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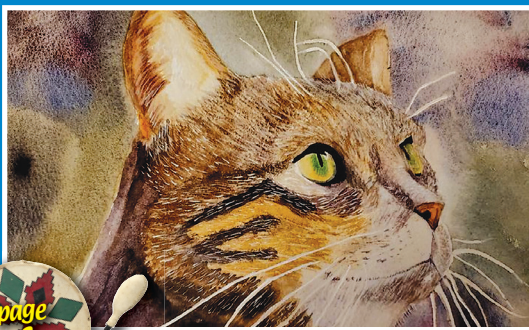
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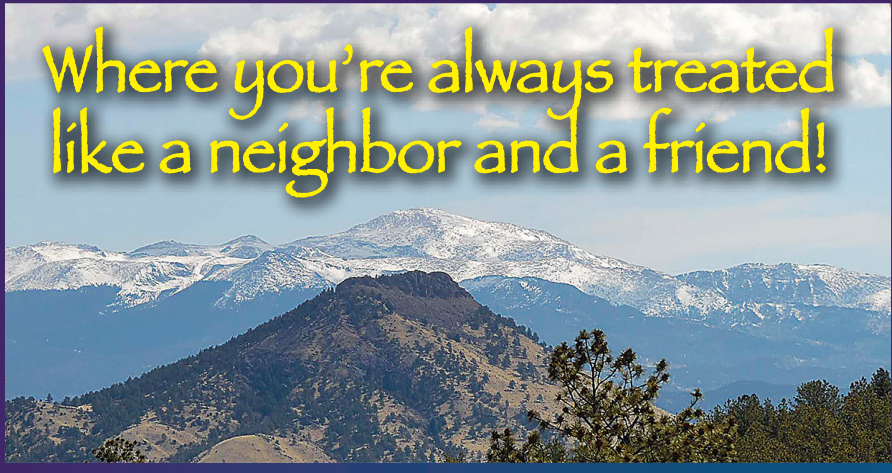
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On Deck

Our front cover photograph was taken by Jeff at the Chipeta Rising Celebration in Salida back on October 8, 2017. What a fantastic day! So many dancers with uniquely decorated garments from several different Nations, coming together to honor the renaming of a mountain so that Mount Ouray and Chipeta Peak next to each other accurately reflect their union as the team worked diligently to cooperate with the white man in hopes of preserving their culture. We found Flint Eagle's quote to be fitting for the photo and for our personal journeys as we celebrate our gratitude for the grace, food and wisdom offered to the white man by the Indigenous Peoples.

Our November pages are filled with opportunities to help us to be complete and learn what we intended for this time around. "How Ears Like an Elephant Came to Be" is a review of an exciting new book that teaches children how to listen to God speak to their hearts as local author Linda Junco shares her journey. *A Look Inside the Artist* is a fantastic interview where artist Stephanie Bradford shares how she used art as her method to heal trauma and find her way to a brighter place in life. We can all learn a tip or two from "The Impact of Yelling" as we hone our communication skills. We also have some "Fun Turkey Facts" and a few coloring opportunities for the young and young at heart. Happy Thanksgiving to ALL of our readers! We couldn't do this without you!

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Thank you,
— Kathy & Jeff Hansen

Pharmgirl

Bella Fiaba

by Peggy Badgett

Loblolly pines towered above me as I hiked my favorite North Carolina trail. The forest floor was soft with fragrant needles and I took deep breaths of the moist warm air. It was good to be in the woods alone, even if it was far from my beloved Colorado mountains. I was dog sitting for my middle daughter in urban Durham, and sometimes a break from the sirens and thumping bass in her neighborhood was necessary. I needed some wild.

A heavy noise from behind startled me. Then regular footfalls announced a runner, and I moved to the side to let them pass. The woman waved thanks and crossed a little wooden bridge over a dry creek bed. I continued on and noticed a patch of mushrooms sprouting near a rotted tree, beautifully pristine with their white curved domes. A second batch behind it had been ripped up and scattered over the ground. I paused, wondering what animal had done that, and realized I wasn't going to make it to the trailhead outhouse. As I squatted a few yards off the trail, a Northern Flicker called in the distance. Nut hatches tweeted nearby as I pulled my shorts up and started out again.

I was surprised to gain ground on the runner as we climbed out of the ravine, surrounded by golden autumn leaves whispering in the soft breeze. I'd intended to do some light jogging since I'd been over-indulging in fried catfish, sweet potato cheesecake and blistered peanuts, but just couldn't coax my body out of a fast walk on that gorgeous afternoon. At the top, I almost walked into the runner's arm motioning me to stop. Heavy breathing and a loud voice were coming from her cell phone.

Suddenly a man sprinted straight up the incline through the brush. He stopped and bent over, gasping for breath. "A bear... mama with a cub... standing on her hind legs... on the trail... down there..." and pointed at the bottom of the ravine where I had just come from. Shock and disbelief flooded my mind. How could I have missed them? Was I that oblivious when I hiked? After the husband caught his breath (he and his wife were on a training run), he made it clear we would all be walking back together. His ex-military presence discouraged any idea of disobedience.

The three of us continued on the trail as the husband constantly surveyed the areas in front, behind, and to the sides. When we met other hikers heading toward the bear area, our colonel turned them around. Soon there were six of us. To distract ourselves and make noise, the wife and I chatted. My ears perked up when she said they were putting the finishing touches on a wedding venue in the Smoky Mountains. The name of their establishment was "Bella Fiaba," a beautiful fairytale. I told her my idea of transforming my farm's big white barn into an event venue but chickened out. Temperamental brides and stressed mothers terrified me. Instead, I'd quit my job, sold the farm and moved to a tiny cabin in Colorado.

After parting ways with my new friends at the parking lot, I spotted a cross country



Loblolly pine forest (left) and mushrooms (above).



team warming up and warned their coach about the wildlife sighting. The kids were stoked about the possibility of a bear; I had a feeling their adrenaline-fueled times would be fast that day.

Driving back to Amie's townhouse, I couldn't get that Italian venue out of my head. I googled the name out of curiosity, and started giggling when I misspelled it. "Fabia" was Italian for "bean farmer." It's a pretty good nickname for a girl from northwest Illinois. Even though my life may not be fairy tale material, I've certainly learned a lot of lessons. Most recently two very important ones. This "fabia" will survey her surroundings thoroughly before dropping her drawers in the wilderness. She will also be careful what she wishes for when hankering for some wild.

Peggy Badgett is a freelance writer/adventurer and can be reached at pharm-girl3168@gmail.com.

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by Lana Longwell

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The Nature Conservancy has made a generous donation of this property, which will enhance recreational opportunities



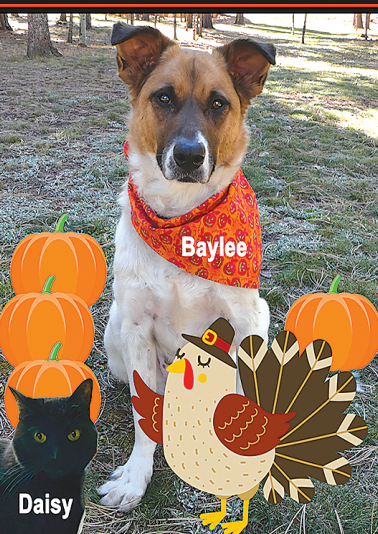
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To meet either Chester or Nash please call TCRAS 719-686-7707 or stop in; we are at 308 Weaverville Road in Divide, CO 80814.

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Woodland Park's Nightmare Before Christmas

by Tracie Bennitt

Every holiday season for the last 35 years, lots of volunteers have combined their energies to produce one of the largest holiday events in Woodland Park. The City of Woodland Park Lighter Side of Christmas Parade brings friends and family to Midland Avenue in downtown Woodland Park to enjoy the "lighter" side of the holidays. The parade will take place this year on Saturday, December 2 and kicks off at 6 p.m. entertaining the theme "Nightmare Before Christmas" as we celebrate the anniversary of this family favorite combined Halloween and Christmas story!

The 2023 BENEFICIARIES are The Rotary Club of Pikes Peak and Divide Mountain Explorers.

The Rotary Club of Pikes Peak in Woodland Park has served the community for the past 30 years. They are a service club that works on projects that will benefit our local community and other communities worldwide. Some of the current club projects are: Sponsor for the Children's Literacy Site in Woodland Park and help with tutoring; Deliver dictionaries to area third grade students; Help with the annual bell ringing project to benefit Teller County Salvation Army; Annual scholarships for high school seniors in Teller County; Donate to and participate in the Rotary Champions event.

From the creators of the amazing Divide Mountain Girl Scouts, they have transitioned to the Divide Mountain Explorers. They are a non-profit, unaffiliated, grass-roots, local youth adventure and community service program. Much like their former team label, they "Pride ourselves in creating adventurous experiences, encouraging

youth leadership opportunities, and providing community service to Teller County and the surrounding area!"

The Lighter Side of Christmas Holiday Treasure Hunt kicks off with the first clue on November 17th. A new clue is revealed to LSOC Platinum Sponsors (listed on the webpage and a week delayed on the Facebook page) every Friday for those treasure hunters searching for the hidden pumpkin. Stop in and visit these businesses each week for clues. Whoever finds the pumpkin will receive a holiday basket valued at over \$1000 with gifts provided by local businesses.

Other LSOC events include the annual LSOC Gingerbread House Contest. The Rampart Range Library District is hosting the competition again this year. Information is at www.lightersideofchristmas.com. Start building your houses early!



One of the float entries from the 2021 Parade.

The LSOC Crazy Hat Contest, sponsored by William's Log Cabin Furniture, is held the night of the parade. The parade awards and Crazy Hat Contest will take place at the Ute Pass Cultural Center following the parade. The City of Woodland Winter Day in the Park with annual Tree Lighting annual event in Memorial Park starts on Friday, Decem-

ber 1st at 3:30-5:30 p.m. followed by the annual Holiday Tree Lighting from 5:30-6 p.m. For more info visit www.city-woodlandpark.org

Information on these and other holiday events is available at www.lightersideofchristmas.com and updates at www.facebook.com/LighterSideofChristmasParade.

