

The Valley News

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CCBA News

By Donna Griesel – Coaldale Community Building Association

The Annual Meeting of the Coaldale Community Building Association was held on April 5th. Being people who love to eat and having a community with great cooks, we had a Pot Luck Supper before the meeting. It was a great time to reconnect with our friends and neighbors and catch up with the latest news.

The Valley News has reported much of what was shared with community members at the Annual Meeting. Fundraising efforts, the completion of the Historic Structure Assessment, grant applications and so on were on the agenda. Reports from the Fire Department, the Valley Health Clinic, the Cemetery Association and the TV Club were also made, and some of those reports can be found in other articles of this issue of the newsletter.

There were three director positions open for the Association. Members of the Association voted to keep Suzanne Folke as Building Manager, elected Kay Parker as Secretary, and left the election of President open for the time being.

Alvera Leitner stepped down from the Secretary's position, and I want to acknowledge the commitment and the loyalty she has shown this organization for the many years she served in it.

Alvera could always be counted on to help when help was needed, was a reliable member of the Board of Directors, and a great source of information and insight in so many areas. Luckily, she plans to stay involved in the Association and continue to serve the Coaldale and Howard communities. Thank you, Alvera, for your help, your service and your friendship.

In 2007 there were 495 visits to the building and 4,800 visitors, according to the Activity Log. If you know of anyone who is looking for a place to hold meetings, classes, etc. please let them know the CCB is available, at a cost of \$15 for members of the Association, or \$35 for non-members. Call Suzanne at 942-3935 for more information. Speaking of which, dues are now due, and consist of \$20 per household for the next year.

I am stepping down as President but will help the Association and the building where I can. I'm confident that the Board will continue to function as caretakers of the Coaldale Community Building and to preserve its historic significance. I want to thank the Board and so many others in the community for your help and support during my tenure as treasurer, vice president and president of the Association.



*Congratulations and Best Wishes to the
Cotopaxi Graduating Class of 2008!!*

Coaldale Community Cemetery Association

By Shar Faison

First, a correction to the article in the January issue – we received \$3500 from the Anschutz Foundation, not the Kenneth King Foundation. We regret the error.

The Coaldale Community Cemetery Association has been busy since the last newsletter came out. The road in the new development is in the last stages of completion. All that remains is gravel application. We would like to thank the following folks for their generous donations of time, equipment, materials, muscle power, and always the smiles and cheerfulness as the work was carried out: Clint Base -- equipment and fuel for clearing of trees; Jeff Faison -- truck, trailer, fuel, and muscles to clear slash, stumps, and wood; Dick Carney -- truck, fuel, chain saw, and muscles to cut trees into manageable wood for removal; Ray Edwards -- muscles for debris removal; Dena Edwards - - helped Ray with wood removal; Alex Tonneson -- muscles for debris and stump removal; Gayle Ray -- tractor and fuel to help load stumps for removal; Doug Chambers -- for a place to put the slash and debris; Russ Gillespie -- heavy equipment and time to install

culverts and expertise in the initial development of the road; Mike Tezak -- providing culverts at a drastically reduced cost and delivery of the culverts; Austin Koch -- will provide the gravel and smoothing of that gravel for a drastically reduced price to the Association. These folks have diligently devoted many, many hours and sheer physical effort to get the road done in the new development. If I have left anyone out ... I do apologize and your contribution is greatly appreciated. We will continue to work on the gridding of the sites, development and construction of a gazebo and kiosk, trash removal (there are lots of old cans.... anyone who recycles metal is welcome to them!!). A lot to be done.... but we are blessed to have many hands to help and always welcome more participation from our community.

Another major project that we will undertake ASAP is tearing down of old fencing and installation of new fencing along the front of the old cemetery and installation of the fence along the front of the new development. Carol McNew has been instrumental in getting the application process done to get a discount on fencing materials

from Sonny's Ace Hardware in Canon City. At the annual meeting of the Community Building Association, several men have indicated they will help with the fencing projects. We are so grateful for the interest shown by the community in volunteering to lend a hand. If anyone would like to be a part of this very important project --- please contact anyone on the Cemetery Committee and we will certainly give you a call as the work dates are decided upon. Plaques have been purchased to honor Dean and Bernita DeVore for their donation to purchase the materials for the fencing. These plaques will be installed when the fences are in place.

