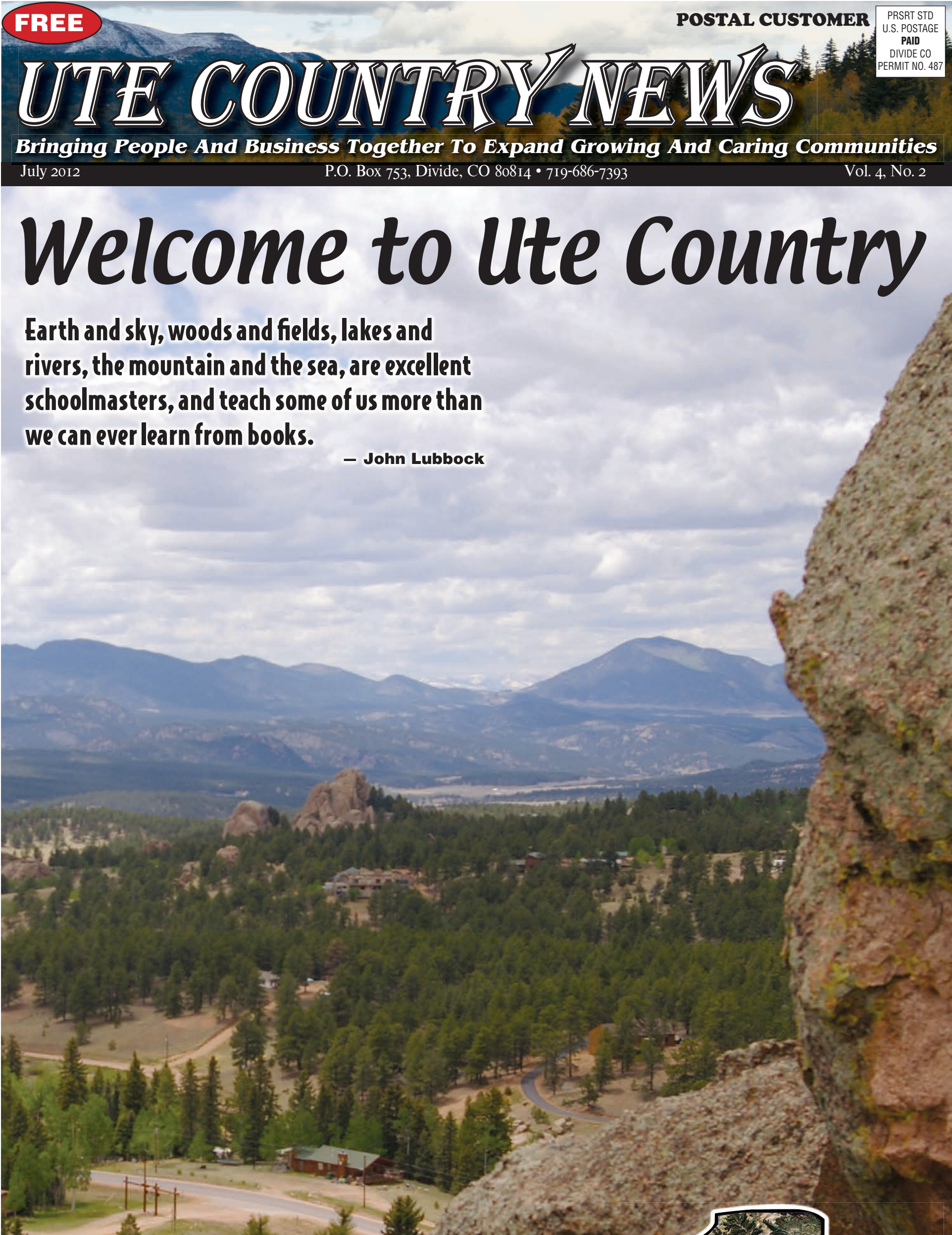


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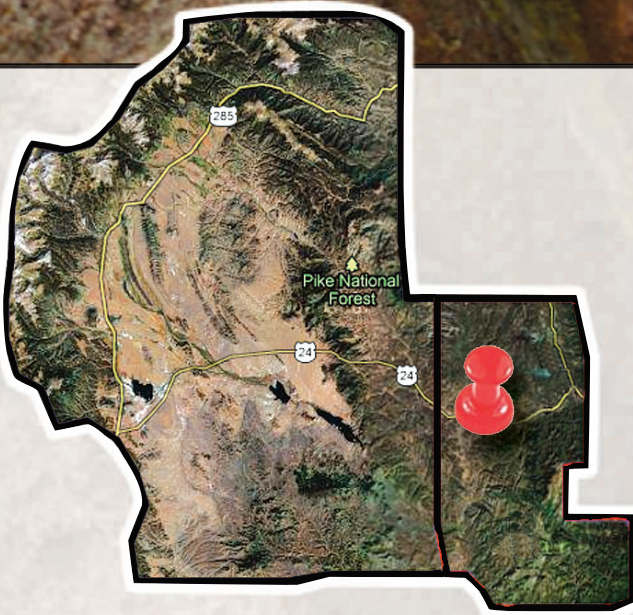
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Howdy!

