

Snapshots of Our Community

RMMA Concert, Sept. 30



Above: The Prometheus Piano Trio performed a Mozart program at the first Rocky Mountain Music Alliance (RMMA) concert of the season on Sept. 30. Pastry chef Guy Mendel prepared special treats for everyone who attended. For information about future concerts, call Coleen Abeyta at 630-8165 or see www.rmmaonline.org. *Photo by Barbara Taylor.*

Empty Bowls fundraiser, Oct. 4



Above: Monument Kiwanis Empty Bowls Co-chairs Bill Kaelin and Dave Wittman flank Sharon Williams at a display for Empty Bowls co-founder Anne Shimek. Shimek, who passed away this year, co-founded the Empty Bowls over 20 years ago as a fundraiser for Tri-Lakes Cares. **Below:** As part of admission to the Empty Bowls, attendees could select a wood-turned or pottered bowl. *Photos by David Futey.*

By David Futey

On Oct. 4, over 650 members of the Tri-Lakes community supported the Empty Bowls fundraiser for Tri-Lakes Cares. Joe Dague, Tri-Lakes Cares board chair, said the event is “our major fundraiser that enables us to offer emergency support and reach out to the community to provide support to those in need.” He added that “although the economy has recovered there are still many in need.”

Wood turner Lou Greene said he and others, such as Dusty Severn who organized potters, donate their works because they “believe in Tri-Lakes Cares and its efforts in the community.” Those efforts go toward emergency, self-sufficiency, and relief programs.

With Monument Hill Kiwanis organizing it, over 40 organizations donated food and drinks along with a variety of items for the Silent Auction.

On a somber note, the event honored Anne Shimek, who passed away earlier this summer. Shimek co-founded Empty Bowls over 20 years ago and supported it through her pottery and event organization. *David Futey can be contacted at davidfutey@ocn.me*



Blessing of the Pets, Oct. 4



Above: Oct. 4 is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology. He is remembered throughout the world with celebrations of blessing animals that are brought to the parish church. Here Fr. Gregory blesses a group of Dalmatians (owned by Theresa Person) that were among the many dogs, cats, and even some reptiles brought to St. Peter Catholic Church. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield. Caption by John Howe.*

Palmer Lake Art Group (PLAG) Art and Craft Sale

Right: Palmer Lake Art Group held its annual Art and Craft Sale the first weekend in October at Palmer Lake Town Hall. Here, “Marjorie” shows her crafts of cuddly “Woolies” she has been making out of repurposed sweaters for the event. The group’s annual sale supports scholarships for local high school art students. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*



D38 Hall of Fame inductees



Above: Lewis-Palmer School District recognized four Hall of Fame award recipients during its fifth annual ceremony on Oct. 7. From left are Ida Liebert, Linda Wilson, Tommie Plank, Shauna Lambros, and Kevin Cassidy. Cassidy and Lambros, son and daughter of Michael Cassidy, accepted the Special Legacy Award for their father. The siblings expressed their gratitude and proudly recounted memories of Michael Cassidy’s personal and professional contributions to family and community. Lauded for her innovation, Hall of Fame inductee Liebert, who served as principal for Kilmer and Prairie Winds Elementary Schools, shared fun stories about the students she served. Former district board Director Tommie Plank, recognized for her “focus, knowledge of current educational issues, problem-solving ability and communication skills,” thanked the community for its support that allowed students to thrive as enrollment climbed. Wilson, a retired Palmer Lake Elementary School teacher, engaged and inspired others to such a degree that she was voted “Most Memorable Teacher” by Palmer Ridge High School graduates—twice. *Caption and photo by Jennifer Kaylor.*