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and we shall soon see  
the results of their love!"**

— Sitting Bull



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## Gathering on gardening hosted by Guffey Community Charter School

by Nate Huggins, 7th Grader

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



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

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

Community members were also given information about the upcoming commu-

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

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

## Adopt Me

By Lisa Moore of TCRAS

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## Rampart Range Library news

by Antonia Krupicka-Smith

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

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

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

tricks and tips to get a start on spring cleaning.

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

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

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

Finally on May 15, there will be a Home-school Family Meet and Greet at the Florissant Public Library at 2 p.m. Learn more about the resources available from the library and get a quick tour of the Florissant Library. All library programs are open to the public and for more information check out the library website at <http://rampart.colibraries.org> or call the Woodland Park branch at 687-9281 or the Florissant branch at 748-3939.

## PRRH's new fall prevention program

Pikes Peak Regional Hospital (PRRH) has teamed up with CareView™ Communications to launch the CareView System, a fall prevention program that enhances patient safety and security.

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

"This is an exciting step for our facility as we continue to place emphasis on fall preven-

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

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

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

## Glyphosate: more than just a dangerous herbicide!

by Carol Grieve

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

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

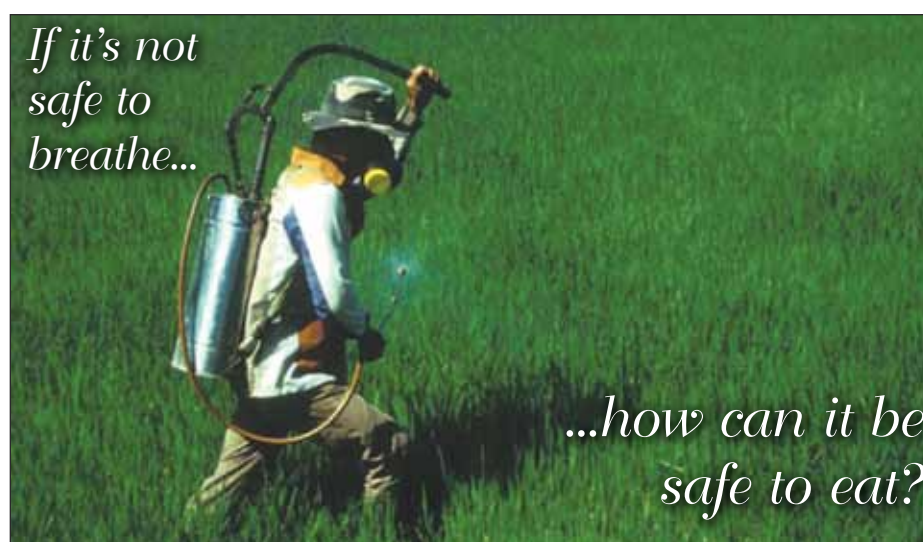
Glyphosate is a powerful herbicide and you may have used it on your personal gardens or lawns. You may think twice about this after learning more.

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

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

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

Not only is glyphosate a powerful herbicide, it is also a patented mineral chelator. According to Dr. Don Huber, Professor Emeritus, Plant Pathology, Purdue University,



"It immobilizes nutrients, so they're not physiologically available for your body. It binds mineral elements that are essential for enzyme function. This chelation is a unique type of binding that binds the metals but it doesn't turn loose of it, so it is no longer physiologically available to perform those essential functions in the body or in the plant. (To hear the full interview with Dr. Huber go to <http://foodintegritynow.org/2014/04/08/dr-don-huber-gmos-glyphosate-threat-humanity/>)"

Glyphosate was also patented in 2003 as a very powerful antibiotic. Dr. Huber explains: "When you take the good bacteria out, then the bad bacteria fills that void, because there aren't any voids in nature. We have all of these gut-related problems, whether it's autism, leaky gut, C. difficile diarrhea, gluten intolerance, or any of the other problems. All of these diseases are an expression of disruption of that intestinal microflora that keeps you healthy. So my question is, how can you in good conscience, promote glyphosate which has been patented as both a mineral chelator and an antibiotic... both of which have enormous implications to human health?"

How many of us are concerned with antibiotic use in our meats and poultry? Since

glyphosate is an antibiotic and it is sprayed on our foods, it's in way more than just our meat and poultry!

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

The way this works is that these crops are engineered to tolerate herbicides. Roundup Ready (RR) soy is the most widely grown GM crop, making up 52% of all GM crops. RR soy is engineered to tolerate Roundup herbicide, the main ingredient of which is glyphosate. The RR gene enables farmers to spray the field liberally with herbicide. All plant life is killed except the crop.

