

UPDATE: Helen Platt passed away on Wednesday, December 7, at the age of 88. She is survived by her husband Bob, age 91. Bob & Helen were the Fireman's Parade Grand Marshalls in the parade this past summer. Helen & Bob had been married for 68 years and had been coming to Pitkin for the summers since 1949. Helen was a wonderful friend to many Pitkin residents and will be greatly missed.

The Pitkin Miner

Fall Edition, 2005

EDITOR'S NOTE: This edition was written and sent to Ethel Coffman on September 27, 2005, but due to Ethel's heavy workload, was redone on October 29, 2005, and put into an Adobe .pdf file at that time. This method of publishing the Pitkin Miner saves a lot of time and doing it this way, we will be able to have more frequent editions. If you have anything you would like to submit for publication to *The Pitkin Miner*, please email Suzy Metzler at [PitkinSuzy@aol.com](mailto: PitkinSuzy@aol.com).

Fall Foliage Beautiful, Nearly at Peak

The aspens are mostly a brilliant yellow as I write, with some spots of orange and red. These photos were taken on Sunday, September 25. The color developed more slowly this year than it has in the past three or four years.



Birth Announcement

Johnny & Stephanie Sullivan became the parents of baby boy Matthew Owen Sullivan on Sunday, September 11, 2005, in Denton, Texas. Matthew weighed 7.4 pounds and was 19.25 inches long! Sharon Loving (one of the former owners of the Wagon Wheel Café) is Stephanie's aunt and wrote that she "talked to my sister today (Sept. 12) and she said all the nurses are in love with Matt. He is so alert and keeps his eyes open trying to focus on things already. Sounds like he is going to have his Dad's charm."

Marriage announcement

Janna Pearson Potter, daughter of Herb & Tina Pearson, former Pitkin residents (and Herb is the son of Gary & Jan Pearson), and Eric Potter of New Hampshire, have a baby girl born this spring, named Faith. They just moved to Pitkin from California on September 27th. Welcome to Janna, Eric and Faith!

2005 Citizens of the Year

At the August 2005 Town Meeting, James & Lois Sharpton were presented the award of 2005 Pitkin Citizens of the Year. James and Lois have lived here for about 3-1/2 years and have helped out with countless projects in Pitkin during that time. Both are members of the Pitkin Volunteer Fire Department, where James is one of our medical First Responders. James also is the town's Building Inspector. Lois, among many other things, was in charge of coordinating the 2005 Fireman's Day fundraiser event, and is always eager to lend a hand to whoever might need help. Congratulations to both James and Lois!



Jesse Garetson's Kids' Train!

In late July, I snapped this photo of Jesse Garetson's little train, which ran once in the morning and once in the afternoon, all through town, even down to Quartz Lane, where it boarded a visiting neighbor's tot. I'm sure this train made for so many special memories for children and adults alike this summer!



Lots of Summer Activities

This past three months there have been many activities in Pitkin, with Bunko being played on Wednesdays, group 4-wheeler rides on Thursday mornings, and coffees every Friday morning at the Newcomb Community Center. In addition there were two pancake feeds and a spaghetti dinner, all offered by the Pitkin Historical & Community Association (PHCA). The annual Fireman's Day fundraiser for the Pitkin Volunteer Fire Department was a huge success in early July, and in late July, the PHCA's Pitkin Day was also very successful. The Melodrama was originally planned to be shown at the Pitkin Town Hall on Friday night and Saturday night, July 29 & 30, but due to tickets for those performances selling out so quickly, two more performances were added: one on Friday evening at 6:00pm at the Pitkin Town Hall and one on Sunday afternoon at the Newcomb Community Center at 2:00pm. The Melodrama was wonderful and was directed by Angie Huckaby.



Juanita Kellogg & others at Raffle Ticket Sales, Pitkin Day



Lorene Mutz at Pitkin Day



Top Left: Callie Smithson as Fowler, and Kelsey Metzler as the villain, Bertram Oleander, at Melodrama 2005, "Egad! What a Cad!"; Top Right: Kelsey Metzler as Bertram Oleander and John Soderberg as Augustus Greystone; 2nd row, Left: Christine Duetsch as heroine Constant Hope, Melodrama 2005; 2nd row, Right: Shane Benge as hero Manly Rash, and Christine Duetsch as heroine Constant Hope, with Kelsey Metzler as villain Bertram Oleander eavesdropping in the background, Melodrama 2005; Bottom: Stephanie Duetsch as Milly Smith, Chelsea Smithson as Ursula Greystone, Kelsey Metzler as villain Bertram Oleander, Shane Benge as hero Manly Rush, Christine Duetsch as heroine Constant Hope, John Soderberg as Augustus Greystone, and Callie Smithson as Fowler, Melodrama 2005.