So as you can see ... CCCA is busy with many projects to enhance the existing cemetery and to develop the new addition. We do solicit new ideas, donations of time and money to develop these needs. We meet every other month on the last Sunday evening at 6 PM at the Community Building. The next meeting is scheduled June 1 because of the holiday at the end of May ---- won't you come join us?



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Coaldale Quilters

By Shar Faison

The Coaldale Quilters continue to meet every Tuesday at 9:00 at the Community Building. What a grand time we have! Many quilting projects are being started, worked on, finished, new ideas discussed, helpful

hints shared, and fellowship shared. Come join us as we start to end another successful year of quilting.... oh by the way, we welcome anyone to come, whether you quilt, knit, embroider, crochet, tat.... or just want to

talk! Bring a sack lunch. After the last Tuesday of May (28th) we will suspend meeting until the first Tuesday after Labor Day in September.

Christian Women's Connection

By Celeste Strid, Chair

All women are invited to the Coaldale building each month, on the third Wednesday, for Christian Women's Connection. The luncheon is from 12 to 1:45 PM and includes a hot catered lunch, an entertaining feature women enjoy, great musical talent, and an inspirational speaker, all for just \$8.00 ticket price. Each month 60 and more ladies come from miles around to join in the fun and make new friends. You are invited too!

On May 21, the theme is "What, Me! Cook??" and features "The Mixing Bowl", a wonderful kitchen utensil store located on F Street in Salida. Vocalist Peggy Johnson, from Buena

Vista will delight us with her trained voice, and Jerri Thomason, from Colorado Springs will challenge with "The Need for Friends in Our Lives"

The June 18 theme is "Jivin' With Jewels!" and features the awesome beaded jewelry of Sue Davis, artisan from Cotopaxi. A surprise guest will entertain us with "jivin" music, and speaker, Adrian Miller, a thirty - something mom of two young children who overcame 7 years of infertility, will tell of her journey.

Keep on the lookout for the flyer posted on the door of the Community Building, because when our attendance swells in July we will

need to move offsite. The program will include a mini-concert from local talent, and humorous speaker Patty Morrison, from Loveland, will keep us laughing and will bring her collection of hats to illustrate her talk. Patty has a theatrical background, is a member of the National Speakers Association, and loves to tell her entertaining story.

Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling Georgia Bennett at 942-4319 by the Monday before the luncheon. Why not plan on coming and bring a friend--she'll be glad you did!

In Memoriam:

Cora Van Dyke

"Good friends and neighbors will always be missed."

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Coaldale Valley Club

By Becky Olson, President

In November, we put together 22 Christmas boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to everyone who gave us a donation. In December, we had a nice Christmas luncheon and gift exchange at Barry's

Den in Texas Creek. We are now starting the New Year. Our meetings are held at the Coaldale Community Building on the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM. In May, we will be having our annual

PLANT SALE. Please come and join us. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Becky Olson, president, 942-3071, or Sharon Clifton, secretary, 942-4397.

The Recipe Center

We all know that oatmeal is healthy, right? And we also know that chocolate has flavonoids, which are good for you, too. Therefore, this recipe MUST be healthy!! ☺

Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cake Dena Edwards

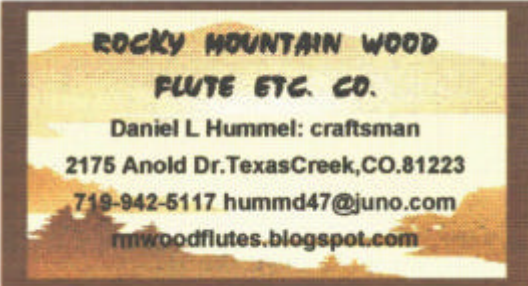
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| 1 c. oatmeal | ½ tsp. salt |
| 1 ¾ c. boiling water | 1 Tbsp. Cocoa |
| 1 stick margarine, cut into pieces | 2 eggs |
| 1 c. sugar | 2 c. flour |
| 1 c. brown sugar | 1 pkg. Chocolate chips |
| 1 tsp. baking soda | 1 c. nuts, chopped (optional) |

Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine the first 3 ingredients and set aside for 10 minutes. Add the next 7 ingredients to the oatmeal mixture and mix together. Add ½ package of chocolate chips. Pour into a 9x13 inch pan (greased and floured). Pour the other ½ package of chocolate chips and the nuts on top and bake for 40 minutes at 350°F.



