

Gleneagle Sertoma raises \$40,000



Above: Gleneagle Sertoma's 22nd annual Patriot Golf Benefit Tournament raised over \$40,000 on Aug. 23 at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. The money will help local law enforcement and military assistance programs. The event started as a way to honor the first responders who died on 9/11. The tournament began when 126 golfers left the clubhouse in a procession of flag-decked golf carts. In photo, a banner pays tribute to the fallen officers whose families have received significant contributions from past tournaments' proceeds. *Photo courtesy of Gleneagle Sertoma Club.*

Burkart/Raper wedding, Sept. 16



Above: *Our Community News* volunteer Audrey Burkart married Ryan Raper in front of more than 100 people in Colorado Springs on Sept. 16. It was a costume wedding with an adventure theme. Burkart and Raper wore purple outfits made by her mother to go for a "regal look." Burkart embroidered them herself. The couple met online 3½ years ago. Raper proposed on New Year's Eve 2022. After the ceremony, Burkart and Raper went on a 15-day honeymoon in Venice, the Dolomite mountains in Italy, and then a cruise from Venice to Croatia, Montenegro, and Greece. *Caption by Michael Weinfeld. Photo courtesy of Audrey Burkart.*

Bines and Brews, Sept. 16



Left: OCN volunteer Chris Jeub and his son enjoy beer samples Sept. 16 at the annual Bines and Brews Beer Fest in Monument, organized by the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce. Twenty breweries and several vendors joined in the fun. *Photo by Chris Jeub.*

Acoustic Eidolon at TLCA, Sept. 16

Right: Acoustic Eidolon, composed of husband and wife Joe Scott and Hannah Alkire, returned to the Tri-Lakes Center of the Arts (TLCA) on Sept. 16. With Scott on a double-neck guitjo and Alkire on cello, they once again proved why they are one the favorite annual performers at the TLCA, having performed there over a dozen times. The breadth of their musical talents was demonstrated



in the diversity of their two-set performance. Their sets included Sounds of Silence by Simon and Garfunkel, Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody, the Celtic-influenced Stonehaven, A Tree Finds Its Voice, an ode to the tree that provided the wood for two of their instruments, and Remembering the Sun, the title track from Alkire's 2020 solo release with songs influenced by her trips to the Faroe Islands, Alaska, and Europe. *Photo by David Futey.*

Last 2023 Art Hop, Sept. 21

Right: On Sept. 21, poets Janet Sellers, left, and Mary Barrett Brown read from their poetry books at the season's ultimate Art Hop event at Bella Art and Frame gallery. Amid the festive atmosphere, the poets read their works each hour, complete with large onscreen images personally created by the artist-poets. Brown read from her book, *The Book of Divine Love*, her published book of heart-opening poems of love and personal connection. Sellers read from her artist's handmade imagery and haiku book, *Immersion: Haiku Poems* about her memories and adventures of her life near the Pacific Ocean told in short haiku form. *Photo courtesy of Tom Brown.*



Monu-Palooza, Sept. 3



Above: The seventh annual Monu-Palooza, billed as Monument's Hometown Music Festival, was held during Labor Day weekend on Sept. 3 at Limbach Park. This year's music lineup included local bands Skin & Bones, Missy & The Dirty Secrets, Mojo Filter, Ashtōnz, WireWood Station, and The Country Music Project from Denver. Monu-Palooza organizer Charlie Searle said, "This has been the best one yet, the weather has cooperated, the bands are terrific, and we have added a street fair and more food trucks and sponsors" for concert-goers to enjoy. Guitarist and singer Billy Flynn of Mojo Filter said Monu-Palooza is "a beautiful event arranged by Charlie and a nice end to the summer season." *Photo by David Futey.*

American Legion honors 9/11



Left: American Legion Post 9-11 held a solemn ceremony at Monument Fire Department's Station 1 on the 22nd anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Flags were raised then lowered to half-staff at the time the first plane hit the World Trade Center in New York. Palmer Ridge High School student Ruby Taylor sang the National Anthem and Post 9-11 Padre Jim Bergeron led the crowd in prayer. Members of the Monument Police and Fire departments and town officials attended the ceremony. From left are Police Chief Patrick Regan, American Legion Post 9-11 historian Ray Kinder, and Monument Fire Chief Andy Kovacs. *Photo by Arleen Kinder.*

Run4Hope, Sept. 16



Above: These children took off like lightning when the Run4Hope started. Run4Hope 5K for Schools is a competitive 5K run and 2-mile color-run run/walk to celebrate hope and healing in our community. There were 500 pounds of colored chalk, games, music, vendors, and a pancake breakfast for the Sept. 16 run. The event, supported by the Ascent church and many sponsors, raises money to support the social and emotional wellness of our youth through various programs in local area schools focusing on suicide prevention—along with mental health awareness and suicide prevention training in El Paso County. As of 2022, the church had raised over \$140,000 in support of these programs, including funding of the Sources of Strength program for D20 and D38 high schools. See <https://run4hope5kforschools.com/> to donate or volunteer for next year. *Photo by Janna Finn.*

Business After Hours, Sept. 19



Above: The Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce held its Business After Hours gathering on Sept. 19 at the Searle Ranch in Monument. This gathering is an opportunity for networking and getting to know more about businesses in our area. Texas Roadhouse provided food. *Photo by Steve Pate.*