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"I went to the woods
because I wished
to live deliberately,
to front only the
essential facts of life,
and see if I could not
learn what it had to
teach, and not, when
I came to die, discover
that I had not lived."

— Henry David Thoreau



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Howdy!

We are pleased to announce we have hit the 10,000 distribution mark! You can now pick up our paper in Cripple Creek and Victor, in addition to Woodland Park, Divide, Florissant, Lake George, Guffey, and Hartsel. If you are a postal box holder in Divide, Florissant, Lake George, Guffey and Hartsel, you should be getting in the mail. We are growing! See how...

We continue to be grateful for the opportunity Carmen & Beverly Stiles gave to us and we would like to pay that forward in several ways.

We wish to support local youth by presenting a venue for their writing. Featuring this month: two high school students. Please see "Elk: at the Hidden Fringes of the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument" co-authored by Zach Sepulveda and Steven Wade Veatch, and see "The Harvest" by Sister Wolf. If you happen to know a talented youth, who enjoys writing fiction, non-fiction, science, history, or whatever their interests may be please encourage them to submit to the address below.

We are pleased to introduce Danielle Dellinger, a Divide native and recent grad from CSU-Fort Collins with a Bachelor's in English. Danielle primarily writes fiction and hopes to entertain us with that short break from reality we all need from time to time.

Mr. Spaz was delighted to choose a few natives this month. He just loves pawing through photos of his neighbors. Send in your photos now: he can't wait to get his paws on November's picks!

— Jeff & Kathy Hansen

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A Mystery at the Depot

by David Martinek

Everyone loves a good mystery, particularly those history-loving folks who know how difficult it is to discover the real truth of the past. As one author once said, history is a series of stories told by people who experienced their story in their way and may not have had knowledge of the larger picture of the time. So now-a-days when current historians hunt for clues to piece together that big picture, the history of a place or event, the individual stories make for a complicated search. History, as a result, can be a fluid subject. Well, a mystery was uncovered recently while work was progressing on the renovation of the Midland Depot at Divide.

As part of the Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition's (T.H.E. Coalition) contract with the Colorado State Historical Fund, the group had to hire an archeologist to come on site and monitor the extent of the excavation and to sample and identify any artifacts which might be unearthed. Several artifacts were subsequently found. A report is due soon on what they are. But one aspect of the excavation revealed a puzzling mystery that has yet to be solved.

The recorded history of Divide dates back to the 1870s when Ferdinand Vandever Hayden journeyed through the area while conducting the first geological and geographical surveys of the Rockies and western territories. Nearly two decades later, the Colorado Midland Railway built the first depot in Divide in 1887, as it laid its standard gauge tracks from Colorado Springs to New Castle. That record also cites that the first depot burned down in the mid to late 1890s, along with much of Divide. An urban legend claims that teenager Tom Mix worked as a ranch-hand on the Cresson Ranch during that period and almost lost his life in the fire. Mix later became a famous cowboy in silent movies. But that's another story.

Divide was rebuilt, but the depot wasn't replaced until 1904 when the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, who purchased the Colorado Midland in 1890, finally got around to rebuilding the depot about the same year as they straighten the track route over the summit of Ute Pass. According to all historical accounts, the current structure is in same location as the first and on the same pine stumps that survived the fire.

Fast-forward to present day.

Workman were digging around the exterior foundation of the depot in July and August. Shoveling out the years of accumulated dirt inside, from under the floor, they dug down to a level that is below the surface of the brick platform which surrounds the building (it can't be seen today because most of it is covered with a layer of soil). That platform was supposedly laid at about the same time as the construction of the building - 1904, or shortly after. According to the archeologist, the depth of the digging should have reached a point below the ground that corresponds to that era in the past when the fire happened.

However, NO EVIDENCE of a fire can be detected! That's the mystery.

He expected to find some debris from the previous depot, or some evidence of scorched material that would indicate and verify that there was a fire. But no...nothing!

The history couldn't be wrong, could it? At one point a few years ago, photos of the stumps under the depot seemed to show signs of a blacken surface. Was that observation misunderstood? Perhaps there's an answer to the puzzle that T.H.E. Coalition just hasn't found yet.

So, the search is on. Some have guessed that maybe the current depot is really in a different place than the first one, but the track beds don't support that theory. Others feel that the digging needs to go deeper, or perhaps the workers back in the late 1890s cleaned up really well after the fire.

Whatever the answer ultimately turns out to



The Midland Depot at Divide as it appeared in the 1940s (photo contributed by Mel McFarland).



The Midland Depot at Divide as it appeared in 1990 when it was the Whistle Stop Saloon (photo by Doyle Davis).



The existing perimeter floor joist and framing around the bottom of the depot have been strengthened ("sistered") by adding supporting studs. Jacks under the depot have leveled the building in preparation for the pouring of cement pillars to support the new foundation (photo by David Martinek)

be, the mystery just adds another layer of interest to the already exciting renovation project. Stay tuned for further developments.

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Teller County Ballots

by JJ Jamison

Teller County's first ballots of the 2012 General Election have been issued as of September 21, 2012.

A total of 67 ballots were issued to Teller County residents serving in the Armed Forces of the United States or living overseas. 45 of the ballots were mailed and 22 of the ballots were sent by email at the request of the recipients.

The deadline for distributing ballots to our military and overseas citizens was Saturday September 22, 2012; 45 days before the General Election.

These voters have until Election Day, No-

vember 6, 2012 to return or mail the ballots. If a military or overseas voter's ballot is post marked by Election Day and received by the County Elections Department by the 8th day after the Election (Wednesday, November 14th) it is still eligible to be counted.

A note of interest: The first ballot received by the Teller County Election Department was received at 7:39 AM on Saturday September 22, 2012 via email and was an "Everyone Counts" (Uniformed & Overseas Citizen Absent Voters Act) ballot, voted electronically and returned by email.

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Best Seat in the House

by Matt Butler
photos by Brian Murphy

I sat down on my couch on Sunday to watch week two of the football season. I noticed all the people at the stadiums around the country and thought to myself, "I have the best seat in the house today." Oh don't get me wrong, to hear the roar of the crowd, or smell the early fall grass would be great, but the thought of that long drive, \$45 parking, \$10 beers, and rising ticket costs, I'm happy just to be sitting here in my house. Here, where the bathrooms are close by and there is never a line at the snack bar. "Here" felt good for a while.

A few hours later, during halftime of the morning of games, I had collected my fishing poles and tackle boxes and started that all important pre-game preparation for a little night fishing at 11 Mile Reservoir. You know the drill: spooling new line, stocking up trout rigs, making sure I have cow bells, assembling the team of power bait (salmon, peach, garlic, spring green . . the list goes on and on), checking the level of propane in the bottles for my lanterns, finding my trusty shore chair and packing warm clothes. The nip of fall air is upon us in the high country.

I made my drive up Ute Pass around 5pm only to notice the heavy traffic making its way east and a slight traffic building heading west. Wondering why the increase? I soon realized its aspen leaf changing season! All these crazy people have come out to see the beauty that all too often, I as a fisherman, pass by with a "greater purpose". As I continued west through Divide on Hwy 24, I noticed myself looking around, this time seeing the forest for the trees, and oh what a beautiful sight it was! The colors are changing from an all too short summer fishing season. I began laughing to myself knowing that soon, my thirst for an ice cold soda will soon change to one for a piping hot coffee and a bear claw from Donut Mill (which by the way you can eat half of and save the rest to use as a boat snack when you get to the lake because they are just that big). Driving along, I

thought this is the "best seat in the house" and found that I was taking a little extra time driving down the dirt roads to 11 Mile to soak it all in.

Arriving at Rogers Mountain, I saw my friend Ryan right where he said he would be. I parked my car and began to unload for another great night of fishing. The usual fishing questions spew out of my mouth as fast as I can form the phrases: How long you been here? Catch anything? What are you using? Has that guy over there caught anything?

Ryan answered, "No. 2:30. Everything. Yes, he did just a minute ago". I get my hooks baited, cast out, tighten my line, and set my bell. While setting up my chair, Ryan introduces his girlfriend, Christina, and tells me, "It's her first time fishing so we are hoping to get one tonight". I say hello, tell her that I was so glad she had come up to give this a try and assure her that we will pull some lip for her to reel in.

I settle in as the late football game was start-



Guess What's For Dinner? All rainbow trout

ing, set my radio, and sit down hoping to soon hear the chime of little bells. As Murphy and his law always have it, I had no sooner popped a top when the bells tolled for me.

I called Christina over, "This ones yours." She starts to reel it in. She utters what I hear so often when someone is reeling in a fish for the first time, "It's not there. It's gone!" Yet she continues to reel. With the pole bent, I reassure her that it's still on.

I reach over to loosen the drag before it runs off. I tell her, "You're doing just fine". She succeeds in getting the fish to the shore while laughing and smiling the whole time. She asks, "What kind of fish is it?" I tell her, "A cut-throat and a nice one, maybe 2 pounds or so".

