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People don't notice whether it's winter
or summer when they're happy.

— Anton Chekhov

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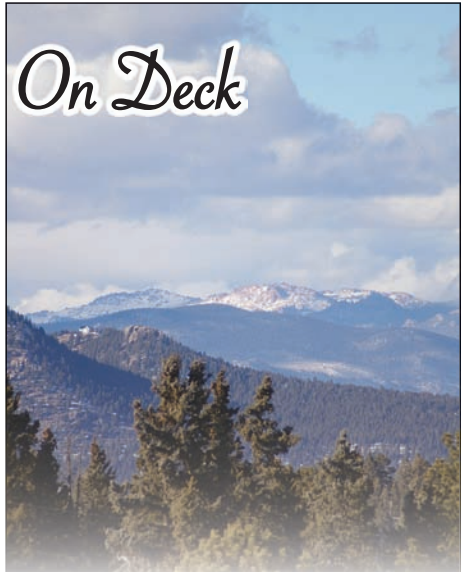
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This month's cover photo was taken off the Vindicator Mine Trail. If you are looking for an interesting short hike near Victor, Colorado, check it out sometime. What we really love about this photo is how the light seems to bring magnificence to this mine headframe.

We hope that 2015 brings you lots of light and highlights. This is often a time when we consider how we can make our lives brighter, lighter, and happier. We are grateful you've decided reading the Ute Country News is a part of that light. We look forward to bringing the good news of 2015 to our readers!

Please see our new column "Growing ideas" which will be about gardening in high altitude. We already have our first question so take a look. If you have found gardening tips you'd like to share with our readers, send to us by emailing utecountrynewspaper@gmail.com or snail mail to Ute Country News, POB 753, Divide, CO 80814. If you wish to remain anonymous, just let us know to withhold your name, however we believe the area could be helpful so please indicate a city.

Do you have comments about this issue?

Perhaps you have a human interest story or some good news to share. As always, feel free to contact us via email utecountrynewspaper@gmail.com or phone 719-686-7393. Make sure we have the chance to help you get your word out!

Mr. Spaz wishes you a Happy New Year! He likes to stay well indoors this cold time of year, so please email your photos of indoor or outdoor pet-friends as he'd love to see them! Please send Mr. Spaz and Shadow your Critter Corner pics at utecountrynewspaper@gmail.com. They can't wait to get their paws on them!

Thank you,
—Kathy & Jeff Hansen

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Guffey Gorge

by Flip Boettcher

The Guffey Gorge is a picturesque area along Four-Mile Creek northeast of Guffey where the creek flows through a beautiful rocky gorge leaving behind pools in the rocks. The human psyche, which thrives on natural beauty, has been drawn to this spot for decades, but within the last 10 years things have dramatically changed.

The splash ponds, Guffey Gorge, or more recently known as Paradise Cove, is an 80 acre site within the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Royal Gorge Field Office (RGFO) surrounded by private land near the Park/Teller County line on County Road 102. The Cienaga Ranch is on the west end where the creek enters the gorge and private property on the east end in Teller County where the creek exits the gorge. (Cienaga is a Spanish word meaning of "wet meadows" referring to the wet meadows created by 4-Mile Creek which runs through the ranch.)

The area was lightly visited and primarily used by local residents for connecting to nature, picnicking, hiking, fishing, rock climbing, and swimming. That is until about 10 years ago, when the site found an increasing volume of visitors.

The internet and social media listed Paradise Cove as one of the top cliff jumping and swimming holes in Colorado and North America. People come to jump from the rocks at 30, 60, and 90 feet high into a very small pool of water. One quote from the internet was "it's like jumping into a teacup."

Solitude and opportunities for a connection with nature have been replaced by more visitor traffic, worn surface vegetation, resource damage, as well as large crowds, parties and noise, according to the just released draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Guffey Gorge by the BLM.

The 48 page EA is very candid about the problems at the Guffey Gorge and addresses issues which Guffey residents have been concerned about for years: too many people, parking, sanitation problems, people dangerously crossing CR 102, drug and alcohol use, dogs off leashes, and illegal campfires.

While the BLM has done a few things over the past years to try to remedy the problems such as putting boulders in to discourage motor vehicle use, prohibiting glass containers, "recreational" use was changed to "day use only", prohibiting recreational target shooting including paint ball use, visitor numbers have continued to increase.

At last April's Comish with a Dish meeting, which was after a meeting with the BLM, Commissioner Mike Brazell stated that there were no easy solutions to the gorge problem. The BLM wanted to first try to limit the number of visitors to the area by making alcohol use illegal with strict enforcement.

The BLM is limited in what it can do with public lands, said Brazell, and there are powerful coalitions who prevent the closing of public lands, and for charging fees on public lands.

Guffey residents have voiced their concerns about the gorge at many of the Community Association meetings in the past several years. Ginger Lengacher, owner of the Cienaga Ranch, has been trying for years to get the BLM to listen to complaints about the site with limited success.

A big concern at the gorge is public safety. With current parking on the south side of CR 102, when the small lot fills up people park along the already narrow roadway for up to a quarter mile in each direction, according to the EA. There are people crossing the roadway, which has limited visibility in both ways, causing safety issues for vehicles and pedestrians.

Another safety problem involves the high cliff jumping with people injuring themselves on the rocks. Often this requires emergency services to carry the injured out the quarter mile trail to the roadway where the Flight for Life helicopter is waiting to evacuate the injured to Colorado Springs.



Guffey Gorge had a few cliff jumpers when this photo was taken in 2010. photo by Jeff Hansen

According to Guffey based Southern Park County Fire Protection District Acting Fire Chief, Aaron Mandel, the emergency calls to the gorge have decreased lately but there have been major problems there with rescues and campfires. Adding alcohol and drug use to the mix increases the dangers and problems according to the EA.

There are an average of 12,000 visitors per summer season at the gorge with the busiest months being June, July and August. Recent data showed 6,500 visitors for the month of July, 2014. With so many visitors, a significant amount of trash is removed after each weekend, said the EA.

Sanitation has also been a big problem. Starting in 2013, the BLM has provided a portable toilet during the summer months. The portable toilet is a quarter mile (ten minute walk) away, which may be why so many visitors choose a more convenient, yet inappropriate spot closer to the swimming hole.



Gabriel and Ranger on the trail. Peek Inside cover photo: The washed and eroded trail out of the gorge. photo by Flip Boettcher

The EA report identifies an overall management strategy for the gorge. The BLM's goal is "to reduce impacts associated with heavy visitor use in a small area", said the report. This includes reducing risks to public health and safety, reducing the impact to resources, finding ways to increase management which the site requires, while continuing to provide recreational opportunities for visitors, and not impacting other resources or recreation.

The BLM proposed management strategies include: banning the possession of alcohol at the site,

implementing a Recreational Use Permit (RUP) system and fee, developing parking on the north side of CR 102 with restroom facilities, requiring dogs on a leash, maintaining the backcountry access trail, and continuing the Pack-it-in-Pack-it-Out policy for keeping the site trash free.

Guffey resident Bill Betz, who has been working on the gorge issues with Lengacher, said in an email that he was happy with the BLM's approach to this issue. It seems that the BLM is finally listening to what folks have been asking them to do in regards to the Guffey Gorge.

In an email Lengacher said that since the Guffey Gorge is in our backyard it is our responsibility as a community and no one cares except us. It behooves all to continue the dialogue with the RGFO as they are listening and have requested our involvement. "Continue onward!" she said.

Betz and Lengacher are planning to meet with the BLM. After that meeting, there will be a Guffey Town Hall meeting planned to discuss the outcome of the BLM meeting and the EA report.

For more information on the Guffey Gorge and to download the EA, go to the RGFO website: http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo/planning/guffey_gorge_ea.html. There will be a public comment period on the EA report through January 2, 2015.

When the writer of this article visited the Guffey Gorge on a beautiful Thanksgiving Day the pools were lined or covered with ice. No one was jumping or swimming, but there were other visitors.

I encountered four other groups: several people in the rocks near the parking area, three men hiking, a couple hiking with two dogs on leashes, and one fellow with a dog who caught up with me on the trail. His name was Gabriel and his dog, a white boxer named Ranger, was from Colorado Springs. Gabriel had heard about the gorge from his girlfriend and visits many weekends. Gabriel said he had been at the gorge when there were about 80 people and it was packed. There were cars parked up and down the roadway.

Gabriel admitted to jumping from the 30 foot level but just couldn't understand how people jumped from the 60 and 90 foot levels. Gabriel thought a permit/fee system might not be too bad.

Walking the quarter mile to the jumping/swimming pool, I encountered several areas on the trail that were steep and washed out. It was hard to distinguish the trail in several areas. Hopefully, the BLM will implement some plan to help restore this beautiful area and reduce human impact.

Cripple Creek contracts with CodeRED Residents encouraged to sign up for this free service

The City of Cripple Creek has implemented the CodeRED system, a high-speed emergency notification service provided by Ormond Beach, Florida-based Emergency Communications Network, this month.

The CodeRED system will serve as the backbone of Cripple Creek's emergency planning and communications outreach to both residents and city personnel by using system capabilities to send telephone calls, text messages, emails and social media in an effort to effectively inform residents to protect life and property. CodeRED was selected for its unrivaled reliability and accuracy, as well as the system's global use.

All residents living within Cripple Creek and Teller County limits are encouraged to visit www.cripplecreekgov.com and click on the CodeRED logo to enroll contact information including cell phone numbers, text and email addresses.

Public safety officials across the United States have credited CodeRED notifications for many successful events, including locating missing children, apprehending wanted criminals and issuing timely evacuations.

What is CodeRED and why is it important to me?

