

## TLMFPD Open House, Sep. 28

**Right:** From left, firefighters Matt Edmunds and AJ Armstrong and Lt. Kevin Richmond demonstrate a simulated live extrication drill Sept. 28 at the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District's annual Open House at Station 1. Many local residents turned out despite the wind and cooler temperatures to explore a variety of emergency rescue vehicles, equipment, and the 911 mobile learning lab. El Paso County Teller 911, the Sheriff's Office Wildland Crew members, and Pikes Peak Regional OEM offered advice and information. Visitors watched the extrication demonstration after enjoying a hamburger/hotdog lunch provided and served by the Emergency Incident Support staff.

**Right:** Engineer Adam Wakefield expertly lowers the tower truck ladder

Photos by Natalie Barszcz.



## Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

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### Children's Literacy Center needs volunteers

Children's Literacy Center (CLC) provides free one-on-one tutoring to children reading below grade level in our community. If you are 14 years or older and are able to commit to a 12-week tutoring session, contact Children's Literacy Center today to change a child's life! Work with one child, two hours a week. All volunteers are trained to use CLC's Peak Reader® curriculum; no background in education or prior experience in tutoring is required. CLC's fall session runs from through **Dec. 5**. For more information on how to get involved or on how to sign your child up, visit [childre.nliteracycenter.org](http://childre.nliteracycenter.org) or call 719-471-8672.

### Volunteers needed for Black Forest Community Center, Oct. 12-13 or 19-20

Black Forest Community Club has one last work project requiring volunteers to grind existing stumps to finish clearing the lot. This is a two-day project (Sat.-Sun.) as there are 350 to 400 stumps to grind. The following equipment and operators are needed:

- Two chain saws, to cut some stumps closer to ground level which will speed up the grinding
- Two teams of two/four individuals each day, six-hour shifts if possible
- A stump grinder operator (grinder provided)

If you can volunteer, please contact Don Root with your dates of availability and he will set a final date. RSVP & Info: Don Root, 719-495-4341 (H), 719-502-9571 (cell & text), [donrroot@yahoo.com](mailto:donrroot@yahoo.com).

### National Co-op Month at MVEA

Visit an MVEA office in October, Mon.-Thu., 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and enjoy a piece of pie. Our local MVEA office is at 15706 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Suite 100, Monument. For details, phone 719-495-2283. See ad on page 12

### TLCA's Annual Resident & Member Artists Exhibition, submit your artwork by Oct. 15

This annual show is open to all artists who have a current Artist Membership (\$55 annual) and TLCA Resident Artists. Not a member? Join at [trilakesarts.org/product/membership](http://trilakesarts.org/product/membership). For details on how to enter, visit [trilakesarts.org/event/calling-all-artists](http://trilakesarts.org/event/calling-all-artists).

### Register for YMCA 5K Race Series and Kids Fun Runs

The three-race series includes the *Creepy Crawl* Oct. 26 on the Santa Fe Trail in Palmer Lake, *Turkey Trot* Nov. 28 at

the Briargate YMCA, and the *Jingle Bell* Dec. 14 at Fountain Creek Regional Park. Sign up online at [www.pymca.org/raceseries](http://www.pymca.org/raceseries).

### Play It Forward Equipment Drive, ends Oct. 31

If you have any new or slightly used youth sports equipment, bicycles, games, toys, or winter clothing that you no longer need, you can drop them off at the Tri-Lakes Y, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy, or Tri-Lakes Chamber, 166 Second St., Monument. All donations will go to kids in need and veteran families. For more information, visit [www.4kidzsports.org/events](http://www.4kidzsports.org/events).

### County seeks Master Plan input

El Paso County continues to seek citizen input in an online survey as it creates the new county master plan. To complete the survey, go online to [planningdevelopment.elpaso.com](http://planningdevelopment.elpaso.com). For more information, phone 719-520-6300.

### Sisters' Thrift & Boutique

The Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery have a shop full of gently used treasures at 8674 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs. Store hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The phone number is 719-282-0316.

### 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](http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap).

### MVEA essay contest, enter by Nov. 14

High school juniors can 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. 14**. Apply online at [www.mvea.coop/essay-contest](http://www.mvea.coop/essay-contest). Info: Erica, 719-494-2654, [erica.m@mvea.coop](mailto:erica.m@mvea.coop).

### MVEA Scholarships, apply by Jan. 15

Each year, MVEA awards \$1,000 scholarships to 14 graduating high school seniors. Applications are due by **Jan. 15, 2020**. Apply online at [www.mvea.coop/scholarships](http://www.mvea.coop/scholarships).

