

Ham Radio Tech Day, Oct. 29



**Above:** Over 50 amateur radio operators, both new Hams and experienced “elmers,” gathered at the Black Forest Fire Station on Oct. 29 to learn and share all about antennas, which make sending and receiving radio wave communications possible. Bob KØNR and Joyce KØJJW demonstrated VHF and UHF antennas used primarily for local communications. Topics included: radio wave and antenna basics, antenna building, antenna safety, antennas used in cars, on mountain tops, and hiking in national parks, HF antennas used for longer range communications, stealth antennas, and plenty of demonstrations outside in the beautiful weather. Hams communicate for fun but also provide emergency communication locally and around the globe. See <https://w0tlm.org/club-meeting/presentations> for videos of the presentations and to learn more about the Tri-Lakes Radio Association’s weekly radio nets (to practice getting on the air locally) and in-person monthly meetings. *Caption by Loren Anderson and Lisa Hatfield. Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

OCN mailing day, Nov. 3



**Above:** Without citizen volunteers, this newspaper would not appear in your mailbox each month to tell you about “what was discussed and what was decided” at the public deliberations of so many Tri-Lakes area governmental bodies. On Nov. 3, this is the team that helped count and tub more than 22,000 newspapers for the USPS. Front row from left: Bill Davis, Curtis Jack, Sue Thompson. Back row from left: Arlene Fisher-Olson, Sarah McMullen, Melinda Reichal, John Howe, Michael Weinfeld, David Futey, Mike Valley, Kim Valley, Allen Alchian, Jim Hazuka, Carla Lopez. Not pictured: Rusty Lorenz and many other volunteers who did meeting reporting, accounting, ads sales, newspaper stacks deliveries, truck driving, editing, and graphic layout. We’re looking for more volunteers to help with all these tasks. See information on page 29 to find out more. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield*

Cruisers donate food to TLC



**Above and left:** The Tri-Lakes Cruisers Car Club of Monument donated turkeys, hams, and plant-based roasts to Tri-Lakes Cares (TLC) families on Nov. 6. More than 50 items weighing more than 375 pounds were donated. That was enough to feed 200 people for Thanksgiving. It’s the biggest holiday food donation in Cruisers history. The food drive was organized by Cruisers member Barb Beeson pictured at left. Jessica Myers, in front, is joined by members of the Cruisers at the TLC facility on Jefferson Street in Monument. *Photos by Lon Wartman.*

Hazel Miller at TLCA, Nov. 12



**Left:** Hazel Miller and her band The Collective returned to the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) to an enthusiastic audience on Nov. 12. Miller, called a “force of nature” due to her powerful voice and range, said she got her start at honky-tonks in Louisville, Ken., saying they were “the kind of places your shoes stick to the floor.” The playlist demonstrated

the depth and breadth of Miller and the instrumental abilities of the four-piece band. The songs played this evening included The Beatles’ Come Together, Bobby Blue Band’s Further On Up the Road, Nancy Wilson’s The Very Thought of You, Neville Brothers’ Yellow Moon, a Steely Dan medley and Aretha Franklin’s Natural Woman. Mark your calendar as Miller will return to the TLCA to celebrate her 70th birthday with an Aretha Franklin Tribute Concert on June 24. *Photo by David Futey.*

Black Forest Arts & Crafts Fall Show



**Above:** The 58th Annual Black Forest Arts and Crafts Guild Fall Show was held Nov. 2-5 at the Black Forest Community Center on Black Forest Road. The show showcased hand-crafted items and culinary delights. Membership is open to all Black Forest residents. The Guild raises money during the spring and fall shows for its scholarship fund. It provides assistance for higher education for students who live the Black Forest area. For more information, see [www.bfacg.org](http://www.bfacg.org) or check out the Guild on Facebook. *Photos by Marlene Brown.*