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Regional playoffs ended for Lake City Community School last Thursday evening, February 27, with a lively skirmish and loss to South Park by Lake City high school boys.

Shown left in the school's gymnasium, Levi Hartman was surrounded by green-clad South Park teammates as he went up for a basket and, right, Hartman and Daniel Hays signal an opening as Fourteeners' No. 4, Micah Humphreys, seeks to pass the ball.

Photos from the lively Lake City-South Park season end - page 5.



## Enthusied from Ukraine Medical Mission, Downs Says "Can't Wait to Return"

Retired Lake City Physician Assistant Bob Downs exudes compassion and his eyes briefly mist as he reflects on his most recent medical mission trip to war-torn Ukraine.

While recounting hundreds of meaningful medical contacts which he made via translator on his nine-day trip, Downs has now briefly touched back down on home turf in Lake City but expresses anticipation for his fourth humanitarian trip to Ukraine with Global Care Force in about a month.

Previous to this year, Downs took part in two Global Force medical missions in Ukraine in two separate trips in March and July, 2024, and was already making plans and raising funds for a third trip which is scheduled April 7 to 20 next month.

"The teams feel very strongly about what they are doing," he says. "And it may sound silly," he adds, "but, frankly, I can't wait to go back."

In the meantime, however, on the Global Care Force Facebook website, he noted that the corps was short-staffed for a February 3-17 mission trip which was already scheduled and urgently necessary both to see new and returning patients, and re-prescribe 60 and 30-day prescriptions. On the spur of the moment, Downs — with a proven Global Force track record after two trips last year — re-enlisted for the March mission trip.

Downs' average expense for each trip is \$6,500, roughly two-thirds of which covers medicines which are prescribed and one-third travel expense.

Costs for his fourth mission trip next month are

largely already covered by donations which he has received, approximately \$1,300 yet remaining to be raised as of last weekend.

Individuals wishing to contribute toward his medical mission trip expenses are asked to visit the Global Care Force Facebook page and click on his name, Robert Downs, on the volunteers page.

Downs moved to Lake City from Ohio in 2014 and was revered for his work as Physician Assistant at Lake City Area Medical Center. He formally retired in 2024 but has remained active in the local medical field, most recently being sworn in as newest board

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## Deputy Sarah Poet Resigns Sheriff's Post Effective March 5

Sheriff's Deputy Sarah Poet, one of the prime investigators on the January 24 vehicular hit and run case, resigned her post effective March 5, 2025.

Poet began the academy application process in the fall of 2022, beginning classes in January, 2023. Once her training was completed, she was sworn in to the Hinsdale County Sheriff's Office June 11, 2023, hired on by former Sheriff Chris Kambish.



Deputy Poet, who resigned this week, at last June's law appreciation luncheon.

WORLD spoke with Poet this week, inquiring into her future plans, and she said she plans to remain in Lake City and return to work at The Country Store.

"I really miss the people I got to see everyday at the store," she said.

When asked what she liked most about working in law enforcement, she said,

"it was an amazing opportunity and I learned a lot. The law enforcement community is the most supportive community of people I've ever experienced. No matter what position or rank someone is - Sargeant, Captain, Lieutenant, Sheriff - it doesn't matter, everyone is so supportive and always has each other's best interest and success in mind. That was amazing."

With the vacancy Poet's departure will create, Sheriff Denim Starnes is on the lookout for suitable sheriff's deputies and has recently been interviewing new recruits.

## Wade's Addition Snow Cave...

Local boys - from left to right - Henry Shepherd, Elijah Wuest and Riley Rightsell, worked hard in Wade's Addition moving massive amounts of snow to construct a cave on Spruce Street last month. With the recent warmer temperatures, however, the fort has now all but disappeared.



## Time to Spring Forward Sunday, March 9

Fleeting winter gives way to the warming days of spring this weekend as Lake City and Colorado residents say goodbye to Mountain Standard Time and prepare for the resumption of Mountain Daylight Time. The official time change takes place Sunday, March 9, at 2 a.m. when clocks spring forward one hour to 3 a.m. Daylight Savings ends and Mountain Standard Time returns on Sunday, November 2, 2025.



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- 3/11 - Waffles, yogurt, fruit, milk;  
 Pot stickers, egg roll, rice.
  - 4:05 - **HOMEWORK CLUB**
  - 4:15 - **Elementary B'Ball Practice**
  - 3/12 - Banana bread, yogurt, fruit, milk; Pulled  
 pork sandwich, tater tots, veggie.
  - 4:05 - **HOMEWORK CLUB**
  - 4:15 - **Elementary B'Ball Practice**
  - 3/13 - Sausage, egg & cheese biscuit, yogurt,  
 fruit, milk; Hamburgers, french fries, fruit.
  - 4:30 - **Elementary B'Ball game**
  - 5:30 - **School Board Meeting**
  - 3/14 - Breakfast bars, yogurt, fruit, milk;  
 Pizza, salad, fruit.
- Happy Pi Day!!

### UPCOMING:

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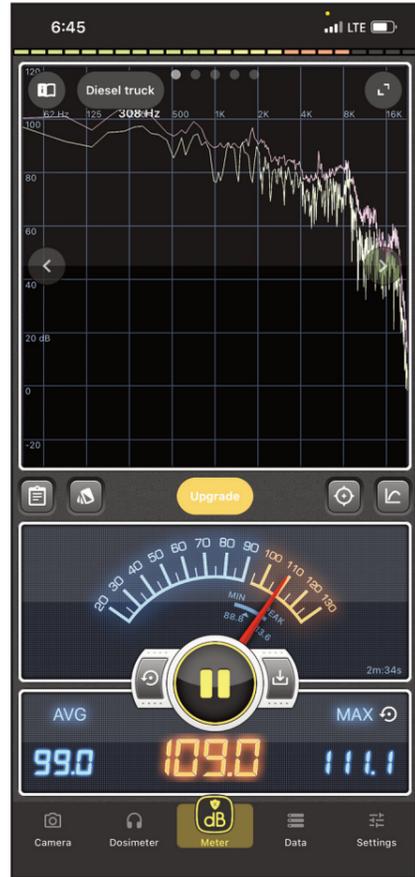
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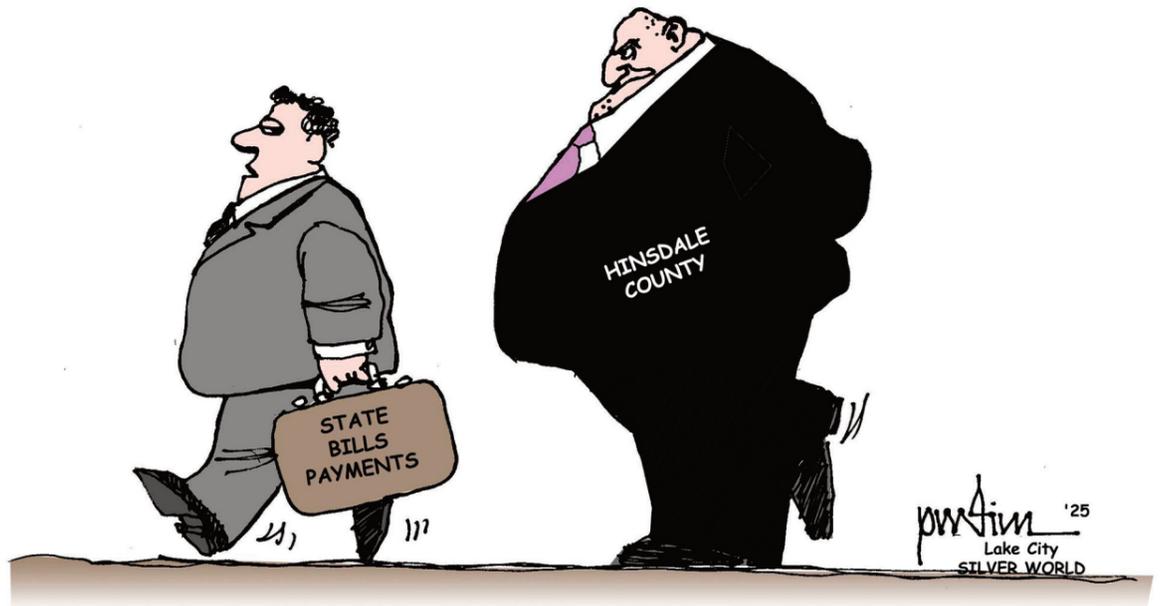
## Letters...

