

Drive-through awards ceremony



Above: Fuel Church hosted the Tri-Lakes Awana Club that got creative in May when the club held its Award Ceremony for 62 local children and youths via a drive-thru format. With the “Safe at Home” order put in place in March, club members were not able to finish their Bible classes in person. Instead, the Awana leaders made a video for the group, and teachers called their students every Wednesday to check in on their individual progress. During the Drive-Thru Awards Ceremony, teachers and assistants dressed up in silly costumes, played instruments, waved congratulations posters, and cheered on the children as their parents pulled up for the children to receive their awards. Pastor Dan and Maria Crosby greeted the children from the big black Fuel Church Awana bus. From left are Brynn Chapman, Pastor Dan Crosby, Noelle Chapman, Bengetta Chapman, and Ayden Cordova. See fuelchurch.org. *Photo by Maria Crosby.*

TLC donations collected, May 25



Above: On Memorial Day, realtor Lisa Pflugh (right), with the help of her daughter Maddie (left) and staff, collected non-perishable items for Tri-Lakes Cares (TLC). Pflugh and husband Howard are board members with TLC. A week before receiving donations, Pflugh’s staff placed 450 paper bags, to be used for returning the donations, onto front porches in the Gleneagle area along with a list of needs. The goal was to collect 1,000 pounds in donations, and just over that amount was received. The Pflughs with daughter Maddie then received the donations at a drop-off location on Gleneagle Drive. Lisa Pflugh stated, “There is a huge need as we have people in our community having to make the choice between buying groceries or paying the mortgage.” She added, “With schools being closed there are children who are going without a breakfast and lunch.” To make a donation or for more information on TLC, go to tri-lakescares.org. *Photo by David Futey.*

Enjoying Palmer Lake, May 29



Above: While dozens of kayakers and anglers enjoyed Palmer Lake on May 29, the Beatty family enjoyed a walk with their grandchildren at the Palmer Lake bridge overlooking the scene. This day they went across the bridge for the first time, with the grandchildren hoping to see the train cars go by. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

Hydrant rainbow, May 22



Above: Water tech Jon Rigaud of the Monument Water Department created a towering geyser by flushing one of the town’s hydrants west of I-25 on May 22. The flush released more than 1,000 gallons a minute. The flushing program cleans iron sediment from the distribution system. Residents were advised not to do laundry and to run their faucets a few minutes after the hydrants were flushed in their neighborhoods since some sediment could have made its way into their plumbing. *Photo by Michael Weinfeld.*

Not all heroes wear capes



Above: Grocery store employees have been working around the clock to offer food and needed supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to thank our hard-working grocery store workers, *Our Community News* offers a nod of appreciation for their dedication and efforts of pleasant cooperation including the use of masks, which has helped create the adage, “I protect you, you protect me.” *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

OCN photo contest ends June 26

The theme is “Spring and Summer Life in the Tri-Lakes area.” Send your best photo to editor@ocn.me no later than June 26. Include names of people in the photo, date of photo, a description of the activity or location, and name of photographer. Call Lisa at 719-339-7831 with questions. We will print the winners in our July 4 issue.

Having a July 4th celebration?

Are you and your neighbors planning a festive celebration on the morning of Fourth of July? If so email editor@ocn.me with your name, location, time (before noon) and brief description of what you are planning. One of our OCN photographers just might make their way to your location to capture your celebration.