

This month's cover is of pasque flowers ■ we came upon during a mid-April hike at Divide's Hyden Park. It was one of those cloudy days when Jeff wondered if he should bring the camera or not; good thing he chose to bring it along!

It was such a surprise to come upon these beauties. The vibrant violet sepals caught my eye, and the yellow center drew me in. They were seemingly hugging the ground closely, as though the winds of Divide would tear them from their roots, launching them into the wind.

What surprises will the month of May bring to us? Will we be prepared? We hope our May issue has some surprises for you, some information to help you stay prepared for life in the mountains, and some sound advice for keeping us grounded. Please enjoy!

Mr. Spaz was disappointed with the void of photos, so he chose a photo of his favorite brother, Shadow. He was somewhat dismayed when we also included his nemesis brother, Frosty. Begging is not in his feline style, so he is appealing to our readers, "Don't let your pet be left out – send me photos so we can publish your pet's picture! It can be an inside pal or outside prowler, or perhaps even a flying friend. Please give my paws pics to pick!"

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> Thank vou. - Kathy & Jeff Hansen

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# Kelly's Office Connection celebrates 10 years!

Did you know that Teller County's best of-fice supply store is celebrating their 10th year in business, even though they've been around for 34? It's actually Gail and Tim Taylor who are celebrating their 10th year as the current owners of Kelly's Office Connection.

They have some fun things in store, pun intended, for June 2nd. "Cartoon Bill" Crowley will be here from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. drawing caricatures. Ted Newman will be playing guitar from noon to 2 p.m. (you may remember he played along with Johnny Cash, John Denver, and was on Dick Clark's "American Bandstand"). There will be a "Draw a coupon deal" where you might win a free ream of copy paper or 10% off your order.

But the fun and deals don't end on June 2nd. Gail and Tim are extending the saving from June 2nd through June 6th on 50% off color copies and 50% off faxing. What about the fun, you ask?

Well, if you have not been into Kelly's Office Supply and you haven't yet met Gail and Tim, then I understand why you are asking. You see, if you had already met Gail and Tim, you'd know they are fun folks, fair folks, and always willing to help you find what you're looking for.

Gail can help you find anything you need. Do you have a rare item that you've had a hard time finding? Bring it in! Gail has lots of resources at her fingertips and is always willing to go the extra mile so you don't have to. She also knows the ins and outs of her suppliers, and is willing to take those extra steps to assure customer satisfaction.



If you can't find it, Gail will be glad to order it for you. a computer and database. They

In fact, if you go to www.iteminfo.com you can search for just about everything Gail can get for you. You can print out your order, then scan and email, fax, or call in the order to Gail before 4 p.m. and if the item is in the warehouse, she will have it in her store the next day. Gail says, "If we don't have it today, we can have it tomorrow!

Think beyond paper and pens here, folks. Gail can get vacuums, stir sticks and coffee supplies, bottled water or beverages, candies, snacks, microwaves, office furniture, and more.

Gail keeps her items priced competitively with Office Max/Depot and other office supply stores as much as possible. She simply wishes to run the best office supply store in Teller County, and she does it well.

Gail shared the history of the store. The original owner was a gentleman who owned it for two years. Evidently, this was not a remarkable experience as no one seems to know his name. He sold it to Betty Berry and when Betty owned it, the name of the store was Woodland Office Supply.

Betty was known to have a "cantankerous" reputation; she would tell you like it is. Folks appreciated that back in the day. The last two years Betty owned it, Norma Kelly worked for her. Then Norma and Dave bought it from





Kelly's Office Connection is located in the Gold Hill North Plaza in Woodland Park.

Betty and changed the name to Kelly's Office Supply. Norma and Dave were a bit friendlier than their predecessor, and their business grew along with Woodland Park.

Gail and Tim bought the store from Norma and Dave. Whenever they are asked why they didn't

change the name of the store, Tim's answer is, "I have a big ego, but don't need to have my name above the door." I have always been surprised at how welcoming Gail and Tim are, especially when I call Gail "Kelly". Gail always says, "That's ok, people get it confused all the ime." Gail probably knows better than anyone else how I struggle with names. I always appreciate her smile and kind reply.

Gail and Tim have added more than superior customer service. They added a color printer for color copies, flyers, and folded cards. They added can help you with binding and laminating. They can also help

design your business cards. If there is something your business needs, they can find it for

you at a competitive price. Gail and Tim believe in community and understand how important it is to shop local. As more folks became familiar with the internet, many folks began buying off the web. That's too bad because they are paying for shipping

they would not have to if they simply placed the order with Gail before 4 p.m. Gail and Tim are working on adding an online ordering



Tim and Gail Taylor have owned Kelly's Office Connection for the past 10 years.

See if you can make it into Kelly's Office Supply on June 2nd to enjoy the fun and festivities. You may even win a free ream of paper or get 10% off your order. They are extending their 50% off color prints and copies, as well as 50% off faxing from June 2nd through June 6th. Stop in and say hello; I'll bet you'll walk out with at least a smile on your face.

# Mother's Day tribute

by Kathy Hansen

May is the month for Mother's Day; a single day out of 365 dedicated to our Moms. Our mother's give us life! Once we are born. they are our primary care-takers. It becomes

their job to teach us how to be independent and one day, leave the proverbial nest. We humans, as a species, take the longest to teach our young to become adults. Our moms teach us to walk, talk, feed

ourselves, and eventually cook and clean for ourselves. Moms teach us how to get along, resolve conflicts and interact with each other. They teach us manners, communication skills, and how to take on responsibility. We learn from our moms about nature, spirit,

and how this very complicated world works. Moms often end up putting their own needs after their child's, sometimes to the point of going without. These sacrifices so often happen without any consideration on the child's part, especially as they are happening. We often do not comprehend all our moms do for us until

we become adults Mothers may experience a sense of inadequacy while they are trying to do all they can for their children. To those mothers; remember the MOST important message you can ever give to your child is that they are loved.

This is the 10th Mother's Day since my mother was laid to rest. What I wouldn't give for just one more day with her. If I had the chance I would thank her for all the sacrifices she made, and for the many lessons she taught me. I'd thank her for our walks in nature, often our back yard, where she taught me to connect with Mother Earth and respect all she has to offer.

I would thank Mom for reading to me and teaching me to read. I fondly recall our special reading time in the yellow chair each morning after Carol and Bob got on the bus. After the story, she would answer my questions. I would spend the rest of the day thinking of questions for Mom to answer; the questions couldn't be too difficult

like "Why is the sky blue?" or something she knew I already had the answer to. I truly believe this helped me to develop an analytical mind, even though my intention was to have just a few more minutes of this very special time with Mom.

I would thank her for the "Determination" speech when I was 18 and trying to figure out what to do with my life. If I had a single kernel of corn for every time I reflected on that speech, world hunger would be a thing of the past.

I would thank her for the many heart-to-heart talks we had once I was an adult. She became a powerful mentor, willing to explore the difficult questions in life with me, developing coping strategies, and deciding which avenues were best to take at various crossroads in my journey.

Her encouragement has become my foundation I would thank her for teaching me to laugh and have fun. While we certain had our share of hardships to overcome, I am grateful for the many spontaneous moments when we could share the joys of a hearty belly-laugh, learning to embrace the healing power in something as simple as laughter. What I wouldn't give for one more moment with you!

There is another mother I wish to mention today, Jeff's Mom, aka Nancy Barth. I thank Nancy for raising Jeff to be the incredible man he has become! We know you made many sacrifices raising Jeff, John, and Robin. We are grateful for instilling an admirable work ethic, hilarious sense of humor, fostering his many abilities, especially his creativity, and teaching him how to swear while watching Green Bay Packer games in the 70s.

Nancy, I promised you I would take care of him and it is a promise I continue to enjoy fulfilling. I thank you for welcoming me as part of your family and accepting me with my many faults. We look forward to spending time with you this summer!

The Ute Country News wishes ALL mothers a special 2014 Mother's Day: we wouldn't be

# Antero Junction

On the northeast corner at the junction of Highways 24 and 285 travelers casually

catches the eye most prominently has a green

spread across its top. If you are a historian at

On the map this corner is labeled "Antero

Some 300 years ago there was a lake bed

South Park. Early residents who settled in the

area discovered the duck hunting and fishing

as Green's Lake, named after the nearby land-

owner. Green's Lake was later submerged by

Even earlier evidence that the Ute Indians

occupied sites in the area has been discovered.

A very old site now mostly underwater revealed,

according to Virginia McConnell Simmons in

quarry of poor red quartzite, and a burial."

In 1892 the Highline Reservoir Company

announced plans to build an irrigation canal that

would service the Denver population. One of the

sites selected for their project was a site "found

in the Antero basin, a deep depression of South

and the natural conformities of the depression

is such that the only step necessary to reservoir

lower end of the basin." This was reported in the

The nation-wide panic of 1893 temporarily

put a halt to the plans and it wasn't until 1907

that the Antero and Lost Park Reservoir Com-

Company and revived the project. The earthen

In 1910 John Bonard was hired to take care

of the new reservoir. In 1915 the Antero project

was sold to the City and County of Denver,

and they retained the services of Bonard as its

superintendent. As he managed the reservoir,

Bonard, in 1913, took up a homestead adjoin-

ing the reservoir site. In 1920 he saw the need

of a filling-station on his site and built it. He

added a café and leased out the business while

he continued to oversee the reservoir. These

He was born in Switzerland, above Lake

Geneva, one of three sons of a judge. In his

early years Bonard learned to speak French,

German and Italian. At age fifteen he went to

Monte Carlo on the French Mediterranean coast

and worked as a waiter for \$3 a month and tips.

He took a train to Havre and sailed to Liverpool

America and paid a \$16 fare, which made him a

third-class passenger. Most of the other passen-

gers on the ship were milk cows from Ireland.

**Most of the other** 

from Ireland.

He was an avid hunter as well

passengers on the

ship were milk cows

Bonard arrived in New York with \$3.60 in

his pocket and hitched rides to get to St. Louis,

where he was employed to cook oysters in a

hotel. He was hired by a Denver hotel man

and came to the West in 1879 at the age of

17 years. He worked at a number of different

jobs over the next few years, one of them in

Brighton, where he met a young girl named

Katherine Elizabeth Hagus. They married in

1894. Bonard farmed and freighted between

Denver and Steamboat Springs for 15 years.

He recalled lending his barn in the Meeker

From England he boarded a ship headed for

were the buildings at Antero Junction.

But about John Bonard

pany purchased the holdings of the Highline

"Fairplay Flume", along with a notice that the

essential property had been purchased.

dam was completed in 1909.

creation is the throwing of a dam across the

Park. Thro' this basin flows the South Platte river,

her Bayou Salado book, "a camp, a workshop, a

the yet to be built Antero Reservoir.

near and in the lake, which was then known

at the southern end of what we now know as

asphalt roof with most of the word "liquor"

now unobtrusive structures.

by Linda Bjorklund



Antero Junction 1950s

area to former President Theodore Roosevelt for use by Teddy's hunting guides on a bear notice several decaying buildings. The one that hunting trip. However, the incident recorded by Roosevelt's biographer told of hunting lynx and cougar in Colorado. Teddy regaled audiences with a story about his dogs chasing a cougar up heart, you wonder what was in the past of these a tree, then attacking it as it fell from the tree. He used his knife to end the fight between dogs and lion. A number of lynx and cougar skins

> were brought back to be mounted and displayed. Among his own hunting experiences, Bonard

a Friday and Sunday in April. Visitors were encouraged to stop by and support the class project. In addition to the auto service, guests were invited to partake of the coffee and doughnuts served by the students.

On January 8, 1976, a very fuzzy and desolate looking photo appeared in the "Flume", under the heading, "Fire Destroys Antero Junction". The caption underneath explained: "Fire burned the garage, restaurant and living quarters at Antero Junction to the ground early last Monday morn-



Antero Junction 1953 Cowboys from Tom Mcquaid's ranch at cafe Source: Lori Bittler Northup

recalled climbing a tree in the timber above Antero to elude an angry Hereford bull, while he was out looking for game. During the 34 years that he worked at the reservoir Bonard and his family lived at the home provided, above the dam. It was isolated by weather at times, but the first radio in South Park was located at the Bonard home, so the family continued to have contact with the world outside of Antero Reservoir.

The Bonards had two children, U. J., better known as Ulysses or "Uly," and Philma. John's wife Katherine passed away in 1940. He worked at the reservoir until 1945, when he turned 83 years of age.

Bonard anticipated his retirement and purchased three small buildings, one of them the old Trump schoolhouse, all of which he moved to the Junction and attached together. This was

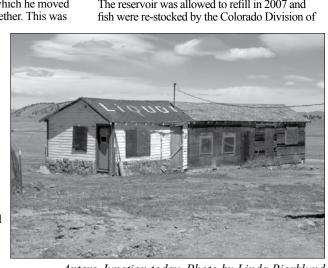
to be his retirement home. The former schoolhouse is the one closest to the highway with the "Liquor" lettering on its roof. Research has not yet disclosed the origin or reason for the sign on the roof.

The Antero Junction business changed hands a number of times over the years. Cottage cabins were added for available rental. A notice in the June 25, 1959, "Fairplay Flume" announced the Antero Junction Soup-or-Service. owned and operated by Harold and Kathleen Stambaugh. The article told of the business located at the foot of Trout Creek Pass in beautiful South Park, the only service station

in the area which gave night service. The station stayed open until midnight each night to take care of the traveling public. Stambaugh was quoted, "The next time you drive this way, if you can't stop at least wave as you go by."
In 1963 the "Flume" reported that the senior

class of the South Park High School would operate the Antero Junction Service station on ing. Left standing were a small house, three small cabins and two sheds. The Colorado Bureau of Investigation is assisting the Park County Sheriff's Department in an investigation. A motorist reported the fire at 3:35 a.m. Sheriff Howey arrived on the scene before 4:00 a.m. to find one small room of the living quarters still standing but unable to be saved. Ray Slack, proprietor of the establishment was notified in Denver of the fire. The station had provided a friendly rest stop and safe port in a ground blizzard for many travelers in South Park."

Antero Reservoir continues to be a water storage reservoir, supplying drinking water to residents of metro Denver some 140 miles away. It was drained in 2002 for five years, due to a drought. The reservoir was allowed to refill in 2007 and



Antero Junction today. Photo by Linda Bjorklund

Wildlife. Fishing and camping are both allowed, and Antero remains a popular tourist location.

The remains of the service station and café at Antero Junction have been unused for quite a few years. A few occupants are periodically seen, among them a horse or two seeking shelter in the far end of the three-building structure that was John Bonard's retirement home.



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# Gathering on gardening hosted by Guffey Community Charter School

by Nate Huggins, 7th Grader

On April 17th Mark Platten, the Teller County extension director, hosted a School Family-Community Gathering for Gardening at the Guffey Community Charter School. Before the program started, Guffey School students entertained the attendees with a couple of "garden related" songs. Next, Mark spoke to the middle school student who asked questions about Colorado's water rights. This began a lively discussion that included the 20 community members who came for the

Mark answered questions about their water wells, rain capture barrels, permits and watering restrictions under 30 acres. Other questions directed to him were concerns on how you can only capture water that comes off your roof, watering plants and gardens. Mr. Platten handed out water test kits and radon detection kits.