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A Look Inside the Artist

Stephanie Bradford, Artist

The Power of Creating Art

by Mary Shell

In the attempt to bring out the underdog (self-expression) artist, those artists who create for themselves alone, dismissing the recognition, attention, and acceptance of the public I will be focusing on these upcoming and hidden artists in the next few months. These are the creative people who have little if any interest in making money from their creations. There is so much talent out there that possesses an abundance of expression beyond mainstream art. I wanted to find these artists, so I posted a notice on Facebook. I received lots of responses, and after filtering out the ones who wish to be an artist outweighed their capability, I did find several promising individuals with the right stuff...what you want to read...and to experience.

One of the responses to my Facebook post caught my attention for reasons unknown at the time. This artist showed me a piece of her work, there was something that made me venture forward. So, I chose this artist under consideration, for a future article.

My interviews are done via the internet. I create a set of questions and they answer them. Sometimes questions and answers go back and forth until we have dialogue. In this case I asked Stephanie to tell me something about herself before I could create interesting questions to ask her. Now sure who she was, this is what she wrote (remember, she did not know who I was at the time) ...

"I've always loved to sketch, since I was a child. I began painting with acrylic as a method of healing in a women's group held by Mary Shell in Cañon City, CO back in 2009 (in my late 20s)

after surviving an attack from an abusive spouse.

"The moment I finally felt it was okay to be me, was when I completed a large painting I had been working on for a few months and felt a lack of inspiration until I woke up one morning and I

elements watercolor offers are wonderful to me. There is also a fair amount of time while working on a watercolor painting that it is not very attractive, it's difficult to see if it's correct, if there is beauty in it. I love that I can create such beauty from something with such an ugly start. I try to implement some both loose and tight techniques into what I work on, which is very representative of how I feel — losing control and taking it back. I feel as though I am letting go of some control with the medium; and allowing something beautiful to bloom. Healing, stress relief, decompression, and feelings of accomplishment are the things that drive me to create."

Realizing who she was and our connection I was excited to find she was doing well and creating art after all these years. Here's the interview:

When did you finally allow yourself to find your creative soul?

I believe creativity has always been inherently in me and is part of my story. But finding my creative voice was a bit different. While I felt it was an outlet and a form of expression, I was lacking something and didn't know what it was until about 2 1/2 years ago. All I knew

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at the time was that sometimes I lacked inspiration or motivation. I began studying color theory and interior design and began expressing myself in my own space. I found passion and love in what I was doing. I see it everywhere now... I look out my window and see beauty in trees, grass, insects, stones; I see beauty in photos — vibrant colors, shapes, animals; in people and their movements and expressions. I felt liberated in my life, my personal space, my relationships and found passion in color and in art.

You mentioned you started with acrylics, and I see you are doing watercolors lately. Which do you prefer?

I currently prefer watercolor. The movement of water and paint is a beautiful thing. I love watching gradients come together and the softness of brush movement on paper. It has always intimidated me and I finally felt emotionally capable and happy to take on this new challenge. It allows me to see the beauty in and feel the freedom of letting go.

What's your favorite subject?

Honestly caught between portraits and still life. I love the uniqueness of every face, but also love to see details some might overlook in still life. I feel like there are things I could have even overlooked in a portrait, even of someone I know; that I may not have noticed until I paint it. It's an intimate experience, looking for every single detail and deciding what is important to me to include in the painting. The direction someone's eyelashes go, a crease, scar, freckles, and their shapes; they are all things I look for and try to include. Another example might be a leaf, the texture, veins, and what direction they

are going, ridges, color variation, etc.

How much has changed in your style of creating since I last saw you?

I'd like to think that it is more evident in my recent paintings that I love what I do! There is more vibrancy and contrast, more detail and passion.

What was the hardest painting to create?

By far, the mermaid I did while under your guidance. It was emotional, big, and I honestly felt like I bit off more than I could chew with it. It was meaningful, so I'm glad that was the one I put in the art show. But there were certainly a lot of tears shed with that one. It was like climbing a mountain in the bitter cold. I had a group of supportive women almost holding my hand throughout the painting, but it was still hard. I felt successful when I got to the top of the mountain by finishing the painting, but it was still a struggle coming down the other side.

Do you find yourself emotionally involved in your work?

Completely! It is all representative of my story, my life, and how I see the world. I feel very exposed in my art. I'd like to think that if someone feels a connection with my work then they would know a part of me.

What was your worse experience with creating art?

This is a tough question. I feel like there were experiences I had that were a struggle but were a learning lesson. One that comes to mind is being afraid I would "mess up" on an acrylic painting. You came by and made a brush mark with

black on it and suggested I fix it. A part of me felt overwhelmed and questioned your motivation to do such a thing, but I did learn how easy it is to change your direction on an acrylic painting. Too much water on watercolor creating blooms could be considered a mess up, but also it can be embraced. I've dumped water on a piece I've had a lot of hours into and that was almost heartbreaking for me too — but I have been able to let it dry out and keep going. Criticism, non-constructive specifically, has at times been hard on me. I put my heart and soul into my work, and someone may express that it's no good. But there is usually some truth in what people say — so I try my hardest to accept what has been said and look into how I can improve or accept that my style is just not theirs.

What's in the future for you?

My husband, son and I are all moving to Missouri in less than two weeks. My other two boys who are grown live there now and we would like to be closer to them. A new adventure! We are designing and building a house and living on some acreage. I am very excited to incorporate inspiration from our property and rural life in my art work.

What would you like to try next?

As far as art goes, currently watercolor is consuming me! That is pretty much all I think about! I would like to continue painting with watercolor until I get some inspiration from another medium.

Are you an artist and would like to be interviewed for this newspaper, please contact me at creatingfromthesoul@yahoo.com or at www.MaryShellArt.com.

Obituary

Eliana Uecker

Eliana, known as Eli to her friends and family, was born to Jason and Kim Uecker on June 13, 2002 in Colorado Springs, CO. She was 22 months younger than her brother Zebadiah, known by Zeb.

The Uecker Family lived in Divide, CO and attended Little Chapel of the Hills church. Eliana, along with her family, was baptized by Pastors Steve Bunn and Bill Brown when she was four years old. Little Eli loved Jesus!

From the time Eliana could walk, she was an outdoor enthusiast! Eli loved to hike, climb, swim, and explore our beautiful mountain terrain in Colorado.

Eliana met her childhood best friend, Mackenzie Cameron, while attending Summit Elementary School. The two girls shared the desire to explore the great outdoors, as well as interests in art, and were often inseparable.

Eli attended Woodland Park Middle School where she joined the band playing clarinet. She also began taking piano lessons the same year. Eliana performed in concerts with the band as well as several piano recitals. She truly developed a great appreciation for music!

When Eliana was 12 years old, she began taking horseback riding lessons, and eventually had a horse of her own named Charlie. Eli looked forward to her long rides on Charlie with her close friend, Meara Sauer, and her horse Fletcher. The two girls competed in the local Gymkhanas earning many ribbons! Riding and caring for Charlie became a huge passion for Eli.

Eliana, while attending Manitou High School, developed an interest in photography. She particularly liked taking pictures of nature. She also enjoyed sketching, journaling, and painting.

Eliana's life ended too early on September 17, 2023. Eli has been deeply loved by her family and friends and will be painfully missed.

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Gary Ziegler; Explorer, archaeologist, mountaineer, sailor, cowboy, lawman and sometime philosopher relaxes in his home. photo submitted by Gary Ziegler

Gary Ziegler Chautauqua

by Marianne Mogon

Pikes Peak Historical Society (PPHS) presents Gary Ziegler, broadly defined as an explorer, archaeologist, mountaineer, sailor, cowboy, lawman and sometime philosopher at their November Chautauqua. Ziegler is a field archaeologist, researcher, and experienced Andean explorer with a background in geology.

His father was one of the organizers of the first Pikes Peak Marathon and Ziegler ran it at 14 years old. During the 50 Year Anniversary in 2005, he ran it as a guest of honor. "I was the only one they could find alive who had run the Peak in the early years," he quipped.

While he attended Colorado College with a break for the Peace Corps in South America, his parents had built their small mining company, Ziegler Mining and Minerals, into a successful operation. They assembled exceptional personal collections of Colorado crystals and minerals and supplied specimens to collectors and museums around the world.

"Looking for calmer places and a new direction, I saw an ad for a place for sale near Westcliffe which looked appealing. It turned out to be 350 acres and a group of run down, abandoned buildings," he explained.

He purchased Bear Basin Ranch in 1970; learned the art of horse trading, purchased more property around the ranch, began Outfitting, Guiding and Outdoor Recreation, created Arkansas River Tours, became a member of Peak Range Riders, did some rodeo, and became a recognized Inca specialist.

During the summer of 1980, he met his wife to be, Amy Finger. She stopped in for a ride, applied for a job and never left. "I admit it took a few nights with my old Gibson guitar and campfire romancing to close the deal," he said.

Ziegler has done filming work with the Discovery Channel, BBC, History and Science Channels along with funding from National Geographic and the Royal Geographical Society of London. As John Rakowski, President of PPHS said, "You really have to meet this guy."

Ziegler will present a summary of his observations of indigenous human created structures in the Peruvian Andes and in Colorado. He will also address Incan features near Machu Picchu as well as interpreted Native American created features in Colorado.

The Chautauqua's are presented to the public free of charge as a public service of the PPHS. No reservation is required. The presentation is Sunday, November 19, at 2 p.m. at the Lake George Charter School, 38874 US Hwy 24, Lake George, CO. The school is located only 4 minutes from Florissant, on the south side of Highway 24 just two tenths' miles west of the Ferrell Propane lot. FMI 719-748-8259 or 719-748-3861.

Veteran's Day Honor Guard Ceremony

The Florissant-Lake George Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #11411 and its Auxiliary will conduct its Honor Guard Ceremony for Veterans at the Florissant Pioneer Cemetery located at 634 County Road #421 (Upper Twin Rock Road) on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend this ceremony. Please come to the ceremony to pay tribute to our local Veterans.

