

# Teller Historic & Environmental Coalition

September 2007 Newsletter

## FAREWELL TO KEVIN ...

In mid-August, T.H.E. Coalition bade a fond, if teary-eyed, farewell to its co-founder Kevin Tanski.

Kevin was a driving force in crafting the Coalition as an “umbrella” organization to bring together the non-profit sector, the public sector, and the private sector around a common goal of preserving the natural resources and the cultural heritage of Teller County.

In his official capacity, Kevin served on T.H.E. Coalition’s Board of Directors as Secretary and most recently as Board Chair. In practice, he was the visionary, the cheerleader, fundraiser, and font of energy behind many of the Coalition’s achievements. Perhaps the most visible of those is the Pikes Peak Conservation Corridor between Woodland Park and Divide, a five-year collaborative venture among Coalition member organizations with technical assistance and fund-raising support from the Board.



After more than a decade in Teller County, Kevin and his wife Debby are off to a new life and new adventures in Bend, Oregon. Following a well-earned ‘sabbatical’, Kevin may try his hand as an entrepreneur, in the world of small business; Deb will pursue her career in the field of mental health. We wish them all the best as they follow their dream!

## AND WELCOME TO NANCY ...



• Fortunately, as some doors close, new ones open ...

- The Coalition Board happily welcomes Nancy Desilets as Project Coordinator.
- Nancy’s responsibilities, on a part-time contract basis, will be three-fold:
  - 1) administrative support for T.H.E. Coalition to streamline communication and strengthen services to members; 2) submitting grant proposals and assisting with fundraising efforts; and 3) coordination among the organizations currently supporting restoration of the Midland Depot at Divide. Those organizations are T.H.E. Coalition, the Divide Park Board, the Divide Chamber of Commerce, and the Rampart Library District. Nancy brings to the job not only technical skills and first-hand knowledge of Teller’s non-profit community, but genuine enthusiasm for what can be accomplished.



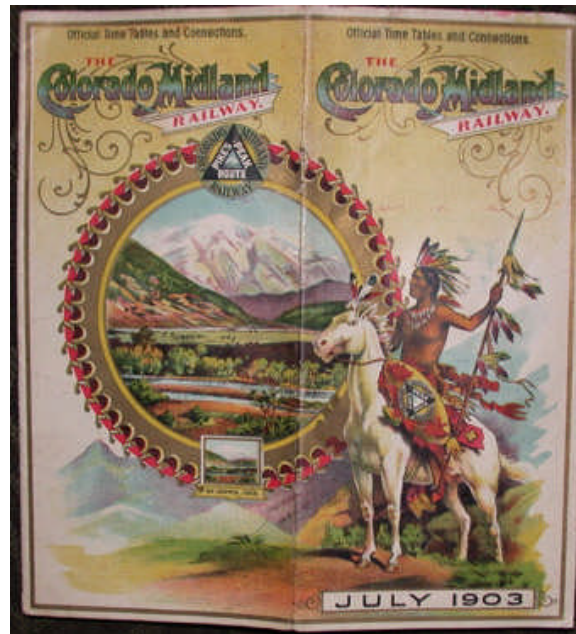
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*The mission of T.H.E. Coalition is to facilitate preservation of the historic, cultural, Environmental, recreational, and scenic resources in and around Teller County, and to broaden public understanding regarding the significance of those resources.*

## THE LATEST ON THE DEPOT ...

On June 18, T.H.E. Coalition hosted representatives of the Colorado State Historical Fund, and Great Outdoors Colorado at the Midland Depot to work out the intricate mesh between the two major potential donors to the Depot Park project which combines historic preservation with outdoor recreation and visitor facilities.

Both agencies are open to the project and willing to work with the Depot committee. However, as they walked us through all the steps and pre-requisites for obtaining the substantial grants required, it became clear that this is going to be a long process! To get the ball rolling as quickly as possible, George Parkhurst has agreed to chair a working committee to write preliminary grant applications and arrange for up-to-date site plans, surveys, and appraisals.



## HELP WANTED!

Connect with dozens of area residents in the Midland Depot at Divide restoration project and other T.H.E. Coalition initiatives. A little of your time will help preserve the historic and natural splendor of Teller County. Call 719-651-5339 for more information or to volunteer!