Palmer Lake Inaugural 0.5 K Fun Run to benefit Awake Palmer Lake, Oct. 10

Over 600 kids, adults, and dogs showed up for the Palmer Lake Inaugural 0.5 kilometer Fun Run donned in their new Palmer Lake fun run shirts, Broncos gear, lake-themed costumes, and a variety of other costumes. The day included costume contests, an obstacle course, a donut aid station, cheerleaders cheering at the finish line, and of course, beer, root beer, and doggy treats at the finish. All the proceeds for race entry went to Awake Palmer Lake.

WMMI Harvest Festival draws 1,300 visitors, Oct. 10-11

By David Futey

On Oct. 10 and 11, the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) hosted its annual Reynolds Ranch Harvest Festival. More than 1,300 visitors had many activities to participate in. Visitors went on a hay ride that circled the museum’s 27-acres, selected a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch held at the historic Reynolds house, saw the operation of the blacksmith shop, interacted with the museum burros Chism and Nugget, took a daylight tour of the Haunted Mines, visited with Civil War re-enactors, watched the operation of an apple cider press, heard spooky stories told in the museum’s mine drift, learned how to gold pan from members of the Gold Prospectors of Colorado, and saw the operation of an outdoor apple cider press and an apple juice press. The festival also featured a tractor pulling festival visitors on a hay ride at the WMMI’s Reynolds Ranch Harvest Festival.

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