming will leave an area before you get there.
- If you find a dead animal on or near your property, have it removed promptly. Mountain lions often cover dead animals with leaves or dirt and return later to feed.
- Keep yards and residences well-lit at night.
- Remove plant shrubs next to your home where mountain lions can hide.
- Keep dogs and other pets inside. If you keep dogs in a kennel, be sure it is enclosed with a screen on top. Dogs have been trapped and attacked inside their own open-top kennels.
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# Lake George Charter School - Beyond the abc's - the ski program

by Maurice Wells  
photo by Denise Kelly

Lake George Charter School students may elect to participate in a skiing/snowboarding program for eight Fridays as part of their extra-curricular experience. Tania Montgomery, a member of the staff, coordinates the program in Lake George as part of the overall Park County school program. The eight sessions include transportation, instruction for 2 1/2 hours, skies or snowboard, a lift ticket and supervised time on the mountain for an additional 2 hours. The lessons are taught by professional instructors at Breckenridge and supervised time is done by parent volunteers. The parent volunteers must be cleared by a background check in order to participate. The total cost is \$220 and is a great deal since, according to Tania, the normal lift ticket/lesson price is \$178 per day. When asked how she got interested in the program, Tania said it was because her own kids were involved when they were younger. She saw how much they enjoyed and benefitted from the experience and wanted to make sure it continued. She holds fundraising activities throughout the year to raise money to help those students who can't afford the cost. This year there are 30 students involved which is the maximum they can schedule. The activity started in January and ends in early March. For more information about the program call 748-3911.

## “Afternoon of a Fire” Waldo Canyon Fire to be commemorated in bowed piano ensemble concert: Soprano soloist Victoria Hansen featured

The Bowed Piano Ensemble will perform Director Stephen Scott's newest work, "Afternoon of a Fire", a commemoration of the Waldo Canyon fire of 2012, on Thursday, March 7, at 7:30 pm. in Packard Hall, 5 W. Cache La Poudre St., on the Colorado College campus. Soprano soloist Victoria Hansen will join the ensemble, Colorado College's internationally renowned experimental music group, in a preview concert of their ninth European tour. The event is free and open to the public. The program will also include Scott's "Aurora Ficta" (False Dawn), "New York Drones," and "Baltic Sketches." The ensemble will accompany Hansen in two vocal pieces, "Vocalise" and "La Guitarra," from Scott's song cycle Paisajes Audibles (Sounding Landscapes). The online journal New Music Box said of this work: "...when (soprano Victoria Hansen) sings along with the Bowed Piano Ensemble, expect the walls to melt down again as you return to the almost primordial atmosphere guaranteed to enrapture." Scott said he composed "Afternoon of a Fire" as a personal response to the threat to and eventual loss of many homes on Colorado Springs' west side, where he lives with his wife Victoria. They received many e-mails of concern from friends in the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, UK and Slovakia, but their neighborhood was spared. "Afternoon of a Fire" is dedicated to those who weren't so lucky, and to the many heroes

fighting the fire and helping their fellow citizens through tireless community service.

### About the Bowed Piano Ensemble

Scott, Hansen, and the Bowed Piano Ensemble have toured and broadcast widely in Europe, Australia, New Zealand and North America and earned many favorable reviews in such publications as Gramophone, The American Record Guide, Wired Magazine, Fanfare, High Fidelity, The New York Times, The Independent (London), The Financial Times of London, The Los Angeles Times and Keyboard, as well as appearances on National Public Radio and PBS and on film and network television. Major festival performances have been at Spoleto Festival USA, Berliner Festspiele, Almeida Opera Festival (London), ppIANISSIMO Sofia, Bulgaria), the Visual Music Festival (Canary Islands) and Other Minds (San Francisco). The Bowed Piano Ensemble has made five professional recordings on the New Albion and Albany labels, and their



Director Stephen Scott is at front, right.  
Photo by Colorado College

next recording, of the pieces on the March concert, will be produced by Parma Recordings and distributed worldwide by Naxos.

