

Benet Hill makes commitment



Above: Benet Hill Monastery Prioress Sister MT Summers and Monastic Council members have signed a public statement committing the monastery community to the Church's Laudato Si' Action Platform. Joining with others around the globe, the monastery will work with the Action Platform over the next seven years for education, engagement, and implementation opportunities to better care for the Earth. As part of the platform, the sisters say they value and are committed to environmental sustainability and ecologically wise and practical use of alternative energy sources. They say they recognize the interconnectedness of climate change and the cry of the poor and commit to integral ecology to the extent possible. Holding the Earth flag that hangs outside the Monastery dining room, from left are Sister Margaret Meaney, Sister Therese O'Grady, Sister MT Summers, Sister Mary Colleen Schwarz, Sister Deb Kuhl, Sister Mary Glenn, Sister Ana Cloughly, and Sister Clare Carr. *Photo courtesy of Benet Hill Monastery.*

Monument Lake restocked, Apr. 21



Above: One fish, two fish, many, many more fish are in Monument Lake. Colorado Parks and Wildlife Department (CPW) stocked the lake with rainbow trout twice last month. A truck backed into the lake, opened a chute, and deposited 2,400 fish into the water on April 4 and another 2,600 on April 21. The department plans to stock the lake with other varieties of fish a couple more times this season. The CPW says it raises more than 100 million fish each year to stock Colorado waters. *Photo by Michael Weinfeld.*

Funds raised for Ukraine, Apr. 21

Right: On April 21, the annual No Boys Allowed Tour was held by merchants in downtown Monument. More than 250 women toured the shops, enjoying a night out. Proceeds from ticket sales amounted to \$500 and was donated to assist the war efforts in Ukraine. Kathi Schuler, left, owner of the Love Shop, gave the check to Jodi Bliss, owner of Bliss Studio, who forwarded the money via PayPal to "brave blacksmiths and metal fabricators in Ukraine" who are making "hedgehog anti-tank units, periscopes, knives, de-mining crampons" as well as "water tankers for hauling water to the front lines and body armor for bullet-proof vests." *Photo by Susan M.*



"Beatles" Reunion at TLCA, Apr. 22



Above: On April 22, the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) audience got an answer to "What if the Beatles had reunited in Palmer Lake?" Drew Harrison (John Lennon), Adam Joel (Paul McCartney), Jimmy Pou (George Harrison), Terry Carlton (Ringo Starr) and Tommy Cosentino (the fifth Beatle) provided an answer with The Beatles Reunion: Get Back tour through songs from the Beatles and their solo efforts. Carlton said had circumstances allowed, "We believe they (the Beatles) would have eventually settled their differences and rejoined for the love of their music and each other." The tribute began with the Beatles Get Back followed by Lennon's Starting Over, McCartney's Jet, Harrison's Set on You then Starr's It Don't Come Easy. The audience sang along, danced, and gave standing ovations throughout the evening as they were continually delighted with the music and imagery. The Beatles song I Feel Fine summed up the evening for all. *Photo by David Futey.*

FoFRP celebrate Earth Day, Apr. 22



Above: Earth Day 2022 was celebrated by the Friends of Fox Run Park by working for the day in Fox Run Regional Park. The crew collected trash around the edge and in the park. This year's theme of Earth Day was "Invest in our planet" and the crew invested its time and efforts to improve the park and Earth. Globally over 1 billion people in 193 countries help by working in volunteer crews. For more information, go to www.earthday.org. For info on future volunteer projects in Fox Run Regional Park, email friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com. *Photo by Julie Haverluk.*

Fundraiser for teacher

Right: Lewis-Palmer Middle School physical education teacher Katelynn Gillen is asking for financial help to pay for her medical treatments. Gillen has Epstein-Barr virus (EPV) and John Cunningham virus. As a result, she has brain lesions and is in extreme pain. Gillen needs chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant. She'll be treated at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. She and her family will have to stay in Rochester for up to six weeks while Gillen is hospitalized. A GoFundMe has been set up to help pay her medical and travel costs. Donations can be made at <https://gf.me/v/cjcfy/medical-cost-for-coach-gillen>. *Photo courtesy of GoFundMe.*



Fundraiser for Wounded Heros



Above: As a fundraiser for Wounded Heroes USA, two local bands—ASHTōNZ, led by Charlie Searle, and Mosquito Pass, led by Tim Steinwinder, played a benefit concert in the barn at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry on April 23. American Legion Post 9-11 Tri-Lakes also helped. Wounded Heroes USA is a local not-for-profit organized by Bill Miller. Proceeds from this event will support Gold Star Families at Fort Carson. *Photo by Marissa Searle.*