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Local Events

See pages 28-31 for details of these and many other local events.

- July 4th Events, Article to right.
- Concert in the Park, Wed., Jul. 5, 7-9 p.m.
- Moe Bandy Concert at TLCA, Thu., Jul. 6, 7 p.m.
- Concert in the Park, Wed., Jul. 12, 7-9 p.m.
- Lakeside Free Summer Concert at Waterfront Park: Collective Groove, Fri., Jul. 14, 6-8 p.m.
- NEPCO Meeting, Sat., Jul. 15, 10 a.m.-noon. Water.
- WMMI Anniversary Weekend, Sat.-Sun., Jul. 15-16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Concert in the Park, Wed., Jul. 19, 7-9 p.m.
- Art Hop, Thu., Jul. 20, 5-8 p.m.
- Palmer Lake Historical Society: Pete Seeger: A Musical Portrait, Thu., Jul. 20, 7 p.m.
- Foot Care Clinic, Fri., Jul. 21
- Bruce Carroll & Friends at TLCA, Fri., Jul. 21, 7 p.m.
- Monument's Free Movie Night: Finding Dory, Fri., Jul. 21, 7 p.m.
- Community Service: Wood Chipping, Sat., Jul. 22, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Concert in the Park, Wed., Jul. 26, 7-9 p.m.
- Foot Care Clinic, Fri., Jul. 28
- 34th Annual National Night Out, Tue., Aug. 1
- Concert in the Park, Wed., Aug. 2, 7-9 p.m.
- Branford Marsalis Quartet at TLCA, Thu., Aug. 3, 7 p.m.
- Lorrie Morgan Concert at TLCA, Sat., Aug. 5, 7 p.m. ■

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Above: Ascent Church with local volunteers hosted the 5K Color run fundraiser Saturday, June 17. All proceeds will go to local schools for suicide prevention programs. Runners were doused with powdered paint (that's not smoke!) at various color stations along the route, and at the Ascent Church grounds, live music, food vendors, and a kids' obstacle course were all included in the day's events. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, June 8

Board rejects water request from outside the district

By James Howald

The Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) board met on June 8 to debate a request from a developer for the district to supply water to a development outside the area WWSD serves, to update the operating agreement with the Chilcott Ditch Co., and to hear operational reports.

King's Deer developer seeks additional water

A request from Dan Potter, the developer of King's Deer, a covenant-con-

trolled community to the northeast of WWSD and outside of the district's service area, led to a lengthy discussion between District Manager Jessie Shaffer and the board. Potter asked the district to agree to sell him water that he could then re-sell to homeowners in King's Deer. The homes in King's Deer have wells, and have an annual appropriation of water that they cannot exceed. Potter sought water to augment what King's Deer currently owns.

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July 4th events

7 a.m., Palmer Lake Fun Run, Palmer Lake Santa Fe Trailhead. Register at www.july4funrun.com.

Monument Events

7-10 a.m., Pancake Breakfast, tickets at the door, St Peter Catholic Church, 55 Jefferson St.

8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monument Street Fair, 2nd Street and Washington Street

9:30 a.m., Monument Hill Kiwanis Children's Parade, Starts at Grace Best School



Above: Brian and Heather Hawkins at the 2016 Children's Parade. *Photo by David Futey*

10 a.m.-noon, Monument Hill Kiwanis 4th of July Parade. Register to participate: www.monumenthillkiwanis.org.

10 a.m.-7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber Beer Garden, family friendly, Limbach Park, 2nd and Front St.

Noon, Monument Community Presbyterian Church Open House, 3rd & Jefferson St. - cool air, treats, and rest rooms available.

Noon-7 p.m. Live music in Limbach Park, 2nd and Front St.

Noon-7:45 p.m., Live Music at Bliss Studios, 143 Washington St.

Palmer Lake Events

8 a.m.-9 p.m. Fourth of July at The Speedtrap, 84 Hwy 105

7 p.m., Music and fun at Palmer Lake, fireworks at dark.

Parade spectators are encouraged to come early, park at Palmer Ridge High School, 19255 Monument Hill Rd., or Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., and ride the free bus to and from downtown Monument. ■

Palmer Lake Town Council,
June 8

Town plans for Fourth of July fun

By James Howald

Preparing for the town's annual Fourth of July celebration was the big job at the Palmer Lake Town Council meeting on June 8. The council heard presentations and worked on the details of two main holiday events: the fireworks display and the July Fun Run, which raises funds for Palmer Lake Elementary School. Also, the council addressed a request to vacate a portion of Largo Street, a request for an easement, and the purchasing policies governing the town's administrative staff.

Council signs off on fireworks, with contingencies

Jennifer Coopman, speaking on behalf of the group organizing the annual fireworks display, told the council that proof of insurance for the event had been provided to town staff, that the official application had been filed, that insurance specific to the fireworks display would be in place within seven days, and that DD Group LLC had been hired to provide security. The security company also had insurance for the event in place, Coopman said.

Adam Coleman, representing the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department, said recent precipitation had reduced the risk of fire, but he would continue to assess the situation up to the event.

The council voted unanimously to approve the event, contingent with receiving the final proof of insurance and approval from the Fire Department.

July Fun Run at the starting line

Megan Smallman, the current Palmer Lake Elementary School PTO president, told the council about the plans for the July 4 race. The July 4 race will be the 35th, and up to a thousand runners participate, Smallman said. Previous races brought in as much as \$31,000 for the school, according to Smallman, and paid for water fountains, Chromebook computers, classroom furniture, and field trips. Money raised in the upcoming race will likely go to playground equipment, Smallman said.

The council voted unanimously to approve the permit for the race, and to waive the fee for the permit.

Largo Street vacated

Claudia Dimidik, on behalf of Joseph Beltran, asked the council to vacate a portion of Largo Street, between Rosita Avenue and Verano Avenue, effectively giving ownership of the land to Beltran.

The vacation had already been approved by the Palmer Lake Planning Commission, who determined it was too steep to be used as a road, as originally planned.

Council member Paul Banta said he would like to have time to visit the property in question before voting.

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