

Monu-Palooza, Sept. 6



**Above:** The fourth annual Monu-Palooza music festival was held on its traditional Labor Day Eve occasion (Sept. 6) at Limbach Park in Monument. The all-day festival featured entertainment from five local bands (Ashtōnz, Eighty3, the J. Miller Band, Skin & Bones and WireWood Station) and included food trucks, snack vendors, and perfect Colorado weather. “It was a great day, which the Town of Monument staff, our sponsors, and the participating bands made possible,” said event organizer Charlie Searle. “An 11th-hour increase in legal park capacity from 175 to 250 was huge too ... almost like old times!” *Photos by Merrilee Ellis.*

Boy Scouts learn about space



**Above:** Boy Scout Troop 17, which meets at St. Peter Catholic Church in Monument, spent Sept. 12 learning about space, seeing space videos, and participating in space activities. The “space day” was a part of the requirements for the Scouts to earn the Space Exploration merit badge. Ron Sega, Ph.D., was the guest speaker. Dr. Sega is a former NASA astronaut and a veteran of two space missions, logging over 420 hours in space. He presented an interactive lecture about his space missions, the experiments he conducted and the technical aspects of space travel. The Scouts got to ask Sega questions and received an autographed photo collage of Sega to commemorate the occasion. Thomas Silva, a Troop 17 parent, had the Scouts participate in several hands-on activities that focused on space exploration. The daylong affair ended with the Scouts launching their homemade water bottle rockets. *Photo provided by Tom Smith.*

Run4Hope 5K for Schools, Sept. 19



**Above:** Everyone was a winner at the RUN4HOPE 5K for Schools held Sept. 19 at The Ascent Church. Participants ran in the Fourth Annual Color Fun Run, Competitive Run, and Virtual Run. And they were off ... in a staggered social-distancing start. Timing chips started their time when they crossed the starting line, which just happened to be the finish line when they circled back. Runners were able to participate virtually and upload their times during the week. RUN4HOPE is a fundraiser where 100% of the proceeds are for local schools for Sources of Strength, a suicide prevention program. School programs at D-38 and D-20 high schools include Lewis-Palmer, Palmer Ridge, Discovery Canyon, and The Classical Academy. You can still donate at the RUN4HOPE website [run4hope5kforschools.com](http://run4hope5kforschools.com). *Photo by Marlene Brown.*

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Snowstorm, Sept. 9



**Left:** This little guy was very surprised and missed the last flight out before the snowstorm on Sept 9. Local residents were surprised by one of the earliest snowstorms on record to come through the area. Hummingbirds are remarkably resistant to sub-freezing temperatures and can survive the temperature changes in the Rocky Mountains. While the Rufous hummingbirds normally winter in Mexico, many make it to Costa Rica. Hopefully we can all fly south for the winter soon. *Photo by Marlene Brown.*

BSNF coal train, Sept. 19



**Above:** On Sept. 19, a southbound BSNF coal train approaches the new pedestrian bridge in Palmer Lake. The bridge allows pedestrians to safely cross the tracks from the lake to the town. *Photo by Steve Pate.*

Fine Art & Crafts Market, Sept. 26



**Above:** On Sept. 26, the 24th annual Fine Art & Crafts Market was held at Lewis-Palmer High School. This year’s event was outdoors in the north parking lot at the high school. Sixty-five vendors participated this year, about half the numbers of vendors who participate when the event is held indoors, according to Stephanie Barker, who organized and ran the event. Social distancing and masks were required along with one-way traffic flow for attendees. *Photo by Steve Pate.*

OCN photo contest winners



**Above:** I am a virus survivor who escaped the Washington, D.C., area where there were more motor vehicles than animals and am now residing in Colorado Springs. Today my daily chore is deer watching in my new home in the suburban Gleneagle community. In this photo taken Sept. 1, mother deer shows her fawn how to steal the bird food in the backyard. *Photo by John E. De Freitas.*

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any people in the photo, date taken, a description of the activity or location, and the name of the photographer. Call Lisa at 719-339-7831 with questions.