

Mining Museum celebrates anniversary, honors long-time supporter



Left: On July 11, the Western Museum of Mining & Industry celebrated its 33rd Anniversary at its North Gate location and 45th year overall in operation. Besides a hefty portion of cake for all who attended, the event offered a variety of activities including operation of its Osgood steam shovel and H.K. Porter trammer, blacksmith demonstrations, interaction with the museum's burros, Nugget and Chism, and, attendee favorite, operation of the Yellow Jacket Stamp Mill. Prior to the morning operation of the stamp mill, the museum recognized Edward Lewandowski with a plaque for his over 30 years of service and support to the museum and, in particular, his assistance in the up keep and operation of the stamp mill. Lewandowski is surrounded by staff of the Broken Handle Mining Company that operates the stamp mill. Information on upcoming events at the museum is at www.wmmi.org. Photo by David Futey. David Futey can be reached at davidfutey@ocn.me.

Special Districts Prize Winner

Right: Connie Stanton was the winner of the OCN special districts education article prize drawing in the July 1 issue. Connie wrote, "I reviewed your list for the various districts and governmental entities. When I moved into the Tri-Lakes area over 30 years ago, I was certainly confused as to all the agencies I needed to deal with. I immediately did my research so I could understand it all. Your list provides this information at one's fingertips. Thank you!" Connie won a \$25 gift certificate to the Wisdom Tea House. Photo courtesy of Connie Stanton.



Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the information number for that event.

Wednesday Senior Lunch at Big Red

Aug 5: Lemon chicken over rice, salad

Aug 12: Chili, corn bread, salad

Aug 19: Brisket sandwich, beans, salad

Aug 26: Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, Caesar salad

Rolls and butter are served with each meal except sandwiches. Dessert is also provided.

Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. at 146 Jefferson St., Monument (the School District 38 Administration Building, "Big Red"). \$3 voluntary donation. Entertainment follows lunch. For more information, call Judy, 487-9067. An activity of Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership. Meals are provided by Pinecrest Catering, Palmer Lake; Nikki McDonald, executive chef, 481-3307.

Volunteers needed for county's Highway Advisory Commission, apply by Aug. 7

The El Paso County Board of Commissioners is seeking community-minded citizen volunteers to serve on the Highway Advisory Commission. Applications are due by **Aug. 7**. The volunteer application is located at www.elpasoco.com. Click on the "Volunteer Boards" link. For more information, call 520-6436 or visit www.elpasoco.com.

Slash-Mulch season continues

The El Paso County Black Forest Slash and Mulch season continues! Slash (tree and brush debris only) will be accepted until Sept. 13, \$2 per load. Mulch will be available until Sept. 26. Hours of operation are: Saturdays, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5-7:30 p.m. The mulch loader schedule is Saturdays only, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. The loader fee is \$5 per bucket, about 2 cubic yards. Your first visit of the season requires an information card available at bflash.org. The slash and mulch site is located at the southeast corner of Shoup and Herring Roads in the Black Forest area. For more information visit bflash.org or phone Carolyn, 495-3127; Chuck, 495-8675; Jeff, 495-8024; or El Paso County Environmental Division, 520-7878.

Monument Academy

Summer Day Camp, ends Aug. 7

Eleven separate themed weeks are planned for children in grades K-6, through **Aug. 7**. Sign up for full daycare, morning camps, or just the field trips. For more information, contact 481-1950, base@monumentacademy.net, www.monumentacademy.net.

Monument Hill Country Club

3 Sport All Day Summer Camps

For ages 7-13: Golf, Swim, Tennis, Bingo. Session 4, **Aug. 3-7**. Cost: \$210 members, \$250 non-members. Sign up with Keegan, Keegan@monumenthillcc.com. Information: monumenthillcc.com, under Events.

Register for fall sports at Tri-Lakes Y

Register through **Aug. 4** for soccer, ages 3-14; age football, ages 6-14; volleyball, grades 1-8. Practices begin the week of **Aug. 17**. Financial assistance available. Register at www.ppymca.org or at the Y, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy., Monument. See ad for a free one-day pass. Information: 481-8728.

Volunteers needed for weed removal

The Palmer Lake Noxious Weeds Eradication Team seeks volunteers to help remove noxious weeds; come help one or all the events! Volunteers meet the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, 8-11 a.m. Bring gloves and wear long pants, long sleeves, sturdy shoes, and a hat. Dates: **Aug. 8, 22; Sept. 12, 16; Oct. 10, 24**. Volunteers meet at Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent, Palmer Lake. For more information, phone 481-2953 (then press 0), or www.townofpalmerlake.com.

SunDance Studio Fall registration is open

Register now for dance and fitness classes for toddler through adult, gymnastics, tumbling, cheer, and more. 1450 Cipriani Loop, Monument. See ad on page 15 for \$15 off registration. For more information, contact 481-8208, www.thesundancestudio.com.

Monument Academy enrolling for preschool-eighth grade

Waitlists are moving, some seats are still available in this free public school of choice. For more information, contact 481-1950, www.monumentacademy.net.

St. Peter Catholic School enrolling for preschool-eighth grade

The school offers full and half-day preschool, academics, athletics, and more. NCA accredited, state licensed, financial aid available. Call or visit: 124 First St. Monument; 481-1855; www.petertherock.org.

Black Forest Together (BFT) needs volunteers

BFT is searching for team leads, work team members, volunteer work groups, resource center office volunteers, and donations so that they can help residents of burned areas of Black Forest do cleanup and mitigation of their properties. Clearing slash, chipping trees, debris cleanup, reforestation, and erosion control are some of the tasks needed on a weekly basis for hundreds of projects. For more information, please contact Donna, 495-2445, BlackForestTogether@gmail.com, or come by the Resource Center at 11590 Black Forest Rd., Suite 30, in the Forest Plaza Center Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Handbell ringers needed

The Tri-Lakes Community Handbell Choir based in Monument needs ringers, high school and adult, (especially guys), and preferably experienced. If you are interested, please contact Betty Jenik, 488-3853

Tri-Lakes men's a cappella singing group forming

Singers are wanted for a unique men's singing group that will feature close harmony, a cappella singing, somewhat

Help Wanted

A multi-tasking position at Premier Vision in Monument. Optometry Assistant/Optician with insurance billing, front desk, and sales experience a plus. Flex hours, part-time. Will train. Apply at Premier Vision.



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