

Rail Tales

June, 2008

Upcoming Events

June -

3, 10, 17 & 24 Bingo

July -

4, 5 Pancake Breakfast

August & September -

31 & 1 Pancake Breakfast

AAW Membership

Don't forget to renew your membership dues. As approved at the annual meeting held in April, the dues have increased to the following: \$25 per individual, \$50 per family. Contact Doris Porth to arrange payment of your dues.

NEW MEMBERS ARE NEEDED!! If interested in joining All Aboard Westcliffe, call Doris Porth at 719 783-2217.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets will be printed soon and will be available to sell. Tickets will cost \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The winning tickets will be drawn during Western Days during the Labor Day weekend. Plan to attend the drawing at the Caboose on Sunday, August 31 at 11:00 a.m.

This year's raffle items include a tool box and quilt wall hanging made by Delores Stroesser. All proceeds from the Raffle tickets will go toward restoration projects.

Memorial Day Weekend

The Engine House Garage Sale kicked off the AAW weekend on Friday, May 23. Lots of items were on display to be sold. The sale

continued on Saturday as well. Over \$400 was raised from items sold, even with the incredible amount of WIND!

The Pancake Breakfast started at 7:30 a.m. at the Caboose on Main Street and ended around 10:30 when all the pancakes were gone. Most of the pancakes and syrup were eaten as was the plan for the day, but let's just say, some of them were GONE WITH THE WIND!

A lunch meal of hamburgers or hotdogs was served at the Caboose. Several diners enjoyed the ambiance inside the caboose while eating their lunch.

Overall, about \$904.26 was raised after expenses were paid for all the breakfast and lunch supplies. The weather was definitely a detrimental force in the fund-raising efforts of the All Aboard Westcliffe volunteers.

Let's hope that next year's Memorial Day weekend will be much milder and more profitable.

B-I-N-G-O

Mark your calendars and plan to have lots of fun playing bingo. The games will be held every Tuesday night starting June 3. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the games starting at 7:00 p.m.



CASH PRIZES! BAKED GOODS! FUN TIMES!! Come to the AAW Interpretive Center located at 110 Rosita Avenue for a good time. Bingo cards are \$10 each, 10 games are played each night. One card can be played for all ten games.

Volunteers are always welcome to come help with the various activities of All Aboard Westcliffe. Call Tim Thrun at 783-0423.

Summer Work Plans Scheduled

Several projects are continuing through the summer and new projects being added to the list of things to do:

- Lettuce shed has forge installed
- Work on wagon will proceed
- Baggage cart bed needs repainted
- Mining kitchen roof has been replaced
- Engine House Museum work continues
- Cataloging contests for display
- Parking lot work-curbing and gutter work in progress
- Forklift caboose onto track
- Seed and establish lawn

If you are available to help out with any of these projects, give Tim Thrun or Mel Porth a call.

Work Session Planned

On June 10 beginning at 9:00 a.m., AAW members are asked to help build the split rail fence on the new Westcliffe public parking lot. The town of Westcliffe will provide all fencing supplies and AAW will provide the manual labor.

A power auger will be available to dig all the holes. If you have any fencing tools that may be useful for the project, please bring them along. **DON'T FORGET YOUR GLOVES!**

Interpretive Center Summer Hours

The Interpretive Center opened on Saturday, May 24th. from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The regular summer schedule will be: Friday, Saturday and Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday hours are 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

DONATIONS ARE GLADLY ACCEPTED!

Receptionist/Docent Position Advertised

An ad for the Receptionist/Docent position for the Interpretive Center has been published in the Wet Mountain Tribune.

This is a part-time position, 20-25 hrs. week, \$7.07 per hour. Applicants must be 55 or older. Some annual income requirement restrictions may apply.

If one is interested in applying for this

position, please call 719-783-0945 for an application or to request an interview.

Galloping Goose Excursion Planned

AAW members...an excursion aboard the Galloping Goose is in the planning stages for a round trip ride from Antonito to Osier on Monday, June 30th.

Cost is \$69.75 each with lunch provided in Osier before the return trip. The

Goose leaves Antonito at 8:00 a.m., lunch in Osier, and returns to Antonito by 5:00 p.m.

If you are interested in reserving a seat, call Diane Zarra at 783-3298.



Fabulous Spaghetti Bake

This recipe was prepared by Doris Porth recently with outstanding results. ENJOY!

- 1 1/2 lb. ground beef
- 1 c. chopped onion
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- 1 (28 oz.) can tomatoes, cut up
- 1 (15 oz.) can tomato sauce
- 1 (4 oz.) can mushrooms, drained
- 2 t. sugar
- 1 1/2 t. oregano, crushed
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. basil, crushed
- 8 oz. spaghetti, broken, cooked & drained
- 1 to 2 c. mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 1/3 c. Parmesan cheese, grated

Cook the beef, onion and garlic until browned. Drain fat. Stir in tomatoes, tomato sauce, mushrooms, sugar, oregano, salt and basil. Boil gently uncovered 20-25 minutes stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Stir the meat sauce and cooked spaghetti together.

Place half or more in a 9" x 13" baking dish. Sprinkle with 1/2 of mozzarella cheese. Top with the remaining meat sauce/spaghetti. Top with Parmesan cheese and remaining mozzarella cheese.

Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes. Serves 10-12.

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