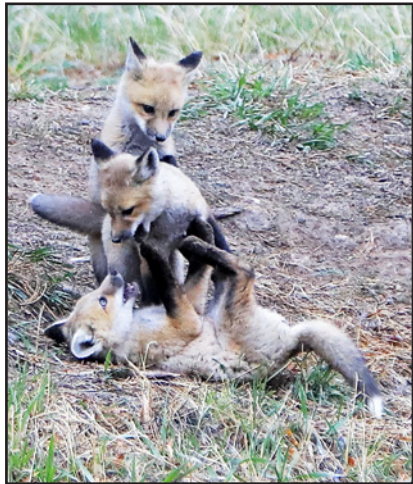


Fox family, Apr. 20



Above: We've seen all kinds of wildlife from our deck in Monument. Raccoons, deer, bats. On April 20, a new family moved in. A family of foxes appeared from a den on the berm south of Monument Lake. A mother, father, and six kits. The kits have provided twice daily entertainment. Each morning and late afternoon the kits crawl out of their den to play and roll around. Now that they've gotten older, the father has taken them into the woods, perhaps to teach them how to hunt. *Caption by Michael Weinfeld. Photo by James Smith.*

Great American Clean-up, Apr. 30



The Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest community improvement program, which takes place annually during spring in over 15,000 communities nationwide. *Keep America Beautiful* is celebrating its 24th year of volunteers donating time and effort to bring communities together by helping each other. Crews working in the Monument area, including Boy Scouts and Friends of Fox Run Park, were able to help the Town of Monument collect over 75 bags of trash in a little over two hours April 30. **Above left:** Monument residents took part in the national Great American Cleanup on April 30. Tia M. Mayer, John Howe, and Michael Weinfeld (not shown) collected garbage in the vicinity of the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce's Community Meeting House and Ms. T's Garden on Highway 105. *Photo by Michael Weinfeld.* **Above right:** Other cleanup sites designated by the town were Monument Lake, Baptist Road Trailhead (shown), Third Street Trailhead and Highway 105 bridge, and the Monument YMCA. For more information, see <http://www.kab.org> or <https://www.townofmonument.org>. *Photo by Marlene Brown.*

Claude Bourbon at TLCA, Apr. 30



Left: On April 30, the third time was far more than the charm as internationally renowned guitar virtuoso Claude Bourbon captivated and enthralled the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) audience. After having two TLCA appearances canceled due to the COVID pandemic, Bourbon weaved his renaissance classical training with Spanish, blues, folk, Middle

Eastern and other genres into an unequaled style that, coupled with earthy gruff vocals, gathered the audience for an eclectic musical journey. Bourbon started playing guitar at 15 years old, switching to electric guitar in his early 20s while performing in a band. Bourbon said he eventually "realized I could be my own band playing bass and lead" on an acoustic guitar. That began a 30-year solo career that has achieved nearly unparalleled recognition throughout Europe and America. *Photo by David Futey.*

Black Forest Arts & Crafts, May 1



Above and left: The 58th Annual Spring Show by the Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild was held May 1 at the Black Forest Community Center. The five-day event showcased local artisans in a variety of media including beadwork, doll clothing, paintings, woodworking, and pastries and jellies. The Guild raises money for its Scholarship Fund and awards a local graduating senior each year. For more information on scholarships or to become a member, visit www.BFACG.org. *Photos by Marlene Brown.*

Our Community Notices

By Janet Sellers

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. Please notify us if your event listing needs to be updated.

Drop the Distracted Driving

Colorado has a law that bans texting while driving for drivers of all ages. CDOT found that most people have a "Do Not Disturb While Driving" feature on their phone in a recent survey, but many don't know how to use it. The unexpected can happen in an instant. Be proactive, learn how to enable this feature see DropTheDistraction at distraction.codot.gov.

The safety stop is now state law

Bicyclists in Colorado now have safe and legal options for navigating through intersections after governor Jared Polis signed

Colorado house bill 22-1028 into law on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. The new law, which allows bicyclists and users of low-speed conveyances to treat stop signs as yield signs and stop lights as stop signs when they already have the right of way, goes into effect immediately statewide. Info: bikecoloradosprings.org.

Rotary Club coming to Tri-Lakes

Rotary International has 1.4 million worldwide with clubs in every country on this planet. Rotary focuses on local and international communities on improving education, saving mothers and children, clean water, sanitation, growing local economies, and protecting the environment via its member business professionals, teachers, real estate persons, developers, medical doctors, nurses, housewives, and retired people serving to change lives locally and globally. Local info: Dr. Qureshi at 719 229 1648 or kqureshico@yahoo.com and www.

Rotary.org. See ad on page 4.

Seniors Driver's License Electronic Renewal

With the implementation of the Driver's License Electronic Renewal By Seniors Act (HB21-1139), Colorado seniors now have the permanent ability to renew their driver license or identification card online, but there are new laws to understand. Information is online via mycolorado.state.us. Some restrictions apply to drivers aged 21-80, and drivers over 80 need a special doctor's statement. Coloradans who are concerned about an elder family member's ability to drive should email dor_mvhelpdesk@state.co.us.

DMV online and kiosks

Clerk & Recorder's Office provides motor vehicle and driver's license services. 30+ services at mydmv.colorado.gov. Renew registration online or at a kiosk. Make appointments. check in for appointments and

wait where it's convenient for you. The DMV encourages Coloradans to skip the trip and use its online services whenever possible. So before your next trip to the DMV, remember to save time, go online. Visit DMV. Colorado.gov/Save-time for more information. See epcdrives.com.

CO 21 (Powers Blvd.) & Research Pkwy. construction

Work will be completed in fall 2022 and will consist of replacing the current at-grade intersection with an innovative Diverging Diamond Interchange by constructing an overpass for Powers Boulevard/Colorado Highway 21 traffic to move continuously through the intersection over Research Parkway. For many more details and rendering of final configuration, including a video showing new traffic flow, see <https://cccpi.net/cdot-powers-research.pdf>.

Slash/mulch program

Location: Southeast corner of Shoup and