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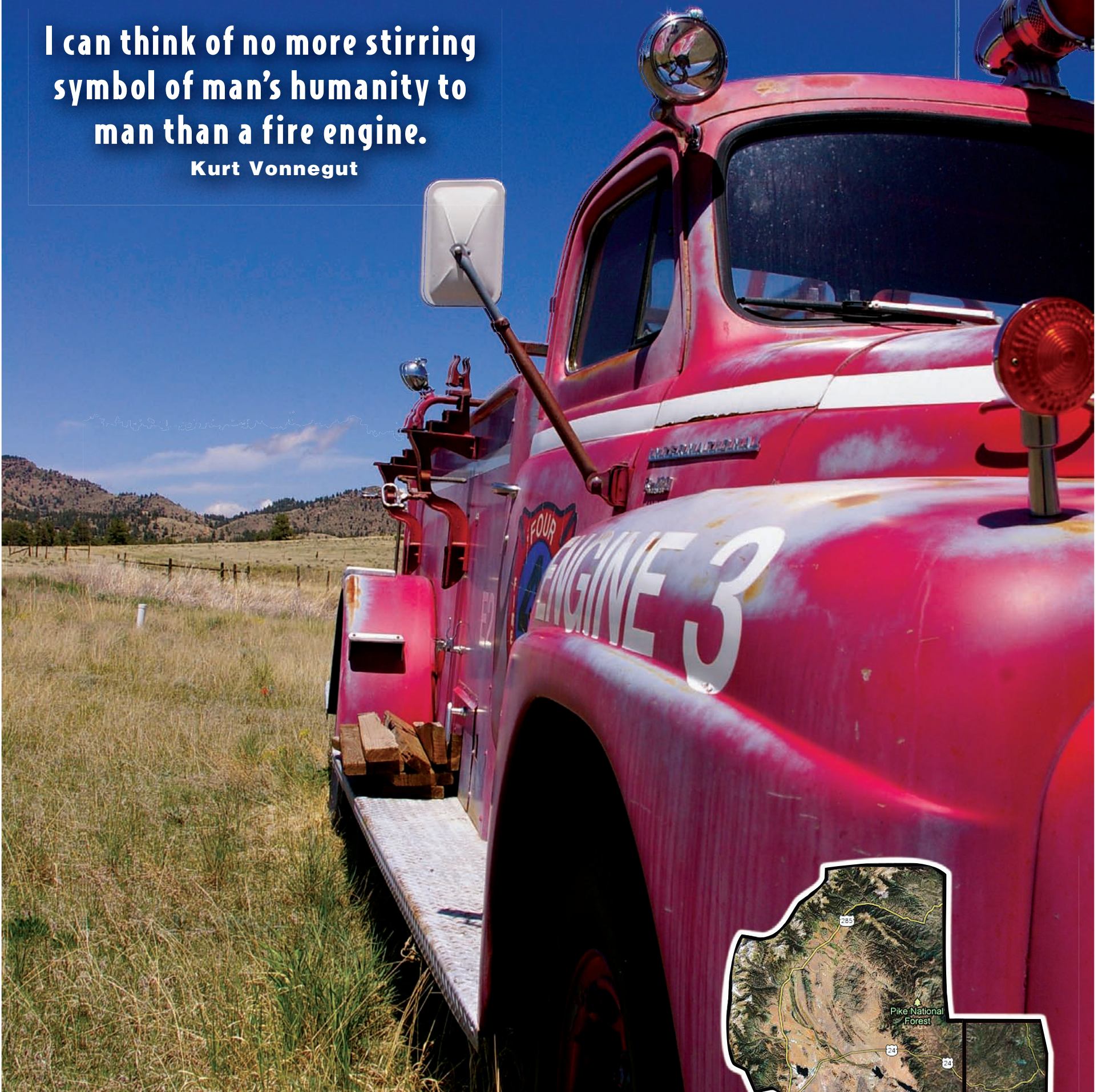
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Welcome to Ute Country

I can think of no more stirring
symbol of man's humanity to
man than a fire engine.

Kurt Vonnegut



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This month's cover is of the fire engine at Four Mile Fire Protection District on the road to Guffey. One look at this truck and you can see the many years of service it has proudly provided. There is something both beautiful and patriotic about fire engines; a symbol of a caring community.

We hope you enjoy the articles in our August issue letting you know about all the caring communities in the area. The more we learn about our area, its history, and what it currently has to offer, the more connected we become, creating strong communities.

While we do our best with each issue and proof it repeatedly, there always seems to be something that we miss. The owners of Lake George Cabins and RV Park are Rob (not Ron) and Heidi Gleghorn. Please accept our apology for missing the miss-spelled "dam" from our July issue. We thank an alert reader from Manitou Springs who reminded us of the many types of natural springs in Manitou, none of them are "hot" (at least by temperature); that Fountain Creek does not go to Canon City; and the Midland Railroad was incorporated in 1883. I take full responsibility; there are times I am captivated by the depth of the story that I missed these important facts. A larger paper takes longer to put together and longer to proof; we've since boosted our deadline to accommodate. As always, reader feedback is much appreciated!

We have noticed the shift at our Woodland Park locations since we are no longer offering our paper at either Walmart or Denny's. Anyone who is looking for a convenient place to pick up the *Ute Country News* can give us a call 719-686-7393.

Mr. Spaz is vicariously enjoying Pancho's swimming habits, pleased to see Colt perched on a rock, and is still laughing at the birds catching a ride on the horses. Do you have a pic that can make Mr. Spaz laugh? Please send him your Critter Corner pics at utecountrynewspaper@gmail.com

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—Kathy & Jeff Hansen

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Cover Peek Inside photo: One of our charitable efforts is to provide "Critter Quilts" to children who have been in a traumatic situation, perhaps an accident or taken from their home, or such. We have a stuffed animal that has a small quilt which they can use to cuddle their new "pet".

Quilter's Above the Clouds quilt show

Beautiful bed quilts and one-of-a-kind original art quilts are just two of the stunning quilted items that will be on exhibit at the Eighth Annual "Quilts in the Aspens" show in Woodland Park on Saturday, August 9th. More than 100 quilts and quilted items, including exquisite fabric bowls, table runners and other vibrant home décor items are currently under construction by members of Quilters above the Clouds (QAC) Quilt Guild.

QAC is a 501(c)3 charitable foundation and hosts monthly work sessions for its members to construct quilts for others. In 2013, Quilters above the Clouds donated more than 217 quilts to support local causes and comfort individuals in need due to natural disaster, family disruptions and losses. Quilts were provided to the Teller County Department of Social Services, Habitat for Humanity, TESSA, CHOICES, Aspen Mine

Center, American Legion, Wounded Warrior, Waldo Canyon Fire victims, Black Forest Fire victims, flood victims in northern Colorado and tornado victims in Oklahoma. Proceeds from the Quilt Show support the educational and charitable programs of the guild. There is a \$2 admission fee to the show, but children under 12 are admitted free.

The Quilt Show is an opportunity for members and other community quilters to share their results with the public. Individuals and groups are invited and encouraged to enter a quilt. Entry forms and more information are available at www.quiltersabovetheclouds.org. Check-in will take place on the Lower Level of the Woodland Park Library, Thursday, August 7 from noon to 6 p.m.

In addition to viewing quilts on August 9th, several events will also occur. Vintage quilts will be shown on an antique bed in an old-fashioned "Bed Turning" as stories about each quilt are read. Challenge Quilts with the same vibrant print fabric in an original design will be exhibited and viewers will vote for their favorite one. Demonstrations of quilting and sewing techniques are scheduled for free one-hour workshops throughout the day. Shopaholics will delight in the offerings of area quilt shops at their on-site displays, while the QAC Boutique will offer for sale a variety of items and gifts made by members—including a limited number of quilts.

"Quilts in the Aspens" Quilt Show will be open from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Woodland Park Middle School on Saturday, August 9th. For additional information about the Quilt Show or Quilter's Above the Clouds, contact Marilyn at 979-587-1665 or Nancy at ndavis51@gmail.com.



These quilts have been delivered to returning veterans. They are "Quilts of Valor" and are meant to remind them that we so very much appreciate their military service.



Each month, we have several groups get together to create quilts for our charitable causes. This group meets at the Cripple Creek Heritage Center on the second Friday of each month. A local resident gave them the nickname "Quiltillas" because they are such an enthusiastic, boisterous and productive group of quilters!

Florissant Library's Summer Drama Club: See 'Cowgirl Cookie' in action!

They're back and ready for action! The Florissant Library's Summer Drama Club will once again be performing an old-fashioned western melodrama at the Florissant Grange this August. This year's play is entitled "Cowgirl Cookie and the Mysterious Disappearance of Grandma Sugar" and is a sequel to last year's hilarious show, "Cowgirl Cookie and the Case of the Missing Chocolate Chips." Written and directed by local children's playwright Alexi Alfieri, the play will serve as a fundraiser for both the Friends of the Florissant Library and the Florissant Grange.

Due to the popularity of last year's show, there will be two performances offered this year: Friday, August 22nd at 6 p.m. and Saturday, August 23rd at 5:30 p.m. The Friday performance is free to the public and will include a cookie sale fundraiser organized by the Friends of the Florissant Library. The Saturday performance will be a dinner theatre organized by the Florissant Grange and made available by reservation only. Tickets for Saturday's show will go on sale at the Florissant Library beginning Monday, August 4th. Tickets are \$12.50 per person, and audience members will be served their choice of a pork loin or chicken entrée, along with dessert, during the performance.

The Florissant Library's Summer Drama Club is a group of 20 local youth, ages 10 to 16, who have been meeting weekly at the library to learn various drama skills and rehearse this year's play. "The group is terrific this year,"

said Alfieri, "and their positive energy during rehearsal just knocks my socks off. Everyone is working so hard and supportive of one another, and we are having just too much fun!"

In addition to the Drama Club, the Florissant Library has also formed a Video Club for local youth this summer. This group, mentored by Ranganath and Yamuna Weiner, has been busy behind the scenes of the Cowgirl Cookie play learning video techniques and taping rehearsals. The Video Club plans to film the final performances and produce a promotional video for the Rampart Library District.

"Cowgirl Cookie and the Mysterious Disappearance of Grandma Sugar" continues the story of Cowgirl Cookie, a young girl who is addicted to her local library and loves a good mystery. Being the heroine, she has a sidekick,

Snickerdoodle, and has grown up in the Cookie family of many girls (Oatmeal Raisin, Molasses Spice, Peanut, and Butter). As the title reveals, their Grandma Sugar has gone missing, and it's up to Cowgirl Cookie to determine what happened. Other characters in the show include Mayor Macaroon, Sheriff Thumbprint, members of the villainous Mustache Gang (Mushy, Crummy, Soggy, Yucky, Bland, and Burnt), the librarian Miss Butterscotch, the library's Madam Director Fudge, and a special appearance of the Accountant. Then, of course, there is the Granny Gallery (Miz Snappy, Miz Sticky, and Miz Chewy) who serve not only as opinionated narrators but especially creative advertising for the local library. The play also features a sign holder who prompts the audience to applaud, cheer, gasp, boo or hiss at the appropriate moments.

"I love to write a play which appeals to all ages, and when we spend a good deal of our time laughing in rehearsal, I know I've done my job," says Alfieri.

"Cowgirl Cookie and the Mysterious Disappearance of Grandma Sugar" promises to be fun for everyone. Come to the performance on Friday, August 22nd or purchase your tickets for the performance on Saturday, August 23rd and support your local Library and Grange! For more information, call the Florissant Public Library at 719-748-3939.



Members of the Florissant Library's Drama Club and Video Club 2014.

Hartsel the town

by Linda Bjorklund

Sam Hartsel was the founding father of the town that bears his name. He had selected the ideal spot for his ranch at the confluence of the Middle Fork and the South Fork of the South Platte River. He took advantage of the Homestead Act passed in 1862 and settled down to raise cattle.

Hartsel then began to build a town, locating it about two miles from his ranch headquarters.

He understood the benefits of the natural hot springs, and his friendship with the Ute Indians was partly based on his willingness to allow them the use of the springs, as the natives realized their therapeutic value.

Hartsel built the Hartsel Hot Springs Hotel in the late 1870s to accommodate those who wished to take advantage of the baths. The bubbling springs were across the river from the hotel, so a horse and buggy was provided for the guests who wished to cross the bridge and soak in a tub at the primitive bath house.

An ad appeared in the local newspaper in October, 1879, encouraging visitors to come to Hartsel and use the springs as they were "unsurpassed in the care of rheumatism, indigestion, dyspepsia, sore eyes and scrofula." In 1902 porcelain tubs were installed. Any traveler who paid \$12 a week to stay at the hotel was entitled to board, room and a daily bath at the springs.

The original hotel burned down in 1904, but Hartsel immediately rebuilt it and was soon back in business. The town boasted a post office in the hotel, a school, a mercantile and several other businesses. In 1907 Hartsel decided to sell his ranch and move to Denver; the entire 8,709 acres were purchased by J. D. Husted, owner of the South Park Land and Livestock Company. Hartsel had, however, carved out the 240 acres surrounding the hot springs.

Husted purchased the 240-acre townsite in 1908. He became president of The Equitable Finance & Development Company, which set out to develop the town of Hartsel Springs. As Hartsel had planned, the town was centered around the hot springs and the hotel that used them to entice guests. The brochure printed to advertise the enterprise stated, "Plans are being perfected for a fine, commodious hotel at these springs, and for all the accessories of a first-class health resort."

A plat was drawn and individual lots were identified for sale to potential settlers. The plat included a site with a large circular space labeled the Midland Center—to be developed as a Civic Center where the town hall and other public buildings might be erected. Plans also included construction of a reservoir of sufficient size to supply a town of 1,000 inhabitants.

It was noted that the Colorado Midland Railroad provided a good station with well-equipped stock pens for the loading of cattle, horses and sheep. The developers pointed out that the town of Hartsel Springs was located in the center of Park County, and the center of the productive agricultural belt of the area. They expected that the newly platted town would provide a market for agricultural products as well as a place to purchase supplies.

The developers even went so far as to offer free architectural services to potential buyers, for both residential and business uses. They promoted the town as a good investment, citing that, with the increase in population, the building of a new hotel, new bath houses and a swimming pool, the number of visitors that would flock to the springs and baths would guarantee the rapid increase of property values.

Buried within the pages of the advertising brochure was the statement that, "All deeds contain a clause prohibiting, absolutely and forever, the sale of liquor within the corporate limits."

In 1915 Dr. Harlan Mize was the manager of the hotel and hot springs. That year extensive remodeling was done to the hotel and \$10,000 was spent to build an additional bath house with a screened-in sun porch.

Dr. Mize had come from Chicago where he was known for his expertise in treating stomach ailments and rheumatism. In Hartsel, he developed a product at the hotel that he labeled "cold cream" and offered it for sale. He reportedly mixed up the concoction in a large washtub in the hotel kitchen.

He advocated hot mud baths for weight loss and charged customers a dollar for hot mud taken out of the springs. Customers paid 50 cents for a hot mineral bath and a dollar for a sweat bath.

Even though a series of managers was hired to promote the hotel and hot springs, the town simply did not develop as planned. In retrospect, the failure probably was due to the killer clause that prohibited the sale of liquor within the town.

Although the town of Hartsel Springs did not wildly prosper and make its developers wealthy, the more modest town of Hartsel grew and prospered in a more conservative way. In 1909 Emil Kleinknecht moved his family from Puma City and opened up the Hartsel Mercantile Company. He had salvaged part of the hotel that was burned in the 1904 fire for his store and built an addition to it in 1914. A soda fountain was added to the mercantile.

In 1925 Emil purchased a garage for his son Eugene to operate after graduating from mechanical school in Denver. Eugene later ran a Chrysler-Plymouth dealership, selling new cars to locals. The Kleinknechts built the service station across the road from their store.

Also in 1909, a second mercantile was opened in Hartsel. W. A. Swope brought all his stock from Guffey and opened for business across Valley Drive. William Locke took over the store in 1914 and formed the South Park Mercantile in 1917 with two other investors. His sons Harry and George later ran the store. They also built a service station across the road in 1931 and added a soda fountain to their store the next year.

At first glance, it seems unlikely that two mercantiles located across the road from one another could both prosper in a small town like Hartsel. But, prosper they did. The Hartsel Mercantile at first was a general mercantile store serving customers with household goods. For a while it was even a Red and White grocery store. It later evolved into a restaurant and bar.

The South Park Mercantile stocked goods that were more suitable for the ranchers and farmers in the area. They carried overalls and small farm implements. The store now offers small grocery items and has a liquor section.

As late as the 1980s, hardy souls continued to bathe in the hot water from the springs. A rickety one-room shed had been built directly over the spot where hot water bubbles out of the ground. An old enamel tub was placed inside the shed. The procedure was to empty the bucket of cold water located just inside the door into the tub, then bail out the hot water from the spring to add to the water in the tub. At a temperature in excess of 130 degrees the water is too warm



Hartsel Hotel - early 1900s



Hartsel - South Park Mercantile in foreground - 1930s



Hartsel Bath house - 1930s Source: Mills family

for a comfortable bath without adding a bit of cold water. When you finished your bath, you were obligated to fill the bucket with water to leave by the door for the next bather.

Nobody uses the hot springs now, as the bridge across the river has long-since disappeared and access to the privately-owned property is difficult.

The hotel actually prospered, even though it changed hands a number of times. In the 1950s it was renamed the "Holiday Inn." The main floor contained a restaurant that seated 40 and a bar that seated 25. Upstairs there were 11 rooms that could accommodate up to 34 guests. It was a popular place on Saturday nights, when people came from miles around for the bands and dances that were held there. But by 1972 the hotel was no longer in business and the rooms were being used as office space.

On a cold December night that year, a fire somehow got started on the second floor. The high winter winds fanned the flames. The fledgling local fire department, only two blocks away, could not get their fire truck started. Eventually a fire truck was dispatched from Fairplay, but it was too late, the hotel had burned to the ground.

What you see today as you travel on Highway 24 through Hartsel is a hint of what used to be. The South Park Mercantile is open for business, the service station across the highway no longer used. The Hartsel Mercantile is now the Highline Café and Saloon. The other service station across the highway is likewise no longer used, and graffiti has defaced it. The hotel was replaced by a service station called Badger Basin. The yellow-painted business called Bayou Salado used to be the single-story convalescent wing of the hotel. The carriage house that contained the horses and buggies now serves as an antique store.

But the town of Hartsel is still there.

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The Little Free Library in Woodland Park even has a bench on which to enjoy your selection.

Always a gift – Never for sale!

Woodland Park has its first official Little Free Library! A Little Free Library is a weatherproof box placed in a resident's yard filled with books. Anyone can visit and take whatever catches their fancy. One does not need to live in the immediate neighborhood to enjoy the benefits of this Little Free Library.

There is no check-out, no due date, no late fees, and no charges for the book. The book is always a gift and never for sale. In fact, readers can keep the chosen book or return it at a later date. Readers may also contribute a book by placing it directly into the box. Individuals, businesses, and organizations may become stewards for this world-wide movement. Each Little Free Library is registered and the location is placed on the website map. Individual stewards usually place the Little Free Library in front of their home while business-sponsored stewards usually place their Little Free Library either outside their business or sometimes even inside. Organization-sponsored stewards determine a site: usually a pre-approved public place.

Stewards for Woodland Park's first Little Free Library are Cheryl and Darwin Naccarato and the library is placed in front of their home at 410 Craig Court. Stewards also commit to maintaining the box and keeping it supplied with books.

"I had been aware of this movement for several years and as a book lover, being a steward puts a smile on my face!" Cheryl says. She designed the box to meet her idea of a perfect Little Free Library. She continues, "Little Free Libraries compliment public libraries in the fact that they promote literacy and the love of reading. It also fosters a sense of community and connection."

Together, with help of a former Woodland Park resident and good friend, Adrian Vinke, Cheryl and Darwin built the library over the course of a couple of weeks. "Adrian took charge of the actual building and I acted as his builder's assistant," said Darwin. He continued, "Adrian's building experience far exceeds mine so we took advantage of his expertise!" Darwin designed and built the post that the Little Free Library sits upon. He joked that maybe a more fitting name would be the "Naccarato Branch Library."

When putting the finishing touches on the library, many neighbors dropped by to check it out and all were not only excited to have a new source for choosing books but an opportunity to contribute books.

The Little Free Library movement was started in 2010 by Todd Bol of Hudson, Wisconsin, and Rick Brooks of Madison, Wisconsin. Friends and neighbors loved the idea. Andrew Carnegie's support of 2,510 free public libraries around the turn of the 19th to 20th century, heroic achievements of Miss Lurie Stearns, a librarian who brought books to nearly 1,400 locations in Wisconsin through "traveling little libraries" between 1895 and 1914, and "Take a book, leave a book" collections in coffee shops and public spaces provided inspiration.

Kelly's Office Connection in Gold Hills North is an excellent example of such inspiration. They have had dedicated space in their store for many years for residents to take a book or leave a book.

The rest... is history, documented in newspapers, blogs and broadcasts throughout the world. The year 2011 brought local, regional and national media attention to the backyard project that had become a movement. With nearly 400 Little Free Libraries across the U.S. by the end of the year, the founders knew it was time to become a formal, independent organization. In May, 2012, Little Free Library was officially established as a Wisconsin nonprofit corporation with a board of directors. In September, the Internal Revenue Service granted tax-exempt status. This goal of more than 2,510 Little Free Libraries was reached in August of 2012, a year and a half before the original target date. By January of 2014, the total number of registered Little Free Libraries in the world was conservatively estimated to be over 15,000, with thousands more being built.

For more information, check out the Little Free Library story at www.littlefreelibrary.org.

Star gazing in Lake George

by Maurice Wells

The friends of the Lake George Library sponsored an astronomy program on Saturday, July 12 at the Lake George Charter School. Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not cooperate and telescopic viewing of celestial bodies was not possible. In spite of the weather Kevin Manning, an astronomer and consultant to NASA, gave a stimulating presentation using technical videos and photos from the space telescopes.

Mr. Manning's program, "Astronomy for Everyone: Size and Scale of the Universe" is designed to generate interest and expand the knowledge of our universe. Some interesting points from the program:

- Our sun can be viewed with a telescope, but special filters must be used to prevent damage to the eyes. Sun spots, dark spots seen against the surface, are actual gaseous eruptions that darken as they cool creating a darker appearance.
- Venus, the second planet from the sun, is often thought to be a star in the morning and night sky due to the highly reflective nature of the atmosphere.
- Jupiter is the biggest planet in the solar system and noted for the Great Red Spot on the surface. The spot is large enough to hold two earth sized objects. Jupiter has four large moons and many smaller ones.
- Saturn is the prettiest of the planets due to the



Saturn, the prettiest planet.
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rings that are formed around it. The rings tend to be very thin and are composed of water ice and some rock particles with icy coatings.

Using everyday items and distances, Mr. Manning was able to translate the vastness of our solar system into a more easily understandable concept.

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Friday, August 15 Kick Off Party
Downtown Artwalk, Business Window Decorating and Sidewalk Chalk Art 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Woodland Park Roots Project Outdoor Movie 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 16
Downtown Business Exposure (Window and Sidewalk art display)

Sunday, August 17
Saddle Club Street Dance, Ute Pass Cultural Center (UPCC) Outdoor Pavilion 6:00 p.m.

Monday, August 18
BierRun 5K Fun Run and Walk 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 20
Rampart Library District Story Time followed by a craft 10:00 a.m.
Mountain Top Cycling Club Cruisers Family Bike Ride 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 21
Rampart Library District Story Time followed by a craft 10:00 a.m.
Team Telecycle Intermediate Level Mountain Bike Ride 5:30 p.m.
Beer Garden Pre-Race Block Party 5:00 p.m.

Friday, August 22
Kids Zone 9:00 - 1:00 p.m.
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10 years and younger Bike Decorating for parade 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.


Joanie's Deli Parking Lot 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Bike Rodeo
Helmet Fitting
Signs for Life Bus

10 years and younger Decorated Bike Parade 12:00
BMX Demo - Stunt Masters Impact Street Team 10:00, 12:30, 2:00
Team Telecycle Entry Level Mountain Bike Ride 1:00 p.m.
Life is Good Youth Prevention Expo, UPCC, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Concert at Midland Pavilion 5:00 p.m.
Mountain Top Cycling Club Bike the Night Ride 10:00 p.m.
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Just how worried are baby boomers about their future? Consider these numbers: 72 percent of non-retired boomers think they will probably be forced to delay retirement, and 50 percent have little confidence that they will ever be able to retire, according to a recent AARP survey. Other surveys show a similarly bleak outlook among the baby boom generation.

Fortunately, when it comes to building resources for retirement, you have options. Of course, if you're in one of the younger age cohorts of the baby boom generation, your possibilities are greater — you may still have time to take measures such as boosting your 401(k) and IRA contributions, reducing your debts and positioning your portfolio to provide you with a reasonable amount of growth potential.

But even if you are pretty close to retirement, or at least close to the point where you initially expected to retire, you can act to better your outcome. For one thing, you could re-evaluate your planned date of retirement. If you really don't mind your job and could extend your working life for even a couple of years, you could help yourself enormously in at least three ways:

- You'll add on to your retirement accounts. The longer you work, the more you can contribute to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employers-sponsored account.

- You may be able to delay taking Social Security. You can start taking Social Security as early as age 62, but your benefits will be permanently reduced unless you wait until your Full Retirement Age (FRA), which will likely be 66 or 67. Your payments can increase if you delay taking your benefits beyond your FRA, up to age 70.
- You may be able to delay tapping into your retirement vehicles. The longer you wait until you begin withdrawals from your IRA and 401(k), the more time you are giving these accounts to potentially grow. (Once you turn 70 ½, you will need to generally start taking withdrawals from a traditional IRA and a 401(k) or similar plan, but you don't face this requirement with a Roth 401(k) account.)

As an alternative to delaying your retirement — or possibly as an additional step you can take along with a delay — you may be able to adjust your investment mix to provide you with the combination of growth and income that can help carry you through your retirement years. You can also be strategic about which investments you start taking withdrawals from, possibly allowing your portfolio to grow more than you had envisioned.

Start thinking now about ways you can help yourself achieve the retirement lifestyle you've pictured. You may want to consult with a professional financial advisor who can suggest the strategies and techniques most appropriate for your situation. In any case, with some careful planning, you can be a boomer whose retirement plans don't go bust.

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Big game and turkey licenses

by Matt Robbins

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) offers big game licenses for elk, pronghorn, bear, deer and turkey, to residents and nonresidents, beginning at 9 a.m. (Mountain Daylight Time) Aug. 5. This is the first time all big game licenses (leftover, over-the-counter with caps, unlimited over-the-counter) are for sale at the same time.

Leftover licenses are what remain after the draw process for big game and turkey. The number of licenses available depends upon how many licenses remain after the draws for a particular hunt code. A list of available hunt codes was slated to be published on July 29 at cpw.state.co.us.

Over-the-counter with caps licenses are licenses that initially go on sale Aug. 5 but are limited in quantity, or "capped". Unlimited over-the-counter licenses are not limited in number. Look for unlimited over-the-counter licenses and hunt codes for over-the-counter with caps licenses in the 2014 Big Game Brochure.

License sales begin 9 a.m., Aug. 5. Individuals may choose to purchase in person at more than 700 licensing agents, including CPW offices, online at <http://cpw.state.co.us/BuyApply/pages/hunting.aspx> or by phone (800-244-5613). A list of license agents can be found at <http://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/LicenseAgentsList.aspx>.

CPW Draw Coordinator Devon Adams recommends checking with your preferred license purchase agent ahead of time to ensure business hours coincide with the start of the sale and that they are familiar with changes to big game license sales this year.

In addition to a current and valid photo ID, proof of residency and social security



Leftover Wild turkey hunting licenses go up for sale starting August 5.

number, anyone buying a license must have a Hunter Education card, unless the hunter was born before Jan. 1, 1949. Online verification requires input of the hunter education information located on the card and the state in which it was issued. Bring this card with you for in-person sales.

To sign up for a Hunter Education course go to <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HE-Courses.aspx>. To request a replacement Colorado hunter education card, go to <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HE-CardReplacement.aspx>.

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Bicycle Tour of Colorado

by Timothy Edwards

Recently, I pedaled in "Ride The Rockies" bicycle tour. I experienced a boyish sense of joy from seeing some amazing Colorado back country on a bicycle; I sensed camaraderie of 2,000 riders; I appreciated the Aid Stations when my body needed a boost of energy. So, I signed up for MORE: Bicycle Tour of Colorado (BTC)!

Before leaving town in the car, I rode a 50 mile loop in the Mountain Top Cycling Club's annual long ride, called the "Experience Ride". That was a great opportunity to ride through Cripple Creek and Victor with Police escort. The Gold Mine has exploded with growth and some areas are visible from public roads.

After a shower at home I put the bike on the car rack and drove to Gunnison, the starting line for the next week-long bicycling extravaganza, where the finish line added 526 miles to my skinny-ure, pedal driven machine.

Host towns for BTC were Gunnison, Montrose, Ouray, Durango, Pagosa Springs, Creede, and the last day was the longest haul, over difficult Slumgullion Pass and 105 total miles to the finish line in Gunnison.

With only 650 bikes, the BTC was a comparatively small group. I kept seeing the same folks and wound-up striking some new friendships with a few of them.

Along the way I noticed a few bicyclists with saddle bags and camping gear. They are the Adventure Cyclist folks who are on very-long distance rides and are self-supported. One of them rode with us and I took the opportunity

to talk to him at camp.

The views were spectacular. Entering the San Juan Mountains through Ridgway is stunningly beautiful as the craggy peaks of rugged Mt. Sneffels are very distinct. Day Two's host town was Ouray, the "Little Switzerland of America". We had a day off in Pagosa Springs, but being from New Mexico, I chose to ride the "only 30 miles" distance to the NM state line, which meant 60 miles there and back. ... and no aid station. ...

Wolf Creek Pass was supposed to be among the hardest: eight miles of eight percent uphill grade, but we had a tail wind which really helped push me along. Creede is another really neat town, nestled in a big rocky canyon.

The Aid Stations were supreme. Each one had a larger variety than the "other tour", and as the days progressed, the Aid Station's variety increased. We had PBJ sandwiches, grapes, bananas, oranges, strawberries, apples, kiwi, cookies, Danish, and drinks. It was hard to stop eating and leave each Aid Station to start pedaling again!

At each host town I set up my tent in a sea of other tents and I went exploring that town on my bicycle. There was food, live music, a party atmosphere. I broke camp early each day, ate a good breakfast and hit the pavement by 6 a.m., as each day the trek to the next host town was typically 80 miles and I needed extra time to stop and take pictures.

My body held up ok and I was able to travel every mile without help from the SAG vehicles



One tour was not enough.

(vans that shuttle riders who cannot keep riding). Each day's ride was a new adventure and interesting in its own way.

I truly want to return to many of these places, now that I have seen them up close and personal. I recommend other bicyclists to experience one of the Tours that Colorado has to offer. It is a great way to see remote Colorado from behind your handlebars and meet some really interesting people.

Timothy rode 100 miles and enjoyed it!

by Timothy Edwards

Feeling that life is slipping through my fingertips, I called a meeting with Jimmy. I said "Jimmy, I need some time-off. I feel like I'm always in this building. I want to go outside. I want to ride 100 miles on my bicycle ... and enjoy it."

Jimmy said "Dude, you're smoking something". Ha ha.

Colorado has some amazing scenery. I don't see much of it because I'm always working, meeting commitments. I want to ride the "Fourteener Highway" while feeling dwarfed by the highest points in Colorado.

I want to pedal on Independence Pass and admire the stunning views of the Continental Divide, where the snowfields gently shrink in the warm summertime air ... to become raging rivers downstream.

I want to feel young again, living the scenery from the handlebars of my bicycle. I am getting older and I realize that life is short. Bicycling brings me a reminder of my childhood; a carefree adventure.

So, I gave ample notice to my commitments and began riding the bicycle; first a few miles, then five, then seven, now 20 or 40 or 62

miles, or simply 10 again. I'm working-up to that 100 mile goal.

As I ride I notice the beautiful things that are around us in this area of Colorado. There are lots of cool things to observe, and in the car, I usually cannot pull off the road to take a picture.

I completed the elephant Rock Century (100 mile loop) on June 1 and achieved that goal I set with Jimmy. Right after that, I embarked on two major road-bike distance tours, making June a very busy "cycling month. I rode 1,313 miles JUST in June! People tell me I'm in great shape.

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Cripple Creek and Victor High School Mountain Bike Team

by Deborah Maresca

Students from Cripple Creek and Victor High School met at the Fortune Club in Victor on July 11th, with their head coach Gary Horton for the start of the 2014/15 Cripple Creek and Victor High School Mountain Bike Team. The CC&V Pioneers will compete with the National Interscholastic Cycling Association Colorado League of High School Mountain Bike Teams.

There are currently six members on the team, but there is always room for more! The Mountain Top Cycling Club is supporting the team, working to provide the funds, equipment and training for these students to be able to compete in the Colorado League.

The Mountain Top Cycling Club recently hosted a 106 mile century ride that went through Cripple Creek, Victor and Guffey Colorado. Over 160 registered cyclists came from out of state and out of the area, like Denver, Boulder and Burlington, CO. The proceeds from the 2014 Mountain Top Experience Ride are being used to help pay for registration fees and costs associated with league. Mountain Top Cycling Club was awarded a grant from the Anna Keesling Ackerman Fund and from ENT's "Youth Endowment Series Grant Program" to help support the team.

Two other fundraising events to help raise needed funds are scheduled. There will be "Bike the Night" a 13 mile ride starting at 10:30 p.m. followed by a pancake breakfast at the Teller County Senior Center. Adults and children will enjoy the festivities, following the USA Pro Challenge Festivities; it is a perfect match. Prizes will be given away for the best custom, brightest, and so on. The other event is the Ute Pass Chamber Players Concert fundraising event scheduled for November 9th. If you would like to purchase a ticket call Debbie 719-687-2489.