### MVEA tree-trimming services

Tree trimming helps prevent storm-related power outages. For more information, call 800-388-9881 or 719-495-2283, or visit [www.mvea.coop/tree-trimming](http://www.mvea.coop/tree-trimming).

### Free services for seniors

Mountain Community Senior Services offers free transpor-

tation 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](http://www.coloradoseniorhelp.com).

### Free Senior Beat newsletter

Each monthly Senior Beat newsletter is full of information for local seniors, including the daily menu of the senior lunches offered Monday through Friday 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](mailto:SeniorBeat@TriLakesSeniors.org). Senior Beat can also be viewed online at [www.TriLakesSeniors.org](http://www.TriLakesSeniors.org).

### Home-delivered meals 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.

### I-25 MyWay commuting options website

Visit [www.i25myway.org](http://www.i25myway.org) and enter starting and ending ZIP codes for personalized I-25 commuting solutions and savings estimates. The website will help you arrange the details and free test commutes, including carpools, van pools, and the Bustang South Line. The site will run through the end of construction in 2022.

### Tri-Lakes Talks

There is now a website, [www.TLtalks.com](http://www.TLtalks.com), for local articles, podcasts, and much more. TLtalks.com is dedicated to providing a platform where you can write about what is important to you and where the Tri-Lakes community can exchange ideas, thoughts, and information. Visit [www.TLtalks.com](http://www.TLtalks.com) to see the mission statement, submission guidelines, and terms and conditions.

### Vehicle stuck?

Get help if your vehicle is stuck in town or in the mountains 4x4orce is an emergency notification network of 4-by-4 enthusiasts/good Samaritans ready and willing to respond when, where, and how they can. Sending a message to the Facebook 4X4orce Community Rescue & Recovery page is the best way currently to get assistance. However, you can also phone 719-286-9323. If Facebook is not working, you can email [help@4x4orce.org](mailto:help@4x4orce.org).

## Our Community Calendar

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### GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

- **Community Meeting on Potential Northern El Paso County Nature Center**, Mon., **Oct. 7**, 6:30-8 p.m., Black Forest Fire and Rescue Station 1, 11445 Teachout Rd. Find out about the plans for a new nature center in our area. Info: 719-520-7324, [JoelQuevillon@elpaso.com](mailto:JoelQuevillon@elpaso.com).
- **Monument Board of Trustees Budget Workshop and Meeting**, Mon., **Oct. 7**, budget workshop 5 p.m., meeting 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 Board of County Commissioners Meeting**, Tue., **Oct. 8**, 9 a.m. Centennial Hall, 200 South Cascade Ave., Suite 150, Colo. Springs. Meets every Tue.

and Thu. Info: 520-6430, [www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso](http://www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso).

- **Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee Meeting**, Tue., **Oct. 8**, 10 a.m., 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meets 2nd Tue. each month. Info: Bill Burks, 481-4053.
- **D-38 Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) Meeting**, Tue., **Oct. 8**, 7-8:30 p.m., District Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Meets 2nd Tue. each month, location varies. Info: Cheri McLean, 719-785-4210, [cmclean@lewispalmer.org](mailto:cmclean@lewispalmer.org), [www.lewispalmer.org](http://www.lewispalmer.org).
- **Palmer Lake Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Wed., **Oct. 9**, 9 a.m., 120 Middle Glenway. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. Info: 481-2732, [www.plsd.org](http://www.plsd.org).
- **El Paso County Park Advisory Board Meeting**, Wed., **Oct. 9**, 1:30 p.m., Centennial Hall, 200 S. Cascade. Info: 520-7529.
- **D-38 Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)**, Wed., **Oct. 9**, 6:30 p.m., Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Info: 433-5672, [MNay@lewispalmer.org](mailto:MNay@lewispalmer.org).

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- **Monument Planning Commission Meeting**, Wed., **Oct. 9**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. Livestreamed at <http://bit.ly/2uZxjfa>. Info: 884-8017, [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org).
- **Community Tours of Lewis-Palmer Middle School**, Thu., **Oct. 10**, 10:30 a.m., 1776 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Join a member of the board of education for a one-hour tour of the middle school. RSVP & Info: Kathy Nameika, 867-8690, [knameika@lewispalmer.org](mailto:knameika@lewispalmer.org).
- **Monument Academy School Board Meeting**, Thu., **Oct. 10**, 6 p.m., school library, 1150 Village Ridge Point, Monument. Meets 2nd Thu. each month. Info: 481-1950, [www.monumentacademy.net/school-board](http://www.monumentacademy.net/school-board).
- **Palmer Lake Town Council Meeting**, Thu., **Oct. 10**, 6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets 2nd Thu. each month. Info: 481-2953, [www.townofpalmerlake.com](http://www.townofpalmerlake.com).