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by SLV Animal Welfare Society

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Brandi is a lovable, affectionate, mellow 7-year-old husky. She loves to play and have her tummy rubbed. She will not escape your fenced in yard as some huskies tend to do. Brandi is about 60 pounds, spayed, and current on vaccinations. She is best as the ONLY pet in the household, no cats. We hold adoption fairs 11-3:30 p.m. First Saturday of each month at 5020 N. Nevada Petco; all other Saturdays 7680 N. Academy PetSmart.

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Dust and Dreams: The Rocky Road to Riches

by Steven Wade Veatch

They journeyed over rough roads
by horse, mule, and wagon
through meadows of grass freckled
with summer blossoms,
then through thick pine stands
and past toppled trees tilted at odd angles
to the gold mines.

Today, along the abandoned
roadbeds are fragments of history:
rocks fallen from ore wagons,
a blacksmith's mule shoe,
a busted whiskey bottle,
all evidence of shattered dreams.

Through the foggy mist among the trees,
I thought I saw a spectral teamster
take his reins and smile
as his wagon jolted along a bumpy road
and disappeared into Colorado's past.



Roadway under Castle Rock. Boulder County, Colorado. Photo date 1873 by W. H. Jackson (jwh01420). Credit: U.S.G.S.

Adopt Me

by Ark Valley Humane Society

Louie

Louie was adopted from AVHS back in 2020, then named Marvin. Even if you met Louie during his initial stay at AVHS, you likely wouldn't recognize him anymore (I didn't!) because his appearance has changed significantly. Louie was the first animal to arrive into our care in January of 2020, shortly after New Year's Day. Sadly, he arrived under heartbreaking conditions. Louie had been found abandoned and incredibly emaciated, weighing only 44 pounds at the time, fully grown. He quickly became a staff favorite as he learned new commands quickly and made everyone laugh as he chased his favorite giant ball in the yards. Several years later, Louie now weighs 91 pounds and is happy and healthy.

We're incredibly grateful to the family who adopted Louie in 2020. They cared for him and helped him grow into the healthy dog he is today. They weren't able to keep Louie, but showed him so much love and care, and when they could no longer provide a home for Louie, they made the incredibly difficult decision to bring him to us. Louie is looking for a new home; he deserves all the love in the world and has so much love to give in return. Louie is a 5-year-old American Pit bull terrier mix who is a total people pleaser! He can be selective when making dog friends, so make sure to bring your pup to the shelter to see if it's a good fit for all. Louie has no history with cats, and we think he'd do best in a home with older children as he can become quite excitable and jumpy when playing with his favorite toys!

If you are interested in adopting Louie, please start by filling out an adoption application at ark-valley.org/adopt/dogs/

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The impact of yelling

by Barbara Pickholz-Weiner, RN, BSN, CACIII, MAC, EMDRII

When we feel frustrated, we yell, when we feel we are not being heard we raise our voice, when we feel threatened, we shout. Everyone yells and it usually happens automatically, when we are excited, delighted, surprised or in pain (physical or emotional). In many cases, yelling or screaming is used as a warning sign. People yell, scream and shout believing this may be the most effective way to be heard, however, it can become a problem when yelling sparks your anger which then can prevent you from thinking clearly.

There may be a good reason to have lost your cool yet it is easy to get carried away once this gets started. When anger is triggered, it is common to spew hurtful, humiliating, belittling or disrespectful comments while trying to convey your message. When you resort to yelling to punish or correct someone's behavior, the message received could be that you are feeling overwhelmed, frustrated, lacking control, or you may be having difficulty communicating. This can feel awful for the recipient as well as the person doing the yelling.

Many people whom I have met throughout my career as a nurse and psychotherapist have been impacted either by growing up with parents who yelled at them or by adults who live(d) with a partner who has a habit of yelling. Screaming can feel frightening and uncomfortable because of the intense emotion that it can cause. Yelling has an effect on all relationships and affects people both mentally and physically.

This article will begin by considering the effects of yelling on a child. Being a parent is hard work and all parents have explosive episodes from time to time. As long as it happens occasionally, it can actually teach a child that even parents are imperfect and they can yell sometimes. When this happens, parents can be a model by apologizing and having compassion for themselves and for their children. Yelling actually has been known to make your child's behavior get worse, which in turn may require more yelling to try to correct them. Did you know that expressing frustration by yelling can have a negative effect on a child's development today and in the future?

There is a difference between using a raised voice and being verbally abusive. It is more about the message being communicated than the volume of one's voice. Yelling at someone does not make you a monster and can even be beneficial to quickly get someone's attention. However, when yelling is used as a weapon, it can be hurtful to the recipient and just as damaging as physical abuse (it is thought to have the same traumatic effect).

It is appropriate to yell, "Don't run into the street..." or "We are leaving in 10 minutes... get your shoes on now..." (as you likely have experienced, it takes kids forever to put their shoes on, something that should take under one minute). The primary rule is to never criticize when yelling. If a child is misbehaving, it is expected that, as a parent, you will get upset, however, never call your child names such as *dumb* or *lazy* or ask, "*What's wrong with you!?*" Whatever motivates you to yell, it is okay to let your frustration show as long as it is clear that your disapproval is about the child's behavior and not the child themselves. The way frustration is expressed can significantly impact the development of a child's brain and their long-term health.

It is important to consider the age of the recipient. A toddler will be unlikely to understand the frustration causing the raised



voice and may just absorb the anger of the shouter. Yelling at this age is unlikely to get them to do something quicker or stop doing something reckless. Each child will react differently to a loud voice because everyone is born with different temperaments. Some children might think their yelling parent shouting is just being loud whereas others might take it personally and be hurt by the shouting.

There are occurrences in your life that can trigger an outburst and you may be oblivious of it at the time. Instead of thinking you are just a bad parent or that there is something wrong with you, be curious (instead of critical) as to why you are so upset and what you can do about it.

When you feel like you are about to lose it, start by giving yourself a breath then ask yourself some curious questions:

- What am I thinking or experiencing?
- How does my body feel? Am I exhausted, hungry, thirsty, in pain, etc.?
- What else is going on in my life that is triggering me?
- Are there any events coming up that might be stressing me out?
- How can I calm myself down? What can help now?
- What can I let go of even if it is for a few minutes?
- Might my kids need food or a nap? Are they getting sick or teething? Are they dealing with any major transitions?
- Who can I reach out to for help or can I take a break right now?

My mother-in-law was so helpful, especially when my children were young and misbehaving. She told me that most kids change about every couple of months so knowing that a shift was going to happen gave me the confidence that I could handle whatever came my way.

When kids do something considered *wrong* we tend to get frustrated and want them to understand why what they did was wrong. As a parent, you may have thought yelling could be the best option for your kids' bad behavior and you may even have evidence of how they seem to stop when you yell at them. Yelling happens yet it is unlikely to get your child to behave as you want. However, research suggests that it could actually create more harm than good.

If you are a parent, you may think "I just want what is best for my kid(s)... my parents yelled at me and I turned out okay..." So, you repeat that pattern because you witnessed this approach early in your life and you are uncertain what

else to do. According to a study published in the *Journal of Child Development*, children who are raised in an environment where they are consistently yelled at as a way of correcting their behavior, have a greater chance of developing psychological problems such as anxiety, stress, and depression. In addition, many researchers and clinicians consider yelling to be a form of abuse.

How does yelling affect one's brain?

Yelling and other harsh parenting methods can trigger fear in a child and cause stress-related physical reactions. Researchers have shown that sight and hearing are two of the major senses that allow you to detect threatening and potentially harmful situations. The brain is wired in a way that interprets loud noises as a signal of alert. This means that when parents yell at their toddler, who has an underdeveloped brain, their brain will release neurochemicals which will then trigger off the brain's alarm center. Being yelled at repeatedly changes the mind, brain, and body in many ways including increasing the activity of the amygdala (the emotional, survival brain). The fight-or-flight response is a physiological reaction that occurs when experiencing something your brain perceives as threatening. Studies show that an overactive amygdala increases stress hormones in the bloodstream and tightens the muscles. Along with body reactions, when a person is scared, the fight-or-flight mode is triggered and the learning centers of their brain shut down so it becomes impossible to talk, think, or take in new information (Broca's area — provides the ability to speak, and the Hippocampus — where thought and the ability to understand is shut down when the Amygdala is activated). As a result, anyone exposed to frequent yelling will be unable to respond to you in the moment (how do you respond when that part of your brain goes offline!?). This can be frightening to a child or even an adult and cause them to view themselves as stupid or flawed, which can cause depression. Even though this can happen in all age groups, grownups usually have more experience and knowledge to better manage yelling.

As acknowledged, being yelled at regularly can adversely change how a person thinks and feels about themselves. The human brain takes in negative information and events more quickly than

positive ones so this can persist into adulthood. As an adult, it is common to *hear* a replay of your parent's voices inside even when they are not physically present. This can influence how you react to anything that makes you feel threatened, from loud and angry voices to disapproving gestures. Your own childhood experiences (good or bad) will mold your behavior and how you interact with the people around you, especially with your own children. As human beings, there is a tendency to repeat the tactics you witnessed of your parents, relatives, or caregivers, sometimes without even being aware of it.

Adults are impacted by the effects of long-term yelling. These effects may not show immediately, but over time, they can lead to the deterioration of relationships.

What can I do as an adult?

- When someone is yelling at you, avoid screaming back and blaming them, especially during an argument. The idea is to steer clear of blaming them and look for a solution to the argument. Pointing fingers keeps the defensive cycle going so it is wise for one or both of you to stop engaging.
- Start a conversation with "I...", instead of "You...". This helps you speak from your perspective without blaming, judging, shaming or accusing them. It can be useful to ask, "Help me to understand... What's going on? What are you upset about?" or "I can better hear and help when things are calmer..."
- Adopt a different perspective by not taking things personally. "It's not about me..." can be a helpful refrain.
- Maintain respect for the other person even if they are treating you disrespectfully. Modeling considerate behavior can be beneficial.
- When you feel that you are being yelled at without reason, it will likely be hurtful and make you feel angry. Focus on your breathing and learn how to let it go for now. This will bring more ease into your own life and help you to forgive them.

