

PHCA Newsletter

P.O. Box 218, Pitkin, Colorado 81241

January 2009

President's Notes

By Karen Blackwelder

Hope you all had a good Thanksgiving and Christmas with your family and friends. Soon it will be time to think about returning to Pitkin for the summer.

Some old – some new events will be held this summer. We would like to encourage you to get involved. We can really use your help if you have time to help with one event or several.

The Melodrama:

We were unable to secure enough actors for the melodrama in '08, but this is such an easy one we would like to have it in '09. The title is "Alaska or ... The Secret of Yonder Mountain." Our director, Nancy Mitchell, sent the following information. It takes a cast of 7 or more and only one set.

Persephone Proudheart is in search of her lover, Cyril Twigbucket, who she fears has passed away in the mountains. Cyril, however, has struck gold and has not perished. Upon returning to his sweetheart, he falls into the clutches of Rhinestone Fred and Goldust Gertie, who endeavor to make him tell the location of the mine. We now find what the love of a good woman and the quick wits of our hero can do. Cyril is reconciled with Persephone and the Widow Proudheart (Persephone's mother) captures the heart of bartender, Alaska Al.

Please contact Nancy as soon as possible and offer your talent.

Nancy Mitchell, 213 W. Colorado Ave., Trinidad, Co. 81082
719-680-2818 (cell), 719-846-9243 (home), email GrammyM53@aol.com

Movies in the Mountains

Thanks to the generous donation of a movie screen and projector by Don and Natalie Zook, we were able to have 'Movies in the Mountains' for the first time. This was a very successful event. We served pop and popcorn, and it felt like sitting in your favorite movie house. We plan to show more movies this summer and will be adding a concession stand with sandwiches, nachos, and a variety of other items. If you would like to serve as a hostess for the '09 season please contact one of the board members. The schedule of events is printed on another page of this newsletter.

Pancake Breakfast and Supper

This summer we will be having one of our pancake feeds on a Sunday morning and the other one on a Saturday evening. We will need your help with these events.

Pitkin Museum

We are proud of our museum. Our Vice-President for Historical Activities, Charles McDaniel and his mother, our museum schedule coordinator Gwen McDaniel and many others have spent many hours organizing and preparing the museum. We are having a museum Open House on June 14th, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Come see our museum and have some cookies and punch on the school house grounds.

Also we want to thank Gale Richardson for the great job of ordering, selling and supplying T-shirts and sweatshirts for the museum.

New Ideas for the Fall Supper

Do you like spaghetti, baked potato, chili? This year we plan to try a new idea for the fall supper. We haven't decided what yet but we have several ideas going. Hope you will join us.

Pitkin Street Signs

The Town of Pitkin is in the process of replacing the old street signs (much of it was done this past summer) with new ones. The old ones were given to PHCA for a money -making project. They are for sale for \$10.00 each. The money generated from the sale of the old signs will be used for the Quartz Creek Valley student scholarship.

Again we thank you for all your willingness to help with our many projects. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please volunteer soon for the Melodrama so Nancy can begin planning.

Looking forward to another great year in Pitkin

GIVING IS FUN

If you believe in something, you support it. If you support something, the time comes when good wishes and cordial words are not enough and your hand reaches for your pocketbook. Then the fun begins. For giving is fun. If you refuse to give, your support is wavering; and if your support wavers, it can't be that you believe in that something in any strong way. Maybe our account books, after all, offer the honest list of those things in which we really believe.

- KENNETH IRVING BROWN

From the Treasurer

By Treasurer Lois Sharpton

Thank you to everyone who contributed last year to the PHCA both by volunteering and monetarily. PHCA is truly a community organization. The members work together to provide fellowship and preservation of the historical buildings and Pitkin cemetery. The Pitkin Days event is known throughout the County. The Newcomb Community Center (NCC) is available from May through September for movies, pot luck's, game nights, private functions and receptions.

The PHCA applied for a grant from Gunnison County, in order for the PHCA to purchase a new commercial dishwasher and a tankless hot water heater for Newcomb Community Center. We did not receive any of the requested funds, so donations would be appreciated.

Annual dues are a bargain at \$15.00 for a family or \$10.00 for an individual. The cost for a Life Membership is \$150.00. Your dues help maintain NCC and many activities.

If you know of someone who would like to become a member of PHCA or are new to the community, please let us know so we can contact them.

PHCA Dues

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed for my Individual or Family 2009 membership, or for my Lifetime membership (see levels listed below).

