

Our Community News

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Local Events

See pages 28-31 for details of these and many other local events.

Use Healthcare Reform to Your Advantage – Own Your Own Health Workshop, Sat., Feb. 2, 1-2:30 p.m.

Willy Porter in Concert at TLCA, Fri., Feb. 8, 7 p.m.

Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Colorado College Bluegrass Ensemble, Fri., Feb. 8, 7 p.m.

Monument Library: Prince & Princess Day Family Fun, Sat., Feb. 9, 1:30-3 p.m.

HAP-py Feet Foot Care Clinic, Wed., Feb. 13

Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): Exhibit Opening & Lecture Event: The Geopolitics Of Rare Earth Minerals, Thu., Feb. 14, 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m.

Heartsaver CPR/First Aid class, Sat., Feb. 16, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monument Library: AARP Mature Safe Driving Program, Sat., Feb. 16, 1-5 p.m.

Palmer Lake Historical Society Meeting: Chief Manitou and his contributions to the Pikes Peak Region, Thu., Feb. 21, 7 p.m.,

Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Cahalen Morrison & Eli West, Fri., Feb. 22, 7 p.m.

Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): PUBLISH! History and Science Writing for Teachers and Learners of All Ages, Sat., Feb. 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. ■

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Above: Ben Bliss won First Prize, Youth, in the third annual Wounded Warrior USA Ice Fishing Tournament on Monument Lake, Jan. 19. See page 26 for photos of other winners. Photos and information provided by Bill Miller.

135 participate in Wounded Warrior fishing tournament

The third annual Wounded Warrior USA Ice Fishing Tournament on Jan. 19 drew 135 anglers and volunteers to the ice on Monument Lake. Wounded Warrior USA thanks the ice-fishing anglers and volunteers for supporting the Rehabilitating Active Duty Wounded Warriors at Fort Carson.

The nonprofit outreach program provides year-around open water and ice fishing, and a hot lunch for the wounded soldiers. The program also sponsors family days in the Rocky Mountain region. Bill Miller and Dave Bryant head up the trips with their Lake Ice USA fishing guide service in Monument. They also provide lure making and spinning rod-building workshops.

Adult prizes: First place, Jiffy 8-inch ice auger propane won by Joey Henson; second place, Vexilar FL8 Fish Finder won by Richard Sweatland; third place, Little Buddy Heater propane won by Holly Bliss.

Youth prizes: First place, Automatic Fisherman kit, Ben Bliss; second place, Automatic Fisherman, Sara Garner; third place, Little Buddy Heater, Forrest Beckman.

The program thanked Jerry Schemmel, voice of the Colorado Rockies on KOA 850 Radio, for announcing the start of the tournament and socializing with participants. Schemmel is a supporter of the program.

Supporting sponsors are Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Premier Roofing, American Legion 9-11 Tri-Lakes, Clam Corp., Vexilar Co., Lindy Tackle, Eagle Claw, Devil Dog Coffee Brew, Dynamic Lures and KIFAGU, Rosie's Diner, Village Inn, and The Depot Restaurant. ■

Monument Board of Trustees, Jan. 15

Town manager resigns

By Jim Kendrick

The Monument Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Jan. 15 with a single agenda item: "consideration of resignation of town manager." The board entered an executive session at 6:31 p.m. to discuss this matter.

All seven board members were present. Town Manager Cathy Green did not attend this meeting.

The board emerged from the executive session at 7:55 p.m.

Town Attorney Gary Shupp announced that the board had agreed to

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Monument Board of Trustees,
Jan. 7

Marijuana ordinances approved

By Jim Kendrick

On Jan. 7, the Monument Board of Trustees unanimously approved two marijuana ordinances to restrict the personal use and possession of marijuana within the town limits. Also, the board continued to explore renewable water options.

Monument Police Chief Jake Shirk swore in new police officer Michael Case. There was a roar of laughter and cheers of celebration from 10 family members, friends, and others present after Shirk added this amendment to Case's oath: "and I promise to never, ever park in Lieutenant Burk's spot again." Michael's father, Bill Case, pinned on his new badge.

All board members were present.

Marijuana control ordinances approved

Director of Development Services Tom Kassawara and Chief Shirk presented two new ordinances for control of marijuana use within the town boundaries.

Kassawara said that Amendment 64 to the Colorado Constitution now allows the possession, sale, and use of marijuana for recreational purposes, with certain restrictions. However, this amendment allows local governments to prohibit the cultivating, manufacturing, testing, and sale of marijuana through enactment of ordinances.

The first ordinance prohibits growing and selling marijuana, specifically the operation of marijuana cultivation, testing, and manufacturing facilities and retail marijuana stores within the Monument town limits.

The first new ordinance also makes it illegal for anyone to grow marijuana for recreational purposes other than in an enclosed, locked space not open to the public, where "enclosed" means having a roof and all sides closed to the weather with walls, windows, or doors.

This ordinance also states that the retail sale of marijuana or marijuana-infused products would have an adverse effect on the health, safety, and welfare of the Town of Monument and its inhabitants.

Kassawara also reported that marijuana grown for recreational purposes under the regulations contained in Amendment 64 would not be allowed to be sold within the town limits.

The second new marijuana ordinance on possession and consumption prohibits the possession of marijuana for persons under age 21, including amounts less than one ounce.

This second ordinance prohibits a person 21 or older to possess, transfer, transport, or purchase marijuana, marijuana products, or marijuana accessories for any reason other than personal use.

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