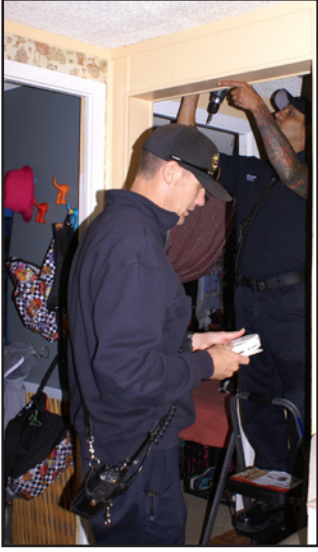


Volunteers install smoke alarms



Left: On Sept. 23, volunteers gathered to participate in the Red Cross Sound the Alarm campaign. This campaign seeks to help save lives and increase the odds of survival in home fires by installing free smoke alarms in the homes of at-risk communities as well as replacing batteries in existing alarms, and providing fire prevention education. Teams of volunteers worked in the mobile home parks of Monument and Palmer Lake with one person to install the smoke alarms, one person to educate the residents about fire safety, and one person to document the information. After only three hours, volunteers were able to install 30 smoke alarms to help improve the lives of the residents. For more information about the Sound the Alarm Campaign, visit <https://www.redcross.org/sound-the-alarm> or contact Heidi Juell at heidi.juell@redcross.org. *Photo by Lauren Jones*

Shredding and recycling

Right: Legacy SerToMa's Sept. 9 shredding and electronic recycling event saw more than 2½ tons of paper pulverized and more than six tons of outdated electronic equipment diverted from landfills. The club sincerely thanks the Tri-Lakes communities for their great support. *Photo courtesy of Legacy SerToMa.*



Keeping our creeks clean



Left: On Sept. 30, hundreds of volunteers throughout the Colorado Springs area participated in the fourth annual Creek Week Community Cleanup event. This organization's mission is to bring communities together to achieve and sustain a healthy Fountain Creek watershed. Volunteers in Monument helped foster this healthy environment by picking up trash around Limbaugh Park, Dirty Woman Park, the Santa Fe Trail, and other areas of Monument. For more information about Creek Week, visit <http://fountaincreekweek.com>. *Photo by Lauren Jones.*

Harvesting Hope Fundraiser

Right: Tri-Lakes Women's Club held its second annual Harvesting Hope fall fundraiser at the Spruce Mountain Ranch event center on Sept. 21. The event featured food



from a variety of local restaurants including La Rosa Southwest Dining, Cowboy Star Restaurant, California Pizza Kitchen, Momma Pearl's Cajun Kitchen, the Sugarplum Cake Shoppe, and more. It also included assorted beverage vendors offering tastings of wine, craft beers, and spirits as well as coffee and tea from Wesley Owens Coffee & Café. Other highlights included a silent auction featuring hundreds of gift baskets, a raffle, door prizes, music and dancing, complimentary hand-painted wine glasses and charms, and much more. The event is expected to earn more than \$25,000 in profits. All proceeds benefit qualified nonprofit service organizations and public schools in the Tri-Lakes area. For more information, go to <http://www.tlwc.net>. *Photo by Jackie Burhans*

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.

Ringers needed for handbell choir

High school and adult ringers are needed for a local community choir or a church choir. For more information, contact Betty Jenik, 488-3853.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

LEWIS-PALMER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION RE: MONUMENT ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION

Pursuant to C.R.S. 22-30.5.107, the Lewis-Palmer School District Board of Education will hold two public hearings to obtain community input regarding the Monument Academy Charter School application for high school expansion. The Charter School has submitted the required application materials and desires to expand enrollment to grades 9-12, beginning with ninth grade enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year.

These public hearings will be held on the following dates at the locations noted:

Thursday, October 12, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the District 38 Administration Building. A public hearing will be held prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Lewis-Palmer School District Board of Education. Monument Academy Charter School officials will present the Monument Academy High School expansion application to the public and the Board of Education, followed by an opportunity for public comments and interaction with the Board members.

Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the District 38 Administration Building. A public hearing will be held prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Lewis-Palmer School District Board of Education. Monument Academy Charter School officials will present the Monument Academy High School expansion application to the public and the Board of Education, followed by an opportunity for public comments and interaction with the Board members.

The Board of Education will then rule by resolution on the Monument Academy Charter School high school expansion application at this same public hearing.

