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More Westridge Students Complete Judy Susman's 30-Book Challenge!

Judy Susman says congratulations to Porter Holden and Spencer Holden. Porter and Spencer both completed the required 30 books and received free gift cards for their effort. Judy believes that reading is vital, so she encourages kids to get involved in this program. To date, 158 rewards have been earned by Westridge students and Judy has donated \$3,600 to the school to benefit literacy and technology. If you need a reading card or more information, contact Judy directly by calling 303-570-5109 or emailing her at Judy@JudySusman.com.

Columbine Kiwanis News

Columbine Kiwanis is a group of extremely dedicated men and women who focus on volunteering within the Columbine Community. They have projects throughout the calendar year. In the month of November the Kiwanis are scheduled to be greeters and ticket sellers for the Arapahoe Philharmonic Orchestra, Nov. 16th, at Mission Hills Church, 620 SouthPark Drive, Littleton, CO 80120, concerts start at 7:30 p.m. The orchestra will be performing Haydn – March for the Royal Society of Musicians, Haydn – Symphony No.100 (Military) & Prokofiev – Symphony No. 5. Tickets can also be purchased in advance by calling (303) 781-1892 or www.arapahoe-phil.org. The Kiwanis will also be taking donations for the Annual Turkey Roundup. The turkeys will be delivered to the Denver Action Center. If you would like to donate, the Kiwanis will be collecting turkeys at their Wednesday morning meeting on Nov. 21st, at Roberts Italian Restaurant, 6745 Ken Caryl Ave. In return, they would like to give each person who donates a voucher for a FREE breakfast to attend one of their future meetings.

Columbine Kiwanis is group of volunteers dedicated primarily to children in our local community. We also have fun at our meetings which include an interesting speaker and social events. Come check us out. Weekly scheduled meetings Wed at 6:45am at Roberts Italian Restaurant, 6745 Ken Caryl Ave. Free breakfast for first time visitors. Membership Dues are \$33.00 per month including meeting breakfasts. Guest and Interclub Breakfasts are \$6.50 each, payable to the Treasurer.

For information call, Ken Sweet 303-973-8253 or visit our website at www.columbinekiwanis.org.

Prepare for Pie – Fitness Classes

Enjoy the following fitness classes at Foothills Park & Recreation District between November 19-21 to leave the stress and guilt behind this Thanksgiving! Fees per class: \$7.25 (District Rate: \$5.25) or use a multi-visit card. Classes FREE to annual passholders. All classes held at Peak Community & Wellness Center (6612 S. Ward St., Littleton 80127). www.ifoohills.org

- Nov. 19 & 21, (MON & WED) 10:00 - 10:50 a.m. – Stretch
- Nov. 20, (TUES) 6:30 - 7:20 p.m. – Boot Camp
- Nov. 21, (WED) 10:00 - 10:50 a.m. – Flirty Girl Fitness

Got Coats?

It's that time again! Judy Susman is ready to start her 17th annual COATS FOR COLORADO drive. Judy will do the legwork and make it easier for you to contribute by picking up your donations and delivering them to the Dependable Cleaners collection site. She will also bring you a donation receipt.

To date, more than 1,600 coats have been collected from Judy's coat drives. There continues to be a huge need for these coats, so Judy wants to make this drive an even bigger success than those of previous years.

If you have coats that you don't want or need, and you wish to participate and help those less fortunate than you, please call Judy Susman at 303.932.3322 by Wednesday, November 7th with your name, address and phone number to schedule a pickup on Saturday, November 10th between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Participants will be entered into a drawing for a free holiday turkey – one entry for each coat donated. The turkey drawing will take place on Sunday, November 11th.

Thank you for your community spirit!

Take off the Turkey

Foothills offers this special tradition fitness class that will help you blast away extra holiday calories in this high intensity class at the Ridge Recreation Center (6613 S. Ward St., Littleton 80127) on Friday, November 23 from 7:30-9 a.m. Fee: \$7.25 (District Rate: \$5.25) or use your Foothills Multi-visit Card. 303.409.2333; www.ifoohills.org.

\$3 Thanksgiving Thursday

Get in a good work out before your feast, or let out-of-town guests and kids run out some energy on Thursday, November 22 at Ridge Recreation Center from 5:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. for only \$3 per person. Public swim open from 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Swim, workout, run/walk the track and play basketball or racquetball. 303.409.2333; www.ifoohills.org/events.