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

Studies have found the glyphosate is not biodegradable, which the industry claims. It has been found in human urine and recently in human breast milk. In the first ever testing

Carol Grieve



for glyphosate in the breast milk of American women, Moms Across America and Sustainable Pulse ([http://www.momsacrossamerica.com/tags/moms\\_across\\_america](http://www.momsacrossamerica.com/tags/moms_across_america)) found high levels in 30 percent of the samples tested. This strongly suggests that glyphosate levels build up in your body over time, despite claims to the contrary.

In June of 2013, Friends of the Earth Europe (FoE) commissioned a series of urine tests on people in 18 countries across Europe. The results were released and FoE is asking, "Why is there weed killer in our bodies?" The findings ([https://www.foeeurope.org/sites/default/files/glyphosate\\_studyresults\\_june12.pdf](https://www.foeeurope.org/sites/default/files/glyphosate_studyresults_june12.pdf)) from these tests raise serious concerns about the increasing levels of exposure to glyphosate-based weed killers, which are commonly used by farmers, public authorities and gardeners across Europe. What is worry-some is that should more genetically modified (GM) crops be grown in Europe, the use of glyphosate is predicted to rise even further. According to FoE, despite the widespread use of the weed killer, there is little monitoring of glyphosate at present in food, water, or the wider environment.

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

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

Carol Grieve is a Certified Life Coach and Health and Wellness Coach and the host of the widely acclaimed talk radio show, Food Integrity Now ([www.foodintegritynow.org](http://www.foodintegritynow.org)). For more information on health and wellness coaching, contact Carol at [carol@foodintegritynow.org](mailto:carol@foodintegritynow.org) or call 415-302-7100. Phone or Skype sessions are available.

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# To the Fallen with love

by Danielle Dellinger

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

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Abigail looked up at her husband with disbelief. "We just moved here from Virginia! You can't go back there for some skirmish!" "Abby," he said in a measured tone. She hated hearing her nickname in that tone. "The rest of our family is there. I have to go back to fight and protect them."  
"But your wife and kids are here, in Colorado, Everett! You wanted to move here to Fairplay as another one of your get-rich-quick schemes! You can't just leave!" She stared at him with hard, unwavering eyes.  
He sighed and walked the few steps to her, taking her hands in his. "My love, understand that this is not a decision I'm making lightly. President Lincoln is calling for volunteers for the Regular Army. I want to help. I won't be gone forever."  
She shook her head before he'd even finished talking. "Don't say that. If you're going, at least take us with you."  
His eyes grew wide and he stared at her. "No, Abby. I can't. Ya'll be safer here. I need to know that you'll be out of harm's way. Stay here."  
She looked up at him with defiant eyes, and he could tell that she was thinking hard about going against his wishes. He sighed again.  
"Please, my love, my Abby," he said softly, leaning down and gently brushing their lips together as he slowly put his arms around her. At that moment, she hated that he knew how to quiet her. She stood there for a minute with her hands at her sides, but then she brought them up and clutched at his thin shirt up near his shoulders. She squeezed her eyes shut as she fought back tears and he started kissing her neck. He then stopped and put his face in her neck, inhaling her scent.  
"Everett... Come back to me. Don't make me no promises. Just do it, just come back. It's an order. You know how to follow orders, right?"  
He smirked, nodding. "Yes ma'am," he said softly into her neck, squeezing her into his body.  
They stood there like that for the longest time, at least until their two young boys came running in, shouting about the big bugs they had caught while outside.

Everett was gone a couple days later. Abigail sat on their front porch, looking at the mountains in the east. Beyond those mountains was discord, chaos. She'd never seen a battlefield. She thought about the two words being put together. A field is a field. But a battlefield is littered with bodies, debris, churned up clumps of dirt and grass. It was strange to think about, but definitely something she didn't want to see. No human should see things like that. She knew that the men who survived would be broken and changed in some way.  
The sounds of rocks hitting the thin wood on the side of the house sharply pulled her from her thoughts. She looked to see her little boys hurling rock after rock at the house.  
"Hey now!" she shouted, jumping up and walking as far as the porch would let her. "Knock that off! Find a puddle or something to throw rocks at."  
Her boys looked ashamed for a second then ran off, giggling all the way. She sighed and shook her head as she watched them go. They both were like their father, in numerous ways. Their stubbornness and fierce loyalty to each other were the most outstanding qualities to her. They were young enough not to understand why their dad was gone, but old enough to know that it was something to be concerned about. Abigail returned to her seat, gazing at the mountains again.  
Fairplay was a quaint town at this time. It'd been founded in 1859 and had gotten its name from those who had tried to be residents of the town of Tarryall, but had been turned away for greedy reasons. So when gold was found in the South Platte River, they settled and named the

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

Militia groups formed in the town in the following weeks. Abigail and her boys would stand at the front window and watch the groups march by. The boys would get excited and run out onto the porch, calling to the men and asking if they could join. She would run out to them and try to shush them, holding them by their shoulders. One day when this happened, a man stepped out of formation and came slowly walking up the front path. He stopped at the bottom of the steps, looking up at them with rough, hardened eyes. Abigail's heart froze in her chest.  
"Where's your father, boys?" he asked, his voice scratchy.  
"Off in the war!" the oldest said instantly, proudly. Abigail's breath choked in her throat. She watched as the man's eyes shifted from the boy to her.  
"Union or Confederate?" he asked, looking back to the boy.  
The boy didn't know how to answer, so he looked up at his mother expectantly. The man did the same.

