



# February 2018

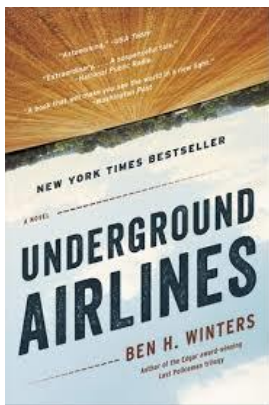
## The Town of Red Cliff

### One Book One Valley

For several years now, I have been representing Red Cliff at the annual launch event for the One Book, One Valley program where they announce the title chosen and distribute the calendar of events.

This year's selection is "Underground Airlines" by Ben H. Winters. It is a dystopian look at present day America where slavery was never abolished. I purchased my copy on launch night and am enjoying it thoroughly.

I encourage anyone interested to obtain a copy from The Bookworm or the Avon Library (or borrow my copy). The calendar for public events (all are free) is as follows:



2/28 4.30-6pm Vail Library: Movie Night – "The Spies of Mississippi"

3/14 5-7pm Vail Library: Book Discussion

3/28 4.30-6pm Vail Library: Movie Night – "Slavery by Another Name"

4/12 6pm CMC, Edwards: Author Event

### "Saving Snow"

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 4pm, there will be a showing of the film documentary "Saving Snow" at the Red Cliff Town Hall. Entry is \$2 per person and includes refreshments. Proceeds benefit the Community Fund.



For a community so intimately identified with our winter flakes, this is a must see for everyone!

### Red Cliff Ice Fishing Derby



Some of our hardier residents gathered at Turquoise Lake on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> for the Red Cliff Ice Fishing Derby. This is the first year the Community Fund has presented this event and we plan to make some tweaks to gather more participation for years to come.

Congratulations to Daniel Redinger, ice fishing champion 2 years in a row!

### Valentine's Day Dance

Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> was the Community Fund's inaugural Valentine's Day Dance. We had some encouraging turnout for our first event. I have heard many requests that we bring back more of these types of events and I hope we can do it more.



Everyone had a great time and the Community Fund raised \$180 that we can use towards future events.

We currently have our sights set on the Easter Egg Hunt and may try and host an accompanying "Bunny Hop" in the evening.

Don't be shy, come on out and join in the fun!



## Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to Isaiah, Flint and Hattie who are celebrating this month!

If you are under 18 and have a birthday this month and I didn't mention you....be sure to tell me!

## Board Banter

Board Banter this month is Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm @ Mango's. Barb will also be at the Banter to draw names for the ballot order for our election in April.

## Camp Hale Legislation

A bill has recently been presented in Congress that has components that directly affect our backyard. I reached out to Senator Bennet's office to receive clarification on what a National Historic Landscape designation of Camp Hale would mean to us. Here is a summary:

- The bill requires the USFS to manage the landscape for historic value as well as multi-use recreation, including motorized.
- It is not Wilderness and has no Wilderness components. It does prevent commercial timber harvest, mining claims or sale of any public land in the Landscape
- It allows all existing uses at Camp Hale and specifically requires the USFS to always manage the landscape for outdoor recreation including snowmobiling. It doesn't close any roads or trails.
- It does not affect any special use permits, ski area permits, water rights or private land.

- It provides for the Army Corps of Engineers to remain involved in the ongoing cleanup of the area (in support of the State of Colorado's existing efforts).
- It allows Congress to spend up to \$5 million on restoring Camp Hale and cleaning up any environmental hazards (like unexploded ordinance or asbestos) in the Landscape, or for improving facilities.
- It requires the Army to partner with the USFS for historic interpretation purposes.

## Broadband 101

The CU graduate students who are using Red Cliff to study the impacts of broadband on a community will be coming to town on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will be conducting interviews with residents followed by a tech class to help get us up to speed on how to get the most from our broadband service.

Come to Mango's at 5pm and give them an opportunity to ask some questions about your experiences with the internet (even if you don't have it!). At 6pm, they will be conducting their seminar on the second floor. Topics include wifi security, troubleshooting, speed tests, smart TVs, streaming services and internet basics.

Take advantage of their tech proficiency and get your questions answered.

## Code Compliance

We currently have advertisements posted for a part-time Code Compliance Officer. We strongly encourage any applicant to NOT be a resident in town. However, if you know of someone who would be a good candidate, please encourage them to apply to the Town Administrator.

## Snow Plowing Equipment

We have had a few setbacks with our plowing equipment recently. Floyd and David are working hard to keep everything up and running smoothly. Please be patient with them as they strive to do the fabulous job they do with the limited resources we are able to provide them with.

**Honored to serve,**

**Mayor Anuschka Bales**