PHCA Pancake Breakfast, 6/24/05



Kitchen Help at Pancake Breakfast

Fall Birthdays & Anniversaries

September

- September 4 - Gary Ham's birthday
- September 5 - Jill Neff and John Gay's anniversary
- September 14 - Larry Turner's birthday
- September 18 - Shelby & Robin Wilcox anniversary
- September 19 - Jess Yadon's birthday
- September 20 - Cheyenne Smithson's birthday
- September 21 - Dwight Tomes' birthday
- September 25 - Lori Patin's birthday
- September 26 - Burrell Breedlove's birthday
- September 27 - Dominik Planz's birthday

October

- October 1 - Bob Nuttelman's birthday
- October 2 - Phyllis Bender's birthday
- October 3 - Jim & Joanne Truitt's anniversary
- October 5 - Al & Genie Duy's anniversary
- October 6 - Kathy Olson
- October 7 - Jerry Schreiber's, Larry Miller's and Lucinda Lull's birthday

October 8 - Teal Makowski's birthday
October 10 - Floyd & Gale Richardson's anniversary
October 12 - Natalie Yadon's birthday
October 13 - Wren Gillman's birthday
October 14 - Curtis Malfeld's birthday (Nuttelmans' son-in-law)
October 15 - Helmut Metzler's birthday
October 16 - Pearlie Patterson's birthday
October 17 - Madison Stonequist's and Nancy Nuttelman's birthday
October 18 - Judy Ebaugh's birthday
October 21 - Brian James' birthday
October 24 - Angi Huckaby's birthday
October 25 - Steven Stonequist's birthday & John & Helen Platt's anniversary, 67 years!
October 28 - Cameron Nicholl's birthday
October 31 - Juanita Fry's and Lois Sharpton's birthday

November

November 1 - Tayler McCrery's birthday (Esther's great granddaughter in Ohio City)
November 2 - Tom Gilmore's birthday
November 5 - Jake & Bev Dykes' anniversary
November 6 - Russ Barr's and James Bland's birthday and Jim & Myrna Smith's anniversary
November 7 - Al Balch's birthday
November 8 - Sharon Loving's and Sigi Metzler's (Helmut Metzler's oldest brother's wife) birthday
November 14 - Melissa Duetsch's birthday
November 15 - Ramon Reed's birthday
November 17 - Stephanie Duetsch's birthday
November 18 - Roger Cox's birthday
November 19 - Joyce Bickley's birthday
November 21 - Ceara Smith's birthday (Geri & Charles Meredith's granddaughter in Gunnison)
November 23 - Dave & Dee Nicholl's anniversary
November 27 - Jake Dykes' birthday
November 30 - Keith & Sue Rogers' anniversary

December

December 1 - Matt Nicholl's birthday
December 2 - Shannon Waits' birthday (Wick's daughter)
December 3 - Jan Pearson's birthday
December 5 - Mary Olson's & Susan Dollar's birthday
December 6 - Harv Rees' birthday
December 7 - David Means' birthday

December 9 - Jan Dollar's birthday
December 11 - Darren Schreiber's birthday
December 12 - Casey Jones' birthday
December 14 - LaDonna McLain's birthday
December 15 - Chelsea Smithson's and Laurence Farley's birthday
December 16 - Jenny Smith's birthday (Charles & Geri Meredith's daughter in Gunnison)
December 17 - Matt Rees' and May Wilcox's birthday and Bob & Nancy Nuttelman's anniversary
December 18 - Wade Rumney's, Junie Herron's, and Jimmy Mack's birthday
December 19 - Shawn Dolezal's birthday AND Larry & Nancy Dolezal's anniversary
December 22 - Greg Katheiser's birthday
December 23 - Phil & Nancy Duetsch's anniversary
December 24 - Bill & Juanita Fry's anniversary
December 25 - Ken Yadon's birthday
December 26 - Jim Howie's birthday
December 27 - Noah Blackwell's and Joy Pearson's birthday (Jan & Gary's granddaughter)
December 28 - Ralph & Betty Capshaw's and Tom & Frances Gilmore's anniversary
December 29 - Matt Farley's birthday
December 30 - Kipp Hefftner's birthday

Expect another edition of The Pitkin Miner in January, 2006! Wishing you all wonderfully happy holidays and a Happy New Year!