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Newsletter of County Information & Happenings



# THE CLEAR CREEK CONNECTION

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**Looking Ahead:** Oct. 2023

**Oct. 7th:** Free Car Seat Checks with Evergreen Fire/Rescue

**Oct. 11th:** Open Space Commission Meeting

**Oct. 17th:** BoCC Meeting

**Oct. 18th:** Planning Commission Meeting

**Oct. 24th:** Sheriff Candidates Interviews (During Special BoCC Meeting)

**Oct. 25th:** Sheriff Candidates Interviews continued (if needed)

 **Job Openings**



- Mechanic
- Equipment Operator (Road/Bridge)
- Caseworker
- Seasonal Laborer (Transfer Station)
- Bus Operator
- Transit Supervisor
- County Sheriff
- MYN Youth Programs Coordinator
- MYN TREK Teen Council Coordinator
- Shelter Assistant
- Planner Comm. Service Officer

**It's official: Mt. Evans is now Mt. Blue Sky**

The Department of the Interior announced the Board on Geographic Names (BGN) has voted on the final replacement name for Mt. Evans in Colorado. The 25-member Domestic Names Committee (DNC) voted to change the name to Mt. Blue Sky for federal use after two nation-to-nation consultations and several years of consideration by state, county, local and Tribal governments.

The BGN received six formal proposals from 2019 to 2022 to rename Mt. Evans, which was named after John Evans, the Territorial Governor of Colorado from 1862 to 1865. Evans has been closely linked to the Sand Creek Massacre. On November 29, 1864, U.S. soldiers attacked an encampment of approximately 750 Native people. As they fled, many were wounded and killed. Well over half of the 230 dead were women and children.

“The process undertaken by the Board on Geographic Names is an important part of the federal government’s commitments to Tribes and ensuring that all voices are heard. Each proposal is thoroughly reviewed and researched while gathering input from a variety of groups and individuals,” said Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Michael Brain. “Names matter. How we identify our public lands is an important opportunity to be inclusive and welcoming, and to make a lasting impact for future generations.”

Mt. Blue Sky is located in Clear Creek County along the boundary of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and the Pike and San Isabel National Forests and in Mt. Evans Wilderness. At an elevation of approximately 14,258 feet, the summit is the 14th highest peak in Colorado.

In considering the proposals, the BGN received input from dozens of interested associations and organizations, as well as support for the name “Mt. Blue Sky” from nearly 75 organizations and hundreds of individuals. Upon Tribal request, the BGN held two Tribal consultations in June, to which Tribes expressing interest in the renaming process were invited.

While the decisions of the BGN are effective immediately, a Tribe, member of the public or another interested party is allowed to propose a name change. All name changes are reflected in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS),

the authoritative federal database. Federal agencies rely on the GNIS for the publication of map products or other services.

Clear Creek County Commissioner Randy Wheelock has been very involved in the renaming of the mountain, and even biked up to its peak to wave the flags of the tribes after the decision was final. At the celebration its renaming, he stated this will help us understand history better.

"Personally, I am grateful to the people of the Cheyenne, Arapaho, and Ute Tribes to have provided this opportunity for us to learn more deeply of their experience, and its continuing impact on their lives. It was their gift to us for them to do so, and I consider our action to simply be an acknowledgement of that gift of our new greater knowledge and understanding. The gift also enriches our local telling of history, so important to Clear Creek County, so that telling will be more historically accurate and complete. Hopefully this will make our current home an even more inviting place to be for all people."



## Public Health now offering Family Planning services

### Reproductive & Sexual Health Services at the Public Health Clinic

Now Available!!

#### Services that are now offered:

- Individual counseling on contraception, healthy relationships, preconception, pregnancy options
- Contraceptive methods including pills, Depo, NuvaRing, Patch, Implants (coming soon), rhythm/cycle method
- Emergency contraception
- Pregnancy testing
- Screening for STIs & HIV
- Basic infertility services
- Referrals to other health and social services



Clear Creek County Public Health is now offering Sexual Health and Planning Services at the Health and Wellness Center in Idaho Springs.

As the only place in the County that offers these types of services, this is a huge development for the people of Clear Creek County. According to the Center for Disease Control, sexual health is an intrinsic element of human health and is based on a positive, equitable, and respectful approach to sexuality, relationships, and reproduction, that is free of coercion, fear, discrimination, stigma, shame, and violence.

