

Heritage lecture and exhibit opening: Molybdenum and the Climax Mine, Feb. 12



Molybdenum, or “moly,” is the star of a new Climax Mine exhibit that was unveiled at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry (WMMI) Feb. 12. The Climax Mine, located in Climax, Colo., is a major molybdenum mine in Lake and Summit counties and was reopened in 2012. The Climax Mine produces much of the world’s molybdenum. The exhibit’s grand opening was celebrated with a lecture by former Climax Mine General Manager Mike McDonald. McDonald is the current Henderson Mine gen-

eral manager. This relatively unknown rock continues to silently improve quality of life around the world. “Moly” is used in creating high-strength steel alloys, lubricating spacecraft engines, and producing radiographic images, and is essential to almost all life on the planet. The WMMI is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. To tour the exhibit, call the museum at 719-488-0880.



Above: Mike McDonald, left, Henderson Mine general manager, and David Futey, Western Museum of Mining and Industry (WMMI) manager, pose in front of molybdenum ore at the new Climax Mine exhibit Feb. 12 at the museum. McDonald gave a heritage lecture to commemorate the Climax Mine exhibit opening at the WMMI. The Climax Mine, located in Climax, Colo., is a major molybdenum mine in Lake and Summit counties and was reopened in 2012. *Photo by Jennifer Green-Lanchoney.*

Above: Jeff Tapparo, chief engineering manager at DePuy Synthes, shows his colleagues (left to right) Bob Borowski, Rod McMillan, and Woody Brown, an Intramedullary nail at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry molybdenum exhibit grand opening Feb. 12. The nail, which is made from a combination of molybdenum and titanium, is a medical device that aids in the treatment of a variety of bone fracture patterns. Molybdenum is used in many applications, including creating high-strength steel alloys. *Photo by Jennifer Green-Lanchoney.*

Awake the Lake benefit dinner, Feb. 21

Pictures below: Despite blizzard conditions, over 100 people attended the Awake the Lake benefit dinner and concert on Feb. 21. The benefit included dinner and a concert as well as a silent auction and

cash bar with proceeds going to refill and restore Palmer Lake and to provide matching funds for the \$350,000 Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant awarded to Awake Palmer Lake. The event was

held at the recently closed MoZaic restaurant at the Inn at Palmer Divide, which will be converted into an addiction recovery center. *Photos by Jackie Burhans.*

