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Local Events

Readers should assume that event information published in this issue is subject to change and information should be confirmed a day or two before the event by calling the information number or checking the organization's website.

See pages 21-23 for event locations and other details of these and many other local events.

- Black Forest Arts and Crafts Guild Show & Sale, Wed.-Sun., Nov. 1-5.
- OCN mailing days, Thu., Nov. 2 & Nov. 30, approx. 9 am-2 pm.
- Downtown Monument Holiday Open House, Fri.-Sat., Nov. 3-4, 11 am-4 pm. See ad on page 2.
- A Christmas Shop at the Monastery, Sun., Nov. 5-Fri., Dec. 1. See ad on page 3.
- Palmer Lake Historical Society, Thu., Nov. 16, 7 pm.
- Eric Elison, Gordon Lightfoot Tribute, Fri., Nov. 17, 7-9 pm. Colorado Springs. See ad on page 4.
- TLWC's Joys of the Season Holiday Home Tour, Fri.-Sat., Nov. 17-18, 10 am-4 pm. See ad on page 2.
- International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day, Sat., Nov. 18.
- Alpaca Holiday Extravaganza, Sat., Nov. 18, 9 am-5 pm, Sun., Nov. 19, 10 am-4 pm. See ad on page 7.
- Monumental Impact Community Technology & Engineering Networking Meeting, Sat., Nov. 18, 9 am-10 am. See ad on page 5.
- MITEE Gobble Squabble: A Technology & Engineering Exhibition presented by D38's Bearbotics, Sat., Nov. 18, 10 am-5 pm. See ad on page 5.
- YMCA 5K race series: Turkey trot, Thu., Nov. 23. See ad on page 6.
- Downtown Monument Black Friday, Nov. 24, 10 am-5 pm. See ad on page 2.
- Downtown Monument Small Business Saturday, Nov. 25, 10 am-5 pm. See ad on page 2.
- Book signing, To Melt a Snowdrift, by Lisa Hatfield, Sat., Nov. 25, 11 am-2 pm. See ad on page 5.
- Eagle Wine and Spirits Paws N Hooves Fundraiser, Fri., Dec. 1, 6-8 pm. See ad on page 2.
- Downtown Monument Small Town Christmas, Sat., Dec. 2, 10 am-4 pm. See ad on page 2.
- Kiwanis 17th Annual North Pole Craft Show, Sat., Dec. 2, 9 am-4 pm. See ad on page 9.
- Monument Tree Lighting, Sat., Dec. 2, 5 pm. See ad on page 2.
- S'more Holiday Fun at Fox Run Park, Sat., Dec. 9, 1-3 pm. See ad on page 5.
- Monument Sunday with Santa, Dec. 10, 11 am-4 pm. See ad on page 2.
- A Time to Dance: Believe, dance performance, Mon., Dec. 18, 6 pm. See ad on page 4.

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Mount Herman fire averted



Above: While hiking on Mount Herman Oct. 22, Steve Galchutt of Monument, found a smoldering campfire pit and called 911 which forwarded his information to the U.S. Forest Service. Two firefighters from Wildland Fire Module Unit 9 extinguished the campfire by pouring several gallons of water on it. *Photo by Steve Galchutt.* **Right:** Pictured from the left to right are Nick Boling, Galchutt, and Aidan Kuelling. *Photo by Bailey White.*



By Steve Pate
Smokey the Bear says, "Only you can prevent forest fires." In this case, Steve Galchutt and a crew from the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) prevented what could have been a major disaster on Mount Herman on Oct. 22. Galchutt's hike up Mount Herman that day turned into a wildfire prevention event. After reaching the summit, Galchutt sat on his usual log to have lunch. While eating his sandwich and enjoying the view, he smelled smoke. The smoke led him to a smoldering illegal campfire that had been fanned back to life by gusty winds. He pulled out a flaming log and broke it up and poured the remainder of his drinking water on the fire. This campfire was still very much

alive and needed to be doused with much more water.
Galchutt called 911, the appropriate emergency action when fire is spotted in our forests. The 911 operator put him in touch with USFS, which sent a crew up Mount Herman. Galchutt's location coordinates did not get passed on to the Hot Shot crew. They called him from the trailhead and again near the summit to confirm his location. He was not visible and told them to listen for him playing When the Saints Go Marching In on his harmonica. Following that sound, the "Saints" came marching in with water and doused the remains of the fire.
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Triview Metropolitan District, Oct. 19 Traffic safety concerns; NDS pipeline nears completion

