

Creek Week, Oct. 5



Above: Nathan Robinson, supervisor for Northern El Paso County Parks, explained the various fire mitigation tasks for the Oct. 5 Creek Week event at Fox Run Park. Creek Week is a nine-day, watershed-wide litter and debris collection event that takes place at the end of September and the beginning of October. The event is also a chance to raise awareness about the watershed, our water supply, littering, and harmful landscaping chemical issues to make our communities cleaner, safer, and more beautiful. Members of the newly formed Friends of Fox Run Park were also on hand to help educate members of the community about the park and ways to help keep it clean and safe, and to invite people to join the group to learn more about Fox Run Park volunteering, events, and more. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

Palmer Lake 0.5K,



Above: Awake Palmer Lake again sponsored The Run for the Rest of Us, a .5K "Run" on Oct. 6. Over 850 people participated in the event, which featured a "rest" stop for donuts after 800 feet and a complimentary beer or soft drink at O'Malley's upon finishing. According to Chris Cummins, a key volunteer with Awake Palmer Lake, all proceeds support the preservation and restoration of the natural beauty of Palmer Lake parks and surrounding recreation areas. Funding is also provided for the new pedestrian bridge over the railway. The span is expected to be delivered in November or December. Discovery Canyon High School's Pep Band and the Pie Corner Band provided entertainment. Information on Awake Palmer Lake can be found at awakepalmerlake.org. *Photo by Dave Futey, caption by Steve Pate.*

North EPC Nature Center, Oct. 7



Above: Todd Marts, Recreation & Cultural Services division manager for El Paso County, convened a meeting of interested citizens Oct. 7 to view the results of a feasibility study by Jeff Webb of Altitude Consulting. The study narrowed the options for building a nature center in the northern part of the county to Fox Run Regional Park or Black Forest Regional Park. The center would offer programs for local students, wildlife rehabilitation, and learning opportunities for all visitors. Participants in small groups evaluated the two proposed sites in terms of natural environment, existing infrastructure, accessibility, and in the case of Black Forest, the chance to observe wildfire recovery. A site decision will be made by year-end and the project could take two or three years to implement. The meeting was held at Black Forest Fire/Rescue Protection District Station 1. *Photo by Steve Pate.*

D38 Hall of Fame, Oct. 12



Above: Lewis-Palmer School District 38 held the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony to honor this year's five nominees on Oct. 12. An appreciative audience listened as Tommie Plank and Ted Bauman introduced each inductee, who then came to the stage to accept their award. One after another, the inductees told wonderful and humble stories of their years in D38, and a tapestry of some of D38's history unfolded. From left are Max Williams, Emma De Kler, Mark Ewig, Ron Phillips, and Don Lash. *Photo courtesy of Lewis-Palmer School District 38 Public Information Officer Julie Stephen.*

100+ Women Who Care, Oct. 16



Above: The Tri-Lakes 100+ Women Who Care group met on Oct. 16 at The Barn in Woodmoor. The meeting, led by President Heather Buchman, heard brief presentations from local nonprofit groups and voted to donate \$100 from each member. The next meeting will be on April 15, 2020 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. To join and contribute \$100 two times a year to local Tri-Lakes charities for a total of \$20,000 annually and make a big impact without a big commitment, see <http://www.100womenwhocaretrilakes.com>. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

TLWC awards Silver Alliance



Above: Tri-Lakes Women's Club, www.tlwc.net, a local charitable nonprofit of over 200 area women, awarded Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance, a local community-funded nonprofit, \$710 to purchase exercise equipment for its senior center on the Lewis-Palmer High School campus. Silver Alliance is an invaluable resource for area senior citizens and is beginning a fundraising campaign to build or relocate to a new senior center. "The continued increase in seniors to this area warrants another location dedicated to seniors to socialize, attend workshops, meet their special needs plus have a community to break isolation," stated Melissa Bagnall, Silver Alliance Board of Directors. To learn more about this valuable community collaboration, go to www.trilakeseniors.org. Pictured are Silver Alliance Board President Melissa Bagnall, Tri-Lakes Women's Club Co-Presidents Pamela Perry and Marki Morison-Gille, and Silver Alliance board member Penny Hauser. *Caption by Pamela Perry and photo by Silver Alliance Program Coordinator Sue Walker.*

High Country Kids 4-H, Oct. 13



Above: High Country Kids 4-H Club had a 4-H event on Oct. 13. It was very fun. It was a trip to Diana's Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze. We went through a corn maze, played corn hole, went down a ginormous slide, chose pumpkins, and went on a tractor ride. We also had our first meeting of the year on Oct. 15, and we welcomed new members to the club. The 4-H meeting was very fun, and we elected our officers. High Country Kids meets in Monument and serves families throughout El Paso County. See <https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/>, or contact the Extension Office at 719-520-7698 or csu4h@elpasoco.com for more information about 4-H. *Caption and photo by Allie R.*