

Snapshots of Our Community

Miss Monument: PRHS graduate

**Right:** Palmer Ridge High School graduate Anna Tossell was named Miss Monument Feb. 24, giving her a chance to compete in the Miss Colorado USA pageant in Greeley on July 3. Though she didn't win, her mother says Tossell, 19, "learned a lot about the process" and got to advocate for mental health-related issues. Alexis Glover of Colorado Springs was crowned Miss Colorado USA and will go on to compete in the Miss USA pageant Oct. 3 in Reno, Nev. *Photo by Michael Solberg.*



Party for the Parks, July 16



**Above:** Monument's first Party for the Parks took place July 16. Five country bands drew a crowd of hundreds, but stormy clouds rained on the party in the afternoon. Even so, it made for this beautiful double rainbow while concert goers paused their partying. *Photo by Chris Jeub.*

TLWC grant provides cameras



**Above:** A Tri-Lakes Women's Club (TLWC) grant has paid for three thermal imaging cameras to be used by the Monument Fire District. On July 30, TLWC members got a tutorial on the cameras that will be used in the district's three ambulances. Lt. John Bodinsky told the members the cameras "will help increase overall life safety for our citizens and firefighters." He said the cameras will help personnel search for fire victims, among other things. TLWC has awarded 18 grants so far this year totaling more than \$28,000. From left are TLWC members Debbie Heredia and Shelley Pruett, Lt. Jon Bodinsky, holding one of the three thermal imaging cameras, and TLWC members Anne Campbell, Pam Cutcliff, and Geri Bush. *Photo by Sue Leggiero.*

Hummingbird Festival, Aug. 5-6



**Above:** The Hummingbird Festival sponsored by The Friends of Fox Run Park was a big hit at its new location: Happy Landing Ranch on Roller Coaster Road. There were booths, bubbles, alpacas, firefighters, and many people who came to have fun. This is the third year of the Hummingbird Festival, and it is growing every year. The Friends of Fox Park had a hotdog stand and there was a lemonade stand, too. *Photo by T. McKinsey.*

National Night Out, Aug. 6



**Above:** Monument Fire District's "C" shift engaged in a mock football game with residents at the annual "neighborhood watch" National Night Out party in Promontory Pointe on Aug. 6. Promontory Pointe Homeowners planned the special night out complete with band PB&J, bounce pirate ship, food trucks, and a raffle at the Little Train Park. The event was well attended by the residents, the Monument Police Department, and the Monument Fire District. The National Night Out event was sponsored by FirstNet, Starbucks, Academy Sports + Outdoors Association, and Ring. Pictured from left: Rhett Armstrong, Conor Lawrence, Paramedic John Hoeh, Fletch, Syllas Bailey and firefighter Garrett O'Hara holding the football. *Caption by Natalie Barszcz and photo by Gayla Williamson.*

AARP chapter celebrates 50th



**Above:** Jeremiah Mora of the AARP State Office, Denver, thanked the group and congratulated Black Forest Chapter of the AARP No. 1100 for serving the community for 50 years. The chapter began in 1972 and has received 107 awards for providing outstanding community service throughout its existence, and proudly state their motto, "To Serve, Not to Be Served." The group reminisced and fondly remembered the founding members: Edith D. Wolford, Father Thomas Hanlon, and Pastor Nick Natelli, and numerous awards were presented to chapter members. The Forest Chorus performed a medley of patriotic songs at the beginning of the celebration, and the historic chapter scrapbooks and mementos were on display. The occasion was celebrated with cake and Wolford's "special punch." For more information, visit the chapter at: <http://aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com>. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*

