

Elephant Rock Hike, Aug. 30



Left: At the new El Paso County Elephant Rock open space, Dr. Catherine McGuire (in white shirt, center of group and former co-owner with her brother Dr. Tom Close, not shown), along with county parks staff, guided a group of about 30 interested

hikers on Aug. 30 along the Santa Fe Trail from Palmer Lake to the new open space between Palmer Lake and Monument. McGuire and park staff stopped periodically along the way and talked about the property history and local information and regaled the group with anecdotes. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

Monument Indie Fest, Aug. 31



Right: The Western Museum of Mining and Industry (WMMI) hosted the Monument Indie Fest over Labor Day weekend. Twenty bands from across the country performed on stage to benefit Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development and Visitor's Center and WMMI. The event was organized by Tri-Lakes Radio and Indie On-Air Records. L.A.-based husband and wife band The Dollyrots headlined Saturday's event, bringing their punk rock sounds to the stage. Fans spread out on blankets and relaxed in lawn chairs while bands like Last Humans and Promise To Myself (PTM) played their tunes. Phoenix-based PTM energized the crowd with their pop-punk sound, ending with the amped track *Circles* releasing in late September. From left are PTM's Brad Stockton, Karl Nagy, Tony Galvan, and Zack Bruge. *Photo by Allison Robenstein.*

Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor
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Tri-Lakes AWANA Club, AWANA is a program dedicated to helping kids ages 5 through high school to know, love, and serve God. Meets **Wed.**, 6-7:45 p.m., at 14960 Woodcarver Road, Colo. Springs. Register online at www.fuelchurch.org. See ad on page 6.

Slash-Mulch season
The El Paso County Black Forest Slash and Mulch program will accept slash (tree and brush debris only) through **Sept. 15**. Mulch will be available through **Sept. 21** or until mulch runs out. Hours of operation are: Sat., 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun., noon-4 p.m.; Tue. and Thu., 5-7:30 p.m. The mulch loader schedule is Saturdays only, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. The cost for slash is \$2 per load. The mulch loader fee is \$5 per bucket, about 2 cubic yards. The slash and mulch site is located at the southeast corner of Shoup and Herring Roads in the Black Forest area. For

more information, visit www.bfs-lash.org or phone the county Environmental Division, 520-7878; Carolyn, 495-3127; Chuck, 495-8675; Jeff, 495-8024.

Children's Literacy Center needs volunteers
Children's Literacy Center (CLC) provides free one-on-one tutoring to children reading below grade level in our community. If you are 14 years or older and are able to commit to a 12-week tutoring session, contact Children's Literacy Center today to change a child's life! Work with one child, two hours a week. All volunteers are trained to use CLC's Peak Reader® curriculum; no background in education or prior experience in tutoring is required. CLC's fall session runs from Sep. 4 to Dec. 5. For more information on how to get involved or on how to sign your child up, visit childrensliteracycenter.org or call 719-471-8672.

Register for YMCA 5K Race Series and Fun Runs
The three-race series includes the Creepy Crawl **Oct. 26** on the Santa Fe Trail in Palmer Lake, Turkey Trot **Nov. 28** at the Briargate YMCA, and the Jingle Bell **Dec. 14** at Fountain Creek Regional Park. Sign up online

at www.pymca.org/raceseries. See ad on page 6.

Community Website, TLtalks.com

TLtalks.com (Tri-Lakes Talks) provides a forum for community members to communicate and exchange information in a respectful environment. Get information about growth, the bond and its impact on your property taxes, and more. See ad on page 20.

Sisters' Thrift & Boutique
The Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery have a shop full of gently used treasures at 8674 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs. Store hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The phone number is 719-282-0316. For more information and a \$5 off coupon, see the ad on page 10.

MVEA essay contest

High school juniors can enter to win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, or win a stay at the Colorado Electric Education Institute's Youth Leadership Camp in Clark, Colo. Essays must be received by **Nov. 14**. Apply online at www.mvea.coop/essay-contest. Info: Erica, 719-494-2654, erica.m@mvea.

coop. See ad below.

MVEA Scholarships

Each year, MVEA awards \$1,000 scholarships to 14 graduating high school seniors. Applications are due by **Jan. 15, 2020**. Apply online at www.mvea.coop/scholarships. See ad below.

MVEA tree-trimming

Tree trimming helps prevent storm-related power outages. For more information, call 800-388-9881 or 719-495-2283, or visit www.mvea.coop/tree-trimming.