"The Public Health team is excited to announce the availability of family planning in Clear Creek County. Family planning makes it more likely people can have their desired number of children and helps them determine the spacing between pregnancies," Public and Environmental Health Director Dr. Timothy Ryan said. "It also helps individuals prevent pregnancy through a variety of contraceptive methods and services. This is particularly important given the lack of other family planning options in the County."

Public Health is offering counseling, emergency contraception, pregnancy testing, STI and HIV screenings, basic infertility services,

#### Who can access services? How much does it cost?

- Any individual, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, income or residency status, can access and receive family planning services.
- All services are **CONFIDENTIAL**.
- Fees are based on patient income on a sliding fee scale. We can also bill Medicaid and many private insurances.
- Patients are never turned away due to inability to pay.

To schedule an appointment, scan this QR Code or call 303-670-7546



birth control options, and referrals. These services are confidential, and Public Health can now bill Medicaid and most private insurances. However, if you do not have insurance, fees are based on a sliding scale--no one will be turned away if they are unable to pay.

As of 2020, Clear Creek County had about eight teen births per 1,000 teenagers (aged 15-19). On a wider scale, the state of Colorado demonstrates the success of programs like this in recent years. When it comes to decreasing the amount of unintended teen pregnancies, the Colorado Family Planning Initiative (CFPI) drove a 50 percent reduction in teen births and abortions, and a 38 percent reduction in births to women without a high school education. In addition, the average age of first births increased by 1.2 years among all women, and avoided nearly \$70 million in public assistance costs.

To make an appointment with Clear Creek County Public Health, click here, or call 303-670-7546.

## Floyd Hill Project: Greenway Trail Closure incoming

Starting at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 2, the I-70 Floyd Hill Project will require a closure of the Clear Creek Greenway trail between the US-6 and Hidden Valley interchanges for construction and utility work in this area.

This work is scheduled to last until spring 2024, but trail users can expect ongoing trail impacts and closures through 2026.

This portion of the trail will be an active construction zone and will be unsafe for multi-use travel.

Other segments of the trail will remain open. For up-to-date information visit [bit.ly/ccgreenway](https://bit.ly/ccgreenway).



## Public Eye on Alvarado event generates hundreds of responses about future of park



In 2015, Clear Creek County purchased Alvarado Open Space Park, with the goal of preserving essential wildlife habitat and historically significant land, while supporting basic outdoor recreational needs in and around our community.

The property was transformed from a private event venue and renamed as Alvarado Open Space Park, which opened to the community in 2019.

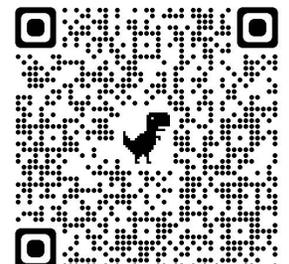
Alvarado Open Space Park has easy access for residents and guests of the County to appreciate for a quiet stroll, dog walking, wildlife viewing, or enjoying the sounds of Clear Creek as it winds through the property. Featuring access to a lovely pond and Clear Creek, along with several walking trails, and in the future, the Clear Creek Greenway, Clear

Creek County envisions this property being enjoyed for generations. Since purchasing the property, the Open Space Commission, along with community volunteers, Mountain Youth Network, Clear Creek Fire Authority, and Clear Creek County Trails Crew have undertaken enormous effort to clean up the property. We thank everyone for their hard work.

That's why, as the County prepares to take it's next steps with Alvarado and plan the remaining transformation, the County and the Open Space Commission held an event to solicit public input on what people wanted to see at Alvarado Open Space Park. Snacks and refreshments, tours of the park, and opportunities to speak to members of the Open Space Commission were provided last month at the Public Eye on Alvarado event. Surveys were passed out, and many were taken online before the event to gather feedback from residents.

Right now, the County and the Open Space Commission are still gathering the feedback to make a plan on what to do with the park in the future. The survey will be open for another few weeks, [click here to take it](#), or scan the QR code to the right.

Alvarado Open Space is located at 1259 Alvarado St. in Georgetown.



## September is National Preparedness Month: what older adults need to know

National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time.

This year's theme is "Take Control in 1, 2, 3." This theme empowers everyone, especially older adults, to 1) assess their needs, 2) make a plan and 3) engage their support network to stay safe when disaster strikes.

