

Art Hop, Sep. 20



Above: Artist John De Francesco demonstrates his painting technique at Bella Art and Frame Gallery on Sept. 20 during the last Art Hop of 2018. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

TLMFPD Open House, Sep. 20

Right: The Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District held an open house at Station 1 on Sept. 29. Many children took part in demonstrations in the Mobile 911 Classroom, learned how to “stop the bleed” with paramedic Lori Morgan from UC Health, and explored the ladder truck and an ambulance. From left are paramedic Carrie Alarid, Sparky the Dog, paramedic Stephanie Soll, and Battalion Chief Kris Mola. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*



Iron Pour, Sep. 29



Above: Kicking off National Arts Month, the Iron Pour event at Bliss Studio and Gallery drew local citizens and national and regional supporters alike to celebrate the pour of molten iron into the sculpture molds they created at this community-wide project, having carved every Saturday for months to get lots of tile molds ready for this pour. Many of the finished iron tiles may become a community artwork. *Photo by Janet Sellers*

WMMI Ranch House Renovation



Left: Workers with Brian Pierce Roofing install metal roofing on the Western Museum of Mining & Industry's (WMMI) Reynolds Ranch House. The roofing installation is part of Phase 2 of three phases to renovate the house. Phase 1 involved shoring up the foundation while Phase 2 involved exterior work including roofing, siding, windows, and painting. Richard Sauers, museum curator, said Phase 3, which will begin in 2019 if funding is secured, involves mechanical and electrical upgrades, changing the floor plan to its original 1890s layout and refinishing the hardwood. Sauers said the cost of Phase 3 “will be more than the cost of Phase 1 and 2 combined.” The renovation has been partially funded through the State Historical Fund, and the museum must make up any cost difference. Sauers said the museum is “looking for community support and donations” to assist with Phase 3 and have the house usable in 2020 for museum and community functions. *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.

Needy local families will benefit from Empty Bowls Dinner, Oct. 10

The Monument Hill Kiwanis Club will sponsor the annual Empty Bowls Dinner and Silent Auction to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares Oct. 10, 5-7:30 p.m., at Lewis-Palmer High School. The Tri-Lakes area was the first community in Colorado to hold this event. In 1992, Linda Pankratz noticed a magazine article about high school art students in Michigan who sponsored an “Empty Bowl” dinner to raise funds to feed the needy. Linda called Anne Shimek, and together with Liz Elliot, Nita Gingerich, and Sharon Williams they organized the first Tri-Lakes Empty Bowl dinner at the Mennonite Church in Palmer Lake. Local artists produced 350 bowls as gifts to the participants. That evening, 250 people raised \$3,000 for Tri-Lakes Cares. After that, members of the community took over the project and made it grow over the years. Four years later, Monument Hill Sertoma (now Monument Hill Kiwanis) stepped up to manage the event along with their D-38 high-school-age Sertean Club. For more than 14 years, Monument Hill Kiwanis has organized and sponsored the Empty Bowls Dinner, raising over \$23,000 for Tri-Lakes Cares in 2017.

Empty Bowls has grown into a nationwide event, usually held during World Hunger Week, the second week in October. Over the years, the number of bowls donated here has increased to 1,000 per year and attendance has grown to over 800. Patrons enjoy a meal of soup in a hand-made bowl, bread, beverage and dessert provided by donations from local restaurants, merchants, clubs, and churches. There is musical entertainment and a silent auction of merchandise donated by local merchants. Tickets for the dinner are \$20 (\$25 at the door), with one child under the age of 12 admitted free with a paid adult. All proceeds go to Tri-Lakes Cares. You can buy tickets at local Tri-Lakes merchants or

online at www.monumenthillkiwanis.org. See ad on page 6

Is your child struggling with reading?

Children's Literacy Center offers free one-to-one tutoring for children reading below grade level. Tutors are volunteers from the community, 14 years of age and older. Tutoring is held every Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the Monument Library. For more information, go to www.childrensliteracycenter.org, call 719-471-8672, or contact Liz Eden at Liz@childrensliteracycenter.org.

Handbell ringers needed

The Tri-Lakes Community Handbell Choir seeks experienced ringers, high school or adults. For more information, contact Betty Jenik, 488-3853.

Monument Academy enrolling for 2018-19 school year

Monument Academy is a free public school of choice and features academic excellence, award-winning programs, and more. For more information or to schedule a tour, call 481-1950 or visit www.monumentacademy.net. See ad on page 11.

St. Peter Catholic School enrolling for the 2018-19 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.

Town of Monument board openings

Want to be involved in your community? Apply for a position on the Board of Adjustment or Planning Commission. The town is now accepting applications for volunteers to serve in these important roles. Find the application online at www.townofmonument.org. Info: 481-2954.

YMCA 5K Race Series and Kids Fun Runs, register early to save
The three-race series includes the Creepy Crawl Oct. 27 on the Santa Fe Trail in Palmer

Lake, Turkey Trot Nov. 22 at the Briargate YMCA, and the Jingle Bell Dec. 8 at Fountain Creek Regional Park. Sign up online at www.pymca.org/raceseries.

MVEA essay contest, enter by Nov. 15

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. Essays must be received by Nov. 15. Apply online at www.mvea.coop/youth-programs. Info: Erica, 494-2654, erica.m@mvea.coop. See ad on page 10.

MVEA Scholarships, enter by Jan. 15

Each year, MVEA awards \$1,000 scholarships to 14 graduating high school seniors. Applications are due by Jan. 15, 2019. Apply online at www.mvea.coop/youth-programs. See ad on page 10.

Free grief group forming

The Church at Woodmoor, 18125 Furrow Rd., Monument, is forming a group for people who have struggled with grief for six months or more. This group will meet for six weeks with a trained leader who will provide a safe place to process the grief resulting from the loss of a loved one, or grief due to a change in health or finances. Participation is limited to 10 individuals on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, contact Rick Jackson, 488-3200, Rjackson.tcaw@gmail.com.

Free reflective address signs for Palmer Lake residents

Residents may obtain free metal reflective street number signs so that first responders can identify your house in an emergency evacuation. If you would like to have these assembled and placed, call the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department (PLVFD) at 719-419-4488. If you need special assistance in case of an evacuation, please let the PLVFD know when you call them.

Perform with the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony, enter by Oct. 17

Pikes Peak Music Teachers Association (PPMTA) of Colorado Springs and Gary

Nicholson, Colorado Springs Youth Symphony director, have created a new Piano Concerto Competition for students living in the Tri-Lakes, Colorado Springs, and Pueblo areas. The winner will perform with the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony in its Winter Concert in 2019 and may be eligible for a \$500 summer camp scholarship to either Lamont School of Music, Denver, or the International Summer Academy of Music in Ochsenhausen, Germany. For more information, contact Barbara Taylor, competition chair, for entry forms, repertoire, and competition information at 648-3844, Barbara-Taylor.PPMTA.President@gmail.com, www.PPMTA.org.

Meals on Wheels by Silver Key

If you're a homebound senior age 60 or older, you might qualify to receive meals delivered to your home through Silver Key. To register or volunteer, call 884-2370. See ad on page 7.

Free transportation and handyman 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 to help you. Call 488-0076 to leave a message for the dispatcher. If you need grab bars in the bathroom, a ramp to your door, or repair of stairs or railings, please call Cindy Rush, 488-0076, and leave a message or visit www.coloradoseniorhelp.com.

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 at www.TriLakesSeniors.org.