

NEWSLETTER



Commissioner
Paula Swenson

As I reflect on 2012, one of my greatest joys is being a part of Gunnison County. During the past eight years, we have accomplished a lot to make this organization better and to better serve the citizens of our county. I am proud of the work we have accomplished and the successes we have achieved.

For the second year in a row, our finance department has been recognized for excellence in our budgeting process and presentation. This is not only an achievement for the department, but for the county as a whole. Our process and transparency in budgeting for results is a reflection on how we as an organization are working and succeeding in providing services for our citizens in a responsible manner.

By concentrating on the responsibilities and objectives of county government to its citizens, we have been able to accomplish so much more than any of our surrounding neighbors during these difficult economic times. From the construction of much needed facilities to being able to actually cut property taxes without sacrificing services, we, all of us, have made Gunnison County a much more efficient organization.

I am thrilled that the citizens of Gunnison County are allowing me to continue to serve them as their representative for the next four years in this wonderful organization. I am looking forward to welcoming Jonathan Houck to the commissioner team. I am certain that he, Phil and I will be able to continue to move our organization and community forward. We will be spending two full days at the end of February updating and tweaking the County's Strategic Business Plan. It is amazing how much we have been able to already remove for the goals and objectives, because we have accomplished them!

People often tell me that I am nuts (for a variety of reasons!). Although, running for elected office is difficult, stressful on my family, requires hours upon hours of walking, talking and listening, it is so worth it to be able work with such a wonderful staff. Let's make 2013 the best yet!!!

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PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORTS



Departmental performance reports will begin to be produced from the County's MFR Live™ performance management database beginning in the first quarter of 2013. Utilization of the system via entry of all appropriate data related to individual performance measures will produce reports that will communicate departmental performance more completely to the Board of County Commissioners and to the public. Departments needing technical assistance should contact Katherine Haase at khaase@gunnisoncounty.org at their earliest convenience.

JONATHAN HOUCK AND PAULA SWENSON TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

On January 8, 2013, Jonathan Houck and Paula Swenson both took the Oath of Office to serve the citizens of Gunnison County as County Commissioners in District 2 and District 1, respectively, until January 2017. Shortly thereafter, the Board of County Commissioners designated Commissioner Swenson as the Chairperson for 2013, and Commissioner Phil Chamberland as the Vice-Chairperson for 2013.



Commissioner
Jonathan Houck

ANNUAL GUNNISON COUNTY EMPLOYEE SURVEY

At the beginning of January, all Gunnison County employees, along with all Gunnison County Boards and Commissions members, were asked to provide annual peer feedback to the various County departments and offices via an anonymous online survey. The anonymous responses will be compiled into an aggregate report, and the results will be shared with each department head for which feedback was provided. Receiving honest, constructive and detailed feedback is vital to all departments and offices as we strive to maintain operational excellence. To access the online survey, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WX7TBZ3>. **Responses to the survey will be accepted until Thursday, January 31st at 5:00 pm.** Those not wanting to respond to the survey online are welcome to submit responses via printout of the pdf version of the survey emailed earlier this month. For more information, please contact Katherine Haase at khaase@gunnisoncounty.org or (970) 641-7601.

JINGLE BELL ROCK 2012 HOLIDAY PARTY

If you were unable to attend this year's holiday party, here's all the fun you missed... Thank you to all that participated in the costume contest and made the 50's come alive with



Rick & Gloria Besecker



Allen & Melody Roper
Debbie & Jim Moore



Hap Channell, Paula Swenson
& Renee Brown



Maureen & Ben Eden



Jane Wyman &
Joe Lucero



Warren & Sally Wilcox



Kathy & Ken Ashwood



Jill & Ernie Young

REMAINING 2013 COUNTY HOLIDAYS

- Monday, January 21st – Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
- Monday, February 18th – Washington's Birthday
- Monday, May 27th – Memorial Day
- Thursday, July 4th – Independence Day
- Monday, September 2nd – Labor Day
- Monday, October 14th – Columbus Day
- Monday, November 11th – Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 28th – Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 29th – Day after Thanksgiving
- Wednesday, December 25th – Christmas

For the complete list of 2013 holiday, visit the County website at

http://www.gunnisoncounty.org/personnel_pdf/2013/2013_Holiday_Schedule.pdf.