Community members were also given information about the upcoming commu-



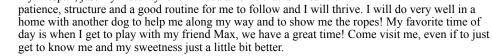
Ms. Hartman's K-2 class singing, Itsy Bitsy Spider. Photo by Lynda MacDonald

nity garden to begin this summer. If you are interested in participating, please contact the school at 719-689-2093.

For more details on gardening tips, greenhouse plans, landscaping, pest control, small acreage management, and radon testing or classes, visit http://www.ext.colostate.edu

# Adopt Me By Lisa Moore of TCRAS Connor

Hi there. My name is Connor and I am a very special guy! You could call me a "perpetual puppy" as I have a disorder called Cerebellar hypoplasia (non-human); I was born without my cerebellum being mature. I am quite endearing; you will fall in love if you just sit and watch me for a little bit. This disorder does not affect my lifespan, just my maturity level. I need a home that is filled with





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# Rampart Range Library news

by Antonia Krupicka-Smith

With May here, Spring is in full force and we can't help but think about Summer programs here at the Rampart Library District. Summer reading programs begin officially on June 1st, but kids, teens, and adults can start signing up May 23rd. No prizes will be awarded until after June 1st. The themes this summer are "Fizz, Boom, Read!" for kids birth to 11 years; "Spark a Reaction" for teens 12 – 18 years, and "Literary Elements" for 18 years and up. The Summer is full of activities for all ages at both branches with popular programs and performers returning from last year. Signing up can be done from the library website, http://rampart.colibraries.org, or by stopping in one of the library branches. More information about programs will be forthcoming, but mark your calendars to sign up, read, and get prizes all summer long!

May programs include the meeting of the adult book clubs in Woodland Park and Florissant. The WP Book club will meet May 6 at 10:30 a.m. and discuss the book "The Devil in the White City" by Erik Larson. Florissant's Bookworms will meet May 21 at 10:30 a.m. and discuss "Garlic and Sapphires: The secret life of a critic in disguise" by Ruth Reichi. Both book selections can be requested through the library catalog.

Additional adult programs in May include 'Organize Yourself' with Erin Snyder on Wednesday, May 7 at 1 p.m. in the Woodland Park Public Library. Learn simple organizing

tricks and tips to get a start on spring cleaning.
There will also be an AARP driver's safety course at the Woodland Park Public Library on May 15th from 9am to 1pm. Registration is required for this program and the cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non AARP members. You can register by calling 719-687-9281.

For youth in May we have storytimes every Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. in Woodland Park and every Thursday in Florissant at 10:30 a.m. The themes for Florissant storytimes in May will be opposites, special guest: Mother Goose, orange, ocean, and olives. Special Guest, Mother Goose will visit both libraries, May 7 at 10:15 a.m. in Woodland Park and May 8 at 10:30 a.m. in Florissant to tell stories about Mother's Day.

The popular Lego Club will meet every Friday in May from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and the new Minecraft club meets every Friday from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Woodland Park Public Library Teen Room.

Finally on May 15, there will be a Homeschool Family Meet and Greet at the Florissant Public Library at 2 p.m. Learn more about the resources available from the library and get a quick tour of the Florissant Library. All library programs are open to the public and for more information check out the library website at http://rampart.colibraries.org or call the Woodland Park branch at 687-9281 or the Florissant

# PRRH's new fall prevention program

**D**ikes Peak Regional Hospital (PPRH) has teamed up with CareView<sup>TM</sup> Communications to launch the CareView System, a fall prevention program that enhances patient safety and security

The hospital has installed a camera system in each of the 15 patient rooms, and each is connected to the nurse's station. Via specialized software an alarm sounds if a patient's movement breaks a pre-determined virtual barrier. This brings a staff member to the patient's aid more quickly which should help prevent a potential fall.

"This is an exciting step for our facility as

tion," said Lisa Diamond, Chief Nursing Officer. "Patient well-being is paramount, and this is one more example of how we strive to provide outstanding patient care."

According to staff members they are already seeing good results and believe the program will have positive long-term outcomes. The system is only activated for high fall risk patients unless the patient specifically requests not to participate.

The CareView System also provides patients with free on demand first-run movies, and other amenities and entertainment services to



If it's not

breathe..

ologically available for your body. It binds

function. This chelation is a unique type of

loose of it, so it is no longer physiologically

available to perform those essential functions

in the body or in the plant. (To hear the full

interview with Dr. Huber go to http://foodin-

glyphosate-threat-humanity/)

human health?'

tegritynow.org/2014/04/08/dr-don-huber-gmos-

Glyphosate was also patented in 2003 as a

"When you take the good bacteria out, then the

bad bacteria fills that void, because there aren't

gut, C. difficile diarrhea, gluten intolerance, or

any of the other problems. All of these diseases

are an expression of disruption of that intesti-

nal microflora that keeps you healthy. So my

question is, how can you in good conscience,

promote glyphosate which has been patented

as both a mineral chelator and an antibiotic...

both of which have enormous implications to

How many of us are concerned with an-

tibiotic use in our meats and poultry? Since

any voids in nature. We have all of these gut-

related problems, whether it's autism, leaky

very powerful antibiotic. Dr. Huber explains:

binding that binds the metals but it doesn't turn

R emember DDT and Agent Orange? Both of these products were brought to us by Monsanto. They convinced us that these products were safe to use. We learned otherwise! Ask any Vietnam vet about Agent Orange and I bet he or she will know someone who was greatly affected by Agent Orange.

Now we have glyphosate (the active ingredient in Roundup), and the most widely used herbicide in the world. Let's dig in a little deeper and find out exactly what is glyphosate and how it works.

Glyphosate is a powerful herbicide and you may have used it on your personal gardens or lawns. You may think twice about this after learning more

Since glyphosate is the most widely used herbicide in the world, it is everywhere. It was patented as an herbicide in 1964. The industry asserts it is minimally toxic to humans, but here I'd like to argue otherwise. Residues are found in the main foods of the Western diet, comprised primarily of sugar, corn, soy, canola and wheat. It is also used on 160 non-organic food crops and on GMO (genetically modified organism) food crops genetically engineered to withstand Roundup.

### Have we been duped by these corporations whose main concern seems to be their bottom line and not human health?

Glyphosate enhances the damaging effects of other food-borne chemical residues and environmental toxins. Negative impact on the body is insidious and manifests slowly over time as inflammation damages cellular systems throughout the body.

Not only is glyphosate a powerful herbicide, it is also a patented mineral chelator. According to Dr. Don Huber, Professor Emeritus, Plant Pathology, Purdue University, "It immobilizes nutrients, so they're not physiglyphosate is an antibiotic and it is sprayed on our foods, it's in way more than just our meat mineral elements that are essential for enzyme

Today we use over 300,000 million pounds of glyphosate throughout the world, although there are many countries that have or are in the process of banning glyphosate. Why are we using so much of this herbicide? One of the reasons is that about 90% of our foods in our mainstream grocery stores are genetically modified (GMOs).

The way this works is that these crops are engineered to tolerate herbicides. Roundup is engineered to tolerate Roundup herbicide. the main ingredient of which is glyphosate. except the crop.

genetically engineered seeds also own and sell the chemicals to spray on these crops. You may be wondering, where does this glyphosate go?

...how can it be

safe to eat?

Ready (RR) soy is the most widely grown GM crop, making up 52% of all GM crops. RR soy The RR gene enables farmers to spray the field liberally with herbicide. All plant life is killed The biotech companies that produce the

Studies have found the glyphosate is not

biodegradable, which the industry claims. It has been found in human urine and recently in human breast milk. In the first ever testing for glyphosate in the breast milk of American women, Moms Across America and Sustainable Pulse (http://www.momsacrossamerica. com/tags/moms\_across\_america) found high

levels in 30 percent of the samples tested. This

strongly suggests that glyphosate levels build up in your body over time, despite claims to the contrary In June of 2013, Friends of the Earth Europe (FoE) commissioned a series of urine tests on people in 18 countries across Europe. The results were released and FoE is asking, "Why is there weed killer in our bodies?" The findings (https://www.foeeurope.org/sites/default/files/ glyphosate\_studyresults\_june12.pdf) from these tests raise serious concerns about the increasing levels of exposure to glyphosate-based weed killers, which are commonly used by farmers, public authorities and gardeners across Europe. What is worry-some is that should more genetically modified (GM) crops be grown in Europe, the use of glyphosate is predicted to

water or the wider environment Why have we allowed such a toxic chemical to be so widely used? Have we been duped by these corporations whose main concern seems to be their bottom line and not human health? What can we do now?

rise even further. According to FoE, despite the

widespread use of the weed killer, there is little

monitoring of glyphosate at present in food,

We can stop buying their products, eat organic and if you can, start growing your own food. If enough of us boycott their products, it will affect their bottom line. If we demand organic food, like our great grandparents grew and ate, the price of organics will come down! In the meantime. buy as much organic as possible and avoid any products that contain soy, corn, canola and sugar beets. Your health, and the health of your children and grandchildren, is worth it!

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# 1st Annual Guffey Car Show-Off

by Flip Boettcher

Saturday, May 31, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., will be the date of the first annual Guffey Car Show Off, sponsored by the Bull Moose Restaurant & Bar and the Freshwater Saloon, in Guffey, according to Mary Curtis, manager of the Bull

Event organizers Dave Wade and Jerry McGuire were looking for old classic cars to enter the car show-off. The cars will be parked at the Freshwater and the Bull Moose for display all day, and space is limited.

Guffey-area cars were given first preference with cars from other areas filling the spaces if needed Contact Wade at: 719-689-2044 or McGuire at: 719-479-2298 for placement and information. Admission is free to all participants and

There will be music by local musicians Lissa and Chuck at the Freshwater from 11 a.m. to



Jerry McGuire in his Ford Delux roadster named Sophie. Photo by Jerry McGuire.

> 3 p.m. and the Geezer Band at the Bull Moose from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., as well as food and refreshments throughout the day stated Curtis.

"This is really a chance for locals to show off their restored, vintage cars," Curtis said. "Cool cars, great music and fabulous food. All in downtown Guffey", she added.

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# Preening the Bird

photo by Jeff Hansen



Matt Bruns of Wood Pro Finishers adds chinking between the logs at the Thunderbird *Inn in Florissant. The wood siding was stripped, and then sealed with multiple coats to* make sure the bar will be around to serve libations, food, and fun to locals and travelers for many more years to come.

### What does it mean to be 'Fire Adapted'? by The Coalition for the Upper South Platte



Fire Adapted Communities

iving in the wildland-urban interface, where development meets the forest, is living with fire. Our forests are adapted to fire and need fire to thrive. Historically, low-intensity wildfires would burn on the forest surface in a patchwork pattern. These fires helped to clear excess vegetation, open up forest canopies, diversify the landscape, and reinvigorate the forest.

After a century of well intentioned, but misguided, fire suppression, our forests are now more susceptible to disturbances such as disease, wildfire, and insect infestation. Without fire, our forests have become overcrowded and unhealthy. Trees that otherwise would have been cleared out by wildfire have been able to survive in areas where widely spaced trees interrupted by open meadows was the norm.

These historical mosaics of open meadows intermixed with forests provided important habitat for many plants and animals that call the forest home. Small-diameter trees huddled closely together have taken over openings where native groundcover once flourished, and have become overcrowded in areas once accustomed to 10 times fewer trees per acre.

Only so much sunshine, water, and nutrients are available per acre, so without regular wildfires to clean out extra vegetation, trees are not getting the level of nourishment they need and the understory is being outcompeted by encroaching trees. This chronic undernourishment is why we see crowded, skinny trees rather than the robust trees that once dominated.

The buildup of excess fuels also means that when a fire inevitably sparks, it can rapidly transform into an extremely hot wildfire that has climbed up ladder fuels – vegetation between the forest floor and the forest canopy – into the crowns of trees. Once a fire becomes a crown fire, it can very rapidly move from tree to tree across the landscape. Unlike the comparatively cool ground fires that clear out excess vegetation but leave more established trees intact, high-intensity crown fires ravage the landscape, killing many established trees and potentially threatening communities in the wildland-urban interface.

Understanding that our surrounding environment is fire adapted, we also must transform our communities to become fire adapted as the first step for living with fire. So, what does a fire adapted community look like?

Fire adapted communities understand their wildfire risk and take responsibility for managing this risk. Fire adapted communities bring individuals, neighborhoods, businesses, government agencies, organizations, and local leaders together to take action to protect those things a community values, such as homes, forests, infrastructure, and personal safety. The more sustained action a community takes, the more fire adapted it becomes.

What proven practices can you use to make your community more fire adapted?

- · Start small by mitigating on your own property. Steps you can take include:
- Clear leaves and other vegetation from roofs, gutters, and under porches. - Prune trees so the lowest limbs are 6-10
- feet above the ground. - Trim any branches hanging over your house or outbuildings.
- Move flammable materials (wood piles, pro-

pane tanks, yard trimmings, etc.) out at least 30 feet from your home or outbuildings. - Ensure emergency vehicles can access

clearly marked. Replace flammable roofing (like wooden shingles) with fire-resistant materials such as asphalt shingles, tile, or metal. - Enclose areas under decks and patios to pre-

your home, and your street and home are

- vent accumulation of vegetative materials. - Thin out continuous trees, ladder fuels, and brush cover, and dispose of the slash. The Divide Slash Site (http://www.divideslashsite.com) is a resource for slash disposal. - Create an emergency plan and prepare an emergency kit that you can grab at a mo-
- ment's notice. Share knowledge with your neighbors and
- encourage them to mitigate on their property Organize a neighborhood fuels mitigation day. Advocate for your community to work together to create or improve upon a Community Wildfire Protection Plan and promote fire adapted best practices throughout the community.

The most important aspect of becoming fire adapted is working cooperatively throughout the community to help reduce wildfire risk and rebalance the natural cycles of the forest. If your neighbors' properties are not mitigated, you have a greater wildfire risk, and if your property is not mitigated, you are increasing the risk for your neighbors.

In addition to reducing wildfire risk, mitigation results in many other benefits as well. These efforts can improve habitat for wildlife, improve your view, result in insurance benefits, increase property values, and produce other environmental benefits such as better water quality in your watershed. Don't wait until it's too late; get started with wildfire mitigation today! Every step you take will help protect your property, family, and community.

To find out more about Fire Adapted Communities and the role of wildfire, explore:

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they are told. I would challenge anyone to sit

and pay attention for as long as our kids are

expected to without fidgeting and losing inter-

est. Could it be possible that we have pushed

the school environment so far out of the bounds

Could it simply be that the child has a vivid

magination? A highly respected pediatrician at

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this interesting confession: "A disproportionate

number of children labeled ADHD without hy-

peractivity are exceptionally bright and creative

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of normal that many of our children just can't

Brown with white speckles and a black head. A 6 year old corriente and angus cross named Brownie. She should be calving anytime. She was last seen by the Guffey Gorge. Earmarked but not branded.