Christina says, "Thank you so much! That was fun!" She holds the fish briefly. I put it in the basket and begin to set baits again. As I cast out my line and tighten it down for the second round, I realize, all the time on couch, the beautiful ride up here, and the brief moment I sat in my chair listening to the football game. I'm standing here next to someone while they reel in their first fish; I was truly in the BEST seat I had been in all day!



Look What I Caught!

Bishop to head CPW wildlife biology branch

by Randy Hampton

DENVER - Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director Rick Cables has announced the selection of Chad Bishop to serve as Assistant Director for Wildlife and Natural Resources.

In his new role as assistant director, Bishop will oversee the biological units of the agency as well as the units that manage real estate and water resources. Since 2009, Bishop has headed the Mammals Research Program, which includes 18 research projects that address ecology and management of cougar, black bear, elk, mule deer, lynx and other species in the state. Bishop has recently been serving as acting manager of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Terrestrial Section.

"I've grown to appreciate Chad's style and approach to managing people and issues as I've watched him over the past few months," said Rick Cables, Director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "I'm thrilled to be able to bring Chad onto the Leadership Team and I have great confidence that he will do an outstanding job."

Bishop is an avid sportsman and has lived in Colorado since 1999. He has a bachelor's degree in wildlife management from Montana State University, master's degree in wildlife resources

Colorado boasts a wealth of fish, wildlife and natural resources. I'm looking forward to helping manage and preserve those resources for our State's residents and visitors, now and into the future.

— Chad Bishop, Assistant Director for Wildlife and Natural Resources

from University of Idaho, and a doctorate in wildlife biology from Colorado State University. Bishop started with the former Colorado Division of Wildlife as a wildlife researcher in 1999. As a researcher, he studied mule deer for a decade

before becoming head of the Mammals Research Program in 2009.

"I'm excited for this new opportunity to serve Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the citizens of Colorado," said Bishop. "Colorado boasts a wealth of fish, wildlife and natural resources. I'm looking forward to helping manage and preserve those resources for our State's residents and visitors, now and into the future."

Colorado Parks and Wildlife was created by the merger of Colorado State Parks and the Colorado Division of Wildlife, two nationally recognized leaders in conservation, outdoor recreation and wildlife management. Colorado Parks and Wildlife manages 42 state parks, all of Colorado's wildlife, more than 300 state wildlife areas and a host of outdoor recreation programs.

To learn more about Colorado's state parks, please see: <http://www.parks.state.co.us>.

To learn more about Colorado's wildlife programs, please see: <http://wildlife.state.co.us>.

For more news about Division of Wildlife go to: <http://wildlife.state.co.us/NewsMedia/PressReleases>

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The Combat Helicopter Pilots Association comes to Divide

by David Martinek



How does the headquarters of the Combat Helicopter Pilots Association ("CHPA") wind up in Divide?

It's Simple. The Executive Director lives here.

Jay Brown has been around helicopters most of his adult life and was a warrant officer helicopter pilot in the Army. He flew with the 17th Air Cavalry in Vietnam, with Task Force 118 in the Persian Gulf and again with the 17th Air Cavalry in Desert Storm. He has lived in Highland Lakes in Divide for about eight years and has been an active member, officer, chairman of the board and now executive director of CHPA since its formation in Washington, D.C. in 2005.

Since its inception, the CHPA has hired at least five management companies to handle their day-to-day affairs, keep the website current, manage the association store and plan their annual meetings. Brown does most of those functions now from his home in Highland Lakes.

The Combat Helicopter Pilots Association accepts members from all military services and from all wars. As long as they flew helicopters in combat, they are eligible. The association has about 450 members currently from all walks of life and living in all areas of the country – and all with one common bond.

That bond is clearly stated in the CHPA By-Laws. The members have come together to preserve the memories and incidents of their experiences in rotary wing combat.

They honor the valor of their brothers and sisters who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country, and they honor the mutual comradeship that exists among all living members.

Overall, the CHPA strives to safeguard and transmit to posterity the legacy of those warriors known as combat helicopter pilots.

The CHPA is a 501(c)19 not-for-profit Veterans corporation. It accepts four classes of membership: pilots who flew combat missions for any of the armed services of the United States; individuals who are members of the immediate family of a deceased pilot; individuals who served in helicopter flight crews in a combat environment; and associate memberships for those who support the CHPA but who may not be otherwise eligible. Honorary memberships can also be bestowed.

The association has a website and publishes a monthly newsletter, The Swash Plate. Their next annual convention will be held November 13 through 16 this year in Washington D.C. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. For more information about the Combat Helicopter Pilots Association, including potential membership, go to <http://www.chpa-us.org> or contact Jay Brown via email at hq@chpa-us.org. The local mailing address for the association is: Combat Helicopter Pilots Association, P.O. Box 42, Divide, Colorado 80814.

Capital improvements taking place at Teller County nursing home

submitted by Cripple Creek Rehab & Wellness Center

Extensive improvements and upgrades are taking place at the Cripple Creek Rehab and Wellness Center, Teller County's only long term skilled nursing care facility.

As part of the 5 year capital improvement plan for CCRWC, the facility's parking and drive areas have recently been completely replaced and expanded. Leading up to this portion of the project, the damaged and deteriorated sections of concrete walkways and patios were replaced, and new exterior lighting was installed. In addition to these exterior projects already completed for 2012, new exterior signage and the installation of a state-of-the-art nurse call light and security system are still planned.

The Board of Directors approved and initiated the five year capital improvements program for CCRWC in 2011. During the first year they installed a large, modern boiler system, which provides heating and hot water service for the entire building, upgraded laundry and kitchen equipment/appliances, installed a new whirlpool treatment system, and redecorated the resident's dining room.

The nursing home/recovery center is located in Cripple Creek, and is part of the Southwest Teller County Hospital District. SWTCHD operates as a Colorado Title 32 Special Tax District and is governed by a 7-member Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for both divisions of the District; the EMS ambulance services and the nursing home.

The Hospital District was established in 1975, and the combination nursing home and clinic was opened at its current location in June of 1977. Many area residents still identify it by



New exterior lighting pole installed prior to the asphalt work.

its original name: The Hilltop Nursing Home. Until 1992 they operated with an all-volunteer emergency response and ambulance service. After the start of gaming, full-time professional Emergency Medical Services were added to the hospital district's governance. In 1996, the clinic portion of CCRWC was closed.

The nursing home is licensed by the State of Colorado for 59 beds, and offers a full list of skilled nursing care services, including long and short term needs, palliative, hospice, respite care, and addiction recovery plans. Through outside contracts, they also provide their residents with needed physical or occupational therapy and counseling services.

CCRWC offers residents a number of payment options including Medicare, Medicaid, VA, private pay, and various insurance network coverage plans. For admission information, or to arrange a facility tour, please call 719-689-2931.

Coalition of Pikes Peak Historic Museums

Calendar of Events for October 2012

Remember: Some fees may be charged at events below, even if not listed
Many of the museums offer walking tours

- Oct. 11-13 - Thr. - Sat.** - Reynolds Ranch Harvest Festival - \$8 adults, \$7 AAA/Military, \$6 seniors/students, \$4 children 3-12.

Oct. 12 - Fri. - "The Hydroelectric Plant of Manitou" - Old Colorado City History Center - 11:00 a.m., Free to members, \$5 non-member donation.

Oct. 13 - Sat. - Pikes Peak Historical Society annual auction - to help fund work with the Ute Nation and to support their museum - Florissant Library - 2:00 p.m. Call 719-748-3562 for more information.

Oct. 18 - Thr. - Railroads of the Pikes Peak Region - Palmer Lake Historical Society/Lucretia Vaile Museum, 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 20 - Sat. - Western Museum of Mining & Industry Cool Science Festival - \$8 adults, \$7 AAA/military, \$6 seniors/students, \$4 children 3-12. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Oct. 20 - Sat.** - Lecture and book signing - The Fur Trade in Colorado - Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum - 2:00 p.m., Free for members, \$5 suggested donation.

Oct. 26 - Fri. - A grand Victorian Wake for Emma Crawford. Admission gets entrance to Miramont Castle Museum, viewing of Emma laid out in the parlor, and a full buffet dinner in the Great Hall. Viewings are 6:00, 6:15, 6:30, 6:45, 7:00, 7:15, 7:30, and 7:45 p.m. By credit card reservation only. Adults \$40.00, children 12 and under \$30.00. Call 719-685-1011.

Oct. 27, Sat. - Annual "Ghost Stories of Old Manitou" walking tours - Approx. 45 minutes long and depart from the Manitou Springs Heritage Center every 15 minutes starting at 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. - Tickets at the Heritage Center or by phone (685-1454) - Adults \$10, children under 12 \$5.

The Great Divide Kite Flight flies again!

by David Martinek
photos by David Martinek

To borrow a verse from the song, "Somewhere Over The Rainbow," "Kites fly...why oh why can't I?" Perhaps that was the unspoken question on the faces of several youngsters as they launched their first kites into the air on Saturday, August 25, during the Divide Chamber of Commerce's Annual Great Divide Kite Flight.

