

## Bridge to (almost) Nowhere



**Above:** SEMA Construction installed sixteen 145-foot bridge girders on the new West Baptist Road bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and Monument Creek in August. The bridge is west of I-25 and east of the new Forest Lakes development,

which will eventually include about 475 homes. According to Dave Rose, El Paso County public information officer, tax-payer funding for the \$13.16 million Baptist Road West Improvement project, which also includes a roundabout at Old Denver

Road, was provided by the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (\$11.4 million), Baptist Road Rural Transportation Authority (\$750,000) and grant funding through the Department of Local Affairs (\$1 million). *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

## Our Community Notices

*By Judy Barnes, Events Editor*

*Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the information number for that event.*

### Wednesday Senior Lunch at Big Red

**Oct. 7:** Raspberry chipotle chicken, roasted potatoes, salad.

**Oct. 14:** Chili, salad, Fritos

**Oct. 21:** Lemon chicken over rice, salad

**Oct. 28:** Meat loaf, potato bake, salad

Rolls and butter are served with each meal except sandwiches. Dessert is also provided.

Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. at 146 Jefferson St., Monument (the School District 38 Administration Building). \$3 voluntary donation. Entertainment follows lunch. For more information, call Judy, 487-9067. An activity of Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership. Meals are provided by Pinecrest Catering, Palmer Lake; Nikki McDonald, executive chef, 481-3307.

### Regional Transportation Plan comments due Oct. 9

The Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) has released its draft Moving Forward 2040 Regional Transportation Plan for public review and comment through **Oct. 9**. The plan establishes the vision and goals for transportation within the region and identifies existing and future needs, and is based on three years of research on the current state of transportation and land use, as well as previous citizen input and PPACG Board guidance. Read the plan at: [www.movingforwardplan.org](http://www.movingforwardplan.org), send your comments to [travel@ppacg.org](mailto:travel@ppacg.org).

### Volunteers needed for weed removal

The Palmer Lake Noxious Weeds Eradication Team seeks volunteers to help remove noxious weeds; come help one or all the events! Volunteers meet the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, 8-11 a.m. Bring gloves and wear long pants, long sleeves, sturdy shoes, and a hat. Dates: **Oct. 10 & 24**. Volunteers meet at Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent, Palmer Lake. For more information, phone 481-2953 (then press 0), or [www.townofpalmerlake.com](http://www.townofpalmerlake.com).

### Crafters and Artisans for the Pine Creek Bazaar, Nov. 7

The Pine Creek High School Band is looking for vendors to participate in the 18th Annual Pine Creek Holiday Bazaar on **Nov. 7**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The bazaar benefits the Pine Creek High School Instrumental Music Program. Pricing and registration information can be found at the bazaar's website, [www.pcbandboosters.com/bazaar.html](http://www.pcbandboosters.com/bazaar.html).

### Black Forest Together (BFT) needs volunteers; Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays

BFT is searching for team leads, work team members, volunteer work groups, resource center office volunteers, and donations so that they can help residents of burned areas of Black Forest do cleanup and mitigation of their properties. Workers are needed Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays in October and through Nov. 21, weather permitting. For more information, please contact Donna, 495-2445, [BlackForestTogether@gmail.com](mailto:BlackForestTogether@gmail.com), or come by the Resource Center at 11590 Black Forest Rd., Suite 30, in the Forest Plaza Center Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Handbell ringers needed

The Tri-Lakes Community Handbell Choir based in Monument needs ringers, high school and adult, (especially guys), and preferably experienced. If you are interested, please contact Betty Jenik, 488-3853

### Tri-Lakes men's a cappella singing group forming

Singers are wanted for a unique men's singing group that will feature close harmony, a cappella singing, somewhat in the style of the Four Freshmen and Vocal Majority. For more information, call John Hobson at 368-7833, or Phil Zara, 481-3197.

**Monument School of Fine Arts, enroll now** Art and movie classes for kids and adults, every skill level. Join award-winning art classes for traditional art and painting instruction. For more information, contact Janet Sellers, 387-1890, [www.JanetSellers.com](http://www.JanetSellers.com).

### SunDance Studio Fall registration is open

Register now for dance and fitness classes for toddler through adult, gymnastics, tumbling, cheer, and more. 1450 Cipriani Loop, Monument. For more information, contact 481-8208, [www.thesundancestudio.com](http://www.thesundancestudio.com).

### Monument Academy enrolling for preschool-eighth grade

Waitlists are moving, some seats are still available in this free public school of choice. For more information, contact 481-1950, [www.monumentacademy.net](http://www.monumentacademy.net).

### St. Peter Catholic School enrolling for preschool-eighth grade

The school offers full and half-day preschool, academics, athletics, and more. NCA accredited, state licensed, financial aid available. Call or visit: 124 First St. Monument; 481-1855; [www.petertherock.org](http://www.petertherock.org).

### SafeCare Colorado services now in El Paso County

Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains (LFS) now provides SafeCare Colorado Services in El Paso County. SafeCare Colorado offers proactive in-home, voluntary services that support at-risk families in understanding the health, development, and safety needs of young children. LFS home visitors will deliver the SafeCare curriculum to parents through weekly visits over a four to five month

period. The curriculum covers: Infant and Child Health, Home Safety and Parent/Child Interaction. The goal of SafeCare is to build parental skills and consistently reinforce positive communication and problem solving skills—helping to prevent child abuse. For more information, contact 303-217-5854, [www.lfsm.org](http://www.lfsm.org).

### Mountain View Electric Association Essay Contest, apply by Nov. 18

High school juniors can win an all-expense-paid trip to either Washington, D.C., or a week at Leadership Camp in the mountains. "What does having electricity and the 'cooperative difference' mean to you?" is this year's topic. For more information, contact 494-2670, [www.mvea.coop/community/essay-contest/](http://www.mvea.coop/community/essay-contest/).

### Volunteer drivers needed for cancer patients

Help transport cancer patients to and from medical treatments. The American Cancer Society provides free rides through its Road to Recovery program. For information

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