

zens' group, parks, public safety committee, development of our town website and valuable input to save our fire department. She is an excellent research consultant and a licensed attorney. She would provide much-needed insights into our codes and ordinances. I have every reason to believe Karen would be an asset to our Town Council.

Shana is a previous Town Council member, a prior PL fire chief, and the head of our public safety committee (previously known as the fire committee). Over the last year and a half, Shana has been instrumental in efforts to save our Fire Department. She works tirelessly to search out and apply for grants and programs to improve our Fire and Police Departments.

Kit has offered extensive research on several topics (personnel, Fire Department) over the years as she has attended town meetings regularly since 2013. She has served as secretary of the fire and public safety committees. She currently is working on exploring options for the newly acquired former living word property.

These three individuals, with their combined strengths, insights, and abilities, would unite our town and work to solve the concerns of its residents.

Mike Bromfield

Why did the Dems lose the non-college educated white male vote?

I watched CNN's Chris Cuomo show the evening of Sept. 9. One segment had Tom Friedman, three-time Pulitzer Prize winner and a weekly columnist for The New York Times. The question was: "Why do white, non-college-educated men vote for Trump, even though they don't like him personally?" I have been scratching my head about this for four years. Blue-collar workers are traditionally Democratic. How did Dems lose this key demographic? Are Republicans effectively broadening their political tent?

The answer from Tom was something I had never thought of. For decades, K-12 educators have told their students that they had to go to college. The students then went home and told their dads that they were going to college. They didn't want to be like their loser dads. In other words, the dads were humiliated. The fact that these dads often made two or three times more money than the teachers as plumbers, electricians, carpenters, and machinists wasn't relevant.

Of course, I know that educators are now suggesting that high schools and community colleges offer apprentice programs. Most people are aware of the shortages for these high-paying jobs. Most people are also aware

that for many years our economy hasn't been able to absorb all the college-educated people that our universities have been putting out.

Trump wasn't elected because he is a racist or because he would stop immigration. He was elected because a large segment of our voters had been humiliated. If you are humiliated, nothing else matters. If you are humiliated, anyone that listens to you has your vote.

Kent Jarnig

Backing Kit Bromfield

On Nov. 3, the citizens of Palmer Lake will be choosing new trustees for the Town of Palmer Lake. As growth is exploding here in the Tri-Lakes area, Palmer Lake remains an oasis of relative peace and tranquility—a priority for all of us who live here.

Therefore, I am recommending Kit Bromfield for trustee.

Kit has been very active as a committee member in finding answers for our volunteer Fire Department and has also been faithful to attend our regular Board of Trustees meetings for many years. Her faithful attendance and involvement in our town activities are evidence of her care and concern for our town.

Please join me in voting for Kit Bromfield on Nov. 3.

Jeff Lewis

Kit Bromfield endorsement

I am endorsing Kit Bromfield for Palmer Lake Trustee in the November 2020 election.

I have known Kit for many years and have worked closely with her on several committees and volunteer groups. I think she will make an excellent trustee. While we don't always agree on issues, Kit has a reputation for doing extensive facts-based research before making important decisions. I have relied on her body of research to help me make decisions for several town issues. In addition, she is one of only a handful of Palmer Lake citizens who routinely attends our town hall meetings and has been doing so for several years.

She is also one of the very few who regularly comes to the podium, not just to express her concerns but to suggest solutions to the problems she addresses. She called every town in Colorado that was similar in size to Palmer Lake when she was doing research on town administrator salaries. Then she volunteered for the hiring committee that interviewed and chose our current town administrator/clerk.

She serves as secretary and a founding member of the Public Safety Committee. She personally spent well

over 100 hours working to save our fire department.

Kit has demonstrated a strong desire to stay informed and to volunteer her time in many different areas to help make Palmer Lake a great place to live.

These are exactly the traits we need in our next Board of Trustees.

Mark Schuler

Mayor Pro Tem, Palmer Lake

The importance of your vote for county commissioner

Presidential election years garner major national attention, while the election of local government officials is often overlooked. However, the most direct impact on your day-to-day life is determined by your elected county commissioners (CCs). CCs are responsible for the County Master Plan, which details the goals and strategies for the long term, immediate priorities, services, public infrastructure, planning and investing to meet future needs, and is available online at www.bocc.elpasoco.com.

El Paso County (EPC) is governed by five commissioners who are responsible for how local tax dollars are spent. They oversee public works, community services, human services, public health, and public safety (coroner, district attorney, sheriff). The majority of the budget is for public safety, while public health is 1% and the allocation for maintaining county roads only covers 2% of the roads. While there is 0.7% for parks and trails, zero dollars fund open space. NEPCO's meetings cover many of the strategic plan areas and always include updates on land use/developments. We strive to engage local citizens to be active participants in our democracy.