## Excitotoxins: What you may not know

by Carol Grieve

What if someone were to tell you that a chemical added to food could cause brain damage in your children and that this chemical could affect your children's nervous systems through their entire life so that in later years they may have learning or emotional difficulties? What if there was scientific evidence that these chemicals could damage a critical part of the brain known to control hormones so that later in life your child

might have endocrine problems? Suppose evidence was presented to you strongly suggesting that the artificial sweetener in your diet soft drink may cause brain tumors to develop and that the number of brain tumors reported since the widespread introduction of this artificial sweetener has risen dramatically? Would that affect your decision to drink these products and to allow your children to drink them? What if you could be shown overwhelming evidence that one of the main



Carol Grieve

ingredients in this sweetener (aspartate) could cause the same brain lesions as MSG? Would that affect your buying decisions? Next month, I will be thoroughly discussing Excitotoxins and how they affect the brain and how they can be a contributing factor in many diseases.

## Bugs and Spring fly fishing

by Robert Younghanz, The Bug Guy

For the majority of those of us who fly fish the 50/50 rule tends to dictate whether or not we journey out into the water to wet a line. The 50/50 rule? At least 50 degrees and no more than 50 feet from your vehicle, of course! As this year's relatively mild winter prematurely begins to release its grip on our local rivers and reservoirs, our thoughts begin to turn to warm spring days and the chance for many of us to land our first trout of the season. My mind tends to wonder in a slightly different direction. Insects! Yes, aquatic invertebrates, the very fulcrum and arguable the most essential cog in the wheel when it comes to fly fishing. I will be conducting my monthly 2 day lecture and streamside aquatic entomology class on the Boy Scout property in Eleven Mile Canyon on March 20th. If previous classes are any indication, the biomass and bio diversity should be absolutely stupendous. My students and I should expect to literally collect thousands of aquatic insects within only a matter of minutes. When I empty my net into the collecting tray, we will expect to see

a myriad of different aquatic orders that had unwittingly become the stars of our scientific activities. The most gratifying moment during my streamside class is watching the eyes of my students, no matter their age or background, light up with complete amazement when they see their first tray of specimens collected from the river. We expect to collect a variety species of stoneflies, ranging from the largest 3 species that occur on the South Platte, Claassenia sabulosa, Hesperoperla pacifica, Skwala americana, to some of the smaller species like Isoperla sp. just to name a few. Our collecting trays should also be rife with countless species of Blue Winged Olives (Baetidae) as well as many other species of Mayflies. We should encounter a large number of Caddisflies, aquatic earthworms, crustaceans, and numerous Chironomids (Midges) in larva, pupa and adult stages of development. A little know insect fact is that on the South Platte River we are fortunate to have the larva of a rarely collected aquatic

**The message here is simply, before you boldly march out to the river with fly rod in hand and begin frantically casting in the hopes of hooking in to your first trout of the year, stop for moment, slow down, gently lean your pre-rigged fly rod up against a limb, walk up to the river, and become an observer.**



Robert Younghanz, "The Bug Guy"

Lepidoptera (Butterflies and Moths), Petrophila sp. The list goes on and on. The message here is simply, before you boldly march out to the river with fly rod in hand and begin frantically casting in the hopes of hooking in to your first trout of the year, stop for moment, slow down, gently lean your pre-rigged fly rod up against a limb, walk up to the river, and become an observer. Dip your seine into a riffle, turn over a rock, look around for hatches, or adult insects resting on streamside vegetation. Not only will this make you a better fly fisher and give you a much better idea as to what flies you should be fishing, but more importantly it will help you to have a deeper appreciation for the complexity and fragility of the aquatic environment you are literally about to walk in to. While some people cringe at the idea that our rivers are full of these little aquatic critters,

it's important to remember that large insect populations coupled with substantial species diversity is an indicator of a healthy river. So in other words, the more bugs in the water and the more different types that exist there, the cleaner it is for trout, animals and for us. Who knows, maybe by stepping back for a brief instant you will be inspired to turn around, grab your fly rod and cut off those flies, that you were so sure were the "right" patterns before you left the house. Robert Younghanz, aka The Bug Guy, is a guide and instructor at The Angler's Covey Fly Shop. For more information on aquatic entomology for the Rocky Mountain West, check out Robert's best selling 2 DVD set: "The Bug Guy: Aquatic Entomology for the Fly Fisher" www.the-bug-guy.com/dvd.php or contact Robert at: www.robertyounghanzflyfishing.com



# Gun control: “It’s time we got sensible.”

by David Martinek  
photo by David Martinek



An array of weapons

Ever since President Obama announced his intended executive orders proposing to ban assault weapons and take other measures to strengthen the regulation of gun ownership, the response in the Pikes Peak area has been fairly uniform, “leave the 2nd Amendment alone.”

