

## Arkenstone at TLCA, Dec. 9



**Above:** On Dec. 9, a capacity audience at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) ushered in the holiday season as they spent the evening listening to *A Winter's Eve* with David Arkenstone & Friends. Arkenstone, a five-time Grammy nominee, was accompanied by virtuoso musicians Josh Gilgoff (percussion), Laurann Angel (violin), Emily Elkin (cello), and Kimberly Zaleski (flute), with candles lining the stage for a festive atmosphere. They performed songs from Arkenstone's albums *Christmas Lounge*, *Celtic Christmas*, and his latest album *Winterlude*, applying genres including Celtic, new age, neo-classical, and world museum to the songs that emphasized the extent of their musical talents. The song list included *I Saw Three Ships*, *Deck the Halls*, *Ice Palace*—a song inspired by a story told by his grandmother—Tchaikovsky's *Arabian Dance* from the *Nutcracker* ballet, and *Warm Lights Flicker Across the Lake*. *Photo by David Futey.*

## AARP elects officers, Dec. 13



**Above:** AARP Chapter 1100 Black Forest elected officers for 2024 at its meeting Dec.13. Roy Rozak was elected president, Stan Beckner, vice president, Jim Belk, treasurer, and Lin Rozak, secretary. A Board of Directors was also voted on. After the vote, members enjoyed a catered buffet dinner. *Photo by Stan Beckner.*

## TLMA holiday concert, Dec. 15-17



**Above:** On the weekend of Dec. 15-17, the Tri-Lakes Music Association offered its annual holiday music program at the Palmer Ridge High School auditorium. The evenings featured special performances from its orchestra, brass instruments, strings, piano works and vocals of solos, duets, and full choral works sharing holiday favorites and innovative pieces. Donations were accepted on behalf of Tri-Lakes Cares and the Music Association, both of which are nonprofit volunteer organizations for community benefit and enrichment. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

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## Career and Technical Ed at LPMS



**Above:** On Dec. 11, Lewis-Palmer Middle School hosted a Career and Technical Education (CTE) showcase with projects, teachers, and students in its cafeteria. LPMS offers Gateway to Technology, Robotics, Web Design, CAD Design and 3D Printing, and Yearbook as well as Health Science (Medical Detective and Forensic Science). In the photo is Sean Sanger, 7th Gateway to Technology teacher in the CTE Department. For more information about D38's CTE program, see <http://lewispalmer.org/page/career-technical-education>. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

## TL Dynamic Rotary distributes coats



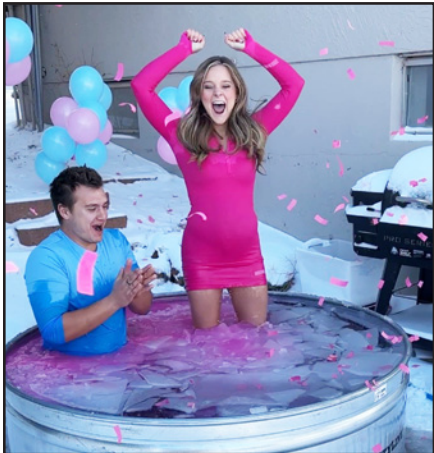
**Above:** The Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary handed out more than 350 new winter coats to Tri-Lakes Cares clients as part of its second annual Warm Hugs new coat drive. Coats were distributed on Dec. 11 and 14. As one recipient said, "[There's] something about having a new coat that can't be duplicated." The coats were collected at donation boxes at local businesses around Monument as well as at a coat and cash donation day Dec. 2. In photo are, from left, Rotary members Jeremiah Baty, Alisha Baty, Shannon Schurr, Soul Santa (Terrance Beasley), Rotary Community Service Director Laurie Beasley, Katie Lenger, Brenda Small, and Nicole Schoolsky at the coat distribution event at Tri-Lakes Cares. *Photo by Julie Keim.*

## Friends of Fox Run Park, Dec. 17



**Above:** Friends of Fox Run Park, the volunteer organization that helps with tasks and education at Fox Run Regional Park, held its annual holiday "celebrating community" event on Dec. 17 at the warming hut near the twin ponds. Visitors and hikers at the park enjoyed hot cocoa, roasted marshmallows, and s'mores as well as making wooden ornaments from the park's fallen pine branches. Representatives from the Native American Sacred Trees and Places were also on hand to share local history and knowledge of the special significance and historic cultural traditions unique to the park. The Friends of Fox Run Park is accepting volunteers of all ages for upcoming seasonal opportunities with park tasks and trails, which include forest education and conservation, and can be contacted at [FriendsOfFoxRunPark@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfFoxRunPark@gmail.com). *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

## 100 million+ view gender reveal



**Left:** Monument residents Micah and Kya Jeub released a live video revealing the gender of their third child—during an ice bath. Pink paint shot through their bath to reveal a girl is on her way. Their video went viral on TikTok, YouTube, and other social media platforms, garnishing over 100 million views. *Photo by Chris Jeub, Grandpa, who attended the reveal.*

### Correction

In the December issue of OCN, it was stated that Jeanette Breton founded Bearbotics. "Coach" Breton is head coach of Bearbotics, FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Head Coach, and founder of Monumental Impact for Technology, Engineering & Entrepreneurship (MITEE). See <https://monumental-impact.org/>. OCN regrets the error.