Thanksgiving Eve Skate, Nov. 21

Spend your holiday with friends and family at Foothills Park & Recreation District's Edge Ice Arena (6623 S. Ward St.). Public skate fees apply. Free skate rental during public skating hours will be offered to anyone donating a non-perishable food item on Wednesday, November 21 from 12-2 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m. Donated food will be given to a local food bank. For information call 303.409.2222 or visit www.ifoohills.org/events.

Holiday Pottery Sale at Foothills: November 30 – December 1

Find beautiful, one-of-a-kind gifts at Foothills Park & Recreation District's Annual Holiday Pottery Sale at the Ridge Recreation Center (6613 S. Ward St., Littleton 80127). Handmade pottery produced by students and instructors of Foothills Pottery Program will be on display and available for purchase. Sale will run Friday, Nov. 30, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 1, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information visit www.ifoohills.org/events or call 303.409.2612.

Foothills Republican Club

Foothills Republican Club will meet 11/8/12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Homestead Grill, Lakewood with Mike Coffman as the featured speaker. The Club will recognize his service to the "old" 6th Congressional District as well as the service of our Veterans. Please RSVP to Anne Heine at 303-526-2515. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

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Westridge Financial Report

Beginning Balance 9/15/12	\$1,474.62
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	
Stamps	18.00
Stationery	235.15
Ending Balance 10/15/12	\$1,221.47

Westridge Homeowners Association

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<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Westridge/home>

If you would like to volunteer, be a member of
or form a committee, please contact a board member!

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www.neighborhoodlink.com/Westridge/home

(includes: calendar of events & homeowner covenants)

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The deadline for advertisements is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th.

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November is Great Skate Month

South Suburban Ice Arena, 6580 S Vine St, Centennial and Family Sports Center, 6901 S Peoria St, Centennial has special offers on Learn to Skate & Play Hockey classes. For more information, contact Gerry Lane at gerry@sspr.org or 303-798-7881, ext 33304.

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Over 30 vendors, breakfast, gourmet coffee,
food bake sale prizes.

Grocery Bills on Downward Trend For American Shoppers

You can spend a lot of money on groceries if you're so inclined, but some people get by spending as little as possible. The Gallup Organization recently reported that Americans spend an average of \$151 per week on food. Ten percent say they spend \$300 or more a week; 8 percent spend less than \$50.

Adjusted for inflation, though, the average (or mean) is actually down from years past. In 2012 dollars, the average American spent up to \$234 weekly in 1966 and 1967, a trend that drifted downward until a spike of \$214 a week during the mid-1980s. The last time Gallup asked the question in its surveys, in 1987, the figure was \$106 per week.

Teen Services

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Thanksgiving's Origins: No Pie, But Lots of Other Tasty Food

The first Thanksgiving didn't feature pies or cakes, because the Plymouth pilgrims had no ovens and a limited supply of sugar. But it may have included cranberries, which Native Americans used in a variety of foods (including pemmican, made from berries, dried venison, and melted fat) as well as for medicinal purposes.

So what was the "original" Thanksgiving really like? Although harvest feasts were common in what became known as the Commonwealth of Virginia throughout the 17th century, the Thanksgiving most Americans probably think of was held at the Plymouth Plantation in November 1621.

William Bradford, the governor of the plantation, organized a feast for colonists and their neighbors, the Wampanoag tribe, to celebrate a successful harvest. The harvest had thrived thanks in part to Squanto, a native of the Patuxet tribe who had learned English as a slave before returning to his native land. Squanto taught the pilgrims how to grow corn, catch eels and fish, and avoid poisonous plants in the surrounding forest, as well as helping them to forge a relationship with the Wampanoag and its chief, Massasoit.

This first Thanksgiving lasted three days, and probably did feature wild turkey as well as venison supplied by the Wampanoag – but no football.

School at Home: Growth of a Trend

Home schooling is legal in all 50 states. How many parents are choosing to teach their kids at home? The National Center for Education Statistics estimates that 1.5 million to 2 million children are home schooled in the U.S., approximately 3 percent of school-age children countrywide. The proportion has grown by about 77 percent since 1999.

The reasons behind the growing popularity of teaching children at home? Thirty-six percent of parents cite the desire for religious and moral instruction, 21 percent report concerns about the school environment, and 17 percent have concerns about the quality of academic instruction.

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