

The Valley News

CCBA News

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The CCBA Annual Meeting & Potluck Supper will be held this year on Saturday, April 25th. Please bring a favorite dish to share with your friends and neighbors. Supper will begin at 5pm and the annual meeting will follow at 6pm. The general agenda for the meeting will include the following: annual reports from the CCBA, the CCCA, and the newly formed Western Fremont Fire Protection District (WFFPD), an update from Holcim about mining operations at the quarry, elections for the positions of Vice President and Treasurer, and a discussion about what to do with the Pleasant Valley Clinic Building, as it is no longer being used.

Julia Michael has graciously offered to continue as our treasurer. Bill Parks, however, will be stepping down from his position as VP. If anyone is interested in helping out by serving a 2-year term as

VP for the CCBA, no experience required, please contact the CCBA (coaldalecba@gmail.com) or come to the meeting to volunteer your services. I am especially interested in encouraging more participation in the association from regular users of the building so that it can be managed and maintained according to the needs of those who use it most. Please consider joining the CCBA board if you are a regular user of the building.

Thank you for your support and hope to see you there!

Correction: the email address given in the last newsletter is incorrect. To contact the CCBA via email, please use coaldalecba@gmail.com.

Coaldale Community Cemetery Association

By Shar Faison

The Coaldale Community Cemetery Association has decided that meetings every other month are no longer needed since the new development is near completion. The next meeting is scheduled for late April. The gridding of the plots in the new development is still scheduled for this spring or early summer and work on the gazebo is scheduled to begin when the weather permits concrete pouring. We anticipate sale

of plots in the new development to be started later this summer. A plaque in honor of the DeVores for the new fencing will be installed later this spring.

There are still some plots in the existing cemetery available and the cost is still \$100 for residents of Coaldale for both locations.

Cotopaxi Well Adult Clinic

By Laurie Wertzbaugher

The well adult clinic is held the third Wednesday of every month by appointment only. The clinic is designed to provide area residents a chance to see a registered nurse monthly for BP screening, BG readings, Hct screenings, oxygen saturation readings, and general health promotion. Review of

medications and answers to medication questions can be done. The clinic is held in the Cotopaxi Health Clinic and appointments can be made with Laurie Wertzbaugher, RNMSN, by calling Fremont County nursing Service at 719-275-1626. The clinic has been coming to the area for over 20

years and was previously held in Coaldale. New patients are always welcome.

Laurie Wertzbaugher RNMSN
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Coaldale Yoga Club

By Janet Engel

Do you struggle to reach a bowl on the top shelf? Is it difficult for you to turn from the driver's seat to get something from the back seat of the car? Can you easily bend over to pick something up from the floor? Do you find it a strain to stand up after kneeling down to put pots and pans away? Is it difficult to pull a shirt on

or off over your head? Reach down to tie your shoelace? All of these everyday activities become easier and more comfortable when practicing yoga regularly. Yoga helps build strength to major muscle groups, flexibility in the hips, shoulders, and spine, and increases mental focus. Yoga classes are held at the

Coaldale Community Building every Monday morning. Classes include instruction and practice of a variety of physical poses, breathing techniques and relaxation. Students new to yoga as well as those with yoga experience are invited to join our classes.

Contact Janet Engel for information. 942-3980



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If your notice still says Deer Mountain Fire District, please contact Carol McNew at 371-6370 or cgi1935@yahoo.com

Coaldale Quilters

By Shar Faison

The Coaldale Quilters are still at it every Tuesday at the Community Building. Many projects have been started or completed this winter and many more projects will get going this spring.... I always say "we are a

SEW busy bunch!!" Not many weeks are left in this year's quilting meetings but all are always welcome --- and remember, if you don't quilt: bring something else you like to work on or come and the group

will help you to learn the art of quilting. A sack lunch is recommended. The get-togethers start around 9:00 and go until you are ready to depart for home. A good fellowship is always enjoyed.

