

FIRST DRAFT

Reclusive Moffat County doctor favored pro bono work

When Lillian Sheridan — now Lilly Mcanally of Grand Junction — was born in Brown's Park in northwestern Colorado in May 1928, she was tiny and unable to keep down either her mother's milk or cow's milk.

Dr. Brazilla A. Arbogast, better known as B.A. Arbogast, arrived the day after her birth and kept Lilly alive by boiling oatmeal and feeding her water from it.

When Lilly's father, Dewey Sheridan, suggested they try feeding the infant horse milk from a mare that had recently foaled, Doc Arbogast concurred. "It couldn't hurt," he told Sheridan.

Lilly thrived on the mare's milk, and became a lifelong horse-woman.

Arbogast remained at the Sheridan ranch for 10 days, treating his patient and waiting for bad weather to clear. When he left, Dewey Sheridan asked how much he owed the doctor. "He didn't charge anything," Lilly said. "He told my father that he owed us for 10 days room and board."

When Arbogast died in January 1929, newspapers across the West published an Associated Press story that told of the "hermit doctor" who reportedly spurned automobiles and telephones, rejected modern surgery and never charged for his services.

There's more than a little journalistic license in that story. Arbogast bought a 1915 auto he named Dolly Dodge and drove it proudly on the rugged roads of the region. He also flew in an airplane at least once. Also, according to his friend and neighbor Ed C. Johnson — later governor of Colorado and a U.S. senator — Arbogast sponsored "a local telephone system that tied the whole area

together."

He had a set of high-quality medical instruments and medical textbooks that are now on display at the Museum of Northwest Colorado in Craig, and he had a reputation as a highly skilled physician. He hadn't rejected modern surgical methods. But sometimes circumstances required more rudimentary procedures.

"He operated on Rose Ford on her kitchen table at night for acute appendicitis with a pocketknife," Johnson wrote in a 1962 article in The Rocky Mountain News.

He was a religious man, but "cursed like a sailor," Johnson added.

What brought the doctor to Lay, Colorado, between Maybell and Craig, is a mystery.

"A devastating shock had come into his life" in Breckenridge, Johnson wrote, "which he never discussed and woe onto that busybody who pried."

In a 1925 newspaper article, Arbogast himself attributed his move to "a real siege of pneumonia" he suffered in Breckenridge, followed by a camping trip to Moffat County in hopes it would help him recover.

Materials presented to the Museum of Northwestern Colorado by Arbogast's grandchildren said he left Breckenridge to homestead in Moffat County about 1910, following "an unhappy divorce."

Arbogast was born in 1847 in Pocahontas, Virginia. At the start of the Civil War, his widowed mother had to abandon their farm and flee Virginia with her three sons because the Arbogasts were abolitionists.

They moved to Ohio, where B.A. Arbogast later entered medical school. To pay for his studies, "he came to Colorado in the spring of 1880 and secured an appointment as a 'ditchtender on the Gold Run



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Dr. B.A. Arbogast and his 1915 Dodge, which he named Dolly. A Craig newspaper in 1916 published a wedding announcement, saying Arbogast had married "Dolly Dodge" of "the famous Dodge family of Detroit."

Ditch near Breckenridge," said an 1899 record of Colorado's leading citizens.

Arbogast completed his studies at the University of Denver in 1883, then moved permanently to Breckenridge.

The same year he married Lillian Smith, with whom he had three children.

Also in 1883, Arbogast became superintendent of schools for Summit County, which then included all of what are now Garfield, Eagle and Rio Blanco counties, as well as parts of Grand and Routt counties. He was subsequently elected to the position three times.

He also served two terms as coroner of Summit County and

was a respected member of the Colorado Medical Society, representing the society at several national and international conventions.

But Arbogast gave up that distinguished career in 1910 and moved to a poor plot of land at Lay, near the Yampa River. He told Johnson he selected that land because he sought only "hills that cannot be plowed and the ripensnorting thunder of an angry river."

Johnson met Arbogast the same year, when he and his wife, Fern, homesteaded nearby.

For the next 19 years, Arbogast served the ranching families and settlers in the area, often accepting food or other

goods as payment.

"I have ridden all over this country on horseback, so tired I often had to be helped out of the saddle," he wrote in 1925. "Yet it was a pleasure to see and feel the gratitude of the whole-souled ones who staked all to try for a home of their own in a barren sage-brush country."

He wasn't quite the hermit doctor that newspapers claimed. According to Johnson, he was involved in a variety of community activities, including serving on the local school board and encouraging Johnson to enter politics.

In an article Arbogast wrote about his life as a pioneer doctor, he dispensed morality and

humor.

"Oh ye of little faith and no energy," he wrote, "don't envy the more fortunate, for whining never gets one anywhere except contempt — not even pity. Let us all pray to see the great opportunities all around; grasp them and enjoy the life God has given us."

He concluded with a political prescription: "Vote the Democratic ticket and die happy."

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Library turns to Kickstarter for wildlife app

By SENTINEL STAFF

Mesa County Public Library Foundation launched a Kickstarter campaign in collaboration with others last week to raise \$15,000 for a mobile app called Wild Colorado, foundation officials announced.