For the 14th year in a row, the Divide Chamber has hosted a morning of kite flying on the hill at the top of the Hayden Divide Loop Trail. Boys and girls of elementary school age bring their parents or grandparents and hope for enough wind to send a sail-on-a-string soaring into the sky. Held traditionally in conjunction with Teller County agencies (the Teller County Public Health Department this year), the Great Divide Kite Flight draws adults and youngsters from all over the county, as well as some professional kit flyers. The wind did not disappoint.

There were over 134 kites, by conservative estimates, sent sailing down the valley towards Raspberry Mountain or along the gravel road leading to the Divide water tower. Kites were provided free by Lee Taylor of Edward Jones Investments in Woodland Park. Light snacks and juice drinks were served when the kids returned hungry and thirsty from their flying. Participation in the kite flight is always free.

"There just wouldn't be a Kite Flight without Lee's involvement all these years," said Tod Tobiasson, one of the volunteers working that morning.

The chamber awarded a brand new BMX-style bicycle to one lucky child, thanks to the generosity of Wal-Mart in Woodland Park.

"We've held a drawing for one of Wal-Mart's bicycles for the last three years, and we thank them very much" said Lee Taylor. "I think the drawing has increased the participation in the kite flight and certainly generated some added excitement for the children."

This year the bicycle was won by Makayla Kamlan, daughter of Sheryl Lee, who is the granddaughter of Diane and Mike Decker, owners of Woodland Kennels. Makayla is also the granddaughter of Jim & Lisa Lee, owners of Shipping Plus in Divide.

Joining the Great Divide Kite Flight the same day was its sister event, the 2nd Annual Divide-Wide Yard Sale (see separate story). The two events are the chamber's way of promoting a sense of community in Divide.

The Divide Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)(6) Colorado Corporation whose mis-



Kids and adults flew kites on Saturday, August 25, (shown here) along the gravel road leading the Divide water tower.



Makayla Kamlan was the winner of the BMX-style stunt bicycle, generously donated by Wal-Mart in Woodland Park.



Tod Tobiasson (left) and Lee Taylor (right) are shown working the Great Divide Kite Flight. Both are members of the Divide Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

sion is to enhance life in the (Divide) area communities by promoting local business and community interests of all its members, and to offer opportunities to make a difference in business and community standards, through encouragement of participation and cooperation by all members. The chamber website is www.dividechamber.org or call 719-686-7605 (message only).

The Yard Sale was Divide-Wide

by David Martinek

It is amazing what a year can do for an event that just got its feet wet in the summer of 2011. Last year the first ever Divide-Wide Yard Sale kicked off what is proving to be another popular summer event for the Divide community. Sponsored by the Divide Chamber of Commerce and the Summit Elementary School PTSO, the 2nd Annual Divide-Wide Yard Sale was held in the front parking lot of Summit Elementary on Saturday, August 25, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The yard sale was a sister event to the Great Divide Kite Flight held the same day.

Compared to last year's initial yard sale, there was...well, just no comparison. Over 30 vendors were stretched out along the asphalt in three rows selling everything from homemade crafts to sewing machines. Russ' Place in Divide set up their grill to serve hamburgers, hot dogs, cold drinks and coffee. The local Summit Elementary PTSO sold ice cream from a Schwan's truck as a fund-raiser.

"Some vendors made \$400-500 that day," said Joe Kain, a chamber Board member and vendor organizer. Joe operates the Ancestral

Arts Trading Post and Gift Shop in Divide.

"Last year we set up in the parking lot and hall of the Pikes Peak Community Club," said chamber president, Lisa Lee. "And while that venue was fine for the size of the event at the time, we just out-grew the location this year. So we moved the yard sale to the Summit Elementary School parking lot, and 'oh my' what a difference it made. Plus, the weather was great!" Lisa and her husband, Jim, operate Shipping Plus in Divide.

"Our rate for vendor space was very reasonable," added Kain. "We charged \$15.00 per parking space. Most vendors bought two spaces. And, we offered a \$5.00 per space discount to chamber members. We now have a good database of potential vendors which should make next year's yard sale even better."

The Chamber ran advertisements in the local newspapers and passed out flyers in the schools to attract a hardy group of buyers. The yard-sale turned into a very successful event which, along with the kite flight over near the Hayden Divide Loop Trail to the south, drew a lot of attention to the Divide community.

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Entomology is your friend, fly-fisherman

by Scott Willoughby
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Anglers interested in catching more trout have long been encouraged to “think like a fish.” Robert Younghanz suggests thinking like a bug might help more.

“I think it’s ironic that people aren’t comfortable with aquatic entomology simply because it’s really the fulcrum of everything we do in fly-fishing,” Younghanz said. “You can be a horrible caster and eventually work it out. You can eventually learn to decipher fish feeding behavior. You can learn to read water. But, ultimately, without insects, we don’t have fly-fishing. If you want to go out there and be successful and not just guessing, you need to know your bugs.”

Going by the title of “The Bug Guy,” Younghanz describes himself as an aquatic entomologist, fly-fishing guide and instructor working through the Angler’s Covey in Colorado

Springs. He’s also the “star” of a new double DVD, “The Bug Guy: Entomology for the Fly Fisher,” designed to take the fear out of fishing.

“It’s the hardest thing to learn in fly-fishing,” Younghanz said. “It’s funny how it gets dismissed because people are intimidated by the discipline. Yet, when they take the time to go out there and learn it, their fishing production goes up exponentially. That’s proven all the time.”

As a first-time presenter earlier this year at the International Sportsmen’s Expo in Denver, Younghanz drew crowds throughout the weekend as he walked anglers through the basics of bugs. But the aquarium set up at his booth proved to be the bigger showstopper, crawling with impressively large insects known as Hesperoperla pacifica, a medium brown stonefly he pulled out of the South Platte River near Deck-

ers before dawn on the cold winter morning the convention got underway.

“This is one of your first big stoneflies that’s actually going to emerge across the United States, as early as March. But people don’t know about it, even though it offers a chance to get into some big fish,” Younghanz said. “Last spring I went out to the South Platte at Deckers and everyone was fishing these little size 22-24 midges, teeny stuff. And I walk out with a size 10 black Pat’s Rubber Leg because I knew these guys were moving, and I caught the largest trout I’ve ever caught on the South Platte other than the Dream Stream — a 7½-pound rainbow that was almost 26 inches.”

Younghanz isn’t promising trophy trout to fishermen. But the basic aquatic entomology he preaches offers something even more important: confidence.

From the outside, it can be a tough sell. Most fly-fishermen don’t get into the sport because of a love of bugs. Instead, they see the artistry of the cast, the glamour of landing a large fish on delicate tackle, often without pausing to consider the steps that get them there.

“What usually happens with guys is they run out of options, because they don’t know their mayflies, their stoneflies, their caddisflies, their midges. They don’t know what goes through complete metamorphosis and incomplete metamorphosis. They don’t know the difference between a larva, a nymph, an emerger and an adult,” Younghanz said. “And you’ve got to be comfortable with the nomenclature. You’ve got to be comfortable with the science. I always say, trout don’t speak Latin, but at the same time, you probably at least want to know your aquatic orders at the streamside. If you can do that, you’re going to probably know



Younghanz used an imitation of a medium brown stonefly to land this rainbow. Photo by Robert Younghanz

Tips from “The Bug Guy”

- Known as “The Bug Guy,” Robert Younghanz gives his best pointers for fly-fishing:
- Fishing a new river:** No. 1, check with the fly shop and get local information.
 - Beware:** Of information from some guy who has been sitting behind the counter and hasn’t been on the water for three months. You want to talk to guides who are out on the stream.
 - Seasonal hatch charts:** They can be helpful. But a lot of shops don’t stay up-to-date.
 - Seine the river:** Generally you don’t want to use that net for the deep, slow pools. You typically want to seine the riffles, or anywhere you can move the rocks.
 - Most important:** Separate fly boxes into aquatic orders. I have a mayfly box, a stonefly box, a caddisfly box, a midge box, worms and eggs, and crustaceans, and I have terrestrials. I immediately know that I’m going to the aquatic order that I want.
 - Flies:** I probably carry 5,000-8,000 flies to the river just for my own peace of mind, but I pretty much use the same 15 all year.
 - One dry fly for the rest of my life:** I could not live without a parachute Adams. It covers all orders. One nymph? A flashback pheasant tail. Most important lake fly? Callibaetis.
 - Best time to study bugs:** If you want the best representation of biomass out there, probably April or May. You’ll miss a few things, but May 1 is a hot time to look for bugs.

Elk: at the Hidden Fringes of the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

by Zach Sepulveda and Steven Wade Veatch

The elk (scientific name *Cervus canadensis*) or the Native American name of “Wapiti” (rhymes with hippity/hoppity) are a species of deer originating in north-eastern Asia that also inhabits western North America. It is the second largest species of deer living today, after the moose or “Eurasian Elk.” Bull elk can reach sizes of over 800 pounds, up to five feet at the shoulder, and can be eight feet long. The Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument has a permanent herd of elk that takes refuge there.