Dear Grant and Silver World crew—

I continue to enjoy reading of Lake City from (very) far afield, here in Virginia. I noticed a reference to OHV decibel levels in the February 28 Silver World. While I have no dog in the OHV issue, my wife Liz and I were surprised at how many of them passed us as we trudged on foot up to Carson and back the last time we were in the area, in 2023. The article this week stated that OHVs made after 1 January 1998 must "register at 96dB(A)." Just for some context, using an app on my iPhone, down at my nearest NASCAR track in Richmond, when the green flag drops and forty race cars roar by at full throttle, it comes in at 109 decibels (see below).



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# Obituaries...

## Wilma Wilson McCarthy

... 94-Year-Old Granddaughter of Lake City Pioneers from Sweden.

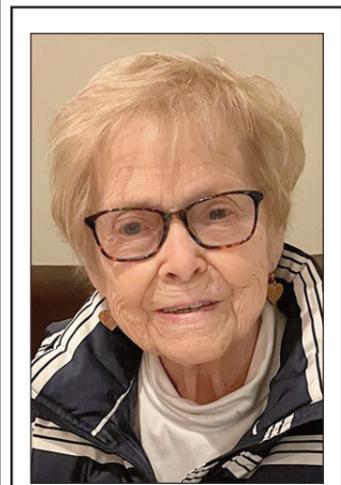
Lake City native Wilma Wilson McCarthy, who died at Hood River, Oregon, age 94, on December 31, 2024, spent her childhood in Lake City and was a member of a multi-generation local family tracing its connections to Swedish immigrant grandparents.

The youngest daughter of Lake City residents Rondo and Evelyn (Benson) Wilson, Wilma was born in Denver January 19, 1930.

She and her elder sister, Valatte, successfully made the transition from small town Lake City to the big city when the family moved to north

Denver in 1944.

After being widowed in 1960 and raising three daughters, Wilma moved to Aspen, Colorado, in 1966 to operate a ski lodge. Once all the girls left for college, she and her second husband, Joe McCarthy, moved to Oregon in 1973 where she again was in the hotel business and later served as Postmaster at Underwood, Washington, from 1979 to 2001.



Wilma Wilson McCarthy.

As described by family, Wilma was a "small but mighty woman" who was "full of joy for life and had more energy than most."

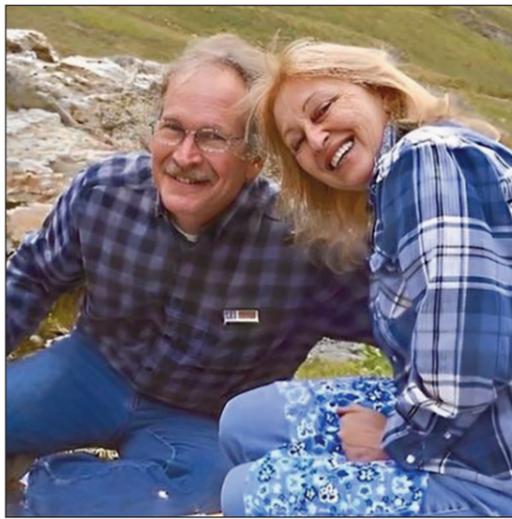
Wilma McCarthy's Lake City heritage included both her parents and maternal grandparents, the latter, John S. Benson, a 42-year employee of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad who in Lake City worked for decades as engine tender and roundhouse foreman.

Mr. Benson and his wife — Wilma's grandmother, Severnia "Sina" Peterson — were childhood sweethearts in their native Reastorp, Sweden. Mr. Benson immigrated to the United States in 1887 and moved to Lake City, as an employee of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, in 1893. Sina joined him here following their

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Sisters Wilma and Valatte Benson, above right, are pictured with their dotting grandfather, Swedish native John S. Benson. Above, John Benson and his wife Severnia with children Selma, Adolph, Evelyn, and Edith at their Third Street home in Lake City.



The love of Denis Cox's life was New York native Debra Ramundo, the happy couple shown here on an alpine meadow picnic.

## Denis A. Cox

... Friends Grieve Loss of North Carolina Native and Gifted Mechanical Handyman, 64.

Denis Aloysius Cox, 64, died suddenly February 22, 2025, as the result of a hemorrhagic stroke at his home in Lake City.

One in a large family of sons and daughters of second generation Greenville welder Edgar Lee Cox and his wife, Philadelphia native Natalie Zencak Cox, Denis Aloysius Cox was born in Greenville on March 27, 1960.

His father served in the submarine service with the U.S. Navy stationed in Philadelphia, and on discharge returned to the family-owned custom welding business, Hardee & Cox, in Greenville.

Always highly mechanically-attuned, Denis followed in his father's footsteps, graduating from J.H. Rose High School in Greenville in 1979 and working as a welder prior to serving one tour with the U.S. Army while stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

Although a native Southerner, Denis was captivated by the West's wide-open spaces and in the years after discharge, he alternated between time spent with the welding firm Hardee & Cox, and years which he spent living in both Texas and New Mexico.

Prior to moving to Lake City on a full-time basis in 1996, Denis lived near Taos, New Mexico.

Mechanically skilled and with a special affinity for ordering and reassembling parts to return malfunctioning appliances back to working order, Denis' first work in Lake City was for Tom and Sandy Hardilek when he was among the crew of talented craftsmen and mechanics enlisted at the old Log Cabin Inn/Boo's Saloon building on Third Street.

Denis' first home in Lake City was actually in the lower Lake Fork Valley in a small house owned by Jim and Therese Ryan at their ranch near the Hinsdale-Gunnison County line. The Ryans were among Denis' early friends, engaging him for mechanical-related repairs on their properties. After sale of the Ryan Ranch, Denis arranged to purchase the old Edmondson cabin, 208 Gunnison Avenue, which had been owned by Jim Ryan's sister and her husband, Shirley and Frank Kasky.

In subsequent years and indeed right up until his untimely death, Denis worked for a wide variety of grateful Lake City homeowners, including Charles and Bear Ferris when they owned the Poker Alice Building in Wade's Addition.

It was in Lake City that Denis met the love of his life, his life partner, Albany, New York, native Debra Ramundo who was a sister of late Lake City



Denis A. Cox.

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## BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE LAKE CITY SILVER WORLD Community Calendar

### Friday, March 7

#### MS/HS ADVENTURE DAY

Tai Chi, Armory, 8 am - any age

Zumba, Armory, 9:30 am

Senior Center OPEN

Armory Multi-Purpose Room, 9 am - 3 pm

Silver Sneakers, Armory, 11 am

Senior Walking, Armory, 2 pm

Kid's Gym, Armory, 6:30 pm

### Saturday, March 8

Senior Walking, Armory, 2 pm

AA Meeting, Presbyterian Annex, Noon

Pickleball, Armory/Courts, 3:30 pm

### Sunday, March 9

Daylight Savings Time begins, 2 am

Senior Walking, Armory, 11 am

Pickleball, Armory/Courts, 2 pm (16+)

Teen Center, Armory, 6:30 pm (7th - 12th grades)

### Monday, March 10

Zumba, Armory, 9:30 am

Senior Walking, Armory, 11 am

Pickleball, Armory/Courts, Noon - (16+)

Kids Gym, Armory, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Cross Fit, Armory, 5:30 pm

### Tuesday, March 11

Toddler Gym, Armory, 10 am

(parental supervision)

