

January. The board is soliciting nominations for the Vincent J Elorie award for anyone who has provided service to Woodmoor over the years. Nominations are also open for board candidates.

- A reminder that a new \$50 administrative fee will go into effect Jan. 1 for miscellaneous projects that do not get approval ahead of time. Most such projects have no cost if approved ahead of time.
- There have been instances of mail theft in North Woodmoor in early October, perhaps related to credit card companies issuing new chip and pin cards.
- Director Jennifer Cunningham reported that over

the next five years, the Monument area will see up to 3,000 more residents. She encouraged residents to attend Monument Town Council meetings to encourage them to put the brakes on until we figure out a new comprehensive plan for the region.

- The website redesign has been finished and rolled out at the same address: www.woodmoor.org

The WIA Board of Directors usually meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Barn at 1691 Woodmoor Drive, Monument. The next meeting will be on Nov. 18 due to the holidays. WIA board meeting min-

utes can be found at: <http://www.woodmoor.org/meeting-minutes/> once approved and posted.

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October Weather Wrap

By Bill Kappel

October followed the same general pattern as September, with temperatures well above normal and precipitation below normal. Normally, we have several nights with low temperatures in the teens and at least a few days of accumulating snowfall. Not this year. Low to mid-20s was the best we could do for cold air, and only a few days of snowflakes, none of which accumulated. Instead, most days were mild and dry, with many days reaching well into the 70s.

The beginning of October felt more like summer than fall, with temperatures above average every day from the 1st through the 11th. In fact, we had summer-like thunderstorms on a couple of afternoons, including the 3rd and the 6th. These did produce around a half an inch of rainfall for many areas in the region. Highs reached in the 60s and 70s from the 1st through the 9th, with the warmest day being the 1st when we hit 78°F and the "coolest" high being 60°F the next afternoon. But the really warm air waited until the weekend on the 10th and 11th. Both Saturday and Sunday saw numerous record highs around the region, as we reached into the upper 70s and low 80s.

The week of October 12th was quiet around the region, with temperatures remaining a little warmer than normal and, with the exception of Sunday the 18th, mainly sunny skies. Temperatures reached into the upper 60s on the 12th, then mid-70s on the 13th. Slightly cooler air pushed in on the 14th, dropping our highs back to the low 60s, still a few degrees warmer than average. Warmth returned quickly the next day, however, with highs reaching the mid-70s again on the 15th only to drop again the next afternoon to the low 60s. Temperatures over the weekend were pleasant with upper 60s and low 70s. Also of note, we finally reached the freezing mark for the first time this season—first on the morning of the 12th and again on the morning of the 17th. This is about two weeks later than normal, and again shows how mild we've been this fall.

The week of the 19th started off dry and mild, with highs hitting the mid-60s on the 19th and 20th. There were plenty of clouds around, however, as moisture from the southwest was beginning to affect the region. The moisture, along with a cool front led to low clouds, fog and rain showers on the 21st. Highs were held in the mid-40s that afternoon, with wet conditions off and on. Clouds, fog, and rain continued at times the next day. Slightly cooler air also moved in, and when a heavier band of showers moved over the region during the mid-morning hours, some wet snow fell for a few minutes. This was our first snow of the season, but was short lived and didn't accumulate. Skies remained partly to mostly cloudy the next day, with temperatures remaining in the upper 40s to low 50s for highs.

Sunny and quiet weather returned just in time for the weekend, with temperatures rebounding to above-normal levels on both Saturday and Sunday.

More typical late October weather affected the region for the last week of the month. Highs were in the 40s and 50s from the 26th through the 31st. Several disturbances moved through the region, but these mainly affected the mountains as the flow was from the southwest. Brief rain showers, at times mixed with snow, occurred on the 26th and 27th. Quiet conditions returned for the next couple of days, with highs hitting the upper 50s on the 28th under partly cloudy skies. Temperatures cooled down the next afternoon, only reaching the upper 40s with breezy conditions at times on the 29th. Cooler air continued to work in on the 30th, with low clouds, fog, drizzle, and flurries at times from the morning through the early afternoon. This was our coolest day of the month, but even then the high temperatures still managed to reach 40°F. Then, just in time for Halloween, clear skies and mild conditions moved back in. Temperatures reached the upper 50s that afternoon and skies remained clear through the evening with light winds, about as nice of conditions as you could expect for Halloween around here.

A look ahead

November is generally dry and cool around the region. We usually get several light snowfalls interspersed with sunny skies. Gusty winds commonly develop on a couple of days as the jet stream becomes more active and more directly affects Colorado. Our first sub-zero morning low temperatures occur during the month as well. High temperatures average in the upper 40s early in the month to low 40s by the end, with overnight lows often dipping into the teens and single digits.

October 2015 Weather Statistics

Average High	62.8° (+3.4°)
100-year return frequency value max	67.7° min 50.7°
Average Low	35.7° (+6.4°)
100-year return frequency value max	36.8° min 26.4°
Monthly Precipitation	1.31" (-0.45")
100-year return frequency value max	4.63" min 0.18"
Monthly Snowfall	Trace (-11.8")
Highest Temperature	80° on the 11th



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