

## Medical examiner draws a crowd



**Above:** El Paso County Medical Examiner Dr. Leon Kelly presented “Forensic Pathology: The Investigation of Injury and Death” to an overflow crowd at the Monument Library on Jan. 14. Kelly explained his educational path for young listeners who might be considering pathology, which primarily focuses on the diagnosis of disease, as a career choice. Anatomic pathologists work with body tissue and clinical pathologists use laboratory science to determine diagnoses. Forensic pathology is a subspecialty that requires an additional year of education and includes training in blood spatter, ballistics, and other matters pertaining to crime. The medical examiner’s role, continued Kelly, is to help police officers, lawyers, judges, and other members of the legal system determine the cause and manner of death. This means establishing the decedent’s identity, time of death, and how an injury or injuries occurred; proving or disproving guilt in relevant cases; confirming or denying a witness’s testimony and causative factors; providing expert testimony; and granting or denying tissue for harvest (organ donation). Kelly emphasized the difference between a coroner and a medical examiner in Colorado. A coroner must meet two criteria: be at least 18 years of age and not be a felon. Kelly’s 13-year educational path to becoming a medical examiner stands in stark contrast. Above, Kelly prepares listeners for potentially disturbing information and photos included in his presentation. *Photo by Jennifer Kaylor.*

## Guardrail at Black Rose, Jan. 24.



**Above:** In a rousing homecoming, Adam Gardino and his fellow Guardrail musicians performed Jan. 24 at the Black Rose Acoustic Society. Gardino was mentored by Charlie Hall, a founder of the Society, at an early age. In recent years, he has become an internationally and locally award-winning songwriter and guitar-picking phenomenon. Members are, from left, Gardino, guitar; Kelly Champlin, fiddle; and Luke Tripp, bass, fiddle, and mandolin. *Photo by Todd Ryan Performance Photography.*

## Local EIS supports east county



**Above:** On Jan. 20, Emergency Incident Support (EIS) volunteers supplied first responders with coffee, burritos, and ice cream during the responders’ successful efforts to control and prevent the spread of a fire in eastern El Paso County. EIS volunteers, who are experienced emergency services individuals, rapidly mobilize to help first responders combat dehydration, hunger, and exposure to the elements as they fight fires and handle other emergencies. The impromptu coffee and burrito provisions were made by Village Inn and Ellicott Ranch Market in Calhan, respectively. To learn more about EIS or support it with a donation, see [www.epceis.com](http://www.epceis.com). *Photo by Gordon Reichal.*

## PLHS annual meeting, Jan. 16



On Jan. 16, the Palmer Lake Historical Society held its Annual Potluck and Membership Meeting with the election of officers for the upcoming year. With a large membership in attendance, an overview of 2019 events and 2020 goals were presented by incoming President Su Osgerby Ketchmark and Secretary Patricia Atkins. Highlighting the 2019 events was the placement of Palmer Lake Town Hall on the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. **Above:** Board members are, front row from left, Pat McCarthy, member at large; Maggie Williamson, treasurer; Atkins; and Ketchmark. Top row from left are Barbara Morehead, member at large; Wayne Russert, vice president; and Sharon Williams, member at large. Not pictured: Rogers Davis, director of the Lucretia Vaile Museum, and Susan Kuehster, member at large. *Photo by Sharon Williams.*

## Parkinson’s support group, Jan. 18



**Above:** Outgoing Tri-Lakes Parkinson’s Support Group President John Farley ceremonially passed the key to incoming Tri-Lakes Parkinson’s Support Group President Barry Hanenburg at the Jan. 18 support group program. The group, which will mark its third year in the fall, was initiated by Sybil Krafft and John Hobson to provide local support and educational opportunities to those affected by Parkinson’s disease (PD). Krafft’s husband, Roger, suffered from the debilitating disease until his death a few years ago. For more information about PD and research or Parkinson’s Foundation Chapter events see [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org) and [www.parkinson.org/rockymountain/events](http://www.parkinson.org/rockymountain/events), respectively. Above, Hanenburg addresses the Tri-Lakes Parkinson’s Support Group on Jan. 18 after officially accepting the group’s presidential role. He is joined by his wife, Anita, the group’s founder, Krafft, and former president Farley. *Photo by Jennifer Kaylor.*

## Wendy Woo at TLCA, Jan. 24



**Left:** On Jan. 24, Wendy Woo returned to the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) for what has become a widely anticipated annual concert. Woo has established an enthusiastic following of area fans since first performing at the TLCA in 2009. She has performed here solo, with her band and, as in this case, with longtime accompanist Robin Hoch, adding violin and complementary vocals. Woo stated, “Robin adds a different dimension to the stage performance” with Hoch chiming in, “We love playing together.” Woo said, “I love how the (Tri-Lakes) community has embraced what I bring” and always “love returning here.” This evening’s song list included the title track and other songs off her 2019 release, *The Immigrant*, fan favorites *Hey Bartender* and *Saving Grace*, along with covers *Thunder* by Imagine Dragons and *Hey There Delilah* by Plain White T’s. *Photo by David Futey.*