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### **Children are naturally wired to** have lots and lots of energy and curiosity. Not only is it natural, it's completely normal.

ation in that children don't all learn at the same rate as others. There is nothing wrong with that, and you are certainly no less of a parent or teacher if a child learns differently than other children. Currently, nationwide the average class size in public school is 25 students. Not only must this be an incredible load for one teacher to bear, I can't imagine trying to get 25 (sometimes more) energetic youthful individuals to learn the same criteria at the same rate.

### Circumstances to consider

• Is the food in our household nutritious? Or is it laced with chemicals, hormones, pesticides or GMOs? Every one of these will disrupt your nervous system and fog your thinking. be affecting our nervous system so profoundly that · Does my child start his/her day with sugary cewe now need medication? Could it be that the rate

real or fruit juice (almost completely sugar) or both? This alone can be a huge factor in determining behavior. Sugar is well known to cause brain fog and hyperactivity. When the majority of processed food contains sugar in one form or another it is almost impossible to avoid. School lunches consist of processed unhealthy "food like" products, not wholesome, organic foods that nourish. An alternative to sugary cereal would be oatmeal with fresh fruit or organic raisins sweetened with local honey or organic maple syrup. Oatmeal is very nourishing to the nervous system helping with anxiety as well as clear thinking. Yogurt (the kind without added sugar) with fresh organic fruit would be another good choice as yogurt supports the gut flora. For more information on how a healthy gut flora can assist in alleviating anxiety and

### Environment is a major consideration

Does their daily routine consist of rushing out of the house in the morning to get the children to daycare? A lot of families are under pressure to get to their jobs on time. The stress of that one thing can have an effect on children. The fact of the matter is, if you want your child to be calm, you must be as calm as you expect your child to be.

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activity see http://www.greenmedinfo.com/

A 10 minute meditation practice in the morning would be a healthier way to start the day. A group of Harvard neuroscientists interested in mindfulness meditation have reported that brain structures change after only eight weeks of meditation practice.

Sara Lazar, Ph.D., the study's senior author, said in a press release, "Although the practice of meditation is associated with a sense of peacefulness and physical relaxation, practitioners have long claimed that meditation also provides cognitive and psychological benefits that persist throughout the day."

Stress is very contagious and our kids are under quite a bit of it on a daily basis. Any kind of instability in the household can contribute greatly

to anxiety especially with the imagination of a child. It's important that we check in with our children frequently to get a reality check on their sense

Dr. Eisenberg is quoted as saying "The genetic predisposition to ADHD is completely overrated. Instead, child psychiatrists should more thoroughly determine the psychosocial reasons that can lead to behavioral problems. Are there fights with parents are there problems in the family? Such questions are important, but they take a lot of time." Eisenberg said, adding with a sigh: "Prescribe a pill for it very quickly.'

Read more at http://www.snopes.com/politics/quotes/adhd sp#9jvricPIDMbks3aG.99 Swedish neuroscientist Olle

Johanssen has gone on record to caution against the increasing dangers of Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) on human beings Our world is filled with electrica oulses, radio frequencies, computer screens, wireless signals, as well as personal devices

such as cell phones and gadg ets that are emitting damaging radiation. There are many peer reviewed scientific studies which are drawing conclusions that should concern us all, but particularly young children and pregnant women. Scientists have shown very early on in their testing, the effect of EMF on the central

nervous system on rats show a retarded learning capacity through decreased short term memory and decreased concentration capacity.

Per Mr. Johanssen "if you visit a Swedish school nowadays, it is like the second world war in the school room. The children cannot concentrate and cannot remember a lot of the things that the teachers say. Perhaps EMF could play a role in it.'

When scientists studied boys in a linguistic test who were exposed to mobile phone radiation, their learning capacity was impaired. In 2009 Olle Johanssen and his colleagues submitted a resolution called The London Resolution. One of the bullet points in the resolution proposed that "Children under 16 should only use mobile phone and cordless phone for emergency calls only. No Wi-fi, Wimax or other forms of wireless networking should be placed in homes, schools or public areas." In today's world our children are bombarded with EMF

To listen to Olle Johanssen's fascinating lecture on the subject of EMF, go here: http://www.activistpost.com/2014/04/ neuroscientist-exposes-dangers-of. html#J0ASCSDJ2H3Xqv6c.01

Finally, if you and your child feel that they just cannot fit into the public school system successfully, there are other options such as Montessori schools, Charter schools and online home schooling with K12.com. One mother states this about K12.com; "we used k12.com. I really liked the curriculum. It is all free and the student is officially a public school student so they get credit and diploma etc."

Many factors play a role in ADD & ADHD. Giving consideration to diet. lifestyle and the environment surrounding our children, consider their unique personality as well in order to provide the best possible atmosphere for our children to learn to the best of their ability. A shout out to my adventurous 7 year old friend Lily, you are an inspiration.

Mari Marques is a Certified Herbalist and owner of The Thymekeeper. For questions or more information contact Mari at mugsyspad@aol.com or 719-439-7303.

### Upcoming class with The Thymekeeper

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Where: Florissant Grange Hall 2009 County Road 31 Florissant CO When: Saturday May 3rd, 1 to 3 p.m. This class is funded by donation. Everyone is welcome!

# Observe Tax Freedom Day by making tax-smart investments

I Freedom Day fell on April 21 this year. So, why not mark the occasion by beginning to look for ways to become a "tax-smart" investor?

Tax Freedom Day, calculated annually by the Tax Foundation; is the day on which Americans have earned enough money to pay this year's federal, state and local taxes. Of course, Tax Freedom Day is something of a fiction, because most people pay their taxes throughout the year, via their paychecks. Furthermore, as famed Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., said: "Taxes are what we pay for civilized society." When you pay taxes, you help fund public education, the police, the fire department, food inspection, college scholarshins and many other elements of society. Nonetheless, you may want to use the concept of Tax Freedom Day to find ways to reduce the taxes associated with your investments.

Here are some suggestions: • Boost your 401(k) contributions. Your 401(k) contributions are typically made with pre-tax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. (Some employers allow a "Roth" option, under which you can make post-tax contributions.) In 2014, you can put in up to \$17,500 to a 401(k) or similar plan, such as a 403(b) or 457(b), and if you are 50 or older, you can contribute an additional \$5,500.

• Fully fund your IRA. No matter which type of IRA you have (traditional or Roth) you will gain some valuable tax benefits. With a Roth IRA, your contributions are not deductible, but your earnings can grow tax free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you are 59-1/2 and you've had your IRA for at least five years. If you own a traditional IRA, your earnings can grow

deductible, depending on your income level So, similar to a 401(k), the more you put in to your traditional IRA, the lower your taxable income may be. In 2014, you can contribute up to \$5,500 to an IRA, or \$6,500 if you are 50 or older.

Contribute to a college savings plan. Many college savings plans offer some type of tax advantage. For example, if you contribute to a 529 plan, your earnings can grow tax free, provided all withdrawals are only used to help pay qualified higher education expenses (529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax and a 10% IRS penalty.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may be deductible from your state taxes.

 Avoid excessive buying and selling. If you are constantly buying and selling investments, you may find it "taxing," because short-term gains (gains on assets owned for less than one year) will be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate which could be as high as 39.6% (and you may also be subject to a 3.8% Medicare surtax). However, if you hold your investments longer than a year before selling them, you'll pay the more favorable long-term capital gains rate, which will likely be 15% or 20%, depending on your income, though you might still be assessed the Medicare surtax.

Tax Freedom Day is here, and then it's gone. But by taking the steps described above, you may be able to brighten your tax picture for years to come.

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# Springtime brings increase of mountain lion reports

With warmer weather just around the corner Colorado Parks and Wildlife is reminding people to be on the lookout for mountain lions and asking pet owners to keep a close eve on their pets. Mountain lions have been known to prey on cats and dogs that are left outside unattended

"We receive reports of mountain lion activity all year long but as the weather gets warmer

and more pets and more people are spending more time outside sometimes we car see an increase in conflicts," said Sabrina Hurwitz District Wildlife Manager.

Every year, pets are killed by mountain lions along the Front Range. The vast majority of these happen when pets are left outside at night alone.

"Mountain lion attacks on pets are a lot more common than many

people realize," said Cody Wigner, District Wildlife Manager. "That's why we encourage people to do what they can to keep their pets

Mountain lions still maintain a natural fear of humans. Humans who spot mountain lions in their yard are encouraged to safely haze them by throwing something at them. Colorado Parks and Wildlife is also offering

these tips to help minimize conflicts: - Keep dogs and other pets inside. If you keep animals in a kennel, be sure it is fully enclosed with a sturdy screen/roof on top. Dogs have been trapped and attacked inside their own open-top kennels. Keep yards and residences well-lit at night—

 If you find a dead animal on or near your property, have it removed promptly. Mountain lions often cover dead animals with leaves or dirt and return later to feed.

- If you see a lion, do not approach it. Stay calm and stand upright. Talk loudly and firmly at the lion and back away slowly. Do not turn your back or run. If it attacks, FIGHT BACK.

People should report mountain lion sightings and interactions to the Southeast Region Office at 719-227-5200. In an emergency call Colorado State Patrol at 719-544-2424.

For more information on mountain lions, go to: http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/LivingwithWildlifeLion1.aspx

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# CPW attempts to reintroduce sheep herd to Gribbles Park

by Abbie Walls

Areturn to greatness. That's what Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) hopes will hapben with a new herd of bighorn sheep that's been relocated to Badger Creek to the south of Gribbles Park, in Fremont County.

Badger Creek was once a popular home for bighorn sheep after a herd was introduced there in 1991 by CPW. The original sheep were transplanted from the Rampart Range herd, located near Colorado Springs.

"For many years they did really well and had a great history of not only population growth but also harvest," said Brian Dreher, senior wildlife biologist

However, starting in 2004 the population began to decline. CPW staff tried treating the herd for multiple diseases but without any success. In 2013 CPW removed the last remaining 13 ewes to a disease research facility in Wyoming in an attempt to explain the population loss.

"Unfortunately, disease can have a major impact on bighorn sheep populations and in this case, we could not reverse the decline,'

Earlier this month CPW decided to reintroduce bighorn sheep into Badger Creek in hopes of reestablishing a successful population. With the permission of the State Land Board, fifteen sheep were captured using a helicopter from a herd on the Chancellor Ranch in Chacuaco Canyon located in SE Colorado. "We appreciate the access granted by the State Land Board to complete this operation," said Dreher.

The sheep were captured by helicopter using



a net gun and were airlifted to Badger Creek south of Gribbles Park. Some of the sheep were fitted with satellite transmitters which will email the sheep's location two times a day to biologists for the next several years.

"We want to reestablish that herd so we can return that herd to the greatness that it once had," said Dreher.

It is estimated that there are around 7,000 bighorn sheep living in Colorado.



# Spring boat fishing

by Jeff Tacey

With the ice finally leaving the lakes and reservoirs it's time to get the boat out on the water. Some of the best fishing spots in the state are right out your backdoor.

My favorite is Elevenmile Reservoir, well stocked and ready for action. The rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout are willing biters for a well trolled lure. You can try floating or Husky Jerk Rapalas, Storm Thundersticks or Wally Divers. Experiment with the lure color. The Kokanee salmon with hit Dick Nite or Tasmainian Devils on lead core line. Try four to eight colors down. The Northern Pike won't be too deep yet and will hit sucker meat on the bottom; big Rapalas and Piker Bunny flies.

Watch for Spinney Mt. Reservoir's opening day. These fish haven't been touched since ice over last November; they'll be

hungry and ready to bite. You can only keep one trout over 20 inches at Spinney; artificial flies and lures only. You can troll with Kastmasters, Little Cleos, Krocidiles, and Red Eyes. Make sure to use a fluorocarbon leader as it's invisible underwater compared to monofilament or braided line. Casting with an air bubble and Woolly Bugger or Pistol Pete is also a proven catcher.

Antero Reservoir is also a good trout spot. Watch out for the wind and waves here. Trolling with a weighted worm, Rapala Shad Raps, or jointed floating Rapalas will catch rainbow, brown, cutthroat, brook, trout and splake. Each day is different for the best lure and hot bite. Pay attention to weather fronts and moonphase.

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

# Walk through time Victor Sunnyside Cemetery

Otor's 1890's cemetery, its residents, and the history that brought them to the gold mining camp. This event is sponsored by the Victor Lowell Thomas Museum and will be held Saturday, May 17 as part of Colorado's Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month.

Local historian Veldean Petri will provide insights into the cemetery, its history and some of its residents. The event will be held at the Sunnyside Cemetery which is south of town on Seventh Street. Meet just outside the gate in Pauper's Field by 10 a.m.

Pre-paid credit card reservations are encouraged and can be made at VictorColorado. com. Tickets at the event are by cash only. All tickets are \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit the museum's building and restoration fund.



mountain weather (which can include wind, cold temperatures, snow, and rain), wear good hiking shoes or boots, and bring water and sunscreen. There are no restroom facilities at the cemetery.

For more information, visit VictorColorado com, email museum@victorcolorado.com or call 719-689-2675.

# The legacy of James John Hagerman - Part 4

By David Martinek

 $B^{\rm y}$  1875, the year of Captain E. B. Ward's death, James John Hageman had been an iron manufacturer for nearly 10 years. All that experience would come together successfully in the Menominee Mining Company a few years later, but after that, fate had other ideas.

### The Menominee Mining Company

Hagerman's dream of a Bessemer steel plant was finally realized in 1873-74 when Captain Ward built a sizeable operation in Chicago. But the economic downturn at the time put a damper on the plant's activity for quite a while. Then, on January 2, 1875, it seemed that Hagerman's life changed dramatically. For nearly his whole existence, since his father had worked in Captain Ward's shipyard, and since he had attended Aunt Emily's academy for boys, E. B. Ward had been his employer, his friend, his champion, and his benefactor. Now all of that had changed when Ward dropped dead on a Detroit street from a stroke.

But there was a legacy. Prior to Ward's passing, he had been exploring for several years the possibility of discovering rich iron ore deposits in the Menominee Range in Northern Michigan (on the "UP" – the Upper Peninsula). Those thousands of acres of timber and other resources that Ward had purchased in the late 1850s were seen as potential mining opportunities, and Hagerman had been Ward's charge in some of that exploration. After Ward died, Hagerman and a few friends wanted to continue to explore the area as a possible new

However, the stockholders of Ward's business holdings, of which there were many, would have none of it. As Percy wrote, "...they told my father that if he and his friends wanted to waste their own money chasing rainbows they were welcome to it, but that they themselves were through." So Hagerman and his friends, using the monies they had earned from renting the Milwaukee Iron Works, plunged ahead into the venture, and in less than two years had made significant iron ore discoveries.

