

Tri-Lakes Women’s Club contest raises over \$10,000



**Above:** The Tri-Lakes Women’s Club (TLWC) held its first-ever virtual fund-raising contest to find out “Who is your favorite cat or dog?” Jojo, owned by Dirk and Laura Stamp of Monument, was named Grand Champion. Jojo greets customers as they come to the Wine Seller, a business that was a Bronze Sponsor of the contest. There

were 110 entries with 241 participants in the contest that raised over \$10,000 for grants. All the money will be given to nonprofits in the Tri-Lakes area. The club has granted over \$1 million in its 45 years as a charity organization.

**Left:** From left are TLWC board member Lori Marriner; TLWC charitable



events treasurer Barb Betzler; TLWC co-President Jan McKinley; Dirk Stamp, owner of The Wine Seller with his dog, Jojo; fundraiser Chair and board member Linda Vernon; and TLWC co-President Judy Sawyer. *Photo courtesy of Linda Vernon.*

**Center:** The honor of Top Dog went to



Willie. His certificate was presented by fundraiser Chair Linda Vernon, left, to Gail Wittman, who owns Willie with husband, Dave. *Photo by Jan McKinley.*

**Right:** Among the felines, Beau, owned by Suzanne Dominowski (in photo) and husband, John, was named Purrfect Cat. *Photo by John Dominowski.*

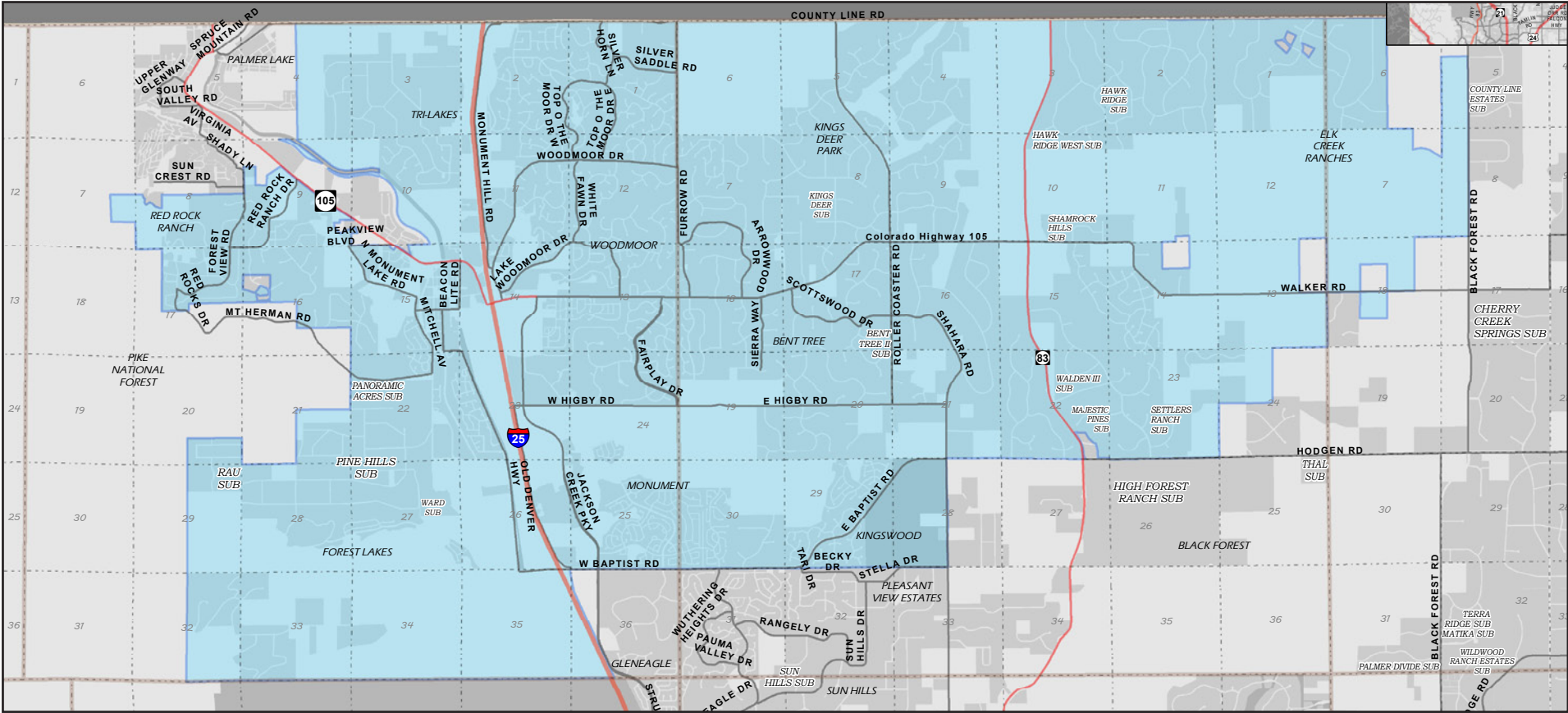
Renewing made easy



**Left:** El Paso County has made it easier to renew your vehicle tags and registration in the Tri-Lakes area at the new kiosk inside the King Soopers on Baptist Road. Christine Brown, pictured, shows how easy it is to renew your tags and registration. No waiting. No appointment necessary. “It makes it so easy and you get your stickers right on the spot,” says Brown. “It’s so much easier than having to go to the Springs. I was wishing that we had some place to go here in Monument, and now we do.” In an instant you are done, and you have your new registration and tags in hand. For more information about renewing your vehicles, go to [epcdrives.com](http://epcdrives.com). *Photo by Marlene Brown.*

Which districts do you live in?

The Tri-Lakes area is composed of many interleaved layers of jurisdiction and taxation. The well-informed resident should be able to identify which (if any) municipality, metropolitan district, water and sanitation district, fire protection district, school district, and homeowners association collects taxes and fees and provides services to their home. **Hint to property owners:** You can also learn a lot by looking at your property tax bill. Make sure all members of your household, not just the billpayer, know the answers! See [www.ocn.me/maps.htm](http://www.ocn.me/maps.htm) for a list of clickable links so you can zoom in. To give you a sample of what those maps show, we have printed below the map for the the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District.



OCN photo contest winner



**Above:** While returning home on Jan. 2 after walking in the Greenland Open Space, I could tell the sunset was going to be good. When I got off I-25 in Monument, the sunset was great. I pulled over on Second Street just west of Highway 105 to hurriedly capture the sunset on my phone with the Christmas lights in the foreground. *Photo by Vernon Smith.*

**Keep them coming!** Send your best “Life in Tri-Lakes” photo to [editor@ocn.me](mailto:editor@ocn.me) no later than **Mar. 19**. Please don’t send more than two photos. Include names of any people in the photo, date taken, a description of the activity or location, and the name of the photographer. Call Lisa at 719-339-7831 with questions.