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Sheriff Harris begins term

Clear Creek County's newest Sheriff, Matthew Harris, has officially begun his term. Sheriff Harris was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners in November.

Sheriff Harris started his term off with promoting 23-year CCSO vet Matt Brown to Undersheriff.

"I would like to congratulate Matt Brown who has graciously accepted the position as Undersheriff. Matt, who is well respected in the community, by county officials, and by staff at the Sheriff's Office, is excited to hit the ground running. I have full confidence that Matt, is the absolute right selection to help me set our vision and strategy for our office," he said.

Sheriff Harris also announced that Seth Marquardt was selected to replace Matt Brown as Captain of Special Services.

"Like Matt, Seth has dedicated his entire law enforcement career to Clear Creek County and has the respect of his peers, and the community," he said. "Equally as important, Seth will be responsible for setting up our new Community Relations Division, which I'm really excited about. In this role, the Sheriff's Office will explore new opportunities to better engage with our community, honoring our dedication to public service."

In addition, Captain Travis Derington will be the Office's new Public Information Officer (PIO).

"In this role Travis will be responsible for our branding, but also restoring and professionalizing our social media platforms and web page."

CCSO added that it will be using its Twitter (X) page that will be up and running for the first time in more than five years.

"I'm really excited for these changes and I'm confident this will start the process of getting us back to the basics of law enforcement. To protect and serve and do so with honor, integrity, and professionalism. I'm truly honored to be your Sheriff," Sheriff Harris said.

Looking Ahead

Jan. 29th: BoCC/
Municipalities/CCFA Joint
Meeting

Feb. 6th: BoCC Meeting

Feb. 14th: OSC Meeting

Feb. 20th: BoCC Meeting

Feb. 21st: Planning
Commission Meeting



CCC JOBS



Job Openings

- Mechanic (entry level)
- Equipment Operator (Road/
Bridge)
- Caseworker
- Caseworker Supervisor
- Building Maintenance Supervisor
- Facilities Maintenance Worker
- Seasonal Laborer (Transfer Station)
- Bus Operator
- Shelter Assistant
- Licensed Crisis Clinician
- Property Transfer Technician/
Administrative Assistant

Clear Creek EMS announces ability to carry whole blood

Did you know that all Paramedics at CCEMS are required to attain Critical Care Endorsement through the state of Colorado within one year of being hired?

This is the highest level of training and certification possible for a Paramedic. This allows the crews of CCEMS to provide some of the most progressive care available to patients outside of a hospital environment. CCEMS can now treat patients using interventions that would have previously required a helicopter.

With the success of CCEMS' Critical Care Program, in early 2024, it will be one of the first ground ambulance agencies in the state to carry whole blood on the ambulance.

"This will allow us to provide immediate life saving intervention to the most serious trauma patients at the scene," Clear Creek EMS Captain Matt Depan said. "Rest assured, CCEMS is committed to providing the highest level of care possible to the residents and visitors of Clear Creek County."



NOTICE

XCEL ENERGY WILL BE TESTING GEORGETOWN'S DAM WARNING SIRENS EACH MONTH, STARTING MARCH 6TH, 2024 AT 10:00 AM.



NOTICE: Monthly siren testing to begin in Georgetown

To protect our community, Xcel Energy has installed four early warning sirens to notify people in the town of Georgetown of potential flooding due to the unlikely event of a dam failure at Xcel Energy's Cabin Creek hydroelectric plant.

Dams, hydroelectric stations, and surrounding waterways can present a potential risk for anyone near them.

The warning system installation is a federal requirement.

In collaboration with the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office, the Town of Georgetown, and Xcel Energy, Clear Creek County would like to provide notice to the residents of Georgetown ahead of the tests, so they know what to expect and when. Proactive communications can help set residents at ease, raise awareness of the safety protocols in place, and hopefully avoid or limit inquiries to the Sheriff's Office.

The first siren testing will take place on March 6th, 2024 – and then on the first Wednesday of every month following that. In the unlikely event of a dam failure, the siren would sound an alert tone followed by instructions.

