

Snapshots of Our Community

PLAG Winter Show, Jan. 31



Above: Artists Debi Story Maddox, left, and Suzanne Jenne enjoyed visiting the Winter Art Show of the Palmer Lake Art Group on Jan. 31. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

State of the Region, Feb. 7



Above: President Terry Hayes (inset) and staff once again hosted a successful State of the Region luncheon for the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce on Feb. 7 at the Great Wolf Lodge. Monument Mayor Don Wilson and Palmer Lake Mayor John Cressman gave the chamber their yearly reports on the successes of their towns for the last year. El Paso County Commissioners Holly Williams (District 1) and Stan VanderWerf (District 3) gave updates of the budgets and plans for the northern part of the county. The full presentation will be available at www.trilakes-chamber.com. *Photos by Marlene Brown.*

Chain Station at Black Rose, Feb. 14



Above: Performing for the first time at Black Rose Acoustic Society in the Black Forest Community Center, Chain Station brought the full-house audience to their signature heavy, foot-stomping applause right from the git-go. On Valentine's Day evening, Feb. 14, this dynamically kinetic, four-piece string band gave a masterfully produced portfolio of mountain music with high vocal harmonies and picking ranges from lightning-fast to mountain mellow. From the Front Range, centered out of Denver, Chain Station members are, from left, Chris "C Bob" Elliot, banjo; Alex Thoele, guitar; Jon Pickett, bass; and Jaret Mason, mandolin. *Photo by Todd Ryan, Performance Photography; caption by Sharon Williams.*

Monument Police Chief Hemingway introduced, Feb. 10



Above: On Feb. 10, newly hired Monument Police Chief Sean Hemingway was introduced by Town Manager Mike Foreman as Hemingway concluded his first week in office. Administrative staff and police were present as the chief outlined his work ethic as three legs, namely "service to the community; to the department's

Winter fun at Fox Run, Feb. 1



Above: Dogs and hot dogs. About 75 people came to celebrate winter at Fox Run Regional Park on Feb. 1. The fundraiser for El Paso County Nature Centers "was a success," said Mary Jo Lewis, supervisor with the Community Services Department. The Boy Scouts were there to help roast hot dogs, and the dogs came from area dog parks to put on a parade. The weather was warm as was the mood when the sun came out. There were science projects and hiking in the woods, bird seed crafts, and storytelling in the warming hut. Friends of Fox Run Park had a booth and talked to many local people about volunteer projects coming in the spring and summer. For more information regarding events and meetings, email FriendsofFoxRunPark@gmail.com. *Photo by Marlene Brown.*

AARP hosts fire chief, Feb. 12



Left: Black Forest Fire and Rescue Protection District Deputy Fire Chief James Rebitski presented a heart disease risk prevention program at the Black Forest AARP Chapter 1100 Feb. 12 meeting. Rebitski discussed the latest data regarding the risk factors for heart disease including heart attacks, diabetes, overweight and obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and smoking. Rebitski also addressed basic considerations on how to prevent fires in the home such as maintaining smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, annual chimney inspections for homes heated with wood, fire escape plans that incorporate two exits, and fire escape plan rehearsals. For more information on fire safety, see www.bffire.org. For more information about the Black Forest AARP Chapter 1100, contact Candace at 314-330-0411 or visit the website at <https://aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com>. All are welcome. Above, Rebitski brings AARP Chapter 1100 members up to date on the latest stroke, heart attack detection and heart disease prevention technology, and home fire safety rules. *Photo by Stan Beckner.*

TLWC at Kilmer, Feb. 13



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officers; and to the staff and elected officials." From left are Officer Josh Marks, Cpl. Rob Stewart, Ashley Westfall, Carly Coates, April Dupree, Commander Jon Hudson, Foreman, Mayor Don Wilson, Trustees Jim Romanello and Jeff Bornstein, and Officers Andrew Romano and Timothy Johnson. *Photo by John Howe.*