

## Friends of Fox Run Park hike

**Right:** Friends of Fox Run Park met at the Roller Coaster Trailhead of Fox Run Regional Park on Oct. 9 with other concerned citizens and avid hikers to try to support El Paso County employees by pinpointing areas of concern. Being that Fox Run is one of the most used parks in northern El Paso County with over 2,000 visitors on any given weekend, the trails have become worn and many trails have veered off into social trails. Social trails are made when hikers go off-trail again and again, and soon a new trail begins to be used by followers. Users of the park are asked to stay on the established trails and help keep the fragile vegetation growing for future hikers to enjoy. If you would like to learn how you can help and about any future projects put together by the Friends Group, email [FriendsofFoxRunPark@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofFoxRunPark@gmail.com) for more information. *Photo by Marlene Brown.*



## PL firefighters collect slash



**Left:** Palmer Lake Fire Department is at it again. Your Palmer Lake Volunteer Firefighters hosted a very successful slash collection operation supporting wildland fire mitigation efforts of citizens. On Oct. 7, the firefighters spent many hours trimming and chipping dead branches around the trailhead at Glen Park and chipping slash from private citizens who brought their slash to the station. This was done at no cost to the citizens and no additional cost to the town. Thank you Chief Christopher McCarthy (in yellow coat) and Capt. Weston Oesterreich (at left), and to all firefighters for mitigating fire danger in Palmer Lake and serving citizens. *Photo by Mark Schuler.*

## Author and family visit bookstore

**Right:** On Oct. 26, David Bugno was at Covered Treasures Bookstore for a signing of his book, *Reich Child: A Lebensborn Life*. Bugno entertained questions from customers about his and his family's life in Germany during WWII. As Paula at Covered Treasures wrote: "This lesser-known part of Nazi history is full of intrigue and shock." From left are author David Bugno, Derik Bugno, Janine Bugno, and Jaclyn Bugno. *Photo by John Howe.*



## TLWC awards grant to EIS



**Above:** The Tri-Lakes Women's Club awarded a \$2,732 Community Grant to Emergency Incident Support, an all-volunteer service group that provides critical support services to local first responders. The grant will allow them to purchase lighting to illuminate response scenes, GPS devices, and a battery backup for a life-saving defibrillator. "The support from the Tri-Lakes Women's Club allows EIS to better serve those who serve such as firemen, police, sheriffs, county officials, wildland fire, search and rescue operations and other first responders," said Gary Nelson, EIS volunteer and treasurer. "We are so appreciative for this support." See <https://epceis.com/>. Since 1973, the club has provided volunteer service and annual grantmaking to nonprofit, public service, and public educational programs in the Tri-Lakes area. In spite of fundraising challenges in 2020, TLWC was able to provide grants of over \$23,000 to Tri-Lakes organizations. See [tlwc.net](http://tlwc.net). *Photo courtesy of Tri-Lakes Women's Club.*

## Hodgen Rd. wildfire, Oct. 12



**Above:** At about 8:30 p.m. Oct. 12, Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District (TLMFPD) crews were dispatched to a wildfire on Hodgen Road east of Highway 83. Crews arrived to find a wildfire burning about a half-acre and some isolated torching of trees. They were able to quickly contain and extinguish the fire. They are working with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office on the ongoing investigation into the cause. Please be cautious and prepared! This fire had been burning for less than 5 minutes when you see the picture taken by a bystander who had already called 911. Notice the embers flying through the air and dropping onto the grass that contributed to the fire spread. *Caption by Jamey Bumgarner, TLMFPD fire marshal and division chief of Community Risk. A bystander called 911 first, then took this photo. Official information about Colorado wildfires can be found at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dfp/wildfire-news-information>.*

## Skate Park gets a makeover



**Above:** The Monument Skate Park has two new murals on its west-facing walls. After numerous graffiti cleanings were required, skaters suggested to the town a mural might prevent the scrawl. Sarah Searle braves a freezing cold day to begin painting one of two murals at the park. *Photo by Allison Robenstein.*

## NASTaP tree tour



**Left:** NASTaP (Native American Sacred Trees and Places) is a local, statewide, national, and international organization that was started with local author John Anderson (pictured) as one of its founding members. Along with Heidi Wigand-Nicely, secretary of the board, they hosted their Oct. 24 board meeting by Zoom. Board

members from Wyoming to the Four Corners discussed future projects and trips to living American Indian artifacts that have been identified, with distinctness of character, as Culturally Modified Trees (CMTs). Several CMTs have been identified in the Front Range area. Board members then joined other members of NASTaP on a Tree Tour in northern El Paso County and Douglas County. They started the tour at Spring Valley Cemetery, where there are known Native American burial sites and early pioneers buried there from the mid-1800s. For more information and or get involved with NASTaP, see its website [www.nastap.org](http://www.nastap.org). *Photo by Marlene Brown.*