

## Trunk or Treat, Oct. 26



**Above:** Costumed kids and adults alike enjoyed going safely car to car for candy and treats at the annual Trunk or Treat event on Oct. 26, in the parking lot of St. Peter Catholic Church in Monument. Fancy vehicles included a family and car for All Souls Day/Dia de los Muertos, a fried-egg man serving candy from a giant toaster with pop-up toast, a real dentist offering toothbrushes along with candy, and a knee scooter carrying a costumed witch complete with broom. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

## Creepy Crawl, Oct. 27



**Left:** A record 851 people registered for the annual Creepy Crawl race, including mostly costumed athletes, for the 5K and the free 1-mile Kids' Monster Dash on Oct. 27, beginning at the Palmer Lake trailhead and going along the Santa Fe Trail, looping to Monument and back around Palmer Lake to the finish line. Proceeds will benefit the local community. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

## Gleneagle Renovation Project



**Above:** Gleneagle resident and Life Scout Thomas Connell completed his Eagle Scout Project by renovating two community pavilions and six picnic tables. Thomas worked on the project definition with the Gleneagle Civic Association that oversees the Ray Berg Open Space on the former Gleneagle golf course. Thomas led 21 volunteers who completed most of the refurbishment work on Oct. 6. The work consisted of removing and replacing rotted wood, scraping and sanding all wood surfaces and then staining the wood. The six picnic tables were totally rebuilt using new wood and hardware. Most volunteers were members of Boy Scout Troop 62; the balance were local residents. Over 125 volunteer hours were required to complete the project. The project was completed for \$706, which was 18 percent less than the estimate. Thomas presented a project completion summary to the Gleneagle Civic Association annual meeting on Oct. 18. *Caption and photo by Mark Connell.*

## Benet Hill Concert, Oct. 28

**Right:** Parish House Baroque, a quartet specializing in the music of the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries, played for a packed crowd Sunday afternoon at the Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery. The group is composed of, from left, artistic director and violinist Elisa Wicks, Eric Wicks on harpsichord, Jennifer Carpenter on recorder, and cellist Pam Chaddon. They played music from the baroque era when musicians began to understand music is a powerful communication tool, capable of changing the mood of its listener. The selection of composers the group played for the crowd came from Poland, Mexico, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Spain, and the Netherlands. *Photo by Gina Berger.*



## 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.*

### Adopt-a-Family or Adopt-a-Senior for the Holidays, register by Nov. 5

Many children and seniors in our area would not have holiday gifts without the generous support of our Tri-Lakes community. To adopt a family or a senior to provide them with gifts this holiday season, contact Paula Blair, 481-4864, ext. 112; program-manager@tri-lakescares.org.

### Safety Improvement Project temporarily closes Monument Hill Road

El Paso County Public Works is constructing safety and drainage improvements along the southern portion of Monument Hill Road, including construction of a "free right," improvements to drainage along Crystal Creek, and road reconstruction. The road will be closed from the intersection of Woodmoor Road to the south entrance of the Monument Hill Church. Work will extend into early February 2019. During the closure, Woodmoor Drive and Deer Creek Road will serve as the detour route for access to the northern portion of Monument Hill Road and Palmer Ridge High School. These are lower-speed roads, and drivers are encouraged to take alternate routes during construction. Drivers who need to

use the detour routes should plan for added travel time through this area. For more information and questions, email dotweb@elpasoco.com or visit [www.elpasoco.com](http://www.elpasoco.com). See BOCC article on page 21.

### MVEA Christmas Light Roundup, Nov. 1-Jan. 31

Mountain View Electric Association (MVEA) wants to help you make the energy efficiency switch this holiday season! Drop off your incandescent C7 and C9 light strands at an MVEA office and receive a \$5 per strand bill credit on up to 10 strands per MVEA member. You could earn up to a \$50 credit on your next electric bill. C7 bulbs measure over 2 inches, while C9 bulbs are just under 3 inches, base to tip. These are the large, traditional Christmas lights. The Monument MVEA office is at 15706 Jackson Creek Parkway, Ste. 100. For more information, phone 800-388-9881. See ad on page 15.

### Free grief group forming

The Church at Woodmoor, 18125 Furrow Rd., Monument, is forming a group for people who have struggled with grief for six months or more. This group will meet for six weeks with a trained leader who will provide a safe place to process the grief resulting from the loss of a loved one, or grief due to a change in health or finances. Participation is limited to 10 individuals on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, contact Rick Jackson, 488-3200, Rjackson.tcaw@gmail.com.

### Is your child struggling with reading?

Children's Literacy Center offers free one-to-one tutoring for children reading below grade level. Tutors are volunteers from the community, 14 years of age and older. Tutoring is held every Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the Monument Library. For more information, go to [www.childrensliteracycenter.org](http://www.childrensliteracycenter.org), call 719-471-8672, or contact Liz Eden at Liz@childrensliteracycenter.org.

### Handbell ringers needed

The Tri-Lakes Community Handbell Choir seeks experienced ringers, high school or adults. For more information, contact Betty Jenik, 488-3853.

### Prescription drug drop box

The Monument Police Department, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., has a secure green drop box to safely dispose of medications so the drugs are not stolen, lost, or misused. The drop box is open Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Accepted items include prescription and over-the-counter drugs, opioid painkillers, tranquilizers, anti-depressants, vitamins, heart medicine, liquid medications (sealed in original container), prescription patches, medicated ointments, and veterinary prescriptions. Labels can stay on the containers since all are incinerated. No chemo drugs, marijuana, illegal drugs, or sharps can be accepted. For more information, call the Monument Police, 481-3253, or visit [Takemededback.org](http://Takemededback.org).

### Help for heating bills

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 (866-432-8435) or visit [www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap](http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap).

### MVEA essay contest, enter by Nov. 15

High school juniors, 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. Essays must be received by Nov. 15. Apply online at [www.mvea.coop/youth-programs](http://www.mvea.coop/youth-programs). Info: Erica, 494-2654, erica.m@mvea.coop.

### MVEA Scholarships, enter by Jan. 15

Each year, MVEA awards \$1,000 scholarships to 14 graduating high school seniors. Applications are due by Jan. 15, 2019. Apply online at [www.mvea.coop/youth-programs](http://www.mvea.coop/youth-programs).

### Kiwanis Holiday Bell Ringing, Nov. 23-Dec. 24

Look for Kiwanis members and volunteers ringing the holiday bell for Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign at Monument King Soopers, Safeway, and Walmart Nov. 23-Dec. 24, 11a.m.-6 p.m. All proceeds go to Salvation Army in El Paso County. For more information about Kiwanis, visit <https://monumenthillkiwanis.org/mhk/>