

september 2023 Newsletter

JESS PRICE MEMORIAL PARK

A WORK IN PROGRESS

As we diligently map out the vision for Jess Price Memorial Park, we're excited to share the latest updates with you. Our commitment is to enhance its beauty and functionality for everyone in Westcliffe. We kindly request your patience and understanding during this transformative phase. Our aspiration is to craft a space that resonates with community pride and offers even greater value and enjoyment for all. Stay tuned for further updates by visiting:

https://townofwestcliffe.colorado.gov/community/parks-facilities/jess-price-memorial-park



TOUCH A BIG TRUCK & GRAB A PAINT BRUSH

Memorial Park | 9am-1pm

Friday, September 15th, 2023

Join us at Memorial Park on September 15th, 9am-1pm, to celebrate Westcliffe's Streets & Parks Team. Engage in our "Touch a Big Truck" event, paint the pavilions with a dedicated square for personal touches, and enjoy local booths, playground fun, and a free lunch. For details, visit our website.

https://townofwestcliffe.colorad o.gov/events/touch-a-big-truckgrab-a-paint-brush

Check Your September Calendar

- 2nd High Altitude Horsepower Car Show | 9am 2pm
- 4th Labor Day | Town Hall CLOSED | NO SCHOOL
- 6th Planning Commission Meeting | 3pm
- 8th Homecoming Parade | 9am
- 9th High Peaks Music Festival | 12pm 5pm

12th - Board of Education Meeting | 4pm
14th - Valley Strong Community Dinner | 4pm
19th - School Picture Day
19th - Board of Trustee Meeting | 5:30pm

Your Town, Your Impact

Attend a Board of Trustees meeting at Town Hall on **September 19th at 5:30**

MAYOR PAUL WENKE

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

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Community Organization Spotlight: KLZR

Approaching its 20th year, KLZR is not just a radio station, but a community experience. The station offers programs, from the popular Valley Views to a daily news broadcast that hits over 700 inboxes each morning. KLZR's Board President, Gary Taylor, cherishes every beat, especially when it brings people together. If you've ever swayed to the music during the Sunday Summer in the Park concert series, you've witnessed this in action. Save the date for September 9th at the Bluff for the High Peaks Music Festival. Explore KLZR.org or their Facebook page, and stay informed with the daily Valley News email at info@KLZR.org. Join their musical journey!

Town Staff Spotlight: Neal

Neal Marrs isn't just a resident; he's a Westcliffe legacy. Born and raised here, he's seen three generations graduate from our local high school. For Neal, Westcliffe's true spirit lies in its ranching heritage, evident in his love for events like the 4H & FFA fair & sale and the memorable Rocky Mountain Oyster FRY. His go-to spot in town? Ranchers Roost at the west end of Main Street, famed for its beef burgers and breathtaking views. Beyond the community, Neal's contributions include assisting with the installation of the Planet Walk signs and being an active member of the American Legion. In his downtime, Neal cherishes moments with his grandkids and hobbies like fishing and ammo reloading. His heartfelt advice to the community: "Keep Westcliffe small, valuing our wild west, forests, and vast landscapes." Thank you Neal for your hard work and dedication to the Town of Westcliffe.

Community Member Spotlight: Cathy

Meet Cathy Snow, a ten-year Westcliffe resident whose sense of community shines bright. She immediately fell in love with our town, moving here just three months after her first visit. An active member of the community, she enjoys all the community events, as well as simply spending time in her yard. Cathy remembers an unforgettable dinner event where a freak accident occurred, causing a window to shatter, and the community rallied together to quickly address the situation. It was a heartwarming display of camaraderie and support that left her, and many others, deeply touched. Cathy fills her days volunteering, gardening, and cherishing her friends and dogs. Her proudest accomplishment? Not killing her home's beautiful landscaping. Cathy's story highlights the resilient and tight-knit spirit of the Westcliffe community

Sheriff's Report

During the 2nd quarter of 2023, the Custer County Sheriff's Office reported various incidents and activities. Notably, there were 169 incidents of 911 hang-ups or misdials, making up 71% of such reports. Abandoned vehicles accounted for 28 reports (12%), while alarms triggered 42 incidents (18%). The Sheriff's Office also responded to 81 bar or business checks and 71 disturbances. They conducted 123 traffic stops and recorded 44 suspicious activities/person/vehicle incidents. Medical emergencies led to 45 responses. In addition, there were a few cases of burglary, assault, and fraud among other diverse cases. The team continued to assist citizens, and other agencies, and engage in civil service tasks. The data underscores the comprehensive work and commitment of the Sheriff's Office in ensuring the safety and security of Custer County. The volunteer sheriff's posse donated 800 hours each month primarily in the town of Westcliffe. Notable events that they supported included the Hay Fever Music Festival, The Rodeo, and the 4th of July parade. The posse continues to do Westcliffe foot patrol and mounted patrol on holiday weekends to assist tourists and guests. The members of the sheriff's office have completed supplemental training this summer on helping patients in mental health crises. We had three police cadets graduate from their academy and are in their final phase of training, Field Training. The Sheriff's office is currently staffed 100%.

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719-783-2282 Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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