The team is off to a great start and we are hoping that other students will join the team before the training sessions start in August. The team is open to home schooled high school students in the area. Performance Bikes of Colorado Springs donated helmets for each of the students. Park State Bank and

Trust and Benchmark Mortgage of Woodland Park sponsorship donations will be used to buy cycling jerseys for the team.

The Colorado High School Cycling League is an independent 501(c)3 registered non-profit. The Colorado League was established in 2009 and is an associate of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA).

NICA, is a national governing body for grades 9-12 inter-scholastic cross-country mountain biking. NICA launched the coast-to-coast movement, in 2009. As of 2014, NICA leagues are established in Arizona, Colorado, Minnesota, NorCal, SoCal, New York, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah. NICA supports every student-athlete in the development of strong body, strong mind and strong character through their efforts on the bike.

The inaugural race series for the Colorado League was in the fall of 2010 with 183 student athletes participating representing 20 teams from throughout the state and southern Wyoming. The Colorado League participation grew in 2013 to 591 student athletes from 39 teams. We provide a well-defined race season that promotes the formation of teams at public and private high schools. With the cooperation of local race promoters and our sponsors we put together a first class series of races designed for high school aged riders. A primary focus is to develop strong mind, bodies and characters by engaging juniors in the challenging and exciting world of competitive cycling.

The Colorado season includes a four race series in the fall with late summer riding camps. The primary focus is to deliver a fantastic curriculum of mountain biking skills, where leadership and camaraderie are fostered.

The League is an exceptional way for high school students to explore the sport. Often



Sebastian Steele, Angelica Atkins, and Karyssa Murray are three of the six members of the Cripple Creek and Victor High School Mountain Bike Team.

League racers participate in collegiate cycling and national and international competition. Several NICA alumni athletes are now racing on professional teams, employed in the cycling industry, and becoming community leaders. The Colorado High School Cycling League works to establish and maintain safe, quality high school mountain bike programs. The League is responsible for establishing a climate that will:

- Promote the sport of mountain biking and the benefits of mountain biking as a healthy, low impact, outdoor recreational lifestyle
- Promote athlete skills development, excellence, teamwork, professionalism and respect for the community and the environment
- Create an environment in which they may discover new friendships and find role models
- Develop an awareness of what it is to be an amateur athlete that is both gracious and respectful to their community
- Guide students towards learning new skills and disciplines, and spread the foundations of mountain bike racing across the U.S.
- Foster a responsible attitude toward the use

- of trails and wilderness
- Advocate for the environmental conservation of natural areas and parklands, mountain bike trail access, and the development of sustainable trail systems
- Promote the value of cycling to our community as a mode of transportation and as a life-long sport.

The Mountain Top Cycling Club is excited to see the growth in cycling in and around Teller County. For more information call Debbie at 719-687-2489 or visit our website www.mountaintopcyclingclub.com.

The Mountain Top Cycling Club is teaming up with the Victor Soccer Camp to host a Mountain Bike Training Camp Aug. 9th - 10th. Registration is available at GetEvent.com. Two mountain bike clinics and two team building clinics will be offered plus food and lodging.



Colorado River Cutthroat Trout. photo by Jeff Tacey

Backpacking and fishing in the Flat Tops

by Jeff Tacey

Let's take a little road trip to northwestern Colorado to the Flat Tops Wilderness Area in the White River and Routt National Forests. There are approximately 100 lakes and reservoirs, and a lot of creek and river access in this area. It's about a three hour drive from Woodland Park, so camping for a few days is the way to go.

The main access roads are Forest Road 8, Forest Road 900, Forest Road 205, Forest Road 600, Highway 13 and Highway 131.

One of the highlights is the native whitefish in the Yampa and White Rivers. I'll list a few of my favorite lakes to fish, check the map for directions and locations. First is Trapper Lake, a strong hold for Colorado River cutthroat and brook trout. An air bubble with a Woolly Bugger or Pistol Pete will work well here.

Next try Deep Lake, it's not very big but holds lake, rainbow, and brook trout. Use big Rapala's for the lakere.

Another favorite is Wall Lake, big Colorado River cutts live here. Mepps Agila or Panther Martins will catch them.

Another rare fish lives in Crosho Lake, the Artic Grayling the sailfish of the trout family, there are also Colorado River cutts here. Match the hatch and use flies.

Stillwater Reservoir holds rainbow, brown, cutthroat and brook trout, worms or Powerbait work well. Also try Kastmasters, Crocidiles and Little Cleos.

Check the 2014 Colorado fishing booklet for all rules and regulations as each lake/reservoir has size, bait and artificial restrictions. Also explore many of the other lakes in this great wild area.



CASA Volunteer Sandy Bridgewater, left, and CASA Case Supervisor Angela Komar.

CASA seeks volunteers

On July 17, the Swiss Chalet Restaurant hosted a mixer for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Pikes Peak Region. Guests enjoyed drinks and tapas on the deck as they mingled with CASA volunteers, board and staff. CASA volunteer Sandy Bridgewater shared her personal experiences and her passion for ensuring the safety and well-being of children in Teller County. CASA is in need of more volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in the courts and the community. Learn more at www.casappr.org.



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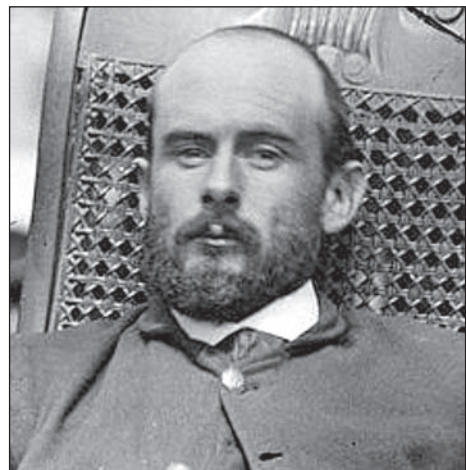
The legacy of James John Hagerman - Part 7

by David Martinek

James J. Hagerman's mastery of leadership was yet to be realized. He would soon show the board of directors of the new Colorado Midland Railway that their trust in him was justified.

Defining the "paper railroad."

The Midland directors had not put up much capital; barely enough to keep engineer Thomas H. Wigglesworth in the field with his survey crew. Hagerman warned that so little investment by the owners would not attract the interest of industrial titans like Andrew Carnegie or any of the potential English financiers. While Hagerman advanced the struggling company a few thousand dollars to support continuing surveys and other expenses, as did Irving Howbert, he focused most of his energies on systematically soliciting funds from other board members and particularly from investors outside the company. In addition, a professional fund-raiser named Carmichael was hired to go to England with the hope of securing over \$5,000,000 abroad. But in order to entice foreign investments, Hagerman advised that the board would have to show sufficient financial commitment at home.



Charles Francis Adams, Jr. (1835 - 1915) was the grandson of President John Quincy Adams and president of the Union Pacific Railroad from 1884 to 1890. Wikipedia.

Together with his search for large-scale capitalists, Hagerman set to work to trim down the competing plans of the railroad to a workable size. Preserving only the branch line to Aspen, he discarded the rest and suggested a main route to Leadville which included a long tunnel through Horseshoe Gulch near the mining town of Fairplay, part of the original Short Line plan. He also confirmed the general route from Leadville down to Grand Junction, crossing the Continental Divide through the Saguache Mountain Range and extending the line on to Salt Lake City. The Colorado Midland board accepted the scaled-down but greatly lengthened railroad.

Raising the initial capital.

William S. Jackson, one of Hagerman's contemporaries, critics, the receiver, and later president of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad (the D & R G), characterized Hagerman as "a rich, ambitious, restless invalid." But according to John P. Lipsy, author of "The Lives of James J. Hagerman", Jackson should have also added "able." Lipsy described Hagerman's efforts to raise money for the Colorado Midland and move the company from a paper railroad to one on the ground as "a big man [who] got the job done almost single-handedly." Indeed, when reading the many letters Hagerman wrote and the reports of the many meetings he attended, it is easy to agree.

His letters to the moneyed people with whom he had done business in the past were both prolific and persuasive. As early as July 1885, Hagerman wrote to John H. van Dyke in Milwaukee, a trusted friend and one of his former partners in the Menominee mining adventure, "If we get the money, we propose to show that at least one railroad can be honestly built in Colorado." Hagerman was referring to the D & R G directly and to numerous instances where corruption just seemed to be part of the game in railroad building; and perhaps he was recalling the infamous Credit Mobilier scandal in 1872 during the building of the Transcontinental Railroad, an episode that was still fresh on everyone's mind. Hagerman told van Dyke that Charles A. Otis, a Cleveland steel manufacturer and long-time loyal friend and generous supporter of Hagerman's, also "believes in it fully

and is willing to take quite an interest in it."

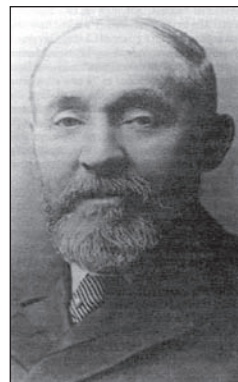
He wrote to Albert Keep, president of the Chicago and North-western Railroad Company, a long-time friend and business acquaintance to which Hagerman had sold "thousands of tons" of iron rails, giving him a brief synopsis of the Colorado Midland. Hagerman also asked Keep for a letter of referral to English investors across the Atlantic.

In future letters Hagerman encouraged van Dyke and others to contact their friends and other men who may want to invest in the fledgling railroad. He included positive analyses of the railroad's future profitability, particularly focusing on the anticipated coal and coke business out of the Elk Creek (later named New Castle) and Glenwood Springs areas across the Continental Divide, as well as the transport of ores from the Aspen silver mines to the Leadville smelters. Favorable costs for rails, locomotives, rolling stock and other construction and operating materials were also predicted. The Aspen silver mines and coal reserves were of particular interest to J. B. Wheeler, the Colorado Midland vice-president, who had mining interests in the area and "controlled the accessible coal in that region."

The Colorado Midland's first plan was the immediate construction of the westward line out of Colorado Springs to reach Leadville. But as his letter writing campaign began to develop and as overseas investment initiatives were initially proving unproductive (Carmichael was getting nowhere), Hagerman's focus shifted to a new approach - raising a smaller amount of capital to build the line from Leadville to Glenwood Springs. He estimated that \$1,500,000 would be needed to start work on the Western Division, as it was called, as compared to from five to seven million dollars to start from Colorado Springs. He reasoned that more immediate revenues could be generated from ore, coal, and coke transport and sales. Wheeler, who would prove to be thorn in Hagerman's side later, certainly approved of this revised plan.

Hagerman's letters were most persuasive in also describing how the Colorado Midland

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might lure business away from other railroads serving Leadville and South Park, especially the D & R G, which was currently embroiled in restructuring efforts and under a receivership (William S. Jackson being the receiver).

While many of Hagerman's letters expressed confidence that certain men would subscribe to and contribute various amounts towards the building of the line, he eventually became more worrisome. Carmichael had, indeed, submitted a proposal to London bankers Bischoffsheim and Goldsmidt, but they would not accept it without significant guarantees of cooperation from state-side railroad companies, like the Burlington, for example, which was unlikely. Carmichael, who was working on an expense account and had no problem traveling on other people's money, headed to Germany to seek investors there. But he cabled back from Berlin that the troubles of the D & R G were souring the market. He telegraphed the same story from Frankfurt, prompting Hagerman to comment to Orlando Metcalf that "I am afraid the D & R G polecat has tainted the whole financial structure over there for anything originating in Colorado." Hagerman's confidence in Carmichael as the Midland's overseas agent was wearing thin anyway. He wished to others that he (Carmichael) would



William Lidderdale (1832 - 1902) was Governor of the Bank of England and a brother-in-law of J. R. Busk, an investor in the Colorado Midland Railway. Wikipedia.

refocus his efforts on London.

More desperate, in December 1885 Hagerman sent general manager Homer D. Fisher and engineer Thomas Wigglesworth to New York to see Russell Sage (of the Gould and Sage contingent) about the Colorado Midland. Hagerman had heard that Jay Gould and Sage were planning to extend their Missouri Pacific lines "in this direction," most likely to Colorado Springs. He was interested to know if they would consider an alliance with the Midland, or if they wanted to buy the paper railroad altogether.

Even at that time, Jay Gould was one of the most hated industrialists of his era. Phillip Scranton, currently Professor of History of Industry and Technology at Rutgers University, has characterized Gould as a "robber baron" living a "fine line between thief and entrepreneur."

Hagerman probably knew of Gould's reputation. Nevertheless, in responding letters to Hagerman Sage expressed a willingness to consider the Colorado Midland proposal if it proved a favorable opportunity, but he was non-committal. Later, Fisher and Wigglesworth proposed to Sage that there be a stock purchase arrangement, with Gould and Sage buying two-thirds and the Midland men one-third, and that

the Missouri Pacific guarantee the Colorado Midland's bonds. But in the end, Gould and Sage were not impressed, confirming Hagerman's earlier prediction that "If they want our line at all, they want it for nothing."

In January 1886, Hagerman went to New York himself, taking Henry T. Rogers, the Colorado Midland attorney with him. They traveled in style, as a railroad president should, with their wives in a private Pullman car leased at \$35 a day. From January 19 to March 22 Hagerman was meeting and talking. He met with friends, and their friends, and finally in the course of two days succeeded in raising nearly all of the \$1,500,000 needed to begin construction of the Colorado Midland's Western Division.

Among those contributing were: William D. Sloane, a New York merchant; Samuel S. Sands, a New York capitalist; Theodore M. Davis, an investor out of Newport, Rhode Island; patent medicine baron Frederick Ayer of Lowell, Massachusetts; and Dave P. Eels; as well as J. B. Wheeler, Charles Otis and particularly J. R. Busk, whose brother-in-law was William Lidderdale, governor of the Bank of England! Busk proved to be a valuable contact for Hagerman as Lidderdale had serious connections with other English and Scottish speculators. Lidderdale would later become a Colorado Midland director.

Construction plans marred by competitive obstacles.

Back in Colorado Springs, Hagerman moved swiftly to secure contracts to begin construction of the line west out of Leadville. In early April of 1886 Hagerman hired George W. Cook to oversee the construction of the Midland. Ironically, Cook was a co-agent for the D & R G in Leadville, as well as for the Denver South Park & Pacific (the D S P & P). Concurrently, Hagerman signed a contract with James B. Orman of Pueblo and others for construction of the railroad's "graduation, tunnels and masonry from Leadville to the mouth of the Fryng Pan River."

Orman was a well-known railroad builder in Colorado, constructing several lines in the state, both narrow and standard gauge, including the unique route of the Florence & Cripple Creek Railroad several years later in 1894 through Phantom Canyon south of Victor.

Along with contracting, Hagerman obtained unanimous permission from the Leadville City Council to cross and run tracks along their streets, even though agents from the D & R G had gone to Leadville to oppose the request. The D & R G, still under the receivership of William S. Jackson, as well as the Union Pacific, would prove to be formidable obstacles for the Colorado Midland in the days and months to come.

For example, late in March Hagerman had held conferences with Jackson to coordinate "getting our rails and other stuff to Leadville." Hagerman wrote to Samuel Sands that Jackson spoke "moderately" in person but his actions were a different story. Jackson would do nothing unless the Midland would agree NOT to build the eastern line from Colorado Springs to Leadville, nor make any bargain or business with any other railroad until the D & R G was reorganized. He wanted a satisfactory trade agreement with the Midland on the coal and coke traffic in Leadville. "In other words," wrote an enraged Hagerman, "if we agree to cut our own throats, he will help us do it!"

The D & R G was hoping the Union Pacific (UP) would join their efforts to thwart the fledgling Colorado Midland by agreeing to share the Leadville freight traffic, cornering the Midland out of the market. However, the UP was anxious to extract itself from that arrangement, although it also did not want the Midland to build the eastern line either, at least for a while. But the obstruction by both competitors was only starting.

William S. Jackson seemed determine to oppose the Colorado Midland's efforts at every turn. "Mr. Jackson had evidently made up his mind to oppose us all he can," wrote Hagerman in his memoirs. "He talks like a boy. He said

that we had 'no right to build any railroad in Colorado or Utah, as that is our territory.'" Apparently, Jackson thought the D & R G had a monopoly on the coal trade, as well. Hagerman quotes him as saying, "It is a mean thing for you men [of the Colorado Midland] to go into the coal and coke trade which we have spent so much money to build up."

Despite his anger, or maybe because of it, Hagerman played the game, too. He tried to cut the heart out of the D & R G's opposition by offering to sell coke to every smelter in Leadville for eight dollars a ton if they would give the Midland their exclusive business for a "term of years." He wrote Wheeler after the D & R G was sold, and Jackson named president, that "Jackson ought to be a Middle-Ages baron. That crowd seems to think that people who own coal mines and silver mines and other important interests have no right to build railroads."

By mid-April the matter of rates to be charged by the D & R G and the UP for transporting the Midland's rails and construction materials to Leadville had come to a head. Both companies informed Hagerman that the freight cost for rails from Missouri Pacific points would be 40 dollars per ton delivered to Leadville. Hagerman wrote J. R. Busk that "Jackson and the U P (particularly president Charles Francis Adams) are charging our contractors perfectly extortionate rates on everything." The rates were obviously prohibitive, and Hagerman's response to Jackson and Adams was angry and profane (*he told them both to "go to hell!"*).

