

## RRR Firewise program, June 12



Above: On Saturday, June 12, the Red Rock Ranch Firewise program committee initiated its summer season, on-site wood chipping for scheduled residents of the Red Rock Ranch Homeowners Association (HOA). This effort is accomplished under direction of Firewise committee members Dave Betzler and Dave Pheteplace, who provide monthly safety instruction and scheduling of the committee and resident volunteers. Provision and operation of wood-chipping equipment are made possible by the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District and firefighter/EMT and paramedic personnel. The Red Rock Ranch Firewise program is focused on wildfire prevention and emergency preparedness to improve the safety and sustainability of HOA residents. This committed and collectively engaged program received national recognition as a National Fire Protection Association Site of Excellence for 2019-20. *Photo by Sharon Williams.*

## Parking at Monument Lake



Above: The Town of Monument continues to look for new ways to deal with the crowded parking problem at Monument Lake. In the past, it has tried dropping boulders in spots where parking was prohibited. Now, it has added "No Parking" and "Fire Lane" signs through the area. The town also added two handicapped parking spots. *Photo by Michael Weinfeld.*

## Co-housing groundbreaking, June 19



Above: On June 19, the sisters of Benet Hill Monastery had a groundbreaking ceremony for their new Sanctuary of Peace Residential Community. The vision of the sisters for this development is to create a co-housing community of residents coming together in hope, hospitality, and reverencing all creation. From the left: Sister Mary John Thomas, Sister Anne Stedman and Sister Clare Carr. The sisters had a small groundbreaking blessing when Sister Rose Ann Barmann and other prioresses shoveled some earth. *Photo provided by Benet Hill Monastery.*

## Integrity Bank sponsors parade



Above: Brett Wyss, president and CEO of Integrity Bank & Trust, presents a check for \$5,000 to Jack Fry, president of the Monument Hill Kiwanis at the club's meeting on June 12. Integrity Bank & Trust has been the primary sponsor of the Kiwanis Independence Day Parade for many years. In keeping with the family nature of the parade, Wyss brought members of his family to help present the donation. Presenters shown are, from left, Elin (6), Truett (10), Maren (12), Brett Wyss, MHKC Parade Director Al Fritts, and Fry. The parade has been held annually since the 1970s, except for 2020, when the parade was held virtually. This year's parade will be held Saturday, July 3 as part of the Tri-Lakes Independence Day celebration. Parade organizers are expecting a large crowd. *Photo courtesy of RF Smith.*

## WMMI Family Day, June 12



Above: On June 12, the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) held its annual Family Day. Activities included tractor-pulled hayrides, watching and learning about blacksmithing, and observing the operation of multiple pieces of museum equipment. The equipment operated included the Osgood Steam Shovel, H.K. Porter trammer, EIMCO 630 rocker shovel mucker and the Yellow Jacket Stamp Mill. In conjunction with Family Day, the Gold Prospectors of Colorado (GPOC) hosted the Gold Panning Championships. GPOC President Marty Allen said there were three individual and team challenges: skills, speed, and dry panning. As pictured above, GPOC also set up panning troughs for Family Day attendees to enjoy the experience of gold panning. Allen said, "We wanted to teach how fun it is finding gold and enjoying the outdoors." Information on upcoming museum events is at [www.wmmi.org](http://www.wmmi.org). *Photo by David Futey.*

## Farmer's Market, June 19



Above: Beautiful, warm Saturdays have brought out the crowds to shop for wares and fresh fruit and vegetables at the Farmer's Market in downtown Monument. Vendors say produce from Colorado farms will be available in just a few weeks. *Photo by John Howe.*