

Arbor Day, Apr. 28



Left: On Arbor Day, April 28, local volunteers came out to help plant trees at the Third Street trailhead for the Santa Fe Trail in Monument. The town received a grant to plant heritage apple and plum trees from the Colorado Tree Coalition and a donation from the Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project. Monument Park Foreman James Schaubauer explained to everyone about planting trees from pots: preparation of the soil and roots (which must be cut if rootbound in the pot so the roots will grow out horizontally or the tree will die as the roots will continue to circle around the root ball) and gentle replacement of the soil amid the irrigation system. *Photo by Janet Sellers*

K-Kids make Compassion Kits



Left: St. Peter Catholic School's Kiwanis K-Kids is making Compassion Kits for the homeless. In K-Kids, we discuss what we can do for our church, school, and community. K-Kids hand out the kits to students so they can give them to people on the streets. The Kiwanis K-Kids would appreciate your help with this community service project. Contact Monument Hill Kiwanis at <https://monumenthillkiwanis.org/mhk>. *Caption by Kayla Newman and Sierra Van Pelt. Photo courtesy of Kiwanis K-Kids.*

Awake the Lake Fundraiser



Left: Jeff Hulsmann, owner of O'Malley's Pub, left, and Bob Mutu, Palmer Lake Town Council member and co-chair for parks, right, stand with young slugger Holden on the field April 28 for the Major League Junior Home Run Derby, where kids up to age 14 from all over Colorado joined in the competition. The Town of Palmer Lake and area restaurants came together to sponsor the event at Centennial Field in Palmer Lake. *Caption by Janet Sellers. Photo by Shannon Henry.*

Acoustic Eidolon at TLCA



Left: On April 13, Acoustic Eidolon, composed of Joe Scott and Hannah Alkire, performed for the 10th time at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA). Their distinctive and, as they describe it, "not what you would imagine" sound is derived from their instruments, a one of a kind guitjo (double-necked instrument with 14 strings in total) and custom-built cello. The guitjo allows Scott to play melodies with an almost harp-like sound on the lower "banjo" neck and pick bass notes on the upper guitar neck. Information on upcoming events at the TLCA is at www.trilakesarts.org. *Photo by David Futey.*

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.

Notices

Slash-Mulch season begins May 5

The El Paso County Black Forest Slash and Mulch program will accept slash (tree and brush debris only) **May 5-Sept. 9**. Mulch will be available **May 19-Sept. 8** 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 www.bfslash.org or phone Carolyn, 495-3127; Chuck, 495-8675; Jeff, 495-8024; or the County Environmental Division, 520-7878.

Stage I Fire Restrictions for El Paso County

Continued dry conditions and the National Weather Service forecast for continued dry and warmer-than-normal conditions have resulted in very high to extreme fire danger ratings. Stage I Fire Restrictions are now in effect for all the unincorporated areas of El Paso County, effective immediately. The following are prohibited:

1. Open burning, excepting fires and campfires within permanently constructed fire grates in developed campgrounds and picnic grounds; charcoal grills and wood burning stoves at private residences in areas cleared of all flammable materials.
2. The sale or use of fireworks.
3. Outdoor smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Violations of Stage I Restrictions may result in a fine of up to \$600. For more information, visit www.epcsheriffsoffice.com. The mayor of Palmer Lake has imposed Stage II fire restrictions, which appear to be the same, except that violations of Stage II fire restrictions may result in a fine up to \$1,000.

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 community, with a focus on the Tri-Lakes community. Grants are awarded to charities as defined by the IRS, to various qualifying youth activities, and to schools for various educational activities and scholarships. Applications will be accepted until **May 15**. The grant application is available at

www.monumenthillkiwanis.org/forms/mhf_grants.

Volunteer needed for Citizen Outreach Group, apply by May 15

The El Paso Board of County Commissioners is seeking a community-minded citizen volunteer to serve as an at-large member on the Citizen Outreach Group. Applications are due by **May 15**. The volunteer application is located at www.elpasoco.com. Click on the "Volunteer Boards" link. For more information, call 520-6436 or visit www.elpasoco.com.

