

Stand up and paddle



On June 11, UpaDowna, an organization with a mission to provide access to outdoor adventures for all, along with Pikes Peak Outfitters, sponsored a fun and free SUP (stand-up paddleboard) social at Palmer Lake. **Above:** Local artist and gardener Janet Sellers learns how to paddleboard with her dog Bianca. The program is designed to encourage folks to try the sport of stand-up paddleboarding and to provide information about where to rent or buy equipment. UpaDowna provided

life jackets, paddles, and boards for singles as well as multiperson boards. Pikes Peak Outfitters also provided gear for the event. Locals lined up to enjoy paddleboarding while standing, kneeling, and sitting as well as maneuvering kayaks for a pleasant afternoon on the lake. For information about upcoming events, see <http://www.upadowna.org>; for information on where to rent gear see <http://www.pikespeakoutfitter.com>. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

The Accidentals at TLCA



Above: On June 24, The Accidentals—Katie Larson, Michael Dause, and Savannah Buist—performed to an enthusiastic audience at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA). The recent high school graduates from Traverse City, Mich., brought an originality and genre mixing not often heard. Acclaimed as one of Billboard's Breakout Bands in 2015, the trio has performed more than 230 shows in the past year including some of the nation's largest festivals, opened for the likes of Joan Baez, Arlo Guthrie,

and Ladysmith Black Mambazo, scored original pieces for a 72-piece orchestra, and recorded two albums. They play a combined 13 instruments. It is quite a beginning for this highly talented indie folk band. Information on The Accidentals is at www.moreaccidentals.com. Information on upcoming events at the TLCA, including tickets for the September performance by Judy Collins, is at www.trilakesarts.org. *Photo by David Futey. David Futey can be reached at davidfutey@ocn.me.*

Pickin' on the Divide



Above: At the sold-out Pickin' on the Divide bluegrass family music festival at the Church at Woodmoor on June 25, The Flying W Wranglers, shown here, joined other bands including Grass It Up, Wirewood Station, Bettman and Halpin, and Out of Nowhere for a stormy summer Colorado afternoon of relaxation, art, and food, a classic car show, a fiddling competition, and the HawkQuest Hawks. *Photo by Gordon Reichal.*

Senior facility groundbreaking



Above: The Tri-Lakes area has been attempting for decades to provide senior living options to its residents. With great excitement, on June 23, Bethesda Gardens Monument broke ground for the Senior Living Community it plans to open in fall 2017 at 55 Beacon Lite Road, Monument. Bethesda Ministries is a faith-based nonprofit with its national headquarters in Colorado Springs. During the ceremony, Bethesda President Larry Smith asked for God's blessings on the planners, workers, and residents of this facility, and Bethesda CEO

Dana Rasic said they would start accepting reservations for assisted living and memory care apartments next spring. Monument Mayor Jeff Kaiser said it will employ about 50 full- and part-time professionals and caregivers, making this one of the larger employers in the community. From left are Rasic, Project Manager Bryan Beamer, Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Terri Hayes, Bethesda Vice President Matt Laud, Smith, and Kaiser. For information, contact moninfo@ba.org. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

Great Divide film presentation



Above: On June 23, about 85 Tri-Lakes residents gathered to watch the documentary *The Great Divide* by Jim Havey. The feature-length film shows the influence of water from the rivers of the Colorado mountains on this state and beyond. The goal of the film is to raise public understanding and appreciation of Colorado's water heritage while inspiring personal responsibility and informed discussion. The showing

was sponsored by the Town of Palmer Lake, Town of Monument, Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, Triview Metropolitan District, and Donala Water and Sanitation District. District managers pictured above are, from left: Kip Petersen of Donala Water and Sanitation District, Valerie Remington of Triview Metropolitan District, and Jessie Shaffer of Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

Monument Free Movie Night



Above: The next best thing to going to the drive-in is Monument Movie Night, occurring six times this summer. This event is held at the Jackson Creek Clock Tower between Walmart and Home Depot. June 23 was the kickoff with a showing of *Jurassic Park*. The weather was perfect despite the

earlier rain. Bring the family along with chairs or comfy things to lay on the grass. Please leave the pets at home. Activities start at 7 p.m. and the movie starts at dark. The next movie night is Thursday, July 14 with a showing of *The Goonies*. *Photo by Mark Barrett.*