Abigail cleared her throat. "What difference does it make? He's not here with his family like he should be," she answered.  
The man narrowed his eyes, guessing which side Everett fought for. "You best be careful with your little ones there, ma'am. It'd be a shame for them to lose their momma too," he said in a slow, threatening drawl.  
Abigail stared hard into his eyes, standing her ground.  
"What's he mean, momma?" her oldest boy asked, looking up at her again. "Did something happen to poppa?"  
Abigail looked down at her son, squeezing his shoulder. "He's fine, sweetheart." She looked back up at the man. "If you'll excuse us, it's time for their lunch." She then turned her boys toward the front door and ushered them inside. She closed the door with the man still standing at the steps, and locked it. She stared down at her hands on the door knob and lock for a minute, then leaned to the side and looked out the window through the lace curtain to see the man turn and walk back down the path. She stepped away from the door and exhaled. That man had been part of the Confederate Partisan Ranger unit. They did not take kindly to talk of supporting Union soldiers. She turned around to find her children standing side by side, looking at her worriedly.  
"Poppa?" asked the youngest, his eyes big and watery.  
Abigail shook her head and went to them, kneeling down. "He's okay, darlings. He's okay. Don't think on what that man said for another moment. I'm the only person you need to listen to. I'll tell you if anything happens to Poppa. Okay?" she asked, her hands on the backs of their necks.  
They both slowly nodded and stepped into her body, hugging her with their small arms. She hugged them back, striving to keep her emotions calm for the sake of her kids. When they pulled back she smiled at them. "How about some lunch?" she asked.

*Dearest Abigail,  
The nights are cold, hard, and long without you beside me. All around me it smells like death and feces. I miss your smell. I found the scarf you snuck into my bag. Every night I hold it close, inhaling deeply, but your scent is long gone. I miss you. I miss the boys. How are they? I'm sure they've grown so big on your home-cooking. My mouth waters just thinking about your cooking.  
We've been on the move recently, preparing for a raid. Be at ease if you don't hear from me for a while. I had a nasty cough and fever for a few days, but my health is improved. When the fever was at its worst I believed you were beside me, whisper-*

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

*With love,  
Everett*

Abigail folded the letter back up, only to unfold it and read it again. She clutched it to her bosom and looked out the window at the mountains. Her love was on the other side somewhere. Her eyes drifted down to the windowsill where she'd put a picture of Everett.  
"You had better come home," she said to the picture. "That's an order, soldier."  
"Who're you talkin' to, momma?" came the small voice of her oldest son from the doorway.  
Abigail turned to him. "Your poppa. Reminding him to come home."  
"But he's not here..."  
She sighed, wishing he was old enough to understand. "I know, darling. I know." She put the letter in the nightstand with a few others, then went to her son and picked him up, carrying him down the hall to the room he shared with his brother to put them both to bed.  
The next day Abigail went to the local doctor's office to help nurse those wounded while scuffling with either the Confederate Partisan Ranger units or Union Troops. Tension had been growing all around the area as the Rangers disrupted communication lines and raided supply wagons. Some of the other militias were fighting with the Native Americans in the area. Abigail didn't care about what brought the men into the doctor's office, she just wanted to help heal them and be useful. She couldn't be there to take care of her husband, so she was giving back by helping anyone she could. Many of the women in town gave her venomous glares for helping the opposition, but she ignored them.  
Everett had written to her a few times telling her what the battlefield was like. The description of the smell of gunpowder mixed with the coppery tang of spilled blood made even the back of her throat itch. She was thankful Everett was one who didn't like to talk about the war. He knew it only made her fret more about his well-being. More and more wives and families in Fairplay were learning that their husbands, fathers, or brothers wouldn't be coming home. Abigail didn't dare mention that her husband was still alive. At least she hoped he was.

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

Their eyes met, and he smiled kindly at her. She dragged the kids to the end of the crowd where the parade ended. She rushed right into Everett's arms, hugging him tightly. Something was different about the way he hugged her. The kids hugged his legs. She stepped back and gasped when she realized part of his right arm was missing above the elbow.