There are many benefits associated with avoiding yelling, beginning with being more aware and thus in control of your emotions during difficult situations. Remember that we are role models not only for kids but for the people with whom we interact every day. This article focused on learning to manage your emotions and coping with your anxiety rather than doing whatever it takes to avoid being yelled at and yelling at others, especially children. Never yell back if you are being screamed at because it will only result in more yelling without changing the distressing pattern. My hope is that you practice some of the strategies discussed. When you do, you will see positive changes in your overall health and emotional well-being.

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The Shadow Mountain Detectives

by Gilrond the Historian

It was a Saturday morning, about eight o'clock, and Jerry Wilson was sitting in his office, which happened to be up in the treehouse in his back yard.

Jerry was a 13-year-old boy. He was about five-foot tall, mousey brown hair, thin build, and fair skin, and hungry all the time. He also wanted to be a great detective, like Sherlock Holmes. He had read all the stories and seen most of the old movies made in England with Basil Rathbone as Sherlock. He even tried to talk with an English accent, but it didn't work very well.

Jerry was eating a peanut butter cookie that his mom had made as he waited for the other members of the Shadow Mountain Detectives Club to arrive. They were late.

At last, he heard voices as the treehouse started to shake a bit as the other members of the club climbed up the ladder. The door burst open as Willy, Jake, Sally, and Anne stumbled into the room. Jake was carrying a box and was struggling to keep it away from Sally, who was trying to take it from him.

"Let me see what's in it!" cried Sally as she reached for the box once again, as Jake pulled it away from her hand.

"NO!" shouted Jake, "This is for Jerry to look at. It might be the start of another case for the club to solve. You can see it after Jerry does."

Sally was a 12-year-old girl that looked 15. She was blonde haired and blue eyed, about four foot eight with a blossoming figure, but the mind of a 12-year-old girl, and she wanted to see what Jake had in the old shoe box.

"Sit down!" demanded Anne as she took her seat in the room next to Willy. He was already sitting down on the wooden bench that was against the wall across from where Jerry was sitting in an old lawn chair behind a makeshift table of a large cardboard box.

Willy and Anne were typical 11-year-old kids. Skinny and wearing clothes that were just a little too big for them. Both had dishwater-blonde hair and pale skin and brown eyes. They were twins.

All the members lived on the same block, but on different sides of the street, on the south side of the small mountain town of Shadow Mountain in Colorado. Their parents all worked in Colorado Springs, a big growing city a short drive away from Shadow Mountain. The kids all went to the same school and shared most of the same classes.

Jake sat down next to Willy as Sally sat next to Anne while Jerry called the meeting to order, "The Shadow Mountain Detective Club is now in order. Does anyone have something to present to the club for investigation?"

Jake raised his hand that had the box in it.

"Present your evidence, Jake," said Jerry.

Jake stood up in front of the group and opened the box. He put his hand in the box and pulled out a handful of empty pistol cartridges and said, "I found these in the stream that flows down the valley toward Shadow Lake. It was in a place where the stream is really shallow and wide. What I thought was strange was

that they seemed to be so old. My dad has a pistol that I think is the same caliber and they don't look like these."

Jake laid the rusted cartridges on the cardboard box that served as Jerry's desk and all the kids got up to look at them. Willy picked one up and it crumbled in his hand.

"Wow, they really are old!" he said as he looked at what was left of the metal.

"Did you see any guns there?" asked Jerry.

"Yeah, or any bones of dead guys?" asked Anne, "There might have been a gun fight there or something like that."

"You've been watching too many old westerns, Anne," grinned Willy. Anne stuck her tongue out at her brother and then kept looking at the old cartridges.

Jerry was looking closely at one of the rusted cartridges and mumbled, "I'd like to see where he found this. There might be more clues as to what happened there."

"Good idea, Jerry!" said Sally, "Let's go now."

Jerry looked at Sally and said, "You hear everything."

The other kids all wanted to know what they were talking about, and Jerry explained. It was decided that they would go to the stream and look for more clues to what had happened there so long ago.

It was a long walk to the place on the stream. Willy brought a small shovel and

the floor in the living room and waited for Jerry's dad to start.

"Now you should understand, this happened a long time ago, in what we now call the *Old West*. There was an outlaw whose name was Butler Williams, and he was good at what he did. Everyone knew about him, but he only robbed the people that were traveling through on the stagecoach and then spent most of the money locally.

"He was a handsome young man and there was a young, very attractive young woman named Jackie Lawton that loved him. I should say that they loved each other.

"However, the sheriff also knew who he was and wanted to kill him to collect the \$1,000 reward for him.

"So, the sheriff came up with a plan to capture Butler. He knew that Butler loved Jackie and his plan was to be at Jackie's home the next time that they would be together. The sheriff had heard that Butler was going to meet with Jackie at mid-

night of the full moon this month. So, the sheriff planned to be at Jackie's home at that time. He had three deputies with him when he came to Jackie's house in the evening. They rushed in and tied her up to a chair in front of a window where she could be seen from the road. To make sure that she didn't call out a warning to Butler, she was gagged, and a rifle barrel was placed against her chest.

"Then the wait started.

"They watched as the full moon rose in the east and listened for Butler's horse.

"Jackie tried to get loose, but her hands were too well tied and all she could do was get her finger close to the trigger of the rifle.

"All too soon, the sound of hoofs could be heard. It was 11:55 p.m. and the sheriff knew who was coming.

"So did Jackie. She struggled to get herself free, but the ropes were just too tight as was the gag on her mouth. Jackie loved Butler with all her heart and knew what would happen to him when the sheriff saw him.

"As the sounds of the horse drew near,



I don't know if that part is true for, I haven't done it.

"There is one more thing, the stream that you found those things nearby, well, it wasn't there when all of that happened. It started flowing later. I was told that its water comes from a spring further up the mountain. Again, I haven't been up that far to see for myself, but that's what I've been told. That might be a fun adventure for your club."

The children sat quietly when Jerry's

they all saw a man on a horse riding toward the small house on the other side of where the stream should have been seen but wasn't.

They heard a shot and then the horse-man quickly turned away, but only for a few moments. Then they heard the shouting of the sheriff and the horseman turned and with his pistol pointed toward the house he returned shooting and shouting in great anger.

The men in the house were shooting and shooting as Butler rode toward the house on his charging horse. Then

Butler fell from his horse to the ground and the vision disappeared and the mist blew away.

Then all that could be heard was the flowing of the stream as it once again bubbled and splashed in front of them.

Wally looked at his friends and said softly, "So, it really happened, it really did, wow."

Jerry's dad came up to the kids and put his arm around Jerry as he said, "I think we should go now. Perhaps you should bring back the things that you found here. This is where they belong."

"Yeah, I think you're right, Dad," said Jerry, "We'll bring them all back tomorrow."

All the other kids agreed as they walked away toward the car to go home.

The next day all the members of the Shadow Mountain Detective Club were at the stream and placed all of the things that they had taken back where they had found them.

Willy spoke up as they were walking away as he turned back toward the stream, "It's all back Butler, now maybe, you and Jackie can rest in peace."

It was two days before the club met again and Anne told Sally all about that happened at the stream the night of the full moon. Sally listened with big eyes and an open mouth to all that she was told, and it was all verified by the rest of the club.

Wally raised his hand and Jerry told him to go ahead and speak.

"Jerry's dad mentioned the stream where all of this happened, remember? I think we should find the spring where it starts."

~ To be continued ~

Chuck Atkinson of Como, CO enjoys writing fiction stories and treasure hunts for the children at his church. We are pleased to have him contribute to the only fiction in our Ute Country News.



Jackie did the one thing that she knew would warm her lover, she pushed down on

the rifle's trigger.

"The sound of the rifle firing warned Butler and he turned and rode away as fast as he could.

"The sheriff was so angry that he shouted at his deputies so loud that Butler heard and knew what had happened. He also heard that his love, Jackie, had died saving him.

"Butler was in a rage as he turned his horse around and raced back to her house with his pistol in his hand to get revenge for her death. The bullets flew as he rode in shooting. The sheriff and his deputies emptied their pistols and reloaded several times before they finally killed Butler as he raged at them and shot at them from his horse."

Jerry's dad paused for a moment and then continued. "The empty cartridges that you found were from the guns of the sheriff and his deputies. The parts of the building were all that is left of Jackie's little house.

"If you were to go to the old cemetery out on the edge of town, I think you can still find the markers for both of them. They were buried next to each other.

"Oh, and I have heard that if you watch at the place where you found the old things that you have collected, at midnight on a full moon, you might see the whole thing happen again. But then,

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Currant Creek Characters - part XXIX

The end of an era

by Flip Boettcher

According to the May 1899 *Park County Bulletin*, John Whistler, L.J. Runner and H.H. Hammond are viewers and assessors of a new road running two and a half miles from the west side of the Black Mountain City Townsite, southwest through sections 34 and 33 to the south line of Park County at the southwest corner of section 33.

The May 18, 1899 *Cañon City Daily Record* mentions that Mrs. Whistler has a good showing of apples in her orchard in South Cañon City, “While the number of trees is not large they are well fruited and probably more apples will be marketed this year than in 1898.”

In April 1900, the *Flume* mentions that John T. Whistler of Currant Creek was in Fairplay and on October 12, 1900 Whistler proofed his 160 acre homestead, which he started in 1895, near William White’s homestead farther up Currant Creek. This was possibly where Littleton had his store and Kester post office in 1884-1886; by 1900, Littleton was in Cañon City.

It is interesting to note that Matilda Whisler in the 1900 census is listed as living in South Cañon and is the head of the household; there is no mention of John Whisler.

Also, after divorcing Charles Lowe in 1886, the 1900 census has Martha Scott living in South Cañon, 57 years, divorced with her son Harold “Harry” Lowe, 14 years.

The November 30, 1900 *Park County Bulletin* in the Guffey News Notes section says that John Whistler was up from Cañon City Friday and has bought a house and lot in Florence and will be moving there this week.

