

Gleneagle Festival of Lights draws more than 400, Dec. 15

The annual Gleneagle Festival of Lights drew over 400 attendees on Dec. 15. Attendees had the opportunity to take a hayride on the streets of Gleneagle to see Christmas lights displays, sample a variety of cookies, and warm up with the purchase of chili from the Palms Restaurant. Youngsters could visit with Santa Claus and get in those last wishes for the upcoming big day.

Volunteers from Gleneagle Sertoma, the

Gleneagle Women's Club, Holy Trinity Church, Journey Chapel, and Eagle Scout Troop 194 assisted with the activities.

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Above (left): A hayride around the Gleneagle community allowed riders to see the light displays while singing a variety of Christmas carols. **(center):** Kate and Jonathan Simpson spend a little time with Mrs. Claus and Santa in the Gleneagle clubhouse. **(right):** Ruth Spencer, Mark K. Jones, and Pat Martel were among the volunteers who kept the cookie trays full for those attending the Gleneagle Festival of Lights. *Photos by David Futey.*

Santa on Patrol, Dec. 21



Above: Many Monument area children are provided with gifts during the annual Santa on Patrol event. Santa Claus (Police Chief Jake Shirk) and Mrs. Claus begin the annual event by swearing in the elves (volunteers from the Monument Police Department, nine Police Explorer Scouts, Tri-Lakes Monument Fire District personnel, Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department personnel, and many other volunteers who helped with the annual distribution of toys and gifts). *Photo by Bernard Minetti.*

Fay Family Fundraiser, Dec. 20



Connor, Derek and Leland Fay. *Photo courtesy of Fay Family Friends.*

Fay Family Friends (F3) presented a Cowboy Christmas Dinner on Dec. 20 at Family of Christ Lutheran Church. This benefit dinner was in support of Leland Fay, who is fighting Stage-IV cancer, and his family. The event included a silent auction, raffles prizes, a wine pull, and music, along with the delicious dinner prepared by friends and family. See www.facebook.com/F3FayFamilyFriends to find out how to help with costs associated with his treatments that are not covered by insurance. From left are Sarah,

WMMI WinterFest, Dec. 26-28

Right: Western Museum of Mining & Industry volunteer and burro wrangler Jennifer Pillars tries to get museum burro Chism to smile for visitors at the museum's WinterFest. Held Dec. 26 to 28, the event offered visitors a chance to meet and greet the museum burros, play pioneer games such as jacks, do arts and crafts, and cookie mine—an activity to understand the economics of mining. Over 800 visitors attended the three-day event. *Photo by David Futey.*



December and January library events

By Harriet Halbig

Library patrons enjoyed the soothing harp music on a frigid day Dec. 21 and children decorated colossal cookies to celebrate the season. The cookies were enjoyed by those who attended Legos Club on Dec. 21 and the home-school group on Dec. 23.

Children's programs

We are offering a new program beginning in January: *Story Time en Español* with our Spanish-speaking librarian. She will read expressively and point to the pictures in the books so that children of any language ability will enjoy the stories. The story time will be on Wednesday, **Jan. 8 and 22**, at 5 p.m.

The January Family Fun program is *Raptors Survival*. Real hawks, owls and vultures (all are raptors) encounter many obstacles in order to live in the wild. Meet some of these survivors and hear their stories, and make a raptor puppet to take home. Presented by Nature's Educa-

tors of Aurora on Saturday, **Jan. 11**, at 1:30.

The Legos Club will meet on Saturday, **Jan. 18**, from 10 to 11:30. All ages are welcome to come and create, but please do not bring your own Legos. Do bring your camera to record your creation because all pieces used will remain the property of the library.

The homeschool program at 1:30 p.m. **Jan. 27** will be *Trombone Tunes and Technique*. Enjoy some tunes by the Bare Bones Trombone Choir and see a brief demonstration of their instruments.

Programs for teens and tweens

Join us on Wednesday, **Jan. 15**, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. for *Origami!* Have snacks with your friends and learn to do origami from some skillful teen teachers. We'll concentrate on making lanterns and horses. All materials are provided and no reservation is necessary. Ages 12 and up are welcome.

Help the teen advisory board to spread the warmth

by donating new or gently used coats, hats, scarves, and gloves to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares. Hang the coats on the rack in the teen area and put the smaller items in the boxes above or below it.

The AfterMath free math tutoring program will resume on the second Monday in January and continue each week on **Mondays** from 3:30 to 7. All ages are welcome to take advantage of this assistance. No appointment is necessary. No sessions are available on library and school holidays.

Join the Tech Club for ongoing adventures in technology. We will explore new ideas in Scratch and look into additional fun software in the future. For boys and girls in grades 3 through teens. The program will be on Friday, **Jan. 24**, from 4 to 5:30. Registration is limited and required.

Adult programs

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