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Gingerbread Creations Amaze and Amuse

On November 28, the historical society participated in Hotel Colorado's annual lighting ceremony, displaying a dozen entries made by community members in the "It's About Time" gingerbread house competition.

Along with Hotel Colorado, ANB Bank also sponsored the competition, continuing the display of the entries in the lobby of its Glenwood Springs branch over the subsequent two weeks.

A panel of community judges reviewed the entries and awarded prizes in both youth and adult categories. In addition to the judge's awards, "people's choice" awards were also given, based on the total donations each entry earned for the historical society from the public. The people's choice voting continued at the bank.

In addition to cash awards for the top winners, additional prizes were donated by Bluebird Cafe, Juicy Lucy's, Chocolate Mousse, Village Inn, Rosi's Little Bavarian Restaurant, Elizabeth Dean Boutique, Kaleidoscoops, and Deja Brew & Sunshine Too.

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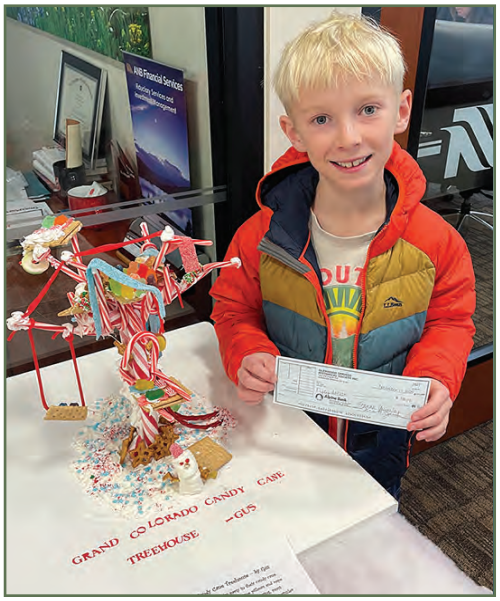

Top left, Taylor Fjeld's creation, "Candyland," placed second in Judge's Choice; bottom left, siblings Victoria Madden and Curtis Madden placed first in the Judge's Award, with a depiction of downtown Glenwood Springs and the highway 82 bridge; above, Gus Long's treehouse was voted tops in People's Choice.

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More Gingerbread Delights!

Clockwise from top left: Flora Hillmer placed third in Judge's Choice; Red Room Design's team of Noah Chavkin and Caet May created the People's Choice first place winner, a recreation of historic Hotel Denver; Rosie Lewis' recreation of Hobbiton was awarded first prize by the judges; Jude Greener placed fifth in People's Choice; and Brooke Walls placed third in Judge's Choice (her daughters Juniper and Payton also participated, placing third and sixth in People's Choice).

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The Past and Future of Cardiff Coke Ovens

Presentation and Community Meeting, January 14, 6:30 pm
Glenwood Springs Community Center

The historical society invites you to a free public event exploring the past and future of the historic Cardiff coke ovens in Glenwood Springs on Wednesday, January 14, at 6:30 pm, at Glenwood Springs Community Center.

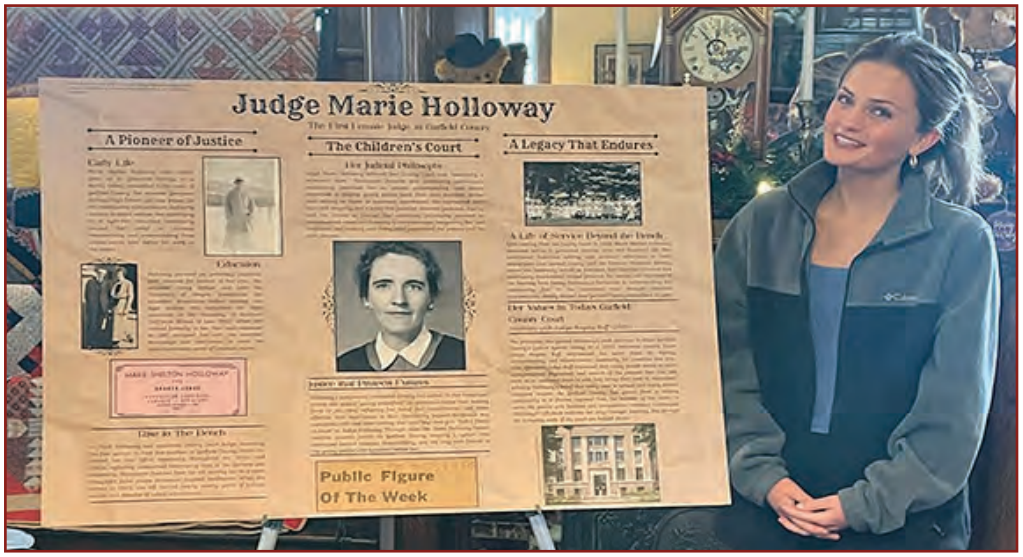
The event includes a history presentation along with an update on the ovens' preservation, with the opportunity for public feedback.