CodeRED is an emergency notification service that allows emergency officials to notify residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, email and social media regarding time-sensitive general and emergency notifications. Only authorized officials have access to the CodeRED system.

When will CodeRED be used?

Any message regarding the safety, property, or welfare of the community will be disseminated using the CodeRED system. These may include AMBER alerts, notifications of hazardous traffic or road conditions, boil water advisories, evacuation notices, and street closures or weather-related delays for events.

Does the CodeRED system replace other systems that have been used to provide time-sensitive information to residents?

This system is an enhancement to existing means of communication and is meant to supplement current or past systems used for mass notification.

Does the CodeRED system already have my

telephone number, or do I need to sign up to receive CodeRED notifications?

Residents will need to sign up to ensure their information is in the CodeRED system. The home page of the City of Cripple Creek website, www.cripplecreekgov.com, has a link to the CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment page, where you can register online. If you do not have online access, copies of the registration form are available at City Hall in Cripple Creek.

I have a business located in Cripple Creek. Can I arrange to have CodeRED contact my business?

Yes. Fill out the CodeRED registration form but be sure to select the "This address is business" option. Please note that emergency calls can only be delivered to a direct-dial number. Automated attendants will disrupt the process and the calls will not be delivered. Businesses should register their main number and establish a procedure for distributing the CodeRED message to their workforce.

What if I want to register additional numbers for my address?

After you submit the initial registration form, you may start the registration process again and submit more numbers for the same address.

Is my personal information protected?

CodeRED is a service of Emergency Communications Network, which takes security and privacy concerns very seriously. They will not sell, trade, lease or loan any data that residents have supplied to third parties.

How will I recognize a CodeRED message?

A CodeRED emergency message will have a caller ID of 866-419-5000. A CodeRED general message will have a caller ID of 855-969-4636. (We suggest you program both numbers in your cell phone as two separate contacts, using "CodeRED Emergency" and "CodeRED General" as the contact names.) If you need to replay the emergency notification message again, simply dial the number, and you will be able to hear the message again.

What should I do if I receive a CodeRED message?

Listen carefully to the entire message. You will have the option to repeat the message by pressing any key. Do not call 911 for further information

unless directed to do so or if you need immediate aid from the police or fire department.

I have a cordless phone, and it does not work when the power goes out. How will the system be able to contact me?

Make sure you have at least one working corded telephone, and be sure to turn the ringer on. The CodeRED sign-up form allows you to indicate both a primary and alternate phone number. Cell phone and/or work phone numbers can be entered as alternate phone numbers. Both primary and alternate phone numbers will be contacted when a notification is sent.

Will the CodeRED system leave a message on an answering machine?

Yes, the CodeRED system will leave a message on a machine or on voicemail. The CodeRED system will leave the entire message in one pass.

What happens if the line is busy?

If the line is busy, CodeRED will try two more times to connect.

What circumstances might prevent a message from being delivered to me?

- If your contact information has changed and you have not registered your new information.
- If you have only cordless phones in your residence, the power is out and you did not register an alternate phone number.
- If your line is busy for an extended time and your calls do not forward to voicemail or an answering machine.
- If you have a privacy manager on your main phone and you did not register an alternate phone number.

The City of Cripple Creek will receive a report of undelivered calls and can instruct the CodeRED system to begin another round of calls to busy numbers. It is best to have an alternate phone number in the calling database for these situations.

Is there an app for CodeRED?

Yes. The CodeRED Mobile Alert app can be downloaded for free on Google Play and iTunes. It provides advanced, real-time, hyperlocal alerts to subscribers within the reach of a given location generated by public safety officials across the United States and Canada.

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Growing ideas

A plan, a dream, and a hot cup of tea

by Mari Marques

Readers: We are pleased to have Mari Marques, aka Thymekeeper share her wisdom on planning a garden, along with a delicious recipe, as our first installment of “Growing ideas” our new column on gardening in high altitude. We also have a reader’s question at the end. Enjoy!

With Winter Solstice behind us, the light begins to return but the cold is still upon us. As I sit and look out the window on this sunny day, I feel as if I’m looking into a life size snow globe with the wind whipping the snow into swirling snow tornados. There couldn’t be a better time for a hot cup of herbal tea. Winter is also a perfect time for planning my next garden; planting the seeds in my mind so to speak. As I reflect back on 2014 and the many issues that presented themselves to me as an herbalist, it inspires me to get busy and figure out which herbs I will grow in my garden, which ones grow in the wild, and which ones I already have in my medicine chest from previous years. There are many things to consider when it comes to gardening. One good reason to make a garden plan in the winter is that you have plenty of time to adjust it before planting begins. So brew yourself a cup of hot tea and let’s do a little planning and dreaming.

• **Location.** Location is a big consideration, you don’t want your garden too far away from the area you choose to rinse and process your harvest. People tend to want convenience so you aren’t going to want to walk an acre across your property to rinse the roots that you collect. If you live in the mountains and your property tends to lean toward the wild side, observe the animals first. For obvious reasons you don’t want your garden anywhere near a deer trail unless you have a way of protecting the plants from animal invasion if you plan on using them for yourself. So it is important to consider their habits and what areas they consider their territory. You will also want to be close enough to an outdoor water spicket for watering. Although really long hoses are available, pressure is lost the longer they get. You won’t want to be tripping over hoses to get to the garden or dragging heavy hoses across the yard after a long day at work. Simply viewing a garden is good medicine, so you may want to consider that aspect in selecting your location as well.

• **Light exposure.** Spend a few days at different hours of the day observing the sun and light exposure. Like people, herbs are individuals and like different light conditions. What parts of your property are shaded and which parts get full sun. A general guideline for determining your light exposure is six to seven hours is full sun, four to six hours is considered part sun, three to five hours is considered part shade, and less than three is shade. There can also be some overlap and plants can tolerate that.

Herbal Chai Tea

4 Pieces of Cinnamon sticks
1 tsp Cardamom seeds
10 whole Cloves
5 cups of water
¼ cup or 3 teabags of black tea leaves
1 tsp Vanilla
¼ cup of honey
3 cups of milk

Bundle up the cinnamon, cloves and cardamom in some cheese cloth.
Place it in the water and bring to a low boil. Turn it down and simmer for 15 minutes. Any longer will cause bitterness.
Turn off the stove and add tea leaves.
Steep for 2-3 minutes. Again, no longer than 3 minutes unless you like bitter.
Remove the bundle and strain the leaves through a strainer. Add honey, vanilla and milk. Makes 8 servings.

Chai tea is a traditional drink of India and Pakistan but is popular worldwide and an excellent wintertime tea for garden planning on a snowy day in the Rocky Mountains.

Now that you know what you are working with, the fun part begins or the dreaming part I like to call it. You get to choose what kind of garden you would like to grow. I see many people growing gardens but not using the plants. Why not make a garden to suit your individual needs. What are some of the vegetables that you buy in the store that could easily be grown in your garden? If you have a stressful life, how about a Zen garden? Some of the herbs I would include would be St. John’s wort, skullcap, mints (although you don’t want mints too close together or they will hybridize), chamomile and California poppy. If you have respiratory issues, plant anise seed, hyssop, and thyme. This is called an intention garden. There are many different themes and intentions to choose from depending on your individual needs.

Now that you have decided what you would like to plant, get some catalogs with pictures of full grown plants in them so you have some idea of how much space you will need. This was one of my first mistakes in the garden; not adequately preparing for space, as some plants can require a great deal of room and some require just a wee bit of space. If they are too close together this can trap moisture and invite powdery mildew or provide a hiding place for unwanted bugs. You also don’t want tall plants to shade shorter plants that need sun.

All plants are individual just as you and I are. They all need different types of soil, drainage, lighting and attention. Giving them more than what they need is not necessarily good. Do your homework and you and your plants will be happier with the results.

Gardening truly is a learning experience but I have found that getting my hands in the dirt and hanging out with plants in itself is good for the soul. In this crazy world who couldn’t use a little bit of that?

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Below is a question from Kathy of Hartsel:

I am writing regarding growing at altitude. I have a garden in Ranch of the Rockies outside of Hartsel – we are at about 9,300 ft. Some of my greens grow fine. But I have had this garden for almost 10 years now and my issue is getting anything to grow bigger. I can grow things but they are tiny. Over the years, I have been composting and that has helped, but even my rhubarb that was planted 10 years ago still produces small, short stalks. Is it lack of oxygen? I am looking for what I am missing here. Please help with any suggestions! Thank you. Kathy

February’s Growing ideas column will explore options for Kathy’s question in more detail. Readers are welcome on how they have been able to conquer or work with the shorter growth that tends to happen when gardening at high altitude. Send your suggestions or a new question to utecountrynewspaper@gmail.com. Our goal with this column is to enhance the gardening experience at high altitude by sharing tips, and ideas.

Guide to minerals: Beryl

by Steven Marquez

The Greek name for beryl is beryllios, which means precious blue-green color or seawater stone. Beryl forms in pegmatites and some metamorphic rocks. Gem quality beryl is known by these colors and names: green beryl is emerald (from presence of chromium and vanadium), light blue beryl is known as aquamarine; colored by manganese, pink to light purple beryl is called morganite; yellow beryl is called golden beryl, colorless beryl is known as goshenite. The gem fields of Mount Antero, Chaffee County, Colorado produce excellent aquamarine specimens. Beryl specimens can also be found in Park County, Colorado. Beryl is the source of beryllium, a light metal used for many things such as: x-ray tubes, missiles, and space vehicles.