Welcome to our first issue as publishers of the Ute Country News! We would like to first thank Carmon and Beverly Stiles for giving us this opportunity to run a newspaper. We hope to build on the sturdy foundation they laid out for us at the paper. We'd also like to thank all our fabulous writers, who continue to keep their fingers on the pulse of the community's events and activities, and are kind enough to share them with all of us. Thanks also goes out to our advertisers, who keep the electricity on and the presses running. Most of all, we'd like to thank you, the readers, who allow us into your home each month to inform and entertain you, and possibly wrap fish or start the wood stove.

Thanks again to all and we'll see you again next month!

— Jeff & Kathy Hansen, publishers

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Fallen Firefighter memorial

by Flip Boettcher
photos by Flip Boettcher

There is a new object on the Guffey horizon these days, a thirty foot spun aluminum flagpole with a round aluminum brass-colored ball on top and a beautiful 5 foot by 7 foot stars and stripes flying in the breeze from the pole.

The flag and flagpole are part of the "Fallen Firefighter" memorial. Completed at the Southern Park County Fire Protection District fire station on Wednesday morning May 30th, with the raising of the pole and the first flying of the flag.

The flagpole was the idea of Davis Tilton, president of the fire department auxiliary, as a memorial to all fallen firefighters after his nephew, Robert Tilton, only twenty-three years old, passed away very suddenly last year. R. Tilton was attending fire academy to become a firefighter at the time.



Ten people, firefighters and auxiliary members, raising the flagpole.

In lieu of flowers at R. Tilton's funeral services, donations to the firefighter memorial were requested.

The spun aluminum flagpole is thirty-three feet tall, but three feet of it sit in a concrete footing with a large round hole in the center, so only thirty feet are above ground, according to D. Tilton.

Tilton said that the spun aluminum is strong but light. The pole can withstand up to 90 MPH winds with a five foot by eight foot flag attached, but can be lifted and carried by three people.

The flag was donated by Doris Schoepf of Pike Trails Ranches subdivision west of Guffey, whose husband was a World War II veteran. The flag draped his casket at his funeral, said Tilton. Schoepf was not at the ceremony.

Everything went smoothly on the morning of the flagpole raising with ten men walking the pole up to vertical, seating it in the hole in the concrete, and holding it upright while it was squared up and sand was packed into the space around the pole. A two inch thick layer of tar was put on top of the sand and the aluminum cover slid



Davis Tilton on the left and chief Don Felton on the right.

down on top of that to cover it all.

The flag was then attached and run up to the top.

To finish it all off, a solar light was attached to the pole for night time illumination and according to fire Chief Don Felton the flag will fly 24/7.



The plaque at the base of the flagpole.

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Wildfire preparation

by Flip Boettcher

Wildfire, just the word conjures up some sort of demon. Indeed, fire is like a living being creating its own freakish weather patterns and in its pathway of destruction, seeking fuel to consume to stay alive. Such fuel can include just about anything, including anyone's house and property.

Coming out of one of Colorado's driest winters on record, it is important that everyone be fire wise and fire alert. "Wildfire Preparation," a mini-seminar was put on by the Southern Park County Fire Protection District June 2nd, at the fire station in Guffey. About 35 people attended the free seminar, which included speakers Don Felton, SPCFPD fire chief, Dr. Amy Mason, Guffey Vet Clinic, and Brian Foltz, Park County Emergency Management Director. It is important to prepare you, your family, your home and property and to make some sort of plan in case of evacuation because of a fire in your area.

Embers of a wildfire, which can travel a mile or more, are the main cause of structure fires. Radiant heat (being in close proximity of the fire front) can cause a structure to heat up and catch fire as well.

It is important to assess your home and the surrounding area. What kind of structure do you have? What type of roof do you have? Are there adjacent structures? What is the topography?

If a fire does come to your area, the fire department will triage protecting structures, based on how defensible the structures are against a fire with 1 – defensible with little or no work, 2 – defensible with some work and 3 – sadly, pass it by. To make sure your home is not a 3, you need to create defensible space around your home.

Starting with the house, the chimney should have a ½" metal screen around the top and be inspected regularly. All roof vents should be covered with 1/8" metal screen. Gutters should be cleaned out, eaves enclosed, crawlspace openings covered, and debris cleared off of the roof. Any place embers could get to cause a fire should be secured and cleaned out. Debris and furniture should be cleared off of decks, especially the BBQ and propane bottle. Clear out underneath the deck and trim grasses. Do not stack firewood on or under the deck; keep it well away from the structure.

The ideal landscape would have gravel, rock, stone and fire resistant plants out 3-5 feet from the house. From the foundation out 30 feet, trees need to be limbed up 6-10 feet to eliminate ladder fuels and the litter needs to be cleaned out from underneath.

From 30' – 100' out from the house one should clear the surface fuel and ladder fuels, yard litter and vehicles. As one goes out from the structure, trees should be thinned from 6-12 feet, then to 18 feet in between the crowns. Aspen trees are flame retardant.

Felton went on to explain levels of evacuation for Park County. Level 1: evacuation order is not mandatory and there are no road closures. There are usually from 3-5 hours to prepare before the

fire arrives. It is time to get your animals together, get your contact list, valuables and your evacuation plan together.

Level 2: there may be road closures. There are usually 1-3 hours before the fire arrives. Look outside and clear items away from the house.

Level 3: while not mandatory, because no one can make you leave your home, it is highly advised. Foltz advised that you should evacuate if you are asked to. There will be road closures. You will have less than 1 hour before the fire arrives. You should leave immediately. Sometimes if one waits too long it will be impossible to get out.

