

Snapshots of Our Community

Museum exhibit and lecture focuses on mining communities



Left: On Feb. 13, the Western Museum of Mining and Industry (WMMI) opened a new exhibit with artifacts relating to mining communities at the turn of the 19th century and a related lecture. Dr. Fawn Amber Montoya, shown in the museum's changing exhibit area, spoke on the life of children in Colorado Fuel & Iron (CF&I) mining communities in southern Colorado during the late 1800s into 1930s. Montoya, an associate professor of history and director of Chicano Studies at Colorado State University-Pueblo, provided a history of mining in southern Colorado, beginning with Gen. William Jackson Palmer and the formation of CF&I. She provided information from her research that suggests the Ludlow Massacre was a turning point in how

children were treated within CF&I mining communities. Leading up to Ludlow, children were involved in "industrial training" starting as early as kindergarten. After Ludlow, along with an influx of young and progressive-minded teachers from the East Coast, the company sought to "Americanize and Christianize" the children of over 40 ethnicities. This was attempted through education and competitive activities. Information on upcoming events at the museum is at www.wmmi.org. *Photo by David Futey.*

Discovery Canyon High Fashion Show, Feb. 22



Above: On Feb. 22 at Discovery Canyon High School's Formal Wear Fashion Show, Scott Betzer and Lindsey Visscher sported bargain prom apparel. The fashion show generated money for the HOPE foundation by selling the dresses to audience members. A silent auction, bake sale, and sale of celebrities' autographs raised more money for the cause. See www.hopefoundation.org for more information about supporting educational leaders in creating school cultures where failure is not an option for any student. *Photo by Arjun Gheewala.*

Brummond wins VFW's Voice of Democracy award

Right: Voice of Democracy winner McKenzie Brummond was congratulated Feb. 18 for her winning commentary. From left are Jamie Brummond, Voice of Democracy Veterans of Foreign Wars Coordinator Tom Dowd, McKenzie (Jamie's daughter), post Judge Advocate Joseph Martin, and post Commander Joseph E. Carlson. McKenzie gave a commentary on the subject, "Why I Am Optimistic About Our Nation's Future." She presented her talk to the general membership of VFW Post 7829. *Photo by Bernard Minetti.*



February and March library events

Adult reading program draws hundreds

By Harriet Halbig

The 2014 adult reading program continues to be a great success, with over 525 patrons registered at Monument and over 100 registered at the Palmer Lake Library. The program ends on March 15, so be sure to claim your prizes before then.

Family programs for March

Family Fun at Monument on Saturday, March 8 at 1:30 is Parrot Talk with Connie Stanton and her talking parrots, Rachel the Cockatoo, Jackie the Amazon Parrot, and Goosey the Hyacinth Macaw. Learn about these beautiful birds and do some fun crafts.

The Legos Club will meet from 10 to 11:30 on Saturday, March 15. All ages are welcome to join in. Please do not bring your own Legos, as all pieces used will remain the property of the library.

Our Spanish-speaking librarian will resume her Spanish story time on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 5:15 p.m. Whether Spanish is new to you or is your native language, it is fun to listen to the stories as the librarian reads and points to the pictures in the book.

Teen programs

AfterMath free tutoring will be available on Mondays from 3:30 to 7 except for March 24 (due to spring break). All ages are encouraged to take advantage of this pro-

gram. No appointments necessary.

Friday, March 7 from 3:30 to 5:15, the month's Crafty Teens program is Learn to Knit! Come learn a new craft with your friends. Needles and yarn will be provided, but bring size 9 needles (or acrylic four-ply yarn) if you have them. Space is limited, so please register online or at 488-2370. Ages 12 and up, please.

Meet nationally-known local author Robert Liparulo on Wednesday, March 12 from 4 to 5:30. Liparulo has written several popular thrillers for young adults and adults, including the Dreamhouse Kings series and the Immortal Files series. Join him for an informal discussion of the writing life, pursuing your passion, or whatever writing topics interest you. Adults are welcome.

Spring break programs

Join puppeteer Bob Aiken on Monday, March 24 at 2 p.m. for a lighthearted piece of puppet theater that the family can enjoy. Four puppet styles and four performing techniques will be offered. This program has been performed across the country.

Laura Foye and her live bunnies will be at the library on Tuesday, March 25 at 10:30. Learn about rabbits and their care, meet a real bunny, and make your own rabbit creations at the craft table. Fun for everyone!

Kindie musician Steve Weeks offers an interactive family program with music, humor, and games on Wednesday, March 26 at 2 p.m. Come prepared to laugh, sing, and dance! For ages 5 and under with an adult.

Adult programs

On Saturday, March 1 from 2 to 3:30, nationally known underwater videographer Patrick Shahan will narrate his latest video of the flora and fauna in the waters surrounding the Maldives Islands. He will also bring along his diving gear and cameras.

Bring your iPad and learn basic functions including

startup, apps, email, and using your iPad as an e-reader on Saturday, March 8 from 11 until noon. The class will be taught by Les Molina from Victory Solutions.

There will be a program on home buying on Sunday, March 9 from 2 to 3:30. Featured will be a mortgage loan officer, an insurance representative, and a local real estate agent.

The Monumental Readers will meet on Friday, March 21 from 10 to noon to discuss *Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book club.

Learn the 10 keys to success and prosperity from Meredith Bromfield, who will help you unlock some areas in your life to help you define and achieve your goals. Register at the desk or call 488-2370 for this program on Saturday, March 29 from 10 to 11:30.

On the walls and in the display case during March will be the work of the Palmer Divide Quiltmakers. This display always brings color and joy to the library.

Palmer Lake Library programs

The Palmer Lake book group meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. New members are welcome. Please call 481-2587 for the current selection.

The Fibernistas meet each Thursday from 10 to noon. Bring a new project or one in progress to share your love of fiber arts. New members of all skill levels are welcome.

Palmer Lake's Family Fun for March is Under a Magic Moon with musician Beth Epley. Anything can happen when the stars align. Beth brings her unique brand of silly stories, comedy, and song on March 15 at 10:30.

Palmer Lake's spring break program is at 10:30 on Wednesday, March 26 when you can enjoy the Bunny and Birdie Magic Show with magician Connie Elstun. All ages are invited.

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