The December 1900 *Florence Daily Tribune* notes the sale of a house and two lots on West Second Street to J. Whistler of Cañon City and the family moved in yesterday.

At this time, it appears that the Scott/Whisler families had the old Scott Ranch, the 160 acre Whistler homestead up Currant Creek, the South Cañon property, and property in Florence.

There is no record, but it seems that John Whisler died in early 1902 and his burial site is unknown; the only reference of his death was found on a family tree on ancestry.com.

A May 8, 1902 *Cañon City Daily Record* says that Mrs. Matilda O. Whistler sold a 25 rod (a rod = 16 ½ feet) strip of land between Millie J. Milson and George Griffin to J.W. Milson for \$100. This was part of the South Cañon property the Scott’s bought around 1870.

A September 4 and 11, 1902 ad, which ran in the *Cañon City Daily Record* by Mrs. M.O. Whistler, stated that on August 31 one Hereford cow strayed or was stolen from my yard on Prospect Street (now 4th Street) in South Cañon. She was branded XX on the left hip and side and has a bell on. Reward for her return or information leading to her recovery.

In 1904, Abraham Scott died with no record where he is buried. On May 6, 1904, the *Flume* noted that sisters Martha S. Lowe and Matilda O. Whistler sold Sikka and John T. Whisler’s original 1885 homesteads, the Scott 4X Ranch, to M.M. Ledward and William Taylor and lived in South Cañon with other family members.

Charles William Lowe died February 11, 1906 in Fairplay and is buried in the cemetery there. The February 16 *Flume* says that Lowe’s children, Mrs. Mary Matilda Green, Harry and Byron Augustus, who all live in Cañon City, were at his side when he died. The article does not mention his divorced wife Martha Sophia being there, but there was a note in the *Cañon City Daily Record* dated March 1, 1906, that Mrs. Martha Scott had unclaimed letters at the *Cañon City* post office for the week ending February 26. Perhaps she was at Charles’ funeral.

In 1910 Martha, 66 years and widowed, is living in South Cañon with her daughter Mary M. Green, 38 years and her son-in-law William G. Green, 40 years; and in 1920 Martha, 76 years is living in Los Angeles with her son Harry, 34 years, where she most likely died at 81 years in 1923.



Charles William Lowe, taken in 1899. Courtesy of Park County local history archives.

Martha is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery by her mother Sikka, sister Matilda, nephew baby Oscar, and her daughter Mary Matilda who died in 1925.

Matilda Olivia lived in South Cañon on the Scott property listed as widowed in 1910, 1920-72 years, and 1930-83 years. In June 1932, Matilda Olivia was struck with paralysis as a result of a stroke and on January 3, 1934, she suffered a second stroke. Martha Olivia, 86 years, died at her South Cañon home at 1125 South 4th Street (was Prospect Street in 1860) on January 27, 1934 and is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Thus ends the Scott’s and Whisler’s on Currant Creek. The 320 acre Scott/

Whisler 4X Ranch, which was sold by Martha and Matilda in 1904 to Ledward and Taylor, was sold to just Ledward in 1915 for the 1910 back taxes from William Taylor.

Sometime around 1916-1918, the property was sold to George Edward West and Maud Lillian Tacket West, who came to Guffey in the spring of 1916. The West’s also had two 160 acre parcels patented in 1923 on 39-Mile Mountain as well as a 1923, 320 acre stock raising land patent on land adjacent and south of Whisler’s original land patent. Descendants of the West’s still own some of the 4X Ranch property today.

The West’s are another story.



Headstone of Martha Scott Lowe in the Greenwood Cemetery. photo by Flip Boettcher



Sikka A. Scott and her daughter Matilda Whisler share a headstone in the Greenwood Cemetery. photo by Flip Boettcher

Colorado’s Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council Meeting

by Levi Spellman

The Bureau of Land Management’s Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet at the BLM’s Royal Gorge Field Office on Nov. 9, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. MST. The meeting is open to the public. For those who prefer to attend virtually, please pre-register using this link: <https://blm.zoomgov.com/j/1608158589?pwd=YkFLR2dGalpVdlozRy9PYWkrTE5XQT09>

Agenda and registration information will

be posted to the RAC’s webpage 30 days in advance, located at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/colorado/rocky-mountain-rac>.

“Rocky Mountain RAC members represent Colorado’s communities east of the continental divide. Providing essential feedback on matters of public interest, RAC members are vital to successfully engaging those we serve. This process ensures broad perspectives are

considered when decisions are made,” said Rocky Mountain District Manager Cathy Cook.

A public comment period is scheduled at 11:05 a.m. on Nov. 9. Agenda items include selecting a chairperson to lead the RAC and a vote on a fee proposal for recreation sites managed by the Royal Gorge Field Office.

The three 15-member Resource Advisory Councils in Colorado are forums for

providing advice and recommendations to the BLM on various resource and land management issues. The Rocky Mountain RAC advises the BLM Colorado Rocky Mountain District, including the Royal Gorge and San Luis Valley field offices, and Browns Canyon National Monument.

For more information, please contact Levi Spellman at the Rocky Mountain District public affairs office, 719-839-1584 or lsPELLMAN@blm.gov.

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PPSC Salutes Military and Veterans

by Matt Radcliffe

Pikes Peak State College (PPSC) presents a week-long series of events honoring military and veterans. Events will take place Nov. 6-10 at various campuses. The media and the public are invited to attend.

PPSC has been serving active duty military, veterans, and their families since the college's inception in 1968. The college continually provides them with specialized support, guidance, and resources they need to transition to higher education and civilian life. Military and veteran affiliated students now make up over 30% of the PPSC student body.

"Pikes Peak State College has its roots in working with and supporting our military and veteran affiliated students. Our Veterans' Day activities really are a public manifestation of this appreciation and support for our military and veteran students. But as importantly, these events give all of our students, staff, and faculty, whether a veteran or not, an opportunity to interact with and learn about our veterans and their experiences, gaining an even greater appreciation for Veterans' Day," said Paul DeCecco, PPSC's Director of Military and Veteran programs.

The Office of Military and Veterans Programs honor and celebrate these students throughout the year but Vet Week has become the largest. The week's events include:

Field of Flags

On display Nov. 6-10, all campuses. To honor our military and veteran community, PPSC students and employees will be placing a flag for each semester we have been an institution, at each of our campus locations.

Colorado Women's Hall of Fame

On display Nov. 6-10
PPSC Center for Healthcare Education & Simulation and Rampart Range Campus
This year, the CWHF celebrates its 37th anniversary honoring and preserving the accomplishments of Colorado women veterans who have made significant contributions to the state, nation, and world.

Military/Vet Photo Display

Nov. 6-10, tv monitors at all campuses. Students and employees have submitted photos of themselves or the veterans in their lives to honor them this week.

SITREP Magazine

Nov. 6-10, view on pikespeakparley.com/category/sitrep
SITREP is PPSC's literary arts journal showcases student poetry, photography, fiction, non-fiction, and other creative works focused our veteran community.



Veterans Day Virtual Celebration
November 6-10, pikespeak.edu/vetweek
Virtually visit museums and see other virtual events on Pikes Peak State's Veterans' Day webpage dedicated to this day.

Veterans' Voices Art Show

Reception: Nov. 3, 5-8 p.m.
Show runs Oct. 30 - Nov. 22
Gallery at Studio West, 22 N. Sierra Madre
An exhibition of original artwork by regional veterans at the Gallery at Studio West in downtown Colorado Springs. The gallery is open to the public from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

PPSC Veterans Day Presentation Series

Nov. 9, 1:30 p.m., Rampart Range Campus
Listen to veterans and others talk about their experiences. The focus this year is on the first battle for Fallujah.

Wreath Laying Ceremony and Marines Birthday Cake Cutting

Nov. 10, 11 a.m., Centennial Campus Veterans Memorial (between Atrium and C Bldg.)
This is our traditional wreath laying ceremony put on by Pikes Peak State's Student Veterans Organization to celebrate, remember and reflect upon the contributions that all our brave veterans have made to our country — living and deceased. Following the wreath laying, there will be a cake cutting honoring the 248th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps. Learn more and get the most updated event info at: pikespeak.edu/vetweek

ABOUT PPSC'S MILITARY & VETERANS PROGRAMS

The Department of Military & Veterans Programs (DMVP) provides veterans, active-duty military members, and their dependents with support to help them make a successful transition to college and achieve academic goals. Services include GI Bill® support, tuition assistance support, academic advising, networking activities, mentoring, and a dedicated veteran services center. Locations include PPSC's Centennial and Rampart Range Campuses as well Peterson Space Force Base and Fort Carson Army Post Learning Centers.

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How Ears Like an Elephant came into being

by Kathy Hansen

Linda Junco first came to Shipping Plus to have her artwork scanned and photocopied. After almost a year, she revealed that the artwork was for a book she was writing. We are always excited to help promote local authors and artisans so I suggested we would love to feature her book once it was published. The book arrived just in time for our November issue. I asked Linda to share how she came to be inspired to write this book:

"I was in 4th grade, my teacher saw every potential in me. In October, the class was given instruction to make a book out of construction paper. I made a pumpkin and made all the papers inside the book round and ended with a pumpkin constructed paper. It was orange and had hole punches in it that I tied together, making it a book. I drew on it and wrote a story. I do remember the story, but that's not important. My teacher told me I was going to write many books and everyone will love them.