The next page will detail what the test warning siren will sound like.

1. “Attention! This is a test of the dam failure warning system. This is only a test. If this was an actual emergency you would receive instructions. This is only a test.”
2. Whoop tone for 30 seconds.
3. Post Test Message: “This has been a test of the dam failure warning system. This was only a test.”

You may hear up to three minutes of noise over the course of 30 minutes. Depending on how close you are to these four locations, you may want to stay indoors, and keep children and pets indoors. Decibel levels will range from 50 dB (normal office sounds) to 110 decibels (chainsaw).

[Click here for more information.](#)

Get lead testing for free at the Health and Wellness Center

Lead is a type of metal that is found naturally on Earth. Lead is in all parts of our environment -- the air, the soil, and our homes. While it has some beneficial uses, lead is toxic to humans. It can get into our bodies when we breathe in or swallow something that has lead in it or on it.

Lead can affect almost every organ and system, but the main concern is the nervous system. Children under age three and pregnant people are at the highest risk of health impacts from lead. According to the center for disease control, exposure to lead can seriously harm a child’s health and cause well-documented adverse effects such as:

- Damage to the brain and nervous system
 - Slowed growth and development
 - Learning and behavior problems
 - Hearing and speech problems
- This can cause lower IQ, decreased ability to pay attention, and underperformance in school.



There is also evidence that childhood exposure to lead can cause long-term harm.

The only way to know if a child has lead poisoning is to have them tested. Symptoms are not visible. It is important to test children when they are young so they can get the right treatment if they have been exposed to lead.

Central City/Clear Creek was listed on the National Priorities List in 1983, making it a Superfund site. The site is located about 30 miles west of Denver in Clear Creek and Gilpin counties. The Study Area encompasses the approximately 400 square mile Clear Creek watershed, which has been impacted by a number of inactive precious metal mines. Concerns include risks to human health from heavy metals in tailings piles and waste rock, as well as impacts to aquatic life and habitats, drinking water, and recreational resources.

That's why Clear Creek County Public Health offers FREE lead testing. All you have to do is make an appointment by visiting www.clearcreekcounty.us/1480/Make-an-appointment, fill out the form, and a public health nurse will get back to you.

Heat your home safely in 2024!

By Einar Jensen, Evergreen Fire/Rescue Risk Reduction Coordinator

Heating our homes is a leading cause of fires, injuries, and deaths, but it doesn't have to be. By following a few safety tips, you can heat your home safely and protect your family this winter.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from any heating equipment including wood stoves, fireplaces, furnaces, and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Turn off portable space heaters when going to bed or leaving the room.
- Clean chimneys at least once each year. Use chimney sweeps certified by the Chimney Sweep Institute of America.

It's also important that you have the proper number of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms in your home. If you want free assistance with installing these devices, email fireprevention@evergreenfirerescue.com.

For other safety tips and more of our commitment to our community, visit www.evergreenfirerescue.com.



Dry January: The Month-long Challenge with year-round benefits Courtesy of the Jefferson Center for Mental Health

Jefferson Center
With you in mind

Mocktail Recipes

- * **Soda and Bitters:**
combine soda water with a couple dashes of bitters and garnish with a rosemary sprig.
- * **Roy Rogers or Shirley Temple:**
mix Coca-Cola (Roy Rogers) or Sprite (Shirley Temple) with grenadine and garnish with a maraschino cherry.
- * **Sober Sunrise:**
sub tequila for juice or soda and mix with orange juice. Drizzle in grenadine against the edge of your glass.
- * **Tom Collins, Hold the Gin:**
mix lemon juice, sugar or simple syrup, and soda water. Serve over ice.
- * **Cuddles on the Beach:**
mix peach puree with cranberry juice and orange juice. Serve over ice and garnish with orange slice and cherry
- * **SHAMpagne:**
mix ginger ale with apple juice and serve in a champagne flute

The first month of 2024 will soon be coming to a close, and you may have heard your friends, family, and coworkers participating in something called “Dry January.” This is essentially a challenge many people have undertaken to abstain from any substance use in the month of January, be it alcohol, or recreational

drug use. While this has been a tradition many people have joined for years, it seems to have exploded in popularity as we headed into the new year, with celebrities and influencers committing to this observance and tracking their experience on social media.

