

AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Class size is limited and registration is required.

On the walls during August will be Art Over 50, juried art work by local older adults.

In the display case will be works by the Pikes Peak Decorative Painters.

Palmer Lake library events

Palmer Lake's Family Fun event, a partnership with the 2012 Return of the Rocky Mountain Chautauqua, will be the annual Ice Cream Social on the Village Green on Aug. 4 from 2:30 until 4 p.m. Come enjoy ice cream from the Rock House and listen to some old-fashioned band music. This event is geared toward multi-generational groups and is sponsored by the Tri-Lakes Friends of the Library, the Town of Palmer Lake, and the Palmer Lake Historical Society.

The Palmer Lake Knitting Group meets each Wednesday from 10 a.m. until noon. Knitters of all skills are welcome. Bring your projects and enjoy the company of other knitters. Call 481-2587 for further information.

Research has shown that young readers who read to a calm and attentive dog can increase their fluency. Read with Misty, the tiny sheltie, on Thursday, Aug. 9, from 4:

30 to 5:30 p.m.

Read with Kirby, our golden retriever friend, on Saturday, Aug. 25, from 11 until noon. Read to a Paws to Read dog and select a prize.



Above: At the Summer Reading Program Party, from the left, Ashley and James Jackson enjoy hand bells and Christopher Yates is a fierce knight in the castle. *Photos by Harriet Halbig.*

Photography by Laurisa Rabins is displayed on the library's walls.

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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 August Menu

- Aug. 8**—Italian sausage sandwich, potato salad & pickle
- Aug. 15**—Tuna on a croissant, avocado & chips
- Aug. 22**—Baked lasagna, salad and dinner rolls
- Aug. 29**—Lemon chicken over rice & 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.

Fifth Annual "Return of the Rocky Mountain Chautauqua," Aug. 3-5

The Chautauqua movement, 1874 to 1930, was the first mass educational and cultural movement in U.S. history. The Town of Palmer Lake was the home of the first Rocky Mountain Chautauqua Assembly in 1887 and continued holding Chautauqua activities until 1910. The Palmer Lake Historical Society will recreate the types of activities that might have been experienced by these early Chautauqua-goers. **Aug. 4** activities begin with a hike at 8:30 a.m. and a nature walk at 9 a.m. from Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. See a vintage baseball game and listen to the 1890s Band at Centennial Park beside the lake, 10 a.m. The library will hold an ice cream social in the town hall at 2:30 p.m. On **Aug. 5**, a history walk leaves from Town Hall at 8:30 a.m. and an old-time church service will be held at the Little Log Church at 10:30 a.m. The activities and events are free. For information and a complete schedule of events, visit www.palmerlakechautauqua.org or pick up a schedule at one of the local businesses in the area.

Stage I fire restrictions are in effect

Stage I fire restrictions are now in effect for El Paso County. During Stage I restrictions, open burning is prohibited, except for fires and campfires within permanently constructed fire grates in developed campgrounds and picnic grounds and charcoal grills and wood burning stoves at private residences in areas cleared of all flammable materials. Also prohibited are the sale or use of fireworks, outdoor smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or in a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials. A full copy of the ordinance can be seen at elpasoco.com and clicking on County Ordinances near the bottom. Violations of Stage I fire restrictions may result in a fine up to \$600.

Art Evaluation Committee members needed, apply by Aug. 31

The Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD) Board of Trustees will accept applications through **Aug. 31** to fill four vacancies. Art Committee members review works submitted by local amateur artists for exhibit at all 12 PPLD galleries. To be considered for appointment, submit a letter of intent with credentials to: PPLD Board of Trustees, c/o Carol Brunk Harnish, P.O. Box 1579, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-1579. For more information, call 531-6333, x2332 or email charnish@ppld.org.

Monument Celebration Festival, Sept. 3

The Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce has rescheduled its Street Fair for Labor Day, **Sept. 3**, to take the place of the one cancelled on the Fourth of July due to the Waldo Canyon Fire. Start the day with a pancake breakfast, 7-10 a.m., at St. Peter Catholic Church, 55 Jefferson St. At 10 a.m. watch the parade down Second Street (from Mitchell to Beacon Lite) honoring our Tri-Lakes Emergency Services. After the parade stroll the street fair down Front Street and visit Limbach Park for live music, a beer and wine garden, and fun for the whole family until 5 p.m. Also following the parade, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., will be an open house at Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District 1, 18650 Highway 105. For more details phone the chamber, 481-3282, visit www.trilakeschamber.com, or email office@trilakeschamber.com.

Save the date:

Wine, Roses and More, Oct. 27

The Tri-Lakes Women's Club will present Wine, Roses and More, its fall fundraising event, Oct. 27. The evening features celebrity wine servers, fine wine tasting, great local chefs, a raffle and silent auction, and more. Proceeds benefit the Tri-Lakes community. Watch for details next month.

Handbell ringers needed

The Tri-Lakes Community Handbell Choir is looking for some new ringers to begin in the fall, preferably experienced ringers or people who can read music, high school through adult. If you are interested, please contact Betty Jenik, 488-3953, or email ljenik@comcast.net.

Reverse 911

With the heightened concern for fire danger along the Front Range, many people want to sign up their home or cell phone for reverse emergency notification. The El Paso-Teller E-911 Authority Emergency Notification System is used to notify residents of any potential emergencies in their neighborhood. To sign up, go to <https://elptc911.onthealert.com>.

Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District seeks board members

Do you love your local library? Would you like to help preserve and promote Pikes Peak Library District? The Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District is looking for new Board of Directors members. To apply, go to www.friendsppld.org and click on the Board of Directors

application. For more information, call 531-6333, x1008.

Slash-Mulch season is still going strong

The El Paso County Black Forest Slash and Mulch season is here. Slash (tree and shrub debris; no stumps, roots, weeds, grass, lumber trash, etc.) drop-off ends Sept. 9. Mulch pickup ends Sept. 22 or when mulch runs out. 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. The loader fee is \$4 per bucket, about 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 defensible space surrounding their structures by thinning trees and shrubs to reduce the spread of fire. Spreading mulch on the forest floor holds moisture, delays the spread of weeds, and provides nutrients to the forest. For more information visit bflash.org or call Ruth Ann Steele 495-3107, Carolyn Brown, 495-3127, Jeff DeWitt, 495-8024, or the county Environmental Division, 520-7878.

Important information for 17-year-olds who want to vote

Teens who will be 18 on or before Election Day are encouraged to register in advance of this year's elections to be eligible to vote. They must be registered 29 days prior to the election even if they will not be 18 until Election Day, Nov. 6. Colorado law allows for pre-registration for individuals who are 17 years old a year prior to the election in which they want to cast a ballot. Here are two ways

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