HOLIDAY PARTY SURVEY

Thanks to everyone who came to this year's Gunnison County Holiday Party. The goal of the annual party is to recognize county employees, as well as the volunteers (many unpaid), that serve the County in a celebration of all the great services provided to the public throughout the year. As part of our continuing effort to put on the best party we can within the funds we have available, we've put together a short survey to gather everyone's input. Even if you normally don't attend the party, we are interested in your opinions to see if we can make any changes that might encourage you to attend as well.

We'll be gathering responses until January 15th at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SWK6HYX>.

EMPLOYEE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

When the Personnel Board saw that Melody Roper had been nominated for Employee in the Spotlight, these are some of the comments they made:

"Melody has my vote – she's wonderful - always smiling, friendly and kind. She garners a lot of respect from the public. A friend who worked with Melody on a project recently said to me, "she's just the nicest person." -Kristy McFarland

"Melody is a great choice. She has been a person I have enjoyed working with and has made my job easier. I appreciate her." - Leanne Lee

"Wonderful choice....She is amazing and should be rewarded." - Stella Dominguez

"Great idea! I work with Melody a lot and she is always friendly, but equally important, always calm and collected and she never gets flustered regardless of how much is on her plate for the day or the week. She also does a wonderful job, every day!" -Frank Vader

Melody Roper, Fairgrounds Manager for Gunnison County since October of 2000, has claimed the honor of "Employee in the Spotlight" for the 4th Quarter of 2012.

She is a special lady that does an amazing job as a good will ambassador for the County. She works with people, from every facet of our community, who use the facilities at the Fairgrounds; from every Government agency imaginable doing anything from trainings to retirement parties; to people getting married; to people putting on shooting competitions or monster truck rallies; to the 4-H kids showing livestock; to the Cattlemen Days Association putting on rodeos; to the bereaved arranging memorials and retired people putting on travel trailer reunions. She knows more people in this town than anyone else. She treats every person she contacts with patience and respect and does everything within her power to make sure they have every advantage the County has to offer while using our facilities. She never acts like she doesn't have time for you or needs to get something else done. She definitely creates a LOT of good will. She works at least a part of every weekend and never ever complains, except when the HR Office bugs her about getting her vacation and comp time used. She is very dedicated.

Melody was employed first with Gunnison County in May of 1994. She did Administrative support work for the Colorado State University Extension Office located at the Fairgrounds. She did her job so well and took on so many additional duties that her position was eventually reclassified to 4-H Coordinator. People loved having her in that job too. She was such a good mentor to the young people under her care. In 2000, Mark Campbell left his position as Fairgrounds Manager and suggested to the Commissioners that Melody should take his place and so she did. She still has her eye on the 4-H folks and the young steer ropers and the high school rodeo team. All of the users of the County Fairgrounds facility have Melody to watch over them and someone to go to that they feel is their personal friend.



Melody Roper,
Fairgrounds Manager

EMPLOYEE IN THE SPOTLIGHT NOMINATIONS

If you would like to nominate a Gunnison County employee for this honor, tell the Personnel Board in 100 words or less why you think the person you are nominating deserves for the spotlight to be on them. Email your nomination to: dmoore@gunnisoncounty.org or put it in the Courthouse mailbox for Human Resources. Along with an article in the next County newsletter, the employee chosen by the Personnel Board will receive \$50 in Gunnison Greenbacks.

PUBLIC MEETING – PROPOSED ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT LISTING RULE FOR GUNNISON SAGE-GROUSE

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be holding a public meeting in Gunnison on January 23, 2013 from 5 – 7 pm at the Fred R. Field Western Heritage Center to provide information to the public on the "proposed Endangered Species Act listing rule" for the Gunnison Sage-grouse that will be published in the Federal Register on January 11. They will give a brief presentation of the proposed rule and then have an open house to answer questions. Other agencies will also be at the meeting to present information on their Gunnison Sage-grouse conservation programs. For additional information, contact Jim Cochran, Gunnison County Wildlife Conservation Coordinator; 641-7604; jcochran@gunnisoncounty.org. To view/print the 1/10/2013 USFWS News Release on this topic, visit http://www.gunnisoncounty.org/sage_pdf/20130110-USFWS_NR_Listing.pdf.



"GOT IDEAS?"

