

2nd Annual Take Pride in Monument Day



On Saturday, May 25, local citizens and friends took part in an event to spruce up the town. Groups of volunteers worked on various projects under the direction of Vicki Mynhier to help clean and Historic Monument. Garden volunteers planted vegetables at the Monument Community Garden on Beacon Lite Road. Pictured from left, volunteers Rick Squires, Carol McCleod, Leah Squires, and Claudia Swenson weeded, amended and planted the garden beds and grounds of the Monument Community Garden in Lavelett Park. Volunteer Janet Sellers is not pictured. Of the two raised beds, one was planted for Tri-Lakes Cares and one for other community use and care. More volunteer gardeners are welcome to join the efforts in time, labor or materials. For information, call Leah Squires: 719-488-5902. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

York leads scout project



Henry York and other members of Boy Scout Troop 9 work on building a new retaining wall at the Church at Woodmoor on May 20. As a Life Scout working to attain Eagle Scout, York is required to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or their community. The project must benefit an organization other than the Boy Scouts. York, pictured in the protective vest, developed extensive plans for the retaining wall, acquired all the needed materials and manpower, and led the project to completion. Troop 9 meets at The Church at Woodmoor at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, please call 488-3200. *Photo by Mark Slepicka.*

May and June library news

Teen volunteers assist library

By Harriet Halbig

May has special meaning in the library. We show appreciation to those who have aided students through tutoring, congratulate volunteers who are graduating from high school and college, and welcome new volunteers who are coming to help with the summer reading program.

We have recruited over 60 teen volunteers who will help in June and July with the registration and awarding of prizes for the Summer Reading Program involving children from birth to 17 years old. Our new baby program for age birth to 2 years involves doing activities with your child to win prizes. The children's program, Dig Into Reading, is for pre-school to fourth-grade students. Those entering fifth grade may choose to participate in either the children's or teen program. The teen program, Beneath the Surface, is for those entering fifth grade up to those age 17.

All programs begin on June 1, when you may come to the library to register or register online at ppld.org.

Summer reading programs

There are many special programs during summer reading. Each Tuesday at 10:30 will be a program for kids of all ages.

- On June 4, Beth Epley will bring The Rock Brothers, traveling through time and exploring the Earth's formation. Silly songs and laughter will rule.
- Tuesday, June 11, will be comedy, magic and juggling with Ann Lincoln, the Kooky Cave Woman with her dinosaur and performing Pomeranian dog.
- Tuesday, June 18, will be Burrow with ... Bunnies. Join Laura Foye and her bunnies and learn some facts about rabbits, pet a soft (real!) bunny, and make a rabbit craft.
- Tuesday, June 25, will be Puppets! Perfect Pets and Preposterous Prairie Dogs. Go below ground as a cu-

rious prairie dog and discover what you can do with a piece of fuzz in The Great Fuzz Frenzy by Janet Stevens. Meet Lulu as she demands a dinosaur for her birthday in the hilarious puppet show Lulu and the Brontosaurus by Judith Viorst.

On Thursdays from 2 to 3:30 will be read-aloud stories and an activity or craft for ages 5 and up. Each week will be a different theme related to digging.

Children 7 and older can attend 7-up programs with art instruction. All will be offered on Friday afternoons at 2.

- June 21, create a collage in Matisse for Kids. Lean how to "paint with scissors."
- June 28, learn to draw different kinds of animals.
- July 12 is Painting for Kids.

Programs for teens

Teens and tweens in fifth through 12th grades are welcome to attend a Henna Tattoo Workshop as part of the teen summer reading program. Learn about the ancient art of henna and get your own temporary tattoo. Registration is required and space is limited. Please pick up a permission slip at the circulation desk before the program. The program is on Wednesday, June 5, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Programs for adults

Bring your iPad and learn basic functions including startup, apps, email, and using your iPad as an ereader. Register online or at the desk. The program will be on Saturday, June 8, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The Monumental Readers will meet on Friday, June 21, at 10 a.m. to discuss The Doomsday Book by Connie Willis. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book club.