If one does decide to shelter in place or you have waited too long and find you cannot evacuate, said Felton, **YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN**. Stay away from windows as they crack in the heat then let in debris and flying embers. Close all doors and lock them. Place wet towels and rugs in front of thresholds. Move to the side of the house away from the flame front. Remember that as hot as it is inside the house, it is five times hotter outside. The car is not a good place to seek shelter.

The Community Center in Guffey will be set up as an evacuation center, according to Felton and the Red Cross already has some supplies stored there.

When you evacuate, please put a white towel or visible piece of white cloth on your gate or entryway to let emergency services know you are gone. Tape a list of contact numbers on the door, as your place will be checked.

Re-entry to evacuated areas will not happen until all is safe. Normally only residents are allowed to return. Law enforcement and fire personnel will be patrolling the area for some time.

Foltz then talked about reverse 911 calls which already automatically go out to all landline phones. The reverse 911 call is only a recording with pertinent information and evacuation routes. Foltz stressed that if conditions outside look dangerous, don't wait for a reverse 911 call, or if the call contradicts what you see outside,

don't hesitate, **LEAVE**.

Mason discussed animal preparation and evacuation procedures. Everyone needs to make their own specific evacuation plan. Mason recommended the Emergency Planning Workbook, a fifteen page PDF file put out by EquineU.com and the-Horse.com, to help make your own plan. It is the most comprehensive emergency planning workbook involving animal care that Mason has found.

Even though it is designed for horses one can adapt it to any animal.

- Before a disaster, clean up around the barn and have fire extinguishers in place. Straw is very flammable.

- Be sure to have a 3-7 day supply of food and water for your animals. Practice loading/unloading animals from trailers before an emergency. Make sure each animal has a labeled leather or cotton halter (nylon melts in the heat) easily accessible.

- Make sure dogs are leash trained before an emergency. Load/unload animals into carriers with their names on the carrier. Have collars for your pets with name tags. Pets get freaked out, so towels to cover their carriers are a good idea. Pictures of your pets to identify them in case they get lost are handy.

- Have all registration and brand papers for your animals.

- If worse comes to worse, open your pasture gates and corrals. Paint your phone number on the side of the animals with florescent paint.



Fire chief Don Felton addressing the attendees at the wildfire preparation seminar.

- Check your trailers and vehicles before an emergency. Park facing outward with a full tanks of gas. Fill water tanks then go to the safest location. Leave emergency vet and medical contacts. Your evacuation plan can be filed at the vet clinic.

- Make a priority list from most important to least important and keep your plan up to date.

Foltz also handed out information on Wildfire and Insurance, put out by the Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association, www.rmiiia.org, "Evacuating Your Home", put out by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 303-692-2730, and "The Park County Emergency Preparedness Guide" put out by the Park County Office of Emergency Management, www.parkco.us/oem.htm.

Another good resource is "Living With Fire" put out by the New Mexico forest service, www.nmforestry.com. There is information at www.guffeyfire.net about current fire conditions and more. Currently SPCFPD has a burn ban in effect. Contact Mason at amy.mason@guffeyfire.net, for more info on animal evacuations, creating your plan and to get on the animal evacuation list.

Hayman 10th Anniversary Restoration Festival and Benefit Concert

by Helen Dyer

Development & Outreach Director, Coalition for the Upper South Platte

In 2012, the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP), in partnership with many other organizations, is planning a series of events focusing on the valuable lessons learned from the Hayman Fire of 2002. The recognition of the work of the last ten years will culminate in the Hayman 10th Anniversary Restoration Festival and Benefit Concert Sunday, July 22, 2012 from 11a – 8p at the spectacular Aspen Valley Ranch in Woodland Park,

Teller County, CO.

We do not want to forget the amazing work that has been done in the decade since the Hayman Fire. This event will be a way to thank those who have done so much and it will be a time to honor the spirit and vitality of the Colorado communities and volunteers who have come together to restore our precious forests and waterways. It will also be an opportunity to help raise funds to help ease the financial strains that

will be felt by the 2012 fire season.

The Hayman 10th Anniversary Restoration Festival and Benefit Concert will feature video interviews of fire survivors, a gallery of art inspired by the Hayman Fire, crafter and artisan booths, local nonprofit food vendors and a line-up of outstanding Colorado musicians including The Haunted Windchimes, Charlie Milo Trio, Radio London, The Florissant Fossils, Ceol Ceili, Thorn's Musical Journey and Ben Knights.



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Meet Dr. Dexter PhD, of Divide, Colorado

by Bani Kurth

“Stars are phantoms of the night,” according to Rocky Mountain Sky High Guy, Dr. William A. “Bill” Dexter. Dr. Dexter is a retired professor of Astronomy and Geology. He informed and entertained a “full house,” as guest of the Pikes Peak Historical Society, at the Florissant Library Meeting room on April 29, 2012, with photos and stories. His resume’ contains a plethora of accomplishments, including teaching sciences at several universities. He has traveled extensively, authored six textbooks, holds two patents, published over 50 scientific articles, and more.

He stated, “Having the William A. Dexter Astronomical Observatory at Dallas, Texas, named after him in 1976, was a special honor. Dr. Dexter has been Paleontologist at the Florissant Fossil Beds in our area. For relaxation Dr. Dexter collects rocks, minerals and fossils. He also plays organ and piano.

Did you know that?