"Everett! What happened?"  
"I had been helping to load a cannon when a cannonball came flying and knocked most my arm off," he replied, shrugging one shoulder.  
Abigail nodded a little, quickly processing the information. She then stepped forward and hugged him again. "I'm just glad you came back to me..." she said into his chest. "Back to us..."  
He smiled. "We won, my love. The Union won." He held her tightly to his body and inhaled her scent deeply. "Oh how I missed your smell." Everett pulled back some and reached into his pocket, taking out her scarf and looping it around her neck. She beamed up at him and he leaned down to kiss her forehead. They then went home and Abigail tended to his stump.  
That night the two laid in their bed, the room dark and quiet. Abigail had her hand on his chest. Normally, he would've had his hand resting on his stomach, but now that half of his arm was gone...  
She sighed softly, sliding her hand over and stroking his exposed bicep.

"Does it hurt?" she asked.  
"Often."  
"What's it like?"  
"I'm not certain I can describe it. My arm just feels lighter... " He was silent a moment. "You won't leave me, right? Just because I'm missing a piece of my body... "  
She frowned, lifting her head to look at him. "Of course not! Why would I do that?"  
"Tommy's wife left him because his leg and arm are gone."  
She shook her head before putting it back on his shoulder. "It's her loss. Tommy's a good man. But, you know, it's a lot to process. It's hard."  
He sighed heavily, nodding.  
"I say give her a chance. Once the shock wears off, maybe she'll come back. He's lucky to be alive. You both are. It's just a type of change that none of us were expecting, and definitely not something we'd like to think about. But some just can't handle it."  
"You're so smart and kind, Abby. I'm the luckiest man to have you."  
She blushed and tried to hide her face against him. He smiled and squeezed her a little and kissed the top of her head. They fell asleep just like that. A week later he joined the local law enforcement, just like many other veterans did around the region.  
The following year, they travelled to Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia for a Memorial Day tribute. They both walked among the numerous rows of tombstones, Everett placing small American flags in front of each grave while Abigail touched two fingers to her lips, then placed them on top of each tombstone. No matter what side they fought for, a life was still lost and it deserved remembrance.



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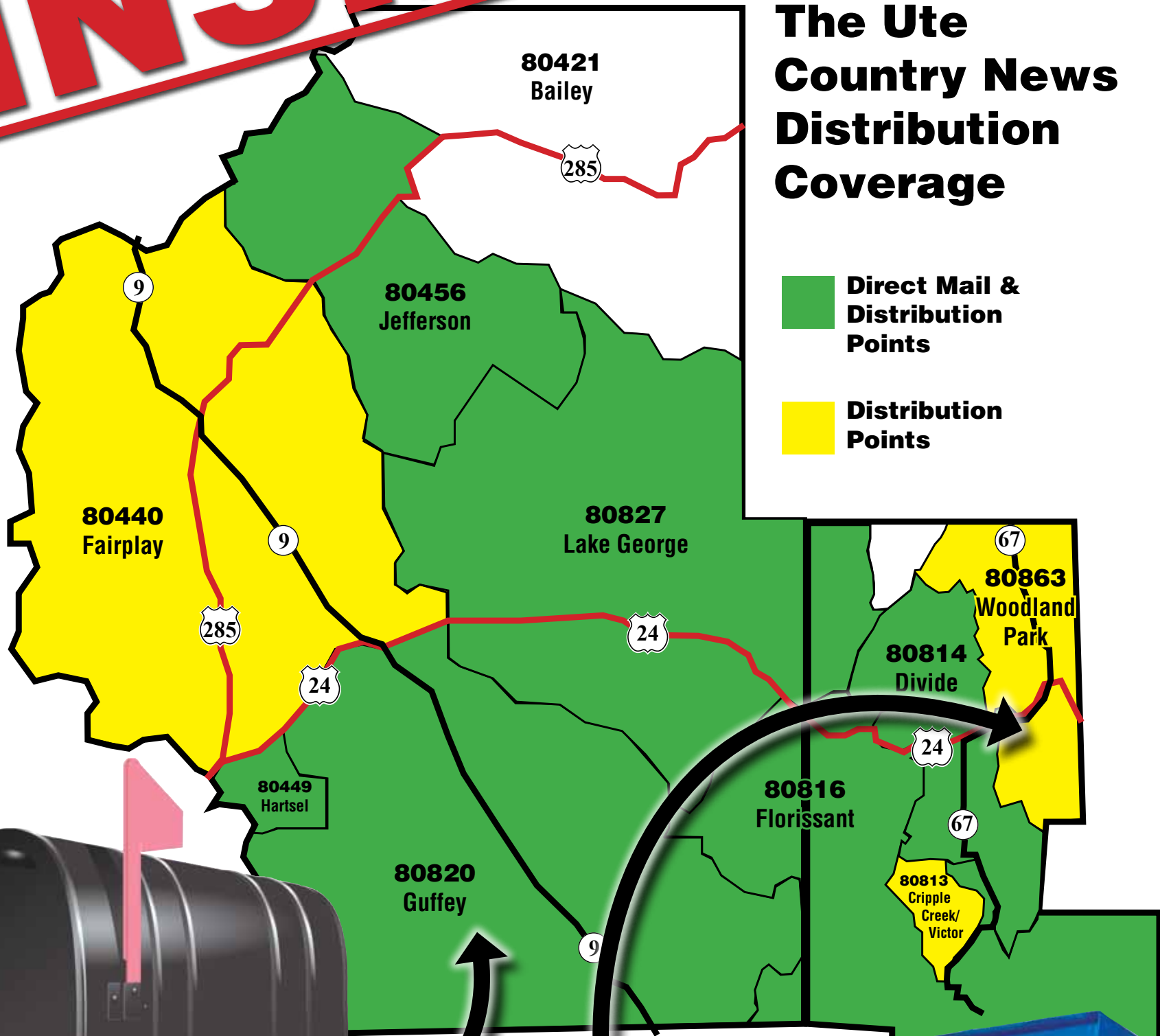
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## HGMFF acquires Dewey Mountain