**To help us maintain a current mailing list please complete the following.
A self-addressed stamped envelope is included if you are not a Lifetime Member.**

Name _____

Email Address _____

**Quartz Creek
Valley Address** _____

Telephone numbers _____

**Other Address
Street, City, State & Zip** _____

Membership levels: Individual - \$10.00 Family - \$15.00 Lifetime - \$150.00

From the Vice President for Historical Activities

By Charley McDaniel

2008 proved to be a good year for the Pitkin Historical and Community Association. We had many successful activities for all to enjoy throughout the summer. Our largest event of the year, "Pitkin Days" was very well attended and I believe everyone had a great time. One of my favorite activities during "Pitkin Days" is the kid's fishing contest. I believe there were more kids fishing this year than ever before. As usual, the trout didn't cooperate quite as much as we hoped, but to see the smiles on the kid's faces was heart warming to say the least.

The Schoolhouse and Museum also had a great year. A big hearty thanks goes out to all the volunteers who freely gave their time so we can keep the museum open as much as possible. Every year I have total strangers come up to me and thank us for all we do to keep the school room as original as possible. Many visitors will tell stories about their loved ones who actually attended the school when they were very young. A few visitors actually attended school in Pitkin and most of them tell me that the schoolroom is just like they remember it. That is quite a compliment for those of us who are constantly striving for an accurate account of what life in Pitkin once was.

I'm very hopeful that 2009 will be a great year too. The Board of Directors had a planning session this past September for next year and we have more activities planned than ever before. Next summer, please join us as much as you can at the Newcomb center for our monthly meetings, potluck dinners and all other activities. Please stop by and visit the Schoolhouse and Museum next summer when you get time. It's almost like stepping back in time to see all the photos of the trains and artifacts of the mining operations back in the early years of Pitkin.

From the Secretary's Desk

By Karen Blue

Winter greetings to everyone. PHCA has a busy schedule ahead for next summer, hopefully, we'll get some new volunteers. There will be more movie nights and game nights, so it will be sort of like "uptown." There are a few new activities thrown into the mix, maybe something for everyone. Hope everyone is having a good winter and I look forward to seeing all of you in June.

Pitkin Town Hall Restoration Progress Report

By Garry Winget, Pitkin Town Hall Commissioner

Progress on the restoration of the Town Hall has slowed due to weather conditions. It has been too cold to pour the concrete footings for all of the new stairs. We anticipate that work will continue on the upstream stairs during the week of December 8th, but since weather has cancelled work already, it may impact what happens. It will probably be spring before the work is complete.

We discovered that the problems with the inside of the rear wall were much more serious, so we have applied for an additional grant from the State Historical Fund for \$18,900. We were notified that this grant was approved December 1, 2008, so we are in the paperwork process to get the grant. The masonry work will also be done in the spring of 2009.

Pitkin Community Church Restoration Project Report

By Garry Winget

The Pitkin Community Church is in the restoration process. It was discovered that the church did not have a foundation, but railroad ties had been used for a foundation. The large steel beams have been placed under the church to lift it up, and we hope by the time that you receive this newsletter, the church will be raised up into the air. Yes, the work will continue despite the cold. Plastic will be wrapped around the open space, and the footings and concrete blocks will be installed in the heated area.

The work on the church has proven to be more extensive than originally planned for, but we believe that the church will be able to have worship services in 2009.

Editor's Note: The Christmas Eve Church Service was held at the Ohio City Town Hall on December 24. Work has halted on the Church and the Town Hall due to the winter weather, and the church has not been raised up into the air so far.

From the Vice President for Community Activities

By Natalie Zook

Happy New Year to all our PHCA members and friends,

Summer 2008 was a great time as old traditions were enjoyed along with some new ones in our wonderful Quartz Creek Valley. Our greatest disappointment was deciding to close the Newcomb Community Center for the winter because of the high cost of propane. We filled our tank before we left for about \$800.00 and are looking forward to enjoying a warm cabin next summer. However, it made us both gulp when we saw the bill!

The movie projector and screen added a new dimension to NCC and made possible additional activities to enjoy while basking in the glory of our mountain town and area. Next spring a committee (Would you like to serve on it?) will decide what DVD movies we'll show and we'll publish that list. We have decided to add the "theater" traditions of making a snack supper available along with popcorn and drinks on movie nights. We will not charge for attending these movies.

Otherwise, we want you to consider the monthly PHCA potluck and meeting with a program related to the area, the special meals, family game nights, and of course, PITKIN DAY on July 25, 2009. With the activities of the other valley organizations, we have a great summer planned for you and yours.

