

Halloween decorations

Left: Reader Kelly Kline sent us these photos of extensive Halloween decorations at a home in The Ridge at Misty Acres.



Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the information number for that event.

Ringers needed for handbell choir

High school and adult ringers are needed for a local community choir or a church choir. For more information, contact Betty Jenik, 488-3853.

Tri-Lakes Music Association (TLMA) seeks singers and orchestra musicians

TLMA needs vocal and orchestra musicians for its annual Christmas concert **Dec. 15-17** in Monument. See ad on page 12. Practices are at Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument. Vocal practices are Sundays, 1:30 p.m., and Mondays, 6 p.m. Orchestra rehearsals are on Sundays; call for times. Students, please note that TLMA offers two \$500 scholarships each year, and one of the criteria is that the student must have performed with TLMA. For more information contact: Bob Manning, 232-4114, rwgmanning@comcast.net; vocal, Matt Manning, 271-3643, blue2004sti@yahoo.com; orchestra, Rose Dunphey, 481-1553, the.riveter@rocketmail.com;

www.trilakesmusic.org.

YMCA 5K Race Series and Kids Fun Runs, register early to save

Two races of the three-race series remain: the *Turkey Trot Nov. 23* at the Briargate YMCA and the *Jingle Bell Dec. 9* at Fountain Creek Regional Park. Sign up online at www.pymca.org/programs/adult/running-races/ymca-5k-race-series.

LEAP—Help for heating bills begins Nov. 1

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) is a federally funded program that provides cash assistance to help families and individuals pay a portion of winter home heating costs. The eligibility period for LEAP runs **Nov. 1-April 30**. Application packets will automatically be mailed to residents who received LEAP assistance last year at the address where they were living at that time. To find out if you qualify for LEAP, call 1-866 HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435) or visit www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap.

MVEA essay contest, enter by Nov. 20

High school juniors can enter to win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, or win a stay at the Colorado Electric Education Institute's Youth Leadership Camp in Clark, Colo. Last year's first place winner was Gavin Hornung from Palmer Ridge High School. To enter, write a 500-word essay on the following topic: "What is the difference between energy conservation and energy efficiency? Do you feel that members should use one method over the other if they want to use less energy?" Essays must be received by Nov. 20. For entry qualifications and to complete an online entry form, visit www.mvea.coop/youth-programs.

Toy donations needed for Santa on Patrol

Santa on Patrol will team with the Monument Police Department, Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District, and the Palmer Lake Police Department to deliver toys and good cheer to many children in the Tri-Lakes area in December. The date has not yet been announced. Santa and his elves from the fire and police departments hope to deliver more than 1,000 toys again this year. New, unwrapped toys and gift cards may be dropped off by mid-December so there will be time to get them ready for delivery by Santa and his elves. Please take them to the following locations: Monument Police Department, 645 Beacon Lite Rd.; Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Stations 1, 2, and 3; or Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Department administration offices, 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 103. For more information, contact Monument Police Chief Shirk, 481-3253.

MVEA Scholarships, enter by Jan. 16

Each year, MVEA awards \$1,000 scholarships to 14 graduating high school seniors. Applications are due by **Jan. 16, 2018**. For entry qualifications and to complete an online entry form, visit www.mvea.coop/youth-programs.

Monument text alerts

Text "Monument" to 41411 to receive updates and news of meetings, weather alerts, openings and closings, as well as important town information to your phone or personal mobile device.

Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District wins grant for communications equipment

The Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District (TLMFPD) received a grant of \$365,798 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a component of the Department of Homeland Security. TLMFPD will use the money for state-of-the-art apparatus-mounted and hand-held radios.

Forest Lakes/Pinon Pines residents needed for Citizens Advisory Council

Forest Lakes Metropolitan District (FLMD) seeks five Pinon Pines residents to serve on a Citizens Advisory Council. The council will serve as a forum for Pinon Pines residents to learn about district issues and to advise FLMD on resident issues. If you are interested in serving on this advisory council to FLMD, please contact your HOA administrator, Steve Emery of Hammersmith Management, at 719-389-0700.

