

## Blacksmithing at WMMI, June 5



**Above:** Peter McCollum and Ron Hardman from Kilroy's Workshop teach VIP guests the basic techniques of forging using a coal fire and an anvil June 5 at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry. The Blacksmithing Backstage Pass is an opportunity to see and experience the art of blacksmithing as it was done at the turn of the 20th century. For information on future events, visit: [www.wmmi.org](http://www.wmmi.org). *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*

## Coffee with town manager, June 13



**Above:** Monument Town Manager Mike Foreman held an informal community meeting June 13 at Serrano's Coffee Co. The manager is working to empower town staff and listen to citizens' needs. Foreman was asked about water, specifically the plans for water use with all the new developments. Another citizen asked if there are plans for traffic control on Highway 105 between the Gap project construction on I-25 and the Renaissance Festival in Larkspur. Foreman said he and District 1 County Commissioner Holly Williams have been discussing the creation of a new Rural Transit Authority (RTA) that deals only with traffic issues on county-owned roads in Monument and Palmer Lake, such as Beacon Lite Road. *Photo by Allison Robenstein.*

## Pikes Peak Celtic Festival, June 15



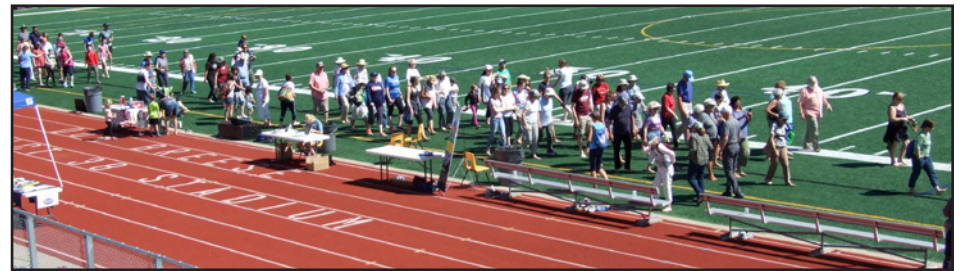
**Above:** The midday opening ceremony at the 22nd Annual Pikes Peak Celtic Festival is pictured June 15 on the grounds of the Western Museum of Mining and Industry. Massed pipers and drummers performed the national anthem, Amazing Grace and Scotland the Brave to a large crowd during the ceremony. Blue skies quickly turned gray, followed by a thunderstorm bringing a torrential downpour and a soggy start to the festivities. The festival attracts thousands of visitors with headlining bands such as Swagger, Seven Nations, and the Red Hot Chili Pipe Band giving live daily performances. The Western United States Pipe Band Association held a Piping and Drumming competition and both male and female athletes were fierce competitors at the traditional Highland games. Whisky tasting and cooking demonstrations were available as folks gathered to discover traditional food and vendors of all things Celtic during the damp June weekend. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*

## Wildland fire mitigation, June 5



**Above:** Ed Miller, director of Forestry for Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA), reminds residents of the 2019 Woodmoor Chipping Days. Woodmoor residents gathered information from experts in wildland fire mitigation at the Barn on June 5. WIA held the event in a continued effort to educate residents on the action needed to help prevent the potential spread of a wildland fire in Woodmoor. Chipping days will be held at Lewis-Palmer High School on July 13 and Aug. 3 in the south parking lot from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Non-residents are welcome with a suggested donation of \$5 to \$10. For more information, visit [www.woodmoor.org](http://www.woodmoor.org) or contact Matthew at the WIA office at 488-2693 ext. 4. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*

## Barefoot Mile, June 8



**Above:** The Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery helped raise financial support for Joy International, Bakhita Mountain Home, and the Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado by hosting its second annual Walk for Freedom: The Colorado Springs Barefoot Mile. Held June 8 at the Don Breese Stadium of Lewis-Palmer High School, the Barefoot Mile raises not only funds but awareness that poverty—signified by the lack of shoes—is one of the primary forces that drives the commercial exploitation of children and adults worldwide. The featured organizations emphasized the need to prevent human trafficking as well as rescue, restore, and reintegrate survivors into lives of joyful and purposeful living. For more information, see [www.bakhitamountainhome.org](http://www.bakhitamountainhome.org), [www.ht-colorado.org](http://www.ht-colorado.org), and [www.joy.org](http://www.joy.org). *Photo by Jennifer Kaylor.*

## Bryson's Chase tournament, June 14



**Above:** The Bryson's Chase Foundation held its first annual golf tournament at the Woodmoor Country Club on June 14. The organization raises money to pay for pediatric mental health treatment costs. Foundation President Lindsey Kangas and her son Bryson were in attendance greeting golfers as they arrived. Their team, wearing neon green T-shirts and colorful knee socks, bustled about registering participants, prepping golf carts, and explaining the shotgun start. Monument duo Go Go Girlzilla also performed a June 2 benefit concert to help raise funds for Bryson's Chase. To learn more about the foundation, go to [brysonschase.org](http://brysonschase.org) or call 719-257-3525. *Photo by Allison Robenstein.*

## Monument celebrates 140<sup>th</sup>, June 15



**Above:** On June 15, Monument came together at Limbach Park to celebrate 140 years of incorporation. "Henry's Station," as Monument was formerly called, was named after Henry Limbach who platted the town in 1874 and served as the first mayor. While Henry Limbach ran his saloon and barber shop, Mrs. Limbach made dresses and hats out of her millinery, both businesses were located along Front Street. After the railroads began coming through, the town name was changed to Monument. Take a wonderful historic walking tour by going to [www.palmerdivide-history.org](http://www.palmerdivide-history.org). Many came out to the park to hear live music from Latigo, participate in the pie eating contest and sack races and to dunk town officials in the dunk tank. Early birds got to see Jim Bergeron receive the Spirit of Monument award from Mayor Don Wilson. *Photo by Allison Robenstein.*