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

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

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

Other properties preserved by The HGMFF include:



### H. B. Wallace Reserve

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

### Green Box Workshop

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

### Lakeview Terrace

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

### About The Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation

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

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## Mountain Road Corner

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

## 2014 Ride of Silence

by Cathy Keeler

On the evening of May 21, the Mountain Top Cycling Club will host the 2014 Ride of Silence to honor cyclists who have been killed or injured while riding on the road. The Ride of Silence is held internationally to raise awareness to motorists and cyclists of the responsibilities both have to share the roadways in a safe manner.

The five mile ride is free and open to cyclists of all kinds and abilities. Riders must wear a helmet and sign a waiver before the ride begins. The ride will be a relatively slow (about 12 mph), silent procession through Woodland Park, beginning and ending at the high school parking lot. The Woodland Park Police will escort the riders, and Teller County Search and Rescue will direct traffic through the intersections.

The ride begins at 7 p.m. and when the riders have returned to the high school parking lot, there will be light refreshments and presentations. Local bike club representatives and a police officer will speak about rules of the road and safety. Then the riders who were killed will be remembered, and biodegradable balloons will be released, one for each of the seven riders who died on Colorado roads in 2013.

Eunjei Cho, was only 25 year old when he was hit and killed while riding on the shoulder of a highway. The driver was charged with driving under the influence of drugs. Michael Van Duym, 46, was hit by a drunk driver. James Fogelberg, 64, was hit while crossing an intersection when a truck made a left turn in front of him. Randy Herndon, 62, was riding to work when a semi-trailer turned into a driveway in front of him. David Hernandez was riding home from work when he was struck by a hit and run



driver. Donald Shaefer, 83, was riding a recumbent bike when a truck failed to yield right of way and turned in front of him. Lastly, a cyclist was found to have been at fault in his fatal accident crossing an intersection at a red light.

Last year about 100 people joined the Woodland Park Ride of Silence and hopefully even more will come out this year to promote cycling safety in this area. This is a great event for families, individuals and groups. Children must ride with parents, and should be able to ride five miles. Riders are encouraged to preregister on [prereg.com](http://prereg.com) and sign the waiver online. There are no registration fees. Please arrive early as the procession will begin promptly at 7 p.m.

Mountain Top Cycling Club has information about this ride and other events on its website [www.mountaintopcyclingclub.com](http://www.mountaintopcyclingclub.com) For more info call 719-687-2489.

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# Beware of the budworm

by Don and Donna Doty

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

Many people are calling in and asking "Why are the tips of my spruce tree branches looking brown and dead? Why are the tops of my older mature spruce trees showing die back? Why are some of my smaller younger spruce trees dying?" The answer to these questions is the growing attack of the budworm. The Western Spruce budworm is a serious insect that is damaging so many of our area spruce trees.

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

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

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

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

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

We have seen a most significant explosion



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



This is the moth stage.

