

Kevin Swenson remembered



Above: The flag is presented to Claudia Swenson, widow of Kevin Swenson, as Kevin's mother and sister look on at a memorial service on Oct. 21. Kevin, the first police officer for the Town of Monument, was also the first lifeguard for Monument Lake. He succumbed to cancer on Sept. 22 after a four-year battle. *Caption by John Howe. Photos by Sky Hall.*



Trunk or Treat at St. Peter, Oct. 27



Left: A safe Trunk or Treat event was held at St. Peter Catholic Church on Oct. 27, on a chilly evening filled with happy costumed revelers ready for candies and other treats. Participants decorated their vehicles as Halloween booths while children of all ages enjoyed the goings on. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

Benet Hill Concert



Above: The sisters of Benet Hill Monastery hosted violinist Jerilyn Jorgensen and pianist Cullan Bryant in the first in a series of four chamber concerts. As part of Arts at Benet Hill Monastery, Jorgensen and Cullan initiated the series by performing pieces from Mozart, Szymanowski, Webern, and Grieg. The musicians possess impressive credentials and extensive experience working with one another. Enhanced by natural light and acoustics of the chapel, guests enjoyed an atmosphere of extraordinary music in a beautiful and peaceful setting. The next concert in the series features Parish House Baroque on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. For more information about Arts at Benet Hill Monastery, go to www.benethillmonastery.org. *Caption and photo by Jennifer Kaylor.*

David Payne portrays C.S. Lewis



On Oct. 28, author C.S. Lewis was brought to life on the Tri-Lakes Center of Arts stage through the captivating portrayal by British actor David Payne. Payne wrote and has performed this one-man show over 700 times since 2001. The setup for the portrayal is the year 1963, the year Lewis died, with Lewis hosting a group of American writers in his living room. Through Payne's portrayal, we learned of Lewis's struggle with the acceptance of God from

"youthful atheism" until he concluded there was "some type of God." His strong Christian faith greatly influenced his writings, as in the Narnia books. During his 30 years of tutoring at Oxford, Lewis developed a friendship with J.R.R. Tolkien. This relationship was such that they would read each other's manuscripts to offer feedback. We also learned about his late-in-life marriage to American Joy Davidman and the impact of her untimely death. *Photo by David Futey.*

Creepy Crawl 5K at the YMCA



Above: The Creepy Crawl 5k race fundraiser at Palmer Lake, sponsored by the local YMCA and others, was held on Oct. 28 with a costumed race for big kids, a slower "race" for walkers, and a special race for kids on foot and in strollers. Costume prizes for funniest, scariest, etc. were handed out along with pirate-themed treats. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*