

Woodmoor sinkhole, Oct. 22



Above: A broken watermain caused a sinkhole that ate a truck on Caribou Drive West in Woodmoor and affected traffic on Oct. 22. The front of the truck got stuck in the water-filled hole. The watermain break affected 25 to 30 homes in South Woodmoor Preserve. It was fixed by the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation Department. *Photo by Scott Henderson.*

Makers Market, Oct. 23



Above: The 25th Annual Front Range Makers Market took place at Lewis-Palmer High School on Oct. 23-24. About 3,000 shoppers were presented with 120 vendors and three food trucks during the market. Last year's event was held outdoors due to the pandemic. This year's market visitors could choose among pottery, wood items, fiber items, CBD concoctions, and Christmas decorations. Creative Director Stephanie Barker provided a website address where shoppers can continue to select items after the fair. The address is www.supportlocalmakers.com. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

St. Peter Trunk or Treat, Oct. 29



Above: Kids of all ages dressed up in costumes and parents decorated their car trunks and truck beds for a fun, candy-filled Trunk or Treat evening at St. Peter Catholic School on Oct. 29. Decorations included celebration of el día de los muertos, including pictures of ancestors and all the special trimmings, a ship complete with pirates for Sea Scouts Troop 789 (pictured above), along with trunks filled with games of skill. Almost all of the elaborately decorated trunks were made of cardboard. The event was a fundraiser for the school with a raffle and prizes for the most popular festive trunk. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

Ballot issue 2F, Nov. 2



Left: On Nov. 2, Monument Police Department's ballot issue 2F asked residents of Monument to increase the sales tax rate from 3% to 3.5% to enable the MPD to shorten response times, hire and train more officers, and enhance its ability to conduct criminal investigations. The MPD pursued the sales tax option instead of a property tax increase, which would have placed the burden solely on Monument residents. The

MPD routinely assists unincorporated El Paso County and Palmer Lake with emergency police calls. Sgt. Melikian, standing, conferred with other MPD officers during the Oct. 2 wildfire evacuation drill. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.* **Based on early election results available as OCN was going to press, it appears 2F will pass.**

Wildfire booksigning, Oct. 23



Above: After years of experience in wildfire risk reduction, OCN volunteer Lisa Hatfield donned her woodsmen's helmet as she presented her novel, *To Starve an Ember*, for signing Oct. 23 at Covered Treasures Book Store. Hatfield outlined the theme of her first book as she signed copies for, from left, Jade Kleinhans, Paul Kleinhans, Kitra Scott, Garrett Pyle, Tiffany Scott, Lisa Hatfield, Cyndy Matlack, Chris Scott, Madison Scott, Hunter Scott. *Photo by Teri Stephens.* See ad on page 4.

TLC client appreciation pumpkins



Above: On Oct. 18, Tri-Lakes Cares (TLC) built a pumpkin patch and distributed carving kits, candy, treats, apple cider, and hot cocoa to show client appreciation at one of its bi-weekly food distribution events. Parents and kids alike enjoyed the treats and holiday festivities while picking up their grocery orders. For more information about TLC, a community-based, volunteer-supported resource center, see www.tri-lakescares.org. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

Oktoberfest and Trunk or Treat



Above: From left, Jackson Hensch, Ellie Hoang, Cayden Olds, Isaac Hoang, and Abigail Hoang attend the Second Annual Black Forest Oktoberfest—Trunk-or-Treat on Oct. 30. The Black Forest Community Center hosted Oktoberfest with great food and live German music from Das Half Pint Band in the Log School pavilion and garden. A long line of costumed children extended around the parking lot to the "back yard" behind the community center, where about 30 candy-laden trunks and a fire truck awaited. Multiple organizations, local businesses, and families and the Black Forest Fire/Rescue Protection District gave out candy and treats. The event began at 3 p.m. and by about 6 p.m. all the trunks were empty! The event was organized by Tiffany Coles with the efforts of many volunteers, Boy Scout Troop 70, generous donations, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, and www.WeAreBlackForest.com. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*