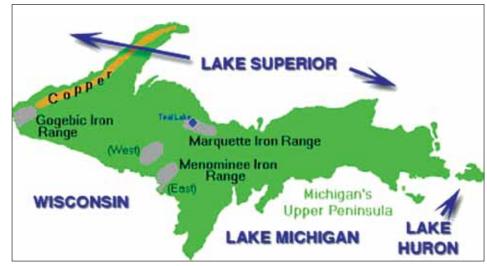
The Menominee Range is located in the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan. It was one of the greatest iron districts in the state, perhaps the nation (gold, silver and copper were also mined there) – named for the Menominee River which runs through it. The district was divided into four ranges: The Marquette Range, the Eastern Menominee Range, the Western Menominee Range and the Gogebic Range. Today, much of the once booming iron mining regions are in ruins, although there are still sand and gravel mines in the area; but in 1875 the booming was just

Acting upon their initial discoveries, Hagerman and his friends formed the Menominee Mining Company with Hagerman as president Iron ore exploration and the development of mining interests began at once. A year later, a fantastic event occurred to strengthen their operation and help make their future brighter. In 1876, the Chicago and Northwestern Railway had constructed a branch line to connect the Menominee area with the Great Lakes, facilitating increased opportunities to ship ron ore to market and

As a result, by the end of 1879 over 450,000 tons of ore were shipped to mills around the lakes netting the company over a million dollars in profit. In addition, a number of high producing mines were developed in the early 1880s which the company either operated or sold. The friends that stayed with Hagerman realized a "tidy fortune." They were men who "pulled together well" and they succeeded. "My father always said that no experience of his business career ever gave him the satisfaction he got from the Menominee Mining Company," wrote Percy Hagerman.

In 20 years, James John Hagerman had advanced from a newly graduated shipping clerk, still wet behind the ears as to the nature of business, to president of a highly successful and profitable mining and production company, with a period of manufacturing experience in between. Life was good, and he was rich. At 44 years of age, he was at the pinnacle of his

Then he got a wake-up call.



Named for the river which runs through it, the Menominee mining district was divided into four ranges: The Marquette Range, the Eastern Menominee Range, the Western Menominee Range and the Gogebic Range. (Internet file photo)



James Hagerman, president of the Menominee Mining Company, occupied the west wing of this house [in Dickinson County, Michigan] when he was on the [Menominee] range. Photo from The Making of Modern

### To Europe for an 'extended rest'

The long strain of two decades of overwork and over tasking his limits were taking their toll. Hagerman's health was gradually failing. It all finally caught up with him in 1881 when he suffered a complete collapse.

In December of that year, Hagerman and an associate had traveled to New York and Philadelphia intent on concluding some business quickly regarding the Menominee Mining Company and being home in Milwaukee for Christmas. During the trip, Hagerman caught a terrible cold and woke up one morning in his hotel room coughing up blood. A doctor was summoned who "rather made light of it" and prescribed a few days of rest, after which Hagerman should have been well enough to travel.

Planning a day or two stop-over in Cleveland to see old friends before returning home, it was on the train in his sleeper car a few days later that Hagerman experienced several severe hemorrhages. He writes that he reached Cleveland about midnight and immediately called for a doctor as soon as he got into his hotel room. Hagerman's wife, Anne, was also telegraphed and she and some family members arrived as soon as they could. He was treated by a Dr. Lowman, "a young man of great ability and high character to whom we became greatly attached. He did his best to reassure me, but I could tell he was frightened," Hagerman wrote.

They stayed in the Cleveland hotel for a good month until he was able to move to a local friend's house, where he and Anne stayed two months more in recuperation. Recovering well enough to travel, in the early spring of 1882 they journeyed down to Kittrell, North Carolina, northeast of the Raleigh-Durham area and just south of Henderson, to spend some time in a small hotel in the pine woods soaking up the fresh air and resting. Hagerman wrote that "he improved rapidly," at least well enough to go to New York in May to consult with some of "the best doctors we could find." They all recommended an extended rest.

The cause of Hagerman's ailment was never mentioned in either his memoirs or Percy Hagerman's biography of his father. But the generally accepted diagnosis is that he had contracted tuberculosis

Hagerman took the doctors' advice. Along with Anne and the two boys, Herbert and Percy, they departed New York for Britain and Europe on July 1, 1882. Being financially comfortable and with the iron ore mining company in the capable hands of his friends, they sailed off to the old world.

In London, on the advice of Dr. Andrew Clark, a Church of England minister, and later a prodigious editor of literary and historical texts, then a young man of 26, they decided to settle for a short time (until September) in Davos, Switzerland, in the Swiss Alps. In the mid-19th Century, Davos had become a popular destination for tubercular patients and those with other lung diseases. The microclimate in the high valley was considered excellent by doctors and sanitariums were established. Robert Louis Stevenson, who also suffered from tuberculosis

The Hagerman family later journeyed to Northern Italy and Nice. Some sources say that Hagerman purchased a residence in Milan at that time. Percy Hagerman wrote that their months were spent "in much travel with long stops on the French Riviera in winters and in the Swiss and Austrian Alps in summer, and in consulting eminent doctors and going to places and taking the cures they recommended." He also mentions that his father visited famous battlefields and "studied history, literature and art" while on their travels, as well his favorite subject, Napoleon, in Paris. For the first time in a long while, perhaps for the first time in his life, Hagerman felt the benefits of relaxation, although he always "kept in close touch with his business interests at home.

had wintered in Davos two years before in 1880

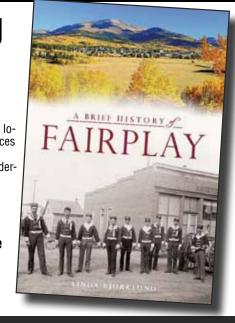
Slowly, his health improved. "In October 1884, we returned to Milwaukee," Hagerman later wrote. "[And] on the doctor's advice we went to Colorado Springs for the winter, with nothing settled for the future."

# Discover the unique history of Fairplay

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# To the Fallen with love

The Civil War started 149 years ago in April of 1861. Approximately 700,000 people were killed. In the years following the Civil War, there were springtime tributes to remember the deceased. The War required the creation of the country's first national cemeteries because it had claimed more lives than any other conflict in U.S. history. Memorial Day had originally honored only those who had died during the Civil War, but now it honors any fallen soldier no matter what war they served in. The following is a fictional account of a very real human experience.

bigail looked up at her husband with disbelief. "We just moved here from Virginia! You can't go back there for some skirmish!" "Abby," he said in a measured tone. She hated hearing her nickname in that tone. "The rest of our family is there. I have to go back to fight and protect them.'

"But your wife and kids are here, in Colorado, Everett! You wanted to move here to Fairplay as another one of your get-rich-quick schemes! You can't just leave!" She stared at him with hard, unwavering eyes.

He sighed and walked the few steps to her, taking her hands in his. "My love, please understand that this is not a decision I'm making lightly. President Lincoln is calling for volunteers for the Regular Army. I want to help. I won't be gone forever."

She shook her head before he'd even finished talking. "Don't say that. If you're going, at least take us with you."

His eyes grew wide and he stared at her. "No, Abby, I can't. Ya'll be safer here. I need to know that you'll be out of harm's way. Stay here." She looked up at him with defiant eyes, and he could tell that she was thinking hard about going against his wishes. He sighed again.

"Please, my love, my Abby," he said softly, leaning down and gently brushing their lips together as he slowly put his arms around her. At that moment, she hated that he knew how to quiet her. She stood there for a minute with her hands at her sides, but then she brought them up and clutched at his thin shirt up near his shoulders. She squeezed her eyes shut as she fought back tears and he started kissing her neck. He then stopped and put his face in her neck, inhaling her scent.

"Everett . . . Come back to me. Don't make me no promises. Just do it. just come back. It's an order. You know how to follow orders, right?" He smirked, nodding. "Yes ma'am," he said softly into her neck, squeezing her into his body.

They stood there like that for the longest time, at least until their two young boys came running in, shouting about the big bugs they had caught while outside.

E verett was gone a couple days later. Abigail sat on their front porch, looking at the mountains in the east. Beyond those mountains was discord, chaos. She'd never seen a battlefield. She thought about the two words being put together. A field is a field. But a battlefield is littered with bodies, debris, churned up clumps of dirt and grass. It was strange to think about, but definitely something she didn't want to see. No human should see things like that. She knew that the men who survived would be broken and changed in some way.

town Fairplay, as a way to show that future residents would be allowed to share in the wealth from the gold mining. Abigail and Everett came to the town near the end of 1860. Since they'd settled in, things had been slow going, and they weren't as rich as Everett wanted them to be. Money had been a common argument between them leading up to their move. Then Abigail had just resigned herself to not being able to give her children the quality of life that she'd planned or hoped for once they were in Fairplay. She had nothing against the town, though. It just wasn't meant for their family.

Militia groups formed in the town in the following weeks. Abigail and her boys would stand at the front window and watch the groups march by. The boys would get excited and run out onto the porch, calling to the men and asking if they could join. She would run out to them and try to shush them, holding them by their shoulders. One day when this happened, a man stepped out of formation and came slowly walking up the front path. He stopped at the bottom of the steps, looking up at them with rough, hardened eyes. Abigail's heart froze in her chest.

"Where's your father, boys?" he asked, his voice scratchy. "Off in the war!" the oldest said instantly, proudly. Abigail's breath choked in her throat. She watched as the man's eyes shifted from the boy

"Union or Confederate?" he asked, looking back to the boy. The boy didn't know how to answer, so he looked up at his mother

expectantly. The man did the same. Abigail cleared her throat. "What difference does it make? He's not here with his family like he should be," she answered.

The man narrowed his eyes, guessing which side Everett fought for "You best be careful with your little ones there, ma'am. It'd be a shame for them to lose their momma too," he said in a slow, threatening

Abigail stared hard into his eyes, standing her ground.

"What's he mean, momma?" her oldest boy asked, looking up at her again. "Did something happen to poppa?"

Abigail looked down at her son, squeezing his shoulder. "He's fine, sweetheart." She looked back up at the man. "If you'll excuse us, it's time for their lunch." She then turned her boys toward the front door and ushered them inside. She closed the door with the man still standing at the steps, and locked it. She stared down at her hands on the door knob and lock for a minute, then leaned to the side and looked out the window through the lace curtain to see the man turn and walk back down the path. She stepped away from the door and exhaled. That man had been part of the Confederate Partisan Ranger unit. They did not take kindly to talk of supporting Union soldiers. She turned around to find her children standing side by side, looking at her worriedly.

"Poppa?" asked the youngest, his eyes big and watery. Abigail shook her head and went to them, kneeling down. "He's okay, darlings. He's okay. Don't think on what that man said for another moment. I'm the only person you need to listen to. I'll tell if you if anything happens to Poppa. Okay?" she asked, her hands on the backs of their necks.

They both slowly nodded and stepped into her body, hugging her with their small arms. She hugged them back, striving to keep her emotions calm for the sake of her kids. When they pulled back she smiled at them. "How about some lunch?" she asked.

ing in my ear. I'll write when I can, though I hope you'll write often. It's a welcomed pleasure to read of news from home. Our hearts are united, my love, my Abby. Remember that. I'll be

With love,

A bigail folded the letter back up, only to unfold it and read it again. She clutched it to her bosom and looked out the window at the mountains. Her love was on the other side somewhere. Her eyes drifted down to the windowsill where she'd put a picture of Everett.

"You had better come home," she said to the picture. "That's an order, "Who're you talkin' to, momma?" came the small voice of her oldest

son from the doorway. Abigail turned to him. "Your poppa. Reminding him to come home."

"But he's not here . .

She sighed, wishing he was old enough to understand. "I know, darling. I know." She put the letter in the nightstand with a few others, then went to her son and picked him up, carrying him down the hall to the room he shared with his brother to put them both to bed.

The next day Abigail went to the local doctor's office to help nurse those wounded while scuffling with either the Confederate Partisan Ranger units or Union Troops. Tension had been growing all around the area as the Rangers disrupted communication lines and raided supply wagons. Some of the other militias were fighting with the Native Americans in the area. Abigail didn't care about what brought the men into the doctor's office, she just wanted to help heal them and be useful. She couldn't be there to take care of her husband, so she was giving back by helping anyone she could. Many of the women in town gave her venomous glares for helping the opposition, but she ignored them.

Everett had written to her a few times telling her what the battlefield was like. The description of the smell of gunpowder mixed with the coppery tang of spilled blood made even the back of her throat itch. She was thankful Everett was one who didn't like to talk about the war. He knew it only made her fret more about his well-being. More and more wives and families in Fairplay were learning that their husbands, fathers, or brothers wouldn't be coming home. Abigail didn't dare mention that her husband was still alive. At least she hoped he was.

In April of 1865 the war ended. Everett returned home soon after. Abigail stood with everyone else at the center of town. They were throwing a parade for the returning survivors. She held the hands of her boys tightly as she stood on her toes to find her husband as the troops came marching through. Unfortunately, there weren't that many. Finally, she spotted Everett and

end of the crowd where the parade ended. She rushed right into Everett's arms, hugging him tightly. Something was different about the way he hugged her. The kids hugged his legs. She stepped back and gasped when she realized part of his right arm was missing above the elbow. "Everett! What happened?"

Their eyes met, and he smiled kindly at her. She dragged the kids to the

"I had been helping to load a cannon when a cannonball came flying and knocked most my arm off," he replied, shrugging one shoulder. Abigail nodded a little, quickly processing the information. She then stepped forward and hugged him again. "I'm just glad you came back to me. . ." she said into his chest. "Back to us. .

He smiled, "We won, my love. The Union won," He held her tightly to his body and inhaled her scent deeply. "Oh how I missed your smell." Everett pulled back some and reached into his pocket, taking out her scarf and looping it around her neck. She beamed up at him and he leaned down to kiss her forehead. They then went home and Abigail tended to his stump.

That night the two laid in their bed, the room dark and quiet. Abigail had her hand on his chest. Normally, he would've had his hand resting

on his stomach, but now that half of his arm was gone. She sighed softly, sliding her hand over and stroking his exposed

"Does it hurt?" she asked.

"Often."

"What's it like?"

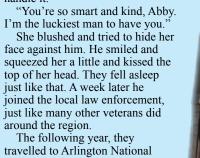
"I'm not certain I can describe it. My arm just feels lighter. . ." He was silent a moment. "You won't leave me, right? Just because I'm missing a

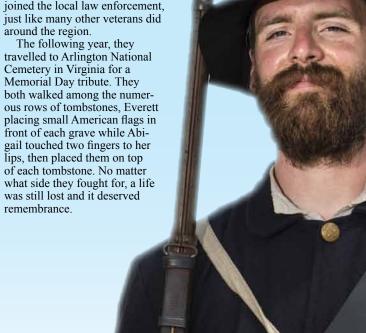
She frowned, lifting her head to look at him. "Of course not! Why would I do that?"

"Tommy's wife left him because his leg and arm are gone." She shook her head before putting it back on his shoulder. "It's her loss. Tommy's a good man. But, you know, it's a lot to process. It's

He sighed heavily, nodding.