Local historian Carolyn Cipperly will start the evening with a presentation on the history of the ovens and their importance to the various mines and towns served by the Colorado Midland Railway. Cipperly previously served as the historical society's project manager for the first preservation phase of the coke ovens, which took steps toward stabilization of the structures. She currently serves as chairperson of City of Glenwood Springs' Historic Preservation Commission.

Following the presentation, Jamie LaRue, the society's president, will discuss the opportunities and obstacles associated with preserving the coke ovens, then lead a discussion on the community's role in their future. Attendees will have the opportunity to share their thoughts on the ovens' preservation and contribute ideas for achieving that goal.

The meeting will be held in the Sopris Rooms on the main level of Glenwood Springs Community Center. The doors open at 6:00, and Cipperly's presentation begins at 6:30. All are welcome, and there is no fee to attend.

Below, Marie Shelton Holloway, one of Colorado's first female judges, was the focus of Sophie Erdman's senior capstone project. Erdman did her research in the society's archives and prepared an exhibit panel explaining Judge Holloway's significance in local history. The panel is now on display in the Frontier Museum.



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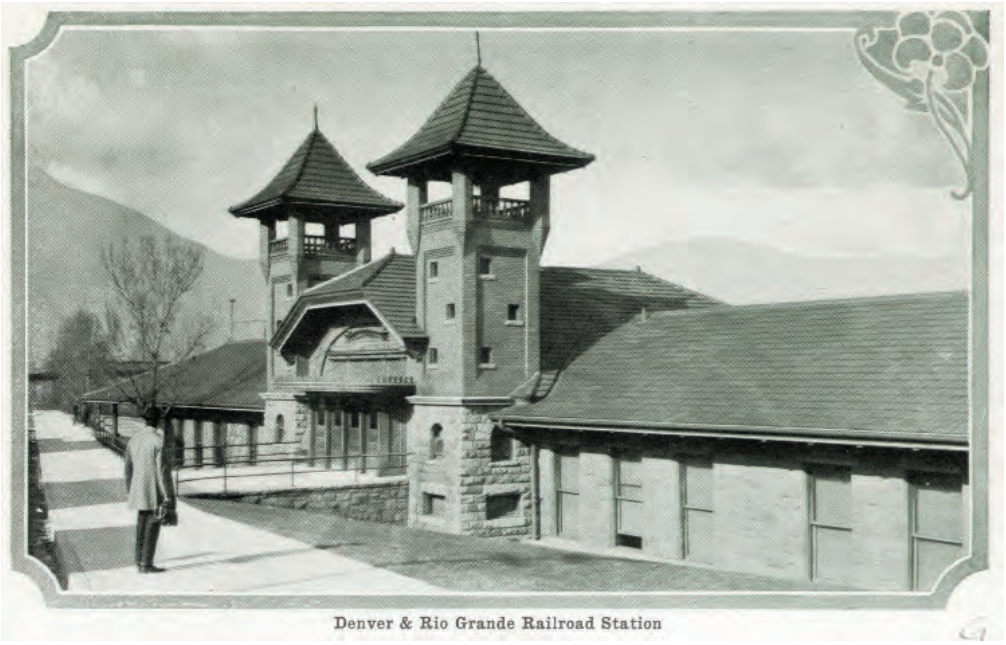
Selections from a post-card booklet showing Glenwood Springs sights, printed around 1920.

Hotel Colorado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