Recently, the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution citing that they “will uphold the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and will act in conformity of our sworn duties as duly elected officials charged with public trust, and will in conjunction with prior decisions of the United States Supreme Court, not enforce any statutes, Presidential directives, or other regulations and proclamations which conflict, and are expressly preempted by, the U.S. Supreme Court rulings.”

Teller County Sheriff Mike Ensminger’s, views track consistently with attitudes in the region, during a recent interview, which took place at the Sheriff’s office in Divide.

“Under the 2nd Amendment it is the right of citizens to own firearms, and as many as they want,” the sheriff said. Ensminger made it abundantly clear that he supports gun ownership rights and feels that perhaps the recent national rhetoric and the bills introduced in Congress about strengthening gun laws and restricting gun ownership could be an over reaction and may not really address the root cause of gun violence.

Regardless of the national rhetoric, the Sheriff was not bothered by an armed electorate.

“In Teller County we have many gun owners - hunters, recreational shooters and those who possess and carry firearms for personal protection - pretty normal for our area, but perhaps not normal for other places, like California or other states.”

Ensminger went on to say that guns really are not usually an issue in most of their law enforcement efforts.

“About 50% of all our calls are in response to domestic disputes,” he added. He remarked that sometimes deputies will temporarily confiscate a person’s weapons in those cases, but once resolved or when the issue calms down, they are returned. Occasionally, firearms do come into play when suspects are apprehended for robberies and burglaries, but those instances have been few, according to the sheriff.

Referring to the December 30th article in the *Pikes Peak Courier View*, Ensminger reiterated his concern for child safety and the protection of children in our schools as well as homes.

“Only about 2% of all the deaths in our country each year are caused by gun violence,” reflected the Sheriff. “But over six

million children a year are victims of child abuse; five children die everyday from it.” He was very adamant that the current focus on guns belies much broader issues which need to be adequately addressed.

When asked for an opinion regarding pronouncements by other sheriffs around the country that they would not enforce new gun control laws, Ensminger said the County Sheriffs of Colorado were in the process of drafting a position statement opposing stricter gun control efforts in the state, which he supported. In fact, the 2013 Executive Board of the County Sheriffs of Colorado in late January did publish an open letter to the state legislators and the public stating that “the Second Amendment is not a guideline, but a right.”

The COSC reflected upon the fact that mentally ill persons have access to firearms and questioned why this can happen and how “taking away constitutionally protected freedoms from our law-abiding citizens through gun control” would somehow stop the threat of “violent mentally ill individuals.” They reasoned that the real problem needs to be addressed and cautioned elected officials about making legislative decisions that may be unenforceable or unconstitutional.

Sheriff Ensminger acknowledged that the recent shootings at the Century movie theater in Aurora and at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newton were sad, devastating and reprehensible examples of gun violence. He strongly suggested that these instances might have been prevented by stronger controls to keep firearms of all kinds out of the hands of people who are mentally unstable, as well as felons or others who aren’t mature or responsible enough to be gun owners.

He also questioned the realistic ability of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to collect, analyze, and share gun information without a huge increase in funds and resources.

Ensminger lamented, “When Colorado legalized medical marihuana, the statute required that all individuals working in a clinic must have a background check to weed out felons and other undesirable persons.” However, the Sheriff pointed out that sometimes those background investigations would take over a year, meaning that anyone could be working in a clinic for a certain length of time. His example highlights the fact that the ideology of laws envisioned by our well-meaning legislators and our ability to enforce them are often two different things.

“We need to be a sensible society,” he said.

There are obviously strong feelings nationally on both sides of the gun-control debate. Sheriff Ensminger and local governments have gone on record respecting the 2nd Amendment rights of lawful gun owners.

## 2013 Annual Donkey Basketball Tournament

The local Pikes Peak Club will be hosting the 3rd Annual Donkey Basketball Tournament on Saturday, April 27th to be held at the Woodland Park High School Gymnasium. Doors open at 5 pm games begin at 6:00 pm.