Elk are numerous in Colorado—yet each time they are seen, usually in the early morning or in the late evening shadows near meadows, they create intense excitement and bring cars to a stop at the side of the road so these magnificent denizens of the forest can be watched. During mid-day elk are under the Colorado blue sky and safely hiding in the meadows or forest ruminating or chewing and digesting the food they ate earlier.

Elk do not have horns, which are permanent and found on various other mammals. Instead, bull elk have antlers that are: not permanent; branch out; can grow to four feet; and weigh up to 40 pounds. The bulls have antlers most of the year until they are shed each winter and can be found littered on the forest floor. Small animals scurry to fallen antlers to chew the nutrient-rich antlers. Soon new antlers begin growing very

quickly on bull elk—nearly an inch a day.

From September to November is the elk breeding season known as the “rut.” Bulls begin to herd about a dozen cows into harems while working hard to keep other bulls from mating with members of their harem. To keep other contenders away the bull elk bugles, a sound that is heard through the meadows and the forest as a stern warning to challenging bulls to stay away. If the bugle does not work, the elk will use their large antlers to fight to protect their territory and ultimately the right to mate.

Babies are born when the forest is saturated with the sound of spring. The newborn elk calves can walk within hours of birth. The young are fully grown by two years old. An elk born at 35 pounds can be 175 to 225 pounds by the onset of their first winter. Elk are social animals and usually never leave their herd.

Elk play an important role in the Rocky Mountain ecosystem. They are vegetarians and eat mostly grasses and forbs in the summer, but during the winter Elk chew aspen trees to eat the bark as a dietary supplement. Although elk are fast—capable of running at high speeds approaching 25 miles per hour—they are a staple prey for wolves, bear, mountain lions, and are a common animal for humans to hunt as well.

Elk inhabit the montane forest. The Rocky Mountain type montane forest is between

5,600 and 9,500 feet in elevation. The montane forest, under the wide, mountain sky, spreads across the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument. Common trees in the montane forest at the fossil beds include ponderosa pines, aspen, and Douglas-Fir. Elk and other high-elevation species thrive in this habitat.

Only a century ago there were less than 2,000 elk in Colorado, their population was decimated by loss of habitat and hunting. Careful management of elk herds has helped them to make a strong comeback. Today there is an estimated population of at about 300,000 in elk in Colorado. The Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument is the winter home to more than 300 elk. The fossil beds’ herd can be seen during other times of the year, but only in the very early hours of the morning when the sounds of the songbirds begin and the eerie howls of the coyotes fade away—or late at night when darkness spreads across the valley and protects the herd.



This bull is one of the more than 300 elk that call the Florissant Fossil Beds home.

The Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument will be hosting elk watch hikes to hear their bugle and maybe catch a glimpse of these reclusive animals. Call the park at 719-748-3253 for more details.

Zach recently moved to the Pikes Peak region from San Diego, CA. He became interested in palaeontology by frequently visiting the La Brea Tar Pits in LA.

Zach is 15 and attends Palmer Ridge High School. Zach assists Steven Veatch in teaching his field classes with Emporia State University and the Colorado School of Mines (SPACE--Special and Continuing Education classes) in Teller County.

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Grazing moose in Woodland Park, photo by Colorado Parks and Wildlife District Officer Tonya Sharp.

Colorado's Wandering Moose

by Colorado Parks and Wildlife

People in Teller County are asking if those large animals they saw that looked like moose are really moose? According to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the answer is probably yes.

Over the past several years, moose have been spotted in several locations in Colorado where people are not expecting them. "As we approach hunting season, it is important that hunters in Pikes Peak Region know it is possible for moose to be present in the same areas occupied by elk," said Teller County District Wildlife Manager Tonya Sharp.

The largest member of the deer family, moose can adapt to a variety of habitats. Moose are generally associated with streams and ponds, but moose can also find adequate forage in areas of lodgepole pine, oakbrush, mountain mahogany, aspen or even sagebrush. Most hunters do not expect to encounter moose in lodgepole, aspen or spruce fir areas.

Sharp has some tips for hunters on how to avoid shooting a moose by mistake. First and foremost, hunters should take the time to look at the entire animal. Typically when approached, moose do not flee like elk will, which makes them more likely to be shot. If it sees you and does not run, it is probably a moose. Most people are familiar with the difference between the broad, flat antlers of a moose and the pointed antlers of an elk, but the antlers on some young bull moose have not flattened out yet, so hunters need to be sure.

Other identifiable differences between moose and elk are the size of the snout and the color of the coat. A moose has a very large, long nose and a "bell" under the throat, compared to a relatively narrow snout on an elk. Moose are dark-brown to the point they appear to be almost black. Elk are light brown with a pale yellowish rump.

Wildlife officials stress if an animal is accidentally taken it may not count as part of the hunter's bag limit if, before continuing to hunt and as soon as practical, the hunter reports the incident. Each situation is looked at carefully. An accidental kill is unintentionally taking wildlife not due to

carelessness or negligence. Division officers will do a complete investigation to determine whether or not the kill was accidental.

Good optics should be part of every hunter's gear. Optics are essential for locating, observing and identifying wildlife, especially in areas with antler-point restrictions.

Since being introduced in 1978, Colorado's moose population has increased to over 1,800 animals. Concentrations of moose are found in the North Park, the Laramie River Valley, Middle Park and in the Creede area in southwest Colorado. However, that does not mean those are the only places moose are found in the state.

In recent years, Colorado's moose have demonstrated an uncanny ability to wander into areas where one might least expect. Wildlife officials have documented moose sightings in Rocky Mountain National Park, South Park, Leadville, Gunnison, Yampa, Winter Park, Colorado Springs, Golden, Cripple Creek, Salida, Westcliffe, Gunnison, Hayden, Thornton and Summit County among other places. So why are moose turning up in all of these places anyway?

In 1978, the Colorado Division of Wildlife brought 12 moose from Utah to Colorado's North Park region near Walden. The next year another dozen more were released in the Illinois River drainage. Those 24 moose expanded their range into the Laramie River Valley and in 1987; an additional 12 animals were brought in from Wyoming.

By 1991, the North Park population was doing so well that some of those moose were moved to the upper Rio Grande drainage near Creede. The moose population began to grow through natural reproduction and continued supplementation with moose from Wyoming and Utah. By 1993, the Creede herd to about was up to 100 animals.

In January 2005, the state began moving moose onto the Grand Mesa National Forest in western Colorado to re-establish a herd there.

For more information about moose identification, go to <http://wildlife.state.co.us/SiteCollectionDocuments/DOW/Hunting/BigGame/elk-moose-fbyer.pdf>.

Sharp has some tips for hunters on how to avoid shooting a moose by mistake. First and foremost, hunters should take the time to look at the entire animal.

— Tonya Sharp,
Teller County District Wildlife Manager

Fall cast and blast

by Jeff Tacey

Fall is setting in the Pikes Peak country and it's time to do a little cast and blast. A little fishing with a little small game and duck hunting. Nothing's better than catching some trout and cooking it up with some fresh small game.

A good place to start is Tarryall Reservoir. Turn off Highway 24 in Lake George and go north on County Road 77. The fish will really be biting, getting fat for the long winter. Worms or power bait is your best bet for rainbows. Try Big Rapalas for the northern pike. Check the 2012 Colorado Waterfowl and 2012 Colorado Small Game brochure for all rules, regulations, dates and limits.

There are always ducks at Tarryall. The trick is getting them close enough for a shot. In the

hills around Tarryall are blue grouse. Having a dog helps to flush them out. Always in season are song dogs. Coyotes will come to a call and decoy set up.

11 Mile Reservoir is another awesome area to try. Turn on County Road 90 south and then County Road 92 south out of Lake George. There are always a lot of ducks at 11 Mile. Decoying and calling the mallard's works well. A few blue grouse call 11 Mile home. An overlooked species is crow and there are plenty of crows in Teller and Park counties. A crow call and owl decoy will draw them in.

Much of the land around Tarryall and 11 Mile Reservoir is in the Pike National Forest so be sure to check your maps before hunting.

Farewell Judy Scott: Florissant Library Manager 1992-2012

by Bani Kurth

Judy has experienced the growth of Teller County's Library district first hand from the 300 sq. ft. coal shed behind the Grange Hall in Florissant with rest rooms 25 steps out the door, and air conditioning occurring when the door was left open summer and winter... to the 6,700 sq. foot two story brick building with elevator, rest rooms, offices and meeting rooms. The current new library building at 334 Circle Drive, was dedicated in 2004. Judy has watched the Teller County Rampart Library District blossom. Books have been lent in our small town for over 32 years. From 1980, Betty Burns kept records of books loaned until the Friends of the Florissant Library instigated a petition to move to the coal shed when the Florissant Bank Building, used as the library was to be closed.

Sheila Naviasky relates the story of books being lent at the coal shed. A book company delivered an order of books each month. They were circulated and returned after a time and exchanged for a new selection due to storage limitations. Books from a floating collection from Woodland Park also were available to the public. When asked how she handled the changes,



Judy grinned "I just did my job."

Judy will celebrate Thanksgiving 2012 with husband Bill, as they retire to Florida. We will miss you! Thank you, Judy for sharing your love of reading in our community. Enjoy books on the beach with the waves lapping at your toes.

