

Black Forest Festival, Aug. 15

Controversial intersection reworked



Above: Black Forest firefighters walk in the Black Forest Festival Parade on Aug. 15, aunting their uniforms and gear to promote the education and practice of safe fire techniques. On Black Forest Road, people gathered from all parts of El Paso County to appreciate and extol their firefighters and the arduous tasks they combat daily, which included the unforgettable Black Forest Fire in 2013. *Photo by Alexis Olmstead.*



Above: El Paso County Engineer André Brackin said the county is shouldering most of the cost of construction involving the realignment of Lake Woodmoor Drive adjacent to the private subdivision entrance for Brookmoor Estates at Moveen Heights. He wrote, “The purpose of the project is to correct a sight distance issue that has long affected the intersection and will allow for safer access to and from the subdivision. After the conclusion of legal action, the developer and the homeowners association settled and both made payment toward correcting this safety deficiency. The county road and bridge (Public Services) is funding over 75 percent of the \$200,000 construction cost.” *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

DePuy Synthes fishing fundraiser, Aug. 15

On Aug. 15 at Monument Lake, DePuy Synthes teamed up with Pikes Peak United Way for its first annual fishing tournament fundraiser. Tournament Director Jeff Reising said, “With help from several sponsors, it was a great turnout.” Participants competed in a catch-photo-release event open to hand-launched boats (non-motorized canoes, kay-

aks, pontoons, etc.) for “biggest fish,” “smallest fish,” and “most fish” awards. Contact Reising.jeff@synthes.com for more information or to participate in the next event. Photos by Dave Kooser.



Above: From left are Tournament Director Jeff Reising and first-place finisher Arjun Roth who caught 26 fish



Above: The DePuy Synthes Event Team generated momentum for the new event.

Black Forest Together seeks volunteers to help with clean-up



Left: Austin Jones, left, a student at Lewis-Palmer Middle School, teamed up with other Black Forest Together volunteers to drag branches at a burned home site in Black Forest on Aug. 18. He helped a family make a dent in the chaos around their property, learned many new skills, gained an appreciation for how many more burned trees need to be cleared, and earned volunteer hours for National Junior Honor Society. Black Forest Together is still seeking volunteers for work projects: work team crew members, chipper operators, and resource center helpers in the office. The 501(c)3 has work days scheduled on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays through October (or even longer if the weather holds). Contact volunteer coordinator Donna at darkkorch@msn.com or 719-495-2892 or see www.blackforesttogether.org to get involved. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*