Older adults and their caregivers can overcome these potential obstacles and increase their resilience by taking control in 1, 2, 3.

**Assess your needs.** If you have medications that need refrigeration, rely on mobility or assistive devices or have a pet you'll need to understand how these variables will factor into what you'll need to stay safe in a disaster or emergency.

**Make a plan.** Once you assess your needs, you can tailor your plans to make sure your needs are met. This can include building a kit that includes extra medication, having a way to store medications in an emergency and planning for your pets or service animals. If you're an older adult or work with and support older adult communities visit [Ready.gov/older-adults](https://Ready.gov/older-adults) and [Ready.gov/es/adultos-mayores](https://Ready.gov/es/adultos-mayores) for resources.

**Engage your support network.** Reaching out to family, friends and neighbors can help you build a support network that can support you before, during and after a disaster or emergency. Share each aspect of your emergency plan with everyone in your group, including a friend or relative in another area who would not be impacted by the same emergency who can help if necessary. Make sure everyone knows how you plan to evacuate your home or workplace and where you will go in case of a disaster. Make sure that someone in your personal support network has an extra key to your home and knows where you keep your emergency supplies. Practice your plan with those who have agreed to be part of your personal support network.

## The 2023 Clear Creek Visitor's Guide is here!

The official Clear Creek County Visitor's guide is full of information about the County's year-round plentiful outdoor recreation, heritage, attractions, mountain dining, art galleries, unique shopping, and accommodations. The 56-page guide is chock full of ideas for visitors, or those who want to embark on a "stay-cation" right here in Clear Creek County.

This year, the Visitor's Guide is completely virtual--so you can read it anywhere, or anytime on the go. Click the photo to the right to view it online. You can also scan the QR code below to view it on your phone.

As always, wherever you go, please remember tread lightly, stay on the trail, leave what you find, trash your trash, keep the wildlife wild, and share our trails and parks to help care for Clear Creek County.



### DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



Plan how you will communicate if you have a communication need.



Plan for food, water, and essentials for you and pets or service animals.



Plan for your transportation if you need help evacuating.



Include medicines, medical supplies, batteries, and chargers.



Plan how you will evacuate with any assistive devices.



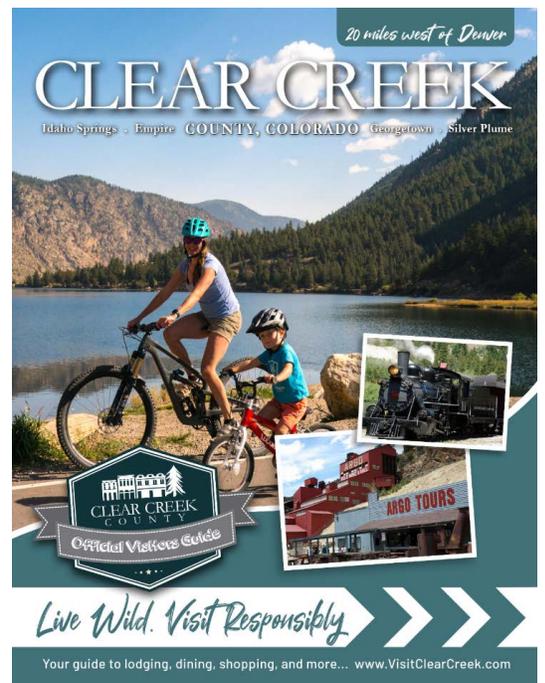
Make copies of Medicaid, Medicare, and other insurance cards.

### WHAT TO INCLUDE IN AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT

- ✓ Contact information for important people and care providers.
- ✓ A list of medicines you need, dosage instructions, and any allergies.
- ✓ Contact information for your durable medical provider.
- ✓ Need-to-know information for first responders and others who might need to help you.



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## Attorney General Phil Weiser visits Clear Creek County to talk opioids



Attorney General Phil Weiser visited the Clear Creek County Health and Wellness Center last month to discuss the Opioid Crisis and what is being done at the state and county-level when it comes to people in need of resources.

Public Health, the Jefferson Center for Mental Health, the Gilpin County Sheriff, Commissioners, and representatives from Idaho Springs, Georgetown and Clear Creek County were all in attendance.