Facts on file:
Chemical formula: Be3Al2Si6O18
Composition: Beryllium aluminum silicate
Color: Green, blue, greenish-blue, yellow, red, pink, white, and colorless
Luster: Vitreous
Streak: Colorless
Hardness: 7.5-8
Crystals: Hexagonal
Transparency: Transparent to translucent
Specific gravity: 2.7-2.9
Cleavage: Indistinct
Fracture: Uneven to conchoidal

A Beryl Haiku:

Blue like an ocean

Yellow like the sun that shines

Green like a forest

About the author

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What do you know about gold mining?

by CC&V Community Affairs

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Lighter Side of Christmas Thanks the Community

The City of Woodland Park and the LSOC Parade Committee would like to send out a big “Thanks” to everyone for their help making the 26th annual Lighter Side of Christmas Parade “Here Comes the Snow — Celebrating 50 Years of Beatlemania” a huge success December 6. The City of Woodland Park was well represented with both participants and viewers present for the parade, fireworks and annual tree lighting ceremony. The attendance this year, I believe, greatly surpassed past parades. This has been another great small town activity this year benefiting our 2014 beneficiary, the Ute Pass Symphony Guild! A big thank you to Jerry and Vicki Good for their continued support of the “Crazy Hat Contest” honoring Mike Williams. This year’s winner was Aidan Bates, who received a \$200 gift certificate from Wms. Log Cabin Furniture and tickets to Gold Hill Theater. Special thanks to Northeast Teller County Fire Department, Sheriff’s Posse and TCSR for the bum fires and Santa’s “sleigh” in the parade. Woodland Park Police Department, thanks for taking on the parade detour and missing all the fun downtown. Couldn’t do it without you guys and gals!!! Woodland Park City and Public Works departments, thanks for the road barriers, electricity and support of our volunteers. Also to the Rampart Range Library for their hosting of the LSOC Gingerbread House contest. A special thank you to all of our sponsors this year (see www.lighterside-ofchristmas.com for a complete list). The Yellow Submarine Treasure Hunt was found by Harrison Blouch from Colorado Springs. Also thanks go out to Grand Marshal Jane Mannon, announcers Debbie Miller, Dave Paul, and Mike Perini, judges Mike Dougall, Lenore Hotchkiss, and Rita Randolph, Pikes Peak Rotary and Dave Paul for the use of their sound systems, Sandy King and Nancy Spradling for their participation on the LSOC committee representing the Ute Pass Symphony Guild, Teller County Sheriff’s Office, Carolyn Pulley for brochure design and Matt Upton for website support, Ken and Nancy Hartsfield, Waste Management and KWPB team for trash pickup, John Bennett, Kynta Bennett and friends, LSOC Official Parade Photographer Rod Dion, Deb Pinello and staff at the annual tree lighting ceremony, Craig Harns and the Woodland Park Wind Symphony, Summit Singers and committee members Gail Wingerd, Jan Cummer, David Mals, Val Robertson and our Christmas Parade Wife Doreen Ward. We are looking for new members to help with the planning of next year’s parade, the 27th celebration of the Lighter Side of Christmas. If interested, drop us a line at tracie@dinosaurbrokers.com or Doreen Ward at fmbycwii@gmail.com.

Salida Mountain Trails

Accomplishments, plans, and thanks!



Salida Mountain Trails (SMT) is an all-volunteer non-profit organization committed to building and maintaining sustainable, multi-user, non-motorized trails, on public lands near the city of Salida. For more information about SMT and its calendar of volunteer opportunities and events, visit www.SalidaMountainTrails.org or www.facebook.com/SalidaMountainTrails

We wanted to provide a summary of what we’ve done this year and our plans for the future. First and foremost, we want to thank all of our volunteers and partners who have contributed to our trail building efforts this past year! We’ve had great support from the community and have accomplished a great deal.

2014 Accomplishments:

■ New trail construction.
Via our partnership with the United States Forest Service (USFS), we have completed the first 2.5 miles of the new Cottonwood Trail. From the junction of CR175 & FS181 to the Backbone Trail this project will provide 8 miles total of new and existing “system” trail on both USFS and BLM land, and will provide the critical link needed to complete a 17-mile loop beginning and ending in downtown Salida. We have developed a great working partnership with the USFS, who is managing and heavily participating in this effort. Over this past year, SMT contributed 1,500 volunteer hours and also contracted with Arrowhead Trails and Tony Boone Trails to professionally build portions of the trail. SMT spent a total of \$24,000 from funds we raised. In addition, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) organized two work weekends which were a huge boost. Mike Sugaski coordinated this project from the SMT side and Brett Beasley from the USFS side. Please thank these guys when you see them!

■ Trail maintenance
We held monthly shindig trail work days and contributed a total of over 1,000 hours to maintain the following trails: Race Track, Lost, and Dead Bird. In addition, we contracted repair work from Arrowhead Trails on the Lost Trail and contracted work on South Backbone Trail from the Southwest Conservation Corps, totaling \$8,500.

■ Membership Program
Our first annual membership program kick-off party at the Boathouse Cantina in May was an overwhelming success. We have over 160 members and via membership dues and auction items, raised over \$11,000! Salida Mountain Sports, Subculture Cyclery, Salida Bike Company, and Absolute Bikes were substantial sponsors of this effort.

■ Funding
Ray Kitson, owner of The Boathouse Cantina and the Rivers Edge Bar & Restaurant created this year a voluntary one-percent donation program at both restaurants to benefit SMT’s trail construction efforts. To date, this program has generated almost \$15,000 and has allowed us to contract professional trail building services that would not otherwise be possible. Please show your thanks by frequenting these cool restaurants!

■ Events
The Run Through Time Marathon held in March by the Chaffee County Running Club, dedicated proceeds from that race to SMT totaling \$6,000.

The 10th Annual Vapor Trail 125 endurance mountain bike race sponsored by Absolutes Bikes donated all of its proceeds of \$2,500 to SMT.

■ Grants
SMT has applied for a substantial State Parks grant to help finish the Cottonwood Trail project which will leverage funds raised per above. The State Parks grant awards will be announced in March; fingers crossed!

2015 Plans:

■ Cottonwood Trail
We hope to finish this project together with the Forest Service over this next year. We have approximately 3 miles of trail to build and rehab along with constructing a trailhead parking lot.

■ New BLM Trails
We have proposed over 12 miles of new trail to the BLM that will complete our Arkansas Hills and Methodist Mountain Trail Systems. We hope to have these approved by late spring and will provide detailed maps and plans at that point.

■ South Backbone Trail
In order to make the South Backbone a “system” trail, 4 reroutes are required. The easternmost reroute of 1,000 feet was completed this fall. We hope to complete the other 3 reroutes in 2015 via a combination of volunteer work days and professional trail builders.

■ Funding
As always, we need continued and ongoing financial support. Our goal is to have as much new trail as possible to be built professionally which averages \$5 a linear foot or \$26,400 per mile.

Thanks also to our partners and supporters (alphabetical Order):

- Absolute Bikes
- Ark Valley Libation Society
- Arrowhead Trails
- Boathouse Cantina
- Bureau of Land Management
- Chaffee County Commissioners
- Chaffee County Running Club
- City of Salida
- Jug Liquors
- Rivers Edge Bar & Restaurant
- Salida Bike Company
- Salida Mountain Sports
- Southwest Conservation Corps
- Salida Parks, Open Space and Trails
- Subculture Cyclery
- Tony Boone Trails
- San Isabel USFS
- Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

CDOT’s long term plan on website

The Colorado Department of Transportation’s (CDOT) blueprint for improving the state’s transportation system over the next 10 to 25 years now is available for public review and comment at www.coloradotransportation-matters.com.

The Colorado Statewide Transportation Plan is CDOT’s first web-based Statewide Transportation Plan and includes the goals and objectives to enhance safety, mobility, maintenance, and economic vitality. It also presents:

- Public and stakeholder input
- Identifies Colorado’s multimodal transportation system
- Transportation needs, revenue and funding gap
- Overall investment strategies
- Top strategic actions to meet the plan’s goals

Colorado’s Regional Transportation Plans and the Statewide Transit Plan are also available for review and comment.

City of Victor awarded grant GOCO awards \$188,885 for rehabilitation of Washington Park

The Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) board has approved a grant in the amount of \$188,885 to the City of Victor for rehabilitation of Victor’s only children’s playground. The City plans to replace the aged equipment, make improvements to the grounds, and add a picnic shelter. In addition to the financial contribution from GOCO, the Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining Company (CC&V) also contributed \$50,000 toward this important community project. The city will contribute labor and equipment for demolition, plus \$31,500 in cash, including their share of lottery revenues derived from scratch tickets sold in Colorado. Jane Mannon, Community Affairs Manager stated, “CC&V is proud to partner with Victor and GOCO on this important project for the children of the area. The playground has been well loved by Victor’s families.” Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) invests a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state’s parks, trails, wildlife, rivers and open spaces. GOCO’s independent board awards competitive grants to local governments and land trusts, and makes investments through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Created by voters in 1992, GOCO has funded more than 3,500 projects in all 64 counties without any tax dollar support. The grants are funded by GOCO’s share of Colorado Lottery revenues, which are divided between GOCO, CPW, the Conservation Trust Fund and school construction. For more information, visit goco.org.



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Weed reduction strategies

by Dan Carlisle

With spring approaching in the Rocky Mountains, local residents, ranchers, and area land managers are gearing up for another fight against noxious weeds. Armed with an arsenal of tools including shovels, picks, saws, herbicides, and of course a good sturdy pair of gloves for that up close frontal assault, we set out with good intentions to rid our land of these pesky plants. Occasionally, we are rewarded with success. But more often, we find even our best efforts only produce minimal results and the following year we are back at it again — sometimes dealing with even more invasive plants than before!