Yoga, Lake City Arts, 10:30 am - Noon

AA Meeting, Presbyterian Annex, Noon

Senior Walking, Armory, 2 pm

### HOMEWORK CLUB

Elementary B'Ball Practice,

LCCS Gym, 4:15 pm

### Wednesday, March 12

Tai Chi, Armory, 8 am

Zumba, Armory, 9:30 am

Senior Center OPEN

Armory Multi-Purpose Room, 9 am - 3 pm

Silver Sneakers, Armory, 11 am

Senior Walking, Armory, 2 pm

Pickleball, Armory, 3 pm

### HOMEWORK CLUB

Elementary B'Ball Practice,

LCCS Gym, 4:15 pm

### Thursday, March 13

Library Reading Program, Library, 10 am

Yoga, Lake City Arts, 10:30 am - Noon

AA Meeting, Presbyterian Annex, Noon

Senior Walking, Armory, 2 pm

### HOMEWORK CLUB

Elementary B'Ball Game,

LCCS Gym, 4:30 pm

School Board Meeting, LCCS, 5:30 pm

Cross Fit, Armory, 5 pm

Elevated Physique Strength Conditioning,

Armory, 6:30 pm

Al-Anon Meeting, Presbyterian Annex, 6 pm

### Friday, March 14

Tai Chi, Armory, 8 am - any age

Zumba, Armory, 9:30 am

Senior Center OPEN

Armory Multi-Purpose Room, 9 am - 3 pm

Silver Sneakers, Armory, 11 am

Senior Walking, Armory, 2 pm

Kid's Gym, Armory, 6:30 pm

# LOCAL ITEMS



## Celeste Scott Joined by Old Friends at Invigorating Alaska Soak...

*Sadly missed Celeste Scott, who is now a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was cheered earlier this winter when old Lake City friends descended for a mid-winter frolic, including invigorating soak at Chena Hot Springs.*

*Pictured mid-soak, left to right, are Caron Jones, Emily Rothschild, Linda Downs, Marcia Carl, Yolie Brown, and Celeste Scott.*



## Birding Local

by Judy Boyce

*"The male Mountain Bluebird with his azure plumage looks like a piece of the sky clipped out and fallen to earth."*

— Dr. A. Sydney Hyde

Mountain Bluebirds have been spotted already! We volunteers with the Lake Fork Valley Conservancy's Mountain Bluebird Project are gearing up for another nest box monitoring season this summer. While driving to Montrose on February 27th, Hector Gomez spotted two Mountain Bluebirds. Another bluebird was spotted Highway 149 on February 28th. We are hoping that Mountain Bluebirds return in greater numbers this year and that occupancy of our nest boxes will exceed the 30-35% recorded last year.

These beautiful birds, harbingers of health and happiness, are arriving and we've learned that though they may arrive in March and April they don't get down to the business of nest building and egg laying until late May and June. We are hoping that putting out new nest boxes and restoring old ones will attract more Mountain

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*Mountain Blue Birds (MOBLs in avian terminology) with startling blue plumage are shown perched on fenceline, top photo by Judy Boyce, and, above, briefly alighted in field, photo Kristen Breenen.*

First signs of spring: Bluff Street homeowners at the foot of Neoga Mountain are reporting hibernation at an apparent end with first sightings of chipmunks last Friday.

As another indication of changes afoot, a vacant spot now exists on Lake San Cristobal ice formerly occupied by George Hurd's multi-decade ice fishing shack. Well aware of how rapid fluctuations in the lake ice can occur, champ fisherman George always relocates his ice house to *terra firma* well before the first ice melt.

Speaking of ice, ice is now off the Lake Fork River in Baker Canyon below Lake Fork Ranch. Angler Lyn Lampert tells us he hooked and released his first trout last Thursday, February 27. Lyn has kept records on his first Lake Fork trout each spring and acknowledges that Feb. 27 is a bit early, although with records dating back to the 1980s, he says the

earliest he has ever caught a fish in Baker Canyon — so named for pioneer ranch owner Daniel Baker and his tribe — was February 20.

As a further optimistic sign of spring days ahead, Silver Street artist Russ Brown was sighted on Saturday planting seeds for his signature California Poppies in a Silver Street flowerbed across from Lake City Library.

A clever and persistent seed planter, Russ tells us he placed rocks on the flowerbed surface to aid in heat and water retention once the seedlings appear.

Joe Lunn and Marcia Richmond, year-round friends who are Wade's Addition seasonal residents, were up from Lone Tree in suburban Denver last weekend as guests of Bill and Lori Stewart on the Ball Flats.

Adjoining in a column elsewhere on this page, *WORLD* readers will be delighted to see a return of "Birding Local" columnist Judy Boyce. Despite recent health challenges, Judy remains active with Lake Fork Valley Conservancy and the ongoing Bluebird Nest Box Project for which she praises assistance from Melanie Merrill and Hector Gomez.

Judy says she is looking forward to personally monitoring several of the nesting boxes later this spring and is already looking ahead to her next bird column for this sheet which, she says, "will be on a different species of native bird!"

Late word from Phyllis Bairrington on her son's continuing treatment at Craig Hospital in suburban Denver reports a setback with confirmation that Shad's traumatic stroke effected the language center which involves finding words and understanding, as well as coordination. Treatment for this nerve center trauma "will take more time," says Phyllis.

As an indication of the wide-spread support for Shad's recovery, *WORLD* subscriber and former Blue Mesa Subdivision resident Brenda Shaddox sends a note stating that Shad's name as been added to a prayer chain at St. Mark Presbyterian Church in Boerne, Texas.

Ball Flats resident Bob Angeli receives a shout out for his 81st birthday on Friday, March 7, March 8 recalling Malie Kakazu, 25, Lake City boy George McDonald, 63, 91-year-old Gail Suggs, and booster Hector Gomez who will have 69 candles on his birthday cake.

Karen Hooper, 59, and Yolie Brown receive a birthday chorus on Sunday, March 9, and March 10 adds a year for Christian Hartman, 45, and former resident Doug Ellis, 83. Richard Martin, 75, and retired local educator Noreen Thibault-Chen, 73, in Castle Rock, Colorado, received a lavish birthday chorus on March 11.

Former residents David Beebe, 77, Helen Slattery, 96, and Barbara Graham celebrate birthdays March 12. Rounding out our birthday list next Thursday, March 13, are local school alumnus Paige Eleana Thompson, 24, busy mom Elsa Loper, 45, Dale Bishop, 87, landscape pro Bob Strzelczyk, 75, and Lake City 11th Grade student Lucy Hays who is celebrating her 17th birthday.

**It's almost time again for the award-winning Silver Thread Summer Guide...**



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## HS Basketball Season Winds Down with Loss to South Park...

Fierce play marked last Thursday's playoff clincher between Lake City Fourteener high school boys and the South Park team from Fairplay, Colorado.

Coached by Dan Scroggins, local favorites included high school sophomore Dean Brown going up for the ball at right against his South Park opponent, and airborne for basket center right.

Brown, together with teammates Micah Humphreys, Levi Hartman, and Dax Elkins, was responsible for multiple baskets throughout the game: eight points in the first quarter the results of baskets by Brown and Humphreys, followed in the second quarter by four points to the scoreboard by Elkins and Hartman; baskets totaling five points for the Fourteeners by Brown third quarter; and nine points in the fourth quarter resulting from two baskets by Elkins, and yet another Brown score.

Despite the precision teamwork, South Park led in each quarter, ending the game with score 49 to 26 and advancing in the playoffs.

Fourteeners' lively No. 23, Daniel Hays, is shown top right and lower right making a successful pass in the face of strong South Park opposition; Dax Elkins in top right photos; Micah Humphreys takes flight at right; and, below, Coaches Scroggins and Kelly Elkins with exhausted team.



## Local Birding, continued from page 4

Bluebirds.

If you are interested in joining our monitoring team, please call or email. You do not need to be an expert. A monitor is expected to visit each of their assigned nest boxes at a minimum of once a week to record nesting activity observed, e.g. nest building, eggs laid, live hatchlings, and fledglings. We will be happy to review the process with you. Monitors spend less than one minute at each nest box to minimize any stress on the birds.