Residence vacation check

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office will conduct vacation checks of homes in El Paso County for residents who are on vacation. This is a great way to add security to your home when you're away for multiple days. Either a deputy or trained volunteer will visit your home while you're away and check it periodically. To add your home to their schedule, visit www.epcsheriffsoffice.com. Info: 520-7151.

Volunteer weather observers needed

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) is seeking volunteer weather observers in this area. The nationwide network is made up of volunteers who help measure and record precipitation in their areas. Volunteers are expected to purchase a rain gauge, which costs about \$30. Learn more and sign up on the network's web page at www.cocorahs.org.

Monthly arts and crafts group forming

The Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance Senior Center is looking for anyone interested in various types of arts and crafts such as needlework, knitting, beading, coloring, or quilting. If you're interested in any of these activities or have a suggestion of your own, contact Sue, 464-6873.

Silver Alliance Thrift Store needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed for various tasks. The store is located at 755 Highway 105, Suite N, in the West End Center and is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. See ad on page 32. To volunteer, call 488-3495.

Free transportation and handyman services for seniors

Mountain Community Senior Services offers free transportation and handyman services to Tri-Lakes seniors. If you need a ride to a medical appointment, grocery shopping, or the local senior lunches, a volunteer driver will be happy to help you. Call 488-0076 to leave a message for the dispatcher. If you need grab bars in the bathroom, a ramp to your door, or repair of stairs or railings, please call Cindy Rush, 488-0076, and leave a message or visit www.coloradoseniorhelp.com.

Volunteer drivers needed for seniors' transportation service

Mountain Community Transportation for Seniors is a non-profit, grant-funded organization that provides free transportation to Tri-Lakes seniors 60 years old and over. The program needs additional volunteer drivers. For information, email MCSS at mcseniorservices@gmail.com or call the MCSS dispatch hotline at 488-0076.

Senior Beat newsletter—subscribe for free

Each monthly *Senior Beat* newsletter is full of information for local seniors, including the daily menu of the senior lunches offered Mon.-Fri. at the Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Highway 105, Palmer Lake. It also contains the schedule of the classes and events for the month at the Senior Citizens Center and senior-friendly library programs. To subscribe, send an email with your name and mailing address to SeniorBeat@TriLakesSeniors.org. *Senior Beat* can also be viewed online at www.TriLakesSeniors.org. ■

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LEWIS-PALMER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
RE: MONUMENT ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION

Pursuant to C.R.S. 22-30.5.107, the Lewis-Palmer School District Board of Education will hold a public hearing to obtain community input regarding the Monument Academy Charter School application for high school expansion. The Charter School has submitted the required application materials and desires to expand enrollment to grades 9-12, beginning with ninth grade enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year.

This public hearing will be held on the following date at the location noted: **Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the District 38 Administration Building.** A public hearing will be held prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Lewis-Palmer School District Board of Education. Monument Academy Charter School officials will present the Monument Academy High School expansion application to the public and the Board of Education, followed by an opportunity for public comments and interaction with the Board members.

The Board of Education will then rule by resolution on the Monument Academy Charter School high school expansion application at this same public hearing.

The District 38 Administration Building is located at 146 Jefferson Street in Monument.

Dated: October 16, 2017.
 /s/ Mark Pfoff, Secretary, Board of Education, Lewis-Palmer Consolidated Schools, El Paso County School District No. 38, Monument, Colorado 80132

MISTY ACRES METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET AND
NOTICE OF AMENDED 2017 BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors for the ensuing year of 2018; a copy of such proposed budget is on file at the home of Chet Sawyer, President of Misty Acres Metro District Board. Address is: 1845 Lantern Tree Grove, Monument, CO 80132, where the same is open for public inspection.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that an amendment to the 2017 budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors; a copy of such proposed amended budget is on file at 1845 Lantern Tree Grove, Monument, CO 80132, where the same is open for public inspection.

Such proposed budget and amended budget will be considered at a public hearing during a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to be held at 1845 Lantern Tree Grove, Monument, CO 80132 on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Any interested elector of the Misty Acres Metropolitan District may inspect the proposed budget or amended budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget and amended budget.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
 MISTY ACRES METROPOLITAN DISTRICT