

Monument Outdoor Quilt Show



Above: The first annual Monument Outdoor Quilt Show happened June 17 at Limbach Park. Here, members of the Front Range Modern Quilt Guild stood in front of the guild's charity quilt, composed of blocks made by members, and laid out and completed by Anna Ortiz. The quilts to the right were made by Christine Doiron (Preppy Whales) and Abby Leonard (Huckleberry). The Front Range Modern Quilt Guild was founded in 2010 to build a community of modern quilters along the Front Range. Modern quilting has become a popular form of quilting in the last decade, with guilds and members all over the world. Modern quilting, while difficult to define, is often recognized as having bold, saturated colors and solid fabrics, more negative space than traditional or contemporary quilts, and strong contrast among the fabrics. For information about the guild or participating in next year's show, see <http://fronrangemodernquiltguild.webs.com/> or info.frmqg@gmail.com for information. *Photo courtesy of Front Range Modern Quilt Guild.*

Senior Living groundbreaking



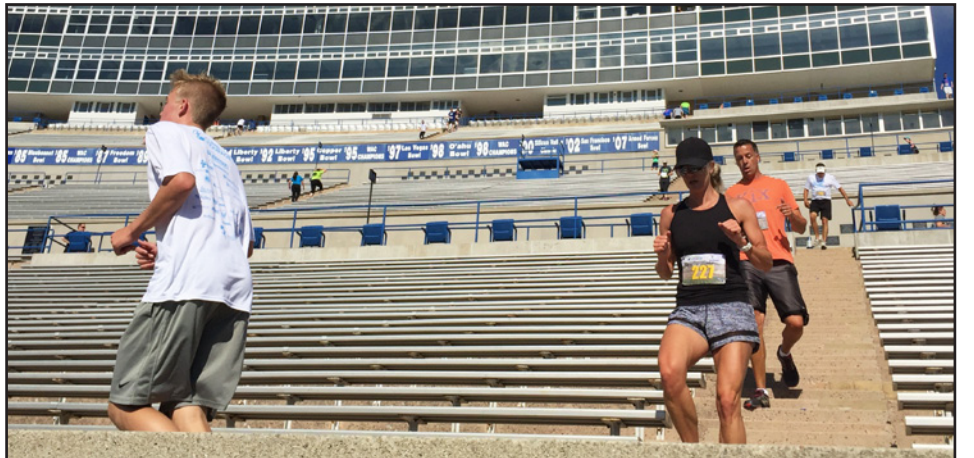
Above: On June 20, over 50 people attended Jackson Creek Senior Living's groundbreaking ceremony on Jackson Creek Parkway at Harness Road. This facility plans to offer independent living, assisted living, and memory care units starting in fall 2018. The community will be built by CSI Construction based in Colorado Springs and managed by WellAge Senior Living. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

Monument drum circle



Above: The Monument drum circle made music at Limbach Park on Monday, June 19. This group meets on the third Monday of every month to collaborate and express creativity in an open environment as well as to create rhythm by improvisation. In the summer months, they meet in Limbach Park next to the bandshell. Beginners are welcome to join. Contact Nan Graber at nananddon@hotmail.com for more information. *Photo by Lauren Jones.*

Climb for Courage, June 24



Above: Participants rapidly descend stairs at Falcon Stadium during the 2017 Climb for Courage event benefiting Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation. Two-thousand seven hundred. That's the number of stairs that participants in the annual Climb for Courage ascended at the U.S. Air Force Academy Falcon Stadium. In fairness, there was some descending too, but most will likely remember the burning lungs, the aching calves, and the sweaty joy of participating in this event. When some of the more than 500 participants were asked about their motivation to put their bodies through the abuse of scrambling up (and down) 2,700 stairs, their response was simple—it's for the kids! Climb for Courage benefits Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation and the funds raised will be used to expand their programs and services through the building of a new hospital in northeast Colorado Springs, scheduled to open in 2019. The event, in its third year, brought out many individuals and families whose lives have been touched by Children's Hospital Colorado. The competitive, timed waves of participants were followed by a Fun Wave, where families and people of all ages could give those stairs a try at their own pace. Adding to the fun morning was a free Family Festival where families could get free food samples, learn biking skills, make giant bubbles or grab coupons for local stores. Participants were asked to raise money through sponsorships and top fundraisers raised over \$2,000 each. The event raised over \$150,000 in 2016 and hopes to top that amount in 2017. To find out more about the nonprofit Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation, go to www.childrenscoloradofoundation.org. *Photo by Erin Poole*

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.

Free wildfire risk home assessments for Palmer Lake residents, ends this month

The Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) is partnering with the Town of Palmer Lake and the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department to offer free home assessments to make site-specific recommendations to reduce wildfire risk. To schedule a home assessment in July, phone 719-748-0033.

Slash-Mulch season continues

The El Paso County Black Forest Slash and Mulch program will accept slash (tree and brush debris only) through Sept. 10. Mulch will be available until Sept. 23 or when mulch runs out. Hours of operation are: Saturdays, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5-7:30 p.m. The mulch loader schedule is Saturdays only, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. The cost for slash is \$2 per load. The mulch loader fee is \$5 per bucket, about 2 cubic yards. The slash and mulch site is located at the southeast corner of Shoup and

Herring Roads in the Black Forest area. For more information, visit bflash.org or phone Carolyn, 495-3127; Chuck, 495-8675; Jeff, 495-8024; or the County Environmental Division, 520-7878.

National Night Out Aug. 1, register your neighborhood event by July 7

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual event promoting crime prevention and drug prevention in communities across the country. The concept is to turn on porch lights and join neighbors outside to make a show of solidarity and strength, and send the message to criminals that we won't tolerate crime in our neighborhoods. Residents can hold a block party, barbecue, neighborhood walk, or other activity to show their participation and let the Sheriff's Office know about it. Sheriff's Office employees will travel around the county to attend the neighborhood celebrations. Tips on planning your NNO event and the registration form can be found at www.natw.org. Registration forms must be returned by July 7. For more information, contact Merody Broom, crime prevention coordinator, 520-7151, MerodyBroom@elpasoco.com, or visit www.natw.org.

Woodmoor Waves Summer Swim Clinics, enroll now

Two three-week swim sessions will be held at the Country

Club at Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. Classes are Mon., Wed., & Thu., 10-10:45 a.m., July 10-27. Registration forms are available at the pool or online at www.woodmoorwaves.org. For more information, contact Chris Bains, 303-506-0089, cbains@aol.com.

Tri-Lakes Y Summer Swim Camps, register now

For children 6-12 years old, Mon.-Thu. sessions through July 31, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost: \$95 members/\$120 non-members. Financial assistance is available. For more information, call 481-8728 or stop by the YMCA, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy., Monument.

Monument Hill Kiwanis annual peach sale, order by July 21

Fresh Colorado Palisades freestone large peaches, hand-picked and specially delivered in two days, are still just \$35 per 18-pound box. Get your prepaid order in by July 21. Pick up your peaches July 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. All net proceeds go back to the community through projects supported by the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club. See the ad on page 10. Order online at www.monumenthillkiwanis.org or phone Mark Zeiger, 488-5934.