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- CRIPPLE CREEK**

2 The 15th Annual Pearl's Follies at the Double Eagle Conference Center. Doors open at 6 pm for cash bar and light food, show starts at 7 pm featuring the Stilleto Sisterz \$15 per person. There will be a silent auction and dancing afterwards. Proceeds benefit the Old Homestead Museum.
- DINOSAUR RESOURCE CENTER**

9 Free Scout Day from 10-4pm. Scouts and leaders in uniform receive free admission. Nature's Educators will be hosting an interactive table and will be giving presentations at 11:30am and 2:00pm. Come learn about raptors and reptiles. See how they are related to dinosaurs or other prehistoric animals. Get up close and personal with live snakes and birds of prey! What features do these animals have for hunting? Where do they live? Find out some great facts about these amazing predatory animals. For more info: [www.rmdrc.com](http://www.rmdrc.com).

16 St Patrick's Day/Easter Theme: Who is that tiny little man dressed in green and why is he chasing the Easter bunny? Did the bunny find his pot of gold? Enjoy the silly
- Easter and St. Patrick's Day stories and songs of Cathy Kelsay from the Fantasy forest Entertainment, Sat., March 16 at 1:30 at the DRC. For more info: [www.rmdrc.com](http://www.rmdrc.com).
- DIVIDE**

15 TCRAS is hosting a New Volunteer Orientation from 10-11:30am. This is the first step to become a TCRAS Volunteer. Please contact Chasta LaBass, Volunteer Coordinator, to sign up and for more information [volunteer@tcras-colorado.com](mailto:volunteer@tcras-colorado.com) or visit: [www.tcrascolorado.com](http://www.tcrascolorado.com) and click on volunteer to learn more.
- FLORISSANT GRANGE**

2 First Fundraising Country Breakfast of 2013. Join us from 7-11am for the BEST breakfast in the area and help up continue the restoration of the Old School House aka the Florissant Grange Hall. Last year we painted the outside of the School House and the old coal house out back. This year we need to raise the funds for a new roof. We have the best biscuits, homemade sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, hash browns and make your own breakfast burritos. Come enjoy breakfast with us!

16 Annual Easter Party and Open House. Easter comes early this year and so the Easter Bunny

- is making his rounds to visit the Grange a bit early too. Join the Easter Bunny for free pictures, goodies, games and all around fun for all ages, Saturday, from 1-3pm. 748-0358.
- The 2nd Musicians Swap meet** will be April 6th from 9:00 to 2:00. Come buy, sell, or trade your used or no longer needed musical equipment and instruments. Call 748-0358 for more information.
- The First ever Sewing Day** at the Grange was a fun filled day, so much so, that we decided to do it again. Join us April 13th from 9:00 to 12:00 (or?). Learn something new or bring your own project you want to finish. Visit with others who love to sew and create fun things and take home lots of great ideas. 748-0358
- Jam Night** - Every Thursday all year the Grange Hall is open from 6:00 to 9:00 pm for the Jammers Music and Pot Luck.
- Yoga** - classes are held each Monday evening at 5:30 and Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Call Debbie at 748-3678 for more information.
- Say Can You Say?", Schlottz's Knots from "Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are?", Pink Yink Ink Drink from "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish", and Nupboards' Nuggets from "There's A Wocket in My Pocket!" Fun starts at 11am. Call 748-3939 for more info.
- 16 Celinda Kaelin will present a program on the "Spirit Trees" in the Pikes Peak Region at the Florissant Public Library. The native Ute Indians marked hundreds of trees in the area for spiritual reasons over their hundreds of years of occupation. Join us for this fascinating program at 10:30 a.m.

**GUFFEY**

- 16 St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Bull Moose.
- 20 Girls' Night Out - 1st Day of Spring celebration starts at 6pm at the Bull Moose. Bring a covered dish to pass and a wrapped gift (value \$10). Call 719-689-4199 for more info.

**HARTSEL**

- 9 Harvest Center Food Pantry open from 2-3pm.

**JEFFERSON**

- 17 Stagestop Saloon St Patrick's Day Celebration. We will be serving corned beef, cabbage, and white potatoes as long as it lasts beginning at 1pm till it is gone.

**LAKE GEORGE**

- 19 Gem Club Youth Program 6pm at Lake George Community Center.
- 25-28 Lake George Charter School - Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

**LAKE GEORGE LIBRARY ONGOING**

- Wed:** 9am Low Impact Exercise
- 1st & 3rd Fri:** Lake George Quilters Square 9:30-1:30pm
- 4th Fri:** 9:15 Friends of the Library - Book Clubs "Tainted Tea" and "Titles" meet afterward.
- Help U Club:** We have our meetings the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Lake George Community Center, starting with potluck at noon and our meeting at 1:00 pm. We are all "Good Cooks." We are seeking new members. This would be a good place for new members to the community to meet people while helping out their community.

