

5-year remembrance, June 10



Above: The Black Forest community held a five-year remembrance of the devastating, life-changing fire on June 10. Black Forest Together (BFT) Planning Director Nancy Trosper explained to residents that besides continuing to organize volunteers to help people clean up scarred forest crossing their properties, BFT is expanding recovery efforts by starting the Trees 4 Tomorrow program, which uses a tree spade to transplant established trees that would be lost due to development or mitigation and plant them in the burn scar. BFT is searching for trees to transplant as well as volunteer groups to help plant small tree seedlings or pile up slash so it can be chipped up. Contact resourcecenter@blackforesttogether.org, call 719-495-2445, or see www.facebook.com/BlackForestTogether. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield*

Value-Up Tournament, June 15



Above: On June 15, over 65 golfers supported the first Value-Up golf tournament at the Country Club at Woodmoor. Value-Up, a new nonprofit aimed at helping today's students and educators, was co-founded by Craig Scott, who survived the Columbine High School shooting on April 20, 1999 and witnessed firsthand the consequences of devaluing life. His sister Rachel Scott and 13 other people were shot and killed that day, and 24 more students and teachers were injured. Along with Mike Donahue, Scott has spoken to millions of teenagers across the country about valuing and respecting their own lives and all human lives. Scott and Donahue have devoted their own lives to helping students deal with their anger, social anxiety, fear, pain, and un-forgiveness. Funds raised will go to support Value-Up school programs, including middle and high schools in northern El Paso County. Please Contact Rachel Donahue at 719-301-9746 or Rachel@value-up.org. www.value-up.org, www.facebook.com/r5walk/. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield*

Over \$17,000 raised for Shield 616



Above: A couple of recent community events have raised over \$17,000 for the Shield 616 charity. Enough funds have been raised to equip all Monument and Palmer Lake police officers with advanced active shooter and crowd control gear because the standard issue uniforms and equipment are not strong enough to withstand today's threats. On Monday, June 18 Living Word Chapel in Palmer Lake hosted the vest presentation ceremony, where all of the community police officers were presented with their new gear. The officers and the volunteers who raised the money are pictured together. *Photo by Jackie Burhans*

Tillis at TLCA, June 15



Left: Pam Tillis, with accompanist Matthew Spicher, charmed a near-capacity audience June 15 at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts with her two-hour acoustic set. As daughter of country music legend Mel Tillis, she grew up among the greats and colorful of that genre, such as Merle Haggard and Waylon Jennings. However, in the course of her

three decades in the music industry, she developed her own musical style through band experiences from jazz to top 40 and a songwriting style that "captures a particular moment." Tillis entertained the audience with her vocal range in songs including a homage to the women of country music with Patsy Cline's Walkin' After Midnight, to her father's Detroit City, along with a variety of her songs including the 1991 hit Maybe It Was Memphis. Information on upcoming events at the TLCA is at www.trilakesarts.org. *Photo by David Futey*

Tri-Lakes Views celebrates

Right: Exhibiting artists and friends celebrated the newest installations for the Tri-Lakes area sponsored by Tri-Lakes Views 2018-19 public art sculptures May 30 at Bliss Studios and Gallery outdoor patio. From left are Alex DiFiore of Bliss; Jodie Bliss, gallery owner; Reven Swanson, owner, Reven Swanson Studios; Faith and Jim Moore, artists, Robert Mutch, associate with Reven Swanson Studios. *Photo by Janet Sellers*



Al-Saadi at TLCA, June 22



Left: During his performance June 22 at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, Laith Al-Saadi clearly demonstrated why he was a finalist on *The Voice* in 2016. Al-Saadi began performing at the age of 4 in his Ann Arbor, Mich. church choir, wrote songs and played in bands in his teens, and by his 20s was playing six to 10 gigs a week, which eventually led to performing with the Detroit Lions pep band among musical avenues. His vocal and guitar playing expertise that developed through those experiences became renowned with his

appearance on *The Voice*. The breadth of his musical talent was readily apparent this evening given the range of his cover songs, including Frank Sinatra's *Fly Me to the Moon*, Traffic's *Mr. Fantasy*, and Bob Seger's *Night Moves* along with his intricate and vocally dynamic originals. *Photo by David Futey*

TLMA Concert, July 1



Above: The U.S. Air Force High Frontier Honor Guard presented the colors at the beginning of the Tri-Lakes Music Association (TLMA) concert on July 1 at Palmer Ridge High School. Music Director Rose Dunphey then led the wind ensemble, string orchestra, jazz band, and choir in a variety of pieces. The audience participated in a free-will offering during the performance, which was shared with Tri-Lakes Cares and to provide music scholarships for high school seniors. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield*