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Pueblo West to turn 40

A celebration Saturday will look at the old and new, and if predictions came true.

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It's not a very old community, but Pueblo West is old enough to have a history - and on Saturday, a 40th anniversary celebration.

The event will give residents and others a chance to look back through old newspapers and other documents and add to a time capsule that will be locked away for another 10 years.

The event is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. at the Pueblo West Library, 298 Joe Martinez Blvd., and last through the day. Cake and other treats are planned, as is entertainment.

Jock Peters of the Pueblo West History Association said the time capsule was started in 1979 and was added to in 1989. Folks forgot in 1999, but not this year.

The capsule isn't buried or bricked away behind a cornerstone. The medium-sized wood chest is stored at the Pueblo West Metropolitan District administrative building and re-opened each 10 years for history, new predictions and a look at how the old predictions turned out. Peters said he has been asking for predictions to place in the time capsule for the next 10 years.

Aside from the capsule contents, the association will be showing its collection of Pueblo West history in the form of copies of the various newspapers that have served the community throughout the years.

The collection includes copies of The Pueblo West News from 1969 to 1985, The Pueblo West Bulletin and the Pueblo West Eagle.

Peters, a retired facilities director who worked at Texas A&M University and what is now called Colorado State University-Pueblo, said he and several other people started the history group in 2005.

Many residents of Pueblo West, new and not-so-new, don't know the history of their community, he said.

The metropolitan district was started in 1969 as a planned community for retirees, Peters said. From that, the present Pueblo West, with its rural feel and particular property-usage rules, has grown into the second largest community in the region.

Peters said he and the association would like to find a permanent home for the newspapers and other historical records. They need to be kept safe, he said, and be accessible to the public.

"That is, I need to get them out of the basement of my house," he said with a laugh. "Because they aren't accessible there at all."

If you have a prediction or other item for the time capsule, or need information, contact Peters at

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CHIEFTAIN PHOTOS/CHRIS McLEAN -- Jock Peters of the Pueblo West History Association goes through items that were placed in a time capsule over the past 40 years since the community was developed.



The first edition of the former Pueblo West News highlights the community's beginnings with a photo that included developer Robert McCulloch, in photo at right.