



Pioneer Town News

SURFACE CREEK VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

IN MEMORY OF

SHERYL HOFFMAN

1955-2011

This edition is dedicated to the memory of Sheryl Hoffman, who died November 9, 2011.

As a member of the historical society, Sheryl produced our newsletters and was the coordinator for the Chapel of the Cross. She was dedicated to the success of the historical society and will be dearly missed.

GRANT AWARD

The SCVHS has received a small conservation grant in the amount of \$300 from The Greenwood Fund of The Denver Foundation. The grant funds will provide for archival supplies to better care for collection items. If you are interested in helping with this grant project, please contact LaDonna Gunn at 856-4349 or ladonnalgunn@yahoo.com.

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
GINI MOSELEY**

The SCVHS is celebrating the 12 years of dedicated service of Gini Moseley as Volunteer of the Year—2011. For the past two years, Gini has worked tirelessly as the Welcome Center Coordinator, making certain that Pioneer Town opened and closed on time each day and was staffed with friendly folks to welcome visitors to the museum.

“I have loved meeting and working with people,” Gini explains. “I have enjoyed the variety of people and how everyone is connected in supporting Pioneer Town.”

“My duties expanded the second year as coordinator to include collecting the monies we received daily,” Gini says, “and I was working with about

40 volunteers to staff the Welcome Center seven days a week from Memorial Day to Applefest.”



Gini Moseley

“I appreciated everyone so much, especially Verna Barr and her daughter, Barbara,” Gini explains. “They took such initiative in the Welcome Center and were such a huge help. Dick Brooks also helped me automate the process by

creating forms that we used daily.”

Shortly after moving to Cedar-edge 13 years ago, Gini met Bettie Brady at a neighborhood party. Bettie’s enthusiasm and excitement for Pioneer Town captivated Gini and she was easily persuaded to join the Historical Society. For the last 12 years, Gini has been involved not only because of Bettie but primarily because Gini loves history and Cedaredge.

“Pioneer Town is such a jewel. It is the hub of the town,” Gini says. “We have to keep progressing and modernizing and working to be the main attraction in this area.”

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S O U P S U P P E R M O V E S T O M A R C H

The SCVHS’s annual soup supper moves to March. “With so many historical society and community events going on in the Fall each year, the Board decided to schedule the fundraiser in March,” says Betty Kendrick, this year’s event organizer. The supper is scheduled for Tuesday, March

20 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Even though the date has changed,” Betty explains, “the food will be just as good. We have been very fortunate in the past with so many people donating a variety of tasty soups that we are planning for a similar selection of soups,

homemade breads, and cornbread again this year.”

“The cost for a bowl of soup will still be \$10,” Betty says, “but we will not be able to offer pottery soup bowls.”

If you want to help with the soup supper, please contact Betty Kendrick at 835-5263.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY GAEL MCCULLY

Our next annual meeting is February 4, and I hope you can join us. One important agenda item is the election of board members. There are two expiring terms that will be decided. These are important positions in our organization. If you would be willing to be placed on the ballot, please give me a call at 856-4769. We will also take nominations from the floor that night.

This year the board has reviewed our Mission Statement. It is: The mission of the Surface Creek Valley Historical Society is to maintain a repository for the preservation of the history of the Surface Creek Valley and to operate and maintain Pioneer Town for the education and enjoyment of the public.

With the above statement in mind, under the leader-

ship of LaDonna Gunn, the board constructed two goals and corresponding objectives for the year 2012. Also, action plans were formulated to accomplish the goals and objectives.

The first goal is to establish a strong financial base for sustainable revenue. The four objectives for this goal deal with increasing membership, facility usage, fund raising, and local visitor

attendance to Pioneer Town. The second goal is to increase public awareness of Pioneer Town, both locally and regionally, and to be considered an educational destination and community asset. Our objective is to increase local public presence in 2012.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you a happy and prosperous 2012.

HERITAGE TRAIL:

BOLTON & SMITH BUILDING (170 W MAIN ST)

After arriving in Cedaredge in 1906, Dr. L.C. Bolton, with the help of E.D. Smith, constructed the Bolton & Smith building in 1910 for Dr. Bolton's office on the east side and Cedaredge Realty on the west. Attorney W.W. Dingman located in one of the offices upstairs. The telephone co-op was in the up-

stairs in 1911 but had moved by 1919.

In the 1960s the Ebbs family opened a Christian bookstore and 14-year-old Mike opened a pet shop on the west side.

In 1971 Steffi's Fashions opened, selling women's and children's clothing. Steffi Briscoe was well loved by the

community. High school girls worked as living models and there was a traditional European flower mall in the back during the summer. Steffi's was in operation for over 30 years.

