

Senior center moves



Above: For about 10 years, the Tri-Lakes Senior Center (TLSC) was located at Lewis-Palmer High School. Now the center, which has merged with Silver Key, has moved. The new location is in the Grace Best Elementary School building, 66 Jefferson St., Monument.

According to Sue Walker, TLSC director, the move has given the center more room for activities aimed at helping seniors maintain social connections as well as help with physical and mental well-being. The new facility has four rooms. A physical activity room has been repainted and a new floor installed to accommodate such activities as yoga, tai-chi, line dancing (shown in the photo), and other physical activities intended to help seniors maintain flexibility, strength, and balance.

A game room hosts bingo and card games like pinochle and hand and foot (shown in photo). A bridge group dropped out during the pandemic but may restart its weekly matches. A "Mindercise" group helps sharpen mental agility, and seniors are involved in helping with children's literacy.

Many other services may be accessed through the Tri-Lakes Senior Center and Silver Key. Please refer to the website, www.TriLakesSeniors.org, for the monthly edition of Senior Beat for details on scheduled groups and events at the center and other important information, e.g., how to find transportation to grocery shopping, medical appointments, and other services.

You may also wish to contact Tri-Lakes Senior Center at 719.464.6873 and leave a call-back number. *Photo by Steve Pate.*

Trinity Community Park opens



Above and below: The newly opened Trinity Community Park, built with volunteer labor and funding from church members is designed for people of all abilities to have a safe, close, accessible place to play outdoors. The park, which includes a swing set with an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant swing, spring toy, and climbing structure, held its grand opening on Aug. 27. The church is now pursuing grants and other funding for a second phase to include ADA-compliant walkways, ramps, surfacing, accessible swings, a wheelchair accessible merry go round and more. For more information, contact Pastor Mike Vinson, mvinson@trinitymonument.org 719-481-3072, or Tamara Schwarz, trscharz@comcast.net, 719-351-0179. See web site at <http://trinitymonument.org/trinity-community-park>. **Pictured:** Ron Schwarz, Erik Sell, Cynthia Halverson (Tri Lakes Chamber of Commerce), Rick Frampton (D38 Executive Director of Student Services), Marlys Berg, Samantha Johnson, Reanna Werner, Mitch LaKind (Town of Monument Trustee), Pastor Mike Vinson, Tamara Schwarz (TCP Team Lead), Steve Scherrer, Darcy Schoening (Town of Monument Trustee), Bonnie Angotti, Kurt Ehrhardt, Sue Ross, Dawn Kruger (Tri Lakes Chamber of Commerce). *Photo by Dave Ross*



An important message for our readers

OCN needs your help!

Our Community News is an all-volunteer organization. For the past 20 years, our volunteers have provided unbiased reporting on important local issues, including real estate development, fire departments, school districts, and water availability. We have provided a very favorable platform for advertising local businesses. We have published letters to the editor to allow you to express your opinions on events affecting the Tri-Lakes area.

Now we find that we have more tasks than we have volunteers. Some vital jobs where we could use your help:

- Reporters. Reporting on local meetings, what they talked about and what they decided.
- Mailing assistants. Counting and lifting tubs of papers to take the monthly mailing to the post offices and stacks of papers to local businesses, loading and unloading mailing tubs from a truck at two locations, preparing postoffice paperwork, tub labels, subscrip-

tion labels, etc.

- Drivers. Driving a rental truck to various post offices once a month.
- Ad sales assistants. We need volunteers who love *OCN* to contact local businesses and encourage them to advertise in *OCN*.

The time and skills involved vary greatly from job to job. *OCN* will provide whatever equipment and training you need.

Please join us today! Meet a group of interesting and committed people. Learn new skills—use your enthusiasm and creativity to benefit our community and celebrate unfiltered information.

Please call Publisher John Heiser at (719) 488-3455, or email johnheiser@ocn.me to see how you can contribute. Contact John today! He is waiting to hear from you. Together we can ensure that *OCN* continues to provide a vital service to our wonderful Tri-Lakes community.

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.

D38 free and reduced price school meals policy

Applications for free and reduced price school meals, instructions and an information letter to households are available at each school or online at www.lewis-palmer.org/nutritional-services.

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 distracted.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.

Neighborhood safety

What qualifies as suspicious activity? "If you see something, say something." It's vital to report to local law enforcement. Suspicious activity can refer to any incident, event, individual or activity that seems unusual or out of place. Some common examples of suspicious activities include: A stranger loitering in your neighborhood or a vehicle cruising the streets repeatedly. Someone peering into cars or windows. Here's what local authorities and Colorado Department of Public Safety says is needed information: Who did you see; what did you see; when did you see it; where did you see it; why it is suspicious. Call 911 or your local law enforcement agency.

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 inter-

national 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.

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.

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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 ends Sep.

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Location: Southeast corner of Shoup and Herring Roads, drop-off open **Apr. 30-**