"My reply was more lurid than I care to remember," he later wrote. "I am glad to know that the two railroad presidents did not take the advice I sent them and emigrate to a climate which is too hot for comfort. I told them that they were practically ordering us out of the State; if God Almighty had given them a quit-claim deed to the State of Colorado, I had not heard of it...and that instead of quitting work west of Leadville as they evidently expected us to do, we would build from Colorado Springs to Leadville and have our own broad-gauge connection with the Burlington and other roads to the East."

Another change of plans; investors to the rescue.

The focus had shifted once again. Thwarted in their efforts to build the more lucrative line west out of Leadville, the freight rates threatened by the D & R G and the UP forced the Colorado Midland group to revisit building the Eastern Division line from Colorado Springs first. Although Hagerman wrote bold words, he was not so confident. He was afraid the Midland was on the verge of ruin, as were his directors. How would they raise the money needed, five to seven million, to build the eastern section?

Fortunately, Hagerman's eastern backers were also afraid, and even more indignant at the thought of losing their investments in the railroad before the first spike was driven, or the Aspen silver mines and the rich coal and coke trade. The monopolistic actions of the D & R G and U P prompted an immediate conference in Burlington, Iowa where preliminary plans were drawn to raise \$7,000,000 to build the eastern line. The Colorado Midland directors and their friends contributed more funds. "More than they were really able to," said Hagerman.

Two weeks later, around the first of May 1886, on a Sunday morning at Hagerman's spacious home on Cascade Avenue, the eastern backers came to Colorado Springs, including the Bank of England governor, William Lidderdale. The group firmly subscribed to a contribution of \$3,000,000 in cash with Lidderdale taking an additional option on the balance through bonds.

The deal was struck; the money was raised; the Colorado Midland would not be denied. The "big man" had done his job.

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The Guffey Library (on left) and Community Building. The Community Building was built by the Guffey community in the late 1980's with grant monies, volunteer labor, and Department of Corrections' labor, and then donated to Park County. photo by Flip Boettcher

Park County has new roof and siding for Guffey Community Building

by Flip Boettcher

Tom Eisenman, County Administration Officer, was the guest speaker at the Guffey Community Association (GCA) meeting on Wednesday, July 16. Eisenman said that Park County had evaluated and reviewed all the county buildings and was working on its capital improvement program which includes investing PILT monies (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) back into its properties. PILT funds are used for one-time costs only, not every day operational costs.

With its new CPA certified Budget and Finance Director, the county wants to become budget wise, spending some of their reserves for libraries, community buildings, and county buildings he said. In fact, there is \$70,000 in 2015 PILT funds earmarked for a new roof and siding for the Guffey Community Building.

When asked several questions about roads in

the area, Eisenman said that roads have always been a county issue. The county has recently hired a new Road and Bridge director who wants to have a meeting with Guffey residents within the next four weeks according to Eisenman. The Road and Bridge director will be meeting with all the communities in the county.

Eisenman said that the direct line to Road and Bridge is: 719-836-4280, if anyone had problems. Also, Eisenman gave out his direct number: 719-836-4203 and his cell number as well: 719-839-1149. Eisenman said that the county was stressing customer service and he thought 2015 would be a good year for the county.

The writer of this article is the president of the GCA.

Motherlode Music Festival set for August 8-10

by Kathy Hansen

Concert and event promoter, Doug Schroer is looking forward to seeing the past year's efforts come to fruition August 8th through 10th in Lake George for the Motherlode Music Festival. Doug has worked diligently lining up eight bands over the three days. This could be the biggest musical event to land in Park County, ever.

There will be dry camping, food vendors, including Philly Joe's Cheesesteaks and breakfast burritos (which will make you believe you've landed in Philadelphia – they are delicious!), Russ's Place from Divide serving BBQ and grilling for the crowd, ZA Pizza will come up from Colorado Springs, and the Nut Wagon will have nuts and bagged munchies available. Beverages will include beer sold by the cup, soda pop, water, and limited spirits.

Dry camping is available and encouraged so that you can enjoy the weekend safely. Besides, when was the last time you had the opportunity to enjoy live music in the mountains? Friday, August 8, begins the event with the bands, "Dancing on the Sun" and "Judge Roughneck".

Saturday's entertainment includes "Tony

Trahan & the BlueKrewes", "Wonderlic", "Austin Young", and "The Doo-Wah Riders". Sunday's lineup is "Blue Healers" and "The Woodies Band".

Doug has spent about 20 years in the music industry in many capacities from booking his friends' bands, to support person for a three day party, to "street team" for "Big Head Todd and the Monsters", to promoting the Victor Downhill Gravity Races. It is from this experience and connections that he has drawn on to put together this phenomenal lineup of talent. Doug said, "I feel that the area will benefit from having an annual event that is held in the mountains and give people a chance to get out of town and howl at the full moon that will be shining down upon us!"

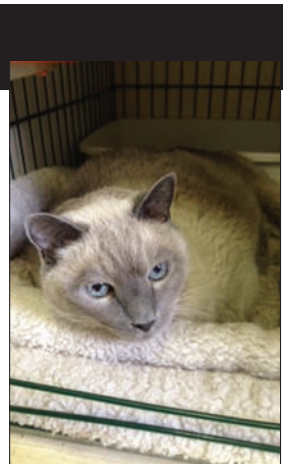
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Adopt Me Ling Ling

By Lisa Moore of TCRAS

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Spiritual Redirection

I am never upset for the reason I think Trust and betrayal

by Barbara Royal, Interfaith Certified Spiritual Director

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

I am never upset for the reason I think Trust and betrayal

Negative feelings on my part about two people in my world have been brewing for many months and have finally come to a head. I can feel it manifesting as pain in my stomach – the weakest part of my body. On the surface the emotions appear as one thing, but...since I am never upset for the reason I think

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With this revelation, I recognized what I am presently experiencing with these two is not what I am upset about but old wounds. With this revelation, I don't have to feel victimized by others' behaviors. I can use my tools to take charge of my feelings, heal my trust issues and reduce stress in my life. This is major! I thank these two for being the catalysts for the revelation and I let them go for their highest good.

According to Regent University, Psychological Services Center, 80 to 90 percent of today's illnesses are stress related. There are many techniques to reduce the cause(s) of stress, including the transformational methods in my Spiritual Life Coaching. Since most of the triggers that cause a stress reaction to situations are at a subconscious level, we are going around half-cooked thinking the situation at hand is the culprit, when in fact, it is our history.

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YOU HAVE NO POWER OVER ME. Be sure to FEEL your union with your I AM Presence as you state this decree, and bring into mind the incident that is causing you distress, realizing it is about your history and not the present. Thus the adage: I AM NEVER UPSET FOR THE REASON I THINK.

God I AM knows the underlying cause of your distress. When you use this decree, hold the intention the cause is being transformed into divine light and love, and allow I AM within you to set you free. Trust and do not try to control the process or the outcome.

It is my hope your use of this tool will help ward off any potential physical illness(es) and familiarize you with your inherent power. If you have questions or seeking assistance, you may contact me for a free consultation. I belong to an extensive network of holistic practitioners and if my skills and training don't meet your requirements, I can refer you to other holistic practitioners.

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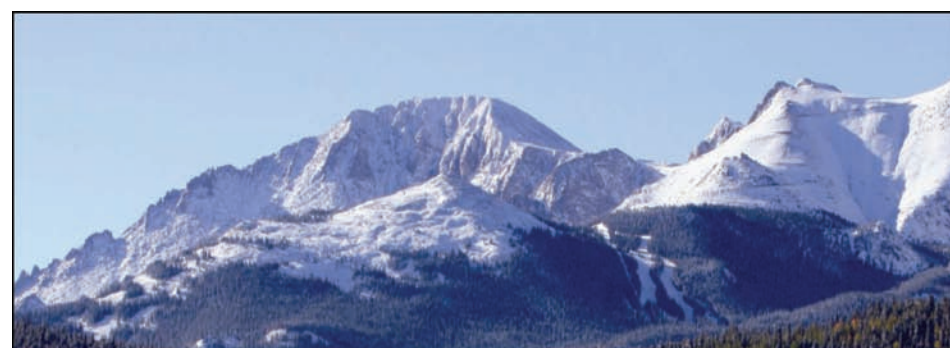
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Dancing the night away

by Elisabeth Newton

When it comes and goes too fast, when we don't want to leave despite the stiff formal shoes, when we stay up that night going over every last detail, then we know that the time and effort spent was worth it! This is the case every six months for the Teller and Park County Homeschool group.

The group held their Second Annual Summer Ball on the night of July 17th, 2014. The room filled quickly in mid-afternoon with Civil War uniforms and shiny black shoes, satin skirts and curled hair. After a Southern-themed potluck, friends and families came together on the wood floor of the Divide Community Center and danced. Laughter started from the time the set-up crew showed up, to when they departed that night. The evening is filled with sore feet, red faces, dismantled hair and dress coats, and memories.

The ball gives the homeschool group a chance to dress up in costumes or formal attire and have fun together; from kids aged 10 to teens, to parents, and even some grandparents. Girls are challenged with dancing in hoop skirts and heels, and boys are challenged to behave gentlemanly all evening. The ball is approached with an air of chivalry, old-fashioned respect and etiquette. Everyone puts effort into making others feel welcome, and the result is an event with a balance of laid-back, formal, all-inclusive fun.

We have so many people to thank; especially Torin and Rena Smith for hosting the Summer and Christmas balls. But the people who attend are the ones who really make it special every time. Thank you all for making our group's biggest event such a ball!



Kayla Liller, Rena Smith, Elisabeth Newton, Talia Smith, and Cameo Hockenberry posing in full costume. photo by Janelle Bateman.



Some of the younger boys hanging out; Barrett Allison, Josiah Newton, Tobin and Keenan Smith, JJ Allison, and Jonathon Liller. photo by Holly De Herrera.



Katie Bateman, Emily Newton, and Traesa Smith pause for the camera. photo by Elisabeth Newton.

Rampart Library news

by Anne Knowles

Summer Reading was a great success again this year and set a new record with over 800 children, teens and adults participating. The library is very proud to play a role in helping children and teens retain their levels of reading achievement. Research shows that these levels can fall significantly for those who do not read during the summer and this loss is cumulative.

A huge thank you to the community sponsors who made the Summer Reading Program possible: AARF, Andrews Candies, Bronco Billy's, Burger King, Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Co., IREA, Pikes Peak Rotary, Rampart Library District Foundation, Starbucks, Ute Pass Brewing Company, Ute Pass Kiwanis, Wendy's and Woodland Park Pikes Peak Lions Club.

StoryTime is always fun as well as educational every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Florissant Public Library. August StoryTime features, "Einstein" on August 7, "Electricity" on August 14, "Extra Gross Grossology" on August 21, and "Environment" on August 28.

You won't want to miss the Florissant Public Library's Youth Summer Drama Club presentation of "Cowgirl Cookie and the Mysterious Disappearance of Grandma Sugar". There will be two performances this year at the Florissant Grange, the first with open public seating on Friday, August 22 at 6 p.m. and cookies for sale from the Friends of the Florissant Library. Tickets are available beginning August 4 for the dinner theatre performance on Saturday, August 23 at 5:30 p.m. that will benefit the Grange. Please call the Florissant Library at 748-3939 for more information.

The Florissant Bookworms will meet at 10:30 a.m. on August 20 to discuss "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe" followed by a potluck at noon and a movie at 12:30 p.m. The Woodland Park Book Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. on August 5 to discuss "The Dovekeepers" by Alice Hoffman.

The AARP Driver Safety Course for the 50+ drivers is offered at the Woodland Park Public Library from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Preregistration is required and the course is \$15 for AARP (card-carrying) members and \$20 for non members. You may save money on your car insurance by taking this course.

Rampart Library District Board of Trustee applications are currently being accepted. An applicant must be a registered voter in the Teller County RE-2 School District and have lived in the District for at least one year. The Library Board of Trustees is a governing, policy-making Board with responsibilities for legal and financial oversight and advocacy. The most important qualification is a sincere commitment to provide the best possible library service to the community. Application packets are available at both libraries and online at <http://rampartlibrarydistrict.org> under About Us.

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Dancing Coyote Canyon a tour through time

by Kathy Hansen

Timing finally allowed us to accept Donna Genera's gracious invitation to tour Dancing Coyote Canyon, located just outside of Lake George, bordered by the Pikes Peak National Forest and overlooking Eleven Mile Reservoir. Donna said, "Your readers will want to know about this very special place. It is home to at least two energy vortexes, and was an area the Ute visited annually. There are many medicine trees on the property. You just have to come to experience it." Many aspects of this experience are still sinking in. I will do my best to share a glimpse of this special place.

We were received by Bernie, Donna's dog, who joined us for the majority of our visit. It was as though Bernie was expecting us; greeting us with a welcome smile. Donna was happy to give us the tour and introduce us to the current residents of Dancing Coyote Canyon.

Donna introduced us first to Eleanore Nelson, master gardener, and the primary person in charge of assuring everyone has a healthy meal. Eleanore planted both areas attached to the dwelling she occupies, as well as the two greenhouses located on the property. Gardeners are forever learning. This year, she learned the gophers and other root seekers found their way into the greenhouses from beneath the soil.

Donna then introduced us to Michael Farmer, who is the primary "owner" of Dancing Coyote Canyon for the past 13 years. Michael's intentions for this place include:

- To create a sacred center for communal ceremony that encourages our unique, and collective, destinies to unfold.
- To walk each day in beauty and honor of the self, one another, and Mother Earth.
- To offer the gift of Dancing Coyote Canyon to reflect on the beauty and presence of one's personal journey and the Divine Love that bathes the inner and outer world.
- To foster a learning oasis for permaculture to enhance the connection and sustainability between people, food, shelter, energy, and water.

Donna said, "This is a very special place that has called us together for a higher good." Donna has a BFA in Environmental Design and an MS in Psychology. She is a retired psychology teacher, now spiritual counselor, offering her gifts to those seeking direction on their spiritual path. She joined Michael at Dancing Coyote Canyon in 2012.

Donna proceeded to take us around the 40 acre parcel, showing us their 24 foot yurt where various ceremonies can take place, a small dwelling large enough for a single person with a great view, a lodge building that is intended to be a conference center/meeting place someday, and her own dwelling.

We noticed the theme of sustainability throughout the property dotted with spiritual icons. There are solar panels for electricity, composting toilets, and the greenhouses. Even as we walked, there was consideration for the many wildflowers that finally had enough water this spring to sprout, and the insects going about their business. Words of respect were spoken as we maneuvered about our business.

Donna directed us toward the first of many Culturally Manipulated Trees (CMT), sometimes referred to as "Medicine Trees" or "Prayer Trees". She explains that the Utes traveled through Colorado on migration routes throughout the year. Dancing Coyote Canyon has evidence that the Ute came here regularly over many years (thought between 400 and up to 1,000 years) as a safe place to remain for a while.

Donna shared there are five types of CMTs: ceremonial, burial, directional, medicine, and message trees. Each has its own purpose. Ponderosa pines were often used; they tend to live a very long time and are plentiful in the region. A young Ponderosa Pine has greyish black bark. It isn't until the tree is about 60 years old when the bark begins to take on an orange hue. The young trees could be bent and held with yucca rope. She showed us the scar of where the lower portion of the trunk had been tethered down toward the ground, creating a permanent bend in the tree. We asked permission to touch the tree; I could feel a vibration that felt like a pulse, as though it were a strong, healthy teenager.

Given there are various types of CMTs, what signs are telling us it could be a CMT? Noticing the bend is often the first sign. In many cases, the scar from the yucca rope can still be seen. The bend in the trees at Dancing Coyote Canyon are to the south, which points to Pikes Peak. It is interesting to note that as these trees began to be identified and eventually plotted on Global Positioning Systems (GPS), they draw a straight line to Pikes Peak (Tava Mountain to the Ute which means Sun Mountain). It is believed the Ute's route included Pikes Peak annually.

Sometimes various cuts in the tree are seen. We are reminded of a Chautauqua about CMTs we attended a year ago in April, presented by Celinda Kaelin, president of the Pikes Peak Historical Society. She said the Ute would re-visit their prayer trees annually, adding prayers to it each year. It was thought the wind would give fresh breath to their prayers and take them to Great Spirit to be heard. It is also thought that the prayers blend together over the years. Celinda said it is often the type of cut that can define the tree.

One example she gave was the use of prayer trees during an individual's vision quest; the quester always stops four times (balance and wholeness) to make a prayer tree on the way to the sacred spot.

Another example was of the straight cut reminiscent of the Medicine Tree. The place on the tree that was cut would correspond to the place of the body that needed healing. The bark of the Ponderosa has many medicinal qualities.

There is also what is referred to as a "blanket cut" where they peeled off the outer bark to access the inner layer, which is full of vitamins and nutrients, called cambium. This would furnish them with calories, protein, fat, fiber, and many trace minerals. It was sometimes mixed with seeds and or berries to store as food for the winter months. These were sometimes referred to as "starvation trees". Often you will see a 90 degree angle cut at the bottom corner.