"I say give her a chance. Once the shock wears off, maybe she'll come back. He's lucky to be alive. You both are. It's just a type of change that none of us were expecting, and definitely not something we'd like to think about. But some just can't







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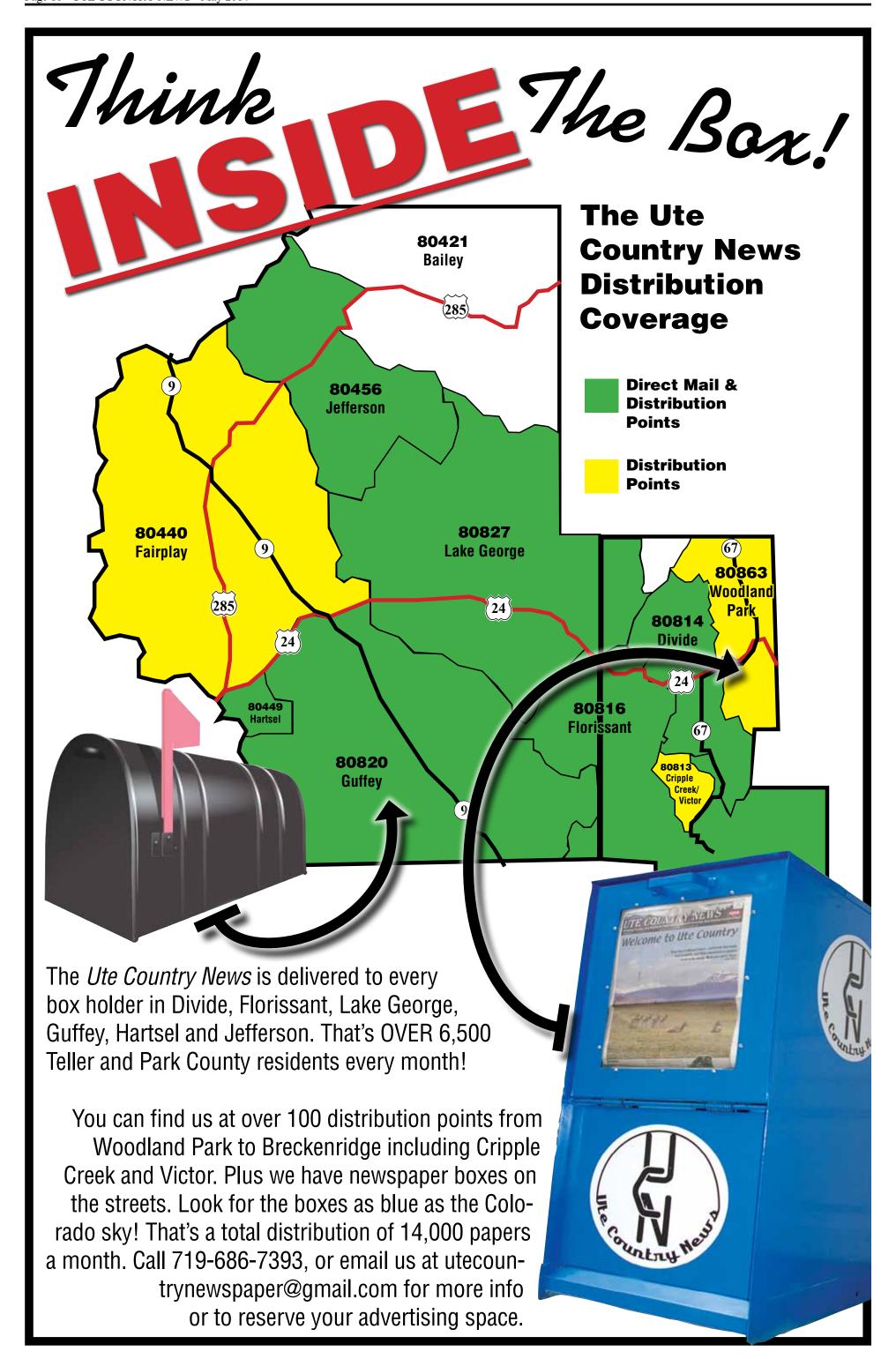
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# **HGMFF** acquires Dewey Mountain

With the most recent acquisition of Dewey Mountain, The Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation (HGMFF) is continuing its mission to sustain historic preservation, open space, parks, trails and other projects that are an integral part of Green Mountain Falls' and Chipita Park's distinctive setting at the base of Pikes Peak. Comprised of 120 acres of forest, Dewey Mountain was purchased by the Foundation to protect the town's tree-lined backscape, as well as the various trails that are also found on the property, and enjoyed by residents and visitors, alike.

"The Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation takes a very thoughtful approach to preservation, and aims to restore and maintain properties in a manner that leaves a small footprint and maintains the inherent qualities of each property, but leads to a big, positive impact on the community," said Christian Keesee, chairman of The HGMFF. "Dewey Mountain is one of only five properties owned by the Foundation, all of which have been acquired with the community's future in mind ensuring they are maintained, and can thus be

enjoyed for generations to come." The Kirkpatrick's are a family with a rich history in the region, having visited and vacationed in Green Mountain Falls since the early 1900s. Formed in 2006, The HGMFF is advised by a Board of Governors appointed by the Kirkpatrick Family Fund an affiliated fund of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, whose hope is that the work of the HGMFF will inspire others to participate in their efforts to preserve and enhance Green Mountain Falls and the surrounding area.

Other properties preserved by The HGMFF



### **Mountain Road Corner**

by Cathy Keeler

the intersections.

Located at the intersection of Ute Pass and Mountain Road, Mountain Road Corner connects the communities of Green Mountain Falls and Chipita Park. Prior to the Foundation's involvement, it was littered with dilapidated buildings and mounds of debris; now the vacant buildings are removed, grass and wildflowers were planted and ailing trees

On the evening of May 21, the Mountain Top Cycling Club will host the 2014 Ride

killed or injured while riding on the road. The Ride of Silence is held internationally to raise

awareness to motorists and cyclists of the re-

The five mile ride is free and open to cyclists of all kinds and abilities. Riders must

wear a helmet and sign a waiver before the ride begins. The ride will be a relatively slow

high school parking lot. The Woodland Park Police will escort the riders, and Teller County Search and Rescue will direct traffic through

The ride begins at 7 p.m. and when the riders

have returned to the high school parking lot,

there will be light refreshments and presenta-

police officer will speak about rules of the road

and safety. Then the riders who were killed will

will be released, one for each of the seven riders

Eunjei Cho, was only 25 year old when he was hit and killed while riding on the shoulder

of a highway. The driver was charged with

driving under the influence of drugs. Michael

Van Duym, 46, was hit by a drunk driver. James

Fogelberg, 64, was hit while crossing an intersection when a truck made a left turn in front

of him Randy Herndon 62 was riding to work

front of him. David Hernandez was riding home

from work when he was struck by a hit and run

when a semi-trailer turned into a driveway in

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be remembered, and biodegradable balloons

who died on Colorado roads in 2013.

(about 12 mph), silent procession through Woodland Park, beginning and ending at the

sponsibilities both have to share the roadways

of Silence to honor cyclists who have been

2014 Ride of Silence

### H. B. Wallace Reserve

Comprised of 95 acres of forest and privately developed trails, the H. B. Wallace Reserve has been maintained in honor of a former resident of the same name. Wallace built a series of trails on the land that he allowed the community to enjoy; when he died, the community was concerned about the potential for inappropriate development and the loss of the trails, which he had so carefully built and preserved. Through a private/public partnership with the community, the Kirkpatrick Trail was built to connect the public and private trail systems. This project preserves a wonderful legacy that can be enjoyed by residents and visitors to the Green Mountain Falls area.

### Green Box Workshop

Formerly the Falls Motel, this property was donated to the HGMFF when it was determined that a commercial use was not viable due to its location in the flood plain. The location of the property, in the center of Green Mountain Falls and adjacent to its public park and lake, made it a valuable asset to the community for communal events and activities, as well as a new income source for the town through private rental of the space for events and functions. The motel has been repurposed to include an outdoor covered "Farm Stand" space, and in the future, studio spaces that can be utilized by artists.

### Lakeview Terrace

Built in 1929, this property went into foreclosure prior to its purchase by the Foundation, which ensured preservation of this historic structure and saved it from possible demolition To date, the property grounds have been improved, and the building has received important repairs that will impede further deterioration. Once the future purpose of the building has been determined, plans for renovations will begin.

### **About The Historic Green Mountain Falls** Foundation

Created as an LLC of the Kirkpatrick Family Fund, a family that has a rich history in the region, and vacationed in the area since the early 1900s, The HGMFF is committed to the enhancement and preservation of the unique qualities of Green Mountain Falls and Chipita Park, Colorado. The purpose of the Foundation is to focus on historic preservation, open space, parks, trails and projects that are an integral part of this distinctive setting at the base of Pikes Peak.

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driver. Donald Shaefer, 83, was riding a recum-

bent bike when a truck failed to yield right of way and turned in front of him. Lastly, a cyclist

was found to have been at fault in his fatal ac-

land Park Ride of Silence and hopefully even

safety in this area. This is a great event for

more will come out this year to promote cycling

families, individuals and groups. Children must

miles. Riders are encouraged to preregister on

prerace.com and sign the waiver online. There

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about this ride and other events on its website

www.mountaintopcyclingclub.com For more

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# Beware of the budworm

by Don and Donna Doty

The Western Spruce budworm is becoming more and more damaging to our area spruce and fir trees. The Western Spruce budworm is one of the most destructive forest defoliator in western North America. Occasionally, they also attack Engelmann spruce, Blue spruce and Subalpine fir.

Many people are calling in and asking "Why are the tips of my spruce tree branches looking brown and dead? Why are the tops of my older mature spruce trees showing die back? Why are some of my smaller younger spruce trees dying?"

The answer to these questions is the growing attack of the budworm. The Western Spruce budworm is a serious insect that is damaging so many of our area spruce trees.

The budworm will winter as a small egg underneath the needles of your spruce and/or fir trees. As spring approaches the eggs will grow into a worm. This stage of the budworm life cycle is the start of a very damaging and destructive stage to your valuable signature trees. One of several damaging issues with the budworm is that they will eat and destroy any size tree no matter of age.

The budworm begins eating the new growth of ANY size tree in the spring when trees begin their bud break. You will begin seeing these worms hanging down from the branches on cobwebs. It is not uncommon to see tens of hundreds of these worms on a single tree.

The next phase of the budworm life cycle is when these worms turn into moths. These small moths will continue to consume entire branches on the trees while laying their eggs on the underside of the needles. These eggs will again hatch and begin the entire life cycle over again.

I get so many calls during these later two stages. When the budworm begins damaging your spruce trees it will then invite the Spruce/fir beetle to now attack that stressed tree. Once the Spruce beetle is on the property it is very difficult to get rid of it.

Last year in the Gunnison area over 900,000 acres of trees were lost to the Spruce/fir beetle. Several outbreaks have occurred in Colorado, the largest exceeding 2,000,000 acres. In Colorado, they most commonly infest Douglas fir and White fir. It appears to be eating it way toward the front- range.

We have seen a most significant explosion



See this budworm and the silky thread at the end of these needles.



This is the moth stage.

last year of the Western Spruce budworm from years past. The heaviest hit areas are in the Teller County areas are: North of Woodland Park in the Ridgewood Community area, west

across Highway 67 into the Painted Rocks subdivisions, North of Divide in the Spring Valley and Highland Lakes subdivisions, South of Divide in the Elk Valley and Wood Rock subdivisions region, and South of Woodland Park along the Edlowe Road areas. We are seeing more and more trees affected in the City of Woodland Park as well. Infested trees are being seen south of Florissant in the Colorado Mountain Estates area as well as north in the Indian Creek area. If you have property in these area be aware that the budworm will be even worse than in past years. The biggest problem with budworm is that it attacks all ages of trees. Smaller trees are the weakest and have the most difficult recovery.

The best method to resolve this problem is to have Timberline Spraying preventatively spray your spruce trees within the two to three weeks right after the bud break; generally late May to the middle of June.

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It is advisable to spray during the worm and moth stages if you haven't sprayed earlier. By killing the worms, it will prevent more damage to your valuable trees. During the spraying application for the budworm we will also spray the trunk of the tree which will also protect your tree from the deadly Spruce/fir beetle. By getting your trees sprayed you are protecting your trees from two insects for the price of one application. If you would like to have your trees sprayed please call our office (719) 687-6811 to see when we are going to be in your neighborhood.

Next month we will discuss fire-wising your property. It's never too early to starting thinking of cleaning your forest. Fire season is rapidly approaching.

### **Balanced Rock**

by Luke Sattler

Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society



# About the author

Luke Sattler is a member of the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society, Earth Science Scholar, researcher, author, artist, and creates arrowheads that are works of art. He lives in Castle Rock.

This red rock stands so sound, effortlessly balanced, among the rocks of Garden of the Gods. It does not dread the life it has; nor sitting quietly where the other red rocks resides. Children come each day to play around it, ride on horses to it, or climb its red sides!

This red rock is called Balanced Rock: seen by ancient peoples, prospectors, and tourists. Generations of people passed Balanced Rock, always in awe of its beauty. Generations of people will come in the future, and to protect it is our solemn duty.

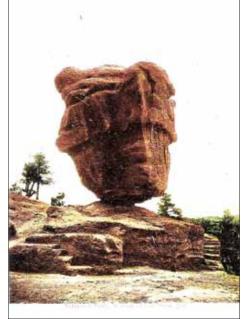
For this red rock time stands still today. Immovable and balanced, carved from erosion:

Water, wind, chill, frost, and ice take there pick at this red inexorably carving it as a sentinel

The rock stands so still, does not budge nor hold a grudge or judge—just beauty that is plentiful

The rock will eventually erode to sand, but today it makes its balanced stand!

It sits softly, silently in wait for its destined geological fate.



# A Haiku Poem by Reed Noller

There it stands silent
A magnificent red rock
Will it ever move

Balanced Rock in Garden of the Gods. Vintage postcard from the Pebble Pup Collection. Note steps chiseled into the rock. The steps are gone today.

Call us if you need a ride ....



About the author
Red Noller is 11 years
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Reed Noller is 11 years
old and in 5th grade. His
favorite subject in school is Art,
and he attends his school art
club. Outside of school, Reed
loves to play hockey and learn
about rocks in the Colorado
Springs Pebble Pups.



Balanced Rock is one of the spectacular features of the Garden of the Gods.
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# **Teller Senior Coalition** FORTUNE CLUB "Lunch 'n Shop"



Pictured is Steve Fallis, TSC driver (on left) along with some of the riders for our inaugural bus trip on April 2.

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The Teller Senior Coalition (TSC) is pleased to offer a bus service to the Woodland Park Senior Center and area retail stores for senior citizens living in rural areas. This new pro-PC louch{up}.com gram, entitled "Lunch 'n Shop", will provide transportation to Woodland Park on alternate Wednesday's from either the Aspen Mine Center in Cripple Creek or from the Florissant

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# Mine tour offers views of 1890's mining

**Cripple Creek Schedule** 

p.m. for Cripple Creek.

Florissant Grange Schedule

The first and third Wednesday of each

month. The TSC bus will depart from the

Aspen Mine Center at 10 a.m. and arrive at

the Woodland Park Senior Center for lunch.