It can be found on the Gunnison County HR webpage and on emails you receive from the HR Director Debbie Moore. If you have an innovative idea on how to make your department, another department or local government as a whole more efficient and/or more effective, click on the "got ideas?" button.

BOCC ADOPTS GUNNISON COUNTY RESOLUTIONS

The following is a partial list of the County resolutions that have been passed by the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners since the printing of the last newsletter. For information on these or any other adopted resolutions, please visit http://www.gunnisoncounty.org/commissioners_resolutions.html or contact Gunnison County Administration at (970) 641-0248.

12/4	35	A Resolution Ratifying the Inclusion of Approved Amendments and Ministerial Changes to the Gunnison County Land Use Resolution
12/4	36	A Resolution Approving an Amendment to Declaration of Protective Covenants of Gunnison Riverbanks Ranch
12/14	38	A Resolution Adopting a Budget for the County of Gunnison, Colorado for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2013 and Ending December 31, 2013
12/14	41	A Resolution Setting the Mill Levy for the County of Gunnison, Colorado for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2013 and Ending December 31, 2013
12/18	42	A Resolution Reauthorizing the 1998 Bond Issue for Gunnison Valley Health
12/18	49	A Resolution Establishing the Schedule of Fees and Rates for Sewer Service within the Tomichi Division of the Gunnison County Water and Sewer District

BOCC MEETING SCHEDULE AND AGENDAS

The Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners customarily meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month for Regular Meetings. Work Sessions are held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Public Hearings and Special Meetings may be scheduled at any time. Meeting agendas and approved meeting minutes are posted on the County's website at http://www.gunnisoncounty.org/commissioners_meetings.html. For more information, contact Gunnison County Administration at (970) 641-7601 or by email to khaase@gunnisoncounty.org.

RECENT AIRPORT CLOSURES: SOLUTIONS DISCUSSED TO MINIMIZE DELAYS AND IMPROVE COMMUNICATION

Recently the airport was forced to close due to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations related to passenger safety. The airport runway was closed intermittently during the recent Christmas holiday because of icy conditions and dangerous braking action on the runway. These closures although they created challenges for travelers were a result of the County following FAA regulations which are in place for passenger safety.

At the January 8, 2013 Board of County Commissioner meeting Airport Director John DeVore acknowledged that communication about airport closures can be improved and he committed to create an airport communications plan to assist in getting information to the public about future closures. DeVore also gave a number of ideas for future management of these types of closures to minimize delays from happening at all. He explained there are solutions for de-icing to the County but also provided some of the realities of these solutions. Sand can be utilized although he noted that strong winds could then lead to airplane damage. De-icing liquids may be used on the runway; an option that Assistant County Manager Crosby estimated could cost approximately \$1,500 per occurrence but before any liquids can be utilized, a revised stormwater management/discharge plan will need to be in place. DeVore noted that as many as six liquid products have been approved for use by the FAA. They will also consider possibly sweeping the runway in other directions, which may help de-icing efforts.

Additionally DeVore explained that, while the airport's weather detection system is considered to be a state-of-the-art system, clouds can interfere with the accuracy of the system. He noted that our airport is next in the schedule after Montrose to receive a new radar system, which will be advantageous.

Commissioners Swenson and Chamberland both stressed the importance of good communication during an airport closure. In response, airport staff plans on creating a communications/readiness plan to be better prepared in answering the public's questions about closures in the future. They will use all media outlets available to make sure information about closures is easy to access and understand for all users and stakeholders. Assistant County Manager Marlene Crosby feels that under the circumstances airport employees should be commended for their dedication and their hard work in complying with FAA regulations and keeping the runway open when it was safe enough to do so.

The Board will revisit this issue at a future meeting after airport staff has had the opportunity to formulate recommendations relevant to the revision of the airport's stormwater management/discharge plan, the creation of a communications plans, and the utilization of available ice-management options.

TAKE A BREAK ...

~Submitted by Health & Human Service Executive Director Renee Brown

The recent events and media inundation related to natural and human made disasters and tragedies can and do influence our emotional well-being. In seeking the “balance” I came across five simple ways you can improve your well-being and the well-being of those around you. Borrowed from the New Economics Foundation, I want to share the following:

Connect: With the people around you. With family, friends, colleagues and neighbors. At home, work, school or in your local community. Think of these as the cornerstones of your life and invest time in developing them. Building these connections will support and enrich you every day.

