



Kiwanis Club's Dictionary Program, Oct. 29

Each year, every third-grade student in Lewis Palmer School District 38, Monument Academy Charter School, the Home School Enrichment program, and St. Peter Catholic School receives a Scholastic Children's Dictionary from the Advisors of the K-Kids, a Kiwanis Youth Service Leadership Program.

Pictured from left, Chloe Hart, Ava Zallar, and Caroline Richardsondove right into their new dictionaries at the Bear Creek Elementary School program, where Ray Kessler, Bill Healy, Barb Broshous, Tom Van Wormer, and the Bear Creek K-Kids Board handed out the prized books.

Aligning with the theme of serving youths and

building community, the primary mission of Kiwanis International is to "change the world, one child and one community at a time."

The Dictionary Program began in 2008, and since then the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club has distributed more than 2,400 dictionaries, retailing at \$20 each, for a total value of \$48,000. Funds are donated by the Monument Hill Foundation at no cost to students or the schools.

If you would like to learn more about joining the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club, contact Membership Chair, Geri Smith 719-233-6754 or visit www.monumenthillkiwanis.org. Photo by Lisa Hatfield.

October and November library events

By Harriet Halbig

October brought us National Friends of the Library Week and our annual Halloween traditions of Scary Stories in the Dark and Pumpkin Day. We always welcome members of the Tri-Lakes Friends of the Library and encourage all interested patrons to join their group and participate in activities they sponsor.

Please join us for some fun activities as we approach the holidays.

Children's programs

Musical Fairy Tales is the Family Fun event for November on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Join musicians from the Chamber Orchestra of the Springs and a storytelling narrator for a musical journey through The Tortoise and the Hare, Three Little Pigs, and The Big Red Barn, while enjoying Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Copland's Appalachian Spring, and more. Children will learn about the string section of an orchestra and have an opportunity to experience a violin, viola, and cello up close. Sponsored by the Chamber Orchestra.

The Legos Club will meet on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 to 11:30. Open to all ages. We'll provide the Legos and you bring the creativity. Be sure to bring your camera to record your creation—all pieces used to make projects remain property of the library.

On Monday, Nov. 25, from 1 to 2:30 join us for our monthly program for homeschoolers. This month the theme is A Cellist's Voice. In honor of All Pikes Peak Reads selection Steven Galloway's The Cellist of Sarajevo, enjoy a children's story related to this event in history, The Cello of Mr. O, by Jane Cutler. Join cellist Pam

Chaddon from the Chamber Orchestra of the Springs and learn about the cello and its different "voices." Find out how this amazing instrument is so much like the human voice that it can convey many human emotions.

Programs for teens and tweens

Be a Crafty Teen at an Altered Books Workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 3:30 to 5:30. With a little imagination and lots of glue, damaged and discarded books can be transformed into works of art. Come to this hands-on workshop and create an altered book to take home. Supplies will be available, but you can bring old photos, magazine pictures, swatches of fabric, ribbons, etc. to personalize your creation. Snacks provided. Ages 12 and up. Registration is necessary at 488-2370.

If your math homework is getting you down, if finals are freaking you out, or if you just need to brush up on math before a test, students of all ages are welcome to sit down with our friendly volunteer math tutors to clarify those trouble spots. No appointments necessary, just come in between 3:30 and 7 each Monday, except when the library or District 38 schools are closed.

Don't just play video games—create one yourself! Join the Tech Club to learn how computer programs are built using a software program that allows you to put together blocks of code that make your characters, games, and animated cards work. Registration begins Oct. 28 and is limited to 20 boys and girls in grade 3 through teens. The program will be on Friday, Nov. 22, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Adult programs

The Monumental Readers will meet at 10 a.m. Friday,

Nov. 15, to discuss The Buddha in the Attic by Julie Otsuka. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book club.

On the walls in the library will be Digital Photography by John Jenks. In the display case will be crafts showcasing the skills of the Monument Library staff.

Palmer Lake Library events

The Palmer Lake Book Group meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. New members are welcome and no registration is required at this monthly book club. Please call 481-2587 for the current selection.

Meet the Fibernistas, a new group who share a taste for fiber fun. Share and learn new techniques of knitting and other fiber arts. All interests are welcome! Start a new project or bring one in progress each Thursday (except Nov. 28) from 10 until noon.

The Family Fun event for November on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 10:30 is Skins and Skulls, a program about mammals found on the eastern plains of Colorado. You will learn what they eat and how to look for them. Skins and skulls from these animals will help identify them and their habitat. You will learn what kinds of things the animals eat and whether they are predator or prey. It's presented by Susan Permut, volunteer naturalist at Castlewood Canyon State Park and a resident of Red Rock Ranch.

All Pikes Peak Library facilities will close at 6 p.m. on Nov. 27 and remain closed Nov. 28 to celebrate Thanksgiving.

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Palmer Lake Historical Society, September 19

The tale of the Douglas County ghost

By Bernard L. Minetti

The subject of the Palmer Lake Historical Society's October meeting was ghosts in Colorado, especially in Douglas County and the surrounding area. Historian, writer, and lecturer Shaun Boyd described some of the well-known "ghosts" of the late 1800s.

She told the story of Michael Fagan, whose purpose for being in this area was not known. His burial site is on the Platte-Arkansas divide beside the Cherokee Trail in central Colorado in the vicinity of a navigation point for the Colorado gold rush called "Point of Rocks." The grave is covered with rocks and is still there today.

Fagan was a teamster, driving horses and oxen for groups of people moving west during the Colorado gold rush era, around 1859. In April 1859, he froze to death after he was caught in a snowstorm. During that period, four others died in the same area from various reasons, all with names unknown.

Following his death there were many reports of people seeing Fagan riding his horse across the prairies. There were those who claimed to have seen Fagan "riding with the wind" on the backs of buffalo or wild horses. Part of the motivation for his ghostly sojourns was that, as the story goes, he had been buried alive. Boyd talked about several other ghostly mysteries during her talk.

Creating period costumes

Society Vice President John Snyder introduced Cathy and Chuck Loeffler, who had both won costumes awards during the recent Chautauqua. Cathy told the attendees, "I am a longtime Tri-Lakes area resident, and have extensive sewing experience with a special interest in period cos-

tumes. In order to encourage more people to attend the annual Chautauqua in period costume, I am offering my services and advice free of charge to anyone who is interested in making their own costume." She added that she would help create a period costume for anyone with "some basic knowledge of sewing and a sewing machine." Cathy can be reached at (719) 488-2458.



Cathy and Chuck Loeffler

Snyder asked for assistance with the January potluck. Volunteers should contact him at (719) 488-2019. He also asked for candidates to be nominated to the Society's Board of Directors.

The November meeting of the Palmer Lake Historical Society will feature a free presentation titled, "Who Killed Officer Burchfield?" Retired Colorado Springs Police Officer Dwight Haverkorn will be the presenter at 7 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent, Palmer Lake.

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Gray Matter

OCN is pleased to include some of the work of budding cartoonist Levi Pennison. Levi is 12-years old and lives in Palmer Lake. Please let us know what you think at editor@ocn.me.

