

Tri-Lakes Lions hold annual Palmer Lake Fishing Derby, June 3



Above: The Tri-Lakes Lions Club held its annual Fishing Derby for kids at Palmer Lake on a cold, rainy June 3. About 160 young people ages 4 to 14 competed for prizes for the biggest fish. Colorado Parks and Wildlife provided fishing rods for those who did not bring their own, and bait was also provided. According to Jim Hazuka, co-chair of the derby, Bass Pro Shop provided prizes including tackle boxes and fishing rods. Other sponsors included Farmers Insurance, Rosie's Diner, and Colorado Friends and Family Fishing. Parents or other adults helped the young people rig their fishing gear and cast if needed.



Palmer Lake's water level had been too low to accommodate the derby until recent torrential rains replenished the Palmer Lake reservoirs and the lake. Parks and Wildlife again stocked the lake with rainbow trout before the derby.

Pictured at right: Kaison (center) with a friend, and his dad Landon Blatter, caught an 11¾-inch trout.

Photos by Steve Pate.

PLAC offers summer art classes



Above: Camilla Borroel and Hunter Aho enjoy the first summer art class inaugurated by the Palmer Lake Arts Council (PLAC), which will offer children's art experiences throughout the summer. These classes are sponsored by PLAC and Facinelli Motors. So far, classes were held at The Shop in Palmer Lake. *Photo courtesy of Palmer Lake Arts Council.*

Church buries time capsule



Above: The Church at Woodmoor is celebrating its 50th anniversary. In honor of the occasion, a time capsule was buried in front of the church on June 11. It contains a cross used by Pastor Bob Browning in Vietnam during battlefield communion, a replica of the three crosses in front of the church, a church directory, a book of photos, a copy of The Messenger, a church bulletin, a history of the church, and photos of the church grounds. Next to the spot where the time capsule was buried, a commemorative sculpture of the church's logo was installed. *Left photo by Robyn Martinez. Right photo by Michael Weinfeld.*

Volunteer gardeners honored



Above: Tia M. Mayer and John Howe were honored by the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce on June 7 for their work in reviving the garden next to the Chamber's meeting house on Highway 105. The garden is called Ms. T's after Mayer, who's in charge of buying and installing new plants. Mayer says she's always wanted a public garden to take care of and it's an "incredible honor" to have the freedom to plant what she wants. Chamber President and CEO Terri Hayes (right) says the garden used to be in "horrendous" shape before Mayer and Howe took over. Mayer and Howe received a certificate of appreciation, a gift card, and a note that says, "The entire community benefits from your efforts." The building was originally a schoolhouse in the 19th century settlement of Gwillimville before moving to Monument Presbyterian Church, where it was used as a Sunday school. It was then donated to the Chamber and moved to its current site about 20 years ago. *Photo by Michael Weinfeld.*

Free shredding in Black Forest



Left: For the first time since 2019 when CO-VID-19 shut down everything, Chapter 1100 of AARP in conjunction with AARP ElderWatch Colorado held a free shredding

event in Black Forest on June 10. People from 21 areas of central Colorado dropped off their personal documents for shredding, yielding about 7,000 pounds of paper, which will be recycled. They also donated 370 pounds of non-perishable food and \$255 to the Black Forest Care and Share Food Bank. Shredding unneeded personal documents is recommended to make sure no one can find personal information in trash bins or storage areas. In the photo, volunteers unload personal documents to waiting trucks for on-site professional shredding. *Photo by Stan Beckner.*