From the Senior Center the bus will stop at

City Market before leaving Woodland Park at 2

The 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month

The TSC bus will depart from the Florissant

Grange at 10 a.m. for lunch at the Woodland

Park Senior Center followed by shopping at

The Southern Teller County Focus Group (STCFG) will be hosting its 10th Annual Historic Mine Tour Saturday, May 24. The tour of the surface remnants of the El Paso Gold King Mine in Poverty Gulch near Cripple Creek will be held as part of Colorado's Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month. The tour will also include a presentation on several historic structures that were relocated to the gulch in 2013.

This 1890's mine and structures are on private land accessible only hiking - do not miss this opportunity to view the site nestled in a historic mining valley where Bob Womack discovered gold in 1890.

Some hiking (95% downhill) will be required. Shuttle buses donated by Cripple Creek Parks & Recreation will be used to transport visitors to the trail where hiking down into the site, and down out of the site will be required. Shuttles will pick up participants below the trail near Silver Street in Cripple Creek. Those who cannot hike will be transported via a very limited number of four wheel drive vehicles please note this need when making reservations. Seating in the buses is limited to a maximum of 0 individuals. No children under the age of 5

years should attend and no pets are allowed. Former hard rock miner Gary Horton will

City Market with departure from Woodland

Park back to the Florissant Grange at 2 p.m.

advance by calling (719) 687-3330. To be

Reservations must be made 48 hours in

eligible for this service you must be 60 or older

Applications are available either on line at

http://www.tellerseniorcoalition.org/ (under

the services tab), by phone request at (719)

687-3330 or you may pick one up at the TSC office which is located at 750 East Highway

24, Building 2, Suite 105. The bus is limited to

14 people so please sign up early! A donation

Additional information is available on the

TSC is also offering transportation to Fort

Carson on Mondays and the Air Force Acad-

emy on Thursdays. Please call (719)687-3330

of \$5.00 towards transportation and lunch is

Teller Senior Coalition website: http://www.

and have an application on file with the Teller

present historical information on Poverty Gulch and Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company Environmental Coordinator Jeff Campbell will make the presentation on the historic mine relocation and preservation project. Meet at the Victor Lowell Thomas Museum

no later than 9:15 a.m. the day of the tour. All participants will be required to sign waivers. This tour is very popular and advance, pre-paid reservations are recommended online at VictorColorado.com. Online reservations are by credit card; cash only payments will be accepted at the museum the day of the event. Tickets will also be on sale the museum (cash

The cost is \$10 per person, which benefits the historic preservation and community development projects of the STCFG. The organization's next major project is the development of a new trail connecting Victor to Shelf Road and interpretative signs along this trail.

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photos by Elisabeth Newton

Every second and fourth Monday of the month, a large group of volunteers show up at the Little Chapel Food Pantry in Divide. Very soon, the Little Chapel is filled with people moving boxes, bagging oranges, pushing carts, skirting puddles, zipping up coats, shaking up hand warmers, and distributing friendly greetings and warm hugs to anyone who arrives. The volunteers come from all over the area, and show up early in the afternoon to begin putting together hundreds of boxes of food. The boxes are distributed to many families in the Teller County area who are in need of some extra help.

Sometimes, about eight families from the Teller and Park County Homeschool Group arrive to volunteer. They all love to talk and laugh—while working hard and helping out. The homeschool group motto is "Homeschooling Above the Clouds and Under the Cross,' and the little Chapel's logo reads, "Christ's love in action." They do their best to live up to both standards by living and showing the love of Christ to all the visitors and other volunteers who show up to the Food Pantry.

The group would like to thank the incredible people who make the Food Pantry distributions happen, especially Ken and Judi Hesselberg. Also, another thanks to all the amazing volunteers who help and join together in the joy of providing, helping, and working



Josiah Almeyda and Joshua Newton having fun as they help load boxes of food.

*Matthew 25:40—"...I tell you the truth,* whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.

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# Donate, recycle, repeat

by Erin Snyder

Spring is a great time to purge your household of unwanted items. Clear your home and your mind. Start fresh and create space and time for yourself. But what do you do with all of the stuff you want to get rid of? There are a lot of organizations dedicated to collecting all sorts of items that can be of great service to those in need. Best of all, donating and recycling prevents materials from going into landfills. Here is a list of organizations that collect items for donation

### 1) Donate My Dress www.donatemydress.org

This organization helps set up dress drives to collect prom and formal dresses for girls who cannot afford them. You can contact a local chapter or consider starting a drive of your own to help out. You can also mail dresses to certain out of state locations.

### 2) Dress for Success www.dressforsuccess.org

This is an international organization geared towards providing women with professional clothing for entering the workforce and preparing for job interviews. The Denver chapter ac-

cepts donations of gently used work clothing.

3) Hazardous Waste Disposal (Colorado Springs) http://adm.elpasoco.com/Environmental%20Division/Pages/default.aspx

Colorado Springs has a hazardous waste disposal facility that will accept household paint, deck stain, insecticides, batteries, bleach, motor oil, all sorts of electronics, and a lot more. They have recycling programs listed on their website for each type of item. What cannot be recycled will be safely disposed. There is no fee, but they encourage donations of nonperishable food items which are donated to the Care & Share food bank.

### 4) Kid Flicks -

### www.kidflicks.org

If you have child or family related movies that you are trying to find a home for, try Kid Flicks. This website collects children's DVDs for donation to hospitals. Their goal is to create a DVD library at every hospital in the US.



You can mail your donations using the address provided on their website.

### 5) Partners in Housing www.partnersinhousing.org

If you are looking for a great place to donate clean stuffed animals, try Partners in Housing based in Colorado Springs. They are an organization geared towards assisting the homeless population. They accept clothing, household items, appliances, bedding, and children's items. Make sure to thoroughly clean stuffed animals before donating them.

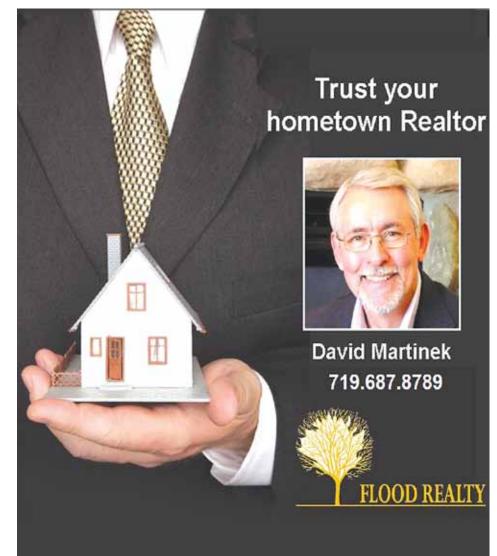
### 6) Vietnam Veterans of America -PickUpPlease.org

This organization accepts donations of general household goods, clothing of any style or size, shoes, books, bicycles, tools and a lot more. These donations help fund veteran programs available to any veteran in need.

If the idea of dropping off donations to several different places seems overwhelming, try putting together a 'donate and recycle drive' in your community. You can do this with your homeowner's association, your church, your child's school, a group of friends, etc. You can donate all of your collected items to places like The Arc Thrift Store and raise funds for a cause of your choice at the same time. The Arc is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping those with disabilities. More information about their donation fundraisers can be found on the Arc Thrift Store website. http://www. arcthrift.org/raise-\$-for-your-cause.html

All of these ideas are a great way to help community organizations, keep items out of landfills and clean out your home at the same time.

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You may recognize the saying: when the student is ready, the teacher will appear. Eve (pseudonym) had been seeking a closer relationship with God for many years. She had

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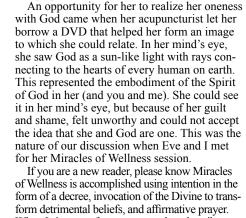
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Divine. — Barbara



by Barbara Royal, CSD, ATP®

Spirit with the term by which you know the

attended church since childhood and had re-

ceived a foundation for such a relationship, but

something was lacking. She began seeking the

Sacred in different ways, and her pursuits were

bringing her closer to her heart's desire.

When I sit across from a person, they describe their experiences, and I record them in my notes. Eve needed a decree that fit her Christian beliefs and would give her the outcome she desired. Achieving a decree is a three-way job

between the client, the client's Inner Wisdom and the spiritual director, in this instance, me. Believe it or not, we all have an Inner Wisdom which we can easily learn to access. Eve felt comfortable decreeing "I AM ex-

pressing God's love, wisdom and power", and we began. The descriptions that follow are a summary from my notes of Eve's experiences.

After invoking the Presence of God, I AM, the angels, beings of light and the entire company of heaven and asking that Eve and I be enfolded in their radiation of divine light and love, Eve felt relaxation in her head, shoulders and upper body. She reported movement in her eyes, ears and whole head. She could feel energy in her face and she broke out in a smile. I don't know to what she was responding, but I heard her say thank you twice. Then she exclaimed, "The Holy Spirit has entered me!" She reported it was like being slowly encompassed by an etheric energy throughout her entire body. Eve asked the Spirit

Foreword: As you read this story, be mindful if she could retain my client comes from a Christian background. the awareness However, you may have a different orientation. and the Spirit re-If so, please feel free to substitute God or Holy sponded it was up to her. She asked,

When the student is ready

"If I falter will you come back?" to which the Spirit responded, "Of course." Eve, feeling she needed specific instructions asked, "If I falter, how

can I bring you back?" The Spirit told her, "Calm down; feel the love in yourself and I'll be there." "Put the light around yourself; be happy.

After Eve's experience with the Spirit, we discussed what had happened for her. Eve also had an opportunity to follow the instructions she had received from the Spirit. You will remember her decree was, "I Am expressing God's love, wisdom and power." Once Eve was back in her ordinary human reality, she began talking about how she often was irritated by certain behaviors of her husband. At this point she started coughing and sneezing. Her face was red. She told me this never happens. Since she was NOT expressing God's love, wisdom and power, the sense was Spirit was teaching her how to use the instructions she had been given. She calmed down, evoked the love in herself by saying I AM Love, and the Spirit within again became her reality... the coughing and sneezing stopped immediately.

Eve had sought and found her oneness with God; faltered, and was given a way to renew it. We humans do that a lot.

It would seem Eve's innate guidance to ask for instructions how to retain the awareness of Divine union is a gift for all of us. Even though we are always one with the Sacred, we create a sense of separation when we doubt, fear, gossip, hate, etc. The instruction of the Teacher, through Eve, is to know we can retain the awareness of unity with the Divine ... and Love is the way.

When the student is ready, the teacher will

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# Ute Pass Rental, Feed and Gifts has the essentials

by Christine Ford photo by Christine Ford

Homeowners in the Ute Pass area who are in need of equipment have a friend nearby. Since 2000, Ute Pass Rental and Feed has been their go-to business for almost anything you can rent, from a log splitter or wood chipper to a space heater or lawn mower. The family run business, owned and operated by Michael and Annette Kratko, along with their son Shaine, 23, expanded about five years ago to include Annette's Gifts.

Ute Pass Rental and Feed is located east of Crystola, in the area known as "Bust, CO." The address is 8785 W. Highway 24. one number 684-2158. They are open from Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning May 1st for the summer

The Kratkos', who each have retired from careers in far different areas; 30 years of day care for Annette and an oil field worker for Michael, "...pride ourselves on our current relationships. Customer service is the most important thing", said Annette Kratko. While they all share duties amongst the various branches of their business equally, Annette has an obvious soft spot for the kids, as might be imagined, her gift shop includes rocks and minerals and a special gold panning area where children are guaranteed to find some small earthly treasures, be they gold, crystal or other mineral. "I get hugs!" she says of the voung treasure hunters.

Annette's Gifts has specimens purchased locally and from around the world, and she is especially proud to buy from independent prospectors like Steve Brancato, formerly of the reality TV show, Prospectors, as well as other hard working local miners like Donovan Sutters. "They are awesome people," said Sutters, who lives in Woodland Park. "Occasionally I buy from them and vice versa. For the location, the store is great," pointed out Sutters. "It is definitely a pleasure seeing



Ute Pass Rental and Feed, east of Green Mountain Falls, has a wide selection of goods and gifts available year round.

them (Michael and Annette) every time. You can take care of all kinds of things and look at rocks, too!"

Kratko says she is becoming known as a local resource for rock hounds to bring in specimens for identification as well.

The Gift area, which was housed in a separate building on the property, is now included with the Feed and Rentals, and also features local art and chain saw carvings. Kratko says she has about five different local carvers. "It was just a really good move for us," said Kratko, referring to the consolidation.

The Feed portion of the store includes everything from pet supplies to small and large animal feed, including dogs, cats, horses and cattle. The Rental portion of the business includes a U-Haul truck and trailer rental. They can even fill your propane bottle, said Kratko.

They try to keep in stock any kind of tool the homeowner might need. Costs vary; for instance, a log splitter rents for \$65 a day. Michael Kratko has an extensive history with small engine repair and keeps everything in tip top shape. Son Shaine does the books and helps where ever else he is needed. Their pride in this family owned and operated business shines through. Next time you drive down Ute Pass, stop in and get to know this friendly family and their all-inclusive business for future needs.

Yoga in the trees
Florissant Fossil Beds to

host "Yoga Hikes for Your Health" program

by Jeff Wolin

Awalk in the woods has measurable benefits for brain and body! Try a hike with a trained yogi (not the bear type) at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument. Many hikers suffer from tight hamstrings, calf and quad muscles, while many yoga practitioners could use more aerobic conditioning. These hikes will help with both.

The hike will be at a moderate pace for 1 to 1.5 miles with intermittent stops for stretching and standing yoga poses for all levels. We will concentrate on stretching leg muscles while opening hips and shoulders. Please wear comfortable clothes that allow for a wide range of movement, comfortable flexible soled shoes and bring a water bottle. A mat will not be necessary for these hikes.

Hikes will be Wed. and Sat. at 9 a.m. and last for 1 to 1.5 hours starting Wed, May 21st and continuing through Sat, June 28th. Please consider using this program to get some fresh air, enjoy a beautiful area and build a yoga practice that you can continue throughout your life.

Hikes for Your Health program will be offered in partnership with Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, the Teller County Community Partnership Family Resource Center, and the Friends of the Florissant Fossil Beds. This hiking program is part of the National Park Service's Healthy Parks, Healthy People



Ranger Denise Ackart practices the Tree Pose next to a petrified tree stump at Florissant Fossil Beds.

US initiative working to reintegrate human, environmental, and ecological health into the mission of public parks and public lands.

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument is open 9 a m to 5 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 http://www.nps.gov/flfo.

# Florissant Fossil Beds to offer night sky programs

ome 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 – an easy drive from Colorado Springsand a sky dark enough to reveal the countless stars that once lit the night for our ancestors.

