

Palmer Lake Historical Society, Sep. 18

# Sleuth tells history of maligned local businessman

By Tom VanWormer

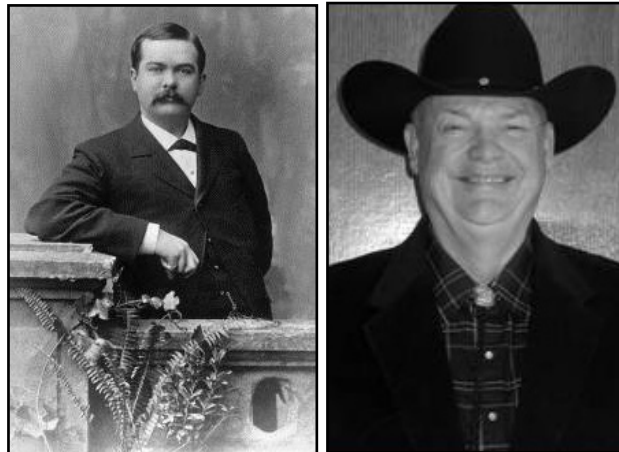
At the September meeting of the Palmer Lake Historical Society, attendees learned the accurate history of the museum director's great-grandfather. Harry McIntire was, at a very young age, not only the manager of the Colorado Springs Hotel but was a very key officer of the First National Bank of Colorado Springs. As a 20-year-old he was a master of both the hospitality and banking worlds.

This was the lead-in given by Dwight Haverkorn, one of Tri-Lakes' favorite storytellers and the Colorado Springs Police Department's historian, about H.A. McIntire, who was villainized in one of the early books about the key people in the development of Colorado Springs in the late 1860s.

Haverkorn accessed records of the early courts of El Paso and Hinsdale Counties along with federal records in both Colorado and Nebraska to determine the alleged crimes committed by McIntire regarding charges dealing with banking activities in both counties. Haverkorn found that a charge of failure to pay a \$3000-plus loan was the only "crime" committed, although the early book claimed McIntire was found guilty of embezzling over a quarter of a million dollars.

After McIntire's conviction in the 1860s, the governors of Colorado and Nebraska led a drive for petitions

to President Hayes to pardon him, which the president did. McIntire then moved his family to Denver, where he changed his name to Henry McIntyre, successfully engaged in the real estate business, and was considered a model businessman. He eventually built a summer home in Palmer Lake, which is the current home of our museum



Left: Harry. McIntire (AKA Henry McIntyre). Right: Dwight Haverkorn. Photos provided by Tom VanWormer.

director. Finally, the public has access to the actual story about the McIntyre family history because one of our favorite historians was able to gather the facts.

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Keeping in the vein of crime and punishment, former El Paso Sheriff John Wesley Anderson will present the story of El Paso County's first sheriff, John Rankin, at the Palmer Lake Historical Society meeting on 7 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Palmer Lake Town Hall. This will be an opportunity to take a look at the early days of El Paso County and the challenges faced by the sheriff. Refreshments will be served. □

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## Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

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 information number for that event.

### Wednesday Senior Lunch at Big Red

**Oct 8:** Ham, scalloped potatoes, salad.

**Oct 15:** Chicken Marsala on fettuccine, Caesar salad.

**Oct 22:** Brats, sauerkraut, coleslaw, chips.

**Oct 29:** Pasta w/meat sauce, Caesar salad.

Rolls and butter are served with each meal except sandwiches. Dessert is also provided.

Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. at 146 Jefferson St., Monument (the School District 38 Administration Building, "Big Red"). \$3 voluntary donation. Entertainment follows lunch. For more information, call Judy, 487-9067. An activity of Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership. Meals are provided by Pinecrest Catering, Palmer Lake; Nikki McDonald, executive chef, 481-3307.

### Seeking veterans for school history project

The Veteran's History Project is a national effort to preserve the oral history of local veterans. Lewis-Palmer Middle School is proud to contribute to this effort every year and is currently seeking volunteers to participate. The project begins Veterans Day, Nov. 11. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mary Diane Deysher at mdeyshe@lewispalmer.org or call 488-4776.

### Meals on Wheels comes to Palmer Lake; volunteers needed

Mountain Community Senior Services and Silver Key of Colorado Springs are starting a Meals on Wheels program in Palmer Lake. Meals will be delivered to Tri-Lakes Cares on Tuesdays and Fridays, then picked up by drivers and taken to clients. For more information or to volunteer, contact Sue Cliatt, 481-3175, es1070@aol.com.

### Handbell ringer opportunity

The Tri-Lakes Community Handbell Choir needs some new ringers, adults and senior high school students, to share in this great music opportunity. For more information, please contact Betty Jenik, 488-3853 or ljenik@comcast.net.

### Free transportation and safety services for seniors

Mountain Community Senior Services offers free transportation and safety services to Tri-Lakes seniors. If you need a ride to a medical appointment, grocery shopping, or the local senior lunches, a volunteer driver will be happy to help you. The number to call is 488-0076 to leave a message for the dispatcher. If you are in need of grab bars in the bathroom, a ramp to your door, or repair of stairs or railings, please call Cindy Rush, 488-0076, and leave a message.

### Free Thanksgiving dinner

Rosie's Diner is again teaming with Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership (HAP) to offer a free Thanksgiving Dinner to those in the community who may not have family to share this special day with, or who may not be able to prepare their own meal. Last year's event was a great success thanks to the generosity of many local businesses.

Plans and preparations for the 2014 event have started. Financial contributions are sought to offset the cost of publicity, materials, and food. Those donating \$100 or more by Oct. 15 will be recognized in publicity, by display of their name or logo. Donations should be made to Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership, a 501(C)(3) non-profit; receipts for the donation will be provided.

Please help make this year's Community Coming Together Thanksgiving Dinner another big success. If your business or group would like to contribute to this year's event, please contact Madeline VanDenHoek, Town of Monument Community Liaison, at 884-8013.

### Monument Hill Foundation announces annual grants

The Monument Hill Foundation, funding arm of Monument Hill Kiwanis, has just approved \$40,000 in grants to area charitable and youth programs for 2014 and 2015. Among the grant recipients are Lewis-Palmer School District 38 and Pikes Peak Community College, each of which received a substantial gift to support career starter scholarships.

More than \$11,000 goes to assist youth programs including leadership development. Grants to Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Children's Advocacy, CASA, the Griffith Center, and the Equestrian Program aim to help young people get on track toward a secure and productive life. The foundation also provides \$40,000 for Salvation Army through the annual bell ringing effort. Another \$20,000 goes to Tri-Lakes Cares from the Empty Bowls Supper, and \$5,000 funds a special dictionary project that provides each 3rd grader in the Tri-Lakes area with a new dictionary. Grants totaling more than \$100,000 are awarded annually.

The foundation and the Kiwanis Club are grateful for the support from the Tri-Lakes family. Such sup-

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