WFCA

By Catherine Bland

A new organization has been started – the **Western Fremont Communities Alliance**. It is comprised of Property Owners in the area of Western Fremont County. We are designing a "Model Community" by agreeing on and implementing actions regarding areas of interest as they affect our ability to reside and prosper here. We meet at the Coaldale Community Building,

South from Hwy 50 on CO RD 6 to CO RD 45, on the corner of that intersection.

We meet every 3 weeks on Friday, from **2:00 – 4:00 PM**. The next meeting will be on **April 24th**.

Why are we doing this? The combined energy, ideas and effort of people in agreement willing to share for the sake of their common good has shaped nations while

other have fallen for the lack of it. Please share your ideas and energy to positively enhance our privileged experience of living here.

PROGRESS: As of this writing, three meeting (Feb. 23rd, March 16th, and April 3rd) have resulted in identifying three areas of focus, #1) Health Services, #2) Emergency Services, #3) Education. **(Cont. on pg. 4)**

WFCA (Cont.)

PROJECTS: Two projects were agreed upon to generate funds and food for the area. A plot of land was made available for a **COMMUNITY GARDEN** by Children of the Son Founders, Jamey & Katrina Madonna. In the latest meeting, Katrina announced that the property is for sale, and has had the price reduced. Similarly, the land in Howard owned by Howard and Ruth Eggleston, is also for sale. Therefore, the community garden on either of those properties is tabled. Residents, who are interested in working together on separate, but coordinated gardens, are encouraged to do that.

The other project is a **COMMUNITY AUCTION**. A date is tentatively set for June 6th. We are inviting residents to provide a list of items they will relinquish at the sale and begin marketing. Details of how much money will be needed to operate the auction, plus a possible small percentage for the community group, are being discussed in the meetings. It is expected that most of the money raised will go to the people who provide the items to be auctioned. The auction will take place at the property belonging to

Jamey and Katrina Madonna, the founders of the Children of the Son. It is located 5 miles south of the intersection of Hwy 50 and CR 69, on the west side.

A database of people, who are offering their skills for barter, trade, etc., is being compiled. If you want to be included, please contact Catherine Bland.

Representatives from the Pleasant Valley Health Center reported on a **9 Health Fair, April 24th 7:00AM to Noon at the Cotopaxi School** being offered. We received a report on their new location at Hwy 50 and CR 1A in Cotopaxi, in Suite C, where four doctors are offering scheduled appointments on Fridays. Call 539-9080 for appointments at the clinic or information about the Health Fair. Rehab services are also available, at the same number. They hope to provide minimal amounts of prescribed medications relative to their appointments in the near future. We suggested they keep us informed so we can help them promote the value of this provision and encouraged them to market as much as possible. A grant is being pursued to purchase the commercial property where they currently occupy

one suite. Any donations are always welcome and they encourage everyone to utilize the 9 Health Fair.

Brandon Madonna expressed his interest in a program in place at two area schools that provides a laptop per student for all their curriculum storage and assignment preparation. More will be addressed on that as we continue.

In the last meeting, Steve Morrissey, Fremont County Office of Emergency Management, provided a report on the efforts of combined fire protection districts. They have been determining boundaries for each district and collaborating their efforts every month for the last 2 years and are expected to receive new communication equipment that will enable them to coordinate their efforts to provide the very valuable services we receive.

For more information, etc., please contact Catherine Bland at 942-3221, or by email at Catherine@coloradomountains.org



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Christian Women's Connection

By Celeste Strid, Chair

All ladies are invited to the Christian Women's Connection luncheons, held on the third Wednesday of each month at 12 Noon at the Coaldale Community Building. Women come from all over our community each month, and we hope our programs will be fun. Everyone is welcome.

On April 15th, we are "Getting a Jump on Spring" with the Bluebird Lady, Linda Geiling, of Howard. Linda has a unique job that concerns Bluebirds. Come and hear all about it, enjoy songs from Gwen Chermack, a talented vocalist from Salida, and listen to speaker, Cricket DiGangi, from Buena Vista, who compares her life to a cupful of tea -- "Brimful of Hope!"

