



Above: (left) Palmer Ridge High School Bearbotics team (center) Makena Norton of Monument is the 2022 El Paso County Fair Queen. (right) Spectators clap their hands with appreciation as a Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District engine rolls by, signaling the end of the 2022 Fourth of July Parade.

Monument Street Fair



Above: At the conclusion of the Fourth of July children's and main parades, spectators converged upon Second and Washington streets in downtown Monument for the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Street Fair. The fair included booths from local businesses, nonprofit organizations, and food vendors, and a variety of arts and crafts. Photo by David Futey.

Two fire districts become one



Above: From left, Fire Chief Andy Kovacs, Donald Wescott Fire Protection District's board Secretary Larry Schwarz, Chairman Mark Gunderman (seated), and TLMFPD's President John Hildebrandt (seated), Director Terri Hayes, Treasurer Tom Kelly, Secretary Mike Smaldino, and Vice President Roger Lance witness the historic signing of the intergovernmental agreement combining the two districts at Station 1 on July 30. A large gathering witnessed the recently established district color guard present the colors before joining in the pledge of allegiance. Kovacs read a proclamation recognizing the merger of the Tri-Lakes Monument and Donald Wescott Fire Protection Districts and announced the combined district's new title will be "Monument Fire District." Photo by Natalie Barszcz.

Festival on the Fourth



Above and below: Over 15,000 people descended on Palmer Lake through the afternoon of July 4 to enjoy Festival on the Fourth at Palmer Lake. The afternoon was filled with live music, retired and active-duty military, volunteers, parents, and children. People from many areas including north of Denver, south of Colorado Springs, and east and west of the Front Range came to the festival. There were food trucks, a beer garden, bouncy houses, a dunk tank, and other activities. The crowd grew and grew with excitement for the fireworks display, with a backdrop of the Palmer Lake Star. Photos Courtesy of Trilakes360.com. Caption by Marlene Brown.

