

## The Purrfect Crime at PRHS



**Left:** On March 16-18, Palmer Ridge High School presented its spring play, *The Purrfect Crime*. This was the world debut of the new play written by Todd Wallinger, who is an award-winning playwright in Phoenix. The *Purrfect Crime* is about a Texas rancher who leaves his entire fortune of \$36 million to the house cat, leaving the rest

of the family scrambling to take it for themselves. However, when the cat is kidnapped, they must work together to save her. This play was put on by the Bear Necessity Theatre Company, which is Palmer Ridge's extra-curricular theater program. Every year, this program produces a fall musical and a spring play as well as several improv shows and a one-act play. *Photo by Lauren Jones.*

## Panning at WMMI, Mar. 18

**Right:** Hayden and Natalie Swyers, Lina Limpede, and Ellie Papineau and her dad enjoy panning for colorful rocks and gold at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry's Family Science Exploration Day. The annual event, held this year on March 18, turns this Colorado Springs museum into an open house for families to explore local science-based clubs and organizations, such as the Discovery Center Space Foundation, Colorado Springs Utilities, Pikes Peak Soaring Club, Science Matters and Palmer Ridge Robotics Club. Each organization provided hands-on activities or demonstrations for all ages to teach scientific principles in fun ways. There was a 3D printer creating objects throughout the day, experiments with electricity, a radio-controlled model plane demonstration, and make-your-own harmonicas to teach kids about the properties of sound waves. For the price of regular admission, families saw not only the museum's exhibits, but also interacted with people working in science around our community. For more information about the nonprofit museum, go to [www.wmmi.org](http://www.wmmi.org). *Photo by Erin Poole.*



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## Randy Stonehill at TLCA, Mar. 24



**Left:** On March 24, Christian Music Hall of Fame 2010 inductee Randy Stonehill performed at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA). This is Stonehill's 47th year performing Christian music since leaving home at the age of 18 in San Jose, Calif., for the music hub of

Los Angeles. Stonehill said, "Jesus came crashing into my life on that first day; I felt changed and my view of life changed forever." Through his performances, he "desires to share God's hope and love with a hurting world" and express how "Jesus is relevant to our humanity and culture today." He started playing guitar at 10, writing "bad love songs" at 13, then began "writing what I knew," which was for "a global need for Christ." *Photo by David Futey.*

## Monument Teen Writers Group



**Left:** Monument Teen Writers Group is saving seats for you! Jillian Curry and Jayden Scarpella enjoy time at the Monument Library discussing creative writing recently. Any teen (grades 6-12) is invited to join this monthly group that meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30

p.m. Come for fun, games, snacks, lively discussion, and laughter (sometimes the librarians have to tell us to be a little quieter!). *Photo by Angie Curry.*

## Our Community Notices

*By Judy Barnes, Events Editor*

*Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the information number for that event.*

### Tri-Lakes Y Youth Spring Sports, register now

Practices began March 27 for outdoor soccer, volleyball, and flag football; practices will begin **April 8** for indoor soccer. Financial assistance is available. Register at [www.pymca.org](http://www.pymca.org) or at the Y, 17250 Jackson Creek Parkway, Monument. See ad on page 6.

### Free wildfire risk home assessments for Palmer Lake residents

The Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) is partnering with the Town of Palmer Lake and the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department to offer free home assessments to make site-specific recommendations to reduce wildfire risk. The partners are also holding a free chipping day **May 6**. To schedule a home assessment, phone 719-748-0033.

### Free income tax help

Through its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, Pikes Peak United Way, in

partnership with the Internal Revenue Service, provides free income tax preparation assistance to individuals and families with a household income of \$52,000 a year or less. To find out if you qualify or to schedule an appointment, call 2-1-1 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; or visit [www.ppunitedway.org/vitaeitc.html](http://www.ppunitedway.org/vitaeitc.html).

### MVEA board nominations, due April 24

Are you interested in being a candidate from District 7 (Monument, Woodmoor, and a portion of the surrounding areas)? If so, contact Erik Stensland, 963-2285; or the board nomination information line, 494-2528; or [candidate@mvea.org](mailto:candidate@mvea.org). If you are petitioning for nomination, the candidate questionnaire must be submitted to either MVEA office with your petition by **April 24**. For more information and the required candidate questionnaire, visit [www.mvea.coop](http://www.mvea.coop), click on "Community," then "Community Events," then "Annual Meeting." See ad on page 18.

### Cinderella's Fairy Godmother Project, donate through April

Lillian's of Monument is accepting donations of gently-used, ready-to-wear prom dresses, shoes, and accessories to give to teen girls for prom. Receive 20% off one regular-priced

item when you bring in your donation. You may drop off your donations through **April 30** at 251 Front St. Suite 4, Monument. For more information, phone 488-3550. See ad on page 19.

### Slash-Mulch season begins April 29

The El Paso County Black Forest Slash and Mulch program will accept slash (tree and brush debris only) **April 29-Sept. 10**. Mulch will be available **May 13-Sept. 23** or when mulch runs out. Hours of operation are: Saturdays, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5-7:30 p.m. The mulch loader schedule is Saturdays only, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. The cost for slash is \$2 per load. The mulch loader fee is \$5 per bucket, about 2 cubic yards. The slash and mulch site is located at the southeast corner of Shoup and Herring Roads in the Black Forest area. For more information, visit [bflash.org](http://bflash.org) or phone Carolyn, 495-3127; Chuck, 495-8675; Jeff, 495-8024; or the County Environmental Division, 520-7878.

### Monument Hill Foundation Call for Grants, apply by May 15

The Monument Hill Foundation is the granting arm of the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club. The foundation provides funds in support of

the club's mission to support youth and the



*In Loving Memory of  
Richard Peterson  
April 12, 2014 will always be a day of sadness. Your fun on the ATV ended abruptly that day. So thankful for the memories created with you as that is all we have left. You are loved forever and missed every second of each minute. The tears and heartache will never end.  
~ Your wife, family, and friends.*