Being aggressive and persistent is important when it comes to fighting weeds. Better results and long term success can be achieved by using what is known as Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies. In a nutshell, IPM strategies are management procedures outlining the use of various tools, herbicides, and field methods together with knowledge of the plants' biology to combat weed infestations.

I have been asked quite often by local residents about eradicating Canada thistle (Cirsium arvense), which is a very common noxious weed found on the Colorado State Noxious Weed List. It's visible mid-summer on private lands, on state lands, and highway rights of way.

The biology of Canada thistle and how to control and eradicate it.

Understanding the biology of Canada thistle is a key factor in controlling this species. Like many hard-to-kill perennials, Canada thistle has a root system that extends deep into the soil.

New plants are produced not only from seed production (up to 1500 seeds per plant), but also from rhizomes that grow out from its dense, deep, and creeping underground roots. Some treatment methods can be effective while others only kill portions of the plant that are exposed above ground, leaving the root systems unharmed. For Canada thistle and other deep-rooted perennials, the extensive root systems need to be depleted of nutrient reserves and eradicated for successful management.

IPM strategies often involve utilizing various combinations of mechanical, chemical, cultural, and sometimes biological control techniques to

treat infestations. Knowing the seasonal growth habits and biology of the weed species we want to get rid of can provide a timetable to use when applying these control techniques to get the most effective results. New growths of Canada thistle begin to emerge as small rosettes around April and May. This can be a good time for an early herbicide treatment since the plants are susceptible. It is important to correctly identify the plants at this stage of growth to ensure you are killing the correct species and not harming native populations.

As the days grow longer, the plant begins to bolt and energy goes into vegetation and new bud and new shoot production. Because of its prickly stems and spiny leaves, this is a difficult weed to pull, even while wearing gloves, hence the use of moving and herbicide applications as the primary methods of eradication. During this growth stage, but before seed production begins, mowing operations should begin. Mow plants often before they go to seed in the fall to prevent dispersal and leave some of the plant intact to provide surfaces for herbicides to adhere.

Mowing will stress the plant and force it to use nutrient reserves stored in the roots. Mowing at regular intervals (about every 2 weeks) will continue to deplete these reserves. As fall approaches, Canada thistle will begin to pull these nutrients into the roots for winter storage.

Hitting the plant with a late fall herbicide application will allow the herbicide to be drawn into the root systems. Using this combination of IPM techniques not only depletes the nutrients but also kills the roots effectively — the key to successful management of this species. It may take several seasons of serious attack to get this noxious weed under control.

Depending on the weed species being targeted, different types of strategies can be used. That is why it is important to correctly identify the weed species first before deciding on a strategy! Check out the resources for identifying weeds at the Colorado State University Extension Service, CO Department of Agriculture, and your local conservation district websites. Checkout www.tellerparked.org to identify many noxious weeds in Teller and Park Counties.

Dan Carlisle is the weed management specialist for Teller-Park Conservation District. Contact TPCD via its website at www.tellerparked.org.

What does 2015 hold in store for investors?

If you're an investor, you probably had a pretty good year in 2014. But what's in store for 2015? It's essentially impossible to make precise predictions about the performance of the financial markets, but it is possible to identify those economic conditions and market forces that may help shape outcomes in the investment world for 2015. By paying close attention to these conditions and forces, you can gain some valuable insights as to what investment moves might make sense for you. Here are a few of these moves:

- **Consider adding stocks.** With stock prices having climbed higher and higher for more than five years, you might be wondering if it's time to scale back on your ownership of equities. After all, no "bull" market lasts forever. Still, some factors point to continued strength for stocks over the long term. First, we are seeing signs of improving economic growth; employment gains and low oil prices are giving consumers more confidence, leading to a boost in spending. Second, corporate earnings (a key driver of stock prices) were quite strong in the second half of 2014, and companies appear poised to show continued good results in 2015. Third, large-company stocks are still reasonably valued, as measured by their price-to-earnings ratios (P/E). Given these factors, you might want to think about adding quality stocks to your holdings assuming, of course, these stocks can help meet your needs for a balanced portfolio. Be aware that even the most favorable conditions can't assure a continued run-up in stock prices, which can, and will fluctuate.
- **Prepare for rising interest rates.** For several years, interest rates have been at, or near, historical lows. Given the strengthening economy, and the decreased need for stimulus,

the Federal Reserve may well raise short-term interest rates in 2015, perhaps as early as this summer. But long-term rates may start rising even before then, so you may want to take a close look at your bonds and other fixed-rate investments. As you probably know, when interest rates rise, the value of existing bonds typically falls because investors won't pay full price for your bonds when they can get newly issued ones that pay higher rates. One way to combat the effects of rising rates is to build a "ladder" consisting of short, intermediate, and long-term bonds. With such a ladder, you'll be able to redeem your maturing short-term bonds and reinvest them in the new, higher-paying bonds.

- **Look for investment opportunities abroad.** Although economic growth has been slow in parts of the world, especially China, many countries have now initiated policies to spur economic growth. These actions can create opportunities for international equity investments. Keep in mind, though, that international investing involves particular risks, such as currency fluctuations and political and economic instability. So if you are considering foreign investments, you may want to consult with a financial professional.

There are no guarantees, but by following the above suggestions, you may be able to take advantage of what looks to be a fairly favorable investment environment for 2015. While you should make most of your investment decisions based on long-term considerations, it's always a good idea to be attuned to what's happening in the world around you, and to respond appropriately.

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A heartfelt "Thank you"

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- Family, friends, and neighbors

Divide Mercantile

More than a consignment store

by Kathy Hansen
photo by Jeff Hansen

A consignment shop is like a good match-maker; both know how to bring out the best of their "wares" and both know how to spot an interested party. They must have good listening skills to be able to readily identify personal needs and desires, as well as getting a feel for the home environment. The deal has to benefit both parties in order to be successful, so good negotiation skills are essential. The difference seems to be longevity: for the match-maker, the couple lives together happily ever-after, but in the case where tastes and styles change, the consignment store owner is there for the next change in desire or fashion.

Carla Dornsbach and Cora Wilson re-opened the doors of the Divide Mercantile in August of 2014. They are a pair of friends who had enjoyed shopping together at consignment stores like the Divide Mercantile, and were sad when it closed. As they shared their grief over the loss of what had become quality me-with-my-friend-time browsing together, they began to ponder owning and running such an operation. Deeper discussions grew into cash flow projections. Before you know it, they agreed to become partners in the business venture!

What began as an eclectic resale shop has transitioned into an on-going community garage sale. Items are intended to move here, and they do! The goal is to sell the item within 90 days. Carla's background in merchandising and Cora's eye for what fits together combine to create an effect better than either could have imagined on their own. For example, Carla was there when a small table came in and she added a pitcher and a pair of vases that were already in the store. Cora came in the next day, saw the arrangement, knew there was something "missing" and found a mirror with a frame that had accents of the same color scheme to place atop the table. It became a beautiful ensemble!

Items are often moved from one area to another, or displayed slightly differently, often depending on what new items have come in. It is more than just cramming a bunch of stuff on the sales floor. Placement of items is often essential; it is that figure-ground concept of perception in action. They may have a gently used wooden dining room table and a seasonal centerpiece. Both are for sale, but somehow when that antique doily is placed between them, suddenly the table can now be envisioned in the buyer's home along with that centerpiece and two sales are made. There certainly is a lot of merchandise to take in. Carla said the average customer circles the store three times before they have a sense that they have seen everything.

There truly are many differences between Divide Mercantile and other consignment, antique, or resale shops. Have you heard of "buyer's remorse"? It is the term for the feeling of remorse a person has after they have made a purchase. At Divide Mercantile, "Not buyer's remorse" is more often experienced by those shoppers who decide to pass on a purchase and see if it is there next week, only to find it is gone.

The customer service at Divide Mercantile is better described as a personalized shopping

Items we welcome:

- Antiques
- Furniture in good condition
- Unique or original artwork
- Collectibles per our discretion
- Tack
- Animal furs/mounts
- Musical instruments
- Local Artist items at our discretion
- Camping gear
- Fishing gear
- Frames per our discretion
- Home décor items at our discretion
- Lamps (with shades only)
- Pottery
- Mirrors
- Rocky Mountain/Western décor
- Quilts
- Sewing machines
- Special holiday decorations
- Vintage radios/record players
- Wagons
- Walking sticks/canes
- Aquariums
- Gardening tools
- Throw pillows
- Luggage/backpacks at our discretion

Items we do not consign:

- Guns
- Appliances
- Auto parts
- Battery operated devices
- Books/magazines
- Cameras
- Computers/computer accessories
- Clocks (unless vintage)
- Cribs/Car seats (safety regulations)
- Curtain rods
- Dirty or damaged items
- Exercise equipment other than bikes
- Jewelry/watches
- Knick knacks per our discretion
- Lamps without shades
- Linens/curtains
- Mattresses
- Phones/answering machines
- Pool tables
- Prints not framed
- Shades
- Clothing
- Records/albums

Check out the sporting goods, boots and unique items available. The inventory changes daily.



ladies are likely to do their best to help find a way to get your item home.

The consignment process is more equitable than most: the consignor is paid 55 percent of the floor selling price on items priced under \$250, and 60 percent on those items priced over \$250. Items are priced fairly to sell quickly.

Cora and Carla know how to negotiate. If a buyer sees something they are interested in, but believe the price is too high, the buyer can make an offer. Carla and Cora are happy to contact the consignor to see if they will part with their item at a lower price. Likewise, when Cora and Carla have recognized a greater value in an item brought in by a consignor, they recommend a higher price, and may even recommend a different venue for the higher valued item. They will also contact fellow antique, resale, and consignment shops, who may know more about a particular collection or type of item, or be more familiar with the going rate. This level of honesty and integrity in a service to be cherished indeed!

