



**Above:** Ella Malcho, left, an eighth-grader at Lewis-Palmer Middle School, earned a certificate of appreciation from the Monument Police Department for her Bears that Care project. She collected money to buy 54 teddy bears so the police could give them to children after accidents or other situations. Police Chief Jake Shirk said, "Thank you for not only caring but for personally taking action to make a positive difference. You set the example for all of us to follow." *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*



**Above:** The new Monument Board of Trustees is pictured on June 6. From left are Dennis Murphy, Kelly Elliott, Mayor Pro-Tem Don Wilson, Mayor Jeff Kaiser, Jeff Bornstein, Shea Medicott, and Greg Coopman. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield*

wildfire. The town lies within the Black Forest, which extends from Meridian Road in a huge crescent west to Pike National Forest.

- Since Jackson Creek began, it has become a fuel bed: wooden fences and wooden houses close together.
- He wants to see a slash collection point for the town.
- The danger of fire threatens us all.

He said the May 7 collaboration of the Woodmoor Improvement Association and Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church to present a Community FireWise Event was a good example to follow for the 56 sub-communities in 384,000-acre Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District. He hopes more neighborhoods will become FireWise and conduct community education and slash collection events. See <http://tlmfire.org/wildfire-prevention>.

**Tri-Lakes Views Art Sites for 2016**

Tommie Plank, representing the Tri-Lakes Views Art Sites Committee, presented the trustees with information and photos of the new art pieces that would be installed in June around the Tri-Lakes area. The mission of Tri-Lakes Views, which was formed in 2003, is to enrich the community by supporting events that preserve the region's history and showcase the arts.

She said that the organization needed funding and a dedicated, insured, visible location for the solid cement pedestals on which the art pieces would be installed. The committee pays stipends to the artists whose works are displayed each year. The group also has been raising money to help pay for the Aspen Grove that will be installed in the middle of the roundabout at West Baptist Road and Old Denver Road.

See [www.trilakesviews.org](http://www.trilakesviews.org), write to P.O. Box 2564, 80132, or look for the new Art Sites maps distributed in Monument to see where all the art pieces will be displayed or to make a donation.

**Other business**

Code Enforcement Officer Laura Hogan presented two liquor license applications. The trustees asked questions and then unanimously approved:

- Renewal of the Monument Walmart's liquor license after a violation in January.
- Special event liquor license for

Rocky Mountain Highway for a beer garden July 4 at Bliss Studios.

**Trustees' comments**

Town Attorney Gary Shupp received a welcome back greeting from the trustees.

Kaiser's comments included:

- D-Day, where the Allied Forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France, was 72 years ago today. We owe all the members of the armed forces a debt of gratitude. And we thank those who paid the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy the freedoms we do today.
- He attended a graduation ceremony for Tri-Lakes Cares. They give such good service to the community, and all the dollars and donations stay in the Tri-Lakes area. Excellent work!
- June 23 will be the groundbreaking ceremony for the new assisted-living and memory care center on Beacon Lite Road south of Second Street. (See related photo of Bethesda groundbreaking on page 26).

**Appreciation for teddy bears project**

Police Chief Jake Shirk presented a certificate of appreciation to Ella Malcho, an eighth-grader at Lewis-Palmer Middle School, for her Bears that Care project.

She collected donations outside Walmart, with the store's permission, to buy 54 teddy bears to donate to the Monument Police Department for the officers to give to kids after an accident to "take their mind off the bad stuff happening around them."

"Thank you for not only caring but

personally taking action to make a positive difference," Shirk told Ella. "You have paid it forward."

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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