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CCBA News

By Donna Griesel, CCBA President

The Building Board met recently to catch up on the latest business and plan this summer's Barn Dance. The fundraiser will be held on Friday, August 17, starting at 5:00 PM. After discussing several options for the meal, Plan A became a salmon dinner, similar to the ones held in Howard. Al and Jane Rule, who offer the salmon, were contacted, and they agreed to help us out. For those of you who are not fans of fish, we'll have another entrée that will be just as delicious. Music and dance will cap off the evening. The quick and easy-to-learn line dances will be cued by Eleanor Fahrney, who did such a great job last year. We learned that slippery-soled shoes work best on the carpet. You might want to keep that in mind when you're selecting your dancing

slippers. Even if you don't choose to dance, the music is guaranteed to set your toes tapping and to put a smile on your face. Watch for the fliers. They'll give you all the information. For now, mark your calendars for August 17th.

The Historic Structure Assessment should be completed very soon. Jackie and Gary have returned from their Mexico trip and resumed work on it. The Board still has its eye on the October grant round with plans to target insulation, the building's electrical system, and restoring the folding doors. Matching funds are always a part of any grant request, so the donations you make for using the building and supporting our fundraisers are important to us.

Local Web Site

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 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.

Coaldale Valley Club

By Becky Olson

We are on "vacation" until September, when our meeting will be on the 7th. Our meetings are held at the Coaldale Community Building on the first Friday of every month at noon. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Becky Olson, president, 942-3071, or Sharon Clifton, secretary, 942-4397.

Coaldale Quilters

By Shar Faison

Coaldale Quilters are on "vacation" for the summer, and will next meet on Tuesday, September 4th. The ladies will then continue to meet each Tuesday, 9:00 AM, at the Community Center to enjoy the fellowship and to either start a project or complete one --- just remember to bring your lunch. Come join the Quilters for a day of good humor, good fellowship, and a chance to learn a valuable skill, the art of quilt making.

Coaldale Community Clinic

The Coaldale Community Clinic Board is looking for a piece of property to purchase or lease in order to locate a new clinic offering expanded services. Ideally, the property should be between 2.5 and 9.0 acres. Considering the population base to be served by the new clinic, it should be no further west than Howard and preferably towards Cotopaxi. If you have a suggestion, please give Bill Parks a call at 942-4422.

Coaldale Community Cemetery Association

By Shar Faison

The Coaldale Cemetery Committee has been hard at work to upgrade, manage, and keep the cemetery clean. Flags were put on the gravesites of Veterans for Memorial Day. We are in the process of installing row markers, which should make finding a particular gravesite much easier. A new fence is planned for the front area that borders the county road. It will be rock with wooden fence rails in between the rock pillars and gates with the

logo over the top. We think it will look very rustic and blend in with the surrounding landscape and will hopefully be started in the very near future. Grant work continues and we have the possibility of grant monies in the near future. Road construction will be done in the new area and we plan the installation of a culvert to divert run-off water so that all gravesites can be used. A kiosk (map and information) is planned at the new area with a sitting area

for families to use. It will be located on the South side near the entrance to the new development. Come to any meeting of the Cemetery Board --- we welcome input from the community --- the last Sunday of the odd months of the year. Next meeting will be July 29th at 6:00 PM at the Community Building --- PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND.

In Memoriam

Leland Marlin Bales
MSGT. Randy Gillespie

Lois Young

"Good friends and neighbors will always be missed."



Coaldale Quarry Pre-Hearing Conference

By Ray Edwards

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (hereinafter referred to as the Division) held the Pre-Hearing Conference at the Community Building on June 29th. The purpose of the meeting was to review the objections to reopening the Coaldale Quarry, and prepare for the formal hearing by the Mined Land Reclamation Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board). Present for the Division were Sandra Brown, Sr. Environmental Specialist, Tony Waldron, Sr. Environmental Specialist, and Allen Sorenson, Geological Engineer and Environmental Specialist. Participating by telephone were two attorneys for the state. Present for Holcim was Joe Lamanna, Quality Manager at the Portland plant in Florence, Ken Klco, and Mike Tulle. Several local people attended. Note that this report will be published well after the formal hearing, but is useful as information as to how the process works. This Pre-Hearing Conference was held, as required, after the Division issued their recommendation for approval and rationale for the recommendation.

Sandra Brown described the process that will be followed, answering questions as required. People present at the meeting are parties to the formal

hearing. People not in attendance may attend the hearing and petition the Board to be parties. There will also be a (short) public comment period.

The only way to terminate a permit is to have the quarry fully reclaimed and have the owning company request termination. Previous owning companies reclaimed "virtually all" of the quarry, but not 100% of it, so the permit is still open. Waste rock piles have been reclaimed and will not be disturbed during the proposed operations. Also, 10 acres of BLM land have been reclaimed under this permit, and will not be affected.

Issues listed in the rationale letter were then discussed, categorized, and noted by Sandra Brown, as items for the formal Board hearing. They are as follows:

1. Health concerns – Need to address concerns with the specific State Division, e.g., Water Quality Control or Air Pollution Control. (For example, the Storm Water Discharge Permit is administered through the Water Quality Control

Division). See Colorado.gov for further information.

2. Safety and Protection of Wildlife.
3. Blasting and geotechnical stability – offsite areas are not expected to be affected.
4. Compliance History
5. Disturbances to Hydrology – specifically, disturbances to surface and groundwater quality and quantity.
6. Toxins – include with Hydrology.

These are the topics that will be discussed by the Board in the formal hearing.

Witnesses and exhibits – lists and descriptions MUST be sent out by the close of business Thursday, 7/5/07 (they were due at the meeting). Fourteen copies will be needed, one of which is unbound. If PowerPoint, etc., will be used, this must be included with the exhibits.

It is recommended there be just one person per issue, to avoid repetition.

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