You might think that this is merely a test of willpower, avoiding temptations. However, according to research, people who participate in Dry January see continuing, positive effects throughout the rest of the year. Other studies show that people who took part in Dry January were still drinking less than their counterparts in August. Participants make sustained efforts to drink less in general terms, whether they are conscious of it or not, and this leads to overall improvements in their health and wellbeing. They are able to form new habits, and the positive reinforcement of “feeling better” helps motivate them to continue these habits.

Some of the most common benefits of Dry January include better sleep and more energy, more focused concentration, saving money, weight loss, increased hydration, clearer skin, and lower blood pressure.

If you didn't participate in Dry January this year, it's not too late! You can see the benefits of taking a month off from alcohol at any time in the year. One advantage of participating in Dry January is that your social circle is also more likely to be participating, so there might be less pressure put on you to drink. However, if you are invited to an event that serves alcohol or are out at a bar with friends/coworkers, you have the option to make or order a "mocktail"—a cocktail-style non-alcoholic mixed drink. This gives you the opportunity to take part in these activities without inviting the stigma of choosing not to drink. To help you more easily and quickly choose your next favorite mocktail, we have designed a Mocktail Recipe card (above), the size of a business card you can fit in your wallet, that you can download on your phone or print out to keep on your person!

If you choose to participate in a dry month, remember to surround yourself with people that will support you—perhaps even some that will join you. Try journaling at the end of the day. Write down the patterns that you witness. Did you have any triggers that gave you a strong urge to drink? Did you feel empowered when you sustained your commitment to yourself? And, if you embark on this challenge and find that you slip up slightly by having a glass of wine at a dinner party or a single cocktail at happy hour with coworkers, don't feel like a failure. Going alcohol free is hard in a society so embedded into drinking. Remember that Dry January is about maintaining control more so than long-term sobriety.

January is Winter Safety Month: tips from the Office of Emergency Management

Winter storms can range from a moderate snow over a few hours to a blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days. Many winter storms are accompanied by dangerously low temperatures and sometimes by strong winds, icing, sleet, and freezing rain.

One of the primary concerns is the winter weather's ability to knock out heat, power, and communications services to your home or office, sometimes for days at a time. Heavy snowfall and extreme cold can immobilize an entire region.

The National Weather Service refers to winter storms as the "Deceptive Killers" because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm. Instead, people die in traffic accidents on icy roads and of hypothermia from prolonged exposure to cold. It is important to be prepared for winter weather before it strikes.

On the next pages are some tips on how to protect your family, your home, and your car during the colder months.



To prepare for a winter storm, you should do the following:

- Before winter approaches, add the following supplies to your emergency kit (see link for suggestions for your kit):
 - Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways.
 - Sand OR kitty litter to improve traction.
 - Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
 - Sufficient heating fuel. You may become isolated in your home and regular fuel sources may be cut off. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.
 - Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.
- Make a Family Communications Plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.
- A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio broadcasts alerts and warnings directly from the National Weather Service for all hazards. Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.
- Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.
- Add an emergency kit to your vehicle(s).
- Learn how to shut off water valves (in case a pipe bursts).
- Winterize your home; **click here for low cost information this**
- Stay indoors during the storm. If you must venture out, walk carefully on snowy, icy, walkways.
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack—a major cause of death in the winter. Use caution, take breaks, push the snow instead of lifting it when possible, and lift lighter loads.
- Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.

Carbon Monoxide Awareness

Caution: Each year, an average of 430 Americans die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning, and there are more than 20,000 visits to the emergency room with more than 4,000 hospitalizations. Carbon monoxide-related deaths are highest during colder months. These deaths are likely due to increased use of gas-powered furnaces and alternative heating, cooking, and power sources used inappropriately indoors during power outages.

- Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area. Locate unit away from doors, windows, and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors. Keep these devices at least 20 feet from doors, windows, and vents.
- The primary hazards to avoid when using alternate sources for electricity, heating or cooking are carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock, and fire.

- Install carbon monoxide alarms in central locations on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas to provide early warning of accumulating carbon monoxide.
- If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds move quickly to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door.
- Call for help from the fresh air location and remain there until emergency personnel arrives to assist you.

For more information, visit www.clearcreekcounty.us/695/Winter-Preparedness

The Audio Information Network of Colorado is now Aftersight Courtesy of Aftersight

As of January 8, 2024 “Audio Information Network of Colorado,” is OFFICIALLY Aftersight. We’re super excited! After this year-long process, we’re hoping our new name fits our vision of empowerment, community, and independence.

Of course, we’ll still offer the same services, but we think Aftersight better captures everything we do, which has grown. We now produce original programming: podcasts for people living with vision loss or blindness. We offer a low-vision support group and a low-vision book club. We make sure that people who need white canes can get them, free of charge. We even host supportive hikes.

In spite of all of this growth, people struggled with “Audio Information Network of Colorado.” As a name, it’s too long, too complicated, and a bit hard to remember. And the thing we heard the most was, “You’re the AUDIO Network? Perfect! My mother has hearing loss...”

So, we wanted a name that is short, memorable, and that resonates with the people we serve: individuals who have blindness, vision loss, or who benefit from alternative print for other reasons. We wanted a name that captures a sense of community and accessibility. We wanted A LOT of things... So, we sat down and discussed it. Then we discussed it again. After many rounds, Aftersight was the clear winner. It might not be all things to all people... but we like it. We hope that you do, too. At the very least, we hope that it’s at least easy to remember.

Below are ways to listen to Clear Creek County News:

- Spotify: Clear Creek County News
- Apple Podcasts: Clear Creek County News
- Clear Creek County Website: www.clearcreekcounty.us/1379/Communications
- Amazon Alexa (must enable Alexa Skill)
- Podcasts over-the-phone: No internet required, just call 303-786-7777 Press 2, 1, 30.
- Live stream on specialized equipment (no internet required, listeners can register with Aftersight for free)
- On Aftersight: aftersight.org/audio-publications/clear-creek/



The Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office hosts Coffee with a Cop

Dozens of Clear Creek County residents showed up on Monday, Jan. 22nd for the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office's first Coffee with a Cop. The event was held at the Frothy Cup, located in Idaho Springs and was aimed to bridge the gap between residents and law enforcement.

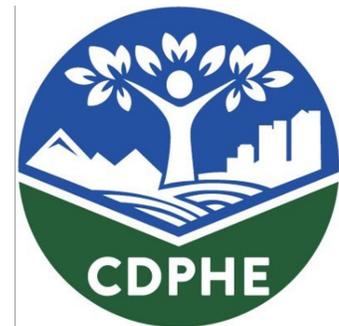
Sheriff Harris and sheriff deputies met with community members and shared ideas, had conversations, and spoke candidly while having a cup of coffee.

The event is a part of CCSO's new initiative to meet with the community at least once a month. To

follow along or to see upcoming events, be sure to follow the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ClearCreekSO



Clear Creek County Human Services teams up with state for Collaborative Management Program



Clear Creek County's Human Services

Department recently teamed up with the State of Colorado for the The Collaborative Management Program (CMP). This program was created to help children and families who are involved in several agencies and require a multi-agency service plan to focus on the family's needs and goals.

"Where there is a need or gap in services, we want to help," Collaborative Management Program

Coordinator Charleen Bell said.

The partner agencies of the CMP (such as Clear Creek County) work together to meet these needs and goals by participating in Family Engagement Meetings. The Family Engagement Meeting (FEM) is a collaboration with families and professionals who have different areas of expertise. All partners come together to support children/youth and their families who may be involved with DHS, school, youth services, probation, the courts, mental health, or domestic violence agencies. FEM meetings focus on the family's strengths to provide resources, services, and support to help meet the family's goals. The FEM format strives to ensure youth and family strengths are considered in the development of all services and that the families are full participants in identifying resources and services that best work for them.