Black Forest Together

Black Forest Together provides fire recovery/mitigation services to the Black Forest community summer through fall, weather permitting. For more information, contact Black Forest Together, 495-2445, or www.resourcecenter@blackforest-together.org.

Free senior services

Mountain Community Senior Services offers free transportation and handyman services to Tri-Lakes seniors. If you need a ride to a medical appointment, grocery shopping, or the local senior lunches, a volunteer driver will be happy to help you. Call 488-0076 to leave a message for the dispatcher. If you need grab bars in the bathroom, a ramp to your door, or repair of stairs or railings, please

call Cindy Rush, 488-0076, and leave a message or visit www.coloradoseniorhelp.com.

Vehicle stuck?

4x4orce is an emergency notification network of 4-by-4 enthusiasts/good Samaritans ready and willing to respond when, where, and how they can. Sending a message to the Facebook 4X4orce Community Rescue & Recovery page is the best way currently to get assistance. However, you can also phone 719-286-9323. If Facebook is not working, you can email help@4x4orce.org.

Cell phone reverse 9-1-1

The Emergency Notification System (powered by Everbridge), commonly referred to as Reverse 9-1-1, is a tool that can make rapid notifications to specific geographic areas to alert you to emergency situations including manmade disasters, evacuations, hazardous materials incidents, missing persons, and more. Reverse 9-1-1 is not the same as Amber Alerts, which are generated by a different system. You must register to receive emergency notifications on any phone other than your landline. You can list up to five locations and up to eight points of contact. Sign up at www.elpasoteller911.org.

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High School Juniors Win a Summer Trip

Electric Cooperative Youth Tour & Youth Leadership Camp

High school juniors are just 500 words away from a chance to win a once-in-a-lifetime all-expenses paid trip. Top-placed winners will receive either a trip to Washington D.C., with more than 1,800 students from across the U.S. for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, or will be invited to the Colorado Electric Education Institute's Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in the mountains outside of Steamboat Springs. Visit www.mvea.coop/essay-contest for contest qualifications and to complete an entry form. Deadline: Thursday, November 14, 2019.

High School Seniors Win a Scholarship

Need Cash For College? \$27,000 In Scholarships Available

MVEA's scholarship program includes scholarships to accredited colleges, universities, junior or community colleges, as well as a Vocational/Technical Scholarship. Additional scholarships include two Power Lineman Scholarships for students pursuing a career through a lineman training program, as well as a Power Engineer Scholarship for current college students pursuing a power engineering career. Visit www.mvea.coop/scholarships to learn more. Deadline: Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

Questions? Contact Erica Meyer, (719) 494-2654, erica.m@mvea.coop.



Our Community Calendar

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GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

- **Woodmoor Water & Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Mon., **Sept. 9**, 1 p.m., 1845 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Meets 2nd Mon. each month. Info: 488-2525, www.woodmoorwater.com.
- **Monument Board of Trustees Preliminary 2020 Budget Meeting**, Mon., **Sept. 9**, 6 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Info: 884-8017, www.townofmonument.org.
- **El Paso Board of County Commissioners Meeting**, Tue., **Sept. 10**, 9 a.m. Centennial Hall, 200 South Cascade Ave., Suite 150, Colo. Springs. Meets every Tue. and Thu. except Sep. 17 & 19. Info: 520-6430, www.agendasuite.org/iip/elaso.
- **Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee Meeting**, Tue., **Sept. 10**, 10 a.m., 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meets 2nd Tue. each month.

Info: Bill Burks, 481-4053.

- **Palmer Lake Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Wed., **Sept. 11**, 9 a.m., 120 Middle Glenway. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. Info: 481-2732. www.plsd.org.
- **El Paso County Park Advisory Board Meeting**, Wed., **Sept. 11**, 1:30 p.m., Centennial Hall, 200 S. Cascade. Info: 520-7529.
- **D-38 Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)**, Wed., **Sept. 11**, 6:30 p.m., Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Info: 433-5672, MNay@lewispalmer.org.
- **Monument Planning Commission Meeting**, **CANCELED**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Normally meets 2nd Wed. each month. Livestreamed at <http://bit.ly/2uZxjfa>. Info: 884-8017, www.townofmonument.org.
- **Black Forest Fire/Rescue Protection District Budget Workshop**, Wed., **Sept. 11**, 7 p.m., Station 1, 11445 Teachout Road, Colorado Springs. Board meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: 495-4300.
- **Community Tours of Lewis-Palmer Middle School**, Thu., **Sept. 12**, 10:30 a.m., repeats Sep. 26 & Oct. 10; 1776 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Join a member of the board of education for a one-hour tour of