

Moose in Monument, May 3



Left: Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Public Information Officer Bill Vogrin said he was “very disappointed” at the way resi-

dents of Monument interfered with trained staff’s attempts to relocate a moose to a less-populated area on May 3. Moose are very skittish, and when people and dogs follow them, they feel extreme stress. When a group of 25 people and their dogs approached the moose, it perceived this as a threat by predator wolves and disappeared, and CPW staff could not do their job. The next morning, a moose crossed I-25 and was struck and killed. Monument Police Commander Mark Owens could not verify if it was the same moose. Call CPW at 227-5250 with questions about wildlife or to report people feeding wildlife. See related Letter to the Editor from Vogrin on page 23. *Photo courtesy of Colorado Parks and Wildlife.*

Seedling giveaway, May 4

Right: With their vehicles lined up at the Black Forest Fire and Rescue site May 4, citizens were ready to receive the free Arbor Day ponderosa, lodgepole pine, chokecherry and other trees and plants to re-



build and restore their properties from the catastrophic fire of 2013. Volunteers from Black Forest Together Inc., a 501(c) 3 charitable organization, have come together to help restore the community in reforestation and water issues. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

Rufus Cappadocia at TLCA, May 11



Left: On May 11, renowned cellist Rufus Cappadocia brought his remarkable and unparalleled sound to the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) stage. Cappadocia found his cello in the garbage in New York City 25 years ago and redesigned it by adding a fifth string and magnetic pickups. Cappadocia said his cello is a “hybrid, being able to speak both acoustic and electric.” After studying classically at McGill University, he extended the cello sound through a multitude of international influences and experiences garnered from his home city of New York and in travels to the Middle East, Europe, and other areas. Cappadocia describes his sound as modal music, not quite melody, not quite scale with each piece a “living composition.” Information on upcoming events at the nonprofit TLCA is at www.trilakesarts.org. *Photo by David Futey.*

Mother’s Day at Fox Run Park



Above: On May 12, Mother’s Day, the Tri-Lakes community was active at Fox Run Regional Park to celebrate the day with mom. Kite flying, volleyball, playground activities, giving the dog a run at the dog park, and picnicking were some of the activities enjoyed by families. *Photo by David Futey.*

RRR urges preparedness, May 4



Above:Volunteers from Red Rock Ranch (RRR), Palmer Ridge High School Key Club, Kiwanis Advisors, and the RRR Firewise Committee hand-delivered extensive wildfire and emergency preparedness materials to all 194 homeowners in RRR in less than two hours at their National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day event on May 4. The RRR Homeowners’ Association used a \$500 State Farm grant to defray event costs, and the Patrick Hall State Farm office donated funds for morning refreshments. The Boy Scouts of Troop 514 supported the effort, filling the delivery bags with information on how all residents of the “Wildland-Urban Interface” need to take action. RRR’s aggressive wildfire awareness and mitigation program has earned it designation as a Firewise USA community and recent selection as the Colorado site for the National Fire Protection Association Sites of Excellence’s two-year nationwide pilot project. *Caption by RRR Firewise Committee Chair Dave Betzler. Photo by Beth Lonquist.*

Taste of TLC, May 8



Above: The Taste of Tri-Lakes, a fundraiser for Tri-Lakes Cares, was held May 8 at Flying Horse Ranch. Tri-Lakes Cares staff, board members, and volunteers pose at the kickoff of the event, which was attended by about 200 people who enjoyed food tasting at a variety of booths. Standing, from left, are TLC board member Carol Foster, TLC Development Manager Christine Bucher, and TLC board member Molly Gargle. Sitting, from left, are TLC Development Associate Julie Nicodemus-Dail and TLC volunteers Steve Fulton, Patti Hettler and Robin Snow. *Photo by John Howe.*

DWFPD Safety Fair, May 11



Above: Wescott Fire Protection District held its fourth annual Safety Fair on May 11 in partnership with Antelope Trails Elementary School. The music that was played was barely audible above the voices buzzing with excitement, while kids hurriedly lined up to have their faces painted, bikes decorated or fixed, and to look at the Fire Department vehicles. Two helicopters sat in the field, and while kids took turns sitting in one of the helicopter’s seats, Jacob Ezzel, a nurse who rides in the helicopter, talked about the way the three brave men tightly fit in the helicopter. Kids also explored the equipment in the El Paso County Hazmat, blood donation, and Search and Rescue trucks. *Photo by Allison Robenstein. Caption by Ella Wertz.*