**RAMPART RANGE LIBRARY NEWS**

- The District is again partnering with Teller County VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance). VITA will be in the large meeting room at the Woodland Park Library every Thursday from 1-5pm during tax season. Appointments are required and anyone with an income less than
- \$50,000 is eligible for this free service. Please call 229-9868 or email [TCVita@skybeam.com](mailto:TCVita@skybeam.com) to make an appointment.

**WOODLAND PARK**

- 5 Mountain Top Cycling Club will hold its monthly meeting at Serrano's (Formerly Carlos Miguel's). Social time is 6:30-7pm. Meeting is from 7-8 pm. Guest speakers will be Jane Enger with True Life Medicine. Jane has a Master's Degree in Public Health has been a Nutrition and Exercise coordinator for 23 years. Jane will talk about sports nutrition and genetically engineered foods. Paul from Team Teleycycle will be on hand promoting our local bike shop and providing great door prizes. Steve Jeroslow representing the Board of Directors for the proposed Woodland Park Aquatic Project, will speak about the vision and mission of The Woodland Park Aquatic Project. For more information log on to [www.mountaintopcycling.com](http://www.mountaintopcycling.com) or call Debbie (719) 687-2489.
- 9 Indoor Farmer's Market at Ute Pass Cultural Center from 9am-2pm.
- 23 Jimena Yantorno leads the free class, "Empower and Heal Yourself thru Gentle Dance" at the Woodland Park Public Library at 1:30pm. Requisites: a big smile, and a scarf to put around your hips. For information call Jimena at 719-306-0772 or email [Jimena.yantorno@gmail.com](mailto:Jimena.yantorno@gmail.com)

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# Big game hunting applications due Tuesday, April 2

by Randy Hampton

Colorado Parks and Wildlife 2013 big-game brochures are now available and limited license applications are being accepted for this fall's big-game hunts. License applications for deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, sheep, goat and bear are due Tuesday, April 2.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is again encouraging all hunters to apply for licenses online. In 2012, more than 474,000 applications were received, and more than 80 percent of those were filled out using the easy online system.

"Applying online means almost no chance for entering an invalid hunt code or making some other simple application errors," explained Devon Adams, Limited License Draw Coordinator for Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "There were 22,000 applications last year that came in with errors - less than 100 of them were online applications."

The biggest change that hunters should be aware of this year is a modification to the youth late season elk hunting program. Originally developed to help address overpopulations of elk on agricultural, private lands in western Colorado, the youth late season elk hunting program is transitioning while still

offering hunting opportunity at a time when elk populations are nearing desired long-term levels. In 2013, youth with an unfilled limited cow or either-sex elk license will be able to hunt late seasons in the general area of their original license, but in smaller areas than previously allowed.

"Allowing youth to hunt late seasons has been very popular because the late seasons typically overlap the holiday breaks from school and that makes participation easier," said Rick Cables, Director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "Given the changes this year to the program, we'll be looking for other ways to provide additional youth opportunity."

Youth big-game hunters interested in 2013 opportunities should closely examine the "2013 Colorado Big Game" brochure that is now available at license agents and Parks and Wildlife offices. The brochure provides a map showing the changes as well as links for online information that will explain the youth late elk hunts in detail.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife hunt planners are available again this year to help hunters who have application questions or

are looking for areas to hunt. Hunt planners can be reached from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. mountain time Monday through Friday at 303-291-7526 (303-291-PLAN).

By state law, hunters ages 18 to 64 must have a current 2013 Habitat Stamp or a Lifetime Habitat Stamp prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting or fishing license in Colorado. The online system assures that applicants have a Habitat Stamp in advance of application. Only one \$10 stamp is required per hunter per year. A lifetime Habitat Stamp is available for \$300.

Hunters born on or after Jan 1, 1949, are also reminded that they must complete an approved state or provincial hunter education course prior to applying for a hunting license in Colorado. Since the hunter education law was imposed in 1970, hunting accidents have significantly declined in the state.

The interactive version of the brochure can be accessed at [www.bit.ly/coloradobiggame](http://www.bit.ly/coloradobiggame).

A complete list of upcoming hunter education classes can be found at [www.wildlife.state.co.us/Hunting/HunterEducation/CourseCalendar/](http://www.wildlife.state.co.us/Hunting/HunterEducation/CourseCalendar/)

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