Donna reminded us the trees would remain even as the Ute moved onward, likely toward Sun Mountain (Pikes Peak) so became hallmarks of the favorite places to return to. Each year, they would blend the prayers of the current year into some of the same trees to gather the strength of those that had gone before. Donna believes this is a place they returned to regularly as she explains that she is an energetic; she experiences energy palpably and viscerally, as if there are sparklers going off in the palms of her hands.

She takes us to Warrior Rock, who seems to overlook the property, with a prayer tree just behind it. Donna shared her communication with this rock; she saw the face in the rock and thought it was a chief. It immediately corrected her, "I am NOT a chief. I am a Warrior! I will protect this land. I am here forever!" She was surprised at the quick correction as well as how proud it is to be a Warrior.

There is other evidence that the Ute visited here regularly and made this a seasonal home, perhaps not that much different than people today who have "summer" and "winter homes" in different areas of the country. There is a rock formation with several indentations. As you look at this rock, it appears water could have channeled through the crevice and emptied into a hollow, next to a depression that appears to have been a place grain may have been ground up. Remember, if your "home" spans miles throughout the year, it is simpler to have a "sink" of sorts where you stay for a while, instead of having to haul everything, including the kitchen sink.

One can imagine if a group of about 20 or so Ute occupied this place and would remain for a few weeks or months, there might be evidence that they had a camp fire. Donna showed us a rock formation that shows signs of fire below.

It was in this same area where I saw a narrow vertical cut in a tree. As I approached, I was drawn to a very large, seemingly dead (no needles) tree. There was no cut on this tree and there was no bend, yet I felt drawn to it. As I approached, it was as though the tree was telling me they are keepers of a forgotten culture, the holders of secrets belonging to a people who are to be respected as they respected the land. Each tree is as unique as the individuals who entrusted their prayers to it; all should be respected. There seemed to be a murmur in the background.

I found myself a bit away from Donna and Jeff, so I caught up with them. Donna was showing Jeff a tree referred to as a message tree. She said the Ute trusted they would be guided by Great Spirit. During times they needed a message, they would hold ceremony around a tree, burn into its bark, then wait for an image to appear. This particular message tree had two areas of bark burned off of it. Donna was touching the lower scar when she said, "Oh, you should feel how warm this is!"

Again, asking permission, I touched the lower scar and was amazed at the heat that came through. It had been overcast for about an hour, so it could not have been heat from the sun. Besides, if it had been from the sun, the bark would have been just as hot as the lower scar, and both scars would have put off the same amount of heat. I could not believe how much heat was being produced. I called Jeff over to feel it; he could feel it, too! My mind raced back to chemistry class and exothermic reactions; heat is often produced when there is a chemical reaction. What kind of reaction was causing this heat production? Why was the lower scar on this tree hotter than the rock adjacent to it? How could this amount of energy be pouring through?

Then I remembered another part of Celinda's Chautauqua. A gentleman of Native American heritage was with a friend cutting firewood. He recalled picking up the chainsaw, and just before the teeth gnawed into the bark he was flooded with a vision of a group of natives in ceremony around this very tree. He stopped short. His friend noticed. The vision was shared and the tree was spared.

The questions raced through my mind as I imagined what life was like for a people who traveled across this beautiful state, likely on foot. The way in which they understood and experienced the elements of weather, alone, had to be a challenge. What were their food sources while they made this area their resting spot? How did the hunters make their weapons? How were the gatherers able to keep themselves separate and safe from momma bear and her cub? What morals and value systems facilitated success in their lifestyle?

Donna took us to an area where there are now several tipis and a Medicine Wheel. She said "White Eagle", an American Native Elder, told Michael he would find a place here for a Medicine Wheel. Evidently, three females studying under White Eagle for 15 years in Abiquiu, NM, came to the property, went to a grove of aspens and found an area where the canopy of aspens opened to the sky in a perfect circle. They agreed; this is the place for the Medicine Wheel.

A peaceful feeling of cooperation and harmony seemed to fill the air as we headed back to our vehicle. I looked all around this beautiful place, seeing Eleven Mile Reservoir and wondering if it was here then. Wondering how the landscape could have changed in the last 125 to 1125 years. What belief system supported their survival? How could a people visit the same spot every year for hundreds of years and barely leave a footprint?

The peaceful feeling suddenly left me as I considered how we currently live in a "throw-away" society. The concept of "planned obsolescence" ran through my mind, and my body took a jolt, like I'd been riding in a car that came to an abrupt halt. I felt like I'd been thrown back into the 21st Century.

Then I remembered part of Celinda's Chautauqua on the subject as she said it was 1884 when a politician named Teller made the practice of the Ute religion a crime; the Ute were forced onto "reservations" on 1881, significantly limiting their lifestyle and cultural expression, but more importantly forcing their belief system underground.

I wondered how I would feel if my mother would have told me that a family tradition is illegal and needed to be kept private. It would feel like something I needed to hide in order to protect. It would feel like an imposed shame or "carried" shame.

In 1978 the American Indian Religious Freedom Act "...was enacted to protect and preserve the traditional religious rights and cultural practices of American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, and Native Hawaiians. These rights include, but are not limited to, access of sacred sites, freedom to worship through ceremonial and traditional rights and use and possession of objects considered sacred. The Act required policies of all governmental agencies to eliminate interference with the free exercise of Native American religion, based on the First Amendment, and to accommodate access to and use of religious sites to the extent that the use is practicable and is not inconsistent with an agency's essential functions" according to Wikipedia.

We thanked Donna and Bernie for the wonderful experience of the tour of Dancing Coyote Canyon. It was sad to think that the night before our tour Michael decided to put the place on the market and was meeting with a Realtor.

But then, it is possible that the future buyer will visit this land, see Warrior Rock protecting this land, feel the heat and the vibes of the trees, the indentations of the rock, and somehow know this is a very special place with the history of a very special culture.

Special thanks to Donna Genera for the tour. Special thanks to John Wesley Anderson and Celinda Kaelin for helping to keep this culture alive!



Even dead trees are full of life.



Donna and Bernie with a prayer tree.



Warrior Rock watches over the land.



Burn marks in a "message tree".



Smoke marks are evidence of earlier visitors.



The tipis blend in well in the Aspen forest.

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CORVUS

by Danielle Dellinger

Her family lived in a simple two bedroom house in Jefferson, Colorado. The year was 1884; five years after the town got a post office. There were mountains close by, but the scenery consisted mostly of tall brown grass that appeared dead most of the time. Her bedroom was small, but her walls were covered in childish drawings. The eggshell white paint couldn't be seen at all except for a few spots. The mattress was lumpy, and the comforter itchy, but at least it was a bed. She lay awake, listening to the wind rush by, and feeling the cold drafts from her window. She huddled more under the covers and peered out at what she could see of the night sky. She could see the stars, but there wasn't a moon that night. She liked when the sky was without the moon. It allowed a vast openness to be seen clearly. There was something alluring and mysterious about it. Thinking of the sky lulled her to sleep.

The next morning she had to go to school. The one-room school-house was just up the road from where she lived. She bundled up in the chilly morning and headed out. She paid attention to the morning lesson, but after lunch her brain began to wander and think of fantastical, less mundane things. It was easy for her to get bored and turn to daydreaming to pass the time.

"Corvus!" came a gruff woman's voice, interrupting her thoughts. Corvus looked at her teacher quickly. "Yes, ma'am?" "Stop staring out the window and read aloud from page 41." Corvus sighed and pulled out her book, opening it to the correct page. She started reading the first paragraph in a monotone voice, occasionally glancing up to see her teacher's lips purse more and more in irritation at Corvus's reading voice.

"Enough!" she finally snapped. "Barty, please finish the paragraph." Corvus smirked and went back to looking out the window. After school Corvus went home and sat in her house's shadow, looking up and watching the clouds and birds drift by. The grass started to rustle and she looked over to see Barty, the boy from school, coming over from a few houses down.

"Hey," he squeaked in his prepubescent voice. "Hey," she replied. "What're you doing here?" "I'm bored, so I thought I'd come see if you want to play." "Why me? We've lived near each other for years, but you've never come to play. Why now?"

He just looked at her, then shrugged one shoulder. He was quiet a moment while they looked at each other. "Your name's Corvus, right? What kind of a name is that?"

She smirked slightly. "It's Latin for raven," she said coolly, bracing for the teasing that was sure to come.

"Isn't that a bird? Birds are stupid. Your parents sure were dumb for naming you after a dumb bird."

Corvus looked away from him. "Go home, Barty," she said quietly.

"Are you gonna cry?" he half teased.

She suddenly jumped to her feet and ran up to him. "Go home, Barty!" she screeched in his face.

He gave her a scared look then turned and ran back home.

She stared after him with watery eyes and clenched, shaky fists. She stood there for several minutes then ran inside and into her room, diving into bed and pulling the comforter over her head. She didn't come out for dinner.

The sky lacked the moon once again that night, and Corvus had been drifting in and out of sleep since early on in the evening. Now that she was awake again, she stared at the far wall, where the darkness seemed to be the deepest in her room. She watched, feeling like it was moving, like it was alive and breathing. It began to put her in a trance. Her eyes partially closed and her breathing slowed. Her skin began to prickle and crawl. She couldn't grasp what was happening. It felt like there were things poking out of her skin and growing larger. Suddenly she got out of bed and slowly walked out of her room and down the hall, out to the living room and the front door. She walked out into the dark night.

She walked down the front path and down her road to the end, where it was met with the tall, dead grass. She walked into the field, heading for the foothills. The wind was calm now, only slightly rustling the grass periodically. Her eyes adjusted to the darkness, allowing her to just barely see a couple yards in front of her. Even though she was still walking in a trancelike state, she abruptly stopped when a figure randomly appeared out of the darkness several feet away. The figure just stood there. Corvus felt drawn toward it, so she slowly started walking closer. When she was just a few feet away, she could see it was a boy, only a couple years older than her.

"Hello. I've been expecting you," he said, his voice silky.

Corvus frowned, confused. "Why?"

"Your true self is awakening."

"What're you talking about? My true self? What does that mean?" she asked.

"Look down at yourself. Tell me what's different."

Corvus looked down, gasping when she saw feathers poking out of her skin, and growing larger right before her eyes.

"What's happening to me?!" she cried, trying un-

successfully to brush off the feathers.

"It wasn't an accident that you were named Corvus. Your parents know what you are. They're the exact same as you."

"What am I?" Her arms were completely covered in feathers by now, and beginning to look more like actual wings.

"A hybrid. Part bird, part human. There isn't a technical term, yet. But your true inner self is a raven. Follow me. I'll tell you more." He began walking up into the foothills.

She stumbled after him, moving her feathery appendages in a weak attempt to get used to them. "What's your name?" she asked.

"Corax," he replied.

"What language is that from?"

"Ancient Greek. It's their word for raven. Together, our names make up the scientific classification name for our inner selves," he explained.

"How come you don't look like me? Where are your feathers?"

"I can control how I appear. Don't worry, I'll teach you that soon enough."

Corvus sighed, looking down at her new wings with slight despair. "Tell me what I need to know at the moment."

Corax looked back at her and smirked. He dropped back to her side and began to explain everything she needed to know.

Ravens that aren't hybrids, and are known as common ravens, are incredibly smart; their brain is the largest among any of the bird species. They have the ability to solve problems and learn from one another. Thievery is a common problem among feeding flocks because they'll watch each other hide their leftover food, and memorize that spot. It shows how opportunistic the species is. Each individual has to go as far away as possible from the food source in order to find a safe hiding spot. However, in the new hybrid community, there aren't any thieves. Respect is highly regarded, and strong bonds are forged because, just like the common raven, the hybrids also pair up for life, and usually stay in the same territory for life. It's a good way to raise a family. The hybrid juveniles are just as playful as the juvenile common ravens. Sliding down snowbanks

is always a favorite pastime.

Corvus couldn't believe what she was hearing. "So, basically you look like humans, but you act like birds?" she asked.

He nodded. "Basically. Trust me, this'll give you the freedom you've been daydreaming about," he said, looking at her.

"How did you . . .?"

"I'm very observant of what goes on in my territory. Your school just happens to be there, and your house," he said, smirking.

She blushed and looked away.

"I've done my best to give you your privacy."

She shook her head and rolled her eyes. "This is unbelievable."

"For now, yes."

The terrain began to turn rocky and small caves could be seen, but they all appeared to be abandoned. Corax hopped up onto a boulder then slid down behind it. Corvus followed, though less gracefully with her new wings-for-arms. She was surprised to find a sturdy, human-sized nest in a shallow cave. It was lined with deer fur and shiny objects.

"How ravenlike of you," Corvus teased, after taking it all in.

She climbed into the nest and laid down, stretching out. That's when she noticed that her body really was half raven, half human, now. It was freaky, and she wasn't sure she could come to terms with what she was seeing. She noticed Corax watching her, so she offered a slight smile. That seemed to encourage him, and he carefully laid down beside her in the nest. Her eyes were already beginning to close with exhaustion. Corax watched quietly, letting her drift to sleep. Eventually he did the same.

Corvus groaned as she was repeatedly nudged. She grumpily mumbled something about it being the weekend, and that she just wanted to sleep. But the nudging persisted, so she reluctantly opened her eyes to see Corax's face in her face. She gasped, and he gave her a big smile.

"Come on. Time to learn how to fly," he said, cheerfully.

"F-fly? Are you out of your mind? I got wings just last night."

"A fledgling has to learn to fly at some point. You'll be fine."

"Food first. But no meat. I can't even stomach the thought of eating decaying meat."

"Fine, fine. Follow me." He made his way out of the shallow cave, climbing over the same boulder they'd climbed during the night.

She tiredly and awkwardly followed him. He was more than halfway down the hill when he stopped and began moving good-sized rocks around, revealing a hole beneath them. He scooped out a handful of berries and fruit. He piled them onto a rock when she knelt beside him. She ate hungrily because she hadn't eaten since the previous morning. He looked amused as he watched her eat.

"I'm glad to have a new hybrid in

my life," he said, putting a caring hand on her foot. "It's kinda funny, though, you know, because the older a common raven gets, the more it fears new things."

"I heard that's called neophobia."

He smirked and nodded. "Yeah, it is. The point is I can feel myself starting to become neophobic. But I will do everything in my power to not let myself get like that so I can enjoy new things with you, my new friend."

She looked up from stuffing the last berry into her mouth. "Honestly, I felt this strange draw to you last night."

He smiled, looking right into her eyes. "Some humans believe that there's that one person out there for her. I believe you're that one hybrid out there for me."

"Maybe," she replied, finally putting the tip of her wing over his hand. "It's strange to think that humans imposed this idea of being a harbinger, or messenger, of death onto common ravens, yet they're one of the most caring and monogamous bird species."

"Yes. Strange . . ." he said, smiling dreamily at her, too focused on staring into her eyes.

Corvus felt her body heat up as she gazed back into Corax's eyes. The longer they held eye contact, the more she felt a bond with him. It was indescribable. She was sure their hearts were beating in rhythm.

"Ready to fly?" he asked softly after some time.

"Yeah," she muttered.

She barely finished speaking before he began to transform in front of her. His feathers sprouted out of him, hiding what clothes he'd been wearing. His face stretched out, forming into the thick beak of a raven. His eyes swiveled to the sides of his head, and even though they were dark in color, they were still bright with alertness. He was so big, standing just about as tall as a blue heron.

Corax gave a loud, husky call, forcing Corvus to awkwardly cover her ears with her wings. Corax hopped up onto a large rock, then thrust himself up into the air and soared around, angling himself into a circle over her head. She watched the way his tail tilted to give him direction. His wings flapped slowly since the wind had picked up again. He was soon spiraling high into the sky, growing smaller by the second until he was a dark speck against the light blue. Corvus got excitedly to her feet, actually wanting to complete her transformation and learn how to fly.

Corax soon returned, landing on top of the rock, adjusting his wings once they were folded. He then morphed back to his human form, running his fingers through his hair and smiling.

"Teach me!" Corvus exclaimed.

He hopped down in front of her. "Okay. Just clear your mind and slow your breathing. Picture a raven in your head, focus hard on that image."

She closed her eyes, feeling the pricking and crawling of her skin as all her feathers finally came in. Her feet elongated, turning into clawed feet. Then she felt her face begin to stretch and swivel as everything moved around. She opened her eyes, giving a squawk at the surprising shift in her vision. She turned her head to focus on Corax as he put out his arms to the sides. She mirrored him, tilting her head up and down as she looked over her wings. When she focused on Corax again, he was already back in his raven form and hopping up onto the rock. She hopped over beside the rock as he made raven noises at her, and she took them as directions on what to do.

Following his instructions closely, she got up beside him on the rock. She tried to jump into the air, but no luck. Corax looked around, hoping to find a better spot. He knew she needed to be higher up so she could get air underneath her. He began hopping from rock to rock, expecting her to follow. They made it to an overlook above the rocks that would definitely give Corvus an advantage. The human side of her brain felt anxious about leaping into the air without anything to catch her.

She took time to ready herself, though, in actuality she was stalling. Suddenly she was nudged from behind, and she was flapping hard, doing what she could to not crash. Well, she did crash.

Hard. Onto her back. Her talons were curled in toward each other. Corax swooped down to her, fluttered above her, then locked his talons with hers and began to flap hard, lifting her up. They went up until the boulders looked like pebbles. He then let go, and she fell. She tumbled down, then thrust out her wings and caught an updraft that took her up and away. She was finally free.

