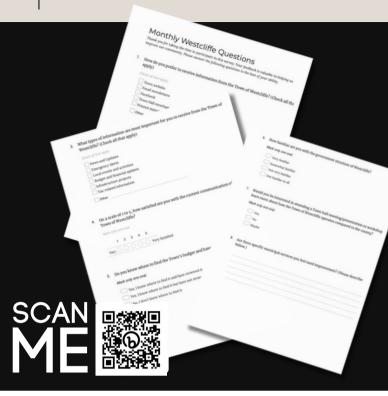


## OCTOBER 2023 Newsletter

Attention Westcliffe community! We're eager to gather more of your insights every month. To make it easy, we're rolling out monthly questions for you to ponder and answer. You can share your thoughts via our online form, in person at the Town Hall, or by visiting our website to print the form and jot down your responses. But it doesn't end there! Each month, we'll summarize the feedback and lay out actionable steps based on your suggestions. Plus, new questions will be introduced to keep our community discussions ongoing. Questions will be available to answer until the last day of the month and new questions will be available the first day of the month. Let's work hand-in-hand to actively sculpt the future of Westcliffe!



Starting Monday, October 9th, CCKC will be hosting a monthly LEGO Club at the Custer County School Library. Second Mondays of the month Oct-May from 4pm-5pm. Ages PreK through Middle school.

West Custer County Library District, High Mountain Hay Fever Children's Health Fund and Custer County Kids Council will start their 4th Growing Together Session-Stories and Songs at the West Custer County Library, Wednesday Mornings at 9:30 in the Community Room.

# Check Your October Calendar

6th & 7th - Arts Hullabaloo

9th - Custer County Fair Board Meeting | 4:30pm

10th - Board of Education Meeting | 4pm

11th - Wet Mountain Fire Board Meeting | 5:30pm

12th - Custer County Kids Council Meeting | 6pm

16th - Dark Skies of the Wet Mountain Valley Meeting | 3pm

19th - Meet the School Board Candidates | 6pm - 8pm

**26th** - Hospital District Board Meeting

28th - Halloween Carnival | 6pm - 9pm

31st- Harvest Open House | 5pm - 7pm

31st-Trick or Treat Street

## Your Town, Your Impact

Attend a Board of Trustees meeting at Town Hall on October 17th at 5:30 pm.

Request for Action by filling out the form online on our website.

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### Community Organization Spotlight: Valley Strong Fund

Located in Westcliffe, the Valley Strong Fund is a symbol of unity and growth, housed within the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation. Their efforts are evident in the many events and programs they support. One of their notable events, the Valley Strong Community Dinner, sees a vast majority of our county's residents coming together on Main Street. The Valley Strong Fund champions education, cultural understanding, and community building through diverse means such as workshops, reading groups, and articles. They also emphasize youth leadership development and support community events that resonate with the heart of Westcliffe. With memorable experiences like the High Altitude Horsepower Car Show and the Christmas Parade, they continue to knit the community closer. The Valley Strong Fund not only enhances the spirit of Westcliffe but also ensures its future is bright and inclusive.



#### Town Trustee Spotlight: George

George Mowry, a familiar face in Westcliffe since 1971. Like so many, the drive up Hardscrabble and seeing the Sangres for the first time, he knew he would find a way to live here. He's held various roles, from an educator at Custer County Schools to a downtown business owner. After soaking in Arizona's sun post-retirement, George's heart beckoned him back to Westcliffe in 2018. Besides his own backyard he also enjoys Bluff/Summit Park with it's spectacular views. Deeply rooted in our community, George actively serves as on the Town Board of Trustees and member of the Parks Advisory Committee. When he isn't serving the community you can find him playing pickleball or enjoying the incredible music scene that we are very fortunate to have here. His words reflect the heart of our community's unity: "We are very fortunate to have such a variety of people that live here. Even if we don't always agree on everything, everyone would still go out of their way to help a neighbor in need. There are so many people in our community that have incredible backgrounds and lives." It's this understanding and appreciation that makes George's presence invaluable.



## Community Member Spotlight: Angie

Known to many in Westcliffe, Angela Arterburn has been in our community for over 26 years. Originally from Elbert County, Angie and her family were drawn to the charm and serenity of the Wet Mountain Valley. Their commitment to the community deepened after Angela's brave recovery from a spinal cord injury. Some of her favorite memories are when the entire town is lit up during holiday seasons. She has enjoyed watching the changes throughout the years. The town itself is a hidden gem. She is actively engaging with local organizations and contributes her skills to the Sangres Art Guild and volunteers for the WCPA. Furthermore, she's made lasting impacts, notably with the initiative to help with the Lodging Tax in Custer County, which led to the creation of the Tourism Board. Her dedication and proactive approach toward the community serve as an inspiration for all residents. The Arterburn family's passion for the outdoors and photography beautifully mirrors Westcliffe's picturesque landscapes.

# LOCAL UNITY under the same stars.

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