Weiser said he was "impressed" with the work that Clear Creek County was doing, especially when it came to the County's new co-responder program, the Clear Creek Health Assistance Team, in addition to the NARCAN and Fentanyl Test strips being available at the Health and Wellness Center

and the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office.

According to the Attorney General's Office, Weiser is "fighting the Opioid Crisis on many fronts." To date, Colorado has secured over \$740 million in monetary damages from pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors, thus improving access to treatment in rural and underserved communities, and cracking down on drug cartels to stop the trafficking of counterfeit pills containing deadly Fentanyl. The AG's office has partnered with 312 participating local governments, including Clear Creek County, that prioritize regionalism and collaboration.

## Public Health to do FREE car seat safety check in Evergreen this October

Evergreen Fire/Rescue is partnering with two Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPST's) from Clear Creek County Public Health and Inter Canyon Fire Protection District to host a FREE Car Seat Safety Check Event on Saturday, October 7th, at 9:00 AM. This in-person event will take place at 1802 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen, CO 80439.

At this event, the CPST's will provide a comprehensive car seat safety check to the first 10 people who register using the provided link. These two professionals will ensure that your child's car seat is properly installed and meets all safety standards. They will inspect the seat for any defects, check the harness for proper fit, and offer guidance on how to travel safely with your child or children.

They will also be available to schedule future appointments, answer questions, and provide educational material that will help keep your kid(s) safe on the road. [Click here to make a future car seat check appointment.](#)

Don't miss this opportunity! Please note that this event is open to all parents, caregivers, and guardians, and an appointment is necessary. [Click here for more.](#)



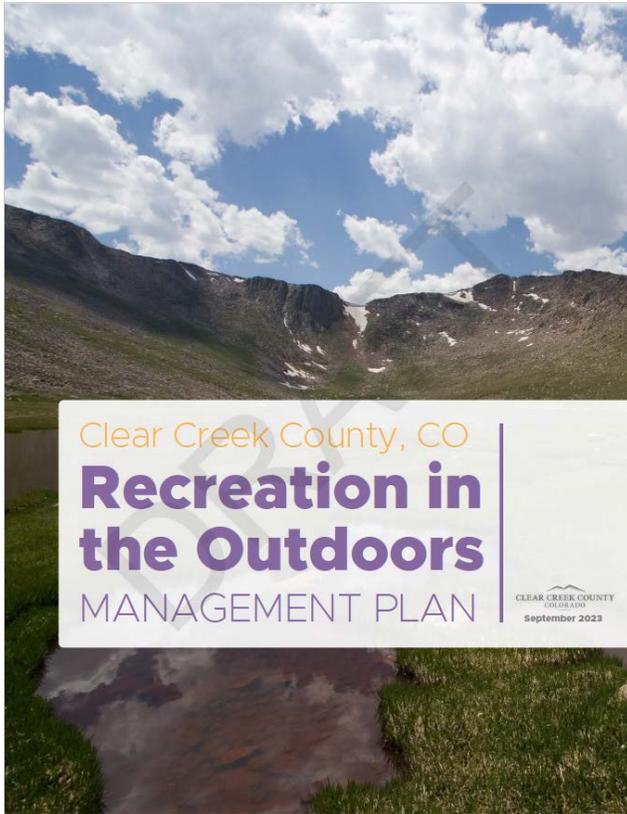
## County hosts budget and CCHAT Town Halls

It was a packed house on Sept. 14th in Georgetown and on Sept. 28th in Idaho Springs as Clear Creek County hosted public town halls to answer resident's questions and gather feedback.

Clear Creek EMS' new Clear Creek Health Assistance Team and the Clear Creek County Finance team presented to people in attendance. Many residents came to learn and many of them had questions they were able to get answered. The meetings each lasted about two hours.

Both CCHAT and Finance will be at the upcoming EMERGE meeting on Oct. 11th in Evergreen to present, as well.

## Clear Creek County's Recreation in the Outdoors Management Plan (ROMP) Draft is complete



The Clear Creek County draft Recreation in the Outdoors Management Plan (ROMP) is now live on the Clear Creek County Forum. Click [here](#) to review the draft ROMP and click [here](#) to leave your feedback.

The Clear Creek ROMP is a county-wide recreation planning project funded by a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) (External link) grant. The goal of the ROMP is to identify a vision and values, key projects, partnerships and funding mechanisms that will help Clear Creek County protect our natural resources and provide high quality recreational amenities for residents that can support a sustainable economy.

