

Cirque du Monument, June 2



Above: Downtown Monument merchants are working to bring fun, free pop-up events this summer to attract more downtown business. The first one was Cirque du Monument held on Saturday, June 2. The project is a continuing collaboration between the town, the Chamber of Commerce, and small and large businesses to build a stronger community and economic development program. People turned out to shop in local stores and to enjoy fun circus-related events such as aerial performances, pony rides, popcorn, and a lemonade stand. For more information, see the Downtown Monument Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/pg/DowntownMonument/posts/?ref=page_internal. *Photo by Allison Robenstein.*

PLAG at TLCA

Right: Exhibiting artist and ribbon winner M.M. Edwards smiles with her winning artwork at the Palmer Lake Art Group (PLAG) Color Splash art show reception in June 1. The show, which ran from May 29 through June 22, was held at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), 304 Highway 105 in Palmer Lake. For more information on PLAG, go to www.palmerlakeartgroup.com. For information on the TLCA and upcoming events, visit www.trilakearts.org. *Photo by Irena Lazarova.*



Fishing Derby, June 2



Above: Kids ages 4-14 enjoy the Fishing Derby in Palmer Lake on June 2, sponsored by the Tri-Lakes Lions Club and other local sponsors. The young anglers celebrated the Colorado free fishing event on the first weekend in June. Rods and reels were offered free to children from Bass Pro Shop, and various prizes were awarded to children based on age, fish specifications, and fun categories. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

Fireworks fundraiser, June 2



Above: The Palmer Lake Fireworks Committee hosted a fundraiser titled Hooked on Palmer Lake on June 2, which included a variety of games and bouncy houses as well as music by the Ashtonz and various artists and vendors. Here the artist known as "Matty the wood sculptor" created and sold sculptures of native wildlife exclusively using the fallen timber from the Black Forest fire to honor the Black Forest area and its citizens. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

Concerts in the Park



Above: Most of Monument seems to come out each Wednesday night for the downtown summer concert series. People bring their camp chairs, sit in the grass, or just boogie to music played in the Limbaugh park bandshell. Concerts are held most Wednesday nights in June and July. Each local group plays a different musical genre, such as pop, soul, classic rock, or bluegrass, but all of it is great to hear in our beautiful summer night air. There are usually a few food trucks available for food and drink, although some folks walked from local restaurants or brought a picnic. For more information, see www.facebook.com/groups/MonumentCOConcertsinthePark/about/. *Photo by Allison Robenstein.*

Watkins bike racks dedicated



Above: Thank you one and all for rising early and joining the community in the dedication of the four bicycle racks to honor the memory of Tim Watkins on June 9. Tim was slain last September while cycling west of Monument. Mark Schuler (pictured above) gave an appropriately tender and inspirational speech, Ginger Chase added lovely sentiments, and Terri Hayes provided the perfect oversized ribbon and scissors. You all added respectful and often funny tales of life with Tim. Each rack will denote a "Tim-ism" and be engraved accordingly by summer's end. Hop on your bikes and check out a book from the Palmer Lake Library or enjoy an ice cream from the Rock House, tying up your bike on one of the new racks, which are brown and green to celebrate the colors of the National Park Service. Funds were donated by three local bike shops and the Tri-Lakes community that Tim embraced. See www.ocn.me/pdf/v17n10%2027.pdf. *Caption by Samantha Holmes. Photo by Terri Hayes.*