

Colorado Highway 83 was originally a planned route for I-25 but that U.S. Highway 85, known in the early and mid-1900s as "The Ribbon of Death," evolved into the basis for I-25 as route engineering evolved.

He noted that the famed Cherokee Trail, also known as the "Trail of Tears," was a major east-west trail that the California gold rush pioneers used to travel west and bypass the Rocky Mountain range to the northwest of the Denver area. It was called "Trail of Tears" because of the forced relocation of many American Indian tribes as a result of the Indian Removal Act of 1830. It was estimated that 4,000 of the 15,000 relocated Cherokee died of disease, exposure, and starvation during that relocation.

Whiteley is a fourth-generation Coloradan and now resides with his wife, Jane, in Centennial. He became interested in studying the history of the regional transportation evolution when he became aware of a wagon trail that passed through his great-grandparents' homestead southeast of Castle Rock. This led to his first book, *The Cherokee Trail: Bent's Old Fort to Fort Bridger*. He subsequently wrote, *The Yellowstone Highway*, *The Lincoln Highway in Colorado*, and *The Playground Trail: The National Park-to-Park Highway*. Whiteley and his wife are associate producers of the PBS documentary, *The National Park-to-Park Highway*.

Benefit concert scheduled

Society President Al Walter announced that a Brulé concert, a Native American experience of sight, sound and soul, would be presented at Palmer Ridge High School Auditorium (19255 Monument Hill Road, Monument) on May 25. Performance is at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at www.onenationwt.org or by calling One Nation Walk-

ing Together at 719-329-0251 or Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce at 719-481-3282. This concert will benefit two nonprofit organizations: One Nation Walking Together and the Palmer Lake Historical Society.

The Palmer Lake Historical Society normally meets on the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. May 17 at the Palmer Lake Town Hall. Membership is not required to attend.

The May presentation is "Early Life on the Palmer Divide." Don Ellis provides glimpses into the farming, logging, ranching, and living during the early days of the area's development and inhabitation.

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Right: Lee Whiteley, author and historian of local and regional transportation systems, takes a question at the April meeting of the Palmer Lake Historical Society.

Whiteley discussed the history of the naming of Pikes Peak by explorers who used the Smoky Hill Trail to come west. Part of that trail forms the route basis for Interstate 70.

Photo by Bernard Minetti.



Special Events and Notices

By Judy Barnes, Editor Emeritus

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the info number for that event.

**Wednesday Senior Lunch at Big Red
May Menu**

May 2—BBQ pork sandwich, potato salad & pickle
May 9—Tuna on a croissant, potato chips & avocado



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May 16—Pork roast, roasted potatoes & million dollar salad

May 23—Beef brisket, garlic mashed potatoes & salad

May 30—Penne pasta w/spaghetti sauce & Caesar salad
Rolls and butter are served with each meal except sandwiches. Dessert is also provided.

An activity of Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership. Meals are provided by Pinecrest Catering, Palmer Lake; Nikki McDonald, executive chef, 481-3307.

Slash-Mulch season begins May 5

The El Paso County Black Forest Slash and Mulch season is here! Slash (tree and shrub debris; no stumps) will be accepted **May 5 to Sept. 12**. Mulch will be available **May 19**. Hours of operation are: Saturdays, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5-7:30 p.m. The mulch loader schedule is Saturdays only, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., beginning May 19. The loader fee is \$4 per bucket, approximately 2 cubic yards. The slash and mulch site is located at the southeast corner of Shoup and Herring Roads in the Black Forest area.

The program is a wildfire mitigation and recycling effort sponsored by El Paso County, co-sponsored by the Colorado Forestry Association and the Black Forest Fire Department, in cooperation with Colorado State Forest Service and the State Board of Land Commissioners. The program's purpose is to teach forest management practices and to encourage residents to clear adequate

**Red Rock Ranch
Neighborhood
Garage Sale
planned for
June 1 & 2!**

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call 481-9377 if
you are interested
in participating.**

Colorado Tri-Lakes Lions Club Membership Drive
Monthly: Second & Fourth Thursdays @ Fairfield Inn 7PM – 8PM

Tri-Lakes and Black Forest Lions Club Community Projects

- * Lions Summer Camp - Outdoor Camp For Special Needs Children - Adult
- * KidSight & Lions Eye Bank - Eye Care Patient Assistance Programs
- * Diabetes Awareness & Action: Helping Our Community Family Cope
- * Leader/ Guide Dog Sponsors: Puppy Raisers, Volunteers & Host Families
- * Sight Preservation & Recycle Used Eye Glasses: The Gift Of Sight Programs
- * Lions Club International: Nursing School of Port-au-Prince Support and other projects
- * Community: Environmental Support & Plant-a-Tree Sponsorship

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