

## First 2018 Art Hop



**Left:** Wood turner Rick Squires, left, and sculptor Jodie Bliss greet gallery visitors on the first Art Hop evening of the year May 17 at Bliss Studios in historic Monument. The summer season event held on the third Thursday of each month from May through September (i.e., June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20) is sponsored

by the Historic Monument Merchants Association. More information is posted at [www.monumentarthop.org](http://www.monumentarthop.org). Photo by Janet Sellers.

## Summit House



**Above:** On May 15, Stuart Coppedge, lead architect for RTA Architects, spoke about the future Summit House at Pikes Peak in an Outpourings event. The summit, which sees around 600,000 visitors per year and this project required coordinating among a large number of stakeholders. June 4 is the official groundbreaking for the new complex, with construction expected to last three to four years.

He talked about the design team's effort to improve the visitor experience, preserve the beloved high-altitude donuts, and meet the unique construction challenges and resource strategies to provide services at 14,115 feet above sea level. The design goes beyond the LEED environmental design rating system with a goal of meeting the Living Building Challenge, which focuses on net zero water and electricity use and focuses on restoration. Coppedge considers his role as a career-defining challenge and a true honor. The general contractor for the project is local company GE Johnson.

The project has coordinated with other events such as the Pikes Peak Marathon and Ascent and the Hill Climb to make sure that those events can continue during the construction process. Most summit visitors will use a new free mandatory shuttle service while the parking lot is being used for construction vehicles. Existing services and trails will remain available. More information on the progress of this project can be found at <http://bit.ly/pp-summit>.

Outpourings talks are held on the third Tuesday of each month at Pikes Peak Brewing Company. More information on these talks can be found at <http://tlumc.org/outreach/outpouring>. Photo and caption by Jackie Burhans.

## Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

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### Slash-Mulch season underway

The El Paso County Black Forest Slash and Mulch program will accept slash (tree and brush debris only) until **Sept. 9**. Mulch will be available through **Sept. 8** or when mulch runs out. Hours of operation are: Saturdays, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5-7:30 p.m. The mulch loader schedule is Saturdays only, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. The cost for slash is \$2 per load. The mulch loader fee is \$5 per bucket, about 2 cubic yards. The slash and mulch site is located at the southeast corner of Shoup and Herring Roads in the Black Forest area. For more information, visit [www.bfslash.org](http://www.bfslash.org) or phone Carolyn, 495-3127; Chuck, 495-8675; Jeff, 495-8024; or the County Environmental Division, 520-7878.

### Stage I Fire Restrictions

Continued dry conditions and the National Weather Service forecast for continued dry and warmer-than-normal conditions have resulted in very high to extreme fire danger ratings. Stage I Fire Restrictions are now in effect for all the unincorporated areas of El Paso County, effective immediately. The following are prohibited:

1. Open burning, excepting fires and campfires within permanently constructed fire grates in developed campgrounds and picnic grounds; charcoal grills and wood burning stoves at private residences in areas cleared of all flammable materials.
2. The sale or use of fireworks.
3. Outdoor smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Violations of Stage I Restrictions may result in a fine up to \$600. For more information, visit [www.epcsheriffsoffice.com](http://www.epcsheriffsoffice.com). The mayor of Palmer Lake has imposed Stage II fire restrictions, which appear to be the same, except that violations of Stage II fire restrictions may result in a fine up to \$1,000.

### Town of Monument water restrictions

For customers of Town of Monument Water, restrictions are in place through Sept. 30. While restrictions are in place, please adhere to the following watering schedule:

- Even numbered buildings: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
- Odd numbered buildings: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- There is no watering on Sundays.
- Watering is allowed only before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m. Sod permits are available by calling 884-8037.

If you do not reside within the town of Monument, check with your water district about specific restrictions.

### Children's Literacy Center needs volunteers

The Children's Literacy Center is seeking 20 volunteers (age 14+) to do individual tutoring for six weeks this summer, helping children across Colorado "build a life of success through a foundation of literacy...ONE child at a time." All volunteers are trained to use CLC's Peak Reader® curriculum - no background in education is required. **June 19 through July 26**, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Monument Library. Contact Program Director Pamela Polke, 719-471-8672 ext. 1.

### Black Forest Together needs your vote

Black Forest Together is still helping the community recover from the catastrophic fire of 2013, and with the help of John Deere and Black Forest resident Neil Behnke, they hope to win a skid steer that will assist in both removing burned trees and transplanting trees for reforestation and wildlife habitat restoration. The Black Forest project video

has made it to the top three community recovery projects. Everyone is encouraged to view the video and vote for Neil and Black Forest Together. Winning the contest will significantly help in the recovery of the Black Forest. One vote per email address per day will be accepted between **June 4 and June 18** at <http://deere.com/Impact>.

