

Tri-Lakes Chamber Street Fair



Left: The Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Street Fair in Monument was filled with post-parade spectators after the Monument Hill Kiwanis Main Parade on the Fourth of July. The spectators enjoyed a variety of food options and visited vendor booths. **Right:** John Howe and Karrie Pittman staffed the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce booth *Photos by David Futey.*

Pier ribbon cutting, July 24



Above: Members of Monument’s Parks, Water, and Streets Departments, along with the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, watched Mayor Mitch LaKind cut the ribbon for the new pier at Monument Lake on July 24. It took three weeks to build the 375-foot pier. The project cost nearly \$239,000. A Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission grant covered more than \$171,000 of the price. The pier in the northeast corner of the lake has been very popular since opening on June 14. It gives anglers and pedestrians access to a part of the shoreline that previously had been inaccessible. This pier is in addition to the old, shorter pier at the southeast corner of the lake. *Photo by Michael Weinfeld.*

Patillo at TLCA, July 7



Left: Singer, songwriter, evangelist, and philanthropist Leon Patillo brought his uplifting one-man show to the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) on July 7. Patillo’s music career started in the 1960s performing with the funk group *Creation* and with *Funkadelic* and *Martha and the Vandellas*. In the mid-1970s, he joined *Santana* and performed on two of their albums, *Borboletta* and *Festival*. After two years with *Santana*, he turned to a solo career of contemporary Christian music. On this evening Patillo performed *Proud to be an American* along with his own songs, including *Flesh of my Flesh*, which is often played at weddings, and *J.E.S.U.S.* Between songs, Patillo shared life stories and philosophies such as “life is built on relationships” and his efforts toward helping children through his SING Foundation and Rise Above Bullying. *Photo by David Futey.*

Water tank nears completion



Above: On July 25, workers were wire wrapping and shooting layers of specialized concrete body coating on the Town of Monument water storage tank project. Wire wrap reinforces the installed concrete tank dome and side wall panels yet allows flexibility for fluctuating water levels inside the 2-million-gallon capacity tank once it is in service. Dismantlement of framing and decking, as well as piping, cleaning, and disinfecting of the interior will follow. Exterior painting will be the last step to complete the tank structure. Excavation began in spring 2022 in Forest View Estates west of Monument. A Colorado Supreme Court opinion says the town’s declaration of eminent domain, overriding the established Forest View Estates residential-only restricted covenants, does not require the town to compensate adjacent property owners for lowered property values based on the tank site appropriation. *Photo by Sharon Williams.*

Sunrise at Palmer Lake



Above: A fisherman casts his line and enjoys the serenity and sunrise at Palmer Lake on the Fourth of July. *Photo by David Futey.*

Eagle Scout seeks support

Right: Troop 17 Eagle Scout Colin Saber had a booth set up at the Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast to bring awareness to his Eagle Scout project. The project is to honor WWII Col. Earl Depner, a Monument resident who passed away in January 2022. He flew a P-51 Mustang. Saber said he really wants to honor all WWII U.S. pilots and fallen heroes for their sacrifice. The project is to move and install a 2,000 pound, 11-by-7 by 6-foot P-51 Mustang sculpture from Fort Collins to the Monument Town Hall. Saber needs to raise \$55,000 for the project and is seeking support from the community. Information on how to support his project is at p51monument.com. *Photo by David Futey.*



Cruisers holds fundraiser, July 22



Above: The Tri-Lakes Cruisers Hotrod Club sponsored a fundraiser for the Alzheimer’s Association at Jackson Creek Senior Living on July 22. Vintage hotrods and muscle cars were on display, including a ‘32 “deuce coupe,” a souped-up ‘55 Chevy, Andy Houck’s restored ‘55 Chevy “first series” pickup shown above, and many others. Jackson Creek Senior Living provided hot dogs, soft drinks, and cookies. *Photo by Steve Pate.*

TLWC visits Bear Creek Robotics



Left: Members of Tri-Lakes Women’s Club (TLWC) got to see the results of one of their grants on June 14. From left, Grant Chairperson Julie Shook and co-President Shelley Pruett watched students use the robotics building kits that were bought with the grant. Shook and Pruett were guests of Bear Creek Elementary School at its Summer Robotics Camp. The camp, open to all second- to sixth-grade District 38 students, focuses on robotics and engineering. Last fall, the school started a formal robotics program through the First Lego League Challenge, a research and robotics tournament for 9- to 16-year-olds. To participate in the program, the school

needs to buy model robot kits over the next few years, and that is where the TLWC grant came in. *Photo by Anne Campbell.*

Cherry Creek Chipping Day, July 15

Right: On July 15, residents of Cherry Creek Crossing held their First Annual Chipping Day with the Monument Fire Department. They hope to do this again. From left are firefighters Greg Lovato and Morgan Cudney and residents Dave Lewis and Jeff Childers. *Photo by Mike Pipkins.*

