

Preschoolers visit Woodmoor fire station



Left: As part of October Fire Prevention/Awareness month, preschool students from Bright Start Preschool visited Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Station #3 Oct.3. The firefighters gave the children a tour and talked about fire safety. The children sang a special 9-1-1 song to show what to do in an emergency. Firefighters pictured: Battalion Chief Mike Dooley, Bjarne Moberg, Stephen Monroe, and Max Mabrey. The preschool teachers and children pictured: Dana Merveldt, Jami Murphy, Sophie Chavanne, Emri Furrer, Cami Denise, Jacob Strop, Gabriel Strop, Reagan Furrer, Jace Temple, Shay Cox, Kaden Bunker, Jack Rudder, Chase Dennis, Wyatt Lease, Nolan Byrne, Ava Odil, and Kierin Furrer.

Caption information by Jami Murphy. Photo by Melanie Strop.

Additional Donala Xeriscape Contest award winners



Left: Second place—15025 La Jolla Place: About three years ago, bluegrass sod was removed and replaced with a dry stream bed, gorilla hair mulch, and native drought-resistant grasses and plants. This landscape has saved 34 percent of the water formerly used to irrigate the bluegrass-dominated yard. The second place prize was free water in October and November. **Above:** Third place—290 Wuthering Heights Drive: The lawn was downsized and water-wise trees, shrubs, and grasses, as well as both organic and rock mulches, were installed. The irrigation system was rerouted and old sprinkler heads were replaced with new ones, achieving a 42 percent irrigation savings over last season before the improvements were made. The prize was free water for October. *Photos provided by the Donala district*

October and November library events

Intergenerational tea a big hit



Above: Julia Reish, left, and Ella Mortensen came to the tea with their mothers. *Photo by Harriet*



Above: From left, Linda Siebe, Marie Caramussa, Elena Rivera, Lee Burnett, and Shirley came to the tea together. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

By Harriet Halbig

The intergenerational tea at the Palmer Lake Town Hall was attended by almost 50 elegantly dressed ladies of all ages. They enjoyed a story about a names quilt and participated in making a signature quilt to commemorate the day. Lovely live harp music provided a soothing background.

All Pikes Peak Reads drew to a close at the end of October. Several of the related programs at the library were well attended, including the teen discussion of *The Unthinkable* coupled with the viewing of the *Surviving Disaster* film and the teen crafts program making sur-

vival bracelets. We thank all those who participated in this year's activities.

Children's programs for November

The Lego club will meet on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 10:30 until noon. Bring your creativity and we'll provide the Legos. Bring your camera to record your creation—all pieces used to make projects remain the property of the Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD).

Fabulous Friday Fun will be on Friday, Nov. 30, from 4 to 5:30.

Teen programs

The Crafty Teens program will feature Phlash Plastic on Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 3:30 to 5. Recycle bubble wrap into nifty jewelry and other projects. Register online or at the desk, 488-2370.

The Book-Eaters teen book club will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 4 to 5:30 to discuss *Stravaganza: City of Stars* by Mary Hoffman. Come enjoy snacks with your friends and you'll have a chance to win a book! No registration required, for teens grades 7 and up.

Adult programs

Learn how to use free PPLD databases to take your organization to the next step with *Minding Your Non-Profit Organization*. We will show you how to identify trends and outlooks, find similar organizations, identify target markets, create mailing lists, and research individual and corporate donors. The program will be on Friday, Nov. 9, from 8:30 to 10.

Meet Monument's best-selling author Kevin Anderson on Sunday, Nov. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. Anderson is