Did you know?

- A Bill Gates Grant was given to Florissant Coal Shed Library building for a computer for internet use.
- Judy checked out books with ink pad stamp.
- The Florissant Book Club is called the "Book Worms" and numbers 16 members.

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After the smoke has cleared: How the Earth heals after a fire

by Kathy Hansen

No matter where you live, you will be exposed to extreme weather events or natural disasters. If you live near an ocean, the threat is hurricanes. The mid-west, it will be tornados. Live near a fault line and feel the earth move under your feet. Live in Colorado, you will encounter wildfire.

When it comes to fire, prevention is essential - increase the odds that the fire-fighters will decide your home has a chance. Once the spark has ignited, the fight is on. As soon as the fire is contained, protection begins; protection of slopes, human life, infrastructure, and watersheds. Protection efforts continue for years, even decades as the focus is on reducing flood risk, erosion control, reducing sediment entering streams, and restoring the fishery. Reducing flood risk and erosion control protects our homes, roadways, schools, and lifestyles. Reducing sediment protects our water systems and reservoirs. Those of you looking out your window now and seeing trees that have not burned, you are at prevention. Those who see burnt trees, you are in protection mode.

The Hayman Fire was the largest fire Colorado had ever experienced. It burned for 20 days and devoured 137,000 acres of land. The good news is 10 years later, healing is visible. Native grasses are beginning to take hold. Scrub brushes are emerging. It will take more than a lifetime to see tall trees in the area. However, 10 years later, enough recovery has occurred to lessen the imminent dangers. It has been about 5 years since there have been warnings of flash flooding on or around the burn scar.

There are some major differences between the Hayman & Waldo Canyon fires. The Hayman consumed 137,000 acres while Waldo consumed 18,000. The Hayman consumed relatively few “structures” while Waldo consumed 347 homes. The terrain was quite similar in both as very steep hills made fighting each a greater challenge. Both occurred in windy conditions – a key element of canopy fires spreading. The heat of the Hayman was so intense that roots were actually burning and turning to ash leaving one less living particle to absorb water. Some good news regarding Waldo Canyon Fire; the gamble or scrub oak

has survived! Scrub oak has a vast root system which is excellent at retaining water. The tiny sprigs of green grasses are also a sign the heat was not as destructive as it could have been.

The Waldo Canyon Fire struck during the 10 year anniversary of the Hayman Fire. I looked up at the burn scar and saw the devastation. My heart ached for the earth as I saw how scorched the trees were and all the black ash. I noticed there remain some branches and some needles, unlike the Hayman which left only charred sticks. This ecosystem is delicate and fragile. Can she sustain life? Many questions emerge as time ticks forward.

Weeks later the monsoons began. The scorched earth now acts like porcelain – unable to absorb any water. Highway 24 became a river – the water rushed down carrying debris: rocks, branches, and endless ash, creating ripples as though we were rafting. The water was black. There was no way to tell what was creating those ripples. Was it a burned branch that would snap under the tire’s pressure? Was it a rock that would throw our vehicle off course, potentially crashing into the car next to us? How can all this water still be coming down while the rain has stopped?

Who’ll stop the rain?

Just how does the earth heal? Jonathan Bruno, Operations Director for the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) helps us understand the question as well as the answers. To understand how the earth heals we must first comprehend what a healthy forest is. This is important for anyone living on or near the “front range”, encompassing 1.5 million acres of forest.

What is a Healthy Forest?

A healthy forest has approximately 400 trees per acre, along with native grasses, wildflowers, brushes and shrubs. A forest which has 1,000 or more trees per acre has more fuels for fire to consume. This increases the risk of ground fires as well as crown fires. When ground fire and canopy fire meet, risks increase exponentially. There is more heat, flame, fuel and less chance of containment. We like trees on our property. We must ask ourselves if they are worth the risk. Honestly, I’d never before considered how many trees I had on my property.

There are other factors that affect forest health and protection efforts. The presence of parasitic insect species and adverse symbiotic vegetation types like mistletoe weaken the trees. Steep slopes make mitigation efforts difficult for prevention, impossible for fighting the fire, and promote flooding risk after the fire. Lightning strikes often cause fires. Did you know that Teller County has the most lightning strikes of any other county in the USA (or at least in the top 3 each year)? This is due to the amount of exposed mica in our geology which tends to draw lightning to it. The high country is also known for immense winds. Have you heard the saying, “The wind will stop blowing when the snow on the [Pikes] Peak melts”? Drought is another factor that can be the final straw for already weakened trees.

Effect of Water

Consider a water droplet that falls on a healthy forest. One droplet lands on vegetation and immediately disperses into 1,000 mini droplets which fall on more vegetation. Consider a water droplet that has fallen on earth that has been scorched by fire, now the consistency of porce-

lain – there is no vegetation to disperse, there is no leaf to catch a mini droplet, and there may be no living root to absorb. This same water droplet along with a million others that fall during our monsoon rains now rally and rush down the steep slopes creating a flood condition. Water has great force – only 6 inches of water can carry a car downstream.

When rain falls on a burn scar the ash, debris, branches and rocks all come tumbling down. Gravity joins the force of the water. Culverts are filled with debris forcing water over instead of under and the infrastructure begins to fail. Roads become washed out. Water systems need to handle sediment, debris, and rocks at a rate they were not designed to accommodate.

Jonathan Bruno asks me if I’d ever heard of Manitou’s Emma Crawford Coffin Races. He reminds me Emma’s coffin tumbled down during a 200 year flood event. It is difficult for us to conceptualize that which hasn’t happened in our lifetime. Yet we need to open our minds to these possibilities.

So how will weather impact the Waldo burn scar? The best case scenario of rainfall is that soft, gentle pitter-pater of rain over a long period of time. What about snowfall? Jonathan said, “It’s not the amount of snowfall, it’s about snowmelt. If temperatures after the snow rapidly increase causing the snow to melt quickly, this can cause flooding. If there is no vegetation, it doesn’t matter.” My heart dances with joy as I see tiny little green grasses and scrub oak revitalized on the Waldo Canyon burn scar!

Sediment

Wikipedia defines sediment as, “a naturally occurring material that is broken down by processes of weathering and erosion, and is subsequently transported by the action of wind, water, or ice, and/or by the force of gravity acting on the particle itself.” Prior to the Hayman Fire, Trail Creek had 6,000 ton of sediment annually. Post fire, Trail Creek has 18,000 ton of sediment annually (3X as much). Too much sediment eventually fills reservoirs. When reservoirs are burdened with more sediment than they are designed to hold, water is released to accommodate the sediment to prevent breaking. Eventually, new water resources need to be developed. Water is indeed, gold in the west.

Recovery is Key to Protection

The first stage of recovery is to establish native grasses. It sounds simple. Yet native grasses do not grow on earth with no top soil, the consistency of porcelain. Seeding with oats is an inexpensive and viable solution. Although the oats are not native they are fast growing and can take hold on our decomposed granite. The oats will provide shade and nutrition. The oats come up in just a few weeks, create a root mat which becomes the base for native seeds to take hold. Once native grasses establish there is a possibility their roots may retain enough water for brushes and shrubs to take hold. As their roots establish, more water is retained for the possibility for saplings to take hold.

When conditions are such that even oat seed may not take, aerial mulching can be effective and inexpensive. I saw the product they use; sticks about 1/4” wide by about 6” long, slightly blue in color. It came from trees in Colorado that had been stricken by beetles.


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How the Earth heals after a fire

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The mulch is dropped from a plane on the burn scar. That single water droplet now has something on which to land as it disperses into 1,000 other droplets. The mulch quickly decomposes. Therefore, multiple applications are necessary. Aerial mulch has shown to reduce erosion by 20%. The US Forestry Service pays for aerial mulch.

There is no funding beyond this step. The next step could be laying contour trees horizontally across the slope, which creates a terrace. Rain falls down to the trees and is diverted to the left and right, dividing its force. This slows the water providing opportunity for grasses to grow. Contour trees provide an additional 24% of erosion control. Sadly, there is no funding available for this work.

Once the aerial mulch is laid and contour trees are placed seed for native grasses may be sown. There is no funding for the native seed.

Where is the funding?

NBC news reports 6.4 million acres have burned so far this 2012 fire season. The average is 5.5 million. Ground and air troops are fighting daily to contain these fires. Each home lost drains insurance resources. Federal funds are limited. Planning is essential to prioritize what can be done with very limited resources. Monies are needed for immediate as well as long term protection plans.

Communities need to come together. Partnering is essential. Volunteer support is vital.

Who You Gonna Call?

CUSP has the knowledge base which they are readily willing to share. Jonathan has met with Colorado Springs Utilities, Glen Eyrie, Parks & Recreation and teams from other states who wish to learn more. As CUSP teaches each of these facilities, they in turn educate their staff and healing the earth continues.