So far, the program has helped three families in the County, and Bell hopes that number will grow as more people learn about the benefits.

"This is a really program that gets better and better as it starts building," she said. "The overall goal is to get the family stable."

Fore more information, [click here](#).

Clear Creek County Selects Aaron Crawley as its new EMS Director



Former Clear Creek EMS Captain Aaron Crawley was officially named the new Clear Creek EMS Director this month. Crawley has been serving as the Interim Director since former EMS Director Bryon Monseu retired last year.

"We conducted a national recruitment and Aaron was the clear choice for taking on the leadership role of Clear Creek EMS. He has been an integral part of the organization for the last six years, and he has more than 10 years working and saving lives as a paramedic," Clear

Creek County Manager Brian Bosshardt said. "His passion and care for his patients, residents, and staff is evident, and we are lucky to have him."

Clear Creek EMS responds to all 911 medical calls from the Eisenhower/Johnson Tunnels to Floyd Hill on Interstate 70--a service district of 350 square miles. EMS also provides a variety of community outreach and educational programs including CPR/AED training, basic first aid, health fairs, professional continuing education, and recruitment.

Wild to Mild: why you should get vaccinated for the Flu and COVID



The CDC recommends everyone six months and older get an influenza vaccine every year. The Influenza vaccine has been shown to prevent millions of influenza illnesses, tens of thousands of hospitalizations, and thousands of deaths each year. The CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices preferentially recommends the use of specific flu vaccines in adults 65 and older over standard-dose flu vaccines, when available.

When it comes to COVID-19, people who are up to date have lower risk of severe illness, hospitalization and death from COVID-19 than people who are unvaccinated or who have not

completed the doses recommended for them by CDC.

You can get vaccinated at the Clear Creek County Health and Wellness Center in Idaho Springs. [Click here to make an appointment.](#)

Renaming Derogatory Road Names: What you need to know



Clear Creek County is hoping to work with its residents that live on roads with derogatory names.

The particular road names have to deal with the word "Squ*w" which is an outdated slur that is derogatory toward Native women. Currently, there are three roads in Clear Creek County that contain the slur.

Right now, Clear Creek County is in the process of notifying residents that live on these

roads. A letter will be sent out next week to those affected, encouraging them to work with their neighbors to come up with a new road name, and take a survey created by the County. Signs will then be replaced by the Clear Creek County Road and Bridge Department.

Additionally, Colorado 103 from Little Bear Creek Road east to the Jefferson County line, has, in the past, been referred to as Squ*w Pass Rd. The County GIS only uses the name Colorado 103 for this stretch of road. Also, all addresses along this stretch of road are assigned to the name "Colorado 103." This segment of road is not technically a State Highway, but rather a County Road. This stretch of road has 10 addresses, but again, they are all assigned to "Colorado 103." The County has already replaced signs along this section to reflect the initiative.

"We are hoping residents keep an open mind about this, and work with the County and their neighbors in order to find a name that works for them that is not offensive to anyone," Clear Creek County Public Information Officer Megan Hiler said. "History is important, of course, but even more important is that we learn from history and strive for a County that everyone feels accepted and comfortable in."

Winter and Floyd Hill Construction: what to expect in Early 2024

Just because its winter, doesn't mean that construction on the Floyd Hill Project is taking a break.

As a reminder, expect narrower lanes and shoulders through the I-70 Floyd Hill Project work zone. Please follow the posted speed limit and do not drive distracted. Slow down and leave extra space between you and the car in front of you. Be aware of current road conditions and adjust your driving accordingly. Please get to your destination safely and make sure workers stay safe as your drive through construction zones.

In addition, rock blasting will take place in late January and early February. You can sign up for alerts or follow along at the options to the right.

I-70 Floyd Hill

Stay Informed:

- Sign up for text messaging service: Text floydhill to 21000
- Visit the project website: cdot.gov/projects/i70floydhill
- Leave a voicemail: 720-994-2368 (CDOT)
- Email the Project: cdot_floydhillproject@state.co.us
- Check COtrip.org for real-time lane closures and traffic impacts.