While monitoring a box with young hatchlings, the parent birds often circle overhead or sit on the fence wires to keep their eye on a monitor. They immediately return to their nest box when the human leaves! Tree Swallows tend to be a bit more aggressive, but I have not been hit by them!

The February 13, 1987 issue of *Silver World*, reported that Helmut Quiram, a longtime Lake City summer resident, had spent the winter building 80 bird houses as a "start of his Lake Fork Blue Bird Trail."

Eight years later, on July 28, 1995, *Silver World* published a two-page spread on Helmut's work. We learn that Helmut, by the end of 1987, had mounted 200 nest boxes from Lake City to Miller Flats. "Two years later the trail reached Blue Mesa Reservoir and Highway 50. The article noted that Helmut put up over 500 nest boxes since 1985.

We have a long way to go to match Helmut's efforts. Thanks to Hector and his friends, we have restored and/or replaced 110 nest boxes along Highway 149 between Lake City and MM 108. We are going to extend our efforts to the approximately 40 more nest boxes all the way to Blue Mesa Reservoir.

It's gratifying to continue the work Helmut started.

Judy Boyce

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## Hinsdale Sheriff's Report February, 2025

- February 1, 2025. through present. Ongoing criminal investigation (100+ hrs.). 901/902/904
- February 1, 2025. Two accident reports (DR 3447) completed by 904 and 902.
- February 4, 2025. Reported credit card fraud by Lake City, CO resident. 901
- Multiple warnings/ citations for minor traffic violations. 904/901/902
- February 8, 2025. LC Brew ski. 904/902
- February 11, 2025. Gunnison Underdog relocation of "Frodo" from Nettleton Residence. 901
- February 15, 2025. Ice Fishing Derby, Lake San Cristobal. 904
- February 20, 2025. Interview/ ride along of candidate for Sheriff's Deputy position. 901/902
- February 21, 2025. Hinsdale County court. 904/902/914
- February 22, 2025. Snowshoe scramble/ Warrant arrest of Richard W. Moore (05/25/64) for FTA (Park County)/ Unattended death investigation-Denis A. Cox (03/27/60). 902/904
- February 26, 2025. GHETSA meeting. 901
- February 28, 2025. Vehicle lockout. 901/904
- Three CCW permit renewals/ Four issued burn permits/ Four civil process paper service. 903/901/904

\* Officer Badge Numbers - Sheriff Starnes, 901; Undersheriff Hunsicker, 902; Deputy Sarah Poet, 904; and Reserve Deputy Rock Hernandez, 914.

# Downs' Ukraine,

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member of Lake Fork Health Service District.

Although Ukraine remains a central focus of Global Care Force, medical professional teams are also sent to Arizona at Flagstaff and the Mexico border, as well as a new focus with medical teams scheduled for deployment to rural areas of Egypt and Jordan starting in July this year.

As the sole PA on last month's four-member U.S. team, Downs flew from Denver to Krakow, Poland, where he joined physicians Dr. Rick Randolph and Dr. Robert Schneider, both from the Kansas City area, and Tyler King, Registered Nurse from Dallas.

Prior to the multi-hour train journey from Krakow to Kiev, Downs and his fellow U.S. medical cohorts met up with their six-member partner team from the Ukraine consisting of team leader Eugene, an internal medicine physician, pharmacist, behavioral health specialist and — equally integral for the Americans — translators.

Downs emphasizes the importance of translators in terms of communications between American medical team members and Ukrainian residents seeking medical assistance. "I'm not typically a language guy," he tells *SILVER WORLD*, although now with several mission trips under his proverbial belt, he has several Ukrainian phrases down pat, including "Dobryjden" for "hello" and "Dobroho-Vdorov-ya" translating "good health" and conversely, "take care" which he delivers with his hand held over his heart.

He notes that in interactions with the Ukrainian people they are, without exception, "very, very thankful." He recounts an instance from last month's trip in which, through translator, he prescribed over-the-counter vitamins for a Ukrainian woman in her 60s. Unexpected at the next day's clinic was the woman's sister who voiced her admiration by hugging Downs and emotionally expressing her gratitude in a video in which she credited him for "tolerance" and "professionalism," as well as his "high level of proficiency."

After the first night in Kiev, Downs and fellow medical volunteers with Global Care Force Team 24 traveled south to the ship-building port city of Mykolaiv which is located near the juncture of the Inglu and Southern Bug Rivers leading into the Black Sea.



On his third medical mission trip to Ukraine — and with a fourth return trip looming next month — retired Lake City Physician Assistant Bob Downs is pictured above center among the mingled U.S. and Ukrainian teams; also from the U.S. are physicians Dr. Robert Schneider and Dr. Rick Randolph on either side of Downs; U.S. Nurse Tyler King, back row, and the team's Ukrainian leader, Eugene, taking the selfie photo, far right.

Top photo, much of last month's medical mission trip was spent in the recently Russian-occupied southern Ukrainian port city of Mykolaiv. Left, unpacking medical supplies for one of the rural mobile clinics.

— photos courtesy Bob Downs

Mykolaiv was recently liberated after being occupied by the Russians and, as a result, considerable war damage still remains. As an important port where portions of the Russian naval fleet docked until recently, Downs says local residents pointed with pride to sunken Russian naval vessels, noting "they are very proud of the fact" they were responsible for sinking these ships.

In both Kiev and Mykolaiv, team members bunked in hotels, a notable difference from Downs' last Ukrainian mission trip in July, 2024; on this trip, team

members were advised not to drink the water, although electric services remained in both Kiev and Mykolaiv. At Mykolaiv, water where team members headquartered remaining running but exuded a strong odor. Downs and the team were advised that the city's water system had been destroyed and told not to use the tap water — even to brush teeth using the liquid — during their stay.

Asked for apparent differences in Ukraine comparing his most recent February, 2025, Ukraine trip to his previous visit in July, 2024, Downs notes that destruction to the country's infrastructure is now more apparent. "Despite this," he adds, "Ukrainians are resilient and continue to go about their daily lives."

In Mykolaiv, Global Care Force volunteers bunked in rudimentary hotel accommodations with electricity and minimal heat and for three days travelled to remote villages, where impromptu medical clinics were prepared. Villagers lined up in each of the villages which were on average located between 20 and 50 kilometers from active fighting, so close, in fact, that Downs

could scan the horizon and see billowing smoke, and on several occasions while seated on cots set up in the clinics, could feel reverberations from distant explosions.

Each of the volunteers utilized cell phones equipped with life-saving AirAlert notifications which sounded on

average five times a day, according to Downs, often timed to occasions when he might glance out a nearby clinic window and see Russian drones flying.

The recommended response on each AirAlert signal was to evacuate to an air raid shelter, although Downs says the alerts became so persistent that at times the clinic volunteers only momentarily paused

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Lake City's Downs is pictured in a variety of mobile medical clinic photos interacting with patients with the aid of a Ukrainian translator, above seated on an impromptu cot scanning an EKG and top photos consulting with senior age rural villagers, and with children as young as four years old who lined up for medical support with their parents.

## Downs' Ukraine,

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and continued their work.

Asked for a day-to-day account from last month's medical mission, Downs responds that on the first day out from Mykolaiv he and fellow team members had a long day, starting out in the morning seeing 51 patients, followed by afternoon clinics lasting until 6:30 p.m. where they conducted medical checks and prescribed medications for an additional 33 villagers.

Ages of patients ran the spectrum from children as young as four years old up through adulthood, and extending to seniors ages 80 years and up.

Primary care checkups for the rural Ukrainian residents entailed refilling medication prescriptions intended to last 60 days until the next Global Care Force visit, the most common ailments cited by the lined up villagers including arthritis, diabetes, hypertension and post-traumatic stress resulting in poor sleep.

On past trips, Downs has also treated rural villagers in terms of wound care and thyroid checks.

