

Library events for November

Dress up for Prince and Princess Day

By Harriet Halbig
Children's programs

Story Time in Spanish will be offered on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, Nov. 5 and 19, from 5:15 to 5:45. English and Spanish speaking listeners are welcome.

November's Family Fun Program will be Prince and Princess Day on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 2:30 p.m. Princes, princesses, knights, dragons, and all other creatures of the realm are invited to attend in the costume of your choice. The royal activity of the day will be Marshmallow Castle Building. Please note that all future Family Fun programs will also begin at 2:30.

Let's Make Piñatas! Learn to make colorful, easy piñatas for your next holiday or birthday party. This program is for all ages on Friday, Nov. 14 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The Legos Club will meet on Nov. 15 from 10 to 11:30. Bring your imagination and we will provide the Legos. For all ages.

Teen programs

Having trouble with your math assignments? Need to

review for the GED or ACT? AfterMath is a free tutoring program at the library every Monday from 3:30 to 7 p.m. No appointment is necessary and the program is open to all ages.

Adult programs

Learn to crochet a Sashay scarf. Learn to make the popular ruf ed scarf from Sashay specialty yarn. Tina Lewis will offer instruction on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 10 to noon. Yarn will be provided, but bring an I crochet hook if you have one. Space is limited. Please call 488-2370.

The Monumental Readers will meet on Friday, Nov. 21 to discuss All the Truth that's in Me by Julie Gardner Berry. All patrons are welcome to join this monthly book club.

On the library's walls in November will be watercolors by Kathleen Murray. In the display case will be a Coke collection by Sophia de la Mora.

Palmer Lake Library programs

Palmer Lake's November Family Fun program will be Cartooning for Kids with the Young Rembrandts. The staff from Young Rembrandts teaches the drawing skills children need while developing learning skills that give

children an academic advantage in the classroom. Join us for a fun-filled cartoon lesson while we draw one of our favorite animals! For grades K and up on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 10:30 a.m.

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

The Fibernistas meet each Thursday from 10 until noon. Bring a new or ongoing knit, crochet, or other project and join your fellow crafters for a morning of creativity.

On the walls of the library will be Fall Leaves by the Palmer Lake Elementary School third- graders' print-making class.

All Pikes Peak Library facilities will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26 and remain closed on Thanksgiving Day. Regular hours will resume on Friday, Nov. 28.

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Palmer Lake Historical Society, Sep. 18

The first sheriff of El Paso County

By Tom VanWormer

Former El Paso County Sheriff John Wesley Anderson provided the members and guests of the Palmer Lake Historical Society with a brief look into the life and times of Rankin Scott Kelly, the first sheriff of the county, at the group's October meeting. Kelly was in charge back in the day when Colorado City (today "Old Colorado City") on the westside of Colorado Springs was the county seat.

The population and the extent of building was considerably less than today and the pursuit of speeders was not a major activity of the Sheriff's Office because there were neither established roads nor railroads within the county limits. At that time, that included all of what is today Teller County. Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek were still far in the future back in 1861 when Kelly was elected to his position.

Former Sheriff Anderson presented a wonderful word picture of the area before the railroads started to develop the towns we now know along Monument and Fountain Creeks. The only towns in the county at that point were Colorado City, since most of the towns up Ute Pass, along U.S. 24, and along the I-25 corridor were established by

the much-later local railroads. Old Colorado City was established in 1859 to support the great "Pikes Peak or Bust" gold rush. Anderson provided the audience with colorful stories of the early criminals and characters of the region.

The second sheriff of El Paso County surrendered his badge shortly after his first run-in with one of the local folks, and Sheriff Kelly took back his position to collar the criminal (by shooting him in the early dawn as he awoke) and then went on to be re-elected once more.

Anderson has a book on Kelly to be released this holiday season by the Old Colorado City Historical Society.

On Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Palmer Lake Town Hall, the Palmer Lake Historical Society will present Dave Wallace in his impersonation of mountain man Jeddah Smith with Wallace's complete collection of guns used by the mountain men of Colorado. Please feel free to join your friends of the Historical Society in this free presentation.

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Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the information number for that event.

Wednesday Senior Lunch at Big Red

Nov. 5: Tuna on a croissant with chips and avocado
Nov. 12: Lemon chicken over rice, salad.
Nov. 19: Raspberry chipotle pork, roasted potatoes, salad.

Nov. 26: No lunch. Happy Thanksgiving!
Rolls and butter are served with each meal except sandwiches. Dessert is also provided.

Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. at 146 Jefferson St., Monument (the School District 38 Administration Building, "Big Red"). \$3 voluntary donation. Entertainment follows lunch. For more information, call Judy, 487-9067. An activity of Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership. Meals are provided by Pinecrest Catering, Palmer Lake; Nikki McDonald, executive chef, 481-3307.

Seeking veterans for school history project
The Veterans History Project is a national effort to preserve the oral history of local veterans. Lewis- Palmer Middle School is proud to contribute to this effort every year and is currently seeking volunteers to participate. The project begins Veterans Day, Nov. 11. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mary Diane Deysher at mdeyshe@lewispalmer.org or call 488-4776.

St. Peter Catholic School enrolling for preschool-eighth grade

The school offers full and half-day preschool, Core Knowledge Curriculum with small class sizes, Christ-centered education. NCA accredited, state licensed, financial aid available. Call or visit: 124 First St., Monument; 481-1855; www.petertherock.org.

Tri-Lakes Cares needs help from the community

Each year, Tri-Lakes Cares runs the annual holiday food program because many families in this community aren't able to provide a Thanksgiving and Christmas meal for their loved ones. They do this by collecting food from the Harvest of Love food drive that is hosted by the Kiwanis and School District 38, and by purchasing the food that is still needed. Funding for the holiday food program is greatly reduced this year compared to last year, and there is an urgent need for help to raise additional funds. Donated money will be used to buy gift certificates for turkeys so that everyone in our community can enjoy a traditional holiday meal. To donate, call Julie Seeger, Program Manager, 481-4864 x104.

Free Thanksgiving dinner

Rosie's Diner is again teaming with Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership (HAP) to offer a free Thanksgiving dinner to those in the community who may not have family to share this special day with, or who may not be able to prepare their own meal. Last year's event was a great



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