Art gallery show seeks entries by May 19

Palmer Lake Art Group seeks new submissions for its upcoming Color Splash show at the non-profit Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts in Palmer Lake. All artwork must be produced by exhibiting artists and not have been showcased at this gallery in the last two years. Entries must be submitted by **May 19**. For more information, email jrsawatzki@icloud.com or visit the website, www.palmerlakeartgroup.com.

Tri-Lakes Y Summer Sports Camps

For children ages 5 and up, weekly camps for various sports **May 21-July 23**. Financial assistance is available. For more information, call 481-8728 or stop by the YMCA, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy., Monument. See ad on page 6.

Tri-Lakes AWANA Club, register now

AWANA is a program dedicated to helping kids ages 4-18 learn scripture in a fun and exciting way. Each week is filled with engaging activities like games, verses, and story time. To register for next fall, go to fuelchurch.org and click on the AWANA logo. See ad on page 17.

Mountain View Electric Association board nominations now open

The board election will take place during the annual meeting **June 7**. If you are interested in being a candidate, find application details at www.mvea.coop. For more information, phone 719-494-2528 or email candidate@mvea.org. See ad on page 14.

Host families needed

Become a host family for only one month this summer. Host a student from Europe in June/July. Family will receive a stipend to support activities. For more information, phone 481-4412 or visit www.xploreUSA.org. See ad on page 4.

County seeks nominations for Veteran of the Year, nominations due Aug. 15

El Paso County is currently seeking nominations for the 2nd Annual Veteran of the Year Award. Nominees should have demonstrated exemplary military service, community service, and support for veterans in the community. Full nomination guidelines and forms can be found at www.elpasoco.com/county-seeks-nominations-veteran-year.

Tri-Lakes Meals on Wheels needs drivers

Meals on Wheels in the Tri-Lakes area needs regular and

substitute drivers to deliver meals Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week. Volunteers will have to complete an application with Silver Key and then undergo a background check. For more information, phone Sue Cliatt, 481-3175.

Meals on Wheels by Silver Key

If you're a homebound senior age 60 or older, you may qualify to receive meals delivered to your home through Silver Key. To register or volunteer, call 884-2370. See ad on page 5.

Free Services for Black Forest Seniors

Did you know that Silver Key will provide transportation to and from medical appointments for Black Forest area residents? Call 719-884-2380 for appointments. Did you know that Silver Key will provide Meals on Wheels to Black Forest area residents over age 60? Call 884-2370. Did you know that Silver Key will provide case management guidance and other services to residents in the Black Forest area? For more information about Silver Key and their services, visit www.silverkey.org or call 719-884-2350.

St. Peter Catholic School now enrolling for the 2017-18 school year

The school offers full and half-day preschool, Core Knowledge Curriculum with small class sizes, Christ-centered education, athletics, and more for preschool-eighth grade. Call or visit: 124 First St., Monument; 481-1855; www.petertherock.org. See ad on page 2.

Yoga classes at Woodmoor Barn

Raleigh Dove is now teaching three weekly yoga classes at the Woodmoor Barn. Classes are open to everyone, and each class is a different level. For more information, visit www.yogapathwaysstudio.com. See ad on page 4.

Air Force Academy construction project at South Gate Bridge, through June 2019

The New Santa Fe Regional Trail will remain open through the construction site; all trail users must use the metal conex box tunnel. All bicycle and horseback riders must dismount before entering the tunnel. Periodic trail closures at the South Gate Bridge will be scheduled and posted in advance. When a scheduled trail closure is in place, the trail will be blocked and closed only at the South Gate Bridge. Trail users are encouraged to check the Northgate Trailhead and Ice Lake Trailhead for information regarding construction and closure information and updates. For questions regarding the project and trail closures, contact Construction Superintendent Fred Langan, 719-213-1332 or Fred.langan@Tepa.com; or El Paso County Project Manager Jason Meyer, 520-6985 or jasonmeyer@elpasoco.com.

Free services for seniors

Mountain Community Senior Services offers free transportation and handyman services to Tri-Lakes seniors. If you need a ride to a medical appointment, grocery shopping, or the local senior lunches, a volunteer driver will be happy