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The Pleasant Valley Health Clinic

It is with great pleasure that the Board of the Pleasant Valley Health Clinic announces to the Cotopaxi, Texas Creek, Coaldale, Howard, and surrounding areas, the relocation and opening of the Pleasant Valley Health Clinic. The new clinic location is the building at the corner of Hwy 50 and CR 1A in Suite C (across the road from the Cotopaxi store).

We will initially provide physician/PA office visits, physical therapy, community wellness, and health & fitness. We plan to add dental, optical, x-ray, and pharmacy in the near future. The board of the PVHC

welcomes all suggestions and support from the community. We will have a booth at the upcoming Health Fair at the Cotopaxi school on April 18 with a suggestion box, and we welcome any suggestions from the community.

The PVHC will operate 1-2 days per week and will begin operating at our new location in June 2008.

The Coaldale Clinic has been an asset to the communities since beginning operations in July 1985, with DrS. David Arnett and Harry Keefe, and nurse Esther Johnson. We look forward to becoming more of a full service clinic for the

communities.

We will have a fundraiser this summer and we also welcome any tax-deductible donations from the community, which can be sent to Pleasant Valley Health Clinic, P.O. Box 23, Cotopaxi, CO 81223.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to any of the following board members:

- Alvera Leitner ... 942-3592
- Bill Parks 942-4422
- Dick Carney 942-5857
- Trish Fieth 942-5321
- Jerry Estes 942-4228
- Bill Peden 942-3719

Pleasant Valley Woodcarvers Club

By Chris Blosser

The newly formed Pleasant Valley Woodcarvers would like to invite anyone with an interest in woodcarving to attend our carving get-togethers. We are currently meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 6PM at the home of Bill

Tunstall in Howard. All ages and levels of skill are welcome, from beginners to experienced carvers. We have projects and tools available to help beginners get started, along with tips and advice.

This is a very informal

gathering. Bring your projects, tools and talents or just come and observe if you prefer. For more information, call Bill Tunstall, 942-3325, or Chris Blosser, 942-4649.

Hope to see you there!

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Letter to the Editor

By Bill Parks

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Alvera Leitner, Dick Carney, et al, for all the help they gave me during my recovery from a broken fibula. They

appeared virtually every day, bringing my mail, hauling wood, transporting me to the doctor's office, etc.

Their concern for my wellness and willingness to step up and help is greatly appreciated.

Coaldale Yoda Club

By Janet Engel

The Coaldale Community Building is the meeting place for the Coaldale Yoga Club. Monday mornings the group meets at 9 AM for an hour and a half yoga session led by Janet Engel. The group began practicing yoga in

Coaldale about two years ago with Salida yoga instructor Doris Frizzell. In October Doris moved to Westcliffe and was unable to continue as yoga teacher in Coaldale. Our group of committed yoga students

decided to continue without her! Anyone with yoga experience is welcome to join the group. If you are new to yoga and would like to try it out, watch for a beginning class to start in the spring.

About the CCBA Newsletter...

The CCBA Newsletter is published quarterly at the end of July, October, January, and April, and is available at the P.O.s in Howard, Coaldale, and Cotopaxi, plus the Broken Arrow, Sugarbush, the Cotopaxi Store, and Barry's Den.

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If you have any ideas, comments, etc., regarding this newsletter, please contact either one of us. Especially if you would like to contribute a story!

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Check out <http://howardcolorado.com> - it's a site maintained by Sherree Vancil, and she has opened it up to items of interest to the whole Pleasant Valley area, **including a link to the latest edition of this newsletter (http://howardcolorado.com/Valley_News/Valley_News.html)**, which will be available, in color, even **before the print copies are available.**

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