

Pronghorn antelope



Above: These two pronghorn share their space with a front loader across from Jackson Creek Senior Living on Nov. 3. One of them seems more interested in the photographer than the heavy machinery. *Caption by Michael Weinfeld. Photo by Creighton A. Smith.*

Palmer Lake display at DIA



Above and left: Palmer Lake was one of 15 Colorado towns invited by Denver International Airport (DIA) to assemble a display that represents iconic winter festivals. The display will run until March 2022 in the Jeppesen Terminal, Ansbacher Hall, Level 6 North, before A-Bridge security. The display highlights four Palmer Lake winter activities: The star lighting on Sundance Mountain, the yule log celebration, holiday lights contest, and Winterfest. Photos, objects, artifacts, art, and explanations describe the four annual events. Collaboration between Palmer Lake

Historical Society members, Patricia and Gary Atkins, Roger Davis, and Palmer Lake Parks Commissioner Reid Wiecks led to the display assembly. To learn more about this exhibit, see www.flydenver.com/about/art_culture/colorado_winter_festivals. To see all photos in this exhibit go to <https://images.flydenver.com/Art-at-DIA/Temporary-Exhibits/Colorado-Winter-Festivals/>. Palmer Lake photos start at photo number 29. *Photograph provided courtesy of Denver International Airport. Caption by Reid Wiecks*

MPD and Walmart deliver meals



Above: On Nov. 23, the Monument Police Department (MPD) and the Jackson Creek Walmart partnered to provide and deliver Thanksgiving meals to three Tri-Lakes area families in need. An MPD news release says the families were identified with input from Lewis-Palmer School District 38 and other local organizations. The meals included turkeys and ingredients to create traditional sides. Monument Police Chief Sean Hemingway thanked "elected officials for supporting the department to engage the community in this way, Walmart for partnering with us in this effort, and a special mention to the families of our officers who support them in this and other efforts for the Tri-Lakes community." Hemingway presented Walmart representative Charlotte Fraser with the department's Challenge Coin as a show of appreciation. Others participating in the deliveries included Mayor Don Wilson, Board of Trustee Darcy Schoening, MPD officers including Community Resource Officer Andrew Romano and Walmart representative Crystal Martinez. *Photo by David Futey*

Cruisers donate to TLC, Nov. 19



Above: On Nov. 19, more than a dozen members of the Tri-Lakes Cruisers Car Club of Monument donated more than 400 pounds of turkeys, game hens, and vegetarian meatless roasts for client families of Tri-Lakes Cares (TLC). This is an annual holiday tradition for the Cruisers. TLC Food Program Manager Jessica Myers (near the center of the photo wearing a white jacket and holding a doll) called it a "significant" donation. Cruisers board member Vinny Gallagher is behind her wearing a blue jacket. TLC Development Specialist Christine Bucher is in the red jacket on the left. *Photo by Bill Beeson.*

Alpaca extravaganza



Above: The Southeastern Colorado Alpaca Breeders held their 16th annual Holiday Alpaca Extravaganza at the Black Forest Community Club during the weekend of November 27-28. Visitors enjoyed the indoor farm booths and the outdoor pens with baby alpacas. Alpaca fibers are extremely soft, fluffy and very warm. Indoor farm booths were

filled with warm hats, apparel, mittens, toys and more, made with fibers from the local alpaca farms. **Left:** Claudia Swenson shows visitors how to spin alpaca yarn on her wooden spinning wheel. Swensen enjoys teaching the soothing practice of spinning with a wooden drop spindle and takes these calm animals to hospitals and libraries as therapy alpacas. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*