Following this note you will find the complete summer schedule as planned in September by the PHCA Board, and if you have questions about any of the activities feel free to call me at 970-641-1316 next summer. If your questions can't wait, call me at 520-574-5050 where we are enjoying a desert winter near Tucson, AZ. We always look forward to seeing the familiar faces each summer and I get so excited when I see new people come to the valley to experience its beauty and the friendliness of the valley folks. So "hasta la vista"!

Pitkin Historical and Community Association **Activity Schedule for Summer, 2009**

By Natalie Zook

Monday, June 8 - PHCA Board Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Newcomb Community Center

Thursday, June 11 - Movies in the Mountains, Newcomb Community Center, 7:00 p.m., concessions open at 6:30 p.m..

Sunday, June 14 - Open House at Pitkin Museum, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Friday, June 19 - PHCA Monthly Meeting and Pot Luck, 6:30 p.m.

Program: Gunnison Sage Grouse - Past, Present and Future, by Jessica Young, Western State College

Monday, June 22 - PHCA Board Meeting, Newcomb Community Center, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 25 - Movies in the Mountains, Newcomb Community Center, 7:00 p.m., concessions open at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 28 - PHCA Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Newcomb Community Center, 8:00 a.m-Noon

Thursday, July 2 - Movies in the Mountains, Newcomb Community Center, 7:00 p.m., concessions open at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 4 -PHCA Sponsored Pitkin Firemen's Day Parade at 3:00 p.m, Dinner at 5:00 p.m., followed by the PVFD Sponsored Fireman's Ball, Newcomb Community Center & School House Pavilion

Monday, July 6 - PHCA Board Meeting, Newcomb Community Center, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 9 - Family Game Night, Newcomb Community Center, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, July 17 - PHCA Annual Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner, Newcomb Community Center, 6:30 p.m.
Program: Talent Show

Monday, July 20 - PHCA Board Meeting, Newcomb Community Center, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, July 23, 24 and 25 - Pitkin Days Melodrama, Pitkin Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 25 - Pitkin Day with Games, Noon Meal, Drawings and Ice Cream, Newcomb Community Center, beginning at 8:00 a.m. with the Fun Run/Walk at the Silver Plume General Store.

Thursday, July 30 - Movies in the Mountains, Newcomb Community Center, 7:00 p.m., concessions open at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 31 - Summer Supper, Newcomb Community Center, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 3 - PHCA Board Meeting, Newcomb Community Center, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 6 - Family Game Night, Newcomb Community Center, 7:00 p.m .

Thursday, August 13 or Saturday, August 15 - Movies in the Mountains, Newcomb Community Center, 7:00 p.m., concessions open at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, August 17 - PHCA Board Meeting, Newcomb Community Center, 2:00 p.m.

Friday, August 21 - PHCA Monthly Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner, Newcomb Community Center, 6:30 p.m. Program: Why Wilderness? Your Public Lands, by Sally Thode, BLM

Thursday, August 27 or Saturday, August 29 - Movies in the Mountains, Newcomb Community Center, 7:00 p.m., concessions open at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 5 - Pancake & Sausage Supper, Newcomb Community Center, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 7 - PHCA Board Meeting, Newcomb Community Center, 2:00 p.m.

Friday, September 11 - PHCA Monthly Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner, Newcomb Community Center, 6:30 p.m. Program: Movie

Saturday, September 19 - Newcomb Community Center Closed for the Winter

Pitkin Historical and Community Association Board of Trustees September, 2008

President – Karen Blackwelder

Vice President for Historical Activities – Charley McDaniel

Vice President for Community Activities – Natalie Zook

Secretary – Karen Blue

Treasurer – Lois Sharpton

Scheduling Coordinator for Newcomb Community Center – Cyndi Wick

Member – Ken Stewart

Building Manager – Shannon Sams

Membership Chairman, Publicity Chairman and Newsletter Editor – Suzy Metzler (non-Board member)

Note: To schedule the use of Newcomb Community Center, please call Cyndi Wick at 970-641-6807.

2008-2009 PHCA Membership List

Members on Memorial Roll

Ashbrook, Gerald	Gerstacker, Esther	Long, Bob
Barr, Robert	Goldberg, Charlie	McDaniel, Dan
Bondurant, Bruce	Keffer, Karen	McLain, Jack & Louise
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Jaynes, Ralph & Marilyn	
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Honorary Lifetime Members

Higgins, D.C. & Jane: In 2006, for past outstanding achievements in the PHCA organization.

Ramon Reed & Patrice Boyd: In 2008, for past outstanding achievements in the PHCA organization.

Yearly Members

Altberg, Vernon & Donnis

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Zook, LuAnn & Douglas T. Siemens



Main Street, Pitkin, December 25, 2008