Merchandise changes regularly at the Divide Mercantile. There is always an awareness of seasons, so January might be a little early to expect to find that garden rake, but not too early to let them know you are looking to replace your garden rake. They will add it to their list of items to seek or accept as they are always looking for inventory.

If you recently received something very special and have the perfect place for it, yet need to relocate a cherished item you are now ready to part with, bring it in. The ladies will help find it a new home.

Come in, browse, and chat! The Divide Mercantile is located at 11115 West Highway 24 in Divide (between Divide Venture Foods and McGinty's). They are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Please call 719-687-6654 or email divide-mercantile@yahoo.com

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by Maurice Wells
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On Saturday, January 31, the Annual Lake George Library Cook-Off will be held at the Lake George Charter School. This year's theme will be egg dishes so prepare yourself for an "Eggstravaganza".

Plan on an "eggeciting" time with "eggeceptional" preparations. Dishes in the past have "eggsceeded" "eggspetations" so come prepared for an "eggstraordinary" taste treat from this year's offerings. Winners in each category will receive "eggeceptional" prizes for "eggecling" in their efforts.

The program starts at 5 p.m., "eggecept" for those who have entries. They should arrive at 4:30 p.m. This activity is an "eggecellent" opportunity for members of the community



Lake George Library

to support the library. Donations are "eggecepted" so come and join the "eggcitement" at this year's cook-off. Contact 748-3812 for additional information.

Pearls of wisdom

by Shari Billger

Each month I will submit something for the readers' enlightenment. Allow your emotions to dive into the sea of wisdom while collecting another pearl.

January pearl

As we come to the completion of another holiday season, a time when we are meant to celebrate the birth of Christ, love, joy and camaraderie, it can be for some, a time of sadness, a time that is bittersweet as we experience our aloneness when it reminds us of the loss of a loved one.

This December Deirdre de Prospero, one of the loved members of our holistic community transitioned back to God. She saw the world through kaleidoscope eyes, a reflection of her vibration, her heart. She left many with the imprint of her sunny smile, her love of children as a doula, and her transparency in speaking her truth; a legacy to all of us. The following Native American Prayer was read at her Memorial Service. The service and the prayer became my inspiration for January's Pearls of Wisdom. May it soften, lighten, and brighten your way.

"Native American Prayer"
I'm Not Here

Do not stand by my grave and weep
For I'm not there, I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond's glint on snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn's rain

When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circle flight
I am the soft stars that shine at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there, I did not die.

Author: Native American Prayer

See Out & About section under Woodland Park for more on what the Wholistic Networking Community has to offer for January.

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WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT TEENS AND WEED?

- The brain develops until age 25
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*2014 Healthy Kids Colorado Survey

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Spiritual redirection Pride and consequences or pride and freedom?

by Barbara Royal, Interfaith Certified Spiritual Director

The seven deadly sins are a classification of vices that have been used since early Christian times to educate and instruct Christians concerning fallen humanity's tendency to sin. (Wikipedia.org). The seven deadly sins have been carried forth from the late 6th century into the present day. They are listed as pride, envy, anger, sloth, greed, gluttony, and lust. Pride is listed as the first of the seven deadly sins because it is considered first and foremost inherent in all sin.

Here is a summation of pride as a deadly sin taken from the Igniting Worship Series, The Seven Deadly Sins by Rev. Eric Elmes and the Studio, Scottsdale Congregational United Church of Christ.

Pride: All about me. I esteem myself based on worldly standards of merit; superiority over others and even to God; selfish ambition; how I perceive others think of me.

Each of the deadly sins is associated with a specific punishment in hell. The punishment in hell for the deadly sin of pride is to be broken on the wheel.

If I were a believer of the tenets dictated at that time, and the threat of the punishment in hell which has survived throughout the eons, I would be huddled in fear, never to show my greatness and my God-given power.

Now let's look at pride as a lesson for our Soul. James Van Praagh is a medium (one who communicates with the dead). Mr. Van Praagh provides evidential proof of life after death via detailed messages from the spiritual realms. He has compiled the primary lessons our Souls have embodied in you and me to experience. Here is pride as our Soul's lesson.

Pride: I love myself and I see myself in everyone. You need to take time to honor and acknowledge who you are and what your Soul has accomplished with your life thus far. How have you changed the world in some little way? Never underappreciate or underestimate yourself or your accomplishments. Take rightful ownership of

who you are and how you have shared your unique light in the world. It may also be a perfect time for you to look around and acknowledge those other Souls who have also accomplished many great things and who need to be reminded of them.

In comparing the deadly sin of pride and the Soul lesson of pride, it seems the message from our Soul's wisdom is given to correct the error in thinking that has been implanted in our human consciousness since the medieval dark ages. I wonder how many of us have diminished ourselves, our gifts, our talents and our power because of the archaic teachings that have ruled for eons?

The spark of Spirit that manifests in our human body is our Soul. All too often we forget this connection; see ourselves separate from God, and miss out on the infinite wisdom of the Divine. I invite you to allow yourself to become aware of your unity with Spirit and ask if you were meant to be small or if you were meant to shine your light in the world. Listen to the still, small voice within. Your answer may come as a body response, a knowing, or you may actually hear words. If there is no response, use your intuition — it has your answer.

If your answer is to shine your light, then you will know it is time to move out of the medieval dark ages — for this is a new age. As you claim your individual freedom from the archaic rule, you automatically free your human family. It is time to acknowledge your greatness and your inherent power, and that of others. It is time to acknowledge and manifest the creativity of God that is within you. Your magnificence is needed in the world. The age of pride and freedom is now!



Punishment for the deadly sin of pride is to be broken on the wheel.

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BLM seeks public comment

Agency seeks comment for recreational placer activities at Cache Creek

The Bureau of Land Management Royal Gorge Field Office is seeking public comments on a preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) and business plan for recreational placer activities at Cache Creek.

The preliminary EA identifies an overall strategy for managing recreational placer activities at Cache Creek. The proposed alternative seeks to reduce impacts to sensitive resources while addressing health and human safety concerns through a permit system that would allow for a wider variety of placer activities while putting protection measures in place. The BLM is also considering a fee to aid in managing this resource. The preliminary environmental assessment can be found here: http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo/minerals/locatable_minerals/cache_creek.html.

Over the past several years, recreational placer activities at Cache Creek have increased dramatically. Greater visitation has led to user conflicts and damage to the area's natural re-

sources, prompting the BLM and stakeholders to take a look at recreation use on the parcel and develop a strategy for moving forward.

This comment period will run through Jan. 9, 2015. Comments concerning the proposed action, alternatives, and identification of environmental issues are most helpful. For additional information or to submit a comment, please contact Kalem Lenard at 719-269-8538 or email comments to rgfo_comments@blm.gov. Keep up with Royal Gorge Field Office planning efforts at <http://blm.gov/3zld>.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment (including your personal identifying information) may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Eleven Mile State Park hosts ice fishing tournaments

by Jennifer Churchill

Eleven Mile State Park will host the annual Cabela's Colorado Classic Pro-Am Ice Fishing Tournament produced by the 11 Mile Marina, starting with the Grand Slam Jan. 10, followed by the South Park Ice Masters Traveling Trophy Feb. 7, and ending with the Marina March Madness March 7, 2015.

The Cabela's Colorado Classic has grown to be one of Colorado's premier ice fishing contests with thousands of dollars in cash and prizes won and given away. This year the promoters are excited to announce a new Pro-Am format. The contest basically remains the same as in years past, but adds a new Pro Division.

Over the last few years the large cash prizes have attracted professional, expert, and everyday anglers alike. In an effort to ensure fairness for the everyday amateur angler, while providing expert and professional fishermen an opportunity to win big cash prizes, the 11 Mile Marina along with contest sponsors came up with a plan to add a Pro Division to the tournament. Tournament Director Larry Falk said, "We hope this new approach to even the playing field for the everyday angler will attract new participants who have been hesitant to sign up in the past because they felt their chances to win big prizes were diminished by competing directly against the pros."

In addition to Cabela's, which is now in its second year as Presenting Sponsor, the contest boasts a line-up of Participating Sponsors unlike any ice fishing event in the State with sponsors like Colorado's own Eagle Claw, national leaders like Berkley, Shakespeare, and many more. With the addition of new Participating Sponsors like Big Rock Sports, one of the nation's largest distributors of hunting and fishing gear, Acme Tackle, the makers of the famous Kastmaster lure, Beaver Dam Tip Ups, and the new format, everyone has a better chance to win cash and door prizes.

All tournament contests are team events and each team consists of two anglers, one of whom must be at least 18 years old. Each event stands alone as a separate contest. If a team competes in all three events, there is a point system that yields additional prize money. Entry fees are \$80 per contest per team or \$190 for all three events.

A valid daily or annual Colorado State Park pass is required for all vehicles entering the park. A valid Colorado fishing license is also required for all participants.

For more information on the tournament, go to www.11milesports.com or call 719-748-0317. For Eleven Mile State Park information, call the office at 719-748-3401 or visit cpwv.state.co.us

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PPCC offers classes in Woodland Park

Pikes Peak Community College (PPCC) is partnering with Woodland Park School District (WPSD) and the Pikes Peak Community Foundation to offer college courses in Teller County. The collaboration began recently with limited courses being offered at the Woodland Park High School with the ultimate goal of growing the offerings to better serve the western portion of PPCC's service area.

