

Well 3 re-drilled

Right: Well 3 in Monument is old and was beginning to corrode, and the screen plugs up. This spring, after erecting very large walls around the area on Old Denver Road to contain any debris, the drilling rig, pictured May 27, was installed near Well 3 and the new well completed in short order. The well will be in use soon. *Photo by John Howe.*



Purely Ponds Parade

Left: The Purely Ponds Parade, the annual self-guided charity pond and waterfall tour, was held on June 26 and 27. Purely Ponds Fine Landscapes matched and donated proceeds from the ticket sales to the Boys & Girls Club of the Pikes Peak Region. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

Front Range Makers Market, June 26



Above and Left: On June 26, makers, artists, crafters, boutiques, and food vendors set up tents to sell their wares at Lewis-Palmer High School. Entry was free for the 25th year of the annual fall Front Range Makers Market in Monument. *Photos by Janet Sellers.*

OCN photo contest winners



Above: Each year, ospreys descend upon Monument Lake. On April 22, I was fortunate to capture this image of an osprey snatching a rainbow trout. *Photo by Krista Bobo.*



Left: Anyone who lives in the area knows that sunsets on Monument Lake can be stunning. They can be even more so if you experience them kayaking on the lake. I got this shot June 14. *Photo by Michael Weinfeld.*

Keep them coming! Send your best "Life in Tri-Lakes" photo to editor@ocn.me no later than **July 23**. 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.

Our Community Notices

By the OCN calendar team
If you are interested in helping OCN compile the monthly calendar and notices, please write to calendar@ocn.me. We would love to have your help!

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the information number for that event. Please notify us if your event listing needs to be updated.

Red Flag Warning!

A Red Flag Warning means warm temperatures, very low humidity, and stronger winds are expected to combine to produce an increased risk of fire danger. Extinguish all outdoor fires properly. Drown fires with plenty of water and stir to make sure everything is cold to the touch. Do not throw live charcoal on the ground and leave it. Never leave a fire unattended. Sparks or embers can blow into leaves or grass, ignite a fire, and quickly spread. See www.elpasoco.com/fireworks-burn-ban-information/.

Slash-Mulch Schedule

Black Forest Slash-Mulch Program is a Wildfire Mitigation and Recycling Program. It accepts slash (trees, limbs, and brush debris only, maximum length 6 feet, maximum diameter 8 inches) (no stumps, roots, weeds, grass, lumber, or trash). Cost to drop off slash is \$2 per

load. Mulch loader fee \$5 per bucket, about 2 cubic yards. Co-sponsored by the El Paso County Environmental Division, Colorado Forestry Association and the Black Forest Fire Department, in cooperation with the Colorado State Forest Service and the State Board of Land Commissioners. Hours: Sat., 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun., noon-4 p.m.; Tue. & Thu., 5-7:30 p.m. The mulch loader schedule is Sat. only, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. on specified days. See www.bfslash.org for a form to bring with you, or phone the county Environmental Division, 520-7878. Southeast corner of Shoup and Herring Roads in Black Forest.

Donate live trees

Black Forest Together needs your help! BFT is hoping to launch the fourth year of our Trees 4 Tomorrow program, which has transplanted just under 4,000 trees into the burn scar. We need new tree donor sites in order to launch the program. As always, all tree donations are tax-deductible. Donating your trees is a great way to help mitigate your property and help your burn-victim neighbors restore theirs. To help keep overhead and costs down: site must be 25 acres or larger, have easy access for a truck and trailer, have at least 100 trees to donate. Trees need to be 3 to 8 feet tall, with a trunk diameter of 2½ to 4 inches. Doghair (thickets of seedlings) will not be removed. If you are interested in donating to our program or know someone who is, please contact us

at Resourcecenter@blackforesttogether.org or call 719-368-0500.

County Safe Streets Alliance

El Paso is one of the most rapidly growing of Colorado counties. With this growth comes increasing traffic volume and the potential for commuters to use our neighborhood streets to bypass congestion. El Paso County does not currently benefit from a program to use speed tables, chicanes, roundabouts and other calming measures to slow traffic speed and volume on neighborhood streets.

There's a county proposal to extend Furrow Road South to Higby Road. Once this connection is made, the current traffic volume is forecasted to significantly increase. Three HOAs that border Furrow have formed an initial group to deal with the issues of this extension with the county. The group has created a working document and an El Paso Safe Streets Alliance petition at <https://ceds.org/epssa/>. The petition urges the county commissioners to expand traffic calming measures county-wide.

Distracted driving

Distracted Driving continues to be a dangerous issue on Colorado roads. An average of 42 crashes a day involve a distracted driver, and the consequences can be truly life-changing. Please rethink your distracted driving behaviors and consider the reactions of those around you. "Ev-

ery time I see a distracted driver, my first thought is to get as far away from them as possible," said Susan Dane, founder of Coloradans Organized for Responsible Driving (CORD). "My second thought is to ask: is it worth it? I lost two friends to a distracted driver, there's no reason for more lives to be lost due to distracted driving." Hear from the victims themselves at <https://www.codot.gov/safety/distracteddriving/victims>.

Reading tutor volunteers needed

Children's Literacy Center provides free one-on-one literacy tutoring to Tri-Lakes children in grades 1-6 who are reading below grade level! Tutoring is at the Tri-Lakes Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and our Summer Session will begin June 29 and run through Aug. 14. For more information, to become a volunteer tutor or to enroll your child, visit www.childrensliteracycenter.org or email Christine Jeffson at Christine@childrensliteracycenter.org.

MVEA rebates for outdoor power equipment

Outdoor power equipment rebates from Mountain View Electric Association if you switch from gas to electric powered mower, snow blower, leaf blower, electric bicycle, chainsaw, power washer, pruner, trimmer. Learn more at www.mvea.coop/rebates or 800-388-9881. See ad on page 13.