The app will contain a searchable database of Colorado mammals, birds, fish, and reptiles that lets users identify wildlife they see while enjoying Colorado's great outdoors, ac-

ording to a news release.

App users will be able to personalize their wildlife-viewing experience by adding notes, taking photos, and sharing the information on popular social media.

"Every Coloradan who downloads the Wild Colorado app experiences the library in a radically new way," said Joseph Sanchez, director of Mesa County Libraries, in a news release.

The application lets teachers and students work together to

enrich their education experience, while biologists, rangers, and hiking clubs can collaborate — all in real time, Sanchez said.

"Wild Colorado is a social, interactive, and educational library experience with no due date," he said.

Mesa County Libraries and the Mesa County Public Library Foundation are teaming with Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Colorado photographers, and various private companies and organizations to develop

the app. Plans are for users to be able to download it at no charge.

To make that vision a reality, however, the collaborators must raise \$15,000 through a grass roots Kickstarter campaign that runs through Dec. 11.

The app is expected to be available by early summer 2016.

The Kickstarter campaign has raised about one-third of the needed funds. Go to kickstarter.com and search WildCO App for more information.

Police officer shot, wounded by driver during traffic stop

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — A Commerce City police officer was wounded in a shooting during a traffic stop.

Police say the shooting in the north Denver suburb occurred at 7:10 a.m. Sunday.

Cmdr. Dennis Moon says the officer's vest stopped the bullet and he is being treated for non-

life threatening injuries.

The name of the officer has not been released.

Police are searching for a late-90s maroon Nissan Pathfinder and a man in his late 40s, or early 50s, with brown hair. He is thin and was wearing glasses and a black and white scarf around his neck.

Census finds about 120 different languages spoken in Utah

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — New U.S. Census data shows that about 120 languages are now spoken in Utah, with Spanish, Chinese and Pacific Island languages among the top in the state after English.

Statewide, about 14 percent of residents speak a language other

than English at home, a number that reflects a growing number of Utah immigrants, University of Utah senior research economist Pam Perlich said.

The state experienced an influx in the 1990s as people moved from immigration hubs in coastal states, but inward migration came to a near-halt when the economic crisis hit in 2008, she

said.

It's been slowly picking back up since then, said Perlich, as newcomers are attracted by a strong economy and the international pull of the Salt Lake City-based Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The report released Tuesday analyzed data between 2009 and 2013. The agency says the report

contains the most comprehensive data it's ever released on the topic, and expands the number of languages tracked from 39 to 350.

In some of the nation's major metro areas like Los Angeles and Miami, more than 50 percent of the population spoke a language other than English at home.

BLOTTER

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Pit bull attacks suspected

Mesa County Animal Services is investigating the circumstances behind repeated attacks on livestock and pets by a pit bull, the Mesa County Sheriff's Office reported.

The dog, owned by Brian Mitchell, 31, has allegedly jumped the fence that encloses it and gone after goats, geese and other pets that live in neighboring yards, the Sheriff's Office said.

On Tuesday, the dog allegedly escaped its enclosure twice and attacked the goats again, injuring two of them. Animal Services confiscated the dog pending further investigation, according to the Sheriff's Office.

According to the Grand Junction Police Department:

■ Gilberto Alvarez, 32, was arrested and released Oct. 30 on a summons on suspicion of driving while under revocation

and failing to notify police of an accident during a traffic stop at North Seventh Street and Grand Avenue.

■ Someone entered several storage units in the 700 block of 23 1/10 Road on Oct. 31, caused more than \$2,000 in damage and stole items valued at more than \$1,000.

■ Paul Alvarado, 19, was arrested at a residence at 1062 Orchard Ave. on Oct. 31 and released on a summons on suspicion of a minor in possession of alcohol.

■ David Barrier, 29, was arrested and booked into the Mesa County jail Monday on suspicion of criminal mischief and domestic violence on the northeast side of the city.

■ Someone stole items valued at around \$2,000 Thursday from a business located in the 3100 block of Lakeside Drive.

■ Hector Villafana Nunez, 47, was arrested Friday at a residence at 2713 B 1/2 Road and booked into the Mesa County jail on suspicion of third-degree assault and domestic violence.

■ Dominic Butler, 20, was arrested Friday near the intersection of Orchard Avenue and Garden Grove Court and released on a summons for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

■ Brandon Gonzales, 41, was booked into Mesa County jail Friday on suspicion of violating a protective order and assault.

■ Alexander Brooks, 18, was arrested Saturday near the intersection of 28 1/2 Road and Elm Avenue and released on a summons on suspicion of possession of an illegal weapon.

■ Amanda Lovette, 27, was arrested Saturday and released on a summons on suspicion of shoplifting at 200 Rood Ave.

■ Joshua Arcelo, 33, and David Schwartzburg, 24, were arrested Saturday at 2545 Rimrock Ave. and transported to Mesa County jail on suspicion of possession of methamphetamines. Schwartzburg was also arrested on suspicion of shoplifting an item from Walmart valued at less than \$50.

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