Construction on the I-70 Floyd Hill Project began in July 2023 and continues through the end of 2028.

Employee Spotlight

Mountain Youth Network has two new staff members! Meet them below!

Pictured below: Jennifer Pease with two of her children



When did you start with the county and what is your position?

Jennifer Pease: I started with Clear Creek County on November 20th, 2023 as the Trek Teen Council Coordinator. Just in time to celebrate the gratitude of my cool new job for Thanksgiving holiday.

Paige Fulk: I started working for the county in early December 2023. My official position title is Youth Programs Coordinator with Mountain Youth Network. My responsibilities include planning, organizing, and co-leading activities such as camping, hiking, backpacking, snowshoeing and other outdoor activities. I also teach Botvin Life Skills at Clear Creek Middle School. I work collaboratively with Ben Shay to oversee logistics for activities, including food purchasing, gear needs, and creating itineraries.

What made you want to work for MYN?

Pease: I met MYN at a Positive Youth Development (PYD) training when I was working for the Rec Center at KIDZ Korner. I immediately recognized what a cool organization they were, and saw loads of potential for supporting and guiding the youth in positive ways. I wasn't sure what capacity I would fulfill with them, but I knew I wanted to get plugged in to the organization, so I followed along on their social medias.

Fulk: Nature has always been an integral part of my life, igniting a love and curiosity that has guided my career path and personal growth. I spent 10 years in the Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina where my love for conservation and education has continued to blossom through many beneficial positions. My time as a professor at Appalachian State allowed me to share my knowledge and passion for environmental biology with a diverse array of students. I endeavored to cultivate a nurturing environment where students felt empowered to explore and challenge their understanding of the natural world. When I transitioned to experiential education through a Forest School, I collaborated with teachers and staff to create immersive and impactful learning experiences that integrated outdoor education into their school curriculum. From devising interactive lessons that kindled curiosity to guiding students on thrilling outdoor adventures, I witnessed firsthand the transformative power of experiential learning.

What in, your opinion, is the best thing about Clear Creek County?

Pease: The best thing about Clear Creek County is the small town vibes equally paired to the documented rich history. Also, the fact that we can pan for gold and garnets in our creeks.

Fulk: Having moved from a small mountain town to this small mountain town, I have enjoyed the opportunity to continue enjoying the benefits of a close-knit community, natural beauty, outdoor activities, and a peaceful lifestyle.

What are some MYN programs that you are excited about/things you hope to do?

Pease: I hope to bring back MYN HQ for the youth, establish safe spaces throughout the County, and develop more internship opportunities for the youth here in Clear Creek.

Fulk: I am thrilled and filled with excitement at the prospect of starting a gardening program for the youth of Clear Creek County. The idea of introducing young minds to the wonders of gardening and nurturing their green thumbs

brings me immense joy. I believe that this program will not only teach them valuable skills but also instill a sense of responsibility, patience, and appreciation for nature.

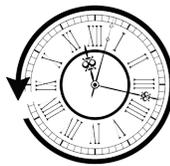
When you are not working, what are you doing with your time?

Pease: My full time employment (I usually work at night) is that I am a newborn care specialist and postpartum doula. I am also training to become a death doula. I enjoy celebrating life by caring for my indoor plants, outdoor gardens, two hives of bees, and my personal circus (AKA my six children that I love dearly). I also love live music in any form and all celebration of arts. I love learning new things and have a curious soul.

Fulk: I love taking advantage of the beautiful state of Colorado, especially since I am new here. Exploring the breathtaking landscapes and immersing myself in outdoor activities is a top priority for me. I find joy in climbing rock formations, carving through fresh powder on a snowboard, and embarking on scenic hikes with my pup. I love gardening and it brings me immense satisfaction to cook with the delicious produce I grow.

