

# Town of Elk Mountain Spring 2014 Update

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**MUNICIPAL BOARDS:** There is still an opening on the cemetery board and the Carbon County Economic Development Council. If you are interested in serving on these boards please contact the Town Hall.

**PARK BOARD:** The Board has applied for a CCSD#2 Recreation Grant for a new storage shed at the park. Now that the Board is accumulating equipment and games they need somewhere to store these items.

**SENIOR CENTER:** The Seniors have the new telephone book compiled and it should be headed to the printer soon. Look for the sale of the books in April.

**CARBON COUNTY VISITORS COUNCIL:** Mayor Irene appointed Linda Crane as the Town's representative on the Visitors Council.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** The Fire Department recently held election of officers. Bill Sherwood, Fire Chief, Ryan Lewis, Assistant Fire Chief, Bob Meyer, Secretary/Treasurer and Captains Mark Wagner and Bob Meyer are the newly elected officers.

**MEDICINE BOW RIVER BRIDGE:** Meetings have been held with the project stakeholders to get a final Memorandum of Agreement for the bridge project. Carbon County Road and Bridge presented a plan to the Town Council that would move the trusses from the old bridge out to the bridge on County Road 109 (cemetery road). The trusses would be set on an abutment in the proximity of the Mill Creek Bridge as to not impede road maintenance but at a distance that the vehicle traffic could read a historical interruptive sign mounted to the truss. This would allow people to read the sign without exiting their vehicles, ease the stress on wildlife, livestock, landowners and eliminate the need for a parking area. The historical interpretive sign will be part of the States Monuments and Markers Program. The program will also place a sign in town that would include historical data. There is a public informational meeting planned for Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at the fire hall. At the meeting they will review the grading plans that will include bridge location and grades, detour location, project area disturbance, appearance of the bridge, location of lights, project schedule, construction time frame and construction methods. They plan to let the bid for the bridge replacement in February 2015 with construction in the Fall of 2015. With concerns of construction during the summer season the start date has been pushed back to September or October.

**TRANSMISSION LINE, WYDOT LOOP AND METERING PIPING PROJECT:** The bid for the transmission line, WyDot loop and metering piping was awarded to Westwood Curtis from Jackson, Wyoming. The project will start March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT:** As mentioned in the last Update the cost of the proposed center was not cost effective and the committee would be revisiting other alternatives. Reconfiguring a plan on the original site or possibly remodeling the house at 202 Bridge Street has been discussed. We are waiting on the architect to go through the Bridge Street house to see the feasibility of a remodel and if it could accommodate the different functions being proposed. The committee is looking for feedback and ideas from the community.

**5<sup>TH</sup> PENNY TAX:** A county wide committee is putting together informational material to help inform county residents on the 5<sup>th</sup> Penny Tax they will be ask to vote on in November.

**DRY CLEANING SERVICE:** Down To Earth Dry Cleaning is offering a pick-up and delivery service in town. On Wednesdays they will pick up your dry cleaning, laundry and/or alternations and deliver them back the following Wednesday to the Town Hall. All you need to do is set up an account through Down to Earth at 307-745-3333. We hope this is a service you will be able to make use of.



## **EASTER EGG HUNT !!!!!**

**The Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm, in Centennial Park sponsored by the Park and Recreation Board. Watch for flyers and if you would like to donate time, plastic eggs, candy, prizes, money, etc please stop by the Town Hall any help will be greatly appreciated.**

**Bob Meyer received the following correspondence through the town webpage and we thought those who remember Lillian and appreciate the "pioneer spirit" of our Town would enjoy seeing it.**

*"Just looking at your site and remembering Lillian Larson former owner of the lodge there. She gave me and my two traveling companion's shelter at her inn in 1972.*

*We were broke college kids from Boston on Thanksgiving break heading back East and were in a car accident on I-80. Trapped in a ground blizzard we were finally picked up by a state plow driver who found us in a car with no heat (radiator had been damaged in the wreck) and in a ditch. He told us to pile in (four of us in the front seat) and dropped us off at a gas station. He was the last vehicle by and the eastbound lane was closed for three days.*

*Cold and dazed we were told the station was also closing since the highway was closed. They made a call to Lillian and she took us in for free for two nights. We finally got a ride on day three back to Rawlins to catch a bus which had to go through Medicine Bow to get to Laramie.*

*I'm sure I speak for the three of us when I say thanks and that we owe our life's to everyone involved in our rescue, lodging and transportation. The pioneer spirit of looking out for one another was alive then and I hope it still is today! "*

*Don Kimball  
S. Portland, Maine*

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