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

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

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

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# Balanced Rock

by Luke Sattler,

Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society



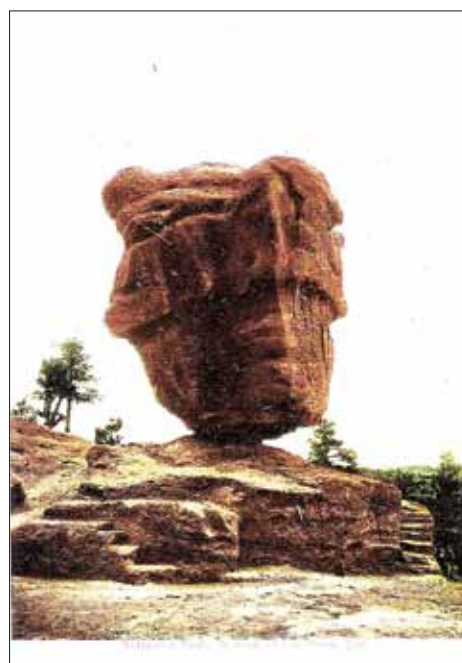
## About the author

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

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

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

*For this red rock time stands still today. Immovable and balanced, carved from erosion: Water, wind, chill, frost, and ice take their pick at this red inexorably carving it as a sentinel. The rock stands so still, does not budge nor hold a grudge or judge—just beauty that is plentiful. The rock will eventually erode to sand, but today it makes its balanced stand! It sits softly, silently in wait for its destined geological fate.*



## A Haiku Poem by Reed Noller

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

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



## About the author

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



*Balanced Rock is one of the spectacular features of the Garden of the Gods. Around 300 Million years ago, the Ancestral Rockies once stood nearby. Over time, the forces of mass wasting, wind and water eroded the magnificent peaks into swift streams full of sediments. Those sediments were eventually pressed and cemented into solid rock, where erosion formed them into what we see today. Vintage post card part of the CSMS pebble pup collection.*

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**Teller Senior Coalition "Lunch 'n Shop"**



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

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

**Cripple Creek Schedule**  
 The first and third Wednesday of each month. The TSC bus will depart from the Aspen Mine Center at 10 a.m. and arrive at the Woodland Park Senior Center for lunch. From the Senior Center the bus will stop at City Market before leaving Woodland Park at 2 p.m. for Cripple Creek.

**Florissant Grange Schedule**  
 The 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month. The TSC bus will depart from the Florissant Grange at 10 a.m. for lunch at the Woodland Park Senior Center followed by shopping at

City Market with departure from Woodland Park back to the Florissant Grange at 2 p.m.

**Reservations must be made 48 hours in advance by calling (719) 687-3330.** To be eligible for this service you must be 60 or older and have an application on file with the Teller Senior Coalition.

Applications are available either on line at <http://www.tellerseniorcoalition.org/> (under the services tab), by phone request at (719) 687-3330 or you may pick one up at the TSC office which is located at 750 East Highway 24, Building 2, Suite 105. The bus is limited to 14 people so please sign up early! A donation of \$5.00 towards transportation and lunch is suggested.

Additional information is available on the Teller Senior Coalition website: <http://www.tellerseniorcoalition.org/>

TSC is also offering transportation to Fort Carson on Mondays and the Air Force Academy on Thursdays. Please call (719)687-3330 for more information.

**Mine tour offers views of 1890's mining**

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

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

Some hiking (95% downhill) will be required. Shuttle buses donated by Cripple Creek Parks & Recreation will be used to transport visitors to the trail where hiking down into the site, and down out of the site will be required. Shuttles will pick up participants below the trail near Silver Street in Cripple Creek. Those who cannot hike will be transported via a very limited number of four wheel drive vehicles - please note this need when making reservations. Seating in the buses is limited to a maximum of 70 individuals. No children under the age of 5

years should attend and no pets are allowed.

Former hard rock miner Gary Horton will present historical information on Poverty Gulch and Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company Environmental Coordinator Jeff Campbell will make the presentation on the historic mine relocation and preservation project.

Meet at the Victor Lowell Thomas Museum no later than 9:15 a.m. the day of the tour. All participants will be required to sign waivers. This tour is very popular and advance, pre-paid reservations are recommended online at [VictorColorado.com](http://VictorColorado.com). Online reservations are by credit card; cash only payments will be accepted at the museum the day of the event. Tickets will also be on sale the museum (cash only) May 17 and 18.

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

For more information on the STFCG or this event, visit [VictorColorado.com](http://VictorColorado.com), email [stfcg@victorcolorado.com](mailto:stfcg@victorcolorado.com), or call 719-689-2675.

**Homeschoolers in action**

by Elisabeth Newton  
 photos by Elisabeth Newton

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



Three of the volunteers, Cameo Hockenberry, Traesa and Talia Smith, pause for a picture.