According to Dr. Jed Bowman, Superintendent of Woodland Park Schools, efforts to offer classes in Teller County have been on-going for years. "We tried a few different approaches in the past, but nothing had enough momentum to sustain," he explains. However, last year, Eric Cefus, Director of Philanthropic Services with Pikes Peak Community Foundation (PPCF) and a WPSD parent, connected Dr. Lance Bolton, President of PPCC, and Dr. Bowman, with PPCF's Aspen Valley Ranch, a location providing innovative educational experiences that include workshops and events focused on arts, music, culture and sustainable living skills. A conversation ensued about needed environmental education studies.

"This effort allows students interested in outdoor career fields the ability to fully utilize first-class learning environments," Bolton said. "And it gives them an edge for successful career opportunities."

Currently, PPCC offers instruction for several Outdoor Leadership and Recreation Technology courses at WPHS with field trips to Aspen Valley Ranch and other surrounding areas. Additional courses will be offered in the spring and summer of 2015 and PPCC continues to work with Aspen Valley Ranch to utilize its 180 acres as an outdoor classroom.

"Now we are offering a long-term relationship that we hope will grow for our high school students, college students, and hopefully develop into evening classes to meet our community needs," Bowman said. The ongoing partnership between WPSD and PPCC is not completely new. They already work together in offering concurrent enrollment at the high school to include English and Spanish classes.

According to Linda Murray, WPSD Assistant Superintendent, students earn high school as well as PPCC college credit that can be transferable to colleges and universities throughout Colorado. "Our staff teaches

the courses after being approved as an adjunct professor through PPCC," she explains. "We use PPCC textbooks and syllabus to teach at no cost to the student. It's a win/win program!" Students from WPHS also participate in PPCC's Area Vocational Program which provides career training in key areas such as Health, Criminal Justice, and Welding & Machining.

Another opportunity is Ascent, which is run through the state. This is when a WPHS student, who completes 12 college credits by the end of the senior year and meet college entrance requirements, is considered a 5th year senior but is a full-time student at PPCC. Students pay for their own fees and text books while WPSD covers tuition for a full year at PPCC. "We are so excited to have these partnerships with PPCC," Murray said. "It is a wonderful opportunity for our students and our community. We hope to offer more in the future."



About Woodland Park School District

Woodland Park School District includes the cities of Divide, Florissant, and Woodland Park. Offering preschool through grade 12, WPSD is made up of five schools: three elementary schools (Columbine, Gateway, and Summit), Woodland Park Middle School, and Woodland Park High School. With students competing every year at the state and national levels in sports, academic competitions, and other activities, WPSD is large enough to offer comprehensive programs at all levels yet small enough for the personal attention and comforts of a caring community.



About Pikes Peak Community College

Pikes Peak Community College, in its 46th year of operation, is a two-year college offering 175 associate degrees and various certifications in career and technical fields. With four campuses and two military education centers in El Paso County, PPCC serves approximately 22,000 students annually.



The Guffey Community Charter School Choir performing at the school's Winter Program.

Holiday gathering

by Flip Boettcher

photo by Flip Boettcher

The Guffey Community Charter School's Annual Winter Program, which was attended by approximately 45 people and 26 choir members, was a little different this year. Normally, the program features a melodrama or play, but this year it was more of a holiday gathering with the school choir singing holiday songs, and reading poems, with audience sing-alongs.

By far, the funniest part of the program was the choir's rendition of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" featuring Nate and Isaac acting out each of the 12 days.

Santa arrived on Guffey time, a little late, but he had lots of great toys in his sack for all the kids. The toys were donated as part of the Marine "Toys for Tots" program out of Fort Carson in Colorado Springs.

Guffey residents Steve and Denise Taylor were instrumental in getting the toys to Guffey. Some of those toys went to the fire department Christmas potluck earlier this month.

After Santa left, light refreshments were served and everyone was invited to browse the children's clothing, toy land game area for free clothing and gifts, Moore said.

Moore also mentioned that the fundraising school cookbooks were out and cost \$15.00 each. The school also has fire starters and

note cards available for sale, which were made by the students.

The school has been plagued by illness with so many students out sick that the school closed an extra day on December 11th. No one has really been able to rehearse for "Charlotte's Web", scheduled for the spring program in May, according to school principal Pam Moore.

Ice fishing trips

by Jeff Tacey

With ice fishing season in full swing it's time to take a road trip to some different lakes. Of course pay attention to the weather and moon patterns as the fish do also. Fish will take baits better during a last quarter or new moon phase, as opposed to when there is a first quarter or full moon phase. When a warm or cold front arrives fish will bite better, but then the bites slow down after the front passes through for a couple of days.

You can use a snowmobile or ATV at Twin Lakes or nearby Turquoise Reservoir which is just west of Leadville. The same fish swim in both lakes.

The first stop is Twin Lakes just south of Leadville. Lake trout, rainbows, cutthroats, and brown trout swim here. Try by Whistler Point or down by the old dam for smaller fish. You'll want to be towards the middle of the upper or lower lake for lake trout. Bounce a big tube jig off the bottom baited with sucker meat. Fish near the shore for rainbows and browns, and out in front of the dam for lake trout. For the smaller trout use wax worms, Power Bait and meal worms on Ratsons, 1/12 ounce Kastmasters or Scudbugs.

North of Gunnison, Taylor Park Reservoir holds the same fish as the other two lakes plus northern pike and kokanee salmon. The road is plowed up to the boat ramp in winter but the snow can be deep at Taylor Park and Turquoise; you might want to bring snowshoes. Start along the shoreline for smaller fish. Set up tip-ups with a waterdog or sucker meat for



Northern pike

the pike. Jig big tube jigs out in the deeper water for lakers. Fish along the creek inlet areas for browns and rainbows. Jiggging Northland buckshot spoons, Swedish Pimples or Jiggging Rapalas with night crawlers or Power Bait will catch rainbows and brown trout.

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Uptop

By Steven Wade Veatch

The winter snow blankets the town of Uptop. A wind blows hard, swirling angry flakes of snow. Light from coal-oil lamps falls through cabin windows -- casting a golden glow down a silent, snowy street.

People of Uptop long for the days of springtime; the changing realm of white to robust green, when summer's blooms spread cheerful colors -- and alpine beauty stirs dreams of travelers coming on rails.

For decades they came over the mountain pass and endured; some searching streams for gold or looking for silver in mineral veins. Others started ranches where the grass and water was good. Each one tamed the West and the grieving mountains.

The depot still stands, built by section hands in 1877, to meet countless fortune seekers coming over old La Veta Pass. Today the rails are gone and the travelers are few. Only a small number remain in the small town of Uptop.

On Sunday at the Chapel by the Wayside, among the trees, a church bell breaks the weekly silence -- renewing the spirits -- of humbled hearts to stay for another peaceful year, in Uptop, Colorado, the secluded and cherished place.



Church in Uptop



Look for this sign in Uptop

Directions to Uptop Ghost Town, Colorado:

- Two turnoffs to Uptop ghost town are located off Hwy 160:
- 20 minutes east of Ft. Garland, turn at mile marker 276
- 15 minutes west of La Veta or 20 min. west of Walsenburg, turn at mile marker 281

Gold Camp Christmas a success!

Many thanks to the event sponsors: City of Cripple Creek, City of Victor, Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining Company, Ace Hardware, Build A Generation, Aspen Mine Center, District Museum.

Thank you the CCV Gold Mine for running their shuttle for the head frame tour that night.

Thanks to those who put up trees at AMC: Help U Club, Teller Co Social Services, Dream and Soaring, Aspen Point, Tessa, Gold Camp Victorian Society, Aspen Mine Senior Club, the pretty red and white tree and the focal point titled the Cindy LouWho tree. The winner of decorated tree was by The Independence Center for theme tree and Carol Noble for best donkey tree.

Thanks to the volunteer crew who helped Mary Bielz and Lucas Gallegos with the annual spaghetti lunch.

The Church in the Wildwood Bell Ringers and the Woodland Park Community Singers once again sang at the Butte Opera House; thanks to them and Mel Moser at the theater.

The Colorado Spring Chorale sang at the CC Baptist Church. Thanks to them and the church

members who host this spectacular event.

The Cripple Creek Park and Recreation once again had the entire arena full of craft vendors. Thanks to all who attended, vendors, and the employees.

Both Cripple Creek and Victor's parade were beautiful. The two towns' city council members were Grand Marshal in Victor, and Mrs. Laura Jeffery was Grand Marshal in Cripple Creek accompanied by her grandson, Tom Rometti. The "Keeping Christ in Christmas" float was well done; Santa was on a large float with many children, to all of them. Thanks to others who worked many hours on their floats such as the Victorian Society. We appreciate the casinos that participated in our event. Thanks to the Cripple Creek Marketing Dept. for organizing and managing the parade.

The winner of the "Soup for the Soul" was Amanda May's Café, out of nine other entries. Thanks to all willing to cook and taste the soups. The winner of the Greatest Gold Camp Cookie Contest was Dee Brodage with her macaroon, out of five other cookies entries. Here's to doing it again in 2015!

Holiday dinner and music show

by Flip Boettcher

The Rolling Thunder Cloud Café located in Guffey, had its second successful gourmet dinner and music show in early December, featuring a wide selection of holiday music performed by the Café's own Geordi Walston on piano and Guffey resident Karyn Miller, vocalist.

Chef Wayne Walston's four course gourmet dinner featured prime rib topped off with a decadent dessert; amaretto cherry ice cream smothered in caramel amaretto sauce with biscotti.

The music included a wide range of styles ranging from rag-time to boogie-woogie, classic holiday songs, current hits, and additional solo piano pieces from the Nutcracker, according to Geordi Walston.

The audience enjoyed the music during dinner and joined in with a Christmas Carol sing-alongs throughout the evening.

A few quotes from the evening were:

"A happy time for all; good music, dining, and visiting. New friendships and old ones renewed. Thanks!" Chuck and Carol Milisen (Woodland Park).

