

Monu-Palooza, Sept. 4



Above: On Sept. 4 during Labor Day weekend, Monu-Palooza, Monument's Hometown Music Festival, took over Limbach Park in downtown Monument. This sixth annual music event drew over 650 attendees throughout the day. Event organizer Charlie Searle said he started Monu-Palooza in 2017 because "Concerts in the Park ended in August, and I thought the town needed something to end the summer." He continued, "I wanted to keep it local with the bands, have an event that would re-invest in the community, and give the community something to enjoy close to home over Labor Day weekend." The music was provided by seven local bands accounting for over eight hours of music. The bands in order of performance were Hickabee, WireWood Station, Eighty3, Skin & Bones, Missy & The Dirty Secrets (pictured above), Searle's band the Ashtönz, and Mosquito Pass. *Photo by David Futey.*

Palmer Lake Wine Festival, Sept. 4



Above: About 1,200 people turned out on a cool, drizzly Saturday to participate in the third annual Palmer Lake Wine Festival (PLWF) on Sept. 10. Part of the proceeds from the event help fund Tri-Lakes Cares. Participants enjoyed music by the Monument Jazz Trio and Miguel Dakota in the gazebo just west of the lake and were able to sample a variety of local wines and buy from local food trucks and other vendors. Three wineries scheduled to participate were cut due to a 23-year-old state statute that prevents wineries, breweries, and distilleries from participating in more than nine festivals per year, and this resulted in long lines to sample wines. The PLWF committee said it will work to deal with this arbitrary statute, which was not enforced previously, before the next wine festival. *Photo by Steve Pate.*

Last 2022 ArtHop, Sept. 15



Above: The last Art Hop for 2022 on Sept. 15 was enjoyed by many in Monument. Artist and writer Janet Sellers was featured at Jefferson Studios, 215 Jefferson St., owned by Daryl Muncey. Sellers is pictured with her hummingbird art and poems that she is writing for a book. *Photo by Marlene Brown.*

Regional Sertoman of the Year



Above: Dr. Vicki Wynn has been named the 2022 Regional Sertoman of the Year. Wynn was among the nominees from the Mountain West Region's 30 Sertoma clubs who were considered for the honor. Earlier this year, Wynn was named Gleneagle's Sertoman of the Year. Wynn is the owner of Timberview Animal Hospital. She received the plaque from Regional Director Dave Oppenheim of Denver at the Sept. 7 meeting of the Gleneagle club. From left are Oppenheim, Steve Dawson, past regional director; Wynn; Gleneagle Sertoma Club President Larry Oliver; and 2021 Gleneagle Sertoman of the Year John Coyle. *Photo by Mary Obenauf.*

Bella Casa moves, Sept. 23



Above: After 19 years at 155 Second St. in Monument, Bella Casa Décor and Design moved to a new location a couple of doors away on Sept 9. The home décor and design store is now located at 125 Second St. Asked the reason for the move, owner Jenny Fields (in photo) said, "bigger place, cheaper rent." The new location is twice the size of the old one. The store replaces The Perfect Shade, formerly Shades of Amber, which closed on May 31. Bella Casa's previous location will be filled by the Fletcher Team and Associates, which owns the building. *Photo by Michael Weinfeld.*

Radium reduction system



Above: Good news for Monument residents worried about radium in their water. A \$1.3 million expansion of the water treatment plant on 225 Beacon Lite Road that will reduce the radium found in Well 9 was dedicated on Sept. 14. Assistant Public Works Director Steve Sheffield says the new filters will remove "almost all" of the radium in the water. He says an expansion of the lab on site will also let staff conduct more extensive water quality tests. Town Manager Mike Foreman thanked the Board of Trustees for approving the \$20 million in bonds that helped pay for the project. Front row from left are Cheryl Morford, Trustees Jim Romanello and Darcy Schoening, Foreman, Sheffield, Trustee Mitch LaKind and Kerry Hilsabeck. *Photos by Michael Weinfeld.*