

The Valley News

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CCBA News

By Donna Griesel, CCBA President

The Community Building Association met for its annual meeting in April. We collected membership dues of \$20 per family, which helps to pay the bills and maintain the building. Thanks to all of you who have joined. To those who haven't joined and would like to, it's never too late to send your contribution to Julia Michel at P.O. Box 156.

We are patiently waiting for word on our 501c(3) application that Mike Collins so graciously helped us fill out and file. This is our official non-profit designation and will come in handy when applying for state and federal grants. Speaking of grants, we have been awarded a state historical structural assessment grant that will help us identify the preservation needs of our historic building. Janice Yalch - our Historic Society representative - was instrumental in securing this grant for us. Work on behalf of the grant will be done by Jackie Powell and Gary Higgins of Salida and will begin in July.

There's a flagpole and flag in front of the building, and there are some flowers planted near the front door to dress

things up a bit. Bill Parks headed the flagpole project. Suzanne Tonnesen donated the plants and the time to get them planted.

Have you seen the Welcome to Coaldale brochure? Several people helped put that together; We think it's a great way to let people know about our community.


We participated in the Highway 50 Yard Sale in May and made over \$200, thanks largely to the outstanding salesmanship of Pauline Golden. People from the valley made yard sale contributions, and I thank you for cleaning out your closets, basements, and garages. A special thanks to the Parkers for the use of their highway frontage for the sale.

Plans are in the works for a fundraiser in August. Watch for more information and join us for some end-of-summer fun. If you like to plan ahead, remember our Chile Supper and Auction is an October event. We always have a great time, and we'll plan to see you there.

Breaking News!!

The fundraiser is on, for August 26th, 5-8 PM. It will be a Southwest Barn Dance, with food, music, and dancing (obviously!).

More details will be coming in a special flyer, so reserve that time on that day, and (as they say) "stay tuned..."



Coaldale Valley Club

By Sharon Clifton & Sylvia Gilman

“Dues are \$1.00 a year, and in June all members contribute \$5.00 for a bakeless bake sale.”

The Coaldale Valley Club was formed by the ladies in the Coaldale area to support and take care of the community center. The club buys supplies like groceries and dry goods for the center and prepares dinners for local families when they have funerals. Also, the club raises money for community charities. It makes donations to help

pay for ambulance service, and it donates money to the school for scholarships. The club buys clothing for needy students and gives Christmas gift boxes to poor children.

Each month, items donated by members are auctioned off at regular business meetings. In May, the club has a plant sale and auctions off

donated plants. Dues are \$1.00 a year, and in June all members contribute \$5.00 for a bakeless bake sale.

The club meets on the first Friday of every month except July and August. This is a potluck luncheon. Women bring their own service, and a hostess furnishes the meat and bread.

Coaldale Community Cemetery Association

By Shar Faison

“The new CCCA is a dedicated group of folks in the community that take the care and upkeep of the cemetery very seriously.”

The **Coaldale Community Cemetery Association** has undergone a revision in the membership in the last couple of years. The CCCA applied to become a non-profit organization in 2005 and new by-laws had to be submitted as part of the non-profit application process. The reason the CCCA decided to become a non-profit was in response to new property being given to the community cemetery by Georgia-Pacific and the need for monies to develop the property.

Prior to the acquisition of the new property, new by-laws, non-profit designation, the Cemetery Association was a group of folks that largely met to clean the cemetery once a year, and some records of burials were kept. The new CCCA is a dedicated group of folks in the community that take the care and upkeep of the cemetery very seriously.

The old by-laws were a few loosely worded sentences that no longer reflect what is being done

at the cemetery or what should be done to maintain the integrity of the cemetery - old or new.

The CCCA meets at least every other month and all of the community is invited to attend.

Some of the work on the new property has already started – trees cleared for the road around the property, and some fencing has been put up – but lots of work will need to be done in the coming years so that when the time arrives that the new

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part of the cemetery is needed, the dignity of the deceased will continue to be honored and the families will feel comfortable that their loved one is in a hallowed area.

The officers of the CCCA at this time are: Bill Parks, President; Suzanne Tonnesen, Vice-Pres.; Shar Faison, Secretary & Sexton; Mike Collins, Treasurer. The members are: Alvera Leitner, Roxanne Moore, and Carol McNew.

Coaldale Quilters

By Shar Faison

The Coaldale Quilters was started about 5 years ago by Sharon Clifton. At that time Sharon and her daughter, Tracie, were going to the Community Building to use the tables there to stretch and hand tie quilts they had made. Sharon got the idea of starting a quilting club and contacted several women in the Coaldale area to see what the interest would be.

Several women were indeed interested and the group started meeting on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM.

The group decided that they were not interested in a formal club but rather a casual one that met for the fun and fellowship that is shared by quilters across the country.

The Coaldale Quilters have made some quilts

that were auctioned off for the Deer Mountain Fire victims and have had other group projects, but mainly the club meets on Tuesdays for the members to start, work on, or finish projects. The ladies bring their sewing machines or handwork.

Lunch is on your own with most gals bringing a brown bag lunch, although a couple of times a year, the group does a potluck lunch.

The work sessions are over when you decide to leave and most stay until about 2:00 PM. The number of ladies quilting varies each week, from 3 to 14 depending on what the ladies have going on in their personal lives. Pastor Bill Korf (from the Cotopaxi Community Church) is a quilter and has repeatedly said he

may show up one Tuesday!!

Word of mouth is how the group gets out the word of the sessions and members come and go. It is a great group of ladies that love to quilt, and what better reason to get together! And if someone is having a problem or has a question to be answered, there is plenty of experience to help out.

Anyone can come and be welcomed on Tuesdays during the winter months - --- Sept thru May. The group decided that too much was going on during summer to continue to meet. Ladies that don't quilt but do other types of handwork are invited to come – embroidery, crochet, knitters – just remember to bring a lunch!

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Christian Women's Connection

By Celeste Strid, Chair

"We are not 'somber' ladies and love a good time!"

Christian Women's Connection is a luncheon group open to all women in our community. We meet once a month, on the third Wednesday at the Coaldale Building. We are all volunteers who enjoy creating an enjoyable and relaxing atmosphere each month.

We always have a program, which includes a fun feature on subjects of interest to women, such as fashion shows from local stores, how to's for various crafts, home decorating, gardening tips etc. Also on the program each month is a guest vocalist, and an inspirational speaker.

Our luncheons are catered by Sandra Canterbury, who creates a

delicious hot meal each time. We try to keep our ticket price low so everyone can come. We feel \$7 for a hot meal and program is really a bargain. We average 50 - 60 ladies each month.

Christian Women's Connection is interdenominational and sponsored by an international organization, Stonecroft Ministries, in Kansas City, MO. There are groups like ours meeting each month across the nation and around the world. For those who desire a small group setting, we offer Bible Discussion groups in homes, and our Prayer Connection each month.

We are not 'somber' ladies and love a good time! To

give you an idea of some of the crazy things we do, some of the fun luncheons we've had in the past include "Breakfast in Bed", where we all came in our p.j.s.; "My Big Fat Greek Wedding!" which included a Bridal Fashion Show from a store in Salida; "Queen for a Day!" where we honored our caterer; and excerpts of interest from a former Presidential Secret Service Agent. This month we are having a 1940's Radio Show mini-concert, put on by a vocal trio who have captured the sound of the Andrews Sisters. We invite the ladies of Coaldale to come out. Contact Kathryn Spight at 942-3052 if you'd like reservation information.

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