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Papers and cables and files, Oh My!

by Erin Snyder

Do you find yourself digging through piles of paper and desk clutter? Are you constantly searching for that file you knew was ‘right here a minute ago?’ A cluttered office or workspace can not only cause frustration, but it can waste time and money. If you pay bills late because you can’t find them, or you forget to follow up on a business contact that may have become profitable, or you forgo routine maintenance on an appliance because you can’t find the manual or the service phone number, you could be costing yourself a lot more than aggravation. Don’t despair! There are countless ways to make your workspace more efficient.

Label files clearly

When things aren’t properly labeled, they are obviously much more difficult to find, but it’s also important HOW you label files. Make sure to use a system that works well for you. For some people, alphabetizing works best and is the most efficient. However, some people like to group similar types of things together, such as utilities, insurance policies, etc. That means alphabetizing might make things more confusing. For some people, it’s better to have all labels be the same color; for others, color coding by section makes things easy to grab when needed.

Keep extra items off of your desk

There is no reason to have an entire office supply store residing on your desktop. Keep only the essentials that you use every day on top and everything else should be neatly stored. Remember, you don’t need 40 pens at once; two or three will do. If you don’t use your stapler every day, there’s no reason it should take up valuable real estate on your desktop. Put it in a nearby drawer instead. A clear desktop will not only give you more workspace, it will make you feel calmer and more focused, which generally leads to better productivity.

Purge paperwork regularly

One of my favorite office tools is a paper shredder. As you sort mail, shred papers as necessary. If you can’t do it every day, keep a small bin for items to shred and get to it at least once a week. Go through your filing cabinet several times per year to clean it out and shred anything with account numbers or other personally identifiable information. The trick is to keep it where you can access it. It will do you no good if it is always stored on the top shelf of a closet. Keep it accessible and you can quickly get rid of paper with sensitive information.

Stop the influx of paper

If you don’t have as much paper coming in, you won’t have as much to get rid of. Stop magazine subscriptions you no longer need, go paperless with your bills, opt out from any mail services that you can. You would be surprised at how much paper clutter you can prevent from even entering your house.

Reduce the cable clutter

Cables and stray wires can be unsightly and in the way. Consider going wireless with your keyboard, mouse and printer, put away electronics you hardly ever use and tie remaining cables up as neatly as possible. You can use twist ties, Velcro, and numerous other items to tie cords together and attached them to the back of a desk.

Organize your computer files

Digital clutter has become as much of a problem as more tangible clutter. If you are always searching for a particular file or photo or can’t see the home screen on your laptop, it’s time to re-evaluate how you store your computer files. It is just as important to clean out these files as it is the paper bills you get each month. Spending even five minutes a day organizing your computer can keep the extra files to a minimum. As you download pictures from your camera, immediately put them into a folder with a date or the name of an event. It will make them easier to find. Keep an ongoing folder set up for tax documents so that you don’t have to search through every folder as April 15th approaches. Consider setting up a separate email address to use when you sign up for any online services, coupon sites, etc. Many of these sites sell their email lists and if you end up on one, you don’t want your regular email address to be sold through cyberspace.

Personalize your systems

If you like to pay your bills while sitting on the couch, it might not make sense to have a large stationary file cabinet. Try a small filing box you can carry from room to room. If you like to see your belongings, get some nice open shelving. If you like everything covered up, buy cabinets or sturdy baskets. Add colors that inspire you, a picture you like or a plant on the windowsill of the office. If your workspace fits your taste and the way you work, it will be much easier to keep it organized.

Erin Snyder is a Professional Organizer and the author of the organizing blog “Neaten Your Nest”. For more information, please visit www.neatenyournest.com or contact Erin at erin@neatenyournest.com or 678-622-6718.

T-Shirt design contest

by Maurice Wells

The Lake George Library is sponsoring a “Friends of the Lake George Library T-shirt design contest”. All designs must include the following 2 lines:
“If you have a garden and a library... you have everything you need.” (Cicero)
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Entries can be dropped off at the library until August 30. Call 719-748-3812 if you have questions. The winner will receive a free t-shirt with the printed logo. Here’s an opportunity to be creative and support your local library!

Adventure cycling

by Timothy Edwards

I was on vacation in south central Utah, when I stopped at a campground for the night. On the grass I saw a man with a tent and a bicycle, which made me curious. As I approached the man he looked at me and smiled, inviting me to strike conversation. I said “excuse me, sir. I see a bicycle and a tent. Where is your car?”
He said “At my house in Denver.”

I said “you’re 400 miles away in central Utah on a bicycle? Where are you going?”
He said “San Diego.”

Shocked, I said “you’re going to San Diego on a BICYCLE?”

He said “Yes, then to Seattle.”

Amazed, I asked him many questions about getting food, water, safety, insects, and highway construction, etc. He had a simple answer for each of my questions. He pointed out that one person doesn’t need very much to be comfortable, and he had everything he needed right there with him on his bicycle.

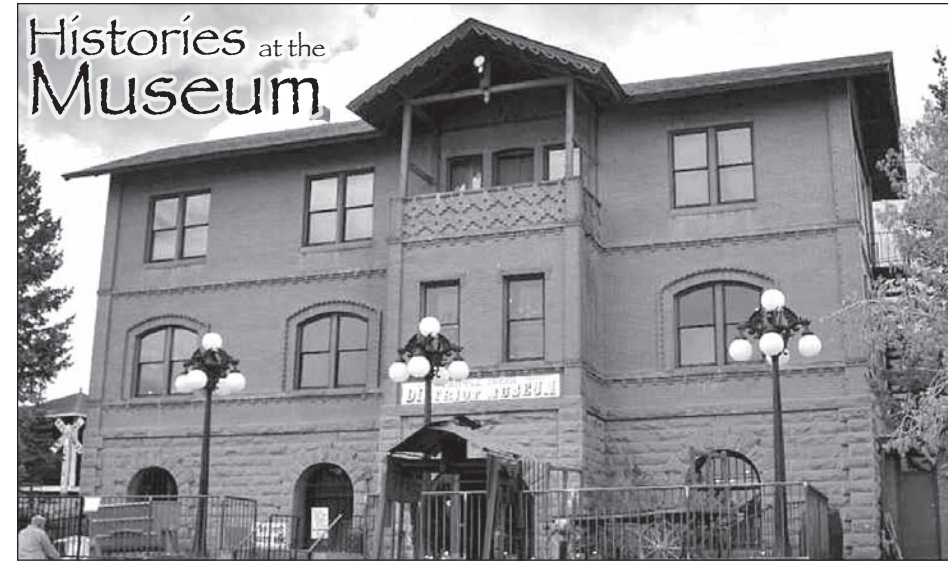
He seemed very nonchalant and free-minded, which made me realize how much our high-paced society tends to govern my day to day activities. I thought to myself, “Life is



Bicycle camping is an adventure.

short. This guy is living an adventure”.

As I thanked him for his time and information, I walked to my tent thinking “I need to get back on my bike”.



Cripple Creek Museum: See what’s new this summer!

by Trevor Phipps

The Cripple Creek District Museum is having an exciting summer season, kicked off with a motivated staff mixed with both new and returning employees. During the off season the staff has worked closely with the director getting the museum grounds in tip top shape for the upcoming busy season. Many new projects and renovations have been implemented in order to make the museum operate more efficiently. The museum staff works hard on providing new and better ways to preserve the heritage of this unique gold boom town.

The Cripple Creek District Museum enters the 2014 summer season with new things to offer and a schedule of exciting events. One of the newest additions is the path built behind the train depot building. The Midland Depot Building at one time had as many as 50 trains coming in and out on a daily basis. The main traffic area was behind the building with thousands of travelers getting on and off trains during all hours of the day. The museum recently decided to spruce up the landscape and build a walking path along the rear side of the building. The purpose of this project was to redirect attention to an area of the museum grounds which at one time had thousands of people funneling on and off trains every day. When visiting this season be sure to walk behind the building and enjoy the new scenery of the “busy” area of town.

Another area of the museum grounds that is worth viewing is the Pinnacle Park exhibit. Located behind the Assay Building and Homestead Cabins, the Pinnacle Park exhibit celebrates a famous amusement park and zoo located in Cameron, CO built by the Woods brothers as a source of “clean” entertainment for the miners. The zoo inside Pinnacle Park hosted a wide array of exotic animals. As a part of the zoo, caves out of rock were built to house live bears. These bear caves have been rebuilt and now reside on the Cripple

Creek District Museum grounds. These are just a sneak peek of the exciting things the museum is offering for the new season.

While continuing to preserve the unique artifacts and heritage of the district, the Cripple District Museum works closely with other local non-profit organizations and the City of Cripple Creek to better serve the community. The museum has been well known for the way it has helped serve the community and anyone with ties to the area.

During renovations a heart-warming story of the museum was found buried deep in the archives. In the 1990’s an elderly lady from Washington State contacted the director of the museum with an unusual request. She, and her husband, Guy F. Phipps were both born and raised in Cripple Creek, CO then life brought them across the country for the majority of their lives. Guy F. Phipps passed away in 1983 with the hopes that he would be cremated and his ashes spread in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. His wife always had the full intentions of completing his wish herself but she became very ill in old age and was unable to travel to the high country. The museum director at the time took it upon himself to spread the remains for the widow. This is just a brief example of the caring atmosphere the museum has been providing since it opened in 1953.

When you are on your rounds in Cripple Creek make sure to swing by the museum and experience a piece of history. This year’s staff is dedicated to making the museum a fun and educational environment for the whole family to enjoy.

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Guffey Community Charter School sets start date

The Guffey Community Charter School is ready to start its classes on Wednesday, August 20th. The school will be hosting registration for all new and returning students on August 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Any kindergarten through 8th grader is welcome. A child may enter kindergarten if five years old on or before September 15th the year of enrollment.

Back to school supplies will be communal, so families are asked to plan on bring \$20 for each child to cover the cost of classroom supplies. If anyone would like to donate supplies, we can use: markers (wide and thin), colored pencils, water colors, glue sticks, glue bottles, pencils, wide and thin Expo markers, all kinds of tape, staples, post it notes, kleenex, and snacks, snacks, snacks.

See visit the school’s website for more details: www.guffeyschool.org

Florissant Fossil Beds popularity supports local jobs

by Jeff Wolin

A new National Park Service report shows that 58,032 visitors to Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument in 2013 spent \$3.2 billion in communities near the monument. That spending supported 44 jobs in the local area.

“Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument is proud to welcome visitors from across the country and around the world,” said Superintendent Michelle Wheatley. “We are delighted to share the story of this place and the experiences it provides and to use the Fossil Beds as a way to introduce our visitors to the Pikes Peak Region and all that it offers. National park tourism is a significant driver in the national economy — returning \$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service — and it’s a big factor in our local economy as well. We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and local businesses are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local communities.”

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by U.S. Geological Survey econo-

mists Catherine Cullinane Thomas and Christopher Huber and Lynne Koontz for the National Park Service. The report shows \$14.6 billion of direct spending by 273.6 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported more than 237,000 jobs nationally, with more than 197,000 jobs found in these gateway communities, and had a cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy of \$26.5 billion.

According to the 2013 economic analysis, most visitors spending was for lodging (30.3 percent) followed by food and beverages (27.3 percent), gas and oil (12.1 percent), admissions and fees (10.3 percent) and souvenirs and other expenses (10 percent).

The largest jobs categories supported by visitor spending were restaurants and bars (50,000 jobs) and lodging (38,000 jobs).

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The report includes information for visitor spending at individual parks and by state.

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They are targeting our children and it's time to fight back!

by Carol Grieve

Food Integrity Now is an educational resource to raise awareness as to what is happening to our global food supply. The big food corporations' mission is to create an overweight and unhealthy population with their sugary, chemical-laden products that have very little nutritional value — if any. They are targeting our children!

It's time to fight back and to educate our youth about how they are being targeted by these corporations — whose primary goal is to create more profit.

Last month, Food Integrity Now took a group of junior high and high school students to a mainstream grocery store to educate them and show them how they are being duped by these corporations.

The day started off with some education and a few short videos. We spoke with them about processed sugar being more addictive than Cocaine. According to a new research study, refined sugar is far more addictive than cocaine — one of the most addictive and harmful substances currently known.

An astonishing 94 percent of rats who were allowed to choose mutually-exclusively between sugar water and cocaine, chose sugar. Even rats who were addicted to cocaine quickly switched their preference to sugar, once it was offered as a choice. The rats were also more willing to work for sugar than for cocaine.

The researchers speculate that the sweet receptors (two protein receptors located on the tongue), which evolved in ancestral times when the diet was very low in sugar, have not adapted to modern times' high-sugar consumption. Therefore, the abnormally high stimulation of these receptors by our sugar-rich diets generates excessive reward signals in the brain, which have the potential to override normal self-control mechanisms, and thus lead to addiction.

Refined sugar was almost nonexistent in the diet of most people until very recently. Today, the over-consumption of sugar not only contributes to, but drives the current obesity epidemic. Reducing your sugar intake should be on the top of your list, regardless of whether you're currently overweight or not. Why? Because it's been proven over and over that sugar increases your insulin levels, which can lead to high blood pressure, heart disease, and obesity and other diseases.

After our brief talk, we were off to the grocery store. We wanted to make this a fun day for the students to enhance the learning. We created a treasure hunt with a list of ingredients for each team to find. Some of these ingredients included, Soy Protein, Maltodextrin, Corn Syrup, Natural Flavoring, Red #40 and Yellow #5 and #6, to name a few. Each team was to find a product that contains one of the ingredients. On their treasure hunt form, we listed each ingredient (there were over 20) and then had a brief explanation of what these ingredients were and



If you would like Food Integrity Now to come to your school for a day of education, please contact us at carol@foodintegritynow.org. We would love to come to your child's school!

what they can do to their bodies. Keep in mind, this list could have gone on and on. We had the students find some products that they would choose just by the picture on the box or package that was attempted to make them think it was healthy. They were also instructed to find a product that they considered a healthy snack. Included on the list of ingredients for them to find were a couple of beneficial ingredients, as well as the Non-GMO Project Verification symbol. Each group worked as a team to find every ingredient on their list. The process took a little over an hour.

The first thing we noticed is that the students really enjoyed this process. Secondly, they were amazed as they started reading labels and saw that some of the food had several of these harmful ingredients. They also found that many of their favorite snacks were loaded with chemicals and preservatives. After they completed their list, we did some brief education about the products they chose.

Food Integrity Now planted the seed for this group of young people. I guarantee that most of them will look at labels and perhaps even educate their family or friends. This was a wonderful day filled with fun and education. The children are the future and we have to do everything we can to ensure they have a healthy one.

Carol Grieve is a Certified Life Coach and Health and Wellness Coach and the host of the widely acclaimed talk radio show, Food Integrity Now (www.foodintegritynow.org). For more information on health and wellness coaching, contact Carol at carol@foodintegritynow.org or call 415-302-7100. Phone or Skype sessions are available.



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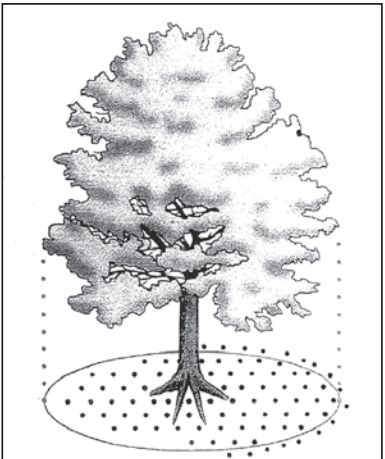
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From left to right are Neal Schuerer, Pam Moore and Bill Betz in front of the new shed and pole. photo by Flip Boettcher

Power to the pole

by Flip Boettcher

The small mountain hamlet of Guffey is finally one step closer to the 21st century with the first work on the new high speed internet tower for the Guffey Community Charter School (GCCS).

When this reporter visited the site with Neal Schuerer, Congressman Doug Lamborn's district director, and Guffey resident Bill Betz on Wednesday, July 16, the 50 foot pole was up, towering over the site and easily visible from downtown Guffey.

The shed, which will house all the solar equipment, was being installed under the watchful eyes of school Principal Pam Moore. High speed internet has been a school dream for many years.

The school purchased the 20 acre parcel behind (east of) the school earlier this year with a \$25,000

Colorado Trust Fund grant from the Board of County Commissioners, many generous donations, and fundraising, according to Moore.

The Power to the Pole fund, with the Big Bear Ranch matching up to \$600 in donations and an El Pomar Grant will bring the power to the site. Betz has been helping the school with grant proposals; and Schuerer is going to help look into grants, as well.

The site will be solar powered with the school providing the power. South Park Telephone (SPT) donated the pole and will provide the equipment to bring high speed internet to the school and surrounding area residents. The school tower will provide line-of-sight to the SPT tower located on Dick's Peak, bringing high speed internet into the area.

Hat's off to you!

