

Local mom makes face masks



Left: Leonor Lange makes face masks locally for children and adults in compliance with Colorado COVID-19 needs. Offered for “give what you can” donations, she then sends funds to her native Bolivia, a country whose extreme poverty is further crippled by the pandemic. Having purchased supplies on her own, she sews the masks, then sends all monies received over to people and places she has worked with personally: cardiologist Dr. Alexis Toshio of Dr. Alfonso Gumusio Reyes General Hospital and the Hermana Rosario nuns at the orphanage Hogar Sagrado Corazon, both in Montero, Santa Cruz, Bolivia. She knows them from her years as a social worker in Bolivia. Lange feels the effects of the pandemic particularly strongly. Beloved members of her family in Bolivia have suffered and died from the disease. Hospitals are so overwhelmed that many people are home quarantined and cannot work or earn income. Lange is doing what she can to help those both near and afar benefit. To offer charitable donations or donate and get masks, contact Lange at her home, “my sewing place” aka her kids’ playroom, 512-650-0477. Photo by Janet Sellers.

Many thanks, Danny, July 25



Above: Danny Guzman, high school senior, kneels beside his rock design at what’s known as Ms. T’s garden as Tia Mayer, left, and John Howe look on. Guzman volunteered to help weed and clean for several weeks at the Chamber of Commerce Community Meeting House on Highway 105. He completed his work on July 25. Photo by Michael Weinfeld. Caption by John Howe.

OCN photo contest winner



Above: On July 24, Rob Long was sitting on his deck with an iPhone 11 mounted on a small tripod near the feeder when these hummingbirds decided to cooperate. “My wife is back in Indiana and wanted a picture of the orange hummingbirds at our feeder, so I was just doing my duty,” he said. His educated guess is that the orange one is a rufous hummingbird just migrating through. They are also very protective of their food sources. The other hummingbird might be a broadtail. Photo by Rob Long.

Keep them coming! Send your best “Summer in Tri-Lakes” photo to editor@ocn.me no later than **Aug. 28**. Include names of 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. We will print the winners in our Sep. 5 issue.

Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor
Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the information number for that event.

Monument Library resumes limited indoor library services

At the library, you are now able to browse the physical collection, use self-checkout machines and service desks, make one 55-minute computer reservation per day (phone 719-389-8968, with your library card), use copier machines without staff assistance, and charge your devices. Cloth face coverings/masks are required, capacity limits will be enforced, and other items and areas will remain unavailable or closed to the public (including furniture, water fountains, and children’s play area). Please keep your visits as brief as possible. Curbside pickup of holds is available; phone 719-488-2370. For more information, phone 719-531-6333, x7005 or visit ppld.org/monument-library.

Tri-Lakes Senior Center reopens

The senior center now has a temperature check station at the entrance and will follow all state guidelines to allow seniors to participate safely in various activities. The senior center is located in the portable building between Lewis-Palmer High School and the Don Breese Stadium. For more information, contact 719-464-6873 or www.trilakeseniors.org.

Tri-Lakes Y fall youth sports

Registration is now open for flag football, volleyball, and soccer. Practices begin in August. Basketball will start in October. Financial assistance is available. Register at

www.pymca.org or at the Y, 17250 Jackson Creek Parkway, Monument. See ad on page 6.

PLAG Art Show postponed, Art Show for Scholarship Winner

PLAG’s annual fine art exhibit, Color Splash, has been postponed until spring 2021. Kennedy Shuh, PLAG’s high school scholarship winner, will have an art show through August at Bella Art and Frame, 183 Washington St., Monument (719-487-7691). For details about PLAG, contact bsands56@gmail.com, www.palmerlakeartgroup.com. See ad on page 12.

Sheriff seeks information in 2017 homicide of Tim Watkins

The morning of Sept. 14, 2017, Tim Watkins rode his mountain bike up Mt. Herman west of Palmer Lake as he’d had done many times before. But he never returned, and three days later, a crew of volunteer searchers found his body, shot and buried on a hillside near one of his favorite trails. Two years later, no suspects have been named and no arrests have been made. Authorities in Colorado continue to ask for the public’s help in the murder of Watkins. Friends and family have established a GoFundMe goal of \$15,000 to Pikes Peak Area Crime Stoppers for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for Watkins’ death. Anyone with information can submit an anonymous tip by calling the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office tip line at 719-520-6666, or by calling Pikes Peak Crime Stoppers at 719-634-7867.

Tri-Lakes Cares is there for you

Do you need help as a result of COVID-19? Connect with Tri-Lakes Cares for assistance with groceries, rent or mortgage, utilities,

car repair, and medical assistance at www.tri-lakescares.org/coronavirus. For more information, call 719-481-4864. See ad on page 13.

Stage I Fire Restrictions

Continued dry conditions and the National Weather Service forecast for continued dry and warmer-than-normal conditions have resulted in very high to extreme fire danger ratings. Stage I Fire Restrictions are now in effect for all the unincorporated areas of El Paso County. The following are prohibited:

- Open burning, excepting fires and campfires within permanently constructed fire grates in developed campgrounds and picnic grounds; charcoal grills and wood burning stoves at private residences in areas cleared of all flammable materials.
- The sale or use of fireworks.
- Outdoor smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Violations of Stage I Restrictions may result in a fine of up to \$600. For more information, visit www.epcsheriffsoffice.com.

Slash-Mulch season ends Sept.

The El Paso County Black Forest Slash and Mulch program will accept slash (tree and brush debris only) through **Sept. 13**. Mulch will be available through **Sept. 19** or until mulch runs out. Hours of operation are: Saturdays, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5-7:30 p.m. The mulch loader schedule is Saturdays only, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. The cost for slash is \$2 per load. The mulch loader fee is \$5 per bucket, about 2 cubic yards. The

slash and mulch site is located at the southeast corner of Shoup and Herring Roads in the Black Forest area. For more information, visit www.bfslash.org or phone the County Environmental Division, 520-7878; Carolyn, 495-3127; Chuck, 495-8675; Jeff, 495-8024.

Openings for Monument’s PC and Board of Adjustments

The Town of Monument has openings on its Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments. For more information, visit www.townofmonument.org.

WMMI indoor tours resume

Museum tours now accommodate social distancing and COVID-19 safety standards. Tours are available Mon., Wed., Fri., and Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with a special hour for our vulnerable population, 9-10 a.m. Please call in advance. The gift shop is open. Cost: \$11 adults, \$10 military/AAA, \$9 seniors and students, \$6 children 3-12, free to children under 3 and museum members. The museum is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). For more information, phone 719-488-0880, email info@wmmi.org, or visit www.wmmi.org.

Clerk & Recorder services

In-person services are available by appointment only for marriage licenses as well as motor vehicle and driver’s license renewals and out-of-state transfers at the main, southeast, and north offices. Schedule an appointment online at epcdrives.com. Most driver and vehicle services can be completed online at mydmv.colorado.gov. Residents can renew their motor vehicle registration online at mydmv.colorado.gov, by phone at 520-6240, by mail, or by self-service kiosks at King Soopers or at the North Motor Vehicle Office at 8830 N. Union Blvd.