This process started in July 2022 and is aimed to wrap up by the end of 2023. Clear Creek County has convened the three teams to support the ROMP: the Interagency Team, the Planning Partners Team, and the Community Advisory Team. The ROMP is also supported with facilitation and research by Keystone Policy Center and SE Group.

So far, the ROMP has solicited feedback from community members and visitors through two surveys, which helped create the Draft which you can view [here](#).

Click [here](#) to provide your feedback on the Draft plan.

## Clear Creek County Trails Team improves trail to help fire authority with rescues

The Clear Creek County Trails Team improved a trail last month that will not only make life easier for climbers, but also for rescuers.

Located near the Oxbow Trailhead, the new wooden planks now line the trail to Catslab Climbing Area nearby. The new wooden bridge-like structure replaces what used to be rocky, hard-to-navigate terrain--especially for first responders.

Before the improvements, rescuers had to use a cable secured on both sides of Clear Creek to be able to reach those that needed help. Then, they would have to send the injured party across that way, too. Now, first responders can use a gurney to get to those in need, and simply wheel it across the new wooden trail.

"We took feedback from the first responders and worked to make their job easier and evacuation safer for the injured parties,"

Recreation Facilities Manager Jonathan Butcher said, "we knew there were a lot of rescues there, and we wanted to help."

The task took about three weeks to complete, and according to the Trails Crew, it was worth every second.

It is important to note that this is a climbing access trail only. It is not for general hiking use, as it accesses climbing routes only and is a dead end trail. In addition, there is significant risk of rock fall when people are walking on this trail and people are climbing above it, so if you are heading out this way, please be aware.

For more information on trails in Clear Creek County, visit [www.clearcreekcounty.us/884/Trails](http://www.clearcreekcounty.us/884/Trails).



## As the cold weather approaches, keep warm with these options!



Clear Creek County is working with the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) to provide homeowners and renters in our community with weatherization and energy efficiency assistance.

Two programs are available to Clear Creek County residents, Colorado's Affordable Residential Energy Program (CARE) and the federal Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).

Clear Creek County residents have access to programs available through Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) for energy efficiency renovations and weatherization. These programs offer FREE services to County residents and have been a great benefit to numerous families to date. NWCCOG is looking forward to providing these services again this 2023-2024 season.

The beauty of the NWCCOG programs is that they have the ability to process the energy audits, assess the best projects for a home, and have the labor force and materials to execute the renovations/repairs/replacements. Clear Creek County is fortunate to have this partnership with NWCCOG to access their services.

These opportunities are provided through two programs, the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and Colorado's Affordable Residential Energy Program (CARE). These programs provide qualified residents the opportunity to receive assistance with insulation, air-sealing, furnace repair, furnace replacement, refrigerator replacement, LED

light bulbs, storm windows and doors, Health and Safety evaluations, and more.

For more information or to fill out applications, click [here](http://forum.clearcreekcounty.us/weatherization) or visit [forum.clearcreekcounty.us/weatherization](http://forum.clearcreekcounty.us/weatherization).

## Whats going on with Clear Creek County Dispatch? What you need to know

The Clear Creek County Board of County Commissioners voted last month to move forward with a request to transition Clear Creek County Dispatch to Jeffcom 911 located in Jefferson County. This move comes after much deliberation, research, and consideration.

For background, Clear Creek County currently spends around \$1.7 million a year on dispatch services. Jeffcom would do many of the same services, for about \$488,000 a year.

Because of the potential for savings, Clear Creek County asked a consultant to examine the potential for transitioning 911 services currently provided by the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office to Jeffcom 911 with the goal of improving service to the community while reducing costs.

Due to slower productions from Henderson Mine, Clear Creek County has been in a budget crunch, and is working to find solutions that will save the County money while not reducing service to our residents. The Board addressed many of the concerns expressed by community members during a Special BoCC meeting on Sept. 12th (click [here](#) to watch). The County wants residents to know this move would not even be considered by the County and Board of County Commissioners if it thought this would result in a reduction of service to those in need.

Jeffcom has offered to hire all of the dispatchers that are currently working in Clear Creek County if the request to transition service is approved. If the dispatchers choose to accept this job offer, they would be designated to handle calls from Clear Creek County, so people who know and understand the County's nuances would be in charge of handling and dispatching calls.