Team members on their second full day out from Mykolaiv saw 26 patients in the morning, followed by an additional 51 walk-ins during clinic hours in another rural village which continued until past 7:30 p.m. The village clinics were typically set up with

cots and with minimal office furniture in public buildings which had been hastily rearranged for mobile clinic use.

In several of the clinics, posters on the walls credited refurbishing funding by European Union agencies and the now disbanded USAid. Heat was non-existent in the final village clinic prior to returning to Mykolaiv, Downs noting a layer of ice had formed on the surface of a water jug.

After leaving Mykolaiv, Global Force Team's next stop was 120 miles distant at Cherkasy, a metropolitan vacation spot adjacent to the Dnieper River and reservoir with dedicated refugee centers. En route to Cherkasy, the interstate highway remained in driveable condition with periodic sections of highway delineated for emergency landings of F16 fighter jets.

On their first and second all-day Cherkasy clinics which were set up in refugee center conference rooms, Downs and his team treated a total of 172 patients.

As the nine-day Team 24 rotation came to a close, the total number of patients who were seen totaled 405, an important distinction being that out of that cumulative number is that nearly half — estimated at 169 — were new patients who had not previously visited a Global Force clinic.

On his final day in Ukraine as he prepared to board a train from Kiev back into Poland, Downs noticed an impressive lineup of 10 ambulances lined up on the platform awaiting the next in-coming train. He surmises that the ambulance lineup awaited

battlefield wounded who would be transported to Kiev hospitals.

## Wilma McCarthy,

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marriage in 1895.

The Bensons lived at 301 Third Street in the house built by John Benson which is now owned by Tyler Morse and occupied by Brogan Rodenbusche. It was there that the couple's family was born, including Evelyn Ingeborg Benson, Wilma McCarthy's mother, in 1902.

As a second generation Lake City resident, Evelyn Benson attended the local public school and in 1924 married miner Rondo Wilson who, in addition to working as heavy equipment operator for Hinsdale County, at different times was employed underground at local mines including Unity Mutual, Hidden Treasure, and Ute-Ulay.

Prior to relocating to Denver in 1944, Mr. Wilson served as Lake City Town Trustee while his wife, Evelyn Wilson, was clerk to the Hinsdale County Draft Board at the start of World War II and worked as Deputy Hinsdale County Clerk & Recorder.

Rondo and Evelyn were parents of two daughters, Edith Valatte "Vee" Weaver, born in 1928, and the subject of this obituary, Wilma Evelyn Wilson, born 1930.

Wilma was twice married, first in 1951 to Robert S. Dutcher, who died in 1960. Her second husband, whom she married in 1972, was Joseph William McCarthy. Mr. McCarthy predeceased her in 2004.

She was also predeceased by her sister, Valatte Wilson Weaver, in 2009, and parents Rondo Wilson (1896-1962) and Evelyn Benson Wilson (1902-1988).

In addition to family, Wilma loved to cook and bake, enjoyed entertaining, and throughout her long life had a flair for fashion. She loved animals — especially dogs — and, drawing on her early years in Lake City, was an accomplished fisherwoman, gardener and, apparently inherited from her parents and Swedish grandparents, loved playing cards.

Wilma is survived by her three daughters, Susan, Katie, and Judy Dutcher and their families, including three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A celebration of Life service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Underwood Community Center in Underwood, Washington.

Later this summer, Wilma's ashes will be scattered by family at two of her favorite locales, Lake San Cristobal at Lake City, and Drano Lake, Washington.

Arrangements are under direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, [www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com](http://www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com), who invite friends to leave a condolence note for family.

At family's suggestion, make Wilma happy by planting a garden and enjoying the fruits of your labor, or adopt a dog or cat to keep you company.

## Denis Cox,

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resident Linda "Linny" Ramundo.

Early in Lake City and before hampered by deteriorating health, Deb Ramundo appeared with her sister in several Lake City Arts' productions and dressed in flowing Victorian attire, was one of the early cast members in Old West Shooters productions on Silver Street.

Up until her death in December last year, Denis and Deb were virtually inseparable, Denis tenderly caring for his life partner as she remained in Lake City battling severe illness.

Local friends, among them Deb and Denis' close friend, Robyn Hudgeons, believe Denis' early death was clearly the result of a broken heart.

Among Deb and Denis' shared passions, and in addition to the Lake City mountains, were a variety of pets. Deb had an affinity for frog and fairy figurines both inside and in the yard of the Gunnison Avenue residence which they shared.

Canine companions were a tradition in the North Carolina Cox family and Denis owned dogs

throughout much of his life. Adding to the pet menagerie with Deb and Denis was a venerable 40-year-old parrot named Lollipop and two lab mix rescue dogs, brothers Little Bit and Nick who were first fostered by Robyn Hudgeons before being adopted by Denis.

Following his death, Little Bit and Nick have now returned to the Underdog Rescue in Gunnison, while the parrot Lollipop has been adopted by Lake City residents Teslin and Luke de la Parra.

Inspired by Deb's love of the holiday season, Denis always went all out with holiday decor, which included elf and Santa vignettes and a profusion of holiday lights in and around the home, including strings of lights spanning a 75' spruce tree in the front yard.

Predictably, the evergreen was topped with a brightly lit star.

Denis' holiday decor in December last year included a dedicatory sign to Deb Ramundo. The lavish light display was judged a winner in the SILVER WORLD's holiday lighting contest.

With a quick wit and twinkle to the eye, Denis loved the open spaces and thinly-populated Colorado mountains, although in his engaging story telling he often revealed his North Carolina upbringing with a slight Southern drawl.

He is survived by his son, Travis Salas-Cox; sisters, Helen Mary Uebler and her husband, Bob Uebler; Annie Beaulieu; Rosie Jackson and her husband, Bobby Jackson; Denise Cox; and Mary Joanne Driscoll and her husband, Scott Driscoll; and brothers Edgar Cox, Jr., Owen Cox, and Liam Cox with his wife, Janette.

He is additionally survived by 18 nieces and nephews. He will be missed by his family and all who knew him.

Denis was predeceased by his life partner, Debra Ramundo; his parents, Edgar and Natalie Cox; sister, Mary Frances Cox; and brother-in-law, Bill Beaulieu, as well as a niece, Stephanie Beaulieu.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.



A youthful Denis Cox, above, posed with his parents, mother Natalie and center and his father, multi-generation Greenville welder Edgar Cox at right.

Denis is pictured center, above right, among a large group of family members, including his seated father, together with brothers and sisters.

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\* Lake San Cristobal Lake Elevation: 8994 feet.

\* Snowpack percent of average for this date: Upper Gunnison River Basin - 70%; Slumgullion - 65%

