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Christmas in Woodland Park

by Steve Plutt

In years past, the greatest of all holidays in Woodland Park was Christmas. It was a wonderful time for adults, but for the kids, it was an incredible experience. As recently as the early 1960s, all 700 souls in the little town of Woodland Park sparkled with the wonder of Christmas. The houses around town were decorated with wreaths and twinkling Christmas lights, and back then, all the houses gave off a nice warm Christmas glow while cloaked in the snowy darkness.

The stage at the old Woodland Park School gymnasium (now the Cultural Center) was perfect for performances by the school band and choir and the annual children's Christmas plays. Holiday cheer was everywhere, especially at the pond where ice skating was even more fun in the dark and cold December evenings. We even had a Yule Log in the fireplace at the skating pond which was perfect for warming up and drinking hot chocolate.


Local businessman Bert Bergstrom dressed up as Santa and handed out stockings filled with Christmas goodies for every child in town.



CHRISTMAS WISHES—Haley Plutt confided her Christmas wishes to Santa last Saturday at Gold Hill Square South in Woodland Park.—Courier photo by Gene Sperry

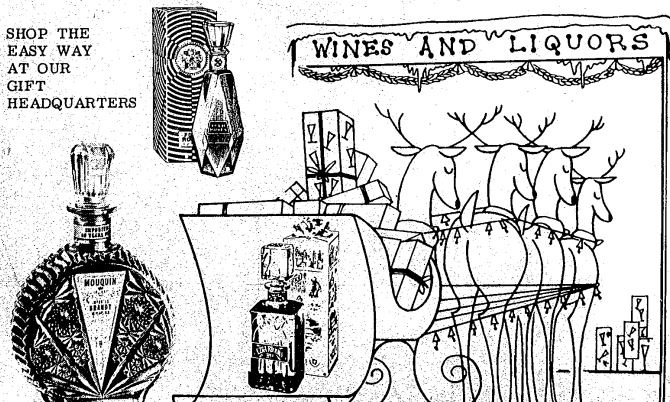
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LOU'S DRIVE INN
 Hamburger and 12 oz. shake
 (or cold drink)
59¢!
 Merry
 Christmas!



SHOP THE EASY WAY AT OUR GIFT HEADQUARTERS

WINES AND LIQUORS



Woodland Liquors
 Ed and Lucille Mills

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20th Annual Potato Soup Supper



This year's Annual Potato Soup Supper was super fun, with Merry Jo Larsen of The Cowhand leading lively discussions with long time locals. The turnout was great, and there were a lot of laughs.



Volunteer Server Lisa Huff



Kitchen Manager and UPHS Board Member Suzie Graf



Steve Plutt, left and M.C. Merry Jo Larsen

UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Ute Pass Historical Society
Board of Directors
Cordially Invites You
to the
Annual Patron Luncheon
Sunday, January 28, 2018
Ute Pass Cultural Center
Doors Open - 12:30 pm
Buffet Lunch - 1 pm
Program - 1:45 pm**

**Doors open to the public at 1:30 pm
Mel McFarland, popular local historian, presents
The Midlands in Ute Pass
R.S.V.P. to 719.686.7512 by January 17th**



**2018 Marigreen Pines Tour Dates
Saturday and Sunday, July 14th and 15th
Tickets go on sale May 16th
at the UPHS Gift Shop, or you can print
an order form online
Patrons and groups of 10 or more: \$20 each
General Public: \$25 each
For more info, or to volunteer, call: 719.686.7512
or check our website:
UtePassHistoricalSociety.org**

Thanks to our Amazing Volunteers!

Larry Black * Jack and Mary Ann Davis
Nancy and Paul Desilets * Claudia Eley
Donna Finicle * Doug and Karen Gilliam * Suzie Graf
Lisa Huff * Pat Hyslop * Jim and Evelyn Irving
Jane Lass * Paul Loyd * Betty Merchant
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Family and Associate Patrons**

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**Special thanks to our
Historical Club Patrons**

Jayson Baker-Peak Internet
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Honorary Lifetime Patrons**

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UPHS Hosts Volunteer Thank You Barbecue



Volunteers relax with a rousing game of croquet



Miriam Gillespie and Chuck August



Lifetime patron and volunteer Betty Merchant

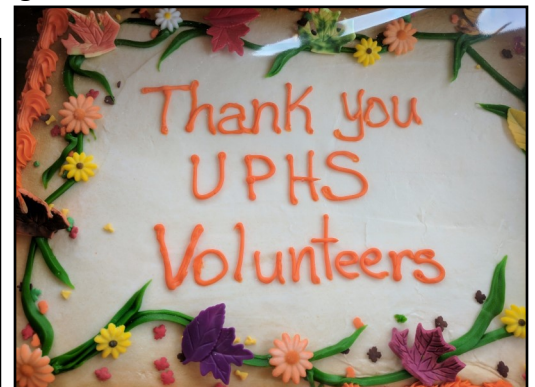


Volunteer Randy Bruggink cooks up burgers and dogs

Despite the wind, a fun time was had by all attendees at the Inaugural Volunteer Appreciation Barbeque at Memorial Park. The attendees were served burgers and hot dogs, with wonderful side dishes and a beautiful, yummy cake.

It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

Thanks to all of our awesome volunteers!



Photos by Nancy Desilets

Barb and Larry Black's Holiday Chocolate Souffle'

- 2 pkgs. unflavored gelatin
- 1/2 c. water
- 2/3 c. crème de cacao
- 1 1/4 c. brown sugar
- 12 oz. pkg. semi sweet chocolate bits

- 8 eggs, separated
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 t. cream of tartar
- 2 c. heavy whipped cream, whipped
- 1/2 c. chopped chocolate or pistachios

Sprinkle the gelatin over the water and crème de cacao in a saucepan. Add 1/2 c. of the sugar and place over low heat. Stir constantly until the gelatin and sugar are dissolved. Add the package of chocolate bits and stir until melted. Remove from heat. Beat in the egg yolks one at a time. Cool.

In a bowl, beat the egg whites, salt, and cream of tartar until stiff but not dry. Gradually beat in the remaining sugar and continue beating until very stiff.

Fold the egg whites into the cooled gelatin mixture. Fold in the whipped cream. Turn into a 2 quart soufflé dish with a 2 inch collar or a 3 quart serving bowl. Chill several hours.

Sprinkle with pistachio nuts or chocolate. Serve and enjoy!
Makes 12 to 14 servings.



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Original oil painting *Skating on the Pond* by Julie Smith Bergeron

Hay rides were not uncommon and were enjoyable with lots of Christmas caroling and lighthearted fun.

Local resident Johnnie Wondergem made Christmas wreaths every year for the town. The local Lions Club sold trees at the Go-kart track in Green Mountain Falls. The Manitou Park Grange, the Eastern Star and the Masons each hosted holiday dinners, and most of the church organizations presented Christmas plays and get-togethers.

Ute Pass Courier owner Aggie Schupp put on a Christmas Light Contest every year with prizes to the winners. The best part of winning were the bragging rights!

The Progressive Dames Extension Club delivered baskets to the nursing home in Cripple Creek and shut-ins living in Woodland Park.

Yes, it was a Norman Rockwell kind of place to grow up!



Bert Bergstrom fills in for Santa

Peace on Earth
Good Will to Men
1956

Pause with us and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Woodland Pharmacy
Tom and Jane Bonifield
WOODLAND PARK, COLORADO

Happy Holidays!

May the Christmas bells ring out for you with great joy and cheer. 1956

MOORE'S FINE LIQUORS
and
Moore's Spic and Span Laundry
Woodland Park, Colorado

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