

make art. Includes top Colorado award winners for the federal Junior Duck Stamp Design competition. Exhibit is **April 5 to 30**, artist reception is **April 11**. Bella Art and Frame Gallery, 187 Washington St., Monument. **Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TCLA)—The Good**

Word Project by Jean Lamborn, wife of U.S. Rep. Doug Lamborn. She calls the works "message paintings." Show runs **April 1 to 30** in the Lucy Owens Gallery. Art reception Saturday, **April 5**, from 3 to 5:30 p.m., TCLA, 304 Highway 105, Palmer Lake.

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Snapshots of Our Community

TLCA Visions of Light



Above: Dave Brandt and daughter Mollie celebrate Dave's first-place award at the TCLA March exhibit *Visions of Light*. Photo courtesy of Dave Brandt/*Visions of Light* exhibit.

MCTS serves seniors



Above: Mountain Community Transportation for Seniors (MCTS), which provides free transportation to Tri-Lakes citizens age 60 and older, has obtained a 12-passenger shuttle. Funds came from volunteers and seniors themselves, caring community members, the Pikes Peak Area on Aging, and Monument Hill Kiwanis. Faye Brennehan is program director and board chair of MCTS. Jody Richardson (shown helping Nadine Rose attend the senior lunch) uses the shuttle exclusively and coordinates volunteer drivers to take seniors on excursions. Senior Safety and Handyman Services, run by Cindy Rush, provides grab bars, railings, ramps and related items. Jodi Liparulo, director of MCTS, said, "The heart of MCTS is our treasured group of 43 volunteer drivers. They use their own vehicles to take seniors to medical appointments Monday through Thursday." To volunteer or to sign up to receive services, please contact www.trilakes-mcts-sshs.org, 719-488-0076. Photo by Jana Preheim.

Pi=Pie 3.14 mile run



Above: From left, Kaitlyn Ketchell, Sarah Hinton, and Zoe Johnson, members of the Junior Girl Scouts from Troop 3107, organized the 3.14-mile fun run called Pi = Pie on Saturday, March 15. The event had over 70 people pre-register as well as a number of race-day sign-ups at Palmer Lake Regional Park. Runners started at the trailhead by Palmer Lake and ran 1.57 miles out and back on this brisk and windy morning for a total of 3.14 miles and the chance for a piece of pie at the end. The girls, who attend Prairie Winds Elementary, organized this fun run as their Girl Scout Bronze Award project. The Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn. The proceeds from the race, which totaled \$835, will go to purchase supplies for the Snack Pack Program at Tri-Lakes Cares. Photo by Melissa Hinton, Troop Leader 3107. Caption by Jackie Burhans.

Recycling options



Above: Officials from the Environmental Division of El Paso County's Community Services Department met with a group of Tri-Lakes residents on March 18 at Lewis-Palmer Middle School to explore opportunities to expand recycling options for the area. The recycling rate in Colorado is only 11 percent, compared to the national average of 34 percent. Tim Wolken, director of the Community Services Department, shown here with Palmer Lake resident and avid recycler Terri Watson, discussed recycling needs, potential opportunities, and financial considerations. Kathy Andrew, manager of the Environmental Division, explained that "recycling is not free," and that the county recycling center at 3255 Akers Drive in Colorado Springs offers a "single stream" recycling and household hazardous waste drop-off point. "We can only provide carrots, not sticks," she said. For additional information or suggestions about increasing people's recycling habits, call Andrew at 520-7879 or email KathyAndrew@elpasoco.com. Photo by Lisa Hatfield

Exploring electricity



The Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) hosted a Family Exploration Day with a focus on electricity on March 15. Representatives from Colorado Springs Utilities demonstrated the impacts and dangers of high voltage and a University of Colorado educator showed how to build simple electrical circuits. Other exhibits demonstrated how Legos could be used to build steam engines to power generators and other moveable devices. **Above:** Chris Thompson shows a young visitor how a Lego-built steam engine and generator can be used to illuminate a light bulb. Information on upcoming events at the museum is at www.wmmi.org. Photo and caption by David Futey.

Charity poker



Above: Kevin Hancock, board member of the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, is pictured at the organization's first annual Chamber Charity Poker Classic on March 8 at the Sundance Mountain Lodge. Nearly 90 players from the Denver, Colorado Springs, and the Tri-Lakes areas participated. Celebrity players included Dr. Hans Mueh, director of athletics at the Air Force Academy, and his wife, local radio personalities Jordan Mason of KOAA, Sportsguy Mike of KJME 890, Val Hart of Y96.9 and her husband Jeff Peck, Poker Room manager at Wildwood Casino in Cripple Creek. The event was broadcast live by OnTilt Radio, a poker radio social network run by Robin Jones. Proceeds from the event were shared by the Chamber and The Homeless Foundation. Photo by Jackie Burhans.

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