(This research was conducted, in part, by the CHS Colorado History Class.)



Bolton & Smith Bldg
Date: About 1920
 Cedaredge Hotel to the right;
 Champion Newspaper to the left.

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VOLUNTEER GINI MOSELEY

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"I remember that Maynard Nelson was the first person I met when I came to the Welcome Center," Gini shares. "I was so excited because he was excited about Pioneer Town; and Peggy Baxter was standing behind the counter just beaming. So, I knew this was going to be a great place!"

Gini's eye for details, organizational skills, and ability to work with many volunteers comes from years as a purchasing agent for the Department of Interior at the Denver Federal Center. She has two children, a son and daughter, and three grandchildren. Her husband, Lyn, is also retired from the federal government. Gini and Lyn enjoy ATVing on

the Mesa, and she loves to read, especially historical fiction. She can also be found spending her time making pine needle and reed baskets, working at the Shelter Shoppe, and relaxing with Tai Chi.

FROM OUR COLLECTIONS

WEATHER & FRUIT RECORD FOR PALMER AND JOSLYN'S RANCH NO. 1



Apples and Snow at Eckert
Date: Unknown
Collection: Motto

“Records kept by Elmer Wick from time of taking over duties [at the Palmer and Joslyn Ranch No. 1]. Starting year 1937.

Weather Records—summary of weather for each year starting with the year (summer) 1937 and the winter preceding the crop summer.

1937: During Jan 1937 the temperature went to 12° below zero—causing much damage to sweet cherries. About 8 feet of snow on Grand Mesa. Plenty of water to mature the crops. A late freeze the 22 of April causing considerable damage to apricots. This was our last killing freeze.

An ideal fall—no killing frost until about the last of Nov. 1937.

1938: Very mild winter; lowest temperature for winter was 2° above zero. A very wet spring, with 8½ feet of snow on Grand Mesa. Late spring. Late spring frost the 6th & 7th of May causing considerable damage to apricots, cherries and peaches also to Delic apples. No damage by fall freezes.

1939: Average winter with 20” of snow on level at one time. Temperature going to 8° below 0 the 1st of Feb. The snow on Grand Mesa was about 5 feet. Some shortage of water for irrigation during the summer. Very dry summer with practically [sic] no rain until the 1st of Sept. No late frost to damage any of the small fruits. No early fall freeze to hurt fruit.

1940: A rather mild winter, temperature went below zero a few nights but no winter kill to fruit buds. The lowest was 8° below zero. We had a good snow fall in the valley and a fair fall of snow on G. Mesa. A dry summer caused a water shortage.

1941: A mild winter, no damage to

fruit during winter. No spring freeze a little short of water until fall which was very wet. It was so rainy that it made harvest difficult.

1942: Mild winter about 10° below the coldest. Spring freeze destroyed apricots, cherries & peaches and some apples. Plenty of snow on Mesa to water with except it was a dry summer. No moisture after March to do any good.

1943: Mild winter not too much moisture. About 5 feet on the Mesa but storage water from 1942 gave enough to irrigate thru the summer. Spring freeze the 17th [of] May froze about all the fruit.

The apricots were as large as walnuts.”

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Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
October 18, 2011



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Winter Calendar

Annual Member Banquet
Saturday, February 4, 6 p.m.

Soup Supper
Tuesday, March 20, 5:30 p.m.

Pioneer Town

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Stolte Shed Rentals

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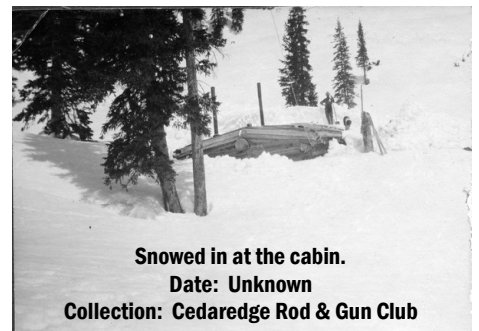
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Newsletter

If you prefer receiving the newsletter electronically, please email Dick Brooks at dick@solutionsark.com.

If you have comments about this newsletter or suggestions for the next one, please contact LaDonna Gunn at 856-4349 or ladonnalgunn@yahoo.com.



Snowed in at the cabin.

Date: Unknown

Collection: Cedaredge Rod & Gun Club

Water referees would pack into the cabins at Leon Lake, Trickle Reservoir, Alexander Lake, or Granby Reservoirs to turn in the water into the respective ditches in the spring.