- The Earth is 13.7 billion years old.
- The velocity of light is the most rapid thing we know.
- 200 billion stars make up the Milky Way.
- From earth we see globular star clusters. Each cluster contains 100,000 stars.
- The sun is 8.3 light minutes from the earth.
- Most of us have heard of the open star cluster called Pleiades. The Subaru vehicle company has chosen this as its symbol.

Dr. Dexter recommends a visit to the observatory at Climax, Co. to stretch our horizons. The good news, according to Dr. Dexter is; “We are living in the beginning of time. There is hope for the future.

11 Mile Lodge opens

by Maurice Wells

photo by Maurice Wells

Mac and Kristen Camus always wanted to own their own business, especially one that involved working with people. While traveling in the Lake George area in 2010 they saw the “FOR SALE” sign on what was then the 11 Mile Motel. That was just the beginning.

After several months of hard work, their dream was realized in November of 2011 when they opened the 11 Mile Lodge. Mac and Kristen are committed to their business and the community. All are welcome to stop by and visit to see what they have done.

The lodge has 10 units, six of them with kitchenettes. Pets are welcome and free WI-FI is provided. Seniors and military personnel will receive a discount. You may contact them at 748-3220 or www.11milelodge.com for questions or just to talk.



The 11 Mile Lodge in Lake George.

32nd Annual Symphony Above The Clouds with celebrity conductor David Buttery

Tchaikovsky’s 1812 Overture, and all the celebrations of our nation’s founding is being planned for the 32nd year on July 5 at the Woodland Park Middle School. The school is located at 600 E. Kelley’s Road in Woodland Park.

“An outdoor evening of fun with music by the Colorado Springs Philharmonic with associate conductor Thomas Wilson and Ceol Ceili (Irish folk music group). Also, we plan to have city-sponsored fireworks, weather permitting after dark, and Ft Carson cannons,” said Nancy Spradling, UTE Pass Symphony Guild President.

The celebrity conductor is Woodland Park city manager, David Buttery.

Gates open for this free event at 5:00 p.m. with Ceol Ceili beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the symphony playing at 7:30 p.m.

“Everyone is encouraged to bring lawn chairs or be prepared to sit on the ground as seats in the metal bleachers are limited,” Spradling said. People are also encouraged to bring jackets and a picnic dinner or snacks. The Woodland Park

Booster Club will sell hot dogs, hamburgers, snacks and drinks. No dogs, smoking or alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the field, according to event organizers.

The Ute Pass Symphony Guild has brought the event to Woodland Park for more than 31 years through donations from businesses and patrons. “We really appreciate the generosity of the Teller County citizens, businesses, and government entities so that the Ute Pass Symphony Guild is able to present this concert,” Spradling said.

The Colorado Springs Philharmonic has been an amazing partner over the years, performing on July 5th in weather condi-

tions that have been truly awful at times. “In the 31 years of our association, the concert has only been cancelled because of weather twice. That record is certainly the result of the orchestra’s willingness to go above and beyond what’s required,” Spradling said.

About Ute Pass Symphony Guild: Founded in 1979 for the purpose of promoting music with the community. Partnerships/Sponsorships are available. For more information about the Ute Pass Symphony Guild or how to support the organization visit: <http://symphonyabovetheclouds.org> or call 719-687-1304.

Florissant Pancake Breakfast

Florissant Fire Rescue will host their annual Pancake Breakfast on July 28, 2012 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Open to the community and accepting donations for breakfast. Bid on items in the silent

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The Center of the Known Universe

by David Martinek

The first church services in Divide, Colorado were held in a saloon. Dances followed and the minister played the piano. Later, donations were collected to build a church, and the original building still stands. Located on the northeast corner of U.S. Highway 24 and Country Road 5, the old church has been expanded and remodeled many times and is the home of the Little Chapel of the Hills.

Divide has been called by many names in its flowery past – Belleview, Rhyolite, Theodore and Hayden Divide (after Ferdinand Vandever Hayden who conducted the first U.S. geological survey of the area in the 1870s). But eventually, the name was shortened to just “Divide.”

It is an appropriate name because several things do divide there, or they did. Setting at the crest of Ute Pass at 9,165 feet in the center of Teller County, the main highway in the area (U.S. Highway 24) intersects with Colorado Highway 67 and Teller County Road 5. Divide is also where the water shed in the region divides – east to the Arkansas River and west to the South Platte. When the railroads were in town, they divided there, too.

The white man came to stay in the Ute Pass area prior to the 1870s, and Divide was one of their first settlements, although it has never been incorporated. En route to Leadville and nearby mining camps, the Spotswood and McLelland stage lines paused in Divide to change horses. Later they met passengers disembarking from the Colorado Midland trains. Longhorn cattle were driven through Divide towards the lush pastures of South Park. The Native American Ute tribes also called the area home.

The first post office in Divide was established in 1886, shortly before the Colorado Midland appeared, with Alice Hardy as the first postmaster. She also ran the stage station and a local hotel. The railroad reached Divide a year later in 1887, originating in Colorado Springs and continuing on its way to Leadville, Glenwood Springs and Grand Junction.

A few years later, the economy improved considerably in Divide when gold was discovered in 1892 in Cripple Creek and Victor, 18 miles to the south. Many prospectors passed through Divide on their way to Cripple Creek and the gold district. Schools, churches, shops and saloons sprang up as a result of the railroad and the mining activities, as well as boarding houses. It was said that Divide has some of the largest bedbugs in the region.

