

Wood transformed into furniture art, and some rock



Above left: Josh Mabe, left, and Randy Valentine are seated at a dining room table that they built from reclaimed wood. **Above right:** Kim Phillips is shown with her three portraits of Jim Morrison, lead singer of The Doors. Phillips said these portraits represent a chapter in Morrison's life, from his rise in stardom to his decline. *Photos by David Futey.*

By David Futey

A show featuring furniture, a medium not typically thought of as art, opened Sept. 7 at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA). TwentyFive owners Josh Mabe and Randy Valentine reclaim and refurbish wood, giving it new life as coffee tables, dining room tables, or other furniture pieces. They locate ranchers and farmers who are tearing down a

barn or other structure and "harvest" the wood.

Mabe said what he enjoys most is the "story behind each piece of wood," because that gives additional character to each slat used in their creations.

Rock 'n' Art took the stage in the TLCA's main gallery. Chris Bohler's collection of historic rock art posters, sculptures from Ronny Walker, and

works by Joe Beavers, Kim Phillips, Charlie Snyder, and Wilhelmina Steenbergen and other artists provided an interpretation of rock music.

Information on TwentyFive is at www.twentylfive.com. A list of upcoming events at the TLCA is at www.trilakesarts.org.

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Above: TLCA favorite Wendy Woo performed two of her hits during the Rock 'n' Art opening. Woo will be perform again at the TLCA in December. *Photo by David Futey.*

John Adams Band honors John Denver



By David Futey

On Sept. 8, a capacity audience at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) received a little Rocky Mountain High from the John Adams Band, a John Denver tribute band. Adams has a lifelong appreciation for Denver and his music, which comes through in the performance.

Mixing known and lesser-known Denver songs, Adams relates the story behind the songs, encourages audience sing-alongs, and delivers each song with a passion and vocal similarity that honors its author.

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Chilean miners' rescue pod displayed

By David Futey

On Sept. 17, the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) received an exact replica of one of the three Chilean miners' pods that were used to free 33 trapped miners in Chile. In 2010, the world was captivated with the plight of the miners as they remained alive for 69 days until their rescue.

The pod was donated to the museum by the Chilean Tourism Board, weighs 1,800 pounds and is over 13 feet in height. The replica does not contain safety features, such as oxygen tanks, used in the rescue to raise the miners about 2,300 feet but provides the visitor

with an appreciation of the engineering required for its development.

The pod was installed at the museum with the help of Jaxon Engineering of Colorado Springs. Information on the WMMI is at www.wmmi.org.

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Right: A young visitor to the Western Museum of Mining & Industry experiences the pod as the Chilean miners did in 2010.

Cub Scout pack shows appreciation to VFW post commander

By Bernard L. Minetti

Navy veteran and Cub Scout Pack Leader Bill Wright, with Assistant Pack Leader and veteran Don Kenny and son Patrick, presented a certificate of appreciation to VFW Post 7829 Commander Joe Carlson on Sept. 25. At a recent meeting of the post, the membership voted to charter the cub pack. Chartering by the VFW Post allows the pack to remain in existence and to oversee and ensure that the goals of the pack can be achieved.

Some of the goals of the pack are to teach youngsters the tenets of leadership, respect for flag and country, and to become good citizens. The pack has approximately 26 members and is actively recruiting members. They meet at Lewis-Palmer Elementary School on the last Tuesday of the month. For further information, Wright can be contacted at 719-481-9027.

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Above: From left are Cub Scout Pack 117 Leader Bill Wright, Cub Scout Patrick Kenny, Patrick's father, Assistant Pack Leader Don Kenny, and VFW Post 7829 Commander Joe Carlson. Carlson received a certificate and pack photograph in appreciation for the post accepting the responsibility of chartering the pack. *Photo by Bernard Minetti*