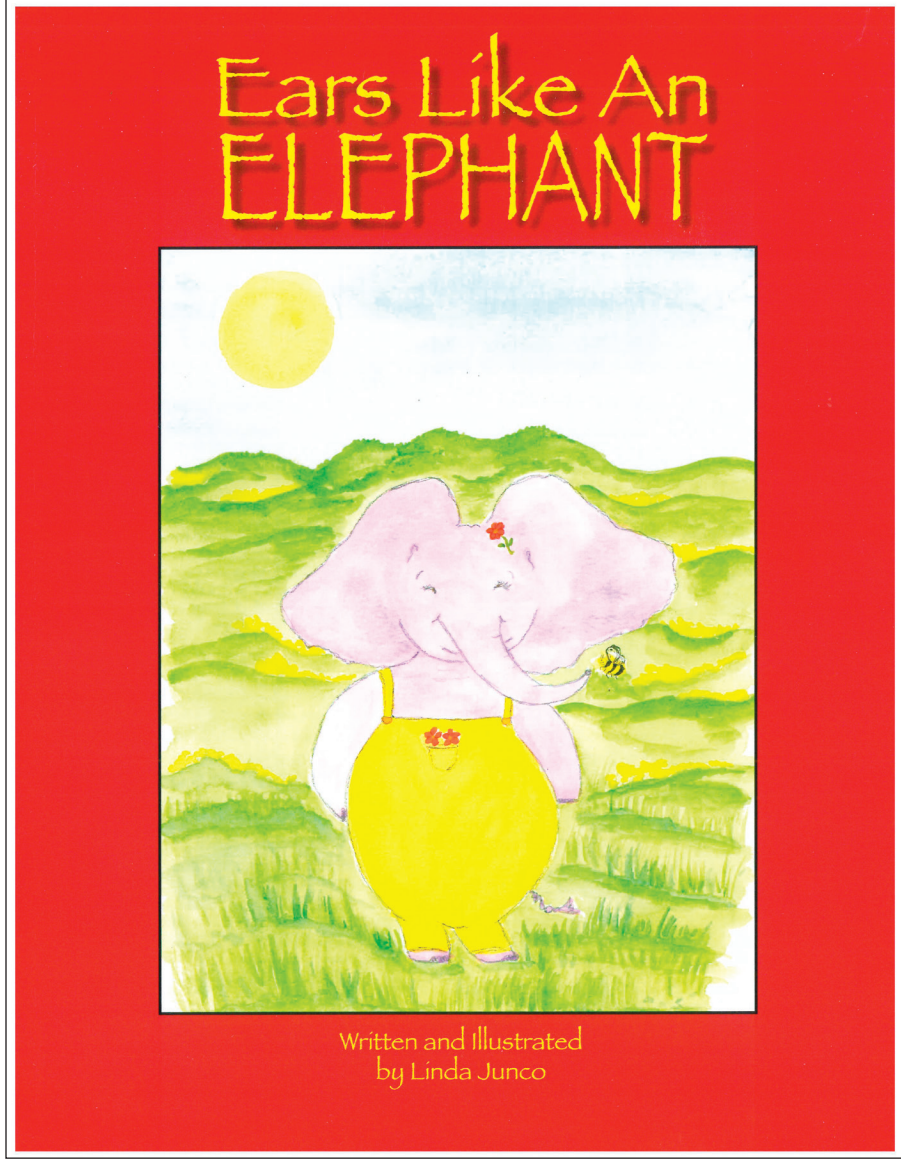
"In 5th grade, I had the worst teacher ever. He really did not like me, called me names. I never thought of the book again.

"Until, I met Jesus. He reminded me of the book. Jesus kept reminding of the book over and over. My husband also would tell me that I was going to write children's books. I didn't know how. I thought it cost \$100,000 to publish. But all of this was a distant thought. A dream. I kept it in my heart.

"One day I was in a conference. That's when I heard God speak straight into my heart. I came home and wrote down everything. I started writing the book. It was completely different from what is now. I think because my own thoughts got in the way. I kept hearing from God to rhyme the book as much as possible, because children remember rhymes. That was the most challenging for me.

"As I kept writing, pictures started coming into my heart. I drew them and painted them. I asked the Lord once I was finished, where do I get it published? You talk about appointed times that God has for you! I was selling my art at a fair. Eric, my husband, came to me and said, "Come here, I need you to meet this lady who is selling her book that she got published!"

"I met her and she was amazing. I took her book and looked at the back cover and contacted the publishers. The next thing I knew, I was having you and Jeff helping me with the printing. I couldn't find your expertise anywhere. I am so thankful to



God for you both. You both helped in so many ways. May God bless you both abundantly. Now, I year later almost to the exact date of November 3 or 4th, I am an illustrator, author and artist. My book is published. With God all things are possible. I do want to add, I was in 4th grade, now I'm 52. Don't give up on your dreams. It's in your heart. Ask God, seek God, knock on His door. He will answer. Love you Guys! Beyond words."

There you have it from the author and illustrator herself!


Linda dropped a copy of her book off for me to read just in time for this review. I must say, the book brought a tear to my eye as the message is so very consistent throughout: God hears us no matter where we are or what we are doing. The message is important: God loves us, always. What a peaceful message to share!

A special touch Linda added is the glossary in the back. She must know that

when children are learning to read, they are also learning new words. The glossary is a helpful tool for children expanding their vocabularies, nice touch!

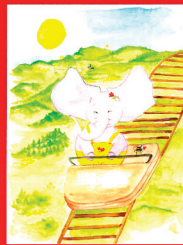
Thank you, Linda, for listening to your heart to find God's message and following through! We also appreciate the encouragement you give to others. Keep listening, writing and painting!

The book will be available on amazon, Linda has yet to get the link at the time of this writing. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of her book, you may contact her at theprettyonelle@gmail.com.





How "Ears Like An Elephant" came to be ...

Author and illustrator, Linda Junco, and her husband, Eric, had conversations about where they were going to eat after church. Their daughter and son would respond with their favorite restaurant loudly from across the house. Linda would ask, "How did you hear us from so far away?" Linda soon started telling them "You have ears like an elephant!"



Linda would remind her children that they can hear from God because they have ears like an elephant. They can hear from God clearly! And that was her prayer, "God be present in my children's ears."



Fun turkey facts

Wild turkeys can fly and they often sleep in trees.

- Both male and female turkeys gobble, although the male is referred to as a gobbler and the females as hens. Both male and female turkeys utter "purrs," "clucks," "yelps," and "kee-kees."
- How do you tell if a turkey is male or female? Look at their poop! The male turkey's poop is shaped like the letter "J" and the female's is spiral shaped, thanks to the anatomy that denotes gender.
- Adult Toms are grown to a live weight of 41 pounds on average, while adult hens weigh 12-17 pounds. What you purchase in the store has an average weight of 16-24 pounds.
- Gobblers have spurs on their legs for fighting; hens have no spurs.
- Benjamin Franklin did not care for the bald eagle. In a letter to his daughter, he wrote that the bald eagle is "a bird of bad moral character" because they steal from other birds. He wrote of turkeys that they are "a bird of courage," "a much more respectable bird" and "a true original native of America." However, Ben had never suggested the turkey become the national bird.
- Americans consume approximately 46 million turkeys on Thanksgiving Day.
- Turkeys can see three-times better than humans. Turkeys' eyesight covers 270 degrees and they can see in color.
- You can tell a turkey's emotions by the color of their heads, which change from red to blue to white depending on how excited or calm they are. The deeper the color, the more intense the emotion.
- Turkey eggs are about 50% bigger than chicken eggs.
- Turkeys can run up to 25 mph and can hit 55 mph in flight.
- According to the *Journal of Avian Biology*, the fleshy appendage that extends over a turkey's beak is called a "snood" and is for finding a suitable mate. Females prefer males with longer snoods, which can predict the winner of a competition between two males. Evidently, in the case of turkeys size really does matter.
- Those red dangly bits that hang under the turkey's chin are referred to as wattles, which the bird uses for regulating heat. The bulbous growth on their heads and necks are called caruncles, which also help regulate heat. All male turkeys have beards, which grow longer as the bird ages. Some females grow beards also, but science is unclear as to that function.
- Turkeys are highly intelligent and they have distinct and playful personalities.
- By the early 1900s, the wild turkey was hunted to near extinction, with an estimated population of approximately 30,000 birds. Today, thanks to restoration programs those numbers are up to 7,000,000.
- A hen will lay 10-12 eggs over a period of about 2 weeks. The eggs incubate for about a month before hatching. Baby turkeys are called poults and they eat berries, seeds and insects. After 5 weeks they are referred to as a Jake or Jenny. Adult turkey diets can include nuts like acorns and small reptiles.
- Turkey moms do not leave the eggs unattended, in fact, father turkeys also watch for predators, especially raccoons.
- The Aztecs domesticated the subspecies, *M. gallapavo gallopavo* or the Mexican wild turkey, which the Spanish brought to Europe. It turns out the pilgrims brought several of these domestic turkeys back to North America.
- North America hosts six subspecies of wild turkey. The pilgrims hunted and ate the eastern wild turkey, *M. gallopavo silvestris*, which has a range that covers the eastern half of the US and extends into Canada. Sometimes

referred to as "forest turkeys," they are the most numerous of all turkey subspecies at approximately 5,000,000.

- Turkey testicles are inside the bird's abdominal cavity, behind the wings. A *Fortune* magazine reported in 1943 the testicles are considered a "rare delicacy by city slickers." There are at least three annual turkey testicle festivals in our country.
- Turkeys do not have teeth. They have a glandular stomach and the gizzard, so they need to eat small stones and rocks to aide digestion.
- George H.W. Bush took the tradition of a "turkey pardon" to become official in 1989.
- Turkeys can swim!
- A group of turkeys can be referred to as a "rafter," "gaggle" or a "flock." The term rafter was coined because they commonly roost in rafters.



- Male turkeys will dance or strut to show off their snood to female turkeys. This may be where we got the term "turkey trot."
- Turkeys are named after the country.
- Turkeys boast at least 5,000 feathers.
- The *Guinness World Record* title for the largest turkey weighs in at 86 pounds! This was 1989 and the turkey was named Tyson.
- Turkey meat is high in protein and has fewer calories than beef. It also contains tryptophan, which can cause sleepiness.
- June is National Turkey Lover's month.



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Monkey See, Monkey Do You can Kindle Kindness, too!

by Readers of Ute Country News

We are happy to print the most recent submissions on kindness below.

