



# Communicator

August 2018

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## August Calendar

- Citizens of Cimarron "Cimarron Days" 4
- Working Ranch Cowboy Assoc. 4
- Village Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm 8
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## VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Good Day Cimarron!  
I would like to say that due to the diligent efforts of the residents of Cimarron the water conservation efforts are going well. The water levels are slowly rising in the reservoir. Currently we are not able to access the secondary water source, the river, until it has cleared up. The Office of the State Engineer in Cimarron is monitoring the water and levels. The Village has booklets available in the Utility office that can be used as a guide to provide additional information on water conservation efforts. The public works employees are working extra hard to make sure the community has water to Town.  
We would like to thank Philmont Conservation crews for all the hard work they have put in to clean the silt out of the storage box. It is due to this effort that water is continually flowing into the Village. Thank You Philmont!  
The procurement process for the Village Hall roof project has started and the project will be awarded soon. The Village has sent in an application for funding for a preliminary engineering plan for the water remediation efforts for the reservoir and for the Village. The plan will help to identify the impacts of the fire and the potential funding options to implement the plan. The Village has approved the OEI-Stantec for the Engineering of the NMDOT project for the bridges.  
Recycle when possible and remember cardboard must be clean.

If you would like to get more information on things that are happening in the Village please stop by Village Hall, we are more than happy to give you an update or information concerning your inquiry.

## WATER CONSERVATION

Helpful Hints to Conserve Water  
**Kitchen:** Use dishwasher only when full. Keep a pan in the sink to rinse dishes before putting in the dishwasher. Use bottled water for drinking and making coffee. Clean counters & appliances with sterile wet wipes or use cleaners and paper towels. Use paper goods for snacks, deserts and cold drinks.  
**Bathroom:** Use a clean container to collect the cold water before shower when wanting for it to heat. Use extra cold water for cleaning purposes. When showering wet, turn off water, lather/wash, turn on water, rinse. Use a brick in the toilet tank to take up space in the tank, which uses less water each flush. Don't flush after each urine use. Shorten shower time. Shower less , every other day. Use a paper cup when brushing teeth.  
**Yard:** Use barrels or containers to collect rain water from the roof drains.  
**Washing machine:** Wash only full loads. Wash only once a week or twice a week.  
 Donate water bottles to the food.

These are suggestions from citizens who are practicing conservation methods.  
 Information from the Engineer's Office is available at the Village Hall and on their website. [www.ose.state.nm.us](http://www.ose.state.nm.us)  
 They provide information on conservation and preventing water waste. There are many helpful information on finding and fixing leaks.  
 Every one can benefit from assessing their home water basics. These are great suggestions for common household water leaks and practical information for repairs and how to prevent water waste through simple maintenance.

Cimarron Health Clinic  
(575) 376-2402

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Recently a guest at the Philmont Museum was so moved by the fire and destruction to our area she wrote the following poem.

**TRAILS OF ASHES**

*Listen, listen, listen, please!  
Can you hear the weeping trees?  
Weeping for the want of rain.  
Weeping too for ache of pain.  
Heartache for the creatures there;  
Heartache from the folks who care.  
Where once spread sheltering forest green;  
Now lies scorched earth, a blackened scene.  
Across the meadows, canyons, vales;  
Through the forests, over trails,  
Raging wildfires slashed a path!  
Ashes, ashes, mark their wrath.  
Signs of burns announce our plight:  
“Closed until further notice. No admittance this site.”*

Joyce Alexander, July 2018

A special thanks to Dee Dee Montoya for securing permission from Joyce for us to print this inspiring poem

**CIMARRON SCHOOLS**

School opens August 16th. Remember the speed limit is 15 mph in the school zone. Keep an eye out for our kiddos walking or crossing the street. Stop behind school buses when lights are flashing.

**PHILMONT BSA**

THANK YOU to the Zach Seeger crew for the wood donations to the local Cimarron senior citizens. Please be patient as more wood deliveries are still being delivered. The staff are working diligently and some staff are leaving for home.

**DAWSON REUNION 2018**

Make your plans to attend the reunion Sept. 1-2. The Sat. night social at the Elks Club in Raton offers a chance to share stories, photos, history and memories. More visiting and a picnic will be held at the Dawson Cemetery. Among the many prizes will be a Dawson quilt made by Vivian Pick. Last reunion 629 folks attended the event. Many of you from Cimarron spent time in Dawson and this would be a nice time to revisit the area and reminisce.

For more information contact Joe/Sue Bacca at 575-359-9177



**CONSERVE WATER**

**ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE**

The first annual Cimarron Challenge bike race is set for Sat. Aug. 25, 2018

The ride will have two routes through the Carson National Forest Valle Vidal area. The 78 mile loop will have 5860 feet of gain and the shorter loop of 66 miles will have a gain of 4046 feet. High point is 9696 feet.

This is a non-competitive ride with no age limit and no equipment divisions. Awards will be given to the top finishers. Cimarron Challenge is a nonprofit event and will start at 8:00 a.m. with a mandatory meeting at 7:30. Meet on 9<sup>th</sup> St. between Lincoln and Washington.

For more information go to [usacycling.org/registration/2018](http://usacycling.org/registration/2018) 18-17

[Cimarronchallenge@gmail.com](mailto:Cimarronchallenge@gmail.com)  
Or call 575-425-0005

**CIMARRON AMBULANCE**

A reverse Drawing Raffle is being sold to raise money for the Cimarron Ambulance Barn. The raffle will be held on October 20th at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$50.00, Grand Prize is \$2500.00. Other raffle items will be given. Contact Ashley Torres at 505-563-0688 for tickets. She will be posting more information throughout the Village soon.

Please support our local Ambulance service.

**5TH ANNUAL CIMARRONCOWBOY MUSIC AND POETRY GATHERING**

A family friendly event is planned for Aug.24-26

Come out to the Philmont Scout Ranch Training Center Auditorium for a weekend of poetry readings, music and fun. Plenty of good food available all day Friday and Saturday.

The festivities start Fri. night at 7:00 p.m. , Sat. at 9:00 a.m. and conclude with Cowboy Church Sun. at 9:30

In conjunction with this event there will be a dance Thur. from 7:00-10:00 pm at the St. James, sidewalk serenades with breakfast and lunch on Fri.

And jamming Fri. and Sat. nights beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Wow, what a weekend!!

More information is available at [cimarroncowboygathering.com](http://cimarroncowboygathering.com) or call Dennis at 719-330-1787

**BLU DRAGONFLY BREWING CO**

The Blu Dragonfly Brewing Co. is now open for business serving food only until final approval of their Small Brewer Liquor License.

Hours: Mon-Sat. 11-9; Sunday 2-8;  
Location: 301 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St.

**COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE**

The Community RoundTable, which is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, continues to meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:15 at the Baptist Church. In July we had our first meeting with our Landscape Architect/Urban Planner., Amy Bell. Her services are being paid for by the state. She will be preparing drawings for the work we are anticipating to finish the Scenic Byway project. This includes completing the panels along the highway, perhaps some shade structures and a safe pedestrian crossing for Hwy. 64 to the Village Park.

Other things are being considered as well.

Our next meeting is Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>