Each of the municipalities that currently use Clear Creek County's dispatch services have agreed to make this transition request. The County is currently preparing a formal request for Jeffcom's Board of Directors. If that request is accepted, Clear Creek County will join its 23 other agencies using its services by the halfway point of 2024.



## Public Health hosting kids' winter clothing drive this October

Clear Creek County Public Health is hosting a winter clothing drive for kids from October 16th through October 20th. Bring in new or gently used (and clean!) children's winter coats, snow pants, hats, gloves, or boots to the Clear Creek County Health and Wellness Center (1969 Miner Street, Idaho Springs) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a large receptacle on the first floor where you can drop-off your items.

"Donating clothing is a simple and effective way to make a difference in the world," Clear Creek County Public Health nurse Sara Blais said. "It not only benefits those in need but also helps reduce the amount of waste in landfills. Winter is tough here in Clear Creek County, and we hope this will help those in need stay warm."



## Heads up! FEMA to hold Integrated Public Alert and Warning System

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a national test of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) on Wednesday, October 4th.

The national test will help ensure that Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) and the Emergency Alert System (EAS) continue to be effective ways to warn the public about emergencies, particularly those on the national level.

All major U.S. wireless providers participate in Wireless Emergency Alerts and will transmit the national test to their subscribers.

If your mobile phone is on and within range of an active cell tower from a participating wireless provider, you should receive the national test. Wireless providers will transmit the national test for 30 minutes starting at 12:20 MST, but your phone should only receive it once.

The EAS portion of the test is scheduled to last approximately one minute and

will be conducted with the participation of radio and television broadcasters, cable systems, satellite radio and television providers and wireline video providers.

The test message will be similar to the regular monthly EAS test messages with which the public is familiar. It will state: "This is a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, covering the United States from 14:20 to 14:50 hours ET. This is only a test. No action is required by the public."

## Board of County Commissioners announces remaining dates for Sheriff search process

The Clear Creek County Board of County Commissioners is announcing the final dates and times relating to the the Sheriff search. This search has been underway since Clear Creek County's previous Sheriff, Rick Albers, retired this past August. Below are the dates and times for special Board meetings in which the candidates will be publicly interviewed by the Board. The public is invited to come to listen to the interviews and provide public comment. Residents and other interested people who cannot make the meeting can join via Zoom here. Meetings will also be streamed live on Facebook and can be watched after on the County's YouTube page.

- October 24th at 8:30 a.m. in the BoCC Conference Room
- October 25th at 8:30 a.m. in the BoCC Conference Room (if needed)





## Employee Anniversaries!

Introduction by Carol Ann Fortune

This section is a dedicated space to celebrate our outstanding staff members' achievements, milestones, and contributions to our community. Here, we honor their dedication, share their success stories, and commemorate their work anniversaries. Each individual is chosen for their role in weaving the fabric of our county's progress. Join us in recognizing the shining stars who embody the spirit of service and teamwork, fostering a stronger, more connected Clear Creek County for all!

### Tom Hurst, 40 years with Clear Creek EMS!



This month we are honoring Tom Hurst, who has been with Clear Creek County for 40 years!

Hurst started working with Clear Creek EMS in 1983 as a volunteer and then became part-time when the department transitioned to paid staff. Hurst retired from CDOT in 2019 and transitioned to a full-time Paramedic with CCEMS then.

"Tom is arguably the most dependable and hard working Paramedic at CCEMS. After 40 years, you'd think he would maybe have less interest in advancing clinically. But, he's incredibly engaged in every way including training and it shows in how well he performs clinically," Clear Creek EMS Director Aaron Crawley said.

When Clear Creek EMS implemented the requirement of all Paramedics being Critical Care endorsed, Tom was the second employee to complete the course and pass the test. His

commitment to advancing into the Critical Care Paramedic role is clearly evident every day. His obvious commitment helps motivate everyone at CCEMS to advance its level of service.

"I'm thankful for Tom's commitment to public service to the people who dial 911 in Clear Creek County. I'm also thankful for Tom's unwavering dedication and dependability for the last 40 years. Tom has been a staple at Clear Creek EMS for 40 years and knows more about this county than maybe anyone. He's a role model here and I can't thank him enough for the job he has done and continues to do for this county," Crawley said.

Thank you, Tom for all you do for those in need here in Clear Creek County!