"This is such a surprise to experience a gourmet party in Guffey. When we moved here 20 years ago, never did we think we would be enjoying a Christmas sing-along with such delightful people. Thank you for taking the risk to start your restaurant/art

gallery." Helen & Jack Cahill (Guffey).

"It's wonderful to share an evening in Guffey with good friends and great food. We love living in a small community that has unique food and entertainment. Thank you for a great meal. Look forward to more events in the future," Robert & Jenny Self (Guffey).

"Loved it as always!!! Food, music and atmosphere was pure joy," Rachel O'Connell (Guffey).

The next Gourmet dinner / music show will take place on February 14th (Saturday), with a Valentine's Day love theme, featuring Broadway musical vocalist Lynde Iozzo accompanied by pianist Geordi Walston. Reservations will be taken by emailing RTCC at rollingthundercloudcafe@yahoo.com and checking the RTCC website at www.rollingthundercloudcafe.net for current updates.

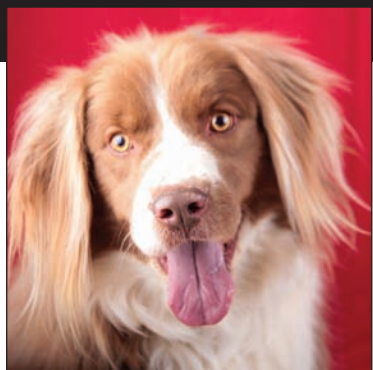
After much deliberation the, Walston's plan to close the café for remodeling the kitchen area. Geordi Walston said that the holidays leading into January seemed to be the best time to remodel. The café will be closed through 1/31/15. The café will reopen Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning on February 3. Geordi said that they would miss their customers but were excited about the kitchen changes which will make possible new menu items.

Adopt Me

By Lisa Moore
of TCRAS

Butters

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Dorothy Mayber stands with Smokey a year after he was born at her home in Williamsburg, CO. (above). Dorothy Mayber displays her book titled, "The Birth and Adventures of Lil Smokey" (left).

Lil Smokey

by Charlotte Burrous

After the loss of her mother, Dorothy Mayber felt she was alone and depressed. She didn't know which way to turn.

Everything changed when her friends, like and Joyce Porter, contacted her to see if she would take care of a painted filly and a grey mare, which were raised together. The original owners abandoned them because they could not care for them.

When Mayber learned of their fate, she jumped at the opportunity to rescue them; not knowing Lightning was with foal. Both Lightning and Sparky were in bad shape, but she began nursing them back to good health.

"I got them somewhere (around) May 2013," she said. "Lightning was one ugly horse. What she had been through (was terrible)."

Every time, Mayber tried to feed her, Lightning struck at her, pawed at her and even tried to bite her.

"It took me weeks of brushing her, combing her and talking to her," Mayber said. "I found out once I fed her to back away and let her have her space because she was so used to being starved. She went through barbed wire fences, (ate gravel) and everything she could to save this foal. When I got her, she was skin and bones."

Then during the dawn of July 12, 2013, Mayber heard several coyotes howling outside of her home. She feared they might get the mares so she jumped out of bed, grabbed her gun, bullets, and a flashlight. Not knowing what was going on, she went through the gates when something hit her on her chest. She realized the colt she later named Lil Smokey had arrived 30 minutes earlier.

"There he was," Mayber said. "He started sucking on my finger. His mother was behind him and began nuzzling him, (but then) he started running all over the place. It took 30 minutes (to get him to nurse) because he kept lying down. He was skin and bones. (I don't know) how she carried him (full term)."

When the colt calmed down enough to nurse, the spark came back into Mayber's life. As she took care of the mares and the colt, she realized how much they needed her and how much she needed them.

It took her three days to be able to get near Lil Smokey because his mother was so protective. Finally when he was lying down to sleep, she began petting him. Eventually, Mayber placed her head on him and he didn't move.

"I told him, 'I love you, Smokey.' (I still do

that) and he'll lean over and kiss me," Mayber said. "He's been quite the character. I've always been gentle, caring and nurturing him. I want him to know love and trust. I always want him to feel safe. I don't ever want him to be traumatized or scared to death."

Her interest in horses began as a child at her grandfather's ranch at Durango, CO., before she moved to Hesperus, CO., where she got a 3-year-old quarter Morgan horse named Brown Beauty.

"He was wilder than beans," Mayber said. "It took a whole bunch of guys to get her unloaded. She let us ride her all over."

During this time, she met several actors when a studio arrived in town to film a movie named, "The Naked Spur," starring Jimmy Stewart, Janet Leigh, and Robert Ryan. When they discovered Brown Beauty, the studio asked to use it in the movie.

"My brother did home-made movies of Janet Leigh putting me on the back of her black horse and riding all around," Mayber said. "Those were the days you could walk up to movie stars, shake their hands, and have a cup of coffee (with them)."

When Lil Smokey was born, Mayber started keeping notes so she could write his story. "I've been writing a lot all my life," she said. "I thought I'm not good enough (and) I'm not creative enough, (but) I decided here's this little colt and (I could write about) what I went through to save him."

While writing his story, she remembered seeing the movies and stories where the animals talk so she decided to have the colt talk in the book, titled "The Birth and Adventures of Lil Smokey."

"(I wanted) to give his side, (which was) 'here I am on these wobbly legs, starving with my tongue hanging out,'" Mayber said. "He was so skinny when he was first born. It teaches kids 'don't quit, don't give up. In the end, you will get your rewards.' I got mine with (Smokey)."

After she wrote the book, she put her photographs on a CD and sent a manuscript to several publishers. Finally, Trafford Publishing agreed to publish it. Currently, she is working on volume two of Smokey's adventures.

Prior to Lil Smokey's birth, she said she existed from day to day.

"I went to work and come home," Mayber said. "I had my arts and crafts and I baked, but I had nothing else. Since his birth, Lil Smokey has been the love of my life."

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Chat with friends over a cup of coffee, or network with businesspeople at the CC&V Coffee Club every Monday, starting at 10 a.m. The Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining Company Visitor Center, 371 E. Bennett Avenue, in Cripple Creek. Not just coffee, but also refreshments and free Wi-Fi will be provided as you sit and visit with others and get the latest community news, or mining information. Refreshment donations will be given to the Aspen Mine Center. Contact the CC&V Visitor Center at 719-689-2341, or Brad Poulson at 719-689-4052 for more information.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado, Teller County, will bring their specialized financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship programs into the Cripple Creek Junior/Senior High School this month! Junior high students will learn about the global marketplace and exploring potential careers on Thursday, Jan 15th. All high school students will receive lessons on personal financial planning skills on Thurs, Jan 22nd. JA needs your help to make this expansion a success. If you'd like to volunteer in the classroom or make a monetary contribution, please contact Sherri L. Albertson, Teller County Area Coordinator, at (719) 650-4089 or via email to sherri.albertson@ja.org. Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado is celebrating 60 years of serving students in 46 counties in southern Colorado, including the El Paso and Teller county areas.

30 Aspen Mine Center's Teller County Food Distribution from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please bring photo ID and proof of Teller County residence.

DIVIDE

12 & 26 Divide Little Chapel on the Hill Food Pantry Distribution from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more info 719-322-7610 or email littlechapelpantry@outlook.com.

FLORISSANT

FLORISSANT FIRE RESCUE
31 Florissant Fire Rescue is holding a Chili Dinner on Saturday, January 31st, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Station 1, located at 2606 Highway 24 in Florissant. Come and enjoy delicious homemade chili, cornbread, and salad, and support the Florissant Fire Rescue. Dinner is open to the community and donations are appreciated. Call 719-748-3903 for more information.

FLORISSANT GRANGE

10 Indoor Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Florissant Grange. Be sure to reserve your spot as the space is limited and cost is \$10 a table. Call 719-748-5004 to reserve a space.
24 Pine Needle Basket making class from 9 a.m. to noon. Learn to make beautiful pine needle baskets. This popular class is back by request. Please call 719-748-5004 to secure your seat.
Jam Night - Every Thursday all year the Grange Hall is open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the Jammers Music and Pot Luck.
Yoga Classes - Tuesdays at 9 a.m. for all ages and 10:30 a.m. Yoga for Seniors. Thursdays Yoga for

all ages at 9 a.m. Donations accepted, everyone welcome. Call Debbie for more info: 719-748-3678. For more information call the Grange at 719-748-5004

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Free Legal Clinic. 2 Appointments available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Pre-register by calling 719-748-3939. By computer link, volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for all areas of civil litigation, including family law, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, small claims, veterans issues, and civil protection orders.
8, 15, 22, 29 Storytimes at 10 a.m.

Computer classes

14 Internet Basic from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
21 Bookworms meet at 10:30 a.m.
28 Excel from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

PIKES PEAK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

The Pikes Peak Historical Society Museum is located in Florissant at 18033 Teller County Road #1, across from the Florissant Post Office. The Museum will be closed during January and February; however special group tours may be arranged by calling 719-748-3562.

SACRED EARTH SANCTUARY

24 Introduction to Initiations and Vision Quest, 1 p.m. at The Sacred Earth Foundation. 633 Valley Rd. Visit www.sacredearthfound.org. org phone: 719-629-8055. The Sacred Earth Foundation is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of indigenous cultures, their territories and their wisdom. For 15 years we have hosted and learned from indigenous shamans, medicine women, and wisdom-keepers from across our planet from Greenland, to Africa and Peru. For Centuries Initiations and Rites of Passage were an integral part of community life. We wish to bring back the magic and the empowerment of those ancient traditions. This day is an introduction to our six month program of initiations. Participants meet one weekend per month for five months and on the sixth month we meet for four days as graduates go into the wilderness to experience a vision quest. Please RSVP pati@sacredearthfound.org. Wear warm outdoor clothing, and bring a blanket for the Introductory after-noon. Donations are appreciated and tax deductible.