Be Active: Go for a walk or run. Step outside. Cycle. Play a game. Garden. Dance. Exercising makes you feel good. Most importantly, discover a physical activity you enjoy; one that suits your level of mobility and fitness.

Take Notice: Be curious. Catch sight of the beautiful. Remark on the unusual. Notice the changing seasons. Savor the moment, whether you are eating lunch or talking to friends. Be aware of the world around you and what you are feeling. Reflecting on your experiences will help you appreciate what matters to you.

Keep Learning: Try something new. Rediscover an old interest. Sign up for that course. Take on a different responsibility at work. Fix a bike. Learn to play an instrument or how to cook your favorite food. Set a challenge you will enjoy achieving. Learning new things will make you more confident, as well as being fun to do.

Give: Do something nice for a friend, or a stranger. Thank someone. Smile. Volunteer your time. Join a community group. Look out, as well as in. Seeing yourself, and your happiness, linked to the wider community can be incredibly rewarding and will create connections with the people around you.

Peace and Civility,
Renee Brown

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS VACANCIES:

The following vacancies will soon occur on the Gunnison County official Boards and Commissions. If you are interested in serving on any of these Boards or Commissions you may submit your letter of interest to the Gunnison County Administration Office at 200 E. Virginia Avenue, Suite 104, Gunnison CO 81230. Letters of interest may also be faxed to 641-3061 or emailed to blucero@gunnisoncounty.org.

The deadline for submitting letters of interest is **January 15, 2013 at 5:00 pm**. You may request more information on these Boards and Commissions by calling 641-7600.

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| • Board of Adjustments | 4 vacancies |
| • Board of Appeals | 4 vacancies |
| • Environmental Health Board | 5 vacancies |
| • Extension Advisory Board | 1 vacancy |
| • Gunnison County Trails Commission | 2 vacancies |
| • Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee | 1 vacancy |
| • Gunnison Valley Housing Foundation | 1 vacancy |
| • Historical Preservation Commission | 2 vacancies |
| • Hospital Board of Trustees | 1 vacancy |
| • Land Preservation Board | 2 vacancies |
| • Library Board | 1 vacancy |
| • Observatory Board | 1 vacancy |
| • Planning Commission | 4 vacancies |
| • Region 10 | 2 vacancies |
| • Sage-grouse Mitigation | 1 vacancy |
| • Veteran Services Officer | 1 vacancy |
| • Western Regional EMS Council | 3 vacancies |



RESPONSIBLE BUDGETING BY THE COUNTY LEADS TO THIRD YEAR OF NATIONAL AWARD

Gunnison County was once again given the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2012 budget. The County has received this award two years in a row (as well as in 1991), demonstrating a commitment to managing the public's money in a responsible manner. The award represents a significant achievement, and it reflects the commitment of Gunnison County and its staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the County had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.

To receive the award budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four GFOA categories, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, which Gunnison County achieved. Gunnison County has also incorporated the criteria for the award into their Strategic Plan by aiming annually to reach 26 of the 27 GFOA Budget Excellence Award categories, per peer review. This internal guarantee by the County to always aim to reach the highest national criteria shows a long-term commitment to budgeting excellence. "We have been able to reach our own budgeting goals as well as receive this national award due to the Board of County Commissioners and directors' leadership in revamping our budgeting process as well as their perseverance over the last four years to change the culture around the process. By connecting our budgeting decisions directly to achieving customer satisfaction throughout all County departments we are starting to see performance-based budget decisions having an impact on our ability to meet our customers' needs," says Finance Director Linda Nienhueser.

Gunnison County has undertaken a major performance-based budgeting process as outlined in the Administration Department's Strategic Business Plan as well as the overall Gunnison County Strategic Plan (adopted by the Board of County Commissioners), which the County feels has led to the achievements recognized by GFOA. Using the Managing for Results model, the County has committed to clearly identifying desired results, aligning resources to achieve those results, and creating a budget designed to clearly reflect departmental strategic business plans including key performance measures that show progress toward the desired results. This means that decisions made about the budget are tied to the performance of the organization and are focused on achieving specific results. A key component is a pledge to always aim for high customer satisfaction which reflects a commitment to transparency and responsible use of the public's money. "The transformation of our budget process and document through implementation of Budgeting for Results makes it very clear what results the taxpayers are buying for their money, what those results cost, and the inclusion of performance information shows progress toward achieving those results. This approach is much more transparent and informative than traditional government budgets and the GFOA award is a strong endorsement of our efforts to improve the accessibility and usefulness of the County budget document," says County Manager Matthew Birnie.