By 1895, the Midland Terminal Rail-

road had replaced the stage lines and was serving the gold district with passenger, freight and ore transport services. Divide became an important maintenance and lumbering area to serve both the railroads and the mining district.

Like in so many mountain towns, a fire in the mid to late 1890s destroyed much of the little settlement, along with the first railroad depot. But things were rebuilt to look almost like they did before.

In the 1920s and 30s seed potatoes and lettuce were grown in Divide. One can still see the terraced meadows north of Highway 24. Ice was cut from nearby Coulson Lake to pack the lettuce and potatoes for shipping. A huge ice lift was built on the banks of the lake to load the Midland Terminal refrigeration cars.

Today, Divide is a growing community of about 4,000 residents living mostly in

surrounding rural subdivisions and county areas. The town currently hosts numerous businesses, a post office, a grocery store, mercantile shop, the county sheriff's office and jail (as well as other county offices), Summit Elementary School, a volunteer fire

department, several restaurants, a community center, liquor store, the Peak Vista Divide Health Care facility, the Hayden Divide Community Park and Hayden Divide Loop Trail.

Soon, the Woodland Park Saddle Club will change its name and begin construction of its new equestrian facility just south of the highway intersections. Later still, the old “Midland” railroad depot will be restored to become a community park and visitor's center.

A few years ago, a local visionary coined the moniker in the title – “Divide – The Center of the Known Universe” – a not-so-subtle expression of community pride and independence. It is the town standard stuck and a trademarked logo of the local Divide Chamber of Commerce.

Divide is a friendly place where one can enjoy the pleasures of a rural mountain quality of life and still be close to the conveniences and amenities that make that life comfortable. As the years have passed and other towns and cities in Teller County have grown, or declined and faded away, Divide has stayed pretty much the same for the last 142 years – a small community resting along U.S. Highway 24 just west of Woodland Park, at the summit of Ute Pass – and, at the center of the known universe – surrounded by all its history.



A panoramic view of Divide town center today. Photo by David Martinek

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by Flip Boettcher
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Justin Dunn of Guffey, Colorado, placed seventh overall in the Ft. Collins Extreme Mustang Makeover on June 8, 9, and 10, one of nine such competitions held across the United States each year. In this year's Ft. Collins Makeover, there were two first-time participants from Park County, Dunn with his mustang named Harley and Pine resident Nicole Armstrong with her mustang named Milo, out of a field of forty trainers, mostly from Colorado. The Mustang Makeover is an event sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management and the Mustang Heritage Foundation in which horse trainers have 90 days to take a wild, gelded mustang with trimmed hooves fresh off of public lands and turn him into a gentle, trained horse ready for auction and adoption. All monies raised at the auction go to help support the Mustang adoption program. The Makeover showcases the beauty,



Justin and Harley about a month before the competition at Dunn's ranch.

versatility and trainability of these rugged horses roaming freely on public lands, protected by the 1971 Wild Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act. The mustangs are thinned out periodically to insure the health of their range, trained, auctioned and adopted off. The competition on Friday and Saturday included overall health, wellness and handling of the horse with riding and leading through obstacles backward and forward. There were also compulsory exercises and pattern riding at a walk, trot and canter as well as a 90 second freestyle ride to showcase the best of their horse. The top ten finishers in that competition then went on to the three and a half minute freestyle ride with music on Saturday night. Dunn was the only participant in costume for the freestyle event and had on a Zorro outfit with hat, mask and long, black, flowing cape. Dunn took seventh place overall out of ten and was very happy he said. According to Dunn, to be a first-time makeover trainer and place in the top ten was unusual and he enjoyed being the new kid on the block. All the other trainers in the top ten had participated in at least one other Makeover event said Dunn. According to Armstrong, she finished near the end of the pack, mainly due to the fact that she chose to walk her horse through the competition rather than ride him. According to Dunn there were about 600-700 people attending the competition and forty trainers with three world renowned judges – Mike Major, Margo Ball and Stormy Mullins. Eight of the top ten finishers were from Colorado, placing 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9. According to an email from Armstrong, all the participants got to ride with and got instruction from judge Mullins on Friday and Saturday mornings before the competition started.



Justin Dunn going over the tires in his Zorro costume in the Saturday night freestyle ride.

At the auction on Sunday morning, according to Armstrong, she and her horse Milo were first on the block and Armstrong bought her horse back as did Dunn. Five of the trainers bought their horses back said Dunn, who also purchased the overall fourth place winner named Moonshine. Horses were auctioned off for anywhere from \$500 to \$4200. If a trainer wanted to buy back their own horse, the bidding was kept low and Dunn purchased his horse Harley for \$500 and Armstrong bought her Milo back for \$850. According to Armstrong, she would like to continue to train Milo and use him as her trail horse. As for a future Makeover, she would like to participate in another but not for several years. As a result of his placing in the Mustang Makeover, Dunn said he has been invited to be a clinician at a Gentling and Desensitizing clinic in Chama, New Mexico, on June 29, 30 and July 1, as part of Chama's annual 1880's Territorial Days event. According to Dunn, he will be give unruly horses to work with at the clinic. It should be a challenge he said with 400 or more people around the clinician watching. Since Dunn placed in the top ten in the Makeover competition, he was also invited

to participate in the Invitational Mustang Magic Trainers Challenge which will be held in Ft. Worth, Texas next January. The Mustang Magic event is also sponsored by the BLM and the Mustang Heritage Foundation and is part of the annual Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. According to Dunn, 20-25 trainers, who placed in the top ten in a Mustang Makeover, are invited to participate in Mustang Magic. In the Makeover event 4-5 year old gelded mustangs are trained and in the Magic event, 4-5 year old mares are trained said Dunn. In the Magic event, trainers pick up their mares in September and since the competition is stiffer, have 120 days until January, to train them. Dunn said he would like to show off more of his technical training abilities in the Magic event and wants his mare trained to ride without a bridle, LOOK MA, NO HANDS! Dunn would like to thank Mike and Maggie Dunton for the use of their arena and Robert and Kim Marshall and Greg Cook for their sponsorship.