The District 38 Administration Building is located at 146 Jefferson Street in Monument.

Dated: September 18, 2017.

/s/ Mark Pfoff, Secretary, Board of Education, Lewis-Palmer Consolidated Schools, El Paso County School District No. 38, Monument, Colorado 80132

Volunteers needed for Pioneer Village Public Improvement District Advisory Committee

The El Paso County Board of Commissioners is seeking a community-minded citizen volunteer to serve on its Pioneer Village Public Improvement District Advisory Committee. Applications are due by **Oct. 23**. 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.

YMCA 5K Race Series and Kids Fun Runs, register early to save

The three-race series includes the Creepy Crawl **Oct. 28** on the Santa Fe Trail in Palmer Lake, Turkey Trot **Nov. 23** at the Briargate YMCA, and the Jingle Bell **Dec. 9** at Fountain Creek Regional Park. Sign up online at www.ppymca.org/programs/adult/running-races/ymca-5k-race-series.

LEAP—Help for heating bills begins Nov. 1

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) is a federally funded program that provides cash assistance to help families and individuals pay a portion of winter home heating costs. The eligibility period for LEAP runs **Nov. 1-April 30**. Application packets will automatically be mailed to residents who received LEAP assistance last year at the address where they were living at that time. To find out if you qualify for LEAP, call 1-866 HEAT-HELP (866-432-8435) or visit www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap.

MVEA essay contest, enter by Nov. 20

High school juniors, enter to win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, or win a stay at the Colorado Electric Education Institute's Youth Leadership Camp in Clark, Colo. Last year's 1st Place winner was Gavin Hornung from Palmer Ridge High School! To enter, write a 500-word essay on the following topic: "What is the difference between energy conservation and energy efficiency? Do you feel that members should use one method over the other if they want to use less energy?" Essays must be received by **Nov. 20**. For entry qualifications and to complete an online entry form, visit www.mvea.coop/youth-programs.

MVEA Scholarships, enter by Jan. 16

Each year, MVEA awards \$1,000 scholarships to 14 graduating high school seniors. Applications are due by **Jan. 16, 2018**. See ad on page 18. For entry qualifications and to complete an online entry form, visit www.mvea.coop/youth-programs.

Monument text alerts

Text "Monument" to 41411 to receive updates and news of meetings, weather alerts, openings and closings, as well

as important town information to your phone or personal mobile device.

Forest Lakes/Pinon Pines residents needed for Citizens Advisory Council

Forest Lakes Metropolitan District (FLMD) seeks five Pinon Pines residents to serve on a Citizens Advisory Council. The council will serve as a forum for Pinon Pines residents to learn about district issues and to advise FLMD on resident issues. If you are interested in serving on this advisory council to FLMD, please contact your HOA administrator, Steve Emery of Hammersmith Management, at 389-0700.

Residence Vacation Check

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office will conduct vacation checks of homes in El Paso County for residents who are on vacation. This is a great way to add security to your home when you're away for multiple days. Either a deputy or trained volunteer will visit your home while you're away and check it periodically. To add your home to their schedule, visit www.epcsheriffsoffice.com. Info: 520-7151.

Volunteer weather observers needed

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) is seeking volunteer weather observers in this area. The nationwide network is made up of volunteers who help measure and record precipitation in their areas. Volunteers are expected to purchase a rain gauge which costs about \$30. Learn more and sign up on the network's web page at www.cocorahs.org.

Monthly arts and crafts group forming

The Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance Senior Center is looking for anyone interested in various types of arts and crafts such as needlework, knitting, beading, coloring, or quilting. If you're interested in any of these activities or have a suggestion of your own, contact Sue, 464-6873.

Silver Alliance Thrift Store needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed for various tasks. The store is located at 755 Highway 105, Suite N, in the West End Center and is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. See ad on page 32. To volunteer, call 488-3495.

Senior Beat newsletter—subscribe for free

Each monthly *Senior Beat* newsletter is full of information for local seniors, including the daily menu of the senior lunches offered Mon.-Fri. at the Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Highway 105, Palmer Lake. It also contains the schedule of the classes and events for the month at the Senior Citizens Center and senior-friendly library programs. To subscribe, send an email with your name and mailing address to SeniorBeat@TriLakesSeniors.org. *Senior Beat* can also be viewed online at www.TriLakesSeniors.org. ■