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Local Events

Readers should assume that event information published in this issue is subject to change and information should be confirmed a day or two before the event by calling the information number or checking the organization's website.

See pages 28-31 for event locations and other details of these and many other local events.

- **King's Deer Garage Sale**, Fri-Sun. Aug. 6-8.
- **Black Forest Festival**, Sat., Aug. 7, 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **Backpack Bash**, Sat., Aug. 7, 9 a.m. Free school supplies.
- **Woodmoor Chipping Day**, Sat., Aug. 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Kiwanis Palisade Peach Pickup Day**, Sat., Aug. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Silver Key Anniversary Gala**, Sat. Aug. 7, 6-10 p.m.
- **TLCA: Dion Pride: A Tribute to Charley Pride**, Sat. Aug. 7, 7 p.m.
- **Jazz in Black Forest Park: Academy Jazz Ensemble/Justin Carpenter**, Thu., Aug. 12, 6:30-8 p.m.
- **Heartland Connect Golf Tournament to benefit TLC**, Fri., Aug. 13, 8 a.m.
- **TLCA: Chasqui String Quartet**, Sat. Aug. 14, 7 p.m.
- **Downtown Monument Art Hop**, Thu., Aug. 19, 5-8 p.m.
- **Concert in Fox Run Park**, Thu., Aug. 19, 6-8 p.m.
- **Jazz in Black Forest Park: Swing Factory/Craig Harms**, Thu., Aug. 19, 6:30-8 p.m.
- **Pickin' on the Divide**, Sat., Aug. 21, 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
- **Western Saloon Night to benefit WMMI**, Sat., Aug. 21, 6-9 p.m.
- **TLCA: Acoustic Eidolon**, Sat., Aug. 21, 7 p.m.
- **Concert in Fox Run Park: Wirewood Station**, Thu., Aug. 26, 6-8 p.m.
- **Jazz in Black Forest Park: Triple Play/Tom Fowler**, Thu., Aug. 26, 6:30-8 p.m.
- **Tri-Lakes Cruisers Car Club Benefit Car Show for TLC**, Sun., Aug. 29
- **Concert in Fox Run Park: Inman Brothers Band**, Thu., Sep. 2, 6-8 p.m.
- **Jazz in Black Forest Park: Academy Jazz Ensemble/Justin Carpenter**, Thu. Sep. 2, 6:30-8 p.m.

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Fox Run Park Concert Series



Above: The free Concert Series presented by El Paso County Parks at Fox Run Regional Park continued July 29 with *Dotsero* playing their jazzy arrangements of original melodies and classic rock. The crowd was delighted by the perfect evening weather and the saxophone sensations of Steve Watts. The Concert Series continues every Thursday night at the Fox Run Park Gazebo through Sep. 2. For a complete schedule of the bands to play see Facebook—Fox Run Regional Park Concert Series. *Photo Marlene Brown.*

Monument Board of Trustees, July 19

In the fall, board will ask voters to raise taxes

By Allison Robenstein

On July 19, the Monument Board of Trustees (BOT) decided to ask voters to increase the sales tax from 3% to 3.5%. Residents will also vote to change local governance from a statutory town to a home rule one. Two water related projects were approved on the consent agenda.

Trustees Laurie Clark and Jamie Unruh participated remotely, both choosing to use the one virtual session each trustee is afforded for the rest of this year. During the June 21 meeting, the board approved remote participation. It has provided the chance for meetings to continue throughout the pandemic. Trustees were able to participate even when traveling for business, so it was decided that each member will be allotted one remote session for the rest of this year. Remote

participants may not vote on quasi-judicial issues. See www.ocn.me/v21n7.htm#mbot.

Voters will be asked to increase the sales tax in November

Monument voters will be asked to approve a 0.5% sales tax increase in the November election. Town staff estimates \$1.65 million in revenue could be generated and will be used to fund the Police Department. The additional revenue would be used to hire and train eight more police officers, update arrest report software and computers, purchase and maintain the police vehicle fleet. Last year, 57.45% of voters rejected a similar request in ballot issue 2E.

The mayor and town manager held numerous town hall-style meetings to

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Above: On Aug. 2, the Monument Board of Trustees hosted an overflow of residents interested in the Conexus project. For more information on the project, see the Triview article to the right. OCN has been frequently carrying details on the project since our Jan. 2018 issue. To read those articles, search for "Conexus" at www.ocn.me. Detailed information on the Aug. 2 meeting will be included in the Sep. 4 issue of OCN. *Photo by Allison Robenstein.*

Triview Metropolitan District, July 22

Conexus warehouse plans explained; audit nears completion

By Jennifer Kaylor

At Triview Metropolitan District's July 22 Board of Directors' meeting, Conexus Business Center representative Mike DeGrant presented information on the warehouse complex planned for Conexus' Phase III property. Directors received the district's 2020 financial audit summary from Christine Mcleod of Haynie and Co.

All staff, board directors, water attorney Chris Cummins, and general counsel George Rowley attended the meeting either online or in person. Director Anthony Sexton was excused.

The July 22 agenda and board meeting packet may be accessed via <https://triviewmetro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Agenda-7-22-21-Triview-Final.pdf> and <https://triviewmetro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Triview-Board-Packet-for-7.22.2021.pdf>, respectively.

Triview is a Title 32 special district in Monument that provides road, parks, and open space maintenance, as well as water, stormwater, and wastewater services to Jackson Creek, Promontory Pointe, Sanctuary Pointe, and several commercial areas.

Warehouse plans presented

DeGrant explained that I-25 and Old Denver Highway served as the Conexus parcel's east and west boundar-

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