For more information on the Mustang Magic event visit: www.extrememustang-makeover.com/themustangmagic.php.



1896 wood burning cook stove

An antique now sells antiques

by Maurice Wells
photos by Maurice Wells

The Lake George Inn, built in 1954, was a thriving restaurant and bar in Lake George. After setting idle for several years, it has become the place for Becky and Drew Plemons to establish their antique business. Now called "Antiques at the Lake George Inn", they sell antiques, floral arrangements, gifts, clothes and Becky's hand-made beaded jewelry. The Plemons were drawn to the building by the knotty pine interior and the old stone fireplace, both in remarkably good condition. Becky believes the oldest item she has is an 1896 wood burning cook stove. The shop is open from 10-5:30 Monday through Saturday, Sunday from 11-4:30 and closed on Monday. Please call 719-294-7103 if you have questions.



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Summertime Fishing

by Jeff Tacey



Summertime is here and it's time to go fishing. I've picked out three different lakes for fishing fun, Jefferson Lake, Penrose-Rosemont Reservoir and Brush Hollow Reservoir.

First up is Jefferson Lake. Just north of Fairplay, take Forest Road 37 for six miles to the lake. There are lake, rainbow, brown and brook trout finning these waters. This is a fee area in the Pike National Forest. This lake is over 100 feet deep right at tree line. A float tube works well here. Try tube jigs with sucker meat for lake trout. Also use wet flies with an air bubble and small kastmasters, Mepps Agila and Krocidiles for the other trout.

Next is Penrose-Rosemont Reservoir. To get there take Highway 67 towards Cripple Creek, then turn left on County Road 81. Turn left on Gold Camp Road for 20 miles and park just east of the reservoir and hike down about ½ mile. Artificial flies and lures only here. The rainbow, cutthroat, brook trout and splake are willing biters on Pistol Petes and Woolly Buggers behind an air bubble. Small Dardevls, Panther Martins and Z-Rays also work well.

Last up is warm water lake Brush Hollow Reservoir. Located just east of Canon City, use County Road 123 and follow the signs to the reservoir. There are large-mouth bass, walleye, channel catfish, bluegill, crappie and rainbow trout swimming here. Because of all the weeds, a boat is much better than shore fishing. Try deep diving crank baits for the bass and wall-eyes. The bass, crappie and bluegills will hang out around the rocky areas or submerged log piles. Channel catfish will bite best on stink bait at night. The rainbows will bite best on Power Bait or night crawlers. Watch out for rattlesnakes here!

Be sure to check the 2012 Colorado Parks and Wildlife fishing booklet for all rules and regulations.

It's a fish story

by David Martinek

photo by David Martinek

How many pounds of live Rainbow Trout does \$3500 buy? It's a trick question because there are several factors to consider: the time of year, the size of the fish, the current market demand and the hatchery supplier. Certainly, those folks and organizations around Teller County who regularly stock their lakes and ponds have to deal with all these issues.


Recently, the Spring Valley Property Owners and Recreational Corporation (SVPORV) in Divide stocked Burgess Lake and several other small lakes in the subdivision in preparation for their summer fishing season. They will stock again in early July just before the Terry Harrison Memorial Kids Fishing Derby.

Spring Valley residents are fortunate to have over 50 acres of fishing lakes to explore as a benefit of their property ownership. They may purchase an annual fishing permit to fish the authorized lakes, or elect to fish at a daily rate of \$10. It's "lines in the water" whenever the green flag is flying over the geese island on Burgess Lake. A volunteer fish patrol monitors fishing activity each day and collects the fees. There are rod and catch limits but the fish may be kept and youngsters eight years old and under fish for free. The fishing privilege is reserved to just Spring Valley residents and their guests.

But how exactly do the fish get from the hatchery to the Spring Valley lakes being stocked? During the SVPORV's annual clean-up day on Saturday, May 5, a large truck from the Liley Fisheries of Boulder, Colorado arrived about 9:00 am. It was a pretty obvious truck – a big, rectangular green tank on the bed. K. C. Lewis, the driver, was assisted by local resident, Glenn Schwester. Together, they traveled around to three of the small lakes and ponds in the subdivision, ending finally at Burgess Lake, the largest of SVPORV's common area waterways.

The first thing K.C. did was check the temperature of the water where the fish would be released. The water in the truck tank was about 58F. It's important that the two temperatures are very similar or else the fish can go into shock and perhaps have a difficult time assimilating to their new home.

The fish were all Rainbow Trout weighing anywhere from one to one and a half pounds and measuring about a foot long. There were also a couple of five-pounders in there, too.



Glenn has an audience looking on as he stocks the "Pottie Pond."