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

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



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

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

**Donate, recycle, repeat**

by Erin Snyder



Erin Snyder

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

- 1) Donate My Dress - [www.donatedmydress.org](http://www.donatedmydress.org)**  
 This organization helps set up dress drives to collect prom and formal dresses for girls who cannot afford them. You can contact a local chapter or consider starting a drive of your own to help out. You can also mail dresses to certain out of state locations.
- 2) Dress for Success - [www.dressforsuccess.org](http://www.dressforsuccess.org)**  
 This is an international organization geared towards providing women with professional clothing for entering the workforce and preparing for job interviews. The Denver chapter accepts donations of gently used work clothing.
- 3) Hazardous Waste Disposal (Colorado Springs)**  
<http://adm.elpasoco.com/Environmental%20Division/Pages/default.aspx>  
 Colorado Springs has a hazardous waste disposal facility that will accept household paint, deck stain, insecticides, batteries, bleach, motor oil, all sorts of electronics, and a lot more. They have recycling programs listed on their website for each type of item. What cannot be recycled will be safely disposed. There is no fee, but they encourage donations of non-perishable food items which are donated to the Care & Share food bank.
- 4) Kid Flicks - [www.kidflicks.org](http://www.kidflicks.org)**  
 If you have child or family related movies that you are trying to find a home for, try Kid Flicks. This website collects children's DVDs for donation to hospitals. Their goal is to create a DVD library at every hospital in the US.
- 5) Partners in Housing - [www.partnersinhousing.org](http://www.partnersinhousing.org)**  
 If you are looking for a great place to donate clean stuffed animals, try Partners in Housing based in Colorado Springs. They are an organization geared towards assisting the homeless population. They accept clothing, household items, appliances, bedding, and children's items. Make sure to thoroughly clean stuffed animals before donating them.
- 6) Vietnam Veterans of America - [PickUpPlease.org](http://www.pickupplease.org)**  
 This organization accepts donations of general household goods, clothing of any style or size, shoes, books, bicycles, tools and a lot more. These donations help fund veteran programs available to any veteran in need.

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

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

Erin Snyder is a Professional Organizer and the author of the organizing blog Neaten Your Nest. For more information, please visit [www.neatenyournest.com](http://www.neatenyournest.com) or contact Erin at [erin@neatenyournest.com](mailto:erin@neatenyournest.com) or 678-622-6718.

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

by David Martinek

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

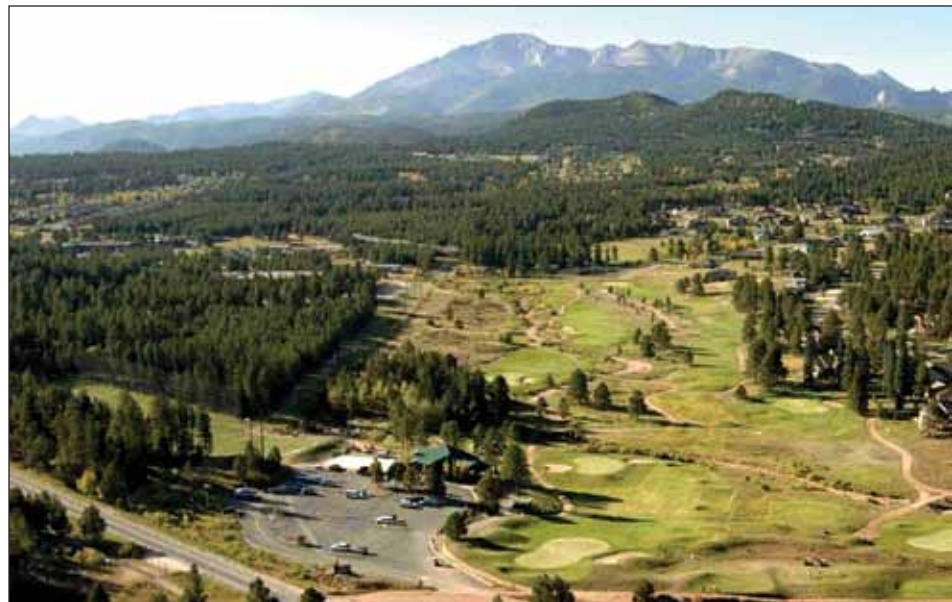
Regardless of your opinion of the game, after a long winter like we have had, many weekend golfers can't wait for some sunny days to venture out on the links and declare the cold weather finally over. Our recent rains are beginning to turn things green as fresh grass can be seen sprouting through the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

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



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

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



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

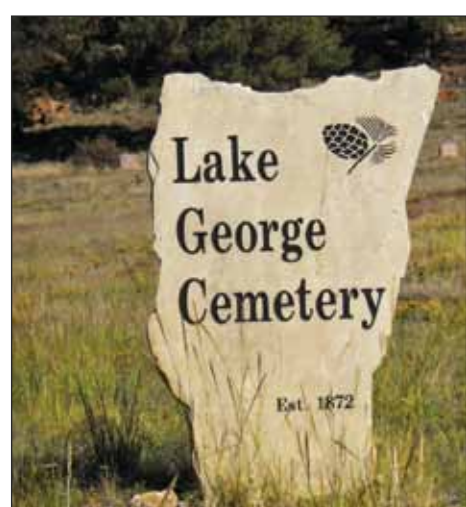
they're lucky!)

