

Snapshots of Our Community

Haggard at TLCA, Nov. 4



**Above:** On Nov. 4 at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, Marty Haggard, oldest son of acclaimed songwriter and country superstar Merle Haggard, performed a variety of Merle’s songs as a tribute to his dad’s influence on the music industry. Marty, named after family friend Marty Robbins, started his over 40-year music career traveling and playing with his dad’s band. That experience not only started his career but left him with numerous stories that he imparted to the audience that incorporated music legends such as Kris Kristofferson, Willie Nelson, and Lefty Frizzell along with those about his father. Marty said, “my dad was not a big talker as he spoke through his music” and through the tribute concerts he “keeps his (Merle’s) music alive.” Among his dad’s 110 top 10 hits, Marty performed *The Highway Is My Home*, *That’s the Way Love Goes*, and *Today I Started Loving You Again*. Photo by David Futey.

Student’s view of Veterans Day



**Above:** Today, I will be telling you a little bit about the Monument Academy Veterans Day assembly. It took place on Nov. 10. First, the people. All the people were important. There were at least 300 students, veterans, and other Monument citizens. There was the head of the Monument VFW and there were several speakers. There was one thing that stood out to me more than anything, more than the orchestra. More than the choir. The table of remembrance. It had a lot of cool and nifty items on it and they all meant something. It is round. This is for the never-ending suffering of the people who have lost someone to war. Then there was the rose. And the upside-down glass. And the Bible. And the yellow ribbon. And the white table cloth. And the candle. And the one chair. And the bread plate with the lemon and the salt. All of these items meant something vivid. Something powerful. Just for our veterans, young or old, they are all special. I think that the reason they do this is because veterans deserve more recognition than they get. They all deserve a lot of special neat things. Caption and photos by Monument Academy student Sean Perry.



Crawford Memorial dedicated



**Above:** Family, friends, dignitaries, veterans, and area residents, undeterred by frigid wind, gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new William J. Crawford Memorial at the north end of Palmer Lake. The ceremony, held on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, was orchestrated by the Crawford Memorial Committee and supported by a vast array of organizations and individuals. Master of Ceremonies Bill Miller welcomed everyone and spoke of his deep respect and fondness for Crawford. Honored guest speaker Bob McLaughlin, retired U.S. Army colonel, recounted stories that reflected Crawford’s character and humility. Cadets from the U.S. Air Force Academy served as the Honor Guard, American Legion Tri-Lakes Post 9-11 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Crawford Post 7829 presented the flag, Justin Gittins and Boy Scout Troop 9 of Monument led the Pledge of Allegiance, the Palmer Lake Elementary School Children’s Choir and the women’s quartet Confetti sang songs to honor Crawford’s patriotism and faith, and bugler Troy Hanson of Bugles Across America closed with Taps. Beverly Kite, Crawford’s daughter, placed a wreath on the memorial and was joined by her family to cut the ceremonial ribbon. Ed Kite, Crawford’s son-in-law, offered the invocation and benediction. Crawford received the Medal of Honor for his heroism during World War II when he single-handedly destroyed several machine gun nests, allowing his platoon to advance a hill near Altavilla, Italy. Staying to tend a wounded soldier, Crawford was captured and detained as a prisoner of war for two years. To learn more of Crawford’s story, go to <http://wjccrawfordmemorialfund.com>. Photos by Tommy Olson, caption by Jennifer Kaylor.

Screenagers, Nov. 13



**Above:** A panel of students and adults answered questions posed by Liz Walhof (standing) after watching the film *Screenagers: Growing up in the digital age*. Pictured, from left, are Debbie Sell, D-38 high school social worker; Zoe O’Donnell, Lewis-Palmer Middle School student; Rene Mathenge, Lewis-Palmer High School student; Jason Sabater, Cyber Network Defense; Zackary Watson, D-38 parent; and Granger Blach, Palmer Ridge High School student. Photo by Jennifer Kaylor.



**Above;** William Crawford’s daughter and grandchildren cut a cake in his honor in a celebration lunch at The Depot that followed the memorial dedication. Photos above and below by Tommy Olson.



**Above;** members of Confetti as they sing *It Is Well with My Soul*. From left are Pat Walz, Mary Roughen, Sandi Knutson, and Lynn Cameron. Photo by Jennifer Kaylor.

