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

Judy Susman says congratulations to **Brady Patino, Tyler Shepard and Connor Shepard**. Brady, Tyler and Connor all 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, 143 rewards have been earned by Westridge students. If you need a reading card, they are available directly from Judy Susman by calling 303-932-3322 or emailing her at Judy@JudySusman.com.

Jefferson County Public Library Previews 2012 Hours of Operation

Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) announced that it will implement new service hours in 2012. These and other changes will enable the Library to bring 2012 expenses in line with revenues and balance the Library's budget.

Beginning in 2012, all JCPL libraries, including Arvada, Belmar, Columbine, Conifer, Edgewater, Evergreen, Golden, Lakewood, Standley Lake and Wheat Ridge, will provide service on Mondays. Outreach initiatives, including our Traveling Children's Library, Bookmobile, eTrain mobile computer training lab and Homebound Services, will operate on Mondays as well. Hours at all library locations will be changing as a result of budget reductions; however, the Online Library (jeffcolibrary.org) will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Library service will continue unchanged through the end of 2011. The following service schedule will begin at the Columbine Library on Monday, January 2, 2012:

Columbine Library,

7706 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton, 80123

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
12-8	12-8	9-5	9-5	10-5	10-5	12-5

Details about the new hours are available in JCPL locations and on the Library's website at jeffcolibrary.org.

This Isn't Your Father's 911

Cell tower: We all know that 911 is the number to call in the United States to get help in an emergency. A 911 call goes to the emergency dispatch center closest to the caller, and trained dispatchers send police, firefighters or paramedics to the caller's location.

The shift to mobile phones and VoIP* lines has significantly changed emergency call-taking. Today in Jefferson County, nearly 80 percent of incoming 911 calls come from mobile phones and VoIP lines, while the rest come from traditional land lines. Calls from land lines have always provided dispatchers with information about the location of the caller. Calls from mobile phones and VoIP phones provide much less.

Calling 911 Today: When you call 911 from a mobile or VoIP phone, the call-taker will usually only know your phone company and phone number. The call-taker may know the general area you're calling from, but the area could be several square miles. You'll have to provide specific information so that the call-taker can send help to the

Columbine Kiwanis

December was another busy month. We had a successful blood drive, rang bells for the Salvation Army at 3 King Soopers Stores for 10 days, meals on wheels, plus several other smaller projects. Thank you for those that helped at these events. I believe that we will collect close to \$20,000 for the Salvation Army; the final figures are not in at press time. We had a Christmas part for members and friends.

Columbine Kiwanis is a group of volunteers dedicated primarily to children in our local community. We also have fun at our meetings and at social events; we will have a fun Christmas party. Come check us out. Weekly scheduled meetings are on Wednesdays at 6:45 a.m. at Roberts Italian Restaurant, 6745 Ken Caryl Ave. Free breakfast for first time visitors. For more information, call Ken Sweet at 303-973-8253 or visit our website at www.columbinekiwanis.org.



"A vigorous five-mile walk will do more good for an unhappy but otherwise healthy adult than all the medicine and psychology in the world."

— Paul Dudley White

Columbine Montessori Preschool

Columbine Montessori Preschool will begin accepting reservations for the Fall 2012-2013 school year on the 1st of March, 2012. Please call the school at 303-979-7190 to schedule an observation appointment. Columbine Montessori offers an academic preschool program through kindergarten. Visit our website at columbinemontessori.com.

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Westridge Financial Report

Beginning Balance 11/15/11.....	\$1,526.95
Income	0.00
Expenses	
Office Supplies.....	27.94
Attorney Fee.....	30.00
Court Costs.....	31.00
Sheriff's Dept. - Serve Court Paper.....	49.50
Post Office - Certified Mail	7.03
Colorado Lasertype - 1/2 of 2012 newsletters.....	600.00
Ending Balance 12/15/11.....	\$781.48

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Please contact the editor at dwjames@comcast.net to submit an article for the newsletter. **The deadline for news is the 12th of each month for the next month's issue.** All articles must be approved by the board for publication, or as space permits.

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For advertising info, contact **Colorado Lasertype** at **303-979-7499** or e-mail: getinfo@ColoradoLasertype.com
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Isn't Your Father's 911, continued from front page right place. If you're in a building, try to provide the street address. If you're on a roadway, try to provide the cross streets, mile marker information or a well-known landmark. We can't help you if we can't find you!

e911: Why We're Calling You in an Emergency: In Jefferson County, the e911 system (sometimes called "reverse 911") allows us to call citizens to warn them of danger. With it, we can simultaneously call multiple phones within an area that we designate, to warn residents of flood, fire, tornadoes, chemical spills, or dangerous suspects. Within moments, calls reach the affected community to deliver warnings and critical safety instructions.