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**HINSDALE COUNTY  
WARRANTS PAYABLE CHECKS  
DECEMBER 11, 2024**

Number	Vendor Name	Description	Payment Amount
EFT 583	ADELMAN, JONI	PH PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,460.00
EFT 584	GRAHAM, PHILLIP	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	5,606.94
EFT 585	GRAY, RICHARD	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	850.00
EFT 586	GROSSLIGHT, GORDON	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	2,822.93
EFT 587	JUDY, CARISSA	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,088.00
EFT 588	JUDY, DALLIN	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,088.00
EFT 589	KIDWELL, MICHAEL	LES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	4,436.09
EFT 590	McNEESE, GABE	GF EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT	50.00
EFT 591	MCNITT, LYNN	GF EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT	138.00
EFT 592	MURNANE, GRACE	PH PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	188.66
EFT 593	OETZMANN, MARK	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,415.44
EFT 594	SNOW, JENE	RB EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT	169.99
EFT 595	THRUSH, RYAN	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,674.00
EFT 596	TRAN, TIMOTHY	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,446.52
EFT 597	TUSS, CHAD	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	3,372.04
EFT 598	WINSLOW, STEPHEN	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	922.50
EFT 599	WITT, JAMES	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,548.00
73037	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	RB SUPPLIES	167.78
73038	ARNOLD, TOM	ES EMS REIMBURSEMENT	653.26
73039	AT & T MOBILITY	GF CORONER CELL PHONE	44.05
73040	ATTAWAY, ALICE	GF ELECTION JUDGE	470.00
73041	AYRES ASSOCIATES, INC.	GF EPA BROWNSFIELD GRANT WORK	14,675.34
73042	B & B PRINTERS	GF BUSINESS FORMS	318.60
73043	BALES, PEGGY	GF ELECTION JUDGE	150.00
73044	BASIN CO-OP INC	RB PROPANE, SOUTH END	506.54
73045	CALDON, AMANDA	GF CORONER DEPUTY PAY	500.00
73046	CENTURYLINK	RB TELEPHONE SERVICE, SOUTH END	167.18
73047	COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	SO BACKGROUND CHECK	65.00
73048	CREEDE SCHOOL DISTRICT	PH FUNDING, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	2,000.00
73049	DeCRISTINO, SARAH	ES EMS TRAINING MEAL	210.00
73050	DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS, INC.	GF ELECTION DATABASE SETUP	2,486.53
73051	DR. GINA CARR	ES EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES	400.00
73052	GL COMPUTER SERVICE, INC	GF ASSESSOR COMPUTER	1,850.00
73053	GOBINS, INC.	PH CANON PRINTER CONT.	63.81
73054	GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES	PH CANON PRINTER LEASE	152.63
73055	GUNNISON COUNTY FINANCE	TS TRASH HAULING TO GUNNISON	5,616.50
73056	GUNNISON COUNTY	WEED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM RB NOXIOUS WEED TREATMENT	1,880.00
73057	HEATON, SHARI	GF ELECTION JUDGE	100.00
73058	HINSDALE COUNTY	SEARCH AND RESCUE VOLUNTEERS INC SO SAR UTV TRAILER	15,964.00
73059	HOSKIN FARINA & KAMPF PC	PH ATTORNEY FEES	2,260.00
73060	LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSN INC	RB ELECTRIC SERVICE, SOUTH END	68.45
73061	LAKE CITY AREA MEDICAL CENTER	ES EMS CONFERENCE LODGING REFUND	141.12
73062	LEVINE, GREG	GF EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT	302.84
73063	M&M TOOL CO.	RB TOOLS	340.86
73064	MARSHALL, ANNE	PH NOVEMBER MEETING MEAL	140.00
73065	MOBILE JO/JTI DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING	RB PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, SOUTH END	45.00
73066	MURPHY, KATHLEEN	GF ELECTION JUDGE	200.00
73067	NEXTRAN TRUCK CENTER	RB HEAVY EQUIPMENT PARTS	346.74
73068	OPHOFF, BROOKE ASHLEE	PH 2 WEEK POTTERY CLASS	200.00
73069	PARISH OIL CO	RB FUEL AND OIL	22,032.65
73070	PDS, INC.	GF ADMIN XEROX PRINTING	235.76
73071	PELLETIER, MICHAEL	GF COUNTY GIS WORK	8,550.00
73072	PETTY CASH GENERAL ADMIN	GF PETTY CASH REIMBURSEMENT	233.09
73073	PETTY CASH HINSDALE EMS	ES EMS PETTY CASH REIMBURSEMENT	140.00
73074	PETTY CASH TREASURER	GF TREASURER PETTY CASH REIMBURSEMENT	67.51
73075	SALT LAKE WHOLESALE SPORTS	SO AMMO	872.00
73076	SOUTHERN TIRE MART, LLC	RB TIRES	714.12
73077	STEWART, MARY LORI	GF ELECTION JUDGE	200.00
73078	THE MOUNTAINEER MOVIE THEATRE	ES EMS RESPONDER WELLNESS PROGRAM	30.00
73079	UTAH'S SANITATION SERVICE	GF COURTHOUSE DUMPSTER SRV	385.00

73080	VYANET SECURITY AND TECHNOLOGY	PH DUMPSTER SERVICE	315.00
73081	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO.	GF COURTHOUSE SECURITY	508.38
73082	WILDPKAK CREATIVE, LLC	RB HEAVY EQUIPMENT PARTS	1,019.50
73083	WSP USA ENVIRONMENTAL & INFRASTRUCTURE, INC.	GF OCT/NOV MARKETING CONSULTANT	5,665.50
73084	XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	ES EMS XEROX LEASE	139.18
			<b>TOTAL 189,293.26</b>

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OCTOBER 30, 2024**

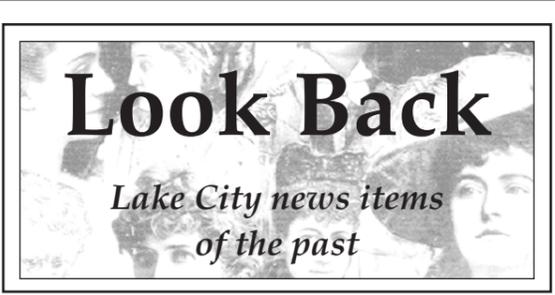
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EFT 531	ADELMAN, JONI	PH EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT	261.71
EFT 532	ASHBY, ARLINGTON	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	698.34
EFT 533	BABCOCK, BRUCE	REC CAMPGROUND HOST/CLEANING	1,000.00
EFT 534	BEAL, RICKIE	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,530.25
EFT 535	CARRUTH, BRENNAN	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	2,186.50
EFT 536	FRANKS, PAUL	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	993.96
EFT 537	GRAHAM, CAMERON	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	2,594.06
EFT 538	GRAHAM, PHILLIP	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	2,458.88
EFT 539	JONES, BROOKE	PH EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT	11.14
EFT 540	JUDY, DALLIN	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	884.00
EFT 541	LAGO, JENNIFER	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,565.00
EFT 542	MADILL, ROBERT	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,949.52
EFT 543	MIDYETT, JAMES	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	213.17
EFT 544	MURNANE, GRACE	PH EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT	354.82
EFT 545	MUSA, HASANI	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,367.00
EFT 546	NEAL, OTTIS LEE	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	612.00
EFT 547	NIEMAN, RYAN	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	313.82
EFT 548	OGE, DANNY	ES EMS STIPEND PROGRAM	360.00
EFT 549	PEDERSEN, ANTHONY A	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,905.00
EFT 550	PEDERSEN, NEIL	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	3,621.40
EFT 551	RALPH, TARA	PH EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT	116.45
EFT 552	RAWLINGS, THOMAS	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,014.00
EFT 553	REED, RYON	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,581.00
EFT 554	RUDGER, KELLY	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,689.87
EFT 555	SPERLING, CYNTHIA	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	997.00
EFT 556	THRUSH, RYAN	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,038.00
EFT 557	VAN KOMEN, DONALD	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,545.63
72927	BOYCE, ALEC	PH SENIOR CONNECTIONS LUNCH	162.00
72928	CENTURYLINK	RB TELEPHONE, SOUTH END	206.86
72929	CITY OF GUNNISON	REC WUPPERMAN WATER TESTING	94.12
72930	CO DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT	PH VITAL STASTICS	112.74
72931	COLORADO ASSESSOR ASSOCIATION/CCA	GF ASSESSOR TRAINING	125.00
72932	COLORADO STATE	GF CLERK DMV RENEWALS	6.00
72933	COLORADO STATE	TREASURER UNEMPLOYMENT INS TAX ADMIN	72.36
72934	**Void**		2,785.65
72935	CRUMP, MELODY	GF PAYROLL LIABILITIES	0.00
72936	DeCRISTINO, SARAH	RB PAYROLL LIABILITIES	220.84
72937	DOWNS, ROBERT	SO PAYROLL LIABILITIES	363.02
72938	ELEVATED PHYSIQUE	PH PAYROLL LIABILITIES	134.64
72939	ELKINS, WILLIAM KELLY	TS PAYROLL LIABILITIES	172.36
72940	FERGUSON, RIVER	ES PAYROLL LIABILITIES	16.93
72941	GCEA	ES EMS STIPEND PROGRAM	1877.86
72942	GL COMPUTER SERVICE, INC	ES EMS STIPEND PROGRAM	2,250.00
72943	GUNNISON COUNTY FINANCE	ES EMS STIPEND PROGRAM	450.00
72944	HALL, II ROBERT E	PH COMPANY STRONG HABITS	630.00
72945	HEIDT, KATHERINE	ES EMS STIPEND PROGRAM	1,440.00
72946	HINSDALE COUNTY CLERK	ES EMS STIPEND PROGRAM	945.00