**From the Archives**

By Alexis Ehrgott

**CELEBRATING LABOR DAY AT LAWSON**

On September 7, 1896, the newly organized Miners' Union of Empire and the Lawson Miners' Union co-hosted Labor Day festivities. The day was "fittingly observed at our neighboring and prosperous little town of Lawson," reported the *Georgetown Courier*. Celebrations included "... a picnic during the day at the beautiful pine grove near the town, and a grand ball at the opera house in the evening. Young and old from all the towns in the county met and indulged in the numerous sports and pleasures, among which were a parade, drilling contest between representatives from Empire, Georgetown and Dumont, a horse race, a foot race, and dancing in the open air beneath the shade of trees to the music of the Lawson orchestra. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves, each taking to their particular kind of fun, but there was one thing everybody seemed to enjoy, and that was eating ice cream and the other refreshments at the lunch table. The day was a great financial success for the unions, and a happy one for all who patronized the good cause for which the celebration was given."

**LABOR DAY PICNIC.**

The Lawson Miners Union will give a picnic at that place on Labor Day, September 6th. The morning exercises will consist of racing, etc., to be followed by double and single hand drilling contests. The prizes for double-hand drilling will be \$25 and \$15. For single-hand drilling \$15 and \$7.50. The contests are to last ten minutes and are open to all within the state. An entrance fee of \$5 will be charged double-hand drillers and single-hand drillers \$2.50. There will be dancing in Coburn grove during the afternoon and at the opera house in the evening. The Union extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend.

*Ad for the Labor Day Picnic in the September 4, 1897 issue of the Georgetown Courier newspaper.*

The following year, Lawson Miners' Union hosted another Labor Day, "A large crowd occupied Coburn's grove all day. Refreshments of all kinds were served during the day in the grove and in the opera house in the evening. The double-handed drilling contest was won by Bert Chinn and T. Luke of Dumont; the second prize by Richard Harding and Isaac Lang of Lawson. The single-handed contest was won by Sopp of Silver Plume; second prize by John Smith of Dumont. Much interest was taken in the contest and the Dumont people were very enthusiastic over their victory, as they won the same prize in the drilling contest a year ago. In the evening the opera house was crowded. The dancers were much pleased to have Fred DesMoineaux' music once more. There were a number of visitors from Silver Plume, Georgetown and Idaho Springs. The picnic was a great success socially and financially."

The final Labor Day hosted by the Lawson Miners' Union occurred in 1900 with the *Courier* reporting that "Visitors from all parts of the county attended the celebration of Labor Day at Lawson. During the morning there were foot, horse and other races and in the afternoon a

picnic was held and speecnmaking and rock drilling took place. J.A. Robinson of Denver, secretary of the Colorado State Federation of Labor, and R.C. Bonney were the speakers. Following the addresses came single and double hand rock drilling, Silver Plume granite being used with three-quarters and five-eighths steel, time ten minutes. In the single hand contest F. Yockey of Dumont won first, drilling 13 5/16 inches in the ten minutes. F.B. Boyd of Lawson was second with 10 10/16 inches and John W. Smith of Dumont third, ten inches. In the double hand work Cochrane and Ingram of Silver Plume made 22 1/4 inches in the ten minutes. Boyd and Carr of Lawson 20 1/2 inches, Harding and O'Hagen of Lawson 19 10/16 inches, Luke and Yockey of Dumont 19 inches. During the afternoon a dance was given in the grove and at night a grand ball in the opera house. The celebration was given by the Lawson Miners' union which is the only union in Clear Creek county."

The *Silver Standard* followed up with this nugget about the day: "George Layden had a finger crushed at the Labor Day picnic in Lawson. He was watering the hole for the drillers, when the striker missed the drill and came down on George's finger with a glancing blow. George let go all holds for a few minutes, and it required several minutes' work to bring him out of a faint."



**Helpful Links and Resources:**

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**The Clear Creek County Health and Wellness Center is here for you!**

**Vaccines:** COVID Vaccines, Flu, Tdap, Hepatitis A, and more. All Childhood Immunizations 0-18 years old. You can pre-register by calling **303-670-7528** or [clicking here](#).  
Hours: Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



**Clear Creek County**  
Health & Wellness Center

**Wellness Clinics:** By appointment only. You can set up an appointment by calling **303-670-7528**. The Clinic can check oxygen levels, temperature, blood pressure, and more!