- The manager of a business engaged with a partner on a project. Somehow between them, things went kerfluky. The manager felt the only resolution was to halt the project with associates. The associates listened to the predicament and hearing that a viable solution was probable to close the season, agreed to extend the timing on the project and to roll with the changes of the potentially viable solution. This kept the door open to fulfill obligations. Believing in someone else's potentially viable solution and providing that trust necessary to proceed is an act of kindness. Sometimes we need to ride the waves of uncertainty along with another to roll with the changes for the best outcomes.
- My co-worker turned off a noisy office machine that sits right next to me because he knows it is loud and disturbing to my concentration. Being aware of how machinery affects your co-workers is an act of kindness — thank you!
- A customer shares a special culinary gift of black garlic. The recipient recognizes how special this gift is and feels the need to share the joy with other culinary friends. Recipes go back and forth. We all learned a little something and all enjoyed the delicious gift of black garlic as well as new recipes and created a special bond. Sharing is an act of kindness that keeps giving!
- I received an email from someone in our group. The email thanked us all for the ability to listen to each other, respect each other's views even when we do not share the same view, and thanked us for being so respectful. Respecting that

everyone has the right to their individual views is an act of kindness, maturity and a sign of mutual respect. Let's have more of this! Acknowledging respectful, positive behavior is indeed a kindness as it reinforces the positive behavior so we can get more of this!

- A customer noticed I wasn't at the top of my game and asked if everything was okay. Since the query seemed very genuine, I replied with my concern over my partner's surgery scheduled for the next day because he could not get through to either of the two phone numbers he needed to call 24 hours before the procedure. That the customer was genuinely interested in what was going on (being a nurse), gave me an opportunity to genuinely reply, which seemed to somehow reduce the fear and helped me to refocus on today. This was a very special act of kindness for which I am very grateful!

- It has been my spiritual goal to pay attention to how Spirit speaks to me and to act upon those messages. While grocery shopping a few months ago, I saw a para-educator and decided to follow my instinct to thank her for serving our youth, especially while we have all these school shootings, as I cannot imagine how you teach students shooter drills, then go on to mathematics or whatever subject. So, last weekend, what a surprise it was to hear a rap on the door, only to find the same para-educator canvassing for potential school board candidates. When she realized whose home she had arrived at, she told me that the day I saw her in the grocery store and thanked her, it just happened to be a very difficult day for her. She

told me that my words helped to uplift and inspire her, and went on to say how grateful she was that I had taken that action! I cannot even describe the feeling I had — she had no way of knowing I was practicing listening to how Spirit speaks to me! I surely hope she reads this because I was so overwhelmed with the synchronicity, seeing how Spirit works in my life and hers at the same time, that I was literally speechless — I could not utter an intelligible word! All I could seem to manage was my hand on my heart and back to her. I now see that following those nudges from Spirit are truly acts of kindness and quite likely also synchronous moments to cherish. Try it!

- Do you have a minute? Several months before the event, I was having dreams that I was in a helicopter. Now, I've NEVER been in a helicopter, so those dreams were kind of fun! Then, I had plans to go with some friends, but I was stopped short by a pain in my chest. They called 911. Paramedics worked on me and took me to Golden Bell where a helicopter picked me up, that flight for life. They took me to Penrose. I don't remember being in the helicopter. I don't remember them working on me. I don't remember going into Penrose. I didn't see myself hovering over my body. I didn't go through any tunnel. I was in a VERY peaceful place that was all light. I was alone, but the peaceful feeling was everywhere! Next thing I know, I'm aware that I'm in a hospital bed at Penrose and they told me I had a heart attack. I must have come back for a reason, maybe to share my story. That

light was SO peaceful! Isn't it funny that I had those dreams about being in a helicopter so many months before? Thanks for listening to my story. Sharing and listening to personal stories are acts of kindness.

- We ran into friends at a local restaurant. Our friends gave me a snowflake obsidian stone. As soon as I touched it, I knew it was NOT for me but for someone else, although at the time I had no idea to whom I was to give it. In two days, a friend said she would be able to meet us at the music venue we had discussed earlier in the week and said she would bring one of her friends along. I planned on sharing some garden veggies with our friend and then realized that the snowflake obsidian is to be gifted to her. Then I remembered she was bringing a friend and realized that she might feel left out so I gave her friend a rose quartz because assuring everyone is included is an act of kindness that helps everyone feel connected and promotes a sense of belonging. Considering how others might feel is an act of kindness.
- A friend stopped by to drop off gifts of holiday décor and sweet treats that we didn't expect. Unexpected gifts that brighten the holiday season and tasty treats to share are acts of kindness!

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- 4-5 Chipta Park Association's 19th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair at Marcroft Hall 9105 Chipta Park Road. This annual event showcases area vendors offering textiles, pottery, jewelry, woodcrafts, soap and beauty products, baskets, rustic furniture, artistic greeting cards and holiday décor. The Ute Pass Historical Society will be there with calendars and books, and Ute Pass Library will have used books. Lunch and home-made baked goods are available for purchase. FREE! Saturday 9-4 p.m., Sunday 10-3 p.m.

COLORADO SPRINGS

- 19 Trans-Siberian Orchestra presents "The Ghosts of Christmas Eve" at the Broadmoor World Arena.

CRIPPLE CREEK

- 2 American Legion Post 171 meets the first Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at 400 Carr St., Food and refreshments at 5 p.m.
- GED Classes Mondays & Wednesdays 1-3 p.m. New students (min. age 16) may join GED classes after completing orientation and \$40 registration fee. FMI Katy@cpteller.org.

ASPEN MINE CENTER

- 17 Commodities distribution 9-1 p.m.
- Tuesdays BINGO 10:30 a.m. for seniors.
- Wednesdays Luncheon 11:30-1 p.m. upstairs dining room, every Wed. FREE! FMI 719-689-3584 x124.

DIVIDE

- 10 Teller Senior Coalition BINGO 10-11:30 a.m. at Little Chapel Church 69 CR 5. RSVP 719-687-3330 ext.

- 6. Call to set up a ride 719-687-0256.
- 23 Annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Toss 9-11 a.m. at Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center. We will be feeding our wolf, coyote and fox families. Watch them enjoy their turkey dinners. (No turkeys will be alive or harmed with this event). Reservations required 719-687-9742, pre-paid event and limited space available. Tickets \$40 12 and older, \$20 ages 6-11.

LITTLE CHAPEL FOOD PANTRY

- 6 Drive up Food Distribution 2-5 p.m.
- 18 Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon 11:30 a.m. for all vets and their families. Must register by emailing veteransdinners@gmail.com or text your name/contact info and how many will be attending from your family to 719-322-7610.
- 20 Annual Thanksgiving Food Distribution 2-5 p.m. Food for a full turkey dinner will be given to each family. If not already registered, go to littlechapelfoodpantry.org and click on register.

FAIRPLAY

- 13 Free Legal Clinic for parties who have no attorney 3:30-5 p.m. at the library. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions and explain the process/procedure for all areas of Colorado civil law, including family law, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, small claims, veteran issues, and civil protection orders. Sign up by calling 719-836-4297.

FLORENCE

- 11 Second Saturday 10-4 p.m. There are 13 participating merchants. Look for flyers!
- The Florence Pioneer Museum is looking for people to bring in their trains to share. If you have a passion for model trains and would like one of yours to be displayed, please call the FPM 719-784-1904 and leave a message for Marty Lamm with a contact phone number. We are getting ready for the Model Train Open House next month. Get your Casey Jones on and give the museum a call!

FLORISSANT

- 11 VFW Post and Auxiliary #11411 annual Veteran's Day Commemoration at Florissant Cemetery. FMI see page 8.

GRANGE

- 11 Pine Needle Basket Class 9-12 p.m.; Needle Felting critters 10-12 p.m.; Glass painting 10-12 p.m.; Fabric Landscape 10-12 p.m. Sign up for your class by texting 719-510-2325. Class fees are a donation to the Grange, but you MUST sign up for a seat in the class.
- 22 FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER 5-8 p.m.! It is time again for our annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner. Everyone is invited to enjoy dinner and live music in the Grange Hall or call to reserve drive-

through dinners. We are also looking for volunteers to cook turkeys, make mashed potatoes, stuffing, sweet potatoes and any other sides for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner or volunteers to serve the dinner with us. Text 719-5102325. We look forward to this event all year so make plans now to join us for delicious, traditional dinner!

- Join us for Music and Potluck every Thursday 6-8 p.m. Dancing encouraged!

LIBRARY

- 7 Read Amok Book Club themed "words" (like slang and idioms) Bring a book to share! 11-12:30 p.m.
- 8 Florissant Bookworms Book Club 10:30-12 p.m.
- 9 Free Legal Clinic 2-5 p.m. at Florissant Library. Call 719-748-3939 to sign-up.
- 10 Tarot Club 3 p.m. Teens and up are welcome to join this group and learn all things tarot. November's theme is court cards.
- 16 Homeschool Connections 10-12 p.m. Parent led social and educational enrichment time for homeschoolers. Meets monthly on the third Thursday.
- 17 Friends at the Table Cookbook Club, theme is "brunch" Bring a dish to share! 11:30-1 p.m.
- Tuesdays Tai Chi 10-11 a.m. Come relax with us!
- Thursdays Yarnia! 10-12 p.m. Craft and share your knitting and crocheting love with others!
- The second and fourth Tuesday of each month join us for Hooks and Needles, an additional club for crafting! 10-12 p.m.
- The third Wednesday of each month join us for Crafting Together, a club where we finish our abandoned art projects. 10-11:30 a.m.
- Family Fridays at the Library every Friday! Starts with Storytime at 10am, followed by Reading with Charlie, and then a special family activity at 11 a.m.! FMI 719-748-3939

GUFFEY

- Donation-based Yoga Sundays 11:30-1 p.m. at Guffey Charter School. Facebook.com/sunmountainyoga or yoga@reneerudolph.com.

LIBRARY

- 6 Bee Keepers 10 a.m. They meet every first Monday of the month and discuss everything bee keeping. Come and join the group.
- 7 Walking, Talking Threads 12:30-3 p.m. Meets every first Tuesday of the month. Take a nice brisk walk around Guffey Town and meet back at the library to crochete, knit and talk.
- 13 Free Legal Clinic for parties who have no attorney 3:30-5 p.m. at the library. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions and explain the process/procedure for all areas of Colorado civil law, including family law, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law, small claims, veteran issues, and civil protection orders. Sign up by calling 719-689-9280.