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The Glowing Skeleton

by Danielle Dellinger

Skelly the skeleton sat on his barstool in Bone's Pub. The crowd was light tonight as most skeletons in Grave Village were off preparing for Halloween the following week. Skelly looked around the dump that they called a pub. Cobwebs bloomed out of every corner like giant, dusty snowflakes. The dust was thick on every surface and Skelly was grateful that he no longer had lungs that would have required him to inhale the gross, dirty particles. Giving the impression of sighing, Skelly rested his jaw in his bony hand, his empty eye sockets gazing at the bar in front of him. Skelly wished he could be like the skeletons that had something to do for the spooky holiday. They had a purpose again. He especially envied the glow-in-the-dark skeletons. They brought an interesting shade of light to what was supposed to be a dark holiday, plus they got to be in the living world again. He missed feeling alive.

The barkeep appeared in front of him and interrupted his thoughts, asking if he wanted a mud pie. Skelly nodded, requesting extra earthworms. The barkeep left to prepare Skelly's order and dig up some earthworms from out back. Skelly let his thoughts take over again as he wondered if this was really all a skeleton had to look forward to until he ended up smashed to pieces or chewed to death by dogs. You never knew when a stray dog was going to jump out of the bushes and latch onto your femur as you're walking by. Skelly's skeleton was a light brown, indicating that he had not spent much time out in the sun and that made him a bit of target for the stray dogs and jokes by other skeletons. The sun-bleached skeletons always made fun of him because he didn't spend hours upon hours out in the drying, scorching sun. Basically they were the jocks of the skeleton world. Sun-bleaching was like tanning in the living world.

Skelly's mud pie was set before him and he paid the barkeep with two black widows--bugs were money in the skeleton world. Skelly picked up his mud pie and smeared it all over his ribs, legs, and teeth. He put the earthworms in his eye sockets after dividing them evenly. Since there was no need to eat, this was one of the few ways to feel refreshed. He thanked the barkeep and headed outside, deciding to go for a walk. Soon enough he found himself standing at the limits of Grave Village, gazing at the living world that was a mile or two away. To the living, Grave Village looked like a regular cemetery and only occasionally was a skeleton caught out of its grave by visitors. Skelly longed to be part of the living world again. But he didn't want to be like those skeletons who randomly appeared in people's backyards just for bones and giggles. So when Skelly saw the teenaged boy

riding his bike up the hill toward Grave Village, he was surprised and elated. He quickly dropped to the ground in a crawling position, implying that he had been trying to escape. He hoped that the boy would pick him up and take him home.

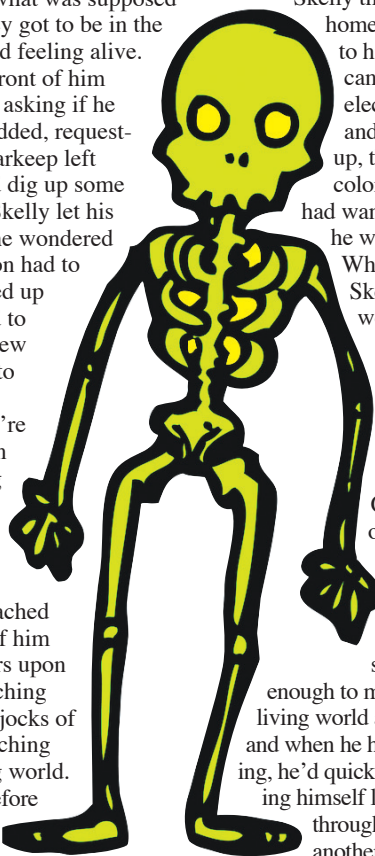
The boy was known as Crossbone to his friends. He was a good student in school, but was a bit of a prankster. He didn't like to spend money on supplies to pull off his pranks. Plus he wanted the real deal, especially when it came to bugs and bones. He screeched his bike to a stop when he spotted Skelly's skeleton. He grinned and chuckled at Skelly's crawling position as he got off his bike and picked up the skeleton. He could see that Skelly had all of his ligaments still holding his bones together. He got back on the bike and pedaled home with

Skelly thrown over his shoulder. Once home, Crossbone took Skelly down to his basement where he had cans of glow-in-the-dark paint: electric blue, pink, green, orange, and yellow. He cleaned Skelly up, then painted Skelly with all the colors. It wasn't really what Skelly had wanted or expected, but he figured he would take what he could get. When Crossbone finished, he laid Skelly out to dry for the next week.

Skelly listened to the sounds of the living world above him. He felt like he was back in his casket, but this time he had more room to stretch out. When he was sure that Crossbone and his family were out for the day, he slid off of the table and moved a step stool underneath the window, climbing it to look out at the front yard. He usually didn't see much activity, but it was

enough to make him feel included in the living world again. He'd spend all day there and when he heard a family member returning, he'd quickly put everything back, including himself laying on the table. Halfway through the week, Skelly received another coat of the paints. The afternoon of Halloween Day, Crossbone put Skelly in sunlight to charge the paint. Then he put Skelly into a harness and rigged it so that when he opened the door for trick-or-treaters, Skelly would come flying out to scare people.

Once night finally came and the trick-or-treaters started arriving, Skelly found that he enjoyed the look of fright on the faces of the living as he swung out at them in all of his glowing glory. Crossbone didn't know this, but Skelly was laughing with him as small children shrieked and ran for the cover of their parents' legs. Eventually, the night quieted after Crossbone apologized to some angry parents. Skelly was strapped to the front porch swing for the night, his glow slowly fading as the night wore on. He liked feeling alive again. He'd been living once, too, you know.



Lake George Library alive and well

by Maurice Wells

Since the Lake George Charter School has moved to the new location, many local residents have questions about the future of the Lake George Library. Librarian Kim Plutt said,"The library will remain open and continue to be a full service facility." Plutt emphasized that as of October the Lake George Charter School will be busing students to the library on Tuesdays. This will mean increased activity at the library, especially during the 2-3PM time period. The library will remain open to the public.

Services available at the library are free Wi-Fi, faxing and copying. Also, there are computers provided for public use free of charge. Books can be obtained on CD and cassette formats. Books not physically available may be ordered state-wide from other library programs. People with Kindle or Nook can access a program called "Overdrive" through the library. After signing up at the office, books may be downloaded to a reader or a personal computer. A program called "Universal Classes", a computer based educational activity, can be utilized by signing up at the library. College level and general interest classes may then be taken on a personal computer at home or at the library.

Several community based activities utilize the library:

- A low impact exercise class meets on Wednesday mornings at 9 AM.
- A quilting group, the Lake George Quilters Circle (Square), meets the 1st and 3rd Friday from 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM.



Library entrance. Photo by Maurice Wells

- The Friends of the Library meets at 9:15am the 4th Friday, followed by "Tainted Tea" and "Titles" Book Clubs.

Social Services information such as welfare and food stamps can be accessed through a computerized "PEAK" program available at the library. There slogan is "Sign on. Submit. Benefit". The Colorado Workforce Center provides a computer for job searches. The 2nd Thursday of the month a representative from the Workforce Center is available at the library.

Throughout the year there are informational meetings and author talks along with special monthly drawings for prizes based on different topics. Librarian Plutt extends an invitation to all to "come on in and check us out!"

Library hours are M-Th. 12-4:30 PM and Sat. 10-2:00 PM. Call 748-3812 for additional information.

The Harvest

by Sister Wolf

George sat on the back of his porch in a rocking chair. In his right hand was a thick piece of orange tree wood cut from his citrus plants, a buck knife in his left. The knife dug into the hard wood, barely leaving a mark. George had been working on the object in his hands for a month now, and it was just starting to form into a shape. His hands bore scars of cuts suffered from working on his fruits and citrus. If his sleeves had been pulled up, those would show scars as well. There were varieties in the marks; thin marks, rising above the other skin and thick marks that were deep pink and puckered. Some were keloids, rising into huge, bubble-like, scars.

The man had a thick of brown hair that grew past his ears. George wore a camouflaged hunter's cap. The long-sleeved red shirt that covered the upper half of his body was covered in rips, holes, and stains, as well as his old faded pair of jeans. A beard and moustache adorned his face as well, covering the numerous healed wounds.

George Baily was a man only in his early thirties, but he seemed much older. Wrinkles piled up around his eyes from squinting in the hot days of Florida as he took care of his orange trees. A classic farmer's tan resided on his arms from pulling up the sleeves of shirts as he worked: planting, picking, and examining. By himself, this was an almost impossible task, but he managed to do just fine.

George had been born and raised in Lochloosa, Florida. As an only child, he helped his family on their farm until he was old enough to get his own house. Not that it mattered much. When he did buy a house, it ended up to be only a few properties down. The man had never thought about going anywhere else, to live or visit. This was the only place in the world to him. There were around fifty people in Lochloosa, and he knew most of them personally, or had met them at least a few times.

Today, his farmer tan was hidden by a thin, long-sleeved shirt. October in Florida was nearing its end. The air was starting to become a little colder, though it was still warm.

A squealing, snuffling from the side of the house called to George's attention. Placing the wooden carving on the table beside him and sticking the knife into a sheath placed in his belt, he stood up. Instinctively, the man grabbed the shotgun sitting near the side of his door. It was not an uncommon place for it to be. Almost everyone in this town had one ready in case some animal decided to come snooping around. A weary groan came along in the process, as if it pained him to even think about getting up.