If you receive an e911 call, the voice on the line will let you know it's a message from the Sheriff's Office. Also, your caller ID should display our agency's name and a call-back number. The e911 system works with all phones that have a TDD line (for the hearing impaired). If you have a telephone zapper used to block out telemarketers, or if your phone is blocked to unknown callers, you will not receive e911 calls.

Opt In to e911: The e911 system calls numbers from two databases. One is the county's 911 database, with all listed and unlisted landlines. If you have a land line, it is automatically included in this database.

The second is a new database of mobile phone and VoIP numbers - established in 2009 - whose owners have opted in to receive the calls. If you don't have a traditional land line phone, or would like to receive a cell phone call in addition to the call on your land line phone, consider registering for this free service. To register, visit our website: www.jeffcosheriff.com.

— Sheriff Ted Mink

International Creativity Month

Creativity is vital to personal and business success in this age of accelerating change. January provides an opportunity to take a fresh approach to problem solving and to renew confidence in your creative capabilities. Created by motivational speaker and author Randal Munson.

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Take A Smart Approach To Social Networking For Kids

You can't escape social networking these days: Facebook, LinkedIn, Google Plus, and all their online cousins are everywhere. If you've got kids, chances are they're eager to join all their friends in cyberspace.

Worrying about their safety is natural, but hoping social networks will go away isn't very realistic. You're better off working with your children so they don't hide their online activities from you. Take these steps to help them enjoy social networking safely:

- Start with kid-friendly sites. Facebook is far from the only place for people to go. A quick Internet search will help you locate lots of sites just for children. You'll want to investigate them thoroughly, of course, but they can serve as a good introduction for your children to the world of online networking.
- Talk about privacy. Have a serious discussion with your kids about guarding their personal information online. They should understand that data like their full names, address, phone number, school, and birth date should be kept private for their own protection. Emphasize that once something is posted online (a message or a photo), they can't remove it entirely even if they delete the information from their profile.
- Choose a secure password. A password that your child can remember easily may be simple for a hacker to guess. Come up with a password that includes a mix of letters, numbers, and capitalization so it's less vulnerable to attack.
- Encourage children to talk to you. Tell your children to let you know if someone online does anything to make them feel uncomfortable. If necessary, report the person to your site's administrator. At the same time, talk about the need for your children to treat everyone with respect, online as well as in the real world.

Cure For The Common Cold?

Colds, sinus infections, and other upper respiratory tract infections are the leading reason for visits to the doctor in the United States. But according to a study reported by Yahoo News, eating yogurt could help you avoid a cold.

Yogurt contains probiotics – bacteria that can benefit the body's immune system. In addition to yogurt, probiotics are found in fermented and non-fermented dairy products and in soy products like miso and soy drinks. A review of data involving more than 3,000 participants found that patients who consumed foods with probiotics for more than one week came down with 12 percent fewer upper respiratory infections than those who were treated with a placebo, or who ate probiotic foods for less than a week.

Teen Services

To add your teen's name, please email **Colorado Lasertype** at getinfo@coloradolasertype.com and leave the following information: the **neighborhood you live in**, your age, phone number and the categories you would like included. Categories: (B) Baby-sitting; (*) Red Cross Cert for CPR; (L) Lawn care; (S) Snow removal; (P) Pet & House sitting. No recommendation or endorsement of any of the names on this list is implied or stated by the homeowners association board or Colorado Lasertype.

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This Year, Resolve To Do Something Different

It's January again. Have you made your New Year's resolutions yet? Maybe this is the year to forget the boring, routine promises you won't keep, like going to the gym every day and calling your parents once a week. Try resolving to be more creative in 2012 with these resolutions:

- **Keep a journal.** Spend a few minutes every day or so writing down your thoughts, feelings, dreams, and ambitions – not your daily schedule or your upcoming appointments. Let your mind wander; free-associate a little. You may be surprised at the ideas you generate.
- **Read more.** Vary your reading habits and explore different topics. If you usually read novels, try a biography. If you read only history, try a book on modern-day science. You'll exercise your mind, and maybe find new connections between ideas.
- **Learn something new.** Take a class in something un-

related to your job or your usual hobbies – art, auto mechanics, philosophy, etc. Mastering new skills can refresh your outlook on life.


- **Meet new people.** Make a positive effort to make new friends this year (or professional contacts). Look for gatherings of people whose interests match yours, and network. The more people you know, the better equipped you are to learn and grow.
- **Create something for the heck of it.** Paint a picture, write a poem, or start a garden – not because you'll get paid for it, but because you want to. You'll find satisfaction in achieving personal goals and motivation to keep trying new things.
- **Volunteer.** Find a cause you support, and offer your time and service. You'll meet new people and enjoy the feeling of helping out with an important cause.

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