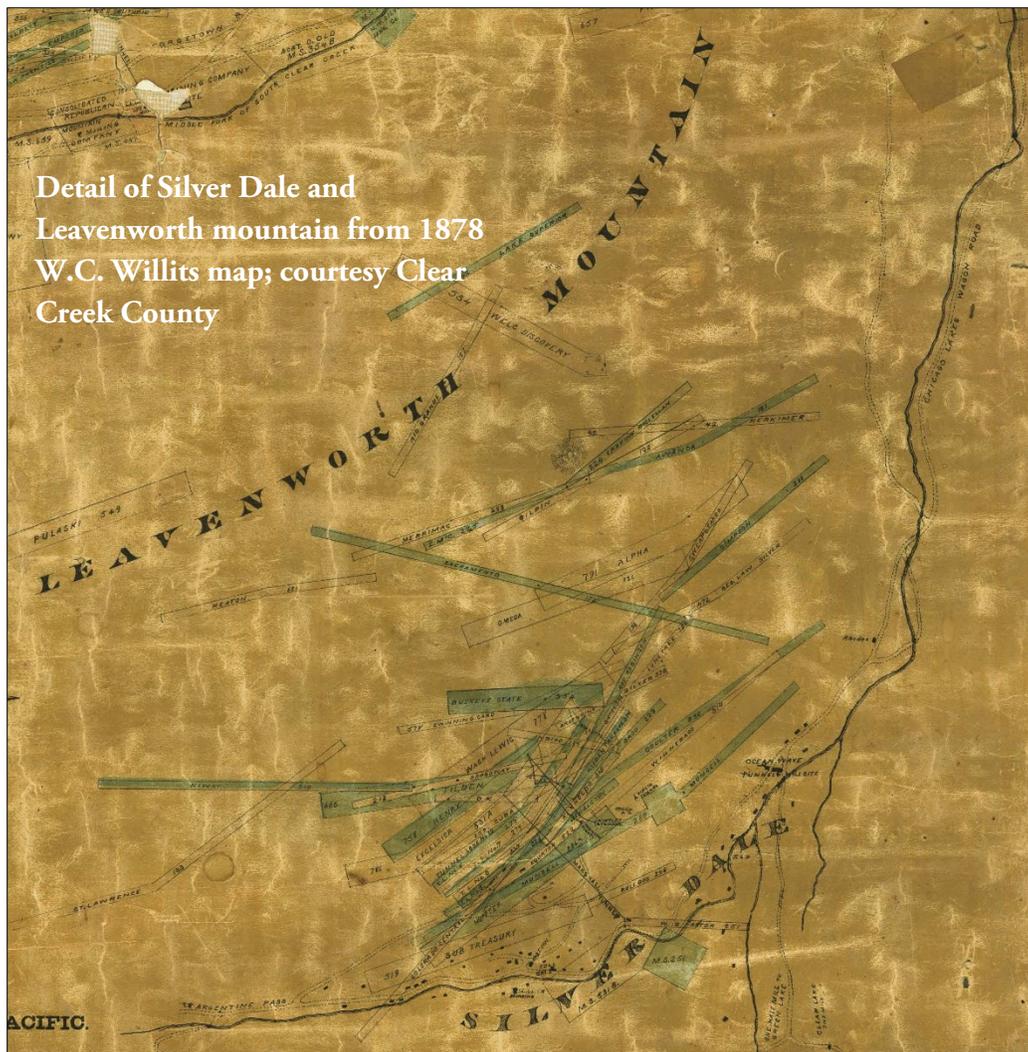


Pictured: Paige Fulk



THE LITTLE MINING CAMP OF SILVER DALE

On January 29, 1873, the *Colorado Miner* declared: “There is a prosperous little mining camp growing up in the vicinity of the mouth of the Marshall tunnel. For convenience, if nothing, more, this camp should have an appropriate name. The mines in that vicinity are rich and there is no doubt but that the Marshall tunnel will, eventually, be driven through Leavenworth Mountain. Mills will no doubt be erected for the treatment of ore and a large prosperous and thriving mining camp, is sure to grow up in that locality. The *Miner* suggests as an appropriate name of the place Silver Dale.”



