

Santa Fe ballfields rennovated



Above: The renovations of the ballfields at the intersection of Santa Fe Avenue and Beacon Lite Road, and those at Dirty Woman Creek Park on Mitchell Avenue, are complete. On Sept. 22, these representatives from the Town of Monument, Lewis-Palmer School District 38, and Tri-Lakes Little League met at the Santa Fe ballfields to celebrate this effort, which took the partnership of all three organizations. Town Manager Chris Lowe said now that the field has sod on it instead of hard-packed dirt, the ball bounces

instead of rolling all the way to the fence. "The infielders will actually have something to do. It looks like real baseball now." Tri-Lakes Little League now offers both fall and spring baseball and softball seasons. For information, see www.trilakeslittleleague.com/. The YMCA also uses the fields, and any other groups that are interested in renting the fields can reserve them through the Town of Monument by calling 719-481-2954. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

Bines and Brews, Sept. 18



On Sept. 18, participants of the Bines and Brews Hopfest's third annual fresh hops brew competition among Front Range breweries enjoyed a sunny afternoon of conviviality that included sampling the artful efforts of the small breweries as well as hard cider and sipping moonshine. The event was sponsored by the Tri- Lakes Chamber of Commerce, and ticket proceeds will benefit local charities.

Above: Line in front of the People's Choice Award recipient 3 Hundred Days of Shine.

Below: Pete Kilman of Storybrook Brewing Co., left, winner for 2015, looks on as Steve Shuett, general manager of 38 State Brewing Co., claims the trophy as the winner for 2016. *Photos by Debbie Galle; caption by Janet Sellers.*

Outpourings, Sept. 21



Above: Tim Gore, development director of The Independence Center, retired Army veteran, and ultra-runner, shared his stories and energy with the crowd at the kickoff meeting of Outpouring: TLUMC Supporting Community on Sept. 21 at the Pikes Peak Brewing Co. Gore's two 100-mile running race experiences, the Leadville 100 and the West Highland Way Race, raised funds for the nonprofit Colorado Springs Rescue Mission and the original Rescue Mission in Scotland. Then he told about The Independence Center, celebrating its 30th anniversary of empowering individuals with all types of disabilities (both visible

and invisible) to live independently and fruitfully and build community. The Independence Center offers home health care, a certified nursing assistant school, and advocacy help. He encouraged people with questions to see theindependencecenter.org or call 719-471-8181 x171. The next Outpourings on Oct. 18 will feature Air Force veteran and Palmer Ridge High School history teacher Mark Ewig on the Founding Fathers and ups and downs of developing the U.S. Constitution. Information: Mr. Lynn Weber, LWeber1971@aol.com or 719-488-2832. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield*



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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.

Needy families will benefit from Empty Bowls Dinner, Oct. 5

The Monument Hill Kiwanis Club will once again sponsor the annual Empty Bowls Dinner and Silent Auction to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares Oct. 5, 5-7:30 p.m., at Lewis-Palmer High School. The Tri-Lakes area was the first community in Colorado to hold this event. In 1992, Linda Pankratz noticed a magazine article about high school art students in Michigan who sponsored an "Empty Bowl" dinner to raise funds to feed the needy. Linda called Anne Shimek,

and together with Liz Elliot, Nita Gingerich, and Sharon Williams they organized the first Tri-Lakes Empty Bowl dinner at the Mennonite Church in Palmer Lake. Local artists produced 350 bowls as gifts to the participants. That evening, 250 people raised \$3,000 for Tri-Lakes Cares. After that, members of the community took over the project and made it grow over the years. Four years later, Monument Hill Sertoma (now Monument Hill Kiwanis) stepped up to manage the event along with their D-38 high-school age Serteen Club.

Empty Bowls has grown into a nationwide event, usually held during World Hunger Week, the second week in October. Over the years, the number of bowls donated here has increased to 1,000 per year and attendance has grown to over 800. Patrons enjoy a meal of soup in a hand-made bowl, bread, beverage and dessert

provided by donations from local restaurants, merchants, clubs, and churches. There is musical entertainment and a silent auction of merchandise donated by local merchants. Tickets for the dinner are \$20, with one child under the age of 12 admitted free with a paid adult. All proceeds go to Tri-Lakes Cares. You can buy tickets at local Tri-Lakes merchants or online at www.monumenthillkiwanis.org.

Volunteers needed for Citizen Review Panel, apply by Oct. 7

The El Paso County Board of Commissioners is seeking community-minded citizen volunteers to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. Applications are due by Oct. 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.

Volunteers needed for Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees, apply by Oct. 11

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Volunteers needed for CSU Extension Advisory Committee, apply by Oct. 14

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