If you enjoy bargains and love fashions, our "Rags to Riches" luncheon on May 20th is for you! Former model Mary Lou Powell, also

called the "Queen of the Thrift Stores", will be giving a 'trunk show' of incredible fashions she has picked up at bargain prices, and will give tips on how to do it. Music will be provided by the duet "Sweet Spirit", Donna Osborne and Mickey Herrick, from Westcliffe. Mary Lou will also give a humorous talk on how she found "The Greatest Bargain of All!"

In summer, with the return of the snowbirds, we outgrow the Coaldale Building. So, on June 17th, we will meet in Salida at Granzella's large banquet room off of Blake St., for "Colorado High!" Professional photographer Bob Boylan, from Carbondale, will give photo tips and show his breathtaking photos of Colorado. Linda Boylan, former professional vocalist, will entertain in song. She will also tell her moving story about her struggles growing up in a migrant family in California –

"Masterpiece! You Are a Work of Art!"

On July 15th we are inviting men to join us for lunch at the remodeled Cotopaxi School Cafeteria. (It'll be a catered lunch guys, not "school food"!) The "Saddle Strings", from Bandera's Bunkhouse in Howard, will perform, and speaker Dr. Stephen Vicalvi, from Buena Vista, former physicist with the Space Program now turned Dentist, will challenge us all with an amazing and entertaining talk, "Do You Suffer From Truth Decay?"

Ticket price for the luncheon/program is \$8.00 and reservations are necessary. Deadline is the Monday prior to each luncheon. For information and reservations call Georgia Bennett at 942-4319, or Dailesa DeVol at 942-3147, or email at www.howardcotopaxicwc@live.com.

Pleasant Valley Woodcarvers Club

By Chris Blosser

We are continuing to meet at the home of Bill Tunstall on Wednesday evenings from

6-8pm.
Anyone wanting more information may call Bill at 719-942-3325, or

Chris Blosser at 719-942-4649. All comers are welcome regardless of skill level.

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Coaldale Valley Club

By Becky Olson, President

We meet on the first Thursday of the month, luncheon at noon and meeting after at the Coaldale Community Building. At our

meeting on May 7th, we will be having a Plant Sale.

Plants are donated by our members. Please come join

us. If you have any questions, contact Becky Olson, president, 942-3071 or Sharon Clifton, secretary, 942-4397.

Howard Lending Library

The Howard Lending Library is now open from 10 AM to 2 PM seven days a week. It is located upstairs in the Howard Fire Station /

Community Building. Come on in and see what we have. If you have any unwanted books, please consider donating them to our collection.

For more information, please call Dailesa DeVol at 942-3147 or Doris Ragan at 942-3430.

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Bob Wood

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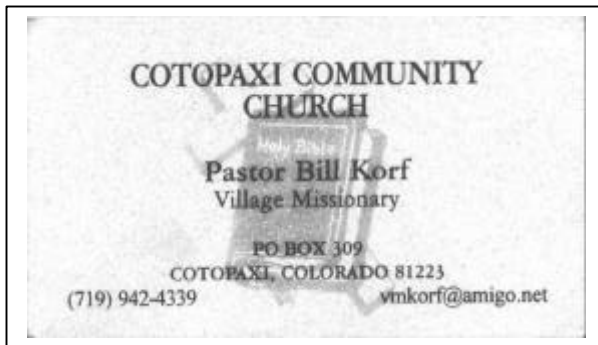
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If you have any ideas, comments, etc., regarding this newsletter, please contact us. Especially if you would like to contribute a story!



Local Web Sites

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.**

If you are willing to read the Newsletter online, we can save money by printing fewer copies. And, be sure to contact Sherree with any items you think should/could be posted on the site. Contact information is on the site.

Also, check out the Coaldale Web site at <http://www.coaldaleco.info/>. You will find a copy of this newsletter, the schedule for use of the Community Building, and more.