At the small lakes, K.C. dipped a large net into the top of the tank and hauled out a mass of wiggling fish, which he handed it to Glenn. Glenn then ran down to the water's edge and gently released the fish into the lake. This method was followed on all lakes in the subdivision, except for Burgess Lake. When the men finally got to the "Pottie Pond," where the July fishing derby is held, they were greeted by a large "school" of bystanders watching the stocking.

At Burgess Lake, K.C. backed his truck up to the water at the boat dock, inserted a long pipe on a huge round nozzle at the bottom of the tank, opened the value and out came the fish, flipping and splashing!

So, how many fish does \$3500 buy? In this case just a little shy of 900 pounds. And that's no fish story.



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Fagopsis longifolia: an extinct species from Florissant

by Steven Wade Veatch and Stan Balducci

Fagopsis longifolia is one of the more common fossil plants found in the Florissant Formation. Located 35 miles west of Colorado Springs, Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument has one of the most diverse fossil deposits in the world—more than 1,700 different species have been described from this ancient lake deposit. Fagopsis, a genus that became extinct at the end of the Eocene, is thought to have been a member of the beech family (Fagaceae).

Fagopsis is known from just 30 other fossil specimens from the North American Eocene. Although Fagopsis longifolia is among the most abundant fossils at Florissant, this species has not been found anywhere else in the world. Fagopsis thrived along the prehistoric Florissant streams and the edges of ancient Lake Florissant, dropping its abundant leaves onto the water. Towering redwoods (Sequoia) also grew around the borders of the lake and along streams.

Fossil plants, just like Fagopsis longifolia, provide important information about paleoclimate and the uplift history (paleoelevation) of the Rocky Mountains in the prehistoric past. Fagopsis represents plants found in a moister climate than the cool, dry climate of Florissant today. Based on characteristics of Fagopsis and other fossil plants, scientists have estimated the mean annual temperature at Florissant during the Late Eocene at approximately 51.2° to 57.2° F with an estimated paleoelevation of 6,230 to 10,500 feet. There is counterevidence from non-plant studies that propose different mean annual temperatures and paleoelevations. Researchers are still working on this problem. Florissant also represents a time period just before a major cooling of the world's climate that occurred during the end of the Eocene and the dawn of the Oligocene.

The conditions of ancient Lake Florissant led to exceptional fossil preservation and preserved a number of fossils—like Fagopsis longifolia—that are used by researchers



Fagopsis longifolia is one of the most abundant fossils in the Florissant Formation and are found between layers of paper-thin lake shales in the Florissant Formation from the latest part of the Eocene (34 million years ago). Most of the Florissant fossils are detailed compression and impression fossils of insects and plants. Specimen FLFO3129a, Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument. Image by Russell Wood.

as proxies or useful indicators for reconstructing ancient environments and understanding biological evolution, paleoclimate, paleoelevation, and climate change.

Florissant Grange news

The first ever Karaoke Dinner Theater Night at the Florissant Grange will be June 30th from 6:00 to 9:00. The plans are still in the making for this first ever event, so watch our website or call 748-0358 for more information, www.florissantgrange420.org or on Facebook; search for florissantgrange

• HERITAGE DAY is the biggest event all year in Florissant. July 28th from 9:00 to 4:00 is the date and time. Start the day at the Florissant Fire Department Pancake Breakfast, then come to the Florissant Grange and experience: Vendors; Crafters; Children's activities; Petting Zoo; Buckboard rides by M Lazy C Ranch; Cowboy Poets; Victorian Society; Gun Shootouts and Plays by "20 Years on the Trail Productions"; Magicians and Clowns; Live Music inside and out; leather crafting demonstrations; weaving demonstrations; Historic recreations; Ice Cream Social and Great Food ALL DAY.... Also visit the Pikes Peak Historical Society Museum; the Florissant Historic Cemetery and the

Florissant Fossil Beds and Hornbek Homestead. So much to do and so little time in Florissant on Heritage Day. Don't miss this event. Call 748-0358 or visit our website for more information. www.florissantgrange420.org or on Facebook; search for florissantgrange

• The End of Summer Bash and Dance Fundraising Event: August 18th from 7:00 to 10:00 at the Florissant Grange. This is the last dance of the Summer Season. Dance to Live Music and help the Florissant Grange finalize the painting of the exterior of the building. The Old School House in Florissant is an Historic Building and we have been working all year to raise enough funds to get the outside painted. This Fundraising Dance should be the final fundraiser for this part of the whole restoration. Help us pay off the painters and get started on the next phase of restoration, a new roof. Call 748-0358 or visit our website for more information. www.florissantgrange420.org or on Facebook; search for florissantgrange

Marigreen Pines tour

Tickets are going fast for the Marigreen Pines Tours. Many times have already sold out! The much anticipated tours of the historic estate will be held on Saturday, July 14 and Sunday, July 15. The tours of the estate, currently the home of the Holy Cross Novitiate, are hosted by the Ute Pass Historical Society. Tickets for this year's tour are available at the UPHS Museum Center at 231 E. Henrietta Ave. in Woodland Park



behind the library. You may also call or e mail UPHS at 719.686.7512 or uphs@peakinter.net to have the form e mailed to you. Just complete the form and return it to UPHS with your check or money order (sorry-no credit cards) to UPHS, PO Box 6875, Woodland Park, CO., 80866. Tickets are \$18 each, and Patrons or groups of 12 or more are \$16 per person. Tickets sell out quickly, so be sure to act NOW!

