

Monument Academy School Board Meeting, Aug. 11



Above: From left are Monument Academy School Board Executive Director Don Griffin, Principal Liz Richards, and board members Julie Galusky, Sonya Camarco, Andy Gifford, Matt Dunston, Patrick Hall, and Scott Saunders. At the Aug. 11 meeting of the School Board, the board approved the following officers for one-year terms: Camarco, president; Saunders, vice president;

Galusky, secretary, and Hall, treasurer. The board also approved committee assignments for Buildings/Facilities, Student Accountability Advisory Committee, Resource Development/Grants, Finance, Curriculum, and Governance. New hire information was posted on the web with all ranges beginning at \$30,000. The board unanimously tripled the longevity bonuses noted in board policy 1524

for distribution in October. Principal Liz Richards presented an assessment report that included last year's results as well as an outline for the coming year. Richards has asked board member Andy Gifford to assist with posting this information as dashboards on the website. The next meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 8 at the Monument Academy library at 1150 Village Ridge Point. The Monument

Academy usually meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Monument. Information on the MA School Board, including schedule, minutes, committee and finances can be found at www.monumentacademy.net/school-board/board-meeting-minutes/. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

Monument plan update starts



Left: Robert Haywood and Barb Cole of Community Matters Inc., standing, from left, conducted a "meeting in a box" workshop on Aug. 26 to train volunteers, including former Monument Trustee John Howe, Monument Mayor Pro-Tem Don Wilson, and Lewis-Palmer School District Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Wangeman, to run focus group workshops to solicit more ideas for the update to the Town of Monument's Comprehensive Plan. The town wants input from all Tri-Lakes

residents, not just Monument residents. To complete the online survey, see www.townofmonument.org, and click "Comprehensive Plan Survey," or call the town at 719-481-2954 with questions and ideas. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

Music history with Chuck Girard

Right: On Aug. 26 at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), Chuck Girard talked and sang the audience through his musical history, which paralleled the beginnings of rock 'n' roll and Christian music. As a teen he heard his first doo-wop records, collected 45s for 10 cents each and meticulously listened to and catalogued each. This musical interest led to the formation of a high school band and subsequent top 20 hits *Sacred* and *So This Is Love*. These hits provided the impetus to playing on the same lineup with the likes of Roy Orbison, Brenda Lee, Jackie Wilson, and a memorable experience at the Hollywood Bowl with Jerry Lee Lewis. From there Girard transitioned to a studio musician and singer, which included singing lead on the hit *Little Honda* and the new genre of "monster" songs like *Davy*, *the Psycho Cyclist*. In 1971, the band he co-founded, *Love Song*, became the very first Christian rock band. They pioneered Christian contemporary music, using music as a vehicle for their message, and set the course for what became known as "The Jesus Movement." Girard said acceptance of "hippies" playing religious-themed music that incorporated drums and non-traditional church instruments was slow but gradual. Some 45 years later and at 73 years old, Girard still plays at churches and small venues, bringing his history and message through his music. Information on upcoming events at the TLCA is at trilakesarts.org. *Photo by David Futey.*



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.

Senior lunch now Mon. through Fri., new location

Senior lunches are