

July 4 Festivities

Pancake Breakfast



Above: In the St. Peter Catholic School plaza, the Knights of Columbus Council 11514 held its annual Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast. Pancakes, eggs, two kinds of sausages, and drinks were available for the price of admission. Knights of Columbus member Jim Rech helped to coordinate the event and expected 1,600 to 1,700 attendees. Rech said proceeds from the breakfast will go “towards St. Peter, scholarships toward St. Peter and college, Tri-Lakes Cares, and other community needs.” Rech said the Knights “really appreciate the Town of Monument, the coordinators of the parade, and attendees of the breakfast as this is our major fundraiser for the year.” Volunteers from K-Kids, St. Mary’s High School and the Boy Scouts also helped with the event. *Photo by David Futey.*

Palmer Lake Fun Run



Above: The Tri-Lakes area Fourth of July celebration started with the 36th annual Palmer Lake Fun Run, benefiting Lewis-Palmer Elementary School (LPES). The 4-mile run starts at the lake in Palmer Lake and ends in Monument. Megan Smallman, LPES PTO president, said over 1,380 were registered, an increase of more than 300 from last year. Smallman said, “We really appreciate all the support from the community and businesses. The event is operated by 100 percent volunteers.” She said proceeds from the race were expected to reach \$30,000 and “will be used at LPES for field trips, grant programs, the library, technology, and playground upgrades.” Jeremy Meadows (19:34) of Monument and Isabella Prosceno (24:21) of Larkspur placed first in the male and female categories, respectively. **Right:** Judy and Sam Oldfather from Colorado Springs dressed a bit festive for the Palmer Lake Fun Run. *Caption by David Futey. Top photo by Janet Sellers. Inset photo by David Futey.*



Children’s Parade, July 4



The Children’s Parade, sponsored by the Monument Hill Kiwanis, started off the parades for the Fourth of July. Children decorated their bikes, wagons, scooters, and themselves in festive holiday attire. Joined by their parents, the parade participants traveled the parade route through downtown Monument and the thousands of onlookers. **Left:** Sophie Yoder and Arianna Jones dressed alike and decorated their bikes. **Right:** Monument Boy Scout Troop 17 led the way in the Fourth of July Children’s Parade. *Photos by David Futey.*



Main Parade



Lewis-Palmer High School Ranger football team



Palmer Ridge High School Bearbotics Team robot