

PLPD gets new sign



Left: A new sign of engraved stone was installed in November at the Palmer Lake Police Department building. The sign shows an artistic rendition of Sundance Mountain with the town's famous star in the middle. The star and the mountain make up part of an abstract flag. *Photo by Janet Sellers*

MA Veterans Day, Nov. 11



Above: Many hundreds attended Monument Academy's Veterans Day celebration, "Honoring All Who Have Served," on Nov. 11. Gary Trevino, left, is a retired Infantry officer major who served 23 years in the U.S. Army, including several combat tours in Central America. His three children, who now attend Monument Academy, sang patriotic songs with the choirs. His fiancée Jenelle Lawrence, center, is proud that her son served in Iraq during his four years in the U.S. Marine Corps. His brother Steven Trevino's son, right, served 20 years in the U.S. Army. Gary and Steven's father served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, with several tours in Vietnam, and he flew on the same B-52 that is now displayed at the U.S. Air Force Academy's north gate. The keynote speaker was Dr. Mary Kelly, Ph.D. CSP, CDR, US Navy Ret. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

Home composting, Nov. 14



Left: On Nov. 14, Cassie Olgren, gardener for the Town of Monument, gave a two-hour presentation about composting in the home, be it indoor or out. Her handout said indoor composting can be a problem for some, so doing it in the garage can be a better option. The slideshow included the food waste and leaves. The compost could then be used in spring gardens. *Photo by John Howe*

Bettman & Halpin at TLCA, Nov. 15



Left: On Nov. 15, the song-writing and instrumentalist duo of Stephanie Bettman and Luke Halpin brought their form of acoustic bluegrass and folk music to the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA). This was the second time at the TLCA in their 11 years of performing. Their harmonious vocals, Bettman's jazz/bluegrass fusion fiddle playing, and

Halpin's mix of guitar, mandolin and fiddle playing made for a full sound. Their song list included a medley of old spirituals, a memorial song called *Blue Stem* about a Kansas farmer they met while on tour and *Winter's Waltz*, an instrumental about encountering their first snowfall just after moving to Colorado from southern California. They also performed two songs, *Diamond* and *A Million Hearts*, that were inspired by the teens they met while volunteering their musical talents at Denver's Tennyson House for Children. Information on the TLCA is at trilakesarts.org. *Photo by David Futey.*

Blacksmithing at WMMI, Nov. 9



Above: In an atmosphere smoky from the coal and coke-fired forge, attendees tried their hands, with gloves and tongs, at the blacksmithing maker space at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry on November 9. They learned about heating, pounding and turning steel rebar into useful items. Instructor Peter McCollum, clad in a smithy leather apron, taught the history of wild west blacksmithing methods including making carpentry nails, which were so valuable to settlers headed westward that they would burn down their old barns and take the nails with them. *Photo by Janet Sellers*

Plaque honors vets, Nov. 11



Above: On Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, Lt. Col. Jim Faber unveiled a plaque (shown in the inset) dedicated to veterans who live and have lived at Jackson Creek Senior Living. The plaque can also accommodate future veterans. An appreciative audience, including almost 35 resident veterans, applauded the unveiling. *Photo by John Howe*

GWC arts and crafts show, Nov. 15



Above: The Gleneagle Women's Club held an arts and crafts fair to benefit the Donald Wescott Fire Protection District. The event, held Nov 15 at the Woodmoor Barn Community Center, included handmade crafts, jewelry and home décor. Dale Muldrow, president of the social club, said the group typically selects one charity every year to benefit. The group has many clubs to join including several gourmet cooking groups, book clubs, a hiking group and they even watch what Muldrow called "chick flicks" together. Pictured here is Tsilla Reyner with her holiday décor. *Photo by Allison Robenstein*