

DCC Senior Sunrise, Aug. 19



Above: On Aug. 19, Discovery Canyon Campus (DCC) seniors ended the first week of their final high school year with Senior Sunrise, an annual tradition for over 15 years. Nearly 300 seniors walked from DCC to Barefoot Park at 5:15 a.m. to enjoy a morning breakfast and activities. DCC teachers, staff, and parents of the seniors set up a buffet of breakfast burritos, donuts, muffins, fruit, and drinks, all donated by parents. The seniors then enjoyed each other's company until joining together for a class photo. DCC High School Assistant Principal David King said Senior Sunrise is a bit of "symbolism to being part of a community and going back to their younger days." He continued, "We try to do something each month for seniors to give them something to look forward to and have a memorable experience for their final year of high school." Senior Sunset will be conducted at the end of the school year. *Photo by David Futey.*

Palmer Lake fishing at sunrise



Above: I go fishing at Palmer Lake almost every morning at the crack of dawn to watch the sunrise. It's kinda become my daily meditation and it's not about catching fish (which I release if I do catch any) but more about being there and witnessing the sunrise while dancing a dry fly on the water's surface. *Photo by Steve Galchutt.*

Explosion of fall flowers, Aug. 27



Above: Looking southwest from Second Street in Monument, one can view an explosion of yellow flowers seeking the last hour of sun along the banks of Dirty Woman Creek on Aug. 27. Due to the monsoon rains, the area is bursting with an unusually large display of wildflowers. The Santa Fe Trail adjacent to Old Denver Highway can be viewed in the background, with Pikes Peak, the Air Force Academy, and Cathedral Rock in the distance. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*

WMMI Family History Day, Aug. 20



Above: Palmer Lake Historical Society member Wayne Russett explains the many artifacts on display to a family, during a rare opportunity to visit Reynolds Ranch House during Family History Day at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry (WMMI) on Aug. 20. The 1890s Victorian home is one of the few remaining preserved farmhouses in Colorado, recently renovated and fully refurbished to depict the original era. The project to protect the home began in 2017 and was completed in 2020, with funding from the WMMI, grants from the State Historical Fund, the Miners' Pumpkin Patch, and the El Pomar Foundation, and many generous donations. The historic home is the last reminder of Husted, the vanished town that suffered from an economic decline in 1956 and was subsequently leveled to build the Air Force Academy. Palmer Lake Historical Society volunteers provided information, tools, and household items to enhance the experience for about 100 visitors. Hayrides, gold panning, demonstrations of the famous Yellow Jacket stamp mill, outdoor machinery, blacksmithing, and a vintage car display were included in the event. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*



UPS ribbon cutting, Aug. 23



Above: On Aug. 23, the new United Parcel Service (UPS) facility and the Monument Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1671 Squadron Drive, Monument. Amid the locale of scenic mountains and fields of sunflowers, visitors commented positively on the state-of-the-art building. UPS started in 1907 in Seattle as a bicycle courier service and now serves globally with transports that include air, land, and its newest "equad" bikes with pedal assist in places like Manhattan, New York. The Monument facility is looking to fill over 100 full- and part-time positions for package handlers, drivers, and part-time supervisors. The jobs come with "competitive" pay and benefits including healthcare, retirement contributions, and tuition assistance. *Photos by Janet Sellers.*



Hammond heads to Zambia

Right: Monument resident Lori Hammond is among the first Peace Corps volunteers to return to overseas service since the agency's unprecedented global evacuation in March 2020. She left for Zambia in late July. The Peace Corps suspended global operations and evacuated nearly 7,000 volunteers from more than 60 countries at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Hammond is helping in Zambia's health sector. She hopes her experience will help her reach her goal of getting a master's or doctorate in public health. *Photo courtesy of the Peace Corps.*

