

Fire district youth camp, June 1



Above: Students engage in fire rescue drills at Station 1, Monument Fire District, during the first annual Youth Camp on June 1. Thirteen high school students attended the three-day camp on June 1-3 to discover more about the type of work firefighters and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) workers carry out. Students were taught about the history of the fire service, personnel protective equipment, hose and ladders, forcible entry, vehicle extrication, a host of EMS topics, and how to compete for a firefighter career position successfully. The camp is expected to expand next year to accommodate more students and continue annually for high school students with an interest in fire and EMS careers. *Photo courtesy of Monument Fire District.*

PLAG honors Maddox, June 2



Above: Palmer Lake Art Group (PLAG) member John DeFrancesco, left, and PLAG President Vicki Mynhier, right, present Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) Executive Director Michael Maddox with a portrait of Maddox painted by DeFrancesco. The presentation took place at PLAG's opening reception for its 2023 Color Splash Art Show at the TLCA on June 2. DeFrancesco said it was in recognition of Maddox's "many years of supporting PLAG, the arts, and keeping the arts meaningful in the Tri-Lakes community." DeFrancesco said he got the concept for the portrait composition from a photograph of Maddox on the TLCA stage as the lighting illuminated Maddox's face. *Photo by David Futey.*

Hazel Miller at TLCA, June 3



Left: On June 3, Colorado Music Hall of Fame 2023 inductee Hazel Miller, with Coco Brown and backup band *The Collective*, performed a Tribute to Aretha Franklin along with covers of other artists for a sold out and raucous Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) audience. Miller, Brown, and Collective guitarist

Cody Carbone shared lead vocals and provided complementary background vocals throughout the evening while backed by exceptional Collective musicians Rich Lamb (bass), Dana Marsh (keyboards), and Brian Mikulich (drums). The Franklin songs performed included *Baby, I Love You, Chain of Fools, Dr. Feelgood, Freeway of Love, and Respect*. Interspersed among the Franklin songs, the group performed other covers including Stevie Wonder's *Superstition*, Carlos Santana's *Smooth* and culminated the evening with a tribute to Tina Turner with *Proud Mary*. Information on upcoming TLCA events is at www.trilakesarts.org. *Photo by David Futey.*

Cotton wins art scholarship, June 2



Above: Lewis-Palmer District-38 High School art student Isabelle Cotton received the 2023 Palmer Lake Art Group (PLAG) Scholarship during PLAG's opening reception at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts on June 2. Cotton also had several of her works on display for the month-long PLAG gallery show. For 60 years, PLAG has offered the scholarship to a graduating D38 student who will be continuing their art education, awarding over \$86,000 to date. Cotton said it is "an honor to receive the scholarship and have my artwork featured in this show." Cotton will continue her artistic pursuits at Temple University in Japan. *Photo by David Futey.*

Zettler's woodcarving wins 1st place

Right: The Palmer Lake Art Group (PLAG) held its opening reception on June 2 for its 2023 Color Splash Art Show in the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) main gallery. The show was scheduled from June 1-28 and dedicated to the memory of longtime PLAG member Claudette Bedingfield. A total of 42 PLAG members had their works displayed at the show. Two paintings that were jointly painted by a variety of PLAG members, were auctioned off with proceeds going toward the PLAG scholarship fund. The show was judged by Tim Deibler, who selected Bob Zettler's woodcarving (shown above) titled *The Rock House* for first place. An interesting display was 18 cloud and sky paintings by PLAG painters. The adjacent gallery contained Inside- and Outside- the Lines by Sandy Goddard (paintings) and John Goddard (photography). This show goes through July 25. Information about PLAG is at www.palmerlakeartgroup.com. *Photo by David Futey.*



Shiloh Pines chipping day, June 3

Right: The residents of Shiloh Pines Homeowners Association west of Monument Lake worked through the rain on June 3, with the help of the Monument Fire District chipper and two firefighters, to reduce the load of "ladder fuels" in their neighborhood. By removing flammable material close to homes, it's less likely the home will ignite during a wildfire. And by thinning pines growing too close together to thrive and reducing the amount of Gambel oak, when a ground fire comes through, there's less of a chance it will become a crown fire. See <https://csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation/>. *Photo courtesy of Shiloh Pines HOA.*

