

Meeting with Somers, July 19



Above: New Lewis-Palmer D38 Superintendent Dr. KC Somers hosts a Listening and Learning event July 19 at the Tri-Lakes Senior Center. This was one of six events for Somers; other locations were the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Wesley Owens Coffee, Tri-Lakes YMCA, Monument Library, and Serranos Coffee Company. Each event asked participants to discuss three topics: what they value about the district, challenges the district faces, and advice to the superintendent. Attendees included parents, teachers, and community members. Values mentioned included high achievement, diverse offerings, world-class education, and qualified and dedicated teachers. Challenges and concerns ranged from improving teacher morale, support for kids who are not college-bound, location of the new Monument Academy High School, new state graduation requirements, curriculum, use of technology, managing growth, increasing trust, and maintaining academic excellence. Attendees advised Somers to continue to communicate with the community, provide as much data as possible when making decisions, and follow up after soliciting input. *Photo by Jackie Burhans*

Forest Lakes Concert, July 26



Above: On July 26, a cheerful Forest Lakes crowd enjoyed the music of the Martini Shot band playing favorites from the 1960s to the present. The audience enjoyed picnics, dancing, singing, and clapping along with the music, while children played on the playground. Food trucks provided picnic suppers and libations. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

TLWC funds RMMA master class



Above: The Tri-Lakes Women's Club (TLWC) gave the Rocky Mountain Music Association (RMMA) a generous gift of \$650 to provide a master class for Tri-Lakes area students. The class will be taught on Sept. 14 by the featured artists just prior to RMMA's first concert of the season, which is also a celebration of women composers. Interested students must obtain a recommendation from their respective music teachers. Pictured from left, TLWC Grant Chair Cindi Ryan, RMMA Church Liaison Vivian Delano, RMMA Board President Coleen Abeyta, and TLWC Co-President Pam Perry. *Photo by Pam Perry.*

Limbach Park Quilt Show, July 20



Above: On July 20, the Front Range Modern Quilt Guild showed 91 quilts that were hung on clothes lines around Limbach Park. Many visitors came to view the modern-style creations as breezes teased the quilts. Pictured from left are, front row, AK Miller, Barbara Konkle, Abby Leonard, Anna Ortiz, and Michelle Davis; back row, Nicole Young, Char Allen, Janis Williams, Sally Leavitt, Karen Guerra, Cheri Stanley, Margie Jones, Donna Squibb, Wyna Todd, Melissa Richie, and Suzanne Hay. *Photo by Nicole Young.*

Run 4 Hope, July 20



Above: The Ascent Church sponsored Run 4 Hope with over 200 participants running through the nearby Woodmoor neighborhood on July 20. Race check-in began at 6:30 a.m. for the chipped competitive run followed by a family-paced color fun run. Course marshal was 1970s-era Olympian Frank Shorter, and volunteers at various checkpoints scattered colorful powders at the runners. The annual fundraiser helps support suicide prevention efforts in local schools. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

Spiderman, July 26



Above: The Monument summer outdoor movie night event series presented *Spiderman* July 26 at Dirty Woman Park. Families and friends brought their picnics, lawn chairs, and snacks to enjoy a family movie under the stars at the weekly event. Palmer Ridge Cheer leaders (pictured above) had snacks available for sale. Despite an overcast rain threat the movie went on successfully. *Photo by John Howe*