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New Lake George Charter School on schedule

by Maurice Wells
photo by Maurice Well

Under the direction of Nunn Construction Company, the Lake George Charter School is scheduled for September occupancy. During the final days of construction, the staff and administration have been receiving instruction in the operation of the new lighting, heating and security systems.

The official dedication for the school will be on August 4 at 12 noon. There will be a flag ceremony, the laying of the cornerstone, the official ribbon cutting and a tour of the building.



Workers put finishing touches on the building.

Lunch will be served and the public is invited to join in this special occasion. Please call 748-3911 if you have questions.

History comes alive

Take a walk around the Woodland Park Cemetery and meet some of the pioneers who founded “The City Above the Clouds”. The Ute Pass Historical Society is holding it’s first annual Cemetery Crawl on Wednesday, July 4th, with tours leaving every 15 minutes from 1pm until 3pm. Meet actors portraying early settlers like Andrew Jackson Templeton, a Civil War Veteran and Sarah Baldwin, wife of Civil War Veteran Moses Baldwin. Also in attendance will be pioneer woman Montana Burnside, hotelier and mayor Abe Hackman along with his wife Rose Hackman. You can meet Bert Bergstrom, also known as “The Big Swede”, and Sophia “The Weeping Mother” Longwell.

Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the gate, and children under 12 are admitted free. Tickets are available at the Ute Pass Historical Society, 231 E. Henrietta Avenue in Woodland Park by the Library. For more information call 719-686-7512 or email uphs@peakinter.net.



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Book a Librarian, Book a Nook, Book a Computer Class!

by Rita Randolph,
Communications Manager Rampart Library District

The Rampart Library District has stepped up to plate in book world technology with now offering the Barnes and Noble Nook for patrons to check out. The Nooks are preloaded with 20 books, and will give patrons the experience of reading a book on an eReader. The Nook may be checked out for two weeks at a time and is offered to RE-2 District patrons age 18 and over.

Because so many area residents have already discovered eReaders, the District subscribed to Overdrive through the Across Colorado Digital Consortium, a group of Colorado libraries formed to help spread the cost of the Overdrive service. Overdrive provides downloadable digital books, audio books and movies. With an RE-2 Rampart District library card, patrons can download books to their eReaders (ie. Kindles, Nooks, the Sony Reader, and others, as well as mobile devices and smart phones). To assist patrons with this new technology, the District is offering the opportunity to “Book a Librarian.” Librarians will assist patrons in a myriad of ways, from downloading digital media to their eReaders or mobile devices to setting up an email account, or various other technology issues.

Free computer classes have been available in the District for three years and have been well attended. Current class offerings are Computer Basics, Internet Basics, Microsoft Word I, Word II, Publisher, PowerPoint, Excel and Digital Photo Management.

The District is also pleased to announce the addition of the Rocket Languages, a learning language program. Rocket Languages is an award-winning interactive online language learning system that

allows patrons to learn conversational language at their own pace through downloadable or streaming usage. The program includes over 62 hours of interactive instruction, grammar and culture lessons.

Languages available through the new program are: Spanish (Latin American), Arabic, French, German, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, American Sign Language, and English for Spanish Speakers.

Summer Reading is in full swing with special programs for children, teens and adults. Kids win prizes for reaching milestones, and adults can enter weekly drawings for prizes. This popular summertime activity is expected to include upwards of 800 kids and adults!

On July 7, Keith McKim will perform at the Florissant Public Library at 2 p.m. A former Army Green Beret and multiple medal winner, McKim also has a degree in 17th Century Literature, and will provide at afternoon of fun, patriotic poetry, and music. Then on July 19, at 6:30 p.m., at the Woodland Park Library, WC Jameson will talk about his new book, “Treasure Hunter, Caches, Curses and Deadly Confrontations,” a memoir about his treasure hunting days.

The Annual Giant Book Sale happens July 13, 12-4 p.m. and July 14, 10-3 p.m. at the Woodland Park Public Library. Stock up on gently used hard-bound books, paperbacks, audio-books and movies at bargain basement prices!

Check in at the Woodland Park or Florissant libraries or go online to the website: <http://rampart.colibraries> for more information about library events and programs.

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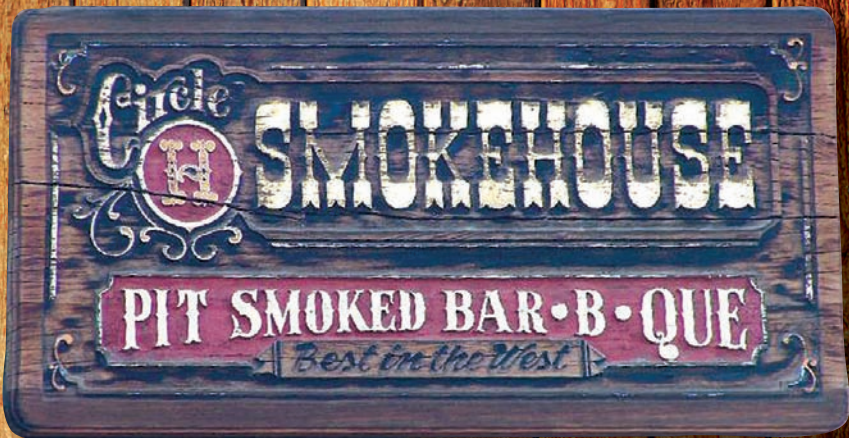


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