VICTOR

25-Jan 1 The 24th Annual Holiday Headframe Lighting. The giant headframes that are the remains of 1890s gold mining days will again light up the night sky around Victor and Cripple Creek again this holiday season. These unique mining structures are one-of-a-kind remnants of the gold rush era.

Holiday ornaments, some as large as 20 feet tall, will be it against the starry night skies of Victor and Cripple Creek starting Saturday, November 25. Everything from a Christmas wreath to a snowman and a toy soldier will be on display this year.

A self-guided driving tour map will be available at the Cripple Creek District Museum, Cripple Creek Heritage Center, Victor Lowell Thomas Museum and online at STCFG.com. The lights will be best viewed after dark and will be in place Friday through Sunday nights through New Year's Day, weather/safety and volunteers permitting. Between Christmas Eve and New Year's, weather allowing, the lights will be on nightly.

This holiday lighting tradition is sponsored by Newmont Cripple Creek & Victor gold mine, on whose property most of the headframes are located; Southern Teller County Focus Group who coordinates generator crews; and the El Pomar Foundation who provided grant funding for the event this year. Volunteers from the communities staff the generators and line power connections each weekend. Other sponsors include the City of Victor, Cripple Creek Parks & Recreation, and the Cripple Creek District Museum. Support also comes from Black Hills Energy crews who help refurbish the lamps on the ornaments. FMI www.stcfg.com.

- 23 Rocky Mountain Rural Health Outreach 11-2 p.m. Weather permitting, RMRH representatives will be offering free health screenings, sound financial medical advice, free clothing and much more.
- 23 Guffey Literary Society 1-3. Book choice for November is *Crystal of Tears* by A. James. There will also be an author talk day of Book Club. All are welcome to join. FMI 719-689-9280 or Guffeylib@parkco.us.

HARTSEL

- Country Church of Hartsel meets at the Hartsel Community Center 80 Valley View Drive 10 a.m. Sundays. Everyone is welcome! FMI call Jimmy Anderson 719-358-1100.

LAKE GEORGE

- 13 Free Legal Clinic for parties who have no attorney 3:30-5 p.m. at the library. Volunteer attorneys will answer questions and explain the process/procedure for all areas of Colorado civil law, including family law, property law, probate law, collections, appeals, landlord-tenant law,

small claims, veteran issues, and civil protection orders. Sign up by calling 719-748-3812.

MANITOU SPRINGS

- 9 Pardi Gras, a fundraiser for Manitou Springs Carnivale committee (Manikrewe) to raise money for the Carnivale parade, upkeep and maintenance of our giant Mari Gras puppets! The event is held at Iron Springs Chateau 444 Ruxton Ave 6-8 p.m. Your \$25 ticket includes a Cajun/Creole dinner and a drink ticket (we'll be serving hurricanes!) We'll have a silent auction and liquor pool, as well as the opportunity to get your early bird ticket to the 2024 Carnibal! There will also be 2024 Carnivale reveals, info on volunteering, exclusive announcements and giveaways! Also, information for participating krewes, such as Krewe 101 and where to order your krewe's beads/throws, and live music! Tickets are limited.

WOODLAND PARK

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- being a veteran is enough. Sponsored by Eric V. Dickson, American Legion Post 1980 of Woodland Park.
- 17 Lighter Side of Christmas Holiday Treasure Hunt kicks off with first clue see page 5.
- 18 Pampering Spa at Mountain Vapor Lounge 11-4 p.m. FMI see page 2.
- 18, 23 TCRAS Adoption Fair at Tractor Supply 10-3 p.m.

BLOOD DRIVE

- 13 Blood Drive at Our Lady of the Woods 116 S. West Street 12:30-5:45 p.m. use blood drive code 00480
- 30 Blood drive 12-4:15 p.m. at the library — use blood drive code: 10054258 FMI vitalant.org

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

- 3 Family Night Out for Disaster Preparedness 5:30-7:30 p.m. Are you prepared if there would be a home fire or major winter storm? Join the American Red Cross, Community Partnership, and Teller County Office of Emergency Management to learn simple steps you can

take now to help prepare and protect your family. Kindergarten and older will participate in training. Childcare provided for Pre-K and younger. All community members welcome. Dinner provided. RSVPs appreciated but not required. Walk-ins welcome. FMI Michelle@cpteller.org.

- 7 Crossroads Co-Parenting Seminar 4:30-8:30 p.m. Teller County court approved parenting and divorce class. \$35 fee. Pre-registration required. FMI Michelle@cpteller.org.

Through Dec 5 Practical and Positive Parenting Classes 5:15-7:45 p.m. A nurturing and active approach to parenting in a supportive peer environment. Support for every step of your child's physical, emotional and cognitive development. Meal and childcare provided. Pre-registration required. FMI Michelle@cpteller.org.

- Career Center 12-4 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays. Closed Nov 23. Pikes Peak Workforce Center can help with job searching, resume

assistance and unemployment applications. Walk-ins welcome. FMI Erin@cpteller.org.

- Family Café 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Monday through Thursday Closed Nov 1 & 23. Enjoy coffee, Free Wifi, a Kid's Corner and a space to congregate free of charge for parents and caregivers in our community to connect.
- GED Classes Mondays & Thursdays 5-7 p.m. New students (min. age 16) may join GED classes after completing orientation and \$40 registration fee. FMI Katy@cpteller.org.

- Pearson VUE Testing Center Mondays 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Schedule your certification or licensure exam at www.pearsonvue.com. Fees vary. FMI Katy@cpteller.org.

- Playgroup 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays. No Playgroup Nov 24 Walk-ins welcome. Parents and caregivers with children ages 5 & under. Older siblings are welcome. FMI Jackie@cpteller.org.

- Yoga with Leah Mondays 10-11 a.m. First come, first

served, no late entry. Bring your own mat and props. All levels welcome. FMI Michelle@cpteller.org.

- Yoga with Lean Wednesdays 5-6 p.m. First come, first served, no late entry. Bring your own mat and props. All levels welcome. FMI Michelle@cpteller.org. All programs at Community Partnership 701 Gold Hill Place unless otherwise noted. FMI 719-686-0705.

LIBRARY

- 1 Teen Craft Day 3:45-5:30 p.m.
- 1 Family Art Day 11-5 p.m. in the Children's Activity Room.
- 1 Evening Adult Fiction Book Club 5 p.m.
- 2 Trailblazers Meeting at 5 p.m. Meet with local hikers, plan hikes and share resources!
- 3 Coffee Chats 10 a.m. Join us for coffee and conversation. Meet new friends in Woodland Park.
- 7 Woodland Park Book Club 10:30 a.m.
- 7 AARP Smart Drivers Course from 1-5 p.m. Get a refresher on how to stay safe on the

road! Cost is \$25 for non AARP Members, and \$20 for members. Please call to register.

- 9 Reader's Circle Book Club 10:30 a.m. in the Large Meeting Room.
- 15 Fiber Arts Club 1 p.m. Come make and share your fiber art! Knitting, crocheting, weaving, bracelet making, whatever you like!
- 15 Family Art Day 11-5 p.m. in the Children's Activity Room.
- 15 Teen Craft Day 3:45-5:30 p.m. in the Teen Room.
- 30 Tarot Club 3 p.m. Teens and up are welcome to join this group and learn all things tarot. November's theme is court cards.

- Line Dancing Above the Clouds at 6 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Please note special exceptions due to voting and holidays, and that this event happens outside of normal Library operating hours.

- ASL Class every Wednesday at 5 p.m. Come learn the basics of American Sign Language!
- Tuesday Books and Babies 10

a.m. a special storytime for babies and toddlers.

- Tuesdays is Magic the Gathering from 4-6 p.m.
- Thursdays Preschool Storytime 10 a.m.
- Thursdays Tai Chi at 10 a.m.
- Fridays Tai Chi at 10 a.m.

RESERVE OUR GALLERY

14 SOAR's Nonprofit Cooperative Meeting 9:30-10:45 a.m. Training is on preparing your nonprofit for the end of year. All nonprofits are welcome. To become part of SOAR, the cost is \$36 annually.

26 Artists Sunday at the Ute Pass Cultural Center 11-3 p.m. Artist display, demonstrate and sell items. FMI 719-401-2301.

- Holiday Gift Tables 12-4 p.m. Local artisans display and sell gift items now through Dec 24.

SAVE THE DATE!

Dec 1 Lighter Side of Christmas parade and tree lighting see page 5.

Dec 2 & 3 The 25th Annual Tweeds Holiday Home Tour 10-5 p.m.

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Mueller State Park

Mueller State Park invites visitors to come out to the park to enjoy the peace and quiet the winter months can offer! Hiking goes on year round and once the snow arrives, come out for snowshoeing, skiing and sledding! Guided hikes and programs are offered year round as well. This month, a Star Party is scheduled for November 4! The park is open every day for outdoor activities and the

Visitor Center is open every day from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. See you on the trails!

- 4 Forest Bathing Walk 10-12:30 p.m. Visitor Center patio.
- 4 Star Party 7-9 p.m. Visitor Center.
- 5 Hike: Outlook Ridge*-Lost Pond 9:30 a.m.
- 11 The Un-Nature Trail 2 p.m. Visitor

- Center patio.
- 12 Hike: Preacher's Hollow* and Never Never Pond 9:30 a.m.
- 19 Hike: Homestead* and Lost Pond Loop 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Visitor Center will be closed today but the park is open for your enjoyment! Warm restrooms are available at the Comfort Station.
- 24 Hike: Fresh Air Friday Mueller Na-

- ture Hike 10 a.m. meet Wapiti TH.
- 25 Hug-A-Tree — for kids! 2 p.m. Visitor Center.
- *Indicates to meet at the Trailhead (TH) of the same name.
- Mueller events are free; however, a Keep Colorado Wild pass, a \$10-day pass or \$80-annual park pass per vehicle is required to enter the park.



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