The Northern El Paso County Coalition of Community Associations (NEPCO) represents many folks who live in northern unincorporated EPC, therefore the commissioners in District 1 and 3 are our first line of government officials. District 3's candidates for county commissioner are: Timothy Campbell (L), Ken Schauer (D) and Stan VanderWerf (R). District 1 commissioners are elected in 2022. Your county commissioner vote is a vote for our quality of life, property values, health, and well-being.

This month we encourage you to research the ballot issues, learn about the candidates and consider the importance of your local government officials. It's up to you to participate, engage and vote to ensure our community grows responsibly.

NEPCO Board of Directors

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Between the Covers at Covered Treasures Bookstore

Step back in time with history books

By the staff at Covered Treasures

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."—George Santayana

We are living in historic times, and this is a great time to look back at history and learn from it. Here are some compelling, well-researched nonfiction and historical fiction books to start.

Without Warning: The Saga of Gettysburg

By Terry C. Pierce (Heart Ally Books) \$29.95

Written by local resident Terry Pierce, *Without Warning* is the gripping saga of the Battle of Gettysburg, the Union patriots who fought it, and the man who led them. It scrutinizes the role character plays in leadership and the challenge of the unexpected. This historical novel brings to vivid life seven unforgettable days in the lives and trials of Gen. George Meade and his men as they brave the winds of war to save the United States of America.



Reich Child: A Lebensborn Life

By David Bugno (Entrust Source Publishers) \$17.99

This memoir by David Bugno, a Lebensborn child, tells the fascinating and eye-opening story of a woman and her son trapped in Hitler's monstrous ambitions. Lebensborn babies were slated to become leading citizens of the Third Reich. David's mother's heroic efforts saved them, and they immigrated to America. He did not discover the truth until late adulthood. David shares his journey from disorienting confusion to understanding, from crushing pain to hope. Not much has been written about this, and readers will gain insight into the lesser-known inner workings of Hitler's regime.

Something Worth Doing

By Jane Kirkpatrick (Revell) \$15.99

In 1853, Abigail Scott was a schoolteacher in Oregon Territory when she married Ben Duniway. Marriage meant giving up on teaching, but Abigail always believed she was meant to be more. When Abigail becomes the pri-

mary breadwinner for her growing family, what she sees as a working woman appalls her and prompts her to devote her life to fighting for the rights of women, including the right to vote. This is based on a true story.

Bad Old Days of Colorado: Untold Stories of the Wild West

By Randi Samuelson-Brown (Two Dot Books) \$19.95

Many people born and bred here relish just how "bad" things used to be: the terrain, the inhabitants... the quality of whiskey. It almost goes without saying that Colorado had all the characteristic Wild West elements in abundance. It is no secret that Colorado was settled by the adventurous willing to brave harsh conditions and to prevail. Whether on the right or the wrong side of the law, all settlers and pioneers made unique contributions to the state's complex culture.

Stagecoach Women: Brave and Daring Women of the West

By Cheryl Mullenbach (Two Dot Books) \$18.95

Prepare for the surprising stories about women and stagecoaches that jolt away preconceived notions and are filled with twists and turns. Though women's contributions to stagecoach history were often overlooked, women were shrewd owners, plucky drivers, and even ruthless robbers, all in addition to fulfilling their traditional roles as housekeepers, cooks, laundresses, and mothers to multiple children. This book offers an expansive overview of stagecoach history enriched by the per-

sonal stories of women who contributed to the evolution and success of a captivating facet of American history.

The Order of the Day

By Eric Vuillard (Other Press) \$14.99

Feb. 20, 1933: A meeting of 24 German captains of industry and senior Nazi officials is being held in secret. They are there to extract funds for the accession to power of the National Socialist Party and its chancellor. This opening scene sets a tone of consent that will lead to the worst possible repercussions. Named a "Best Book of the Year" by NPR, Boston Globe, and Literary Hub, and winner of the Prix Goncourt, this behind-the-scenes account tells of the manipulation, hubris, and greed that together led to Nazi Germany's annexation of Austria.

My Dear Hamilton

By Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie (William Morrow & Company) \$16.99

In this edge-of-your-seat immersion into historical events, Dray and Kamoie used thousands of letters and original sources. They tell Eliza Hamilton's story as it's never been told before, not just as the wronged wife at the center of America's first political sex scandal but also as a founding mother who shaped an American legacy in her own right.

Until next month, happy reading.

The staff at Covered Treasures can be contacted at books@ocn.me.

October Library Events

Additional services return; curbside pickup remains available

By Harriet Halbig

The Monument Library continues to welcome our patrons to take advantage of public computers and printing and copying services. Also, feel free to browse the collec-

tion and check out movies or the latest in book titles.

Our hours are 9 to 7 on Monday through Thursday and 10 to 5 on Friday and Saturday.

All programs, including literacy and math tutoring,