Heavy muck boots thudded loudly on the solid wood porch. He stepped off of the porch to walk around his house. The grove his small trailer rested on was a good 100 acres, filled with various trees and plants. There had been a garden in the very front, when his wife lived there, but once she left, George did not bother to take care of it. He hated the reminder. Now the once gorgeous plants grew wild and tangled around his fence, breaking through in some areas.

"Oh, I am coming, Suey. What is it?" he called out ahead. About 20 feet in front of George stood a large, black-and-pink pig. As he stepped off of the porch, his muck boots squelched into the springy, muddy soil. The pig squealed and ran over to him, hobbling from one side of its body to the other. It was quite a round pig, and could probably win first place in a contest if he entered. All of the citrus grown around here was fair game to the pig. George would occasionally give her a treat if she had been good that day.

"Did one of my fruits wake up a little too early," he asked pleasantly. The pig squealed and George nodded with understanding. "Well that is not good. Shall we go check?" With long, heavy strides, he and the pig walked around to the back of his farm. In the very last acres of his land were the most special fruits he owned, blending into the forest behind them. The fruits only grew around the end of October, and were ready to be picked in just a few weeks.

When he had first bought his own place, George did not grow the special plants. That was left to his father. A few years after his father died, he had decided to grow the first tree. After that, the population slowly grew. Now the trees took up almost a whole acre by themselves. George decided he liked the plants and visited them almost regularly when they grew. The pale pink flesh of the fruits was a beautiful contrast to their dark red insides. The fruits, when nearing the time to be harvested, hung heavy on the trees, weighing them down.

It was much too early for his plants to be ready for the harvest yet. The fruits were not yet ripe. Many were still curled into the trees, preparing to drop to the ground in a week or so. Yet, in the very last row of his special fruits, was one tree. The fruits were already hanging, swinging gently by the branch. In fact, the fleshy skin of the fruit appeared to be gray and blue with rot.

"How odd," George muttered, twisting the fruit around with his left hand. Taking the buck knife out of his hand, he cut the fruit off of the tree. "I wonder why this tree dropped so early. You want to see if it is still good, Suey?" The pig squealed, excited to be able to have a slice of the sweet, juicy fruit.

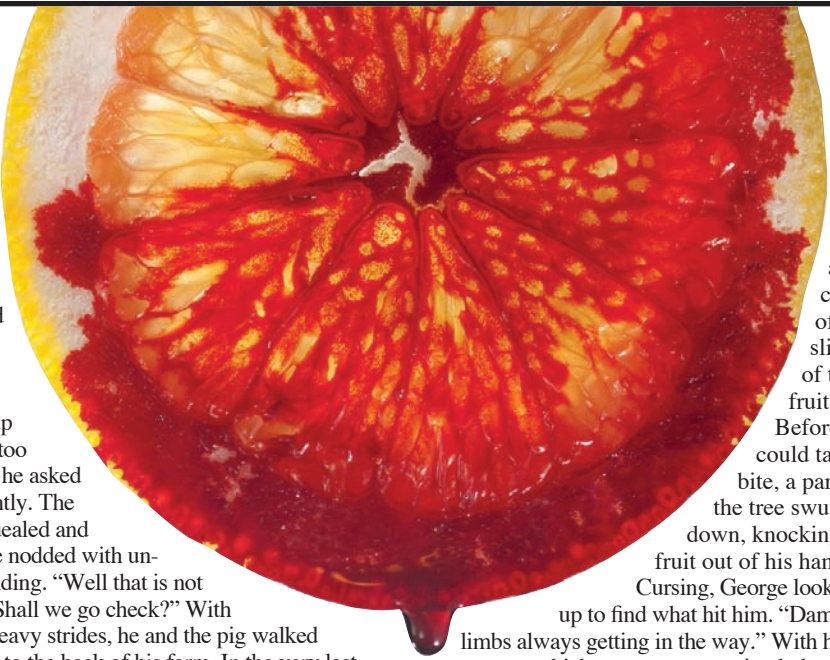
Using the pocket knife, George cut a piece out of the flesh, watching as the crimson juices burst out of fruit and onto his fingers and palm. "Here girl, tell me what you think." The pig snuffed at it a few times before chomping down on the fruit.

Licking the juice of off his fingers, George swished it around in his mouth. Almost immediately, he spat it back out in between his teeth. "No, no, much to sour for my taste. It has been hanging for a few days. But here, girl, if you want it, you can have it. I am going to check the other trees." He tossed the fruit onto the ground. Suey squealed with pleasure, digging and ripping into the rotting flesh to get the juicy heart.

George walked through his trees, noting with surprise that many of his plants had started to wake up. While a few of them were rotted and gray - those he cut off and left on the ground for his girl to find - there were one or two that seemed to have dropped late last night or early that morning.

"They are waking up much faster than last year," he muttered, shaking his head. "I will have to come and check daily to make sure they do not wake up too fast."

There was one fruit that seemed particularly fresh, still swinging from the drop. A rosy tint covered the creamy skin. No traces of gray or blue. Mouth watering, George took his buck



knife and cut off a sliver of the fruit. Before he could take a bite, a part of the tree swung down, knocking the fruit out of his hand. Cursing, George looked up to find what hit him. "Damned limbs always getting in the way." With his pruners, which were set conveniently by the tree, George took a swing at the limb. It took him a moment to saw, hack, and slice through the piece of the tree, but the result was worth it. Hearing the heavy thump as the limb hit the ground was enough to satisfy him.

"That sure made me hungry; I guess I will need another piece of fruit to settle my stomach." George sawed off another sliver of the fruit and took a bite. He groaned in happiness. This fruit was indeed fresh. Warm juices escaped his lips and fell onto his shirt below. "Perfect."

Taking the piece with him, he went back to his front porch to finish the wood carving he had been working on. George called Suey over. The pig was sniffing under the trees, searching for more food. She raised her large white head and turned it towards the human's voice. Squealing in reply, the pig wobbled towards the porch. As George was sitting back on the porch with a deep, satisfied sigh, one of the exotic fruits started to ripen.

Francis, a tall, thin teenage boy looked around the area. To his complete and utter surprise, he found himself in a tree. The boy shook his head; the last thing he could remember was talking to some man that was selling oranges out of his house. When he had gone to pick one out of a tree, he had been knocked out by some heavy object.

Still groggy, the boy attempted to jump out of the tree, as it did not seem that far down. He did not notice the noose hanging around his neck; at least, he did not notice it until it was too late. The noose slid to the back of Francis' neck and tightened, starting the process of slowly suffocating the boy.

Francis struggled against the noose, trying to release the pressure. Despite the struggles, the rope would not loosen. Instead, the struggling was causing the boy to lose his breath faster, and the rope to become tighter. He panicked, clawing at the rope, and his neck. Blood leaked and oozed out of the opened wounds.

As black burst behind his blue eyes, the teen noticed other bodies around him. Some hung under the trees, swinging from side to side. Others still slept in their trees, still safe for the moment. Francis could feel the burn of bile resting in the back of this throat. He attempted to cry out, to warn the unsuspecting people, but the tight rope around his neck let out nothing more than a choked garble.

In the tree across from his was a woman, around the age of twenty. She was a little round for her age, with puffy cheeks. In Francis' perception of the image before him (which blurred in and out rapidly and without warning) it seemed as if she was missing pieces of her flesh. It also seemed that her right arm was missing, thrown upon the ground.

As the final wheezy breaths became caught in the teen's throat and died, a pig trotted through the grove. It stared with lidded black beady eyes at the teenage boy freshly fallen from the tree for a moment before oinking wildly.

This time, George did not hear her call. He was too preoccupied with another task. His last victim (a new woman with natural ginger hair, stunning blue eyes, and a plump, juicy figure) still had her car parked out front of the orange groves. George had to hide it before anyone noticed the woman missing. He took the car and drove it to the nearby limestone mine. As he was driving it towards the area, he noticed the litter of chips, candies, and soda cans in the back. The hole was a good eighty feet down. Setting the car into neutral, George started to push the car over the edge. He struggled with the weight as he pushed it over.

Pushing the car into the limestone mine, George realized how much easier it was to hide the cars in the limestone mine versus the sink-hole, which was the first place he hid them. Of course, if this kept up, he would have to find a new place to hide the cars, yet again.

George watched the car until it sank under the water completely. Then, wiping his hands on his jeans, he turned back around and headed to the front of his property. A man was passing by, walking towards the lake. He carried a fishing pole, planning on heading towards the water to catch fish for dinner.

"Hey, Dean. How you doin'," George asked, raising his left hand.

"Great. Heading up to go fishin' fore the rain comes. How are the trees?"

"Good. All sweet and perfect this year. Lots o' rain."

"Well, I might 'ave to trade you some. Diane has been dying fer one of your oranges again."

"Of course, anytime. She can make dinner fer me. I 'ave been craving a warm, home cooked meal."

"I'm sure she would be willin' to do that. Well, I gotta go to catch the fish. See you tomorrow, George!"

This short story was submitted by Sister Wolf, a high school student at Cripple Creek/Victor High School.



