

# Our Community News

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## Local Events

See pages 27-31 for details of these and many other local events.

**Member Artists Exhibition Opening Reception at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, Sat., Nov. 2, 6-8 p.m.**

**Lost Miner! Mine Safety, Health, and Rescue Heritage Lecture at Western Museum of Mining & Industry, Thu., Nov. 7, reception at 6, lecture at 7 p.m.**

**Sean Waldron at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, Thu., Nov. 7, 7-9 p.m.**

**NEPCO Meeting, Sat., Nov. 9, 10 a.m.-noon. County comm. Darryl Glenn.**

**Monument Academy Veterans' Day Assembly: "Honoring the Honorable," Mon., Nov. 12, 10 a.m.**

**HAP-py Feet Foot Care Clinic, Wed., Nov. 13**

**Lyndsay Wojcik Trio Singers at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, Thu., Nov. 14, 7-9 p.m.**

**Tri-Lakes Cares Blood Drive, Tue., Nov. 19, 3-7 p.m.**

**Palmer Lake Historical Society Meeting: "Who Killed Officer Burchfield?" Thu., Nov. 21, 7 p.m.**

**Rocky Mountain Music Alliance (RMMA) Free Concert: *Going for Baroque*, Sun., Nov. 24, 3 p.m.**

**Community Coming Together Free Thanksgiving Dinner, Thu., Nov. 28, 11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.**

**Monument's Small Town Christmas, Sat., Nov. 30, Dec. 7, & Dec. 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Palmer Lake's Traditional Chili Supper & Annual Star-lighting Festival, Sat., Nov. 30, 5-8:30 p.m.,**

**Kiwanis' 8th Annual North Pole at Tri-Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair, Sat.-Sun, Dec. 7-8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**Palmer Lake Yule Log Pot Luck Dinner, Tue., Dec. 10, 6 p.m. ■**



**Above:** Penn Grow and her sons Rider and Turner made their costumes out of plastic trash cans so that they could run the 5k race as Minions from the movie *Despicable Me*, and they won the prize for most creative family costume. *Photo by Rita Brown.*



**Above:** Linda van Noordt, left, with faerie wings, Olwyn Doyle, wearing a large grin, and Morph Man William van Noordt did their part for charity by adding to hilarity of the morning. *Photo by Hilda Nic Chárthaigh.*

## Creepy Crawl 5k and Fun Run YMCA fundraiser

The fifth annual Creepy Crawl 5k and 1-mile Fun Run started and ended at the Palmer Lake Santa Fe Trailhead, where over 500 runners and walkers in Halloween costumes congregated on Oct. 26.

The top male and female runners each earned a free weekend at the Estes Park YMCA.

Before the run, some entrants danced to Michael Jackson's *Thriller* and The

Village People's *Y-M-C-A*.

This annual event helps raise money to support the YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region's Annual Community Support Campaign. Funds raised stay in the community and provide opportunities for lower-income families to enjoy the benefits of Y membership, child care, sports, and camp programs.

Race Director Beth Christman was

thrilled at the support from local businesses that donated prizes as well as the tremendous support from the community.

This was the first year strollers were allowed in the race, so the youngest "runner" was 5 months old. A whole track team came from Denver, and runners traveled from Wisconsin and even Alaska to participate, Christman said. ■

### Woodmoor Improvement Association Board of Directors, Oct. 23

## YMCA healthcare building plan approved

By Harriet Halbig

Representatives of the YMCA of the Pikes Peak Area and RTA Architects presented their plans for a new healthcare facility to the board of the Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA) at its Oct. 23 meeting. Because the YMCA is located within the boundaries of Woodmoor, its building plans must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee and the board. The plans also must be approved by the Town of Monument.

YMCA Chairman Dan Dummermuth said that the present YMCA facility in the Tri-Lakes area opened in 2008 and currently has 10,500 members, confirming that such a facility was needed in the area.

Dummermuth said that the proposed healthcare village would provide preventive medicine, wellness training, and treatment and post-treatment services. The Penrose-St. Francis Centura Health organization would occupy 25,000 square feet of the facility, offering imaging, pediatric, ob/gyn, and behavioral counseling services. There would also be an urgent care facility on site.

Dummermuth said that this facility



**Above:** Artist's conception showing the planned healthcare facility on the left and the existing YMCA building on right as seen looking west. *Graphic provided by the WIA Architectural Control Committee.*

would be a prototype for similar developments throughout the country. It was felt that there was a lack of healthcare services in the Tri-Lakes area. The Y and Penrose-St. Francis are actively recruiting doctors from the Colorado Springs area to open offices here.

The training area of the existing building would also be enlarged and there would be additional child-care facilities. The new training area would have a panoramic view of the Front Range.

The present soccer field would be

moved to the east to provide parking space. The stone facing of the two buildings would match.

The YMCA approached the Architectural Control Committee for approval of a height variance for the new building. The height limit in Woodmoor is 35 feet. The new building would be 40 feet tall with an 8-foot-high utility screen. Because Lewis-Palmer High School is across the street to the east of the proposed facility, homeowners' views would not be obstructed. The YMCA and the Health Village will

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