By Natalie Barszcz
At the Triview Metropolitan District (TMD) meeting on Oct. 19, the board heard about measures to enhance traffic safety measures along Gleneagle Drive, received an update on the Northern Delivery System (NDS) pipeline project, heard about an addition to an existing loan, and held an executive session to discuss water supply contracts, property acquisitions, strategic planning, and change cases.
Director Jason Gross was excused.
Traffic safety measures enhanced
Ann-Marie Jojola, president of the Promontory Pointe Homeowners Association, thanked the board and the district for the traffic study conducted in the Promontory Pointe neighborhood along Gleneagle Drive. The study will help alleviate a lot of the questions about speed for the residents, she said.

District Manager James McGrady said the district is making changes after the study revealed that motorists were travelling through the neighborhood a few miles over the posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour. The district will change the speed limit to 25 mph near the Little Train Park and through the curved areas from Kansas Pacific Court down to Baptist Road. The straight areas will be 30 mph. A split-rail fence will be installed along the east and south sides of the park to prevent children chasing after balls down Gleneagle Drive. An additional number of crosswalk reminder signs will also be installed, making safety improvements and signs that make sense for the road conditions, he said.
NDS update
McGrady said the Kiewit team installing the NDS pipeline would be wrapping up the installation project along

D38 Parent and Community Advisory Committee, Oct. 10 Committee hears updates on Consent Task Force, D38 Education Foundation

By Harriet Halbig
The D38 Parent and Community Advisory Committee (formerly District Accountability Advisory Committee) received updates from various initiatives and subcommittees at its Oct. 10 meeting at Palmer Lake Elementary School.
School presentation
Following a tour of the Palmer Lake Elementary School, Principal Peggy Griebenow gave a brief presentation on the history and demographics of the school.
Griebenow is the third principal since 1986, leading a school with a student count of 385.
Each student has an address to receive any communication within the school. Three postmasters distribute the mail.
The school's literacy program is based on the study of science and most of the English language learners at present are Hispanic.
The school was built in three sections over time.

Consent Task Force report
Board of Education President Tiffiney Upchurch presented a detailed report on the activities of the Consent Task Force formed in December 2021 and consisting of students and recent alumni, parents, community members, counselors, high school principals, district administration, and members of the Board of Education.
Results of their collaborations have been presented to students during the 2022-23 schoolyear during freshman and sophomore study halls at Lewis-Palmer High School and PE classes at Lewis-Palmer Middle School. The task force agreed that parents should be offered the opportunity for students to opt out of attending these sessions. If they choose not to opt out, parents will have access to the materials being taught.
The task force has developed a detailed program ranging from pre-K to high school, offering age-appropriate information regarding the definition of consent to younger children, peer pressure and boundaries for middle schoolers, and legal definitions of sexual harassment and reporting capability for older students.

At each level, titles of applicable books will also be offered.
Classes will be taught by trained teachers, counselors, and school resource officers.
The task force listed district policies which have relevance to consent and delineated ways in which district policies could be presented on the website to make it easy to find them by subject. The task force encouraged the district to word the policies in easy-to-understand ways and provide any reporting documents with the appropriate policies.
Applicable policies will be read and clarified at board meetings early in 2024.
The task force also encouraged the district to offer training to teachers twice each year on the subject.

D38 Education Foundation report
Executive Director Stephanie Palzkill reported on the reactivation of the D38 Education Foundation, originally founded in 1994.
The foundation was active until 2009 and has since been dormant, although the district has been maintaining all necessary tax and other paperwork with the state to remain official as a nonprofit organization.