

Where Nobody Knows Your Name: Life in the Minor Leagues of Baseball

By John Feinstein (Random House \$16.95)

Minor league baseball is quintessentially American: small

towns, small stadiums, \$5 tickets, \$2 hot dogs, and the never-ending possibility of making it big. But overshadowing it all is always the real deal: Major League Baseball. John Feinstein takes the reader behind the curtain into

the guarded world of the minor leagues.

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April library events

Apply by May 1 to volunteer for reading program

By Harriet Halbig

Teens from ages 12 to 17 are encouraged to serve as volunteers during the Summer Reading Program, which begins on June 1. Volunteers register patrons and award prizes for the Summer Reading Program. Other duties may include preparing materials for craft programs. Skills required include the ability to communicate well with children, teens and adults, follow directions, and assist with crowds. Computer skills are required, as well as good spelling. There will be two training sessions in May. Please plan to work at least 10 hours of 2 to 2½-hour shifts during the eight-week-long program.

Stop in to pick up an application before the May 1 deadline.

At the end of the program in late July, volunteers may help at the party on the Village Green in Palmer Lake, followed by a pizza party for volunteers. Join us! It's great fun (and looks good on a college resume)!

Family programs

The Family Fun program at 2:30 on Saturday, April 11 features Inspector Magic. This magic show is filled with interactive storytelling, magic, puppetry, and ventriloquism. Children will help magician Inspector Magic search for the Hollywood movie star, King Kong, the world's largest gorilla. They will have great fun as they learn about the Dewey Decimal Classification System and that the library is the best place to find information.

The Legos Club will meet on Saturday, April 18 from

10 to 11:30. Bring your creativity and we will supply the Legos. All parts remain the property of the library.

The American Girl Book Club will meet from 4 to 5:30 on Wednesday, April 22. This group is open to girls in grades 4 through 8. Please read *Changes for Rebecca*. There will be a discussion and a craft. Registration is required.

The Homeschool program from 1 to 2:30 on Monday, April 27 will feature a guest from KCME radio presenting *Overture to Opera* with live music examples performed by a professional singer. Learn where opera came from and how it developed into the art form it is today.

Teen and Tween programs

AfterMath free math tutoring continues each Monday afternoon from 3:30 to 7, except for school or library holidays. Experienced tutors work with all ages on any level math. Bring your homework and drop in for some help. No appointment required.

Teens are invited to a Crafty Teens session from 3:30 to 4:30 on Wednesday, April 29 to make a keepsake for Mother's Day. Registration is required and space is limited.

Adult programs

The Monument Library has received a grant to offer a drawing class for adults 55 and over. Learn basic drawing techniques with pencils and markers in a comfortable setting while telling stories with your art. The class is free of charge and will be offered for eight weeks beginning April

10, every Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. All materials are provided. Participants should be prepared to attend all eight consecutive classes. Please call 488-2370 to register.

The Monumental Readers will meet from 10 to noon on Friday, April 17, to discuss *Calling Invisible Women* by Jeanne Ray. All patrons are welcome to attend this monthly book group.

In the display case during April will be folk dolls by Oksana Chekan. On the walls will be watercolors by Polly Wojnaroski.

Palmer Lake Library Events

The Palmer Lake Book Group meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. All patrons are welcome to attend. Please call 481-2587 for the latest selection.

April's Family Fun program at 10:30 on Saturday, April 18 offers the chance to meet the stars of the county fair! Heart of the Pines 4-H will bring animals and their babies for you to see and touch. Inside the library meet bunnies, hear a bunny story, and do a bunny craft. Outside on the Village Green, see and touch Sussex chickens, heritage turkeys, an African goose, Oberhasli goats, and French and Holland lop rabbits. This program is for all ages.

Story times are offered each Wednesday at 10:30 and Toddler Time is offered every Friday (except April 17) at 10:30.

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Library event

Firefighters explain fire behavior and mitigation techniques

By Harriet Halbig

Members of the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District spoke at the Monument Library about fire behavior and methods to safeguard homes on Saturday, March 28.

Firefighter Adam Wakefield explained that fuel, topography, and weather are the primary factors that control a fire. While homeowners cannot control wind, humidity and topography, there are many ways to influence fuel availability. Among these is removing tree limbs up to 6

feet from the ground and avoiding the use of flammable mulch or shrubs against a home. Raking pine needles and other dried materials near a home is also advised.

Paramedic John Bodinsky explained that all firefighters in the district are certified annually in wildfire management and that when a red flag warning is in effect, extra personnel are scheduled. There are several fire protection districts in northern El Paso County, including the Air Force Academy, and all can be called for additional help

when needed.

A valuable source for information on fire mitigation is the website firewise.com, which offers many guidelines and a list of less flammable vegetation for landscaping use.

Individuals wishing advice on their own lots may call the Fire Department and set up a free evaluation.

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Palmer Lake Historical Society

The last ride of Kid Curry

By Al Walter

Over 70 members of the local community met at the Palmer Lake Town Hall on March 19 to hear a presentation by noted author and speaker Ann Williams, on the last ride of Harvey Logan, aka Kid Curry, one of the worst of the infamous "Wild Bunch." Curry, an old-West gunman and outlaw, rode with Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid and was known to "eat lawmen for breakfast." He reputedly killed at least nine law enforcement officers in five different shootings, and another two men in other instances, and was involved in several shootouts with posses and civilians during his outlaw days. His outlaw days were ended by Williams' great-grandfather, Roll Gardner, who was a rancher from Parachute, Colo.

For part of her presentation, Williams assumed the persona of one of Curry's many female companions, a "soiled dove" who had accompanied him during his exploits in Tennessee. Through the first-hand account of this companion, the audience glimpsed the darker side of Curry's life, his various run-ins with local Tennessee lawmen, his escape from jail, and his return to the Southwest.

The remainder of Williams' presentation dealt with the role her great-grandfather played in the death of Kid Curry. On June 7, 1904, Kid Curry was tracked down by a posse outside of Parachute. Curry and two others

robbed a train outside Parachute and stole fresh horses owned by Roll Gardner and a neighbor during their escape. Hoping to retrieve their horses, they joined up with the posse. The gang shot Gardner's and his neighbor's horses from under them. Gardner found cover while



Left: Ann Williams is dressed for the part of one of Kid Curry's female companions during her presentation to the Palmer Lake Historical Society on March 19. Photo by Al Walter.



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