According to the GFOA, the entities that receive this award have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by Gunnison County. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association based in Chicago serving over 17,500 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

For more information please contact Gunnison County Finance Director Linda Nienhueser at lnienhueser@gunnisoncounty.org or 641-7622.

"EXTREME WEBSITE MAKEOVER 2012" FINALIST

GUNNISON COUNTY IN THE RUNNING FOR A NEW WEBSITE

Gunnison County is a finalist in the CivicPlus "Extreme Website Makeover 2012" contest. This year, citizen participation and involvement will be a major factor in determining the Grand Prize winners in each region, so we would like to encourage citizens to go to <http://civicplus.checkboxonline.com/Digital-Citizen-Engagement-Survey.aspx> to nominate our community for the chance to win a free, interactive website.

A new CivicPlus website will serve as a beneficial tool for the entire community. Citizens can stay up-to-date on important news and events, learn more about local government from enhanced transparency and increase engagement. We have until **5 p.m. CDT on Friday, Jan. 11**, to gain as much citizen feedback and support as possible. Winners will be notified by 5 p.m. CDT Monday, Jan. 21.

For more information, visit www.gunnisoncounty.org.



**Deadline is
1/11/2013
by 5pm
CDT!**

PERTUSSIS, AKA WHOOPING COUGH, CASES ON THE RISE

~Submitted by Public Health RN Brenda Ryan

Pertussis, also known as Whooping Cough, is a very serious vaccine preventable disease spread through the air by infectious droplets. It is very contagious. Infants are most at risk of serious disease or death, but adults with pertussis infection have been shown to be a frequent source of infection for infants. As of 12-8-2012, there have been 1407 cases of pertussis cases in the state. There has been one death, an adult. That is the first death since 2005, when there were 2 infant deaths. Although most cases are on the front range, there have been cases in Montrose and Grand Junction. With the holiday season here, many of us will travel to the front range or entertain guests from the front range. We must be diligent to protect ourselves and infants around anyone who presents with a cough.



Pertussis has 3 distinct stages. The first is called the Catarrhal Stage. It can last for 1-2 weeks and includes many symptoms of the common cold: runny nose, sneezing, low-grade fever, and a mild cough. Many people do not seek treatment during this stage, but are spreading the germs.

The second stage is called the Paroxysmal Stage. This is where the classic pertussis cough starts. It is a paroxysm or burst of numerous, rapid coughs, often making it hard to get a breath between coughs. At the end of the episode people often suffer a long inhaling effort that results in a whooping sound. This can be absent in young infants. Infants and children may appear very ill, turn blue or vomit during episodes. This stage can last 1-6 weeks.

The convalescent stage usually lasts 2-6 weeks, but may last for months. If untreated or undiagnosed, these people may still transmit the disease.

All people should be vaccinated for pertussis, but especially those in close contact with infants. Infants cannot complete their primary series of vaccination until 6 months. Children then receive a booster at 12-18 months and 4-6 years. At age 11, they receive their first adult version of the pertussis vaccine. The pertussis part of the Tetanus/diphtheria vaccine was reintroduced in 2005. Any adult who has not had a tdap should receive one. Pregnant women should receive one while pregnant.

JUVENILE SERVICES UPDATE

~Submitted by Juvenile Services Director Janet Reinman

Congratulations and thanks go out to newly elected County Commissioner Jonathan Houck for all the good work accomplished while he was our Gunnison County Substance Abuse Program Coordinator. Jonathan did an amazing job in continuing the efforts to "promote a healthy and safe community through the reduction and prevention of substance abuse". Jonathan made huge strides in our work with all the schools in providing resources and services to both students and parents, and to school staff as well. Another giant accomplishment was the expansion of the Choice Pass, which now provides any middle and high school student with a discounted season gold pass and prevention activities in exchange for their pledge to remain drug and alcohol free. Thanks also to CBMR for making this goal become a reality.

