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## Hospital Board: No Solution Yet for Wetmore EMS Service

### Heart of the Rockies Merger Talks Continue

#### West Custer County Hospital District Board Meeting

by Christine Adams

—July 25, 2019

The overall take away from Thursday's Hospital Board meeting is that there is much discussion about what to do about the lack of ambulance coverage to Wetmore, coming to a deal with dispatch, and the merger with Heart of the Rockies, but no decisions.

The EMS service to Wetmore has yet to be settled. According to EMS manager Beth Archuleta, the EMS will continue to cover up to mile marker 20 on Hwy 96. This is 3.5 miles outside of the district that ends at McKenzie Junction. However, this leaves Wetmore without coverage unless EMS has a second crew available.

Following the July 5th incident, Commissioner Tom Flower asked the board to reconsider their policy of

not sending out the primary crew to out of district if the second crew is unavailable. Director Lisa Drew responded that per the mutual aid agreement, if EMS has the personnel and equipment to have two crews, the primary crew will respond. If they don't, then they will not send out the primary crew. This is what occurred on July 5th. However, the incident occurred at McKenzie Junction, which is in the

current coverage area.

The long-term solution for EMS has come down to either an arrangement with AMR, Wetmore starting a volunteer EMS, or asking the voters in Custer County, including Wetmore, for another tax levi for EMS. Commissioner Flower stated that from people he has spoken to in Wetmore, they understand that they will no longer be able to get EMS coverage for free and will need to begin paying

for it. He also stated that he believes that Custer County will be willing to pay more for EMS.

The Hospital Board and BOCC will continue their discussion at another meeting tentatively set for **Monday, August 5th at 1 p.m. at Cliffe Lanes.**

There is also the ongoing problem with dispatch.

**HOSPITAL DISTRICT see page 11**

## Selfless Service With Distinction

### Chairman Bob Senderhauf Steps Down

by Fred Hernandez

It has been said that work is the elixir of life. Those who selflessly imbibe are rewarded in abundance if only to know that one has served well and with distinction. Through the years the communities of Custer County and its environs have benefited richly from the work of one man who has drunk deeply from the elixir of life.

Mr. Robert Senderhauf, is one such valley resident who has unselfishly given of his time, talent and treasure in the service of his fellow men.

After thirty seven years of continuous, dedicated, consistently productive and sterling service, Bob now steps down as Chairman of an organization he has served with distinction and unparalleled faithfulness. Bob honorably leaves the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District (UAWCD) in good and

solid standing.

For all those years of untiring effort a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to him confirming decades of unflinching devotion to the mission of UAWCD. On his own admission he never expected the additional symbols of affection and gratitude for his services when he was presented with the prestigious GEORGE E. EVERETT MEMORIAL AWARD, a token of having served above and beyond the normal call of duty. And, as icing on top of all that is good, Bob received a stunningly beautiful creation of leaded, indigo colored glass depicting a drop of precious water, itself a symbol of life, a life given in the service of everyone in our communities.

To Bob Senderhauf one of the most vivid local examples of success; success as a realtor, success as the erstwhile Chairman of the

UAWCD, we offer our sincerest congratulations on a job well done. Very well done, indeed. We can only hope, however, that the vast knowledge he possesses with regard to the most precious of all commodities continues to be put to effective use for the sake of future generations who will populate this, our valley home. Thank you Mr. Senderhauf, thank you for all you did in the service of past, present and future populations. May God bless you always and abundantly.



## National Night Out

by Tracy Ballard

Mark your calendars for National Night Out, sponsored by the Custer County Sheriff's Office. This year, the event will be next Tuesday, August 6th, from 4 until 8 p.m. at the Wet Mountain Valley Saddle Club, located at 90 County Rd. 241 in Westcliffe. Come out and share the evening with those who protect and defend us.

The evening will begin with a presentation of the colors by the American Legion Post 170 and the National Anthem will be sung.

Attendees will have an opportunity to meet the deputies and staff of the CCSO and enjoy grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, along with side dishes.

"Sugarfoot", a local band, is sure to entertain the masses with their lively tunes.

There will be a bounce house, donated by First Baptist Church in Westcliffe, for the kiddos to enjoy along with a dunk tank, staffed by the Sheriff's Posse Dive Team, basketball, and other games and activities. The Colorado State Patrol will be involved, and Trooper Shields may bring his K-9 along. There will be a "Tug-a-Cop-Car" team contest, with the proceeds being split to the winning teams. Custer County Search and Rescue and Custer County EMS will speak on the partnerships between first responders and how they make it work. The Wet Mountain Fire Protection District (WMFPD) will give a demonstration on how the Jaws of Life works. The car has been donated by Forsaken Towing.

The CCSO wants to thank

the following businesses and individuals that have donated to this year's National Night Out in Custer County; First Baptist Church, Crestone Graphics for making the banners which will be distributed around the community, and Dollar General who has offered to blow up all the balloons.

There are 10 sponsorship levels and the community still has time to help fund this yearly event. All proceeds raised go to National Night Out, locally. All sponsorships are tax-deductible as well. Stop by the CCSO to make a donation. Sponsorship forms are available in the front entry room.

The theme this year is the "Thin Blue Line." There will be a balloon arch in honor of all the fallen officers killed in the line of duty.

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*Behold the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him,*

*On those who hope in His mercy.*

*Psalm 33:18 NKJV*

### Recall Polis Petition

The Sentinel has the **Recall Polis** petition and YOU need to sign it to recall Governor Polis and save our state from liberal oblivion. We have only about 32 days left to get the signatures and EVERY ONE COUNTS. There are also petition signature gatherers circulating throughout the county and state. We need over 700,000 signatures to get this done. You must be a Colorado registered voter.

You must sign a paper petition. If you signed on -line, that is only a pledge to sign and **does not** count toward a recall.

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