Located about 2 miles south of Georgetown, Silver Dale sprouted up around the development of the Marshall tunnel and the Colorado Central mines on the southeastern slope of Leavenworth Mountain.

Samuel Cushman wrote in *The Mines of Clear Creek County* (1876) that “this slope of Leavenworth mountain is notable, not only for the number of richness of the lodes, but for the most remarkable field of float ore ever found. Several acres of the mountain side were covered with rich ore, and the surface of the earth filled with it. It is generally believed to be the slide of several rich lodes above the deposit, but some believe that in addition to this, the

ore was washed out of the Colorado Central crevice, and carried down the slope. It is estimated that the float ore from this patch has produced \$150,000 to \$200,000.”

By 1880, as described in the book *History of Clear Creek and Boulder Valleys, Colorado*, Silver Dale was “a straggling aggregation of log cabins and other buildings on the road to Argentine Pass... It depends mainly on the great mines of Leavenworth mountain, which it closely adjoins, for its prosperity. A district school is sometimes kept, but this can scarcely be considered a permanent institution, the population is about 75.”

In 1898, the Silver Dale school district was consolidated with Georgetown’s and by the 1920s the little mining camp was all but a ghost town. Today, several hiking trails meander through the town site: [Silver-Dale-Non-Motor-Rec-Area-map \(clearcreekcounty.us\)](http://clearcreekcounty.us)

Helpful Links and Resources

From Page 2: <https://www.clearcreekcounty.us/1486/Georgetown-Monthly-Siren-Testing>

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<https://www.clearcreekcounty.us/1480/Make-an-appointment>

From Page 7: <https://aftersight.org/audio-publications/clear-creek/>

From Page 8: <https://www.clearcreekcounty.us/113/Human-Services>

From Page 9: <https://www.clearcreekcounty.us/1480/Make-an-appointment>

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: Make an appointment here.



Clear Creek County
 Health & Wellness Center

Wellness Clinics: You can set up and 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.

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

Clear Creek County Board of County Commissioners



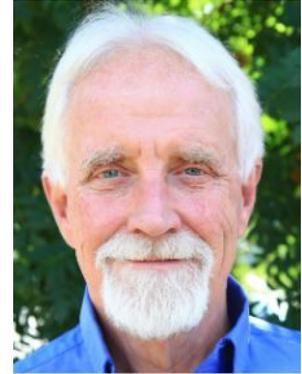
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District I: Approximately Floyd Hill to Fall River Road.



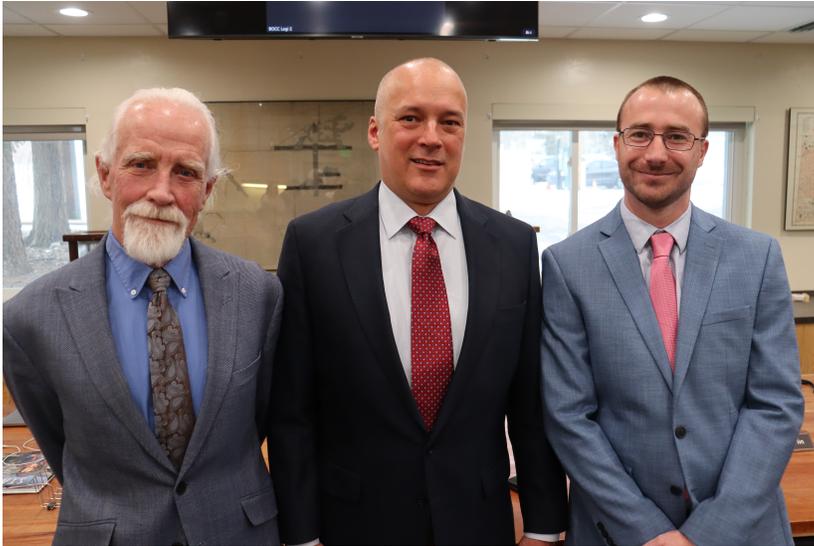
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District II: Southeast Clear Creek County



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



BoCC Meetings

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 BoCC Meetings

- Jan. 29th
- Feb. 6th

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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