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For more information, contact the Ute Pass Historical Society at 719.686.7512 or via email at uphs@peakinter.net.



photo by Karla Schweitzer

Victor Museum welcomes Teddy Roosevelt to historic Gold Coin Club

Vice-presidential nominee Teddy Roosevelt visited Victor in September of 1900. The Rough Rider was run out of town by an angry mob but returned later to accept apologies and to speak at Victor's Gold Coin Club. That event will be recalled as Roosevelt, portrayed by Don Moon of Colorado Springs, will appear at the Gold Coin Club Saturday, Sept. 6 as a fundraiser for Victor Lowell Thomas Museum. The event includes a bully reception, silent Teddy Bear auction and the presentation. Teddy bears were named after Teddy Roosevelt who refused to shoot an old, defenseless bear as part of a hunting trip.

Roosevelt's first trip to Victor was not the typical political welcoming one might expect.

In 1900, Danny Sullivan, postmaster in Cripple Creek, arranged for President William McKinley to send Roosevelt to the Gold Camp to round up votes of Silver Republicans and anti-gold standard Democrats. The details of Roosevelt's trip are chronicled in Mabel Barbara Lee's 1984 book, "Cripple Creek Days."

As the story goes, Roosevelt was feeling "bully" as he climbed down off a train at about 3 p.m. in Victor. Standing close by was a crowd of William Jennings Bryan supporters, who began shouting insults and waving "Hang T.R." banners. Bryan, the Democratic nominee, was also campaigning in the District that year, running against McKinley.

Sensing that the hostile crowd was not going to settle down any time soon, Sullivan rushed

Roosevelt two blocks to the Victor armory hall where he was to give a brief speech. On the way there, the hecklers waved placards, warning Roosevelt to get out, and threatened to "tar and feather him" if he didn't do so.

According to Lee, Roosevelt made it to the armory, but the angry mob was still in pursuit, and "started throwing rocks, sticks and tin cans." Sullivan was able to get Roosevelt back on the train and he continued on his trip to Cripple Creek.

In August of 1901, Teddy rode the Short Line Railroad over the scenic route which is now known as Gold Camp Road. At one point near Rosemont, where travelers could see all the way to Kansas, Roosevelt exclaimed: "This is the ride that bankrupts the English language."

This time, Teddy was all welcomed to Victor with open arms. He toured the Portland and Gold Coin mines. He dined with Gold Camp heavy hitters Spencer Penrose, Irving Howbert, Jimmy Burns, and Warren and Harry Woods. He also shook thousands of hands at a reception in his honor and spoke at the Gold Coin Club.

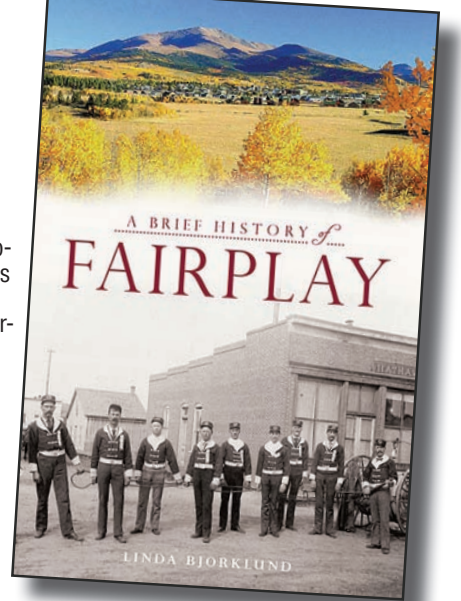
The event is being sponsored by the Victor Lowell Thomas Museum. Advance reservations are required by September 1, and a maximum of 50 tickets will be sold. The event starts at 5 p.m. at the Gold Coin Club on Diamond Avenue west of North 4th Street. For more information and to make reservations visit VictorColorado.com or call 719-689-5509.

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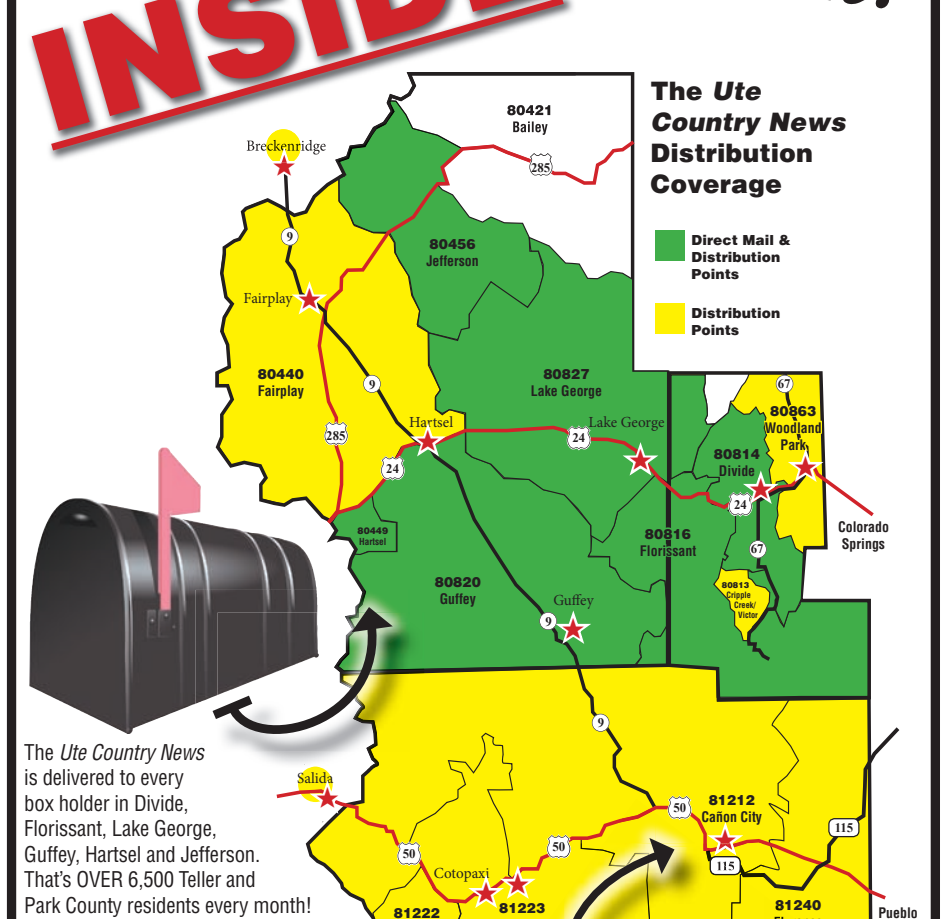
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What is a watershed?

by The Coalition for the Upper South Platte

The dictionary definition goes like this, “the area of land where all of the water that is under it or drains off of it goes into the same place.” But a watershed is so much more than an area of land connected by its common hydrology. Watersheds are home to communities, wildlife, and plants, which are all inextricably linked by their water source. The land, water, and ecological systems within a watershed provide innumerable benefits including drinking water, critical habitat, recreation opportunities, and natural resources such as wood and minerals. No matter where you are, you are standing in a watershed.

In Colorado, we have the unique designation as a headwaters state. Trickles that start in the mountains eventually grow into mighty rivers like the South Platte, Colorado, Arkansas, and Rio Grande. As water flows through these rivers, it is used over and over in downstream communities for everything from drinking water and habitat to industry and energy.

As the initial users of this water and as residents of the watersheds that feed these rivers, our actions are constantly impacting our source water and the water that many more below us rely on.

What are the issues in our local watersheds?

Just as a watershed does not conform to manmade boundaries; county borders, property lines, or any other political boundaries do not bind the issues and factors affecting watersheds. The physical landscape, human activities, and changes on the land all shape watershed health, and determine which issues have the most impact on our water source. Priority issues in our area include:

• Water Quality

The quality of water in streams, rivers, and lakes is the key indicator of how healthy a watershed is. Because water is an excellent solvent, it picks up everything from minerals in the soil, to sediment, to the remainder of a cigarette butt left on the side of the road. As the water moves downhill from runoff to streams and into larger channels, these substances (both good and bad) are carried along with it. What is in the water by the time it percolates into an aquifer or flows through a river determines the quality of the water in that water source. Everything that happens on the land and in the water impacts how clean our water is. Doing our part to keep the water clean in the headwaters provides a tremendous benefit for all the downstream users on the Front Range and beyond. Starting out with high quality water and keeping it clean is much easier and cheaper than trying to clean up contaminated water later on.

• Forest Health

Our local watersheds are largely forested, so what happens in the forest affects the health and the quality of our water. The plants, animals, and soil act as a living filter that impacts water quality. Unfortunately, we know our forests are not in great shape. A century of well intentioned but misguided wildfire suppression has left our forests overcrowded and more susceptible to disease, insect infestations, and therefore, catastrophic wildfires. Human activities and changes in land use have created unnatural forest conditions in which trees, plants, and wildlife don't have the right balance of nutrients, sunlight, water, and space to thrive.

Through decades of learning from mistakes and successes, forest managers are now embracing ecological restoration in our forests. This approach returns forest conditions to historical ranges of variability, which restores the health and vitality of our trees, plants, wildlife, and watersheds. We have much to accomplish to get our forests back in good health. Fortunately, there is a lot of momentum for forest health projects that prioritize improving areas with high values, such as forested areas around communities, water supplies, and recreation areas.

• Wildfire

Low-intensity ground fires were the natural norm before settlers prevented fires from burning to protect their homes, land, and assets. These fires cleared out undergrowth, opened up forest canopies, and recycled nutrients back into the soil to provide more diverse habitat for wildlife, more room, and nutrients for trees to grow strong, and rejuvenated forests. The intense conflagrations we see today are a product of the unhealthy, manmade forests we have inadvertently shaped over many decades.

After these large wildfires, surrounding communities and impacted watersheds experience devastating flooding, soil loss, and water quality degradation. Restoring these burn scars is a decades-long process involving flood mitigation, re-vegetation, river restoration, and a hefty amount of community support and commitment. Working together as a community on wildfire mitigation projects to protect homes, businesses, and infrastructure is something we all can do now. We know the long-term pay off will be significant.

• Recreation

People come from near and far to enjoy the beauty of this area. Hiking, biking, fishing, camping, exploring in an off-highway vehicle, and whatever else you spend time doing outdoors has an impact on our watersheds. While spending time outside is a wonderful way to connect with nature and have fun, making sure we play responsibly and maintain our recreational spaces is important for ensuring these places can be enjoyed for generations to come.

• Habitat

Watching birds flit from tree to tree, or catching a glimpse of a fawn are some of the joys of living in the mountains and having such intimate access to wildlife. Promoting ecological health in our watersheds not only supports these critters and plants, but also improves water quality and reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfires. In addition to forest health projects, controlling noxious weeds, restoring rivers, monitoring, and mine reclamation are all important for supporting ecologically healthy terrestrial and aquatic systems.

• Sustainability

How we use our vital natural resources has important implications for the health of the watershed and the vitality of our communities. There are countless ways to increase energy



Merideth Hensley hopes to enjoy this watershed for many years to come.
photo by Lisa Patton, CUSP's Volunteer Coordinator.

efficiency, increase renewable energy use, and participate in sustainable practices that help ensure our natural resources will be available to use for our generation and the next, thereby supporting ecological balance for the long-term.

The next time you step outside, take a look around and think about the watershed you are standing in and how everything you see contributes to the water quality and ecological systems you, your community, and many others downstream depend on.

The Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) is a nonprofit organization that works cooperatively with partners and communities to address water quality and health issues impacting the 2,600 square mile Upper South Platte Watershed. If you are interested in learning more about your watershed and ongoing work to promote watershed health, please visit us at www.uttersouthplatte.org or contact us at 719-748-0033 or cusp@uttersouthplatte.org

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Final State of our Forest report

Time to fall fertilization your trees and shrubs

by Don and Donna Doty



This is the last article for the season. Donna and I have really enjoyed visiting with all the people that have called in to discuss their forest. We hope that our articles have been of some assistance in being better stewards of your forest.

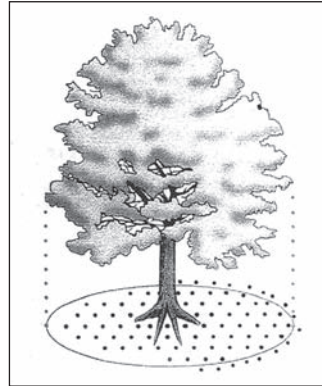
I would like to offer a brief state of our forest. The budworm has evolved into the moth stage. This is still a good time to spray to kill the moths before they lay their eggs. The Mountain Pine Beetles/Fir Beetles have flown so it is a good time to cut, thin, prune and mitigate your forest. We are currently running a full eight man mitigation crew. We are preparing for our fall deep root fertilization programs. If you have interest in having our team assist in your mitigation project please give the office a call 719-687-6811.

This year our region has been rewarded with great rains. To take advantage of this moisture you should deep root fertilize your ornamental trees and shrubs.

Deep root fertilization is the process of pressure injecting a soluble fertilizer into the soil surrounding the root system of the tree. In deep root fertilization, a liquid or soluble fertilizer is always preferred over a granular fertilizer, which typically is absorbed by the turf instead of the tree or scrub.

In order to provide your tree the maximum nutrition, our fertilizer is a mixture of both macro and micronutrients, applied under the soil in a 32" to 36" grid surrounding the drip line of the tree. This way, any tree roots inside the drip line of the target tree will receive nutrients during the fertilization process.

Timberline Spraying recommends deep root feeding conifers and deciduous trees, along with larger bushes. Newly planted and smaller trees need to be fed both in the spring and fall to establish their roots and achieve maximum growth. If you would like to have your trees and shrubs fertilized this fall give our office a call 687-6811. We will begin late



This shows the area targeted for deep root fertilization.

All bark boring insects are able to find and attack stressed and unhealthy trees, since a stressed tree releases a different pheromone or scent than healthy trees do. A beetle is able to pick up on this scent and is drawn to it. The healthier your trees are, the less likely they are to be attacked. Also if a bark-boring beetle does attack a healthy tree, the tree is able to defend itself with pitch tubes. Producing pitch tubes costs the tree energy, so an unhealthy tree is unwilling to deplete its energy fighting off the attack.

August or after Labor-Day.

Here are some the benefits of fertilizing.

- Provides valuable nutrients to your trees which may have been exhausted
- Increases color and vigor of your trees
- Increases growth of young or transplanted trees (it is not recommended to fertilize newly planted trees for the first year after planting)
- Increases winter hardness and longevity
- Increases resistance to insects and disease
- Provides aeration to the soil around the target trees
- Trees and shrubs surrounding the target trees also receive beneficial nutrients
- Roots are very important to a tree. They transport water, oxygen and minerals from the soil into the tree. A stronger root structure will result in the healthier trees.



Timberline mitigation crew.



Timberline crew member Deep Root Feeding small group of aspens.

Reasons for tree health decline:

- Overcrowding with other trees and plants
- Loss of root structure due to hardscape (curbs, sidewalks, driveways, etc.)
- Construction damage
- Environmental factors (drought, heavy winds, violent rains, etc.)
- Loss of nutrients in the soil due to removal of organic material (leaves, grass clippings, etc.)

If you have any questions regarding fire mitigation or deep root fertilization see our ad in this issue or please give our office a call 719-687-6811.

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DIVIDE

11 & 25 Divide Little Chapel on the Hill - Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more info 719-322-7610 or email littlechapelfoodpantry@outlook.com.

23 Divide Wide Yard Sale at Summit Elementary from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Joe Kain 719-687-2278 for space availability and call Lisa Lee 719-686-7587 to donate.

23 Great Divide Kite Flight from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hayden Divide Community Park. Free kites for children under 12. Call 719-686-7587.

FAIRPLAY

3 Digital Outdoor Photography Workshop & Wildflower Identification Workshop. Both from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

9 & 10 Fairplay Bead & Fiber Show 40-50 vendors will be displaying and selling their finished work as well as supplies on historic Front St. in Fairplay. Demonstrations and classes available both days. Hours are Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit backroombeads.com or 719-836-2698 for more info.

9 & 10 Living History Days. See page 25 for story.