72947	HOSKIN FARINA & KAMPF PC	GF CLERK PETTY CASH	70.17
72948	JHALONI FLORES	PH ATTORNEY FEES	1,415.00
72949	JHAVON FLORES	PH CREEDE STUDENT STIPEND	175.00
72950	LAKE CITY AREA MEDICAL CENTER	PH CREEDE STUDENT STIPEND	175.00
72951	LAWRENCE, LORI	GF CORONER MEETING EXPENSES	75.00
72952	MCI COMM SERVICE	GF CORONER REIMBURSEMENT	31.64
72953	McNEESE, LYDIA	TS LONG DISTANCE SERVICE	38.11
72954	MOORE, RACHEL	ES EMS STIPEND PROGRAM	800.00
72955	SILVER WORLD	ES EMS STIPEND PROGRAM	3,120.00
72956	STEWART, MARY LORI	GF ADVERTISEMENT	394.60
72957	TRACTOR SUPPLY	PH ADVERTISEMENT	306.60
72958	UTAH'S SANITATION SERVICE	ES EMS STIPEND PROGRAM	88.00
72959	WILLIAMS, RICHARD	RB SUPPLIES, SOUTH END	4,095.00
72960	WOODS, PATRICK	GF COURTHOUSE DUMPSTER	6.99
72961	XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	GF VISITOR CENTER DUMPSTER	885.00
		PH DUMPSTER	295.00
		ES EMS STIPEND PROGRAM	260.00
		SO SAR REIMBURSEMENT	330.00
		GF ADMIN XEROX LEASE	3,000.00
		GF COURTHOUSE XEROX LEASE	720.88
		ES EMS XEROX LEASE	446.30
			153.56
			139.18
			<b>TOTAL 78,618.33</b>

**HINSDALE COUNTY  
WARRANTS PAYABLE CHECKS  
NOVEMBER 20, 2024**

Number	Vendor Name	Description	Payment Amount
EFT 562	ADELMAN, JONI	PH EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT	118.37
EFT 563	ALDRIDGE, TREVOR	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,484.00
EFT 564	HENSLER, CHARLES	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,969.46
EFT 565	HOLGUIN, GABRIEL	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	783.98
EFT 566	HOLGUIN, SAMUEL	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,474.90
EFT 567	HYNES, KASSIDIE	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,088.00
EFT 568	KOVACH, NATHAN	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,088.00
EFT 569	MALLOY, BRUCE	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,614.20
EFT 570	MARTINEZ, MERCEDES	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,240.00
EFT 571	McNALLY, KYLE	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	3,702.25
EFT 572	MUSA, HASANI	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	488.55
EFT 573	NEAL, OTTIS LEE	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,165.00
EFT 574	PEDERSEN, NEIL	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,898.76
EFT 575	RUDGER, KELLY	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,089.29
EFT 576	SMITH, MICHELLE	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	2,549.93
EFT 577	SPERLING, CYNTHIA	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	145.00
EFT 578	STEINERT, GARRET	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	936.47
EFT 579	TRAN, TIMOTHY	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,434.01
EFT 580	TUSS, CHAD	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	346.54
EFT 581	WATERS, CORY	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,011.55
EFT 582	WITT, JAMES	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	3,840.94
72989	A-1 CHIPSEAL COMPANY	RB CR30 CHIPSEAL PROJECT	400,000.00
72990	ALAMOSA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	PH SAN LUIS VALLEY EPR FEES	3,625.00
72991	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	RB SUPPLIES	136.37
72992	AT & T MOBILITY	GF VSO CELL PHONE	12.56
72993	BASIN CO-OP INC	RB FUEL, SOUTH END	1,615.02
72994	BLUE SPRUCE BUILDING MATERIALS INC	RB SUPPLIES	1,084.54
72995	BOYCE, ALEC	TS SUPPLIES	196.88
72996	BUCKHORN ENGINEERING, INC.	REC CAMPGROUND SUPPLIES	226.07
72997	BUSINESS OPTIONS	GF SUPPLIES	437.37
72998	CALDON, AMANDA	GF CORONER SUPPLIES	30.98
72999	CENTURYLINK	PH SENIOR CONNECTIONS LUNCH	193.24
73000	CIELLO	PH COMPANY STRONG HABITS	108.00
73001	CREEDE AND MINERAL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	PH SAN LUIS VALLEY EPR FEES	3,474.25
73002	DIGITCOM ELECTRONICS, INC	PROJECT/ENGINEERING	285.08
		PH CREDENTIALS	22.50
		ES EMS AMBULANCE BILLING	262.58
		PH SENIOR CONNECTIONS COFFEE	68.45
		SO TELEPHONE	117.18
		PH INTERNET/CREEDE	195.88
		PH CHAMB	
		GF HILL 71 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT	3,048.00





**140 Years Ago**

**Lake City MINING REGISTER, March 13, 1885**

- The rapidly melting snow has made the roads soft and unpleasant for travel, but this will not last long.

Pride & Co. last week received from Henry Kohler, and from his Surface Creek range near Cedaredge, twelve head of steers. They were driven from Sapinero by Mr. Pride and that expert herdsman and cowboy, Chas. J. Getz, esq. The animals were brought up to town in fine style; and they are fine cattle, too. Charley is a dandy at most anything.

Loudon Mullin, Joel K. Mullin, and Anselmo Smith have formed the Mullin Tunnel Co., capital stock \$100,000, with the object of cutting a tunnel through Round Top Mountain, a mile south of Lake City, to exploit that immense dome for the big gold vein known to be hidden there.

Gunnison Chamber of Commerce gives notice it will resist an effort to attach to Hinsdale County a strip of land lying north of our county line and belonging to Gunnison. This land belongs to Hinsdale County by natural laws, land owners in that vicinity who live on average 12 miles from Lake City and 30 miles from Gunnison, besides having to cross the range through a long stretch of bleak, dreary country.

**130 Years Ago**

**Lake City TIMES, March 14, 1895** - The "Robber's Roost" is the name of a cabin built in Sherman last week.

The opening of the Ute reservation will occur as the consent of a majority of the male adult Indians is obtained. It is generally believed that the Indians will consent to the provisions of the bill.

Sherman Williams and his team, who were hauling ore down from the Golden Fleece, had the misfortune to have his sled go over the road while coming down from the mine. No one was seriously hurt, only a few scratches.

While going down the Lake Fork Monday, a bit of scenery was pointed out to us by trainmen. We have reference to the monument in Alexander Gulch which runs down to the railway track. The monument is known as Whinnery's Monument, and is as pretty a piece of the work of nature as may be seen in the vast Rocky Mountains.

The Ute and Ulay mines and concentrator closed down last fall under the pressure of low prices in lead and silver, and the Ulay Mine has begun to fill with water. It is now understood that the mines and mill will soon be in operation again under the superintendency of Dan Kirby. The payroll when the mines are running ranges from \$25,000 to \$30,000 monthly.

**90 Years Ago**

**"Lake City News," Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, March 7, 1935** - Miss Jessie Hunt is visiting at the Lone Star Ranch this week. On Thursday evening a crowd of young people motored out to the ranch.

People on the sick list this week include Mrs. John Liska who had the misfortune to slip on the ice last week, bruising herself quite badly. Otto Johnson is carrying a black and blue arm this week as the result of a horse biting him. Mrs. Frank Wheeler has been quite ill the past few days, others ailing including Barbara Reed, Natalie Knowlton, Yvonne Zeigler, and H.G. Heath.