### Tri-Lakes Y Summer Swim Camps

For children 6-12 years old, Mon.-Thu. sessions through Aug. 2, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost: \$95 members/\$120 non-members. Financial assistance is available. For more information, call 481-8728 or stop by the YMCA, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy., Monument. See ad on page 6.

### 2018 Monochrome Photography Show Call to Artists, apply by July 23

The 2018 Monochrome Photography show is sponsored by the Palmer Divide Photographers Group and the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts. Entries for the juried show will be open through July 23. Entry forms, rules, and a complete calendar of events for the show can be found at [www.pdphotographers.com](http://www.pdphotographers.com).

### Recycle old phones and tablets

Legacy Sertoma is collecting old smart phones and cell phones, and old iPads for recycling. Collection boxes are located at the Palmer Lake Post Office, Serrano's Coffee Company, the Air Academy Federal Credit Union in Monument, and the Community Banks of Colorado (formerly Peoples) branches in Gleneagle and downtown Colorado Springs. This program is not only a fundraiser for Sertoma but is designed to keep all those rare-earth metals out of landfills. Call Denny Myers at 481-4189 for pick up.

### County seeks nominations for Veteran of the Year, nominations due Aug. 15

El Paso County is seeking nominations for the Second Annual Veteran of the Year Award. Nominees should have demonstrated exemplary military service, community service, and support for veterans in the community. Full nomination guidelines and forms can be found at [www.el-pasoco.com/county-seeks-nominations-veteran-year](http://www.el-pasoco.com/county-seeks-nominations-veteran-year).

### 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, [BarbaraTaylor.PPMTA.President@gmail.com](mailto:BarbaraTaylor.PPMTA.President@gmail.com), [www.PPMTA.org](http://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.

### Free services for seniors

Mountain Community Senior Services offers free transportation and handyman services to Tri-Lakes seniors. Call Cindy Rush, 488-0076, and leave a message or visit [www.coloradoseniorhelp.com](http://www.coloradoseniorhelp.com).

### Residence vacation check

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office will conduct vacation checks of homes of county 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](http://www.epcsheriffsoffice.com). Info: 520-7151. ■

## Our Community Calendar

By Judy Barnes, Community Calendar Editor

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### GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

- **Forest Lakes & Pinon Pines Metropolitan Districts Board Meeting**, Mon., **Jun. 4**, 10:30 a.m., 6385 Corporate Dr., Suite 200, Colo. Springs. Meets 1st Mon. each month. Info: 327-5810.
- **Monument Board of Trustees Meeting**, Mon., **Jun. 4**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Meets 1st and 3rd Mon. each month. Info: 884-8017, [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org).
- **El Paso County Planning Commission Meeting**, Tue., **Jun. 5**, 9 a.m., 2880 International Circle (off Union Blvd & Printers Pkwy). Meets 1st & 3rd Tue. (if required) each month. Info: 520-6300, <http://adm2.elpasoco.com/planning/agendas/pc/pc-agn.asp>.
- **Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee Meeting**, Tue., **Jun. 12**, 10 a.m., 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meets 2nd Tue. each month. Info: Bill Burks, 481-4053.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING—DISTRICT D38 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of Lewis-Palmer Consolidated School District No. 38 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, and is available for public inspection at the District Administration Office. A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held during the regular meeting of the Board of Education of said District at the Administration Office, 146 Jefferson Street, Monument, Colorado, on Monday, June 18, 2018, at 6:00 pm. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at the same meeting following the public hearing. Any person paying school taxes in said District may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his/her objections thereto.

Dated: May 22, 2018

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

- **Triview Metropolitan District Board Meeting**, Tue., **Jun. 12**, 5 p.m., Fairfield Inn (Mt. Herman Conference Room), 15275 Struthers Rd., Monument. Meets 2nd Tue. each month. Info: 488-6868, <https://triviewmetro.com>.
- **Palmer Lake Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Wed., **Jun. 13**, 9 a.m., 120 Middle Glenway. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. Info: 481-2732, [www.plsd.org](http://www.plsd.org).
- **Palmer Lake Town Council Meeting**, Thu., **Jun. 14**, 7 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets 2nd Thu. each month. Info: 481-2953, [www.townofpalmerlake.com](http://www.townofpalmerlake.com).
- **Woodmoor Water & Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Mon., **Jun. 18**, 2 p.m., 1845 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Normally meets 2nd Thu. each month. Info: 488-2525, [www.woodmoorwater.com](http://www.woodmoorwater.com).
- **Lewis-Palmer School District 38 Board Meeting**, Mon., **Jun. 18**, 6 p.m., Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Meets 3rd Mon. during the summer. Info: 488-4700, [www.lewispalmer.org](http://www.lewispalmer.org).
- **Monument Board of Trustees Meeting**, Mon., **Jun. 18**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Meets 1st and 3rd Mon. each month. Info: 884-8017, [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org).