New Staff: Please welcome Matthew Kuehlhorn as our new Program Manager for GCSAPP and Matt Estrada as the new GCSAPP Program Coordinator. Stop by and say hello when you get a chance and find out all the exciting things they have planned for the New Year. We also welcome back Meghan Dougherty from maternity leave to continue all the good work with the Family Advocacy and Support Team. Lastly, thanks go out to Lorie Fuller, Wraparound Coordinator, in helping me hold down the fort during all these transitions.

CHARITY AWARD GOES TO GUNNISON FOOD PANTRY

This year's annual charity award of \$400, made possible by holiday party cost savings and voted on by employees, went to the Gunnison Food Pantry. An additional \$745, for a total of \$1,145, was generously donated by individual employees, along with lots of canned and dry food items. Thanks to all who made contributions as they will be greatly appreciated by many local families in need.

AMERICAN AIRLINES LOCALS FARE

~Submitted by Airport Director John DeVore

New Locals fare on American Airlines valid for travel Dec 13, 2012-April 1, 2013! Valid only for travel originating in Gunnison and roundtrip travel. All prices are inclusive of taxes and fees. Gunnison to Dallas RT- \$299.60, Gunnison to Los Angeles RT- \$318.20, Gunnison to Chicago RT- \$395.20, Gunnison to LaGuardia- \$412.20 and Gunnison to Miami RT- \$406.20! Some blackout dates apply, and always based on availability. Must purchase at least 14 days prior to travel. Visit www.skicb.com/localfare for more details.



BONFILS BLOOD DONATION - COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER'S OFFICE WINS CONTEST

~Submitted by Human Resources Director Debbie Moore

"We are proud that we are government employees! It's fun to give something to others as a group."

Community support is vital to maintaining the state's blood supply. Currently only 4% of eligible Coloradoans donate blood and 80% of Colorado's blood supply comes from Bonfils. One single blood donation can save and enhance the lives of up to three patients. Bonfils supplies blood products to nearly 200 hospitals and healthcare facilities throughout Colorado.

For the above reasons, and to have a little friendly competition, County employees decided to have a contest in 2012 to see which department could donate the most blood to Bonfils' Community Blood Drives. Debbie Moore, Human Resources Director, volunteered to cook breakfast for the department that gave the most blood by year end (prorated, of course, for the number of employees in the department that were eligible to give).

There was a lot of fun had along the way with this contest as the following email demonstrates.

"You may see Frank Vader around, and he may tell you that his department is in the lead for giving blood....because he gave a gallon of blood yesterday and frankly, he feels quite drained today.....Frankly, Frank is exaggerating! However, Frank, if I may be frank, has a small department and he even got one of his very part time employees to give blood....so he does have a very good chance of at least being invited to the breakfast at the end of the year. Everyone will have to try and stay ahead of the Coroner.....if you know what I mean." When all the dust settled, the Coroner and the Clerk and Recorder's Office were the departments that got to enjoy a hot breakfast (although they were told that they would get Cheerios and milk.)

Employees who donated blood (right):

Pictured: Front row to back row, Susan MacIntosh, Frank Vader, Stella Dominguez, Jane Wyman, Jill Stahlnecker, Randy Morgan, Jerralyn Stevenson, Leanne Lee, Joan Bare, Mary Mast, Sherri Deetz, Karin Stewart, Debbie Moore, Beth Baker, Annette Fry, Rick Besecker, Mike Pelletier and Maureen Eden.

Not pictured: Marilyn Cheever, Tony Duran, Kristy McFarland, Marilyn Wilmore, Kurt Biesemeyer, CR Weidlein, Greg Meier, Joan Grant, Katherine Haase, Randy Laudick, Sarah Mick, Mark Mykol, Kelly Medina, Dawn Delany, Melody Marks, and Brenda Ryan.



Pictured (starting at left and going around the table): Kathy Simillion, Diane Folowell, Diana Purnell, Stella Dominguez, Annette Fry, Joan Bare, Susan MacIntosh and Jerralyn Stevenson.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEE APRIL SPARKS

The Gunnison County Department of Health and Human Services would like to welcome April Sparks as a member of the Public Assistance team. April moved to Gunnison with her daughter, Candice, from Indiana where she worked in a childcare eligibility agency and in the mental health field. She is in the process of learning all aspects of public assistance eligibility and we appreciate her initiative, positive attitude and customer-oriented professionalism.