LAKE GEORGE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS

Starting Wednesday January 7th at 9:30 Pastor Redemacher will teach the book of Revelation. Class will be on January 14 and 21. Everyone is welcome. Call the church for more information. Join us for Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Church at 10:30 a.m. Sunday Morning, and Sunday evening church at the annex at 5 p.m. (next door to the church) Rev. Dieter Rademacher.

LAKE GEORGE LIBRARY

Adult Writers Group meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at the LG Library from 10 a.m. to noon. Contact Sandie Summer for details 719-748-8012.
31 Annual Lake George Library Cook-Off. This year's theme

is egg dishes so prepare for an eggstravaganza. Doors open at 5 p.m. Call 748-3812 for additional information.

PARK COUNTY SENIOR COALITION POTLUCK

21 Wednesday, at noon (yellow metal building on north side of Hwy 24). A guest speaker will inform seniors over 60 of the many benefits available to them. Table service and coffee/tea furnished. Call Carol for more information at 719-689-5950.

MONUMENT CREEK

23 The Rampart Wildlands Project of the Colorado Mountain Club is leading a hike/snowshoe in upper North Monument Creek on Saturday 1/23/2015. Planned start time is 9 a.m. exact details will be weather dependent.

Contact Tom Mowle at tom-mowle@yahoo.com for more information, or sign up on the CMC webpage at www.cmc.org/Calendar/EventDetails.aspx?ID=28904

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Winter Fat Ride. We roll at noon! One hour on your mountain bike or fat tire bike. It's all fun on Fridays through March 6, from noon to 1 p.m. Call 719-539-9295 for more information.

SYMPHONIC SALIDA
22 Cello Ensemble. Show begins at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m. Arrive early for assured seating. Advanced tickets are \$18, door price \$20, students \$10. Tickets can be purchased at www.SymphonicSalida.com, Steamplant, Salida Chamber. For more information contact www.SymphonicSalida.com



OLD COLORADO CITY

9 First Person Portrayal of a Civil War Soldier. Benny Nasser, Civil War reenactor, is the presenter for this program, which begins at 11 a.m. He is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as well as the 21st Michigan Volunteer Infantry and the 2nd Colorado Volunteer Infantry, a Civil War re-enacting unit. While researching his roots Benny found out that a great number of his ancestors fought in the war. In recognition of the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War (1865-2015), Benny will provide a close up view of one Civil War soldier — Darius Minier. Darius was one of seven brothers from Ohio that fought in the Civil War. He was wounded twice, was a prisoner of war twice, and survived the sinking of the side-wheeler, Sultana as it was returning Union prisoners home after the war. Darius Minier, now "living" in Denver will tell us about his experiences from 1861-1865. Don't miss this chance to meet this Civil War veteran. Feel free to show your personal Civil War colors in uniform or accessories. The program is free to members and \$5 to non-members. Light refreshments will be served. Call (719) 636-1225 for more information.

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MOUNTAIN TOP CYCLING CLUB

6 MTCC will be hosting its membership drive at the Woodland Park Country Lodge starting at 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. There will be entertainment that night in the pub as well. The Mountain Top Cycling Club has been a part of the community for four years to date, offering a wide variety of family fun centered around bicycling. The Mountain Top Cycling Club members also volunteer in and around the community. There are many benefits to joining a local cycling club: motivation, camaraderie, safety, education, inspiration and don't forget the discounts. The Mountain Top Cycling Club is hoping you will support our membership drive by joining the club for \$25 individual or \$40 for families. If you do not want to join, making a \$25 donation will help to cover administration fees. If you have any questions please contact Debbie 719-689-3435 or visit www.mountaincyclingclub.com for more information. Call Debbie 719-689-3435 if you

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Free Legal Clinic. 2 Appointments are available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Pre-register by calling 719-687-9281X103. By computer link, volunteer attorneys will answer questions, help fill out forms, and explain the process and procedure for all areas of civil litigation, including family law, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, small claims, veterans issues, and civil protection orders.
7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, & 29 Storytimes at 10 a.m.

Computer classes
7 Power Point from 10 a.m. to noon.
16 Computer Basics from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
23 Excel from 10 a.m. to noon.
Call 719-687-9281X102 to register. Book Club resumes Feb 3 at 10:30 a.m.

TEEN CENTER

We invite you to come to the Teen Center, a fun, safe place for kids! After school hours: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. No school hours: noon to 6 p.m. Youth in Grades 6-12 are welcome! Teen Center is located at 220 W. South Ave. Call 719-687-3291 for more information.

UTE PASS CHAMBER PLAYERS

Save the DATE! Ute Pass Chamber Players Concert on Sunday, February 8, 2015, 3 p.m., at High View Baptist Church, 1151 Rampart Range Road, Woodland Park. Lots of Woodwinds, Brass, Strings, and one Harpsichord! Tickets \$15, Students \$5 with valid school ID, Call 686-1798 for more info.

UTE PASS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

25 UPHS Annual Patron's Luncheon. Ute Pass Historical Society & Pikes Peak Museum Annual Patron Luncheon is Sunday, January 25, at the Ute Pass Cultural Center. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., followed by a buffet lunch at 1 p.m. The program, which is open to the public, begins at 1:45 p.m. Local author, Ken Valdes, presents "Rare Facts of Colorado". Contact UPHS at: 719.686.7512, or check our website at: UtePassHistoricalSociety.org.

WHOLISTIC NETWORKING COMMUNITY

13 **Holistic Healing Day.** Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to noon. Practitioners from the Wholistic Networking Community invite you to experience the benefits of holistic services on a first come, first served donation basis. You may choose from touch and no-touch Reiki and Reiki Massage, psychic guidance, essential oils, tuning fork sound healing, and dowsing. Practitioner information can be found at Facebook page WNC - Wholistic Networking Community, Woodland Park Community Cupboard will be the beneficiary of your donations. Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation. Venue: Mountain View United Methodist Church, 1101 Rampart Range Rd. For more information call Shari Billiger 719-748-3412, or email shari1551@aol.com

17 **SPECIAL Holistic Healing Day Event.** Saturday, noon to 3:30 p.m. Practitioners from the Wholistic Networking Community invite you to experience the benefits of holistic services on a first come, first served donation basis. Group healing noon to 1 p.m. followed by your choice of touch and no-touch Reiki and Reiki Massage, psychic guidance, essential oils, tuning fork sound healing, and tarot. Practitioner information can be found at Facebook page WNC - Wholistic Networking Community, Woodland Park Community Cupboard will be the beneficiary of your donations. Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation. Venue: Mountain View United Methodist Church, 1101 Rampart Range Rd. For more information call Shari Billiger 719-748-3412, or email shari1551@aol.com

20 **Wholistic Wellness Day.** The Wholistic Networking Community invites you to meet area practitioners and learn about holistic wellness on January 20th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Rampart Public Library, 218 E. Midland Ave. Our speaker for January is our own WNC Co-coordinator and International Teacher/Healer, Shari Billiger. In her workshop, "Human Design -- The Bridge to Universal Peace", she will share with us her passionate love of a system which is a road map and a blue print, brought to us from the higher dimensions of wisdom, to guide us to a new higher state of beingness. It is the ultimate solution for self-knowledge, clearly answering life's main questions of who am I? Why am I here? It represents your unique genetic imprint, your DNA. It teaches you how to take off the mask, eliminate self-sabotage and begin to travel as the person you were born to be. For more information about the Wholistic Networking Community or to RSVP, telephone 719-963-4405.

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by Anne Knowles

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If you have a legal question or need some advice and you do not have an attorney, you may make an appointment at either library from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the first Friday of every month for a private, online consultation with an attorney. A volunteer attorney will answer questions, help fill out forms, and can explain the process and procedure for areas of civil litigation, including family law, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, small claims, veteran issues and civil protection orders. You do need to preregister for this by calling Florissant Public Library at 748-3939 or Woodland Park Public

Library at 687-9281 ext. 103. We are very pleased to host this free legal clinic for Teller County. Storytimes at Florissant Library are held every Thursday at 10:30am. January will feature "Hibernation" on January 8, "Hockey" on January 15, "Home" on January 22 and "Hats" on January 29. Woodland Park Library has two storytimes every week, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to become more proficient on the computer, consider registering for a computer class at either library. Florissant is offering Internet Basics on January 14, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and Excel on January 28, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please call the library at 748-3939 for more information and to register. Classes at Woodland Park are PowerPoint on January 7, from 10 a.m. to noon, Computer Basics on January 16, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Excel on January 23, from 10 a.m. to noon. Please call 687-9281 ext. 102 to register for Woodland Park classes. Preregistration is required for the classes at both libraries and a full schedule for the first quarter is available in the libraries and on our

website, rampartlibrarydistrict.org.


Rampart Library District sponsors two book clubs. The Book Worms at Florissant Public Library will be discussing "An Irish Country Doctor" by Patrick Taylor on January 21 at 10:30 a.m. The Woodland Park Public Library Book Club meets at 10:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be on February 3 for a discussion of "The Butterflies of Grand Canyon" by Margaret Erhart. Both book clubs present an opportunity to meet fellow booklovers and engage in lively discussions. New members are always welcome and we would love to have you join us.

The Friends of the Florissant Library will be hosting their annual Winter Fun Day on Saturday, February 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at the library. This is always a great event so bring the whole family and break out of the winter doldrums.

Rampart Library District will be closed on Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King Day. We hope you will make 2015 the year you discover all the wonderful things the library has to offer you!

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