

Snapshots of Our Community

SPCS Chess Tournament, Oct. 1



Above: The St. Peter Catholic School (SPCS) gym was filled with kids playing chess on Oct. 1. Students of all ages and abilities from Monument and Colorado Springs took part in the tournament run by SPCS parent Domingo Astiasaran. Caleb Frohman won among sixth-graders and above. Jack Moylan came in first among third- to fifth-graders. *Photo courtesy of SPCS.*

Districts receive awards, Oct. 26



Above: On Oct. 26, El Paso County presented American Recovery Plan Act awards to Monument Sanitation District and Forest View Acres Water District. Monument Sanitation received an award of \$684,025 and Forest View \$1.55 million for infrastructure improvements. Representing the Forest View Acres Water District (top photo) are, from left, Paul McKean, Nancy Wilkins, Vince Guthrie, and Brad Hogan. Representing Monument Sanitation (lower photo) are, from left, John Howe, Mark Parker, and Dave Frisch. *Top photo by Gwen Dall. Bottom photo courtesy of El Paso County.*

Empty Bowls raised over \$19K

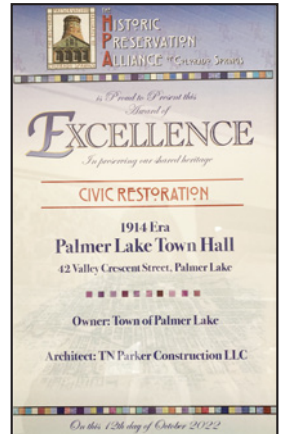


Above: This year's Empty Bowls event was held on Oct. 12 at Lewis-Palmer High School. The Kiwanis Club of Monument Hill sponsors this event, which provides handmade bowls from local artisans along with food from local restaurants. This year's event raised over \$19,000 for Tri-Lakes Cares (TLC), a local nonprofit that supports those in need in the community. TLC hosted a silent auction with over 130 items offered by local vendors, artists, restaurants, and other donors. Volunteers helped solicit items, prepared baskets, created and sold floral arrangements, set up and tore down the day of the event, monitored the auction tables and answered questions, and handled the cashing. It takes many hands to make an event successful, and TLC is grateful for all the support. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

GMS and TN Parker receive award



Above: At the Oct. 27 Palmer Lake Board of Trustees meeting, Mayor Bill Bass awarded the Historic Preservation Alliance Civic Restoration Award for the Town Hall Project to Mark Horton and Ryan Cramer of GMS Consulting Engineers Inc. and Neal Parker of TN Parker Construction LLC. From left are Bass, Parker, Horton, Cramer, and Town Manager Dawn Collins. On Oct. 20, Collins spoke to guests in the historic Palmer Lake Town Hall before the Palmer Lake Historical Society (PLHS) monthly meeting. PLHS members and the town contributed to and completed some of the restoration, along with TN Parker. Peter Blaney of The Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum and PLHS audio-visual expert initiated the application for the award. Collins attended the Historic Preservation Alliance Gala and Awards Ceremony held at the Colorado Springs Auditorium on Oct. 12 with PLHS Vice President Doris Baker and Tom Baker (former president of the PLHS). *Photo by Su Osgersby Ketchmark and Jackie Burhans. Caption by Jackie Burhans and Natalie Barszcz.*



John Adams at TLCA, Oct. 29

Right: On Oct. 29, John Adams returned to the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) for the ninth time with a solo tribute to the music of John Denver. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the time Adams began playing Denver's songs with just his guitar. He thought performing solo, playing his six- and 12-string guitars, and accompanied by his wife Amanda on violin on only a few songs, was a fitting anniversary tribute. Adams met Denver over 30 times and related several stories throughout the evening about their friendship. Stating that the TLCA "is something special because it is such an intimate setting," Adams proceeded to play a mix of familiar and not so familiar Denver songs. The songs included *Rocky Mountain High*, *To the Wild Country*, *The Thought of You*, *I'm Sorry*, and *Fly Away*. *Photo by David Futey.*

