

Timberedge mitigates, June 15



Above: The 2013 Black Forest fire was stopped less than a mile from Timberedge Lane, a dead-end street with 16 lots just off Roller Coaster Road. "It was a huge wake-up call for us!" So Timberedge asked Donald Wescott Fire Protection District what residents should do to lessen their vulnerability to wildfires. Together, they created a Community Wildfire Protection Plan to help focus their efforts to reduce the burnable biomass around residences. Every spring and fall like clockwork, the Timberedge Firewise Organizing Team, including Ted Bruning, Tim Rupp and Alan Wright, organizes a Chipper Day with Wescott. Residents work together on everyone's slash piles, and then residents and firefighters have lunch together. "Your mitigation success is only as good as your neighbors'," they said as they helped each other again on June 15. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield*

Firehouse tradition continues



Above: In a time-honored tradition, Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District staff "push in" new Engine 2213 at Station 3 on June 17. Early hand-drawn fire engines, ladder wagons, hose carts and so on had to be pushed back into the station by hand. The horse-drawn steam engines that followed could be backed up by engineers, but alignment was difficult, and they were pushed in after the horses were disconnected. All of this became moot when motorized engines came into service, but the tradition pays homage to the past when engines were pushed into firehouses. While doing this honors the old and former members, it is also intended to display unity among the current members. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*

Art Hop, June 20

Right: June 20 saw the Historic Monument celebration of the monthly Art Hop. Here, Steffany Boucher, left, and Jodie Bliss ham it up in the spirit of the day next to Bliss' art in metal and glass work. Art Hop runs monthly on the third Thursdays through September. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*



Hummingbird festival, June 22



Left: Monument art teacher Janet Sellers gives an informative talk on hummingbirds. On June 22, hummingbird enthusiasts gathered at Southwinds Gallery to hear all about the delightful summer visitors that populate our region. Guests were welcomed with a yoga class, detailed talks, hands-on bubble and feeder making, face painting, and refreshments. *Photo by Elva Wolin.*

Bear visits Black Forest, June 16



Left: According to Colorado Parks and Wildlife District Wildlife Manager Aaron Berscheid, bear No. 1247 was relocated from Cañon City to the Huerfano State Wildlife Area—about 20 miles west of Walsenburg—in May because of its dumpster-diving activities. This June 16 photo shows that Black Forest dumpsters satisfy the bear's appetite just as well. By securing trash and making it unavailable, this dedicated traveler may be more likely to pass through Black Forest and not attempt to establish residency. *Caption information submitted by Terry Stokka. Photo by Karen Garbee.*

PLHS hosts Father's Day, June 16



Left: The Palmer Lake Historical Society held its annual Father's Day Ice Cream Social on June 16 at Palmer Lake Town Hall. Kids, dads, and families celebrated Father's Day with ice cream, pie, and, new this year, an antique car show across the street at the outdoor grounds of Bella Panini restaurant. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

Getting Ahead class, June 19

Right: How does a person move from "just gettin' by" to getting ahead? The Tri-Lakes Cares Getting Ahead class explored the question with class participants, called investigators, through round-table conversation and presentations by guest speakers. Through mutual support and camaraderie, the investigators discovered the actions that will help them move forward and start achieving their life goals. The Red Paper Clip challenge—an exercise in which investigators were asked to approach a stranger and barter the red paper clip for something more valuable—was especially helpful in building confidence, interpersonal skills, and negotiation competence. The Town of Monument sponsored this year's class throughout its approximate 10 weeks of investigation. For information about participating in or supporting Getting Ahead, see tri-lakescares.org/getting-ahead-in-a-just-gettin-by-world. Classes were managed by Paula Blair and facilitated by Michele Thompson and Dr. Regina Lewis, instructors at Pikes Peak Community College. Pictured from left are Thompson, graduates Kerrie Jones, Denise Jones, Geoff Jones, Vikki Marshall, and Al Wetzal, and Lewis. *Photo by Jennifer Kaylor.*



Soul Sacrifice at TLCA, June 21



Above: On June 21, Soul Sacrifice, a Boulder-based band paying homage to Carlos Santana's music, let the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts audience know from the start the exhilarating musical evening they were about to encounter. The band's opening prelude and version of Black Magic Woman lasted nearly 25 minutes. That was followed by renditions of Oye Como Va, No One to Depend On, and the instrumental ballad Samba Pa Ti. Guitarist Steve Glotzer started the band 15 years ago after playing his own music at various venues. He thought "it would be fun to put together a Santana band" as "people connect to Santana's music on many and very deep levels." The band, with Scott Mast (percussion), Will Pinner (drums), Jeff Fournier (bass), and Shelly Davis (keyboard), seamlessly achieved Santana's many levels of Latin rhythms, undertones, and timing this evening. *Photo by David Futey.*