**Lead Testing:** Walk-in Wednesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m., or by appointments on other days. You can set up an appointment by calling **303-670-7528**.

**Women, Infant, Children (WIC):** This program is for mothers and infants. It takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, contact WIC Coordinator Donna Prentner, RD, RN, at **970-409-6907** or [dprentner@clearcreekcounty.us](mailto:dprentner@clearcreekcounty.us).

**COVID-19 Testing:** There is no longer PCR testing. Rapid tests are available for free at the Health and Wellness Center.

**Sexual Health Clinics:** Birth control, counseling, STD tests, pregnancy testing and more! Completely confidential. Call **303-670-7528** for more information.

**Harm Reduction:** Public Health is now offering free Opioid and Naloxone Training. Naloxone is an opioid antagonist – it binds to opioid receptors and blocks or reverses the effects of the overdose agent. Public Health is also offering free Fentanyl test strips. Fentanyl is synthetic opioid that is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. Call **303-670-7528** for more information.

## Other services:

- State and Federal Eligibility Programs
- Mental and Behavioral Health providers accepting Medicaid
- Clear Creek County Public Health
- Other CDPHE and CORE services
- Food Pantry (VOA also does free lunches on Wednesdays at 12:00 at the Georgetown Community Center)



Health and Wellness Center  
1969 Miner Street (2nd Floor)  
Idaho Springs, CO 80452

**As always, if you have questions, want updates, to set up an appointment, or leave a message for a nurse, you can call the Public Health Information Line at 303-670-7528.**

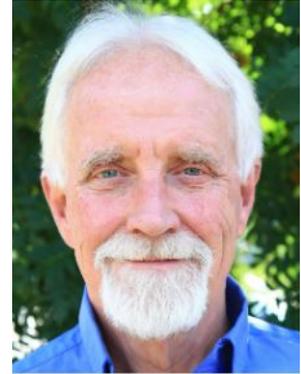
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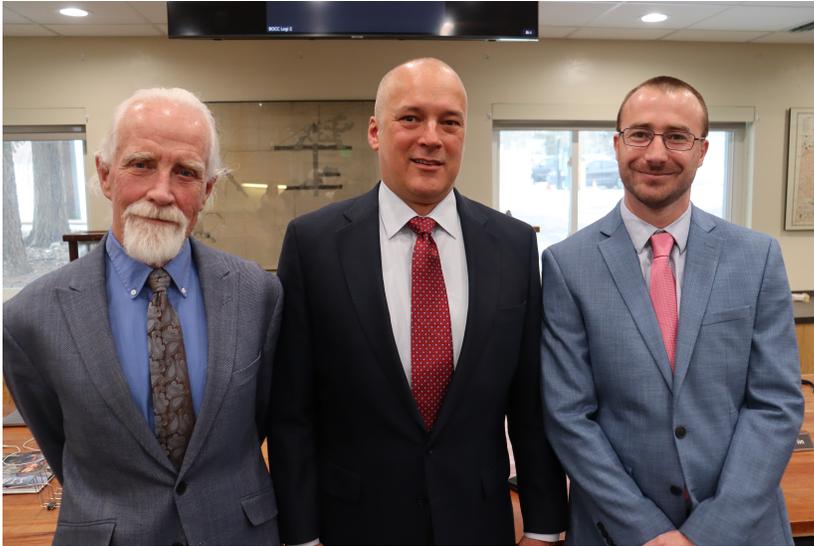


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**District I:** Approximately Floyd Hill to Fall River Road.

**District II:** Southeast Clear Creek County

**District III:** Approximately Fall River Road and west to Eisenhower-Johnson Memorial Tunnel & Berthoud Pass.



### Board Meetings are back in person!

County Board Meetings are back in person in the BoCC Conference Room at 405 Argentine Street in Georgetown. Meetings will still be streamed live online via Facebook and Zoom.

#### **Next Month's BoCC Meetings**

- Oct. 17th
- Oct. 24th
- Oct. 25th

**See past meetings here.**



#### **Important Clear Creek County Phone Numbers:**

Emergency: **911**

Sheriff's Office: 303-679-2376

Clear Creek County Offices: 303- 679-2300

Report a Road Concern: 303-679-2334 Option 2

RoundAbout Dispatch: 970-409-6714



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