10 Digital Artistic Photography Workshop at South Park City "Living History Day" from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. See http://highcountryartworks.com/

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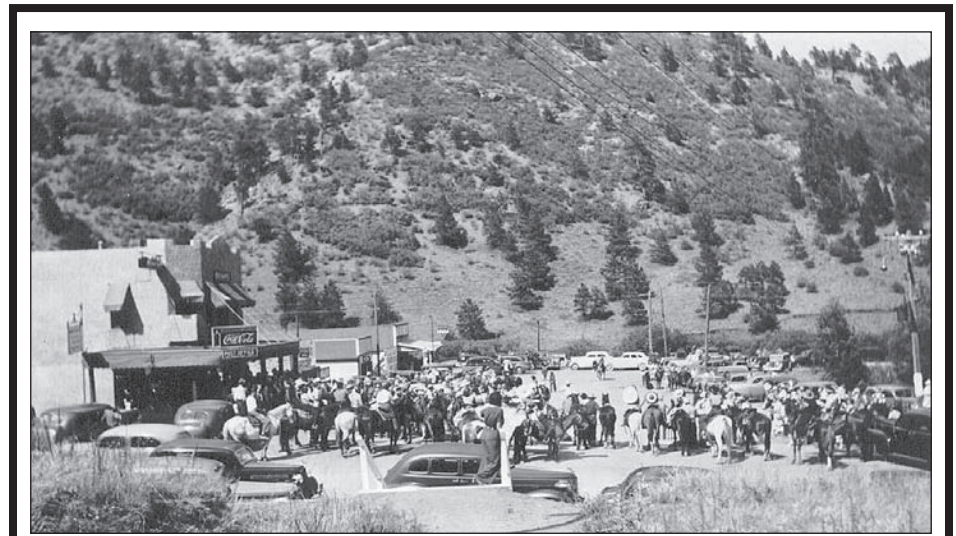
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FLORISSANT

Community yoga at the Florissant Park Thursdays at 10 a.m. This practice will temporarily replace the 9 a.m. Thursday yoga class at the Florissant Grange. Donations accepted, everyone welcome. Call Debbie for more info: 719-748-3678

FLORISSANT FOSSIL BEDS

2 Tabeguache Ute Indian Dancers Ute Pass, Chipeta Park, Plah Street - Ute places names are ubiquitous in the Pikes Peak region. However, it is virtually impossible to find descendants of these first peoples in their ancestral lands. Chief Ouray, his wife Chipeta, her brother Pah and Chief Colorow - these are famous Ute Chiefs from Colorado's colorful past and key figures in our history. Pikes Peak is sacred in Ute tradition as their place of origin. The Pikes Peak Historical Society recognizes this, and returns the descendants of these famous Chiefs to the area each year. You are invited to join these Tabeguache dancers for a performance of traditional Ute dance at the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument on Saturday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. It takes a village to host a village. The Pikes Peak Historical Society has hosted the return of the Northern Ute Nation every year since 1999. Their "Partners" in this undertaking include Catamount Institute, Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, Friends of Florissant Fossil Beds, and White Horse Circle of World Council of Elders. Central Colorado was ancestral home of the Tabeguache Band of the Utes until they were forced onto a reservation in Utah in 1881. "Tabeguache," meaning People of Sun Mountain, derives from the Ute word "Tava" (Pikes



GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS

2 The 76th Annual Brone Day Festival will be held at the Gazebo Park and Lake on Saturday, August 2nd. The day starts with a pancake breakfast at 7 a.m., with scheduled family fun all day until the event's closing at 3 p.m. The Ute Pass Historical Society's traveling bookstore will be there with a selection of new books that tell the stories of the Pikes Peak region and beyond. The rest of the day features the infamous rubber duckie race, a gunfighter's show, radio-controlled model boat races, and more. For more information, visit www.broneaday.org

Peak) — Sun in their language.

Now, these Tabeguache are returning to Pikes Peak and will present their traditional dance for the public on Saturday, August 2nd, at the outdoor amphitheater near the Visitor Center in the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument. The entrance fee for the park is \$3.00 per adult (16 years or older) or free with one of the many federal land passes. Seating is limited, so come early and dress warmly. For more information please call the monument at (719) 748 - 3253 ext. 122 or 202 or visit our website at www.nps.gov/flfo.

YOGA, STARS, AND WILDFLOWERS: New Activities Offered at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument this summer:

YOGA HIKES: Join Ranger Denise Ackart for 1.5 hour long yoga hikes every Wednesday and Saturday morning through August at 9 a.m. Meet at the visitor center. Bring water, comfortable clothes, and shoes with flexible soles. For more information:

http://www.nps.gov/flfo/park-news/yoga-hikes.htm

ASTRONOMY PROGRAMS

Join Ranger Leo Sack and see the night sky the way it used to look before city lights crowded out the stars. Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument offers an ideal balance between convenient location and a sky dark enough to reveal the countless stars that once lit the night for our ancestors. Friday, August 22 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

WILDFLOWER WALKS: Join Ranger Shawn and learn about the colorful world of wildflowers. Programs take place every Sunday through August 31. Meet at the visitor center at 9 a.m. Bring water, snacks, and layered clothing. The new activities are in addition to the daily programs offered throughout the summer. Please call the Monument for more information about the daily programs at (719) 748-3253. Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The entrance fee for the park is \$3.00 per adult (16 years or older) or free with

one of the many federal land passes. For more information please call the Monument at (719) 748 - 3253 ext. 122 or 202 or visit our website at www.nps.gov/flfo.

PIKES PEAK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

The Pikes Peak Historical Society Museum is located in Florissant at 18033 Teller County Road #1, across from the Florissant Post Office. The Museum is open Friday, Saturday, and Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 748-8259.

FLORISSANT GRANGE

16 The Western Music Association Show and Dinner comes to the Florissant Grange. Top performers from the WMA will be entertaining us as well as local musicians. This will be a great night of entertainment. Your \$5.00 donation at the door is all it takes for this show. We have limited seating so call

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Pebble Pups conserve Cripple Creek's mineral collection

by Steven Wade Veatch

The Pikes Peak Pebble Pups are taking turns this year to work on the mineral collection displayed at the Cripple Creek District Museum. The museum is located in Cripple Creek, CO, on 5th and Bennett Avenue in what was the Midland Railroad depot.

The mineral and rock collection is from the historic mines of the Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining District. Gold tellurides make up the majority of the collection. Pebble Pups take turns working a shift with three scientists where they learn the procedures involved with conserving and cataloging this remarkable collection.

The Pebble Pups learn and then perform a number of steps while working at the museum. First, the specimen is imaged in a photography light tent. The specimen is then examined with a microscope. During this examination Dr. Bob Carnein describes the specimen. A museum technician types Dr. Carnein's description in a computer. John Rakowski, a geologist, also writes the description in a lab notebook. Next measurements (in the metric system) are taken and recorded.

The second step it to brush a strip of archival white paint on the specimen; after the paint dries an archival pen is used to write a unique catalog number directly on the paint strip. Steven Veatch, the project leader at the museum and the Pebble Pup leader, creates in the final step a photomicrograph—or an image with a microscope—of the specimen. The Pebble Pups, who range in age from 10 to 16 years old, work on all steps of the cataloging and conservation effort. The Pebble Pups, at the end of their work, receive a certificate of training from Kathy Reynolds, the museum director.

The Pikes Peak Pebble Pup program (PPPP) includes students K-12 who explore the geosciences in the Pikes Peak region of Colorado. The pro-

gram participates with the Future Rockhounds of America under the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The PPPP is composed of the youth of the Lake George Gem and Mineral Club (Teller County), and the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (El Paso County). A number of students from the United Kingdom participate in the program through the Internet.

The goal of the program is to teach Pebble Pups to become rockhounds. Teen members of the group are called Earth Science Scholars. The program focuses on communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. Communication is achieved through a blog site (<http://pebblepups.blogspot.com/>) where merit badge assignments, lessons, and Pebble Pup written work or art work is posted. The PPPP use Facebook™ as a method of communication within the group. Collaboration is through local and regional museums, the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, the Science Olympiad, and Cool Science.

Accomplishments of the PPPP include first place and third place awards in the National Park Service's art contest for National Fossil

Day; monthly articles published in the Ute Country News; and researched articles are published in an international magazine. Two Pebble Pups entered a poetry contest sponsored by the Library of Congress: one Pebble Pup was a finalist in the nation and received a medal from the U.S. Poet Laureate while another Pebble Pup won first place in Colorado. A book of collected poems on geoscience by the PPPP has been published with all of the books sold within weeks. A teen PPPP presented a paper at an Ice Age symposium last year at the Colorado School of Mines campus. Several PPPP were coauthors on papers presented at the University of Denver and the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in Socorro, New Mexico.

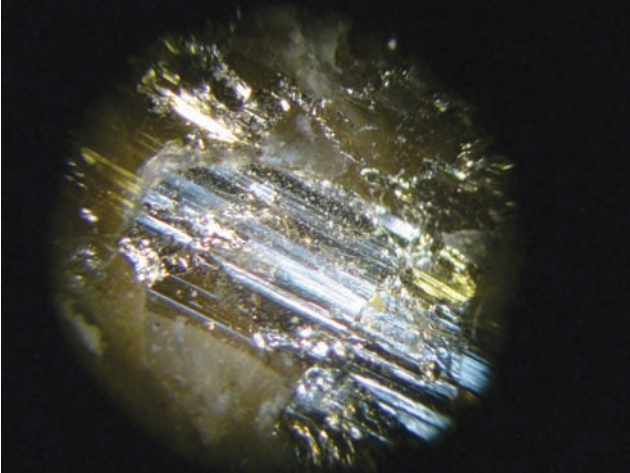
The Pebble Pups meet monthly during the academic school year. As there are so many ways for the PPPP to express their creative energies; the retention rate is very high. The informal setting allows for a more complete understanding of geoscience due to a more focused learning environment. The informal setting also allows for more personal and meaningful interaction between the informal educator and student. Students engaged in informal education are benefited on a personal level more than they would be in a formal setting. The informal education of the PPPP has proven to be more supportive to the development and growth of a student both intellectually and emotionally compared to education in a strictly controlled, formal learning environment. For more information on the PPPP contact Steven Veatch through his email at: steven.veatch@gmail.com.



Ben Nemo, who is in 5th grade, spent a day at the museum working on conserving one of Colorado's most important mineral collections. photo by Steven Veatch



Steven Marquez will be starting 8th grade. Steven measured specimens, learned how to take photos through the microscope, and painted labels on each specimen. photo by Steven Veatch



A microphotograph of a crystal of gold-bearing calaverite. Note the distinctive striations on the surface of the mineral. photo by Steven Marquez

~OUT AND ABOUT~

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

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719-748-5004 and leave a message. We will call you back and answer your questions. Time of show to be determined.

22 The Florissant Library and the Florissant Grange Dinner Theater. Come enjoy dinner and the play "Cowgirl Cookie and the Mysterious Disappearance of Grandma Sugar." Seating is limited. Call the Florissant Library to purchase your ticket and reserve your seats. 719-748-3939. Friday's show starts at 6 p.m. and includes cookie sale by Friends of the Florissant Library. Saturday night will be by reservation only and include dinner, begins at 5:30 p.m., play begins at 6 p.m.

30 Learn to make pine needle baskets from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. You don't need to bring anything, just come and learn this wonderful art. All classes at the Grange are by donation. 719-748-5004 for more information.

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HARTSEL
2 & 3 The Hartsel Library is celebrating its 15th anniversary. During Hartsel Days, August 2nd and 3rd, the library will be hosting the now world famous "Bake and Book Sale." Sunday August 3rd the library will be passing out slices of home baked cakes for all our patrons and visitors. Come enjoy home

baking and good reads.

LAKE GEORGE

14-17 Lake George Gem and Mineral Show. Contact Dan Alfrey (719) 440-6234 or AlfreyDan@aol.com

16 Lake George Fire Department spaghetti dinner begins at 4:30 p.m. at Lake George Fire Department.

16-17 Antique Tractor Pull Lake George Arena

16-17 Lake George Extravaganza Craft Fair/Flea Market and Library Used Book Sale. Food available. Lake George Arena call 719-748-8383 for more information.

Wed 9 a.m. Low Impact Exercise at the Library

1st & 3rd Fri: Lake George Quilters Square 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

4th Fri: 9:15 Friends of the Library - Book Clubs "Tainted Tex" 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 p.m. We are all "Good Cooks." We are seeking new members. This would be a good place for new members to the community to meet people while helping out their community.

WOODLAND PARK
2 & 3 The 29th Annual Mountain Arts Festival- The Ute Pass Historical Society will once again sponsor a food booth during the 2014 festival. Our booth will feature a hot dog plate for \$5 (hot dog, chips, and drink) and a hamburger/bratwurst plate for \$6 (hamburger or bratwurst, chips, and drink). The Mountain Artists community offers a relaxed, friendly connection where nationally recognized and award-winning local artists are willing to share their skills and experience with its newest members. The festival will feature a variety of high quality and unique artwork from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

9 The 10th Annual Woodland Music Series. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy the mountain air, panoramic view, and moving music. Umbrellas are suggested for the sun. The Woodland Music Series will be selling wine and BierWerks' Beer. (L.D. Required!) Food will be available for purchase. Kids bounce house. Fun for the whole family!

9 Shades of Blue - Blues and Jazz featuring A Pick, A Stick, and A Chick +2. The Jake Loggins Band, Radio London and Teresa Lynne. Immediately following the Mayors Cup race 3 p.m. On the Green at the Midland Pavilion adjacent to the Ute Pass Cultural Center, 210 E. Midland Ave., Woodland Park. 719-687-5284

14-17 Woodland Park Rock, Gem and Jewelry Show. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Woodland Park Saddle Club grounds. Hwy 24 between Wal-Mart and Burger King. We have over 40 dealers with rocks, minerals, fossils, petrified wood, custom jewelry, gemstones, beads and much more! Special kids area, Free parking and free admission. For more information visit www.woodlandparkrockandgemshow.com or call Kim and Bodie 719-360-9665 or email runinboar@hotmail.com

DINOSAUR RESOURCE CENTER

2 & 3 DRC's Critter Rescue Roundup: Wolves, Hedgehogs and Dogs. Oh My! This event has been growing each year with many animal rescue and support groups including everyone's favorite, Standing Bear, founder of The Thelma and Flash Hedgehog Rescue. See some live wolves up close and enjoy some good food. Four free admissions to the museum if you adopt an animal (must be used at a later date). Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FARMER'S MARKET
The 24th Annual Woodland Park Farmer's Market, every Friday through September from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Center and Henrietta. SNAP welcomed. Featuring fresh farm vegetables and local produce, fruit from the western slope, high-altitude nursery plants, bakery-fresh bread, cheese, salsa, jams, pasta, natural meats (bison and grass raised chickens). For more information call (719) 689-3133 or 648-7286 or email: info@WPfarmers-market.com

HISTORY PARK
9 Free, self-guided public tours (donations gratefully accepted) of History Park on the second Saturday of the month through September. Docents will be on hand in each of our four buildings (+ Calaboose/City Jail), starting at the Museum Center, 231 E. Henrietta Avenue in Woodland Park. The Museum Center building is located next to the Woodland Park Public Library. A guided historic walking tour of Woodland Park meets at 10:30 a.m. All tours are weather permitting. For more information, please contact UPHS at 719-686-7512 or visit our website: utepasshistoricalso.cidy.org

12 Holistic Healing Day, 10 a.m. to noon. Practitioners from the Holistic Networking Community invite you to experience the benefits of holistic

services on a first come, first served donation basis. You may choose from psychic guidance, touch and no touch Reiki, sound healing, gluten free tips, life coaching and power prayer. AARF- Adoptable Animal Rescue Force, a non-profit, no-kill animal rescue group located in a Divide, CO, will be the beneficiary of your donations. Venue: Mountain View United Methodist Church, 1101 Rampart Range Rd., Woodland Park, CO. Call Shari Bilger, 719-748-3412.

MOUNTAIN TOP CYCLING CLUB

5 The Mountain Top Cycling Club will be hosting it's monthly club meeting on August 5th at 6 p.m. Located at the Big Dawg Sandwiches in the Gold Hill Square Shopping center, behind Wendy's in Woodland Park. Big Dawg Sandwiches is a club sponsor for 2014. Please join the club in welcoming our guest speaker from the Women's Mountain Bike Association, WMBA. Denise Syms a member of WMBA, is doing a fantastic job of coordinating the Monday Night Bear Werks Run and Ride Mountain Bike Rides along with David Kreighsauer, Club President. Big Dawg Sandwiches is a new restaurant and has offered to stay open later that night just to accommodate the cycling club. The club will review the upcoming Pro Challenge, Victor Mountain bike camp for youths and Bike the Night ride details. Hear the latest updates on the cycling tours in Colorado. There will be door prizes at the close of the meeting and much more. For more information, visit www.mountaintopcyclingclub.com or call Debbie 719-687-2489

STREET DANCE FOR USA PRO CYCLING CHALLENGE
17 Street Dance to kick off the week of the USA Pro Cycling Challenge at The Ute Pass Cultural Center Pavilion, 210 E. Midland Ave., Woodland Park, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Open to public. Free admission. For more information contact Monique at 719-687-9975 or info@wpsaddleclub.com

UTE PASS SADDLE CLUB
3 - 17 - 31 Ute Pass Saddle Club - Gymkhanas held at 19250 E Hwy 24 in Woodland Park. Registration opens at 8 a.m. First event starts at 10 a.m. For more information contact Monique at 719-687-9975 or info@wpsaddleclub.com

WHOLISTIC NETWORKING COMMUNITY

19 The Wholistic Networking Community invites you to meet area practitioners and learn about wholistic wellness from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Rampart Public Library, 218 E. Midland Ave., Woodland Park, CO 80863. "Wholistic" in our name includes all who pursue conscious living, a healthy lifestyle and desire a peaceful, natural world. Be sure to mark your calendars for our regular meetings on the third Tuesday of every month. Jimena Yantorno, a healer from Colombia, brings Tools For Conscious Living to the World's communities. Do you sense a lack of wholeness? It is said that many of us have journeyed long and far to reconnect with that one complete half of who we are: "the Twin Ray, also known as the Twin Heart". Jimena will share some exercises to help us understand and recognize our Twin Ray as a very important aspect in embracing growth, balance and evolution in consciousness in the modern times. For more information about the Wholistic Networking Community or to RSVP, telephone 719-963-4405.

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