Several truck loads of machinery arrived Thursday and Friday for the Eldorado Mill on Henson Creek. Chas. Greenlees returned Friday from Denver where he has been purchasing the machinery. Mr. Greenlees was accompanied by a mining engineer.

**Bills,**  
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73003	ELK COUNTRY AUTO PARTS, INC	RB SUPPLIES	102.00
73004	FERRELLGAS	GF COURTHOUSE PROPANE	832.68
		PH PROPANE	720.85
			111.83
73005	FULLMERS ACE HARDWARE COMPANY, INC.	RB SUPPLIES	7.18
73006	GCEA	GF ELECTRIC SERVICE	1,884.41
		RB ELECTRIC SERVICE	943.87
		GF HILL 71 SITE ELECTRIC SERVICE	452.45
			343.54
		GF LSC ELECTRIC SERVICE	63.74
		TS ELECTRIC SERVICE	80.81
73007	GOBINS, INC.	PH PRINTING CONTRACT ON CANON PRINTER	61.15
73008	GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES	PH CANON COPIER LEASE	152.63
73009	HERNANDEZ, RICHARD	GF CORONER DEPUTY CORONER PAY	500.00
73010	LAKE CITY AREA MEDICAL CENTER	SO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	33.00
73011	LAKE CITY, TOWN OF	GF SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION	109,081.45
			108,318.20
		GF WATER AND SEWER	558.25
		PH WATER AND SEWER	205.00
73012	LAKE FORK HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT	GF SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION	45,741.65
73013	MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH LLC	GF ASSESSOR SUPPLIES	681.20
73014	MARSHALL, ANNE	PH SENIOR CONNECTIONS LUNCH	600.00
73015	MCI COMM SERVICE	RB LONG DISTANCE, SOUTH END	113.29
			75.18
		TS LONG DISTANCE	38.11
73016	MONTY'S AUTO PARTS	RB HEAVY EQUIPMENT PARTS	6,447.15
			5,949.42
		GF VEHICLE PARTS	352.93
		SO VEHICLE PARTS	144.80
73017	MOORE, RACHEL	EMS TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	18.01
73018	MOPEC	GF CORONER BODY COOLER/FINAL PAYMENT	28,162.40
73019	PDS, INC.	GF ADMIN PRINTING CONTRACT	439.64
			256.77
		GF COURTHOUSE PRINTING	139.31
		ES EMS PRINTING CONTRACT	43.56
73020	PONDEROSA LUMBER CO	RB SUPPLIES, SOUTH END	16.02
73021	REYNOLDS ASH ASSOCIATES	GF BUILDING GRANT WORK	5,295.00
		GF SCENIC BYWAY GRANT WORK	265.00
			5,030.00
73022	SCHUMACHER & O'LOUGHLIN LLC	GF ATTORNEY FEES/RETAINER	10,076.56
			7,354.06
		SO ATTORNEY FEES	2,677.50
		GF RGCT GRANT WORK	45.00
73023	SILVER WORLD	GF LEGALS	860.20
		REC ADVERTISING	339.20
		LOD LODGING LEGALS	88.00
		PH ADVERTISING	124.00
			309.00
73024	SOUTHERN TIRE MART, LLC	GF TIRES	678.78
73025	THE COUNTRY STORE	PH SENIOR CONNECTIONS LUNCH	1,651.23
73026	VERIZON WIRELESS	PH CELL PHONE	51.50
73027	WESTERN SANITATION, LLC	TS PORTA POTTY SERVICE	150.00
73028	XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	GF COURTHOUSE XEROX LEASE	307.12
			153.56
		GF ADMIN XEROX LEASE	153.56
			<b>TOTAL 876,407.49</b>

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**HINSDALE COUNTY  
WARRANTS PAYABLE CHECKS  
NOVEMBER 6, 2024**

Number	Vendor Name	Description	Payment Amount
EFT 558	HARRINGTON, MICHAEL	GF VSO EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	715.21
EFT 559	McNEESE, GABE	GF EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT	50.00
EFT 560	MOSER, JANET	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,187.00
EFT 561	NORMAN, MICHAEL	ES ALL HAZARDS TEAM PER DIEM	1,451.70
72969	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	RB SUPPLIES	1,016.80
		TS SUPPLIES	956.81
			59.99
72970	AT & T MOBILITY	GF CORONER CELL PHONE	338.65
		GF BUILDING OFFICIAL CELL PHONE	44.05
			49.10
		GF BOCC CELL PHONES	147.30
		RB CELL PHONES	98.20
72971	AYRES ASSOCIATES, INC.	GF EPA BROWNSFIELD GRANT WORK	18,934.71
72972	BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	ES EMS MEDICAL SUPPLIES/MEDICATIONS	681.40
72973	BROWN, YOLIE	ES EMS RESPONDER WELLNESS	100.00
72974	CO DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT	GF OWTS PERMITS TO STATE	180.00
72975	COLORADO STATE	GF CLERK DMV RENEWALS	56.03
72976	DR. GINA CARR	ES EMS PHYSICIAN ADVISORY FEES	400.00
72977	ELK COUNTRY AUTO PARTS, INC		

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	5th & Henson XMAS Lights	41.50
	Ski Lift	64.12
	#2 Pump on Henson CRK	1,859.59
	#3 Pump in county	1,100.86
	Lake City Substation Water Tank Control	41.50
	1 Water Tank Hill	68.42
	Sewer Plant Mtr Hse N Hotchkiss St	70.11
	Sewer Plant	3,463.05
Hinsdale County	PW - Fuel	683.76
	PW - Road & Bridge Material	714.12
Home Depot Credit Services	TA - Bottled Water	19.92
	PR - 3 carving pumpkins	22.72
	PR - Christmas lights, duct tape, pliers	1,551.16
JC Propane, Inc	PW - WWTP Propane	449.15
Jerry Gray	TA - Roundtop, close vents and Install insulation.	
	Reset Load Controller	200.00
Krob Law Office, LLC	GF - Legal Services April 2024	945.75
	GF - Legal Services May 2024	904.80
	GF - Legal Services June 2024	2,620.80
	GF - Legal Services July 2024	2,437.50
	GF - Legal Services August 2024	2,184.00
	GF - Legal Services September 2024	1,989.00
	GF - Legal Services October 2024	1,201.00
	WS - Legal Services April 2024	1,511.25
	WS - Legal Services May 2024	440.70
	WS - Legal Services June 2024	187.20
	WS - Legal Services September 2024	195.00
	WS - Legal Services October 2024	8.00
	WWTP - Legal Services May 2024	175.50
	WWTP - Legal Services August 2024	312.00
	WWTP - Legal Services September 2024	468.00
	WWTP - Legal Services October 2024	351.00
Lake City Auto	PR - Grease	10.12
	PW - Propane, Brake Parts	82.30
Milski Construction	PW - 2024 101 Gunnison Road Cut Encroachment Deposit Refund	2,000
	PW - 2023 606 Hotchkiss Road Cut Encroachment Deposit Refund	100.00
	PW - 2023 800 Water St Road Cut Encroachment Deposit Refund	100.00
	2023 430 Silver St Road Cut Encroachment Deposit Refund	200.00
Professional Document Solutions	TA - Town Hall Xerox Printer Usage	49.43
	TA - Contract Base Rate	9.00
	WS - WWTP Xerox Printer Usage	17.09
Ridgway Valley Enterprises, Inc.	WWTP - WWTP project progress bill	97,578.30
SCJ Alliance	Asset Inventory Phase 1, 2, and 98	8,325.00
Sentinel Tree Woodworks	PR - 1x6 10'	22.50
Solar Bear Electric	PR - Ice Wall Expansion - Electrical Work	3,000.00
United Companies	PW - Cold Patch for city streets	5,948.99
USA Blue Book	PW - Testing Supplies, Pump Injection valves	419.16
Utah's Inc.	PR - Trash Collection	1,761.00
Wagner Equipment Co.	PW - Freight Charges	194.82
	PW - Air Filters	838.15
	PW - Backhoe parts	505.57
	<b>TOTAL 193,772.86</b>	

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