

Programs for teens and tweens

The Pikes Peak Workforce Center will offer a free workshop on "Resume Writing and Filling Out Applications: How to Stand Out from the Rest" on Wednesday, May 8, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This workshop, open to ages 14 to 21, will help young people to create a resume based on current activities and the application of experience to marketable job skills. Learn what words to use on the resume and know what to include. No registration is required.

Adult programs

Paula Mitchell, author of Exploring Colorado Wineries Guidebook and Journal will give a program on wine and food pairing on Saturday, May 4, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Only good ideas will be served.

Have you recently bought an iPad? Come to the library on Thursday, May 9, to learn iPad Basics. Bring

your device and learn to set it up and how to download library materials onto it. This free class is taught by Les Molina, owner of Victory Solutions LLC. Space is limited. Register at the library or call 488-2370. The class will be repeated on Saturday, June 8, at 9:30 a.m.

Life Circles is a writing group that provides discipline, inspiration, and structure during the process of writing one's memories or history. The group meets on the first and third Monday of the month from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Please note that this is a new time.

The Monumental Readers will meet on Friday, May 17, at 10 a.m. to discuss The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book club.

On the wall in May will be watercolors by Carol Naylor. In the display case will be pottery by Glenn Hayes.

Palmer Lake Library events

Come read to Misty, our Paws to Read Dog, on Thurs-

day, May 9, from 4:30 to 5:30. Read to Misty and select a prize.

Palmer Lake's Family Fun program in May is Stories and Songs with You and Cathy Kelsay on Saturday, May 18, at 10:30. Kelsay tells tales about birds and ducks and everyone gets to have a turn with a puppet or prop.

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

A new selection of photographs by Laurisa: Risa's Rabbits will be on display. Artwork by Palmer Lake Elementary School Students is on display in the children's area. There will be art show openings on May 4 and May 25, both at 4:30. All are welcome!

Summer reading begins on June 1! Please join us for a summer of exciting programs and prizes!

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Western Nuseum of Mining & Industry, April 11

Company's products curb coal pollution

By David Futey

A Colorado Springs company's development of pollution-control technologies was explored April 11 at the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI).

Neumann Systems Group (NSG) is a Colorado Springs-based engineering, manufacturing, and research and development company that develops technologies for pollution control, in particular emission scrubbing systems for coal-fired facilities.

Business Development Manager Jacob Kershman described how NSG's Neustream products, which had their beginnings in the federal government's "Star Wars" project, can be designed to convert pollutants, such as sulfur oxides, nitrogen oxides, carbon dioxide, and particulates, into industrial products. For example, at Colorado Springs Utilities' Drake Power Plant, NSG is installing a system that will convert sulfur dioxide from the emissions into

gypsum. The gypsum can then be sold for use in building materials and fertilizer. Kershman said this process improves air quality and could aid the U.S. coal industry, which produces coal primarily for power plants.

Related to the WMMI's current focus on rare earth elements (REEs), Kershman described a NSG design technology that will enable certain REEs to be extracted from fly ash. REEs are critical for military applications and are used in a variety of consumer products. China presently controls 97 percent of known REEs and is gradually reducing their export.

Information on NSG is at www.neumannsystems.com. Information on upcoming events at the WMMI is at www.wmmi.org.

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Right: Jacob Kershman. *Photo by David Futey*



Colorado State Historical Site Certificate presented to the town



Left: Palmer Lake Historical Society member and retired Air Force Col. Jack Anthony reads a short history on the Palmer Lake Star and the evolution to its listing on the Colorado State Registry of Historical Sites. **Right:** Anthony presents the certification to Palmer Lake Mayor Nikki McDonald. The certification process took more than a year. *Photos by Bernard Minetti.*



Palmer Lake Historical Society, April 18

The legend of Baby Doe Tabor

By Bernard L. Minetti

Joyce B. Lohse, author and lecturer, gave a presentation on Colorado legend Baby Doe Tabor at the April 18 meeting of the Palmer Lake Historical Society. Lohse began her presentation by discussing a brief history of the relationship and marriage of Augusta Pierce and Horace A.W. Tabor.

The Tabors were married in Maine and came west to engage in business in Leadville. They opened a business that allowed Horace to "grubstake" miners of the region. If miners were unable to pay for equipment and supplies, he would agree to finance them in exchange for a share of the mine production should they be successful. These deals and his purchase of mines in the region made the Tabors very wealthy. Horace also became mayor of Leadville and built an opera house in 1879. They had a son named Maxcy Tabor.

Lohse said Elizabeth Bonduel McCourt married Harvey Doe in Oshkosh, Wis., in June 1877. They came west to Central City in 1877. While there, the locals began to call Elizabeth "Baby Doe." The name stuck. Baby Doe

met Horace Tabor at a chance meeting in a local restaurant. He became infatuated with her.

Elizabeth Doe eventually divorced Harvey in 1880 after she had a stillborn child. Harvey had not wanted a child, and his attitude precipitated their divorce. Horace Tabor eventually was divorced from Augusta. Eventually, "Baby Doe" became Elizabeth Tabor. They lived an extravagant life and became the talk of the town.

Lohse said Congress repealed the Sherman Silver Mining Act in 1893 and the bottom fell out of the silver industry, leaving the Tabors penniless. Colorado went into a deep depression for several years. The Sherman Act had propped up the price of silver.

The Tabors tried to go back into mining but Horace was too old and the work required was too much for him to handle. He eventually died on April 10, 1899, from appendicitis.

Baby Doe stayed in their Matchless Mine Cabin as a recluse. She died from unknown causes in 1935.

The next meeting of the Palmer Lake Historical Society



Above: Joyce B. Lohse is pictured before her presentation on the history of Baby Doe Tabor to the Palmer Lake Historical Society. She holds one of her books titled *Baby Doe Tabor: Matchless Silver Queen*. *Photo by Bernard Minetti.*