

Palmer Lake Star Lighting, Nov. 26



Above and below: Every year since 1935, excluding the years during WWII, the Star Lighting has been a holiday tradition in Palmer Lake. The Star is listed on the Colorado State Register of Historical Properties, according to Jack Anthony, who prepared the nomination for the listing. On Nov. 26, the tradition continued as about 350 people turned out for the Palmer Lake Fire Department (PLFD) Chili Supper at the Palmer Lake Town Hall. The funds raised by the Chili Supper go toward maintaining the Star, and volunteers from the PLFD do the work. Santa entertained those enjoying chili before lighting the Star on Sundance Mountain at 7 p.m. *Photos by Steve Pate.*



Historic Barn Razed



Above: The historic red barn in Monument located just off the railroad tracks on Front Street, home to years of July Fourth square dances and other social events, and once owned by former Mayor "Si" Sibell and his wife Dorothy, is gone. Developers tore it down to make way for apartments, shops, and restaurants. You can see the barn in the top photo taken last month. The barn is missing in the bottom photo taken Nov. 28. Sibell built the barn in 1990. He and his wife lived nearby. Their house was torn down earlier. In addition to the social events held at the barn, the Sibells' memorial services were held there, too. Si Sibell died in 2018, his wife a year later. The front of the barn once featured a painting of Sibell's horse Baron, who used to be allowed to walk freely in town. That painting was removed when the property was sold. Its whereabouts are unknown. *Top photo by Chris Jeub. Bottom photo and caption by Michael Weinfeld.*

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