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Monument Board of Trustees, Feb. 4

Fourth of July fireworks will move to Monument Lake

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By Jim Kendrick

On Feb. 4, the Monument Board of Trustees unanimously approved holding the Tri-Lakes Independence Day Celebration fireworks display along the southeast shoreline of Monument Lake. The board also approved an expansion of Sundance Studios, located on Cipriani Loop.

2013 Fourth of July fireworks approved

Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman noted that the Palmer Lake Fireworks Committee had proposed

moving its annual Tri-Lakes Independence Day Celebration fireworks display on the Fourth of July from Palmer Lake to Monument Lake.

Sirochman said Ernie Biggs had submitted a letter that stated he had given permission to the fireworks committee “to use my property”—the now vacant former Lake of the Rockies campground on the southwest corner of Mitchell Avenue and Monument Lake Road, near the Second Street railroad crossing.

Sirochman said Western Enterprises Inc. of Carrier, Okla., had submitted a letter to the



Above: On. Feb. 4, Palmer Lakes Fireworks Committee Vice President Mark Kirkland briefed the Monument Board of Trustees on the committee’s request to switch the location of this year’s Tri-Lakes Independence Day Celebration fireworks display from Palmer Lake to Monument Lake. The board unanimously approved the request. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.*

Don’t Miss Elizabeth Hacker At the Pine Forest Antique & Garden Show



OCN columnist and bird illustrator, Elizabeth Hacker, has been invited to show and sell her work at the Pine Forest Antique and Garden Show. She will be demonstrating the technique she uses to illustrate her birds. *Don’t miss* this unique opportunity to meet her, share a bird story, and see and purchase her original illustrations.



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town regarding its planned fireworks display. The letter stated that the proposed firing location at Monument Lake “provides a safe venue for this display” contingent on Western’s requirement that the sponsor of the fireworks display provide adequate security personnel to maintain safe distance factors during Western’s entire fireworks performance.

Mark Kirkland, vice president of the committee, answered board questions. Some of the issues he discussed were:

- The fireworks show is part of a great all-day Tri-Lakes community event that shows people what this area has to offer.
- Palmer Lake is dry and could pose many significant safety problems this year, such as “12 mud rescues of kids.”
- The cost of the show will be about \$40,000.
- Miss Fourth of July will have a float in the morning Kiwanis parade to hand out business cards with a map for the fireworks display.
- The committee’s application lists an attendance of 30,000 to 40,000, but attendance has never been measured in the past.

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