Join us for a series of stargazes that will explore the wonders and secrets of our dark sky. Each stargaze will begin with a 20-30 minute interpretive program in the Visitor Center, with unique topics ranging from native star stories to upcoming celestial events, and always preparing you for the sights to see that night. Following the program, we'll step outside for 60-70 minutes of stargazing with telescopes, binoculars, and laser-guided tours of the stars

Please dress warmly, as evenings at the park's high elevation can be cool even in the summer. Bring binoculars or a flashlight if you wish (red-filtered lights only please). Also, please note that viewing is weather-dependent, and takes place only if the sky is clear. Indoor presentations take place rain or shine. Admission for the program is the regular

As Memorial Day weekend approaches, members of VFW Post 11411 prepare for

Ĉeremony will be held on Monday, May 26 at

local cemeteries. Times are as follows:

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The public is invited to these events.

10:45 a.m. Florissant Cemetery

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### Friday, May 23, 2014 - 8:30PM -10:00 PM A Brand-New Meteor Shower!

This is a night you won't want to miss! I may be a dark moonless night and we might see the stars in the Milky Way in all their glory. A between-the-seasons chance to see Jupiter, Mars, and Saturn will also be available that evening. Rarest of all, a never-before-seen meteor shower, courtesy of Comet 209P/Linear! The comet itself is faint, but astronomers predict this meteor shower to be one of the best shooting-star shows of the year, if not the decade... Meet at the Visitor Center.

For additional information visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/flfo or call at (719) 748 – 3253 ext. 202

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# VFW Memorial Day activities

by Maurice Wells photo by Maurice Wells



VFW at the Wilkerson Pass Visitor's Center

Also, the VFW Post and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their Annual Coffee Stop at the Wilkspecial services and activities. An Honor Guard erson Pass Visitor's Center from 1p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 23 and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday through Monday. They will provide free coffee, punch, water and cookies allowing travelers an opportunity for a break. The Forest Service allows the Post to use the covered porch for the event.



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to help **Gail & Tim Taylor** Celebrate their 10 Years as the store owners! There will drawings, give-a-ways, snacks and beverages.

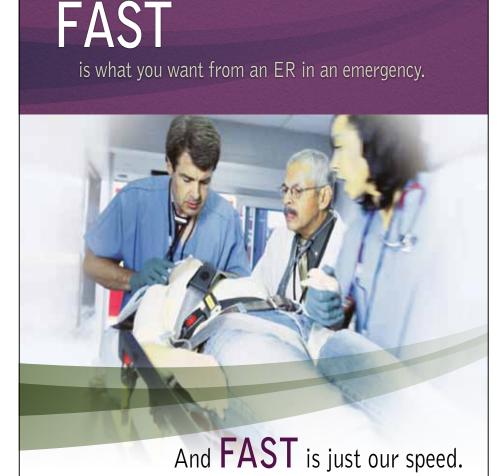
"Cartoon Bill" Crowley will be drawing caricatures from 1 - 3PM. Ted Newman, is back for the season and will be entertaining from Noon until 2PM.



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# Swing away at the Little Chapel Food Panty's Spring **Break-out Golf Tournament**

Some say that playing 18 holes of golf with someone will teach you more about that person than will 18 years of dealing with him across a desk. Others say that golf is such a popular sport because it is the best game in the world at which to be bad. Finally, Mark Twain just said that golf was "a long walk spoiled."

Regardless of your opinion of the game, after a long winter like we have had, many weekend golfers can't wait for some sunny days to venture out on the links and declare the cold weather finally over. Our recent rains are beginning to turn things green as fresh grass can be seen sprouting through the yellowblanketed fairways. For all those polo-shirted, swing-challenged duffers who can be patient no longer on a clear-blue sky afternoon, it is time. With eager anticipation they dust off those old clubs and go flogging a little white ball around the course (incidentally, "flog" spelled backwards is "golf"). Add a little competition and the obsession (at least for some) becomes almost, well...like renewal.

Sam Sneed, an American professional golfer and one of the top players in the world for over four decades, and winner of a record 82 PGA tour events, liked to say that "If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork the way they do a golf club, they'd starve to death." Not so ironic then, in light of that quote, that the Little

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Chapel Food Pantry in Divide is sponsoring their Second Annual Spring Break-out Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 17th, as a fund raiser to help feed people in need – and some of them may even be golfers.

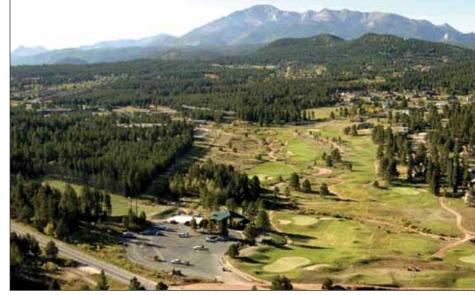
The Shining Mountain Golf Course in Woodland Park will host the four-man scramble tournament beginning with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. just about two short weeks from now. Corporate and business hole sponsorships are available to support the cause, and the usual "lures for the amateurs" will be included, like prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, straightest drive, a hole-in-one and assorted other contests. One can even win a car (if

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An aerial view of the Shining Mountain Golf Course, 100 Shining Mountain Lane, Woodland Park, CO. Photo courtesy of Shining Mountain GC website.

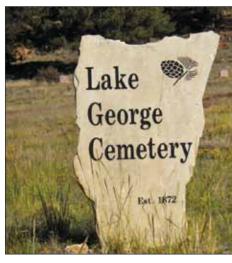
they're lucky)!

The "reward," of course, for that \$100 per person fee for the privilege of playing in the tournament, which includes a golf cart and lunch, is the knowledge and satisfaction you get from being a part of helping hundreds of families receive the food need to survive, and more. Besides, it's a lot fun.

This is a chance to participate in a worthy endeavor and enjoy the effort. Tournament coordinator, Ken Hesselberg (Littlechapelfoodpantry@outlook.com; 719-322-7610), is the person to contact to sign up to play and/or

The Little Chapel Food Pantry provides help to those who are in need in our community, both physically and spiritually. As most everyone knows, the Panty is a faith-based organization operated by volunteers from the Little Chapel of the Hills Church in Divide, the Woodland Park Community Church, the Impact Christian Church, and other community members. Funding and food to support the operation comes from private individuals, local businesses and civic groups, grants and foundations, and from fund-raisers like the Pantry's annual banquet and their Spring Break-out Golf Tournament. The Pantry is located at 69 County Road 5 in Divide, just north of the intersection with U.S. Highway 24. To make a donation or learn more about the tournament, go to their website (www. littlechapelfoodpantry.org).

It will be the first golf tournament of the rear, and one of the many chances in Teller County to participate in a little slice of humanitarian benevolence (pun intended). Here's an excellent opportunity to "get teed off for a May 5 - 18, 2014
2014 NAPAGold Filter Sale good cause.



The entrance to the Lake George Cemetery

# Lake George cemetery clean-up & memorial dedication

by Maurice Wells photo by Maurice Wells

aturday, May 24 is the date set for the Dannual Lake George Cemetery clean-up starting at 10 a.m. Interested volunteers should bring gloves, rakes, work boots and drinking water. Lunch, provided by the Board, will be served at 12 noon. Contact Kim Plutt at 748-3949 if there are questions.

This year the special dedication of a memorial monument will be held, thanks to the efforts of local historian Steve Plutt, to honor the deaths of workers on the Midland Railroad who died in Elevenmile Canyon. In the late 1800's, construction on the Midland Railroad was underway. Workers consisted of local residents and several immigrants of Italian descent. Unfortunately, these immigrant workers were not accepted and conflicts arose.

Who were these men? How did they die? Was death by accident or by other causes? At 1p.m. Steve will answer these questions and others while detailing the circumstances around these historical events that occurred in the early days of our community.

# JA reaches over 285 students at Summit Elementary

by Sherri Albertson

On Friday, April 4th, Junior Achievement (JA) of Southern Colorado along with nearly 30 Teller County volunteers representing Woodland Park businesses, the Teller County Sheriff's Department, the City of Woodland Park, local service clubs, plus several community members from the Woodland Park area, spent the day teaching the Junior Achievement in a Day curriculum, also known as JA in a Day, to the Kindergarten through 5th grade elementary school students at Summit

Guided by the classroom volunteers, more than 285 students enjoyed learning about financial literacy from interactive programs designed to teach personal finance, work readiness, entrepreneurship, and economic skills and empower young people to own their economic success. Business volunteers represented the North Teller Build a Generation office, Vectra Bank, People's Bank and the Woodland Park SCORE office. Mayor Dave Turley, Teller County Sheriff Mike Ensminger, Woodland Park City Attorney Erin Smith, Teller County Commissioner Marc Dettenreider, and Woodland Park Councilmen Robert Carlsen and Gary Brovetto also participated. Service club volunteers represented the Kiwanis Club of Ute Pass.

Junior Achievement (JA) empowers young people to own their economic success. JA's volunteer-delivered, K-12 programs foster work-readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills and use experiential learning to inspire kids to dream big and reach their potential. Through engaging activities, students also learned about STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) skills and resources. "The fourth grade curriculum can be fairly sophisticated," said Woodland Park City Attorney Erin Smith. "Summit Elementary school teacher, Melissa Bucher, was a wonderful resource to have in the classroom and she had great conceptual input."

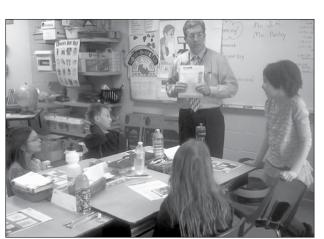
"The students and staff of Summit Elementary had a fabulous day of learning and exploration as they were lead through multiple lessons with their community volunteers," said Summit Elementary School Principal, Katie Rexford. "The volunteers were fun and engaging as they brought learning to life for our Summit Eagles! Thank you Junior Achievement for making this day possible.

Summit Elementary School sponsored breakfast for the JA volunteers and the Teller County Sheriff's Office provided Domino's pizza for lunch. The JA in a Day event was made possible in large part by a generous grant from the Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company

The JA in a Day program will be held at Gateway Elementary on Monday, May 19th. Volunteer with or donate to Junior Achievement and be a positive influence on the future of young people in Teller County. Contact Sherri L. Albertson, Teller County Area Coordinator at (719) 650-4089 or via email to sherri.albertson@ja.org for more information



Kathy Daugherty with People's Bank spent the day in Jennie Barnes' 2nd grade classroom teaching the basics of wages, taxes and money planning.



J.R. Dickens with the Woodland Park SCORE office discussing the costs of running a city with Emma Myers'



Teller County Sheriff's Office Bear Cat tactical operations vehicle welcomes the JA volunteers.



Detective Dennis Sherman and TCSO dispatcher, Brandie Lewter, teach students in Mary Crade's 1st grade classroom about the different jobs available in a town.



Sergeant Joshua Miller, Teller County Sheriff's Office, helps students explore the concept of entrepreneurship in Angie Lane's 5th grade class.



Nancy Ferner with the Ute Pass Kiwanis Club taught Melissa Bucher's 4th grade students about the difference between goods and services.

### DSC teaching the dangers of driving by Kathy Hansen

The automobile has been around for over 100 years, and it is hard to imagine a world without cars. Alcohol has been around even longer. Technological booms for the automobile and the cell phone have created a perfect storm on our highways and roadways. Perhaps because we grow along with advancements in our daily devices, we can easily lose sight of the inherent and all too often deadly dangers of driving.

Did you know one person dies in the US every 13 minutes from a car crash? There are 115 people killed each day, amounting to over 1.2 million killed each year. This is often a parent's worst nightmare.

We often forget the responsibility of maneuvering a 4,000 pound (the average weight of an automobile), and how much velocity or force coming along with an uncontrolled 4,000 pound piece of machinery. The force can be deadly, indeed.

No one needs to remind Tom Antkow how deadly that force is; it is the same force that killed Melissa. his daughter, December 22, 1999. She was struck by a 16 year

a red light, broadsiding Melissa's car and ending her short life "I could have given up, or crusade for my daughter life." A short three month after Melissa's death. the founded Driver Safety Consultants in

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Tom Antkow, founder of Driver Safety Consultants

Colorado Springs, and now also in Woodland Park. Tom had been a professional driver safety instructor since 1973. He continued to educate himself and master the "five step Defensive Driving Techniques" which enabled him to obtain preliminary classroom instructor status by New York's Department of Motor Vehicles. By 1974 he had also become an Adaptive Driving Instructor of Fitzgerald's Driving School; helping people with disabilities who required adaptive equipment to operate an automobile learn to drive

Driver ants offers a multitude of courses for anyone interested in learning to drive safely Their teenSMART program focuses on crash avoid ance. "It is designed to give novice

Melissa, Tom's daughter and

drive safely and avoid accidents," according to their website www. drivesafer.info. But that's not all; Driver Safety Consultants offer behind-the-wheel training, classroom courses, and virtual classrooms. They offer three different Permit Classes, have a free Parent Orientation Class (suggested for parents concerned about their children's safety), a of Driver's License/Permit Testing the state of Colorado, and five different In-Car Training

There is also coursework for adults. They offer Adult Driver's Education, including a Lifelong Driver Home Study program, as well as an Adult Refresher Classroom with optional driver course.

Driver Safety Consultants is aware of how much independence the ability to drive gives a person. They offer Clinical Driver Evaluation and Rehabilitation programs, "We evaluate skills, not take away privileges!" Their assessments focus on the physical, functional, cognitive and perceptual issues.

Learn more about Driver Safety Consultants by visiting their website www.drivesafer.info. They have many helpful links including the Colorado Department of Revenue's Driver's Handbook, CDOT for teen driver information, Driver Safety Fact and Resources, a Driving School Index, and Dangers of Distracted Driving video (recommended for people age 14 or over), as well as practice test

See www.drivesafer.info for more and learn how Mr. Antkow currently is the President and CEO of Driver Safety Consultants, Inc. of Colorado, a member of the Colorado Safety Association, is a certified State BOST third party tester and a certified National Safety Council DDC-4 Defensive Driving Classroom Trainer. As a member of the steering committee for DRIVE SMART Colorado Springs Tom is a guest speaker at several area High Schools.

# Is your growing business needing help?

There are risks and benefits to everything. The fact that your business is growing is GREAT! Sometimes the downside is that you I now need some help keeping up on the administrative tasks, but are not ready to hire another employee. Whether those duties include: filing, invoicing, catching up in QuickBooks, or updating your data-base, All About Accuracy can help. Maybe your needs are sporadic or even once per month, we can help. We offer competitive rates on a contracted basis so you don't need to worry about providing healthcare, additional payroll, or the HR headache. Are you wondering how we can help? Send us an email at AllAboutAccuracy@gmail.com and let us know your type of business, in which areas you need help, and suggest a good time to meet. We can negotiate an affordable and mutually agreeable contract.

### ~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 one of our reporters or email us at utecountrynewspaper@gmail.com.

### **CRIPPLE CREEK**

County Food Distribution from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please bring photo ID and proof of

30 Cripple Creek Cabaret presents, "My Colorado Home' An evening of music and comedy, as Thin Air Theatre Company presents this radio style variety show with a mix of comedy, country, folk and bluegrass music, and a distinctly Colorado flair. The show runs May 30- June 14. Ticket prices range from \$12 to \$18 per person. To make reservations visit ThinAirThe atre.com or call 719-689-3247

### **DIVIDE**

12 & 28 Divide Little Chapel on the Hill - Food Pantry Distri bution 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. For more info 719-322-7610 or email littlechapelfoodpantry@outlook.com.