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

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

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

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



The entrance to the Lake George Cemetery

## Lake George cemetery clean-up & memorial dedication

by Maurice Wells  
photo by Maurice Wells

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

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

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

## JA reaches over 285 students at Summit Elementary

by Sherri Albertson

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



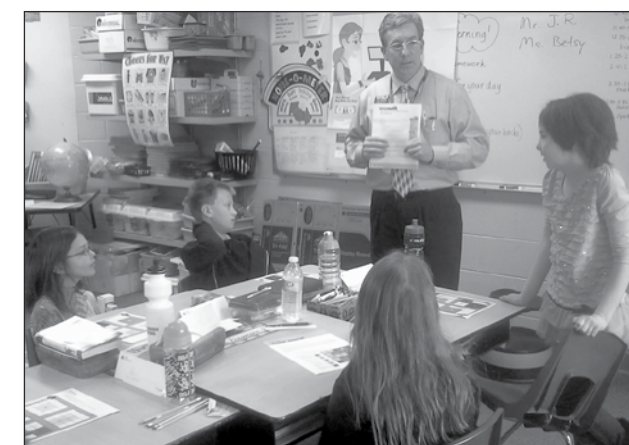
Detective Dennis Sherman and TCSO dispatcher, Brandie Lewter, teach students in Mary Crade's 1st grade classroom about the different jobs available in a town.



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



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



J.R. Dickens with the Woodland Park SCORE office discussing the costs of running a city with Emma Myers' 3rd grade students.



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

## DSC teaching the dangers of driving

by Kathy Hansen

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

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

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

No one needs to remind Tom Antkow how deadly that force is; it is the same force that killed Melissa, his daughter, December 22, 1999. She was struck by a 16 year old who ran a red light, broadsiding Melissa's car, and ending her short life.

Tom said, "I could have given up, or crusade for my daughter's life." A short three months after Melissa's death, the founded Driver Safety Consultants in Colorado Springs, and now also in Woodland Park.

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

Driver Safety Consultants offers a multitude of courses for anyone interested in learning to drive safely. Their teenSMART program focuses on crash avoidance. "It is designed to give novice drivers the advanced, real-world skills they need to drive safely and avoid accidents," according to their website www.drivesafer.info. But that's not all; Driver Safety Consultants offer behind-the-wheel training, classroom courses, and virtual classrooms. They offer three different Permit Classes, have a free Parent Orientation Class (suggested for parents concerned about their children's safety), a variety of Driver's License/Permit Testing designed for the state of Colorado, and five different In-Car Training courses.

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

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

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

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



Tom Antkow, founder of Driver Safety Consultants



Melissa, Tom's daughter and inspiration.

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DIVIDE

12 & 28 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 littlechapelfoodpantry@outlook.com.

13 TCRA's is seeking volunteers to partner with them as dog walkers, dog cleaners, dog and cat adoption counselors and other areas.

FAIRPLAY

29 South Park High School/Middle School Spring Music Concert at 6:30 p.m. SPHS multi-purpose room.

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The second Wednesday, Senior Board member meetings at 9 a.m., except holidays, then lunch at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$6.00 per person.

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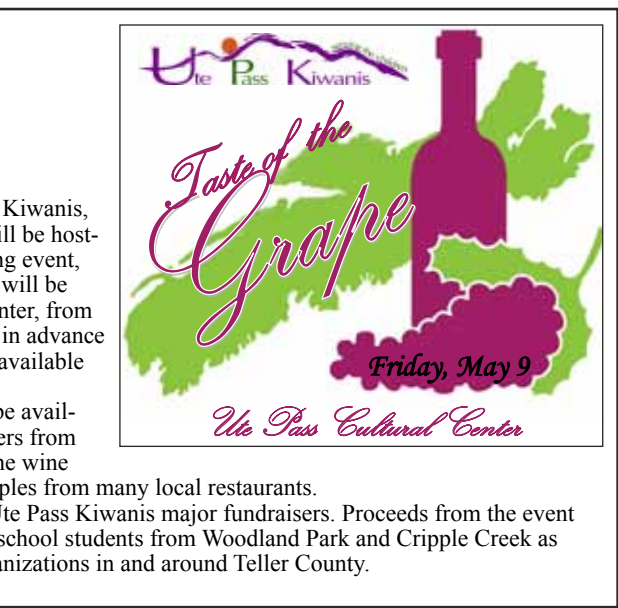
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The Pikes Peak Historical Society Museum is located in Florissant at 18033 Teller County Road #1, across from the Florissant Post Office.

WOODLAND PARK

220th Annual Karate Gospel Demo will be held at the Ute Pass Cultural Center in Woodland Park Friday, May 2nd, 7 p.m.

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10 Mother Goose visits DR: Little Chippy, the chipmunk is wondering "Where's my Mommy?"

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