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Should you prepare for “Fiscal Cliff”?

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As an investor, you can sometimes still feel you're at the mercy of forces beyond your control. This may be especially true today, when the Federal Reserve has warned of an approaching “fiscal cliff.” What can you do in the face of such a dire prediction?

First of all, you need to understand what led to the Fed's remarks. Here's the story: Some \$1.2 trillion in spending cuts are scheduled to begin in 2013 while, simultaneously, the Bush-era tax cuts — including the reduction in capital gains and dividend taxes — are set to expire. This combination of spending cuts and higher taxes could take some \$600 billion out of the economy, leading to a possible recession — and maybe something much worse, at least in the eyes of the Fed.

Still, there's no need for panic. Despite its political infighting, Congress is likely to reduce the “cliff” to a smaller bump, though it probably won't happen until after the election. But as an investor, you may need to be prepared for two significant events: market volatility, at least in the short term, and higher taxes, probably for the foreseeable future.

To combat market volatility, you need to own a broadly diversified portfolio that can handle “bumps,” “cliffs” and other rugged investment terrain. This means you'll need a mix of stocks, bonds and other securities that are suitable for your needs. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the impact of market volatility, it cannot guarantee profits or protect against losses.) You may also need to “rebalance” your portfolio to ensure that it's

still aligned with your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, despite the impact of volatility.

Now, let's turn to taxes. Even if taxes on income, capital gains and dividends do rise, they will still, in all likelihood, be much lower than they've been at various points in the past. Nonetheless, you may want to consider a variety of steps, including the following:

- Take advantage of tax-deferred vehicles. Contribute as much as possible to your traditional IRA, your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, and any education savings accounts you may have, such as a 529 plan.
- Consider converting your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. A Roth IRA provides tax-free earnings, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account for at least five years. (Be aware, though, that this conversion is taxable and may not be appropriate if you don't have money readily available to pay the taxes.)
- Consider municipal bonds. If you're in one of the upper tax brackets, you may benefit from investing in “munis,” which pay interest that's free of federal taxes, and possibly state and local taxes.

Not all these choices will be suitable for your situation, of course. Before taking action on these items, you may want to consult with your tax and financial advisors. But give these options some thought because they may prove helpful in keeping your financial goals from going “over a cliff.”

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by Maurice Wells

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Rampart Library District Programs See What’s New at Woodland Park Public Library

by Rita Randolph

“Fall Forgiveness” Amnesty Program

The Rampart Library District is announcing an amnesty program, “Fall Forgiveness” for the week of October 1-8, to encourage all patrons to return overdue materials in good condition and have all fines on those items waived.

Barbara O’Neal is back!

October 4, at 6:30 pm, author Barbara O’Neal is back with her latest book, “Garden of Happy Endings.” O’Neal, a popular women’s fiction writer who also wrote under the name Barbara Samuel, has talked about her books many times at the Woodland Park Library.

HeritageQuest Database

A webinar is being offered free to the public on “HeritageQuest”, a research database available to the Rampart Library District patrons for research ancestry. The webinar will be at WPPL October 10, 5-6 p.m. Pre-registration is required by calling, 687-9281, x106.

Book Sale & More!

October 12 and 13, is the semi-annual used book sale, but there is lots more than books at this sale! There are also DVDs, VHSs, and audio books. Come early and come often! On Oct. 12, noon-4, and Oct. 13, 10-3 pm.

Watershed

October 14 is the date for the Harvest Center co-sponsored environmental film, “Watershed.” The film, to be shown at 1:30 pm, is produced and narrated by Robert Redford. This is an award-winning film about the fate of the Colorado River.

AARP Driver’s Safety Course

October 18, 9-1pm is an AARP Driver’s Safety Course is being offered. It is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Call 687-9281x113 to register.

For additional information on library offerings, please call Rita Randolph, 719-687-9281 x132.

Problem bear dies; I hold the smoking gun

by Chris Parmeter, Colorado Parks and Wildlife
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Editor’s note: With summer bear season in full swing, Colorado Parks and Wildlife provided this article as a plea for Coloradans to keep attractants out of the reach of bears.

All the Division of Parks and Wildlife officers and Bear Aware Volunteers I know feel the same way about putting down bears, and wished that people would heed our warnings. Joe Kraudelt

It was 3:30 a.m. The acrid smell of gunpowder lingered in the air, mixed with the sweet, sickening smell of bear blood that oozed down the driveway of the home. The blood looked black illuminated in the glow of the porch light and the wavering beams of our flashlights. The bear was black, too—big, black and now, lifeless.

I wish that it hadn’t ended up this way – the bear’s final agonized writhing in the driveway, the smoking shotgun, my hands shaking from the rush of adrenaline and emotion. Unfortunately, neither of us had much say in the matter. This tragic end had been decided long ago.

This is part of my job as a district wildlife manager, a part that I despise. Dozens of wildlife officers must perform this same awful duty every year throughout Colorado. Some bears, no doubt, must be killed. But many of these incidents can be avoided if people used some commonsense.

I knew this end would come, long before he did. I met him three years ago, when he was just a cub. He was trapped in a Dumpster that his mother led him into to eat.

I lifted him out with a snare pole and let him go. He was freed from the confines of the dumpster, but he couldn’t escape his fate – the end of his story was already being written.

Our paths crossed several times during the next couple of years. He’d pull down bird feeders and I’d give out “Living with Bears” brochures to the homeowners. A month later, I’d see the birdfeeders hung again, right against the picture window.

The homeowners would report the bear’s “aggressive behavior,” how it stood and looked in their window – how it wasn’t frightened of people, even as they stood just on the other side of the pane and took pictures of it.

I knew how the bear must have thought, too. Four hours picking berries one by one, versus four minutes munching down birdseed for the same caloric gain. The goofy-looking humans on the other side of the glass had never bothered him, never told him he was trespassing, never tried to stop him, never tried to help him by permanently taking down the birdfeeders. Plainly, that meant the bird seed was his. This

side of the window became his turf, not theirs. Later, we hashed it out over trash cans and Dumpsters. He was a good-sized bear by now, handsome and black as the night. In the dark, he was a mere shadow, or more so, a complete absence of light.

He was big enough to upend a dumpster if he felt like it, but more often he just took advantage of the myriad of trash cans left casually, thoughtlessly, out on the street. The complaints would come, and the garbage can owners would all cite the same solution – get rid of the bear.

No one wanted him killed, of course. After all, he had only gotten into their garbage. They just wanted him gone; taken away; moved somewhere else so that they would not have to make any changes in the way they did business. It was convenient for them to put their trash out the night before pickup. Bear-proof trash cans cost \$200 or more.

Then finally one night, inevitably, the old bruin took it too far. Lured by a chain of

unwitting and apathetic homeowners, urged on by a string of bountiful successes, he was at last coaxed over the line. It all came down with frustrating irony. Not even the backdrop seemed right: a well-kept, rustically adorned summer home in a forested subdivision. Most ironically though, the homeowners who were his final victims did not feed birds, or leave garbage cans on the street, or feed their pets outside or anything else

to draw him in. They did nothing at all to encourage this bloody outcome, but suffered the ugly consequences of their neighbors’ neglect and sloth.

In the end, the bear, driven by biology and emboldened by experience, broke through the kitchen window, only to be run back out by the home’s rightful occupants. But the bear was determined now, and lingered, and after a while seconded his attempt to hijack the house.

A second roust, more confrontational than the first – involving thrown objects and much yelling – put the bear out again. But he wasn’t going to leave until he got what he wanted.

This is when I met this bear for the last time. Our final encounter, considerably less pleasant for both of us over any previous ones, involved two slugs fired from my 12-gauge shotgun into his chest. As he gasped his last breath and his blood oozed out onto the driveway, I only wished that all those people we had met along the way could have been there to share this moment with us. Maybe then ... well ...

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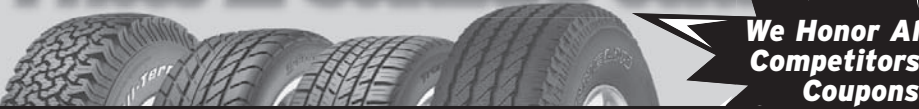
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15 Gem Club Youth Program at 6pm Lake George Community Center.
27 Lake George Charter School Halloween Carnival 3-6pm
Help U Club: We have our meetings the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Lake George Community Center, starting with potluck at noon and our meeting at 1:00 pm. We are all “Good Cooks.” We are seeking new members. This would be a good place for new members to the community to meet people while helping out their community.
Lake George Library
Wed: 9am Low Impact Exercise
1st & 3rd Fri: Lake George Quilters Square 9:30-1:30pm
4th Fri: 9:15 Friends of the Library – Book Clubs “Tainted Tea” and “Titles” meet afterward.

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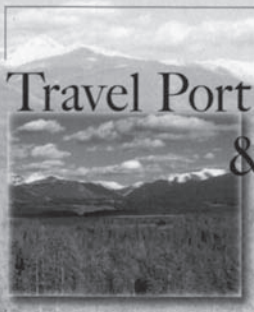
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