13 TCRAS is seeking volunteers to partner with them as dog walkers, dog cleaners, dog and cat adoption counselors and other areas. If you are nterested please join us for a volunteer orientation Monday May 13 from 6:30-8:30pm. To sign up or for more informa tion visit our website http:// www.tcrascolorado.com/ index.php?page=volunteerinfo or contact our Volunteer terascolorado.com.

### **FAIRPLAY**

29 South Park High School/ Middle School Spring Music Concert at 6:30 p.m. SPHS multi-purpose room. Call 719-836-4415 or GWalston@ parkcountyre2.org for more

### **FAIRPLAY'S SOUTH PARK SENIOR CENTER**

Board Member meetings at 9 a.m., except holidays, then lunch at 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m., \$6.00 per person, need not be a senior. Thrift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mon thru Sat. Bargains for all ages. Phone during thrift shop hours, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., is 719-836-1455. We are located at Park Senior Center, 6th and Hathaway in Fairplay

### **FLORISSANT**

PIKES PEAK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Society Museum is located in Florissant at 18033 Teller County Road #1 across from the Florissant Post Office. The Museum is open from 1 p.m. to 4 n m on Saturday and Sunday. From Memorial Day until Labor Day, the Museum is open Friday. Saturday, and Monday from 10 a.m. to 4

### mation, call 748-8259. **FLORISSANT** GRANGE

p.m., and on Sunday from 1

p.m. to 4 p.m. For more infor

3 Herb class with the Thymekeeper: 7 Herbs that heal from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. We will discuss seven herbs that can be found in Teller and Park Counties that heal a variety of nents. We will talk about the medicinal benefits, preparation, harvesting, and storage Afterward, weather permitting, we will take a short hike at Happy Meadows to see at least two of those herbs. For more information contact Mari at mugsyspad@aol.com or 719-439-7303. Classes at the Grange are by donation. Suggested is \$5.00 – All are welcome! Call 719-748-0358

for more info on the Grange. 10 The Spring Craft Show and Sale is May 10th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. As always this is a great place to get those one of a kind gifts and/or decorative items for your mountain home. Crafters and Vendors welcome. Call 719-748-0358 for more information.

17 A meeting including "Bear Aware" and an informative talk about your Property Tax assessments will be held May 17th at 4 p.m. Call 719-748-0358 for more information Jam Night - Every Thursday all

year the Grange Hall is open from 6:00 to 9:00 pm for the Jammers Music and Pot Luck. Yoga - classes are held each Monday evening at 5:30 and Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Call Debbie at 748-3678

for more information.

### **FOUR MILE EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**18** Pet First Aid Course from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Four Mile Station 1 on Teller 11. The cost is \$20.00, lunch included. Advance registration preferred. Visit www.fourmilee com or call Lynne at 294-7108

**GUFFEY** 15 Spring Program at Guffey

Community Charter School Call 719-689-2093 or www guffeyschool.org for more

information. 16 The 8th Grade Presentation Celebration at Guffey Commi nity Charter School: the public presentation, including an autobiography, demonstration of life skills, demonstration of artistic and academic performance, and a major, year-long project. Call 719-689-2093 or www.guffeyschool.org for more information.

29 Grade 8 Graduation and Entire School Awards at Guffev Charter School, Pre-school through 8th Grade Awards Call 719-689-2093 or www. guffeyschool.org for more

### **JEFFERSON**

24 Memorial Day Weekend Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Jefferson Community Center call 719-836-4460 or go to JCCAColorado.org for

### **LAKE GEORGE** CHARTER **SCHOOL**

1 Science Fair 6:30 p.m. 6 Board Meeting 6 p.m. 7 Walk for Education 8 Piano Recital 7 p.m. 15 Spring Program 6:30 p.m. 19 Preschool through 2nd grade field trip - Cheyenne Mountain

20 Grades 3rd through 7th field trip – CCV Gold Mine 21 Field Dav/Yearbook signing 22 Last Day for students Call Denise Kelly for more info 719-748-3911.

### **LAKE GEORGE SPRING MARKET**

We are looking for local artisans and antique or vintage enthusiasts. The spaces are \$40 for around a 10x10 space. We have spaces in the barn and outside among the trees. Food and electricity are available. For more info contact Stephanie at idlewildridge@gmai com or 719-213-7515.

### **LAKE GEORGE** LIBRARY -**ONGOING**

Wed: 9 a.m. Low Impact 1st & 3rd Fri: Lake George

Quilters Square 9:30 a.m. to :30 p.m. 4th Fri: 9:15 Friends of the Library Book Clubs "Tainted Tea" and

'Titles' meet afterward.

# Rock star Chautauqua May 11

ock" star, Richard Fretterd, is a hero in the Pikes Peak region. He has been featured on The popular TV series "Prospectors," and is arguably one the most successful miners in the area. In 2008, he first donated an extremely large smoky quartz crystal (439 lbs and 4 feet tall) to the Pikes Peak Historical Society Museum, aided by a special grant from the Cripple and Victor Gold Mining Company. In 2013, he donated a second very large smoky quartz

crystal (345 lbs and 4 feet 3 inches tall). Experts believe that these are the largest smoky quartz crystals ever discovered in North America. Both crystals are now in the permanent collection of the Pikes Peak Historical Society Museum, putting it on the national map of geologic treasures. Fretterd intended the "Brother" crystals to be a memorial to his younger brother, Vincent "Scruffy," and to remain in the mountains where they were found.

Fretterd's amazing life story begins when his desti-

tute mother had to give her two youngest children (Richard 5, and Vincent, 3) up for adoption. The two little boys deeply bonded in their temporary foster homes, and not only survived incredible challenges, but went on to become incredible adults. Rich came out west, and started a career as a hard rock miner at the tender age of 18. He has spellbinding stories of his adventures and mis-adventures deep in the bowels of Cripple Creek's gold mines. It was Rich's deep spirituality that molded his character into the popular and successful miner/prospector he is today.

The Pikes Peak Historical Society invites you to learn more of this Rock Star's fascinating life story when they host Rich Fretterd on Sunday, May 11, for their monthly Chautauqua (free program), at 2:00 pm at the Florissant Library. The Library is located adjacent to the Florissant Community Park on 334 Circle Drive in Florissant. Fretterd's program is presented as a public service of the Pikes Peak Historical Society. Admission is free, and refreshments are served. Seating is limited. For more information, call 719-748-3562.

### 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. During early May, the Museum is open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. From Memorial Day until Labor Day, 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.

# Taste of the Grape

On Friday May 9th, Ute Pass Kiwanis, based in Woodland Park, will be hosting their 4th Annual Wine Tasting event, "Taste of the Grape". The event will be held at the Ute Pass Cultural Center, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Tickets are available at Gold Hills Wine and Liquor. Over 50 different wines will be avail-

able for sampling along with beers from Woodland Park. In addition to the wine

and beer, there will be food samples from many local restaurants.

Taste of the Grape is one of Ute Pass Kiwanis major fundraisers. Proceeds from the event will go to scholarships for high school students from Woodland Park and Cripple Creek as well as other child centered organizations in and around Teller County

ings the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Lake George Community Center, starting with potluck at noon and our meeting at 1p.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

### **OLD COLORADO** CITY

9 "Spanish Colonial and Hispanic Culture in the Colorado Springs region". The presenter is Katie Gardner, former curator and assistant director the Pioneer Museum in Colorado Springs as well as the former collections specialist of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center. She is the author of 'Woven Across Time: The Rich Legacy of Colorado's Hispanic Textile Tradition' that accompanied a major Rio Grande weaving exhibit at the Colorado Historical Society. Cost is free for members, \$5 for non-members. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. The location is 1 South 24th Street, Colorado Springs, Please call 719-636-

1225 for more information. 30 "City Works" Opening Reception of the photographic show featuring the photography of Glenn W. Murray, who photographed local building, and commercial construction and street works in the Pikes Peak region from the 1930s to 1960s. Doors open at 5 p.m. Location is at 2880 International Circle. Colorado Spring, Colorado--the atrium of the the Pikes Peak Regional Development Center. This fundraiser for Old Colorado City History Center is sponsored by the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department R.S.V.P.s suggested to linda@ pprbd.org or 719-327-2989. No charge but photos will be avail-

able for purchase. The Old Colorado City History Center will resume their regular hours beginning May 1 2014. The center will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A schedule of mer activities can be seen at their web site - www.occhs org or by calling 719-636-1225. Admission is FREE!

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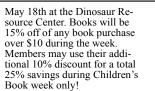
Demo will be held at the Woodland Park Friday, May 2nd. 7 p.m. The event includes presentations by the Karate Plus students of Lake George Woodland Park, Fountain and Colorado Springs. Featured are: karate and jujitsu techniques, defense moves. martial art weapons, breaks and God's Good News. There will be a special ninja segment by KP founder Ken Valles. The demo is free to the public Snacks will be provided. For information: 687-1436.

### DINOSAUR RESOURCE CENTER

10 Mother Goose visits DRC: Little Chippy, the chipmunk is wondering "Where's my fommy"? She is celebrating Mother's Day with Mother Goose (aka Cathy Kelsay) at the DRC. What fun everyone will have laughing, singing and being part of this extra special show honoring our wonderful Mother's.

11 Mother's Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mom's free with one paid regular adult or child 12 through 18 National Chil-

dren's Book Week will be celebrated May 12th through



17 Physics is Phun from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m presented by the Air Force Academy. There will be over 15 physics demonstrations, many of them hands on. There will be 2 shows at 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.. Check out our website for complete details http://www.rmdrc.com Dinosaur Resource Center, 201 S. Fairview St., Woodland Park, CO

### **FARMER'S MARKET**

10 Inside Ute Pass Cultural Center, 210 E. Midland Avenue. Woodland Park 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fruits and vegetables, eggs, cheese, jams, mustard, meats, dried beans, bread and pastries, salsa, pasta, Alpaca yarn and knits, soaps, hot soup, tinctures, wood products skin care, food and drink. For more information call (719) 689 3133 or (719) 648-7286 or 3 FREE B Fit Day 8 a.m. to

noon at Woodland Fitness Center 950 Tamarac Parkway, Woodland Park. Come out with your family and enjoy a free morning of fitness! There will be a FREE pancake breakfast with gluten free options from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (donations will go to the Wounded Warriors Project). Try a free fitness class! Zumba, Body Sculpt, Insanity, Pilates, and Yoga will be running all morning. Try out some fitness equipment, talk to a Personal Trainer, and enter to win free personal training or a gym membership! Have kids? Bring them with you! FREE Childcare for children 0 to11 between 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Children 12 years and older can work out with you. For more information, call Woodland Fit-

ness Center at 719-686-8800. The Mountain Top Cycling Club will be meeting May 6th at 6 p.m. at AJ's pizzeria at 751 Gold Hill Place South in Woodland Park. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. True Life Medicine Doctor will be on hand to discuss his cycling knowledge and experience. True Life Medicine Mountain Top Cycling Club Come join us for of cycling stories and a chance to win some cool door prizes. Check our website http://www.

mountaintopcyclingclub.com or call Debbie 719-687-2489. **Ute Pass Historical Society's** Main Office and book store are open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tours of History Park are available during these hours. A donation of \$5 would be appreciated. A phone call 15 minutes prior to a tour is recommended to assure a docent (volunteer tour guide) is available. History Park is located at 231 E. Henrietta Avenue in Woodland Park, next to the library. Our phone number is 719.686.7512 or our website:

storicalsociety.org The Wholistic Networking Community invites you to meet area practitioners and learn about holistic wellness from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Rampart Public Library, Woodland Park, "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. John Skylark

Skrivan, sound practitioner, will take us through an interac-tive play and excursion time in which we will discover our authentic voice and natural sound. John, a talented didgeridoo (ancient Australian Aboriginal instrument) enthu siast, will create vibrational fields and attunements with the didgeridoo, ending with a sound meditation. For more information about the Wholistic Networking Community or to RSVP, contact Barbara Royal at 719-687-6823 or mira-

clesofwellness@gmail.com 13 Wholistic Healing Day, 10 a.m. to noon. Practitioners from the Wholistic Networking Community invite vou to experience the benefits of holistic services on a first come, first served donation basis. Offerings are tuning fork, color, crystal & sound healing, hands on or no touch Reiki, psychic guidance, grief recovery, EFT, gluten free tips. Practitioner information can be found at Facebook page WNC – Wholistic Networking Community. Teller County Safe Harbor, a Woodland Park non-profit will be the beneficiary of your donations Venue: Mountain View United Methodist Church, 1101 Rampart Range Rd., Woodland Park 80863, FMI: Barbara Royal 719-687-6823.

Yoga Instructors of Teller County: Please join us for an informal meet and greet at the coffee shop in Gold Hills South on May 24 at 10:30 a.m. Help us create the foundation for a thriving yoga community Call Debbie for more information 719-748-3678.

### **VICTOR**

24 Sinkhole de Mayo will be held Memorial Day Weekend on Saturday and will feature a chili cook-off and Mexican beer garden in the Plaza; sink-hole golf and games; entertain ment and street art. In addition the Annual City Wide Garage Sale will also take place Saturday and Sunday. We invite the businesses, organizations and residents of Victor to be involved in a variety of ways:

 Enter your awesome chili recipe and maybe win a prize. Please bring chili by 10:30. Judging

• Offer shopping incentives and specials and/or sidewalk sale Local artists are encouraged to show off your wares with a sidewalk display Sample the chili and have a

beer~ Mexican Beer Garden opens at 10 AM • Play a game ~ Have a game at vour business

 Participate in the garage sale. If you don't have a place, there will be a limited number of spaces available in the Plaza and at the Elks Lodge, must provide own tables. Table set up at 8 AM. Please contact Rebecca at the Post Office for more information • Volunteer ~ Invite Friends

 Donate games, prizes and of course cash works too This event is sponsored by DREAM/Main Street. For more information and to share your ideas please contact: Becky Parham – bparham@ victorco.com - 494-9789m@ victorco us or Marije Stevens - marjies@aol.com - 689-5700. Garage Sale: Rebecca Earle – island167@yahoo.

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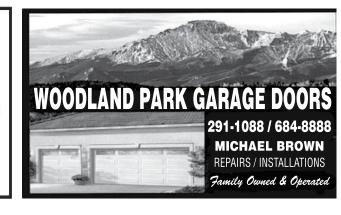
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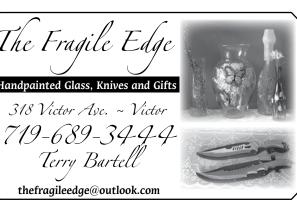
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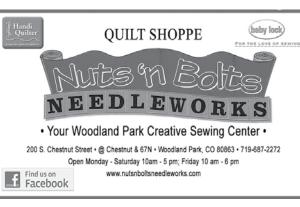
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