The AARP Mature Safe Driving Program will be offered on Saturday, June 22, from 1 to 5 p.m. This is a driver refresher course for motorists age 50 and older.

Charge for the course is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. Class size is limited and registration is required. To register, call AARP at 203-4972.

Please note the following time changes for library programs:

- Toddler Time will now be on Thursdays at 9:30 and 10 a.m.
- Life Circles will now meet on the first and third Monday of the month from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

On the walls in June will be photographs by Victoria Sparrow. In the display case will be holiday dolls from the Colorado Springs Doll Study Club.

Palmer Lake Library events

Special summer story times at Palmer Lake will be on Wednesdays at 10:30.

- June 5 will be Dig in with Kathy's Kritters. Look at a variety of animals such as possums, snakes, and tarantulas and how they dig. An animal craft follows.
- June 12 is Dino Dig. Come dig for fossils with Andrea and make a Dino-craft.
- June 19 is The Rock Brothers with Beth Epley. The brothers travel through time discovering Earth habitats and exploring Earth's formation. Silly songs and laughter will rule.
- June 26 is Oh, Give me a Home, the story of poor Arthur, a dog with no one to love him and take him for a walk. He is stuck in a shelter with no one to take him home. Help Barb and Ruth make Arthur's dream come true with songs and fun.

The Palmer Lake Book Group meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. Please call 481-2587 for the current selection.

Palmer Lake will not have Paws to Read during the summer.

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Palmer Lake Historical Society, May 16

The icehouse phenomenon

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Author and historian Bill Reich described icehouses and their role in American and Colorado history to about 70 history buffs at the May 16 meeting of the Palmer Lake Historical Society. He talked about the evolution of the icehouse phenomenon and how it meshed with railroad history in particular.

Reich noted that icehouses existed in 700 B.C. Mesopotamia and 700 B.C. China. He described how primitive icemakers utilized the Venturi tube effect to make ice. Ice was known far back in history to preserve freshness in food products.

He also described the introduction of ice into the households of America to help to preserve food in appliances called iceboxes. In the early 1900s, the Doyle Ice House in the Palmer Lake area removed ice from the lake and shipped it in new insulated freight cars. Rail cars were designed with ice refrigeration to help preserve fresh fruits, vegetables, and meat during overland transit.

In this time period, ice almost became a utility. With the advent of electricity, refrigeration became mechanized and machinery was developed to freeze water

and to refrigerate food and food products. The railroad system, while slow to accept the concept of rolling refrigeration, developed the concept. The rail system became a kingpin of refrigerated transportation. Palmer Lake became a thriving hub of the ice industry around 1872. Of course, electricity replaced the manual ice cutting and transportation, and Palmer Lake's primary industry of the time disappeared.

Reich has written many books on the subject of rail and rail history and sells them through the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden. Among his titles are Colorado Railroad Icehouses and Colorado Industries of the Past.

Society President Al Walter said "Chief Manitou and His Contributions to the Pikes Peak Region" would be presented June 20 after being canceled in February. He also said the society had received a grant of \$3,590 for continued cataloguing of the Lucretia Vaile Museum items and artifacts.

The Annual Fathers' Day Ice Cream Social and Green Grass music concert will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. June 16 at Palmer Lake Town Hall. All citizens, members and nonmembers, are invited to bring dads and kids for

free pie and ice cream and to sit on the green to enjoy the concert.

The next meeting of the Palmer Lake Historical Society will feature the topic, "Chief Manitou and His Contributions to the Pikes Peak Region" at 7 p.m. June 20 at Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent, Palmer Lake. Bob Cronk will tell the story of this individual in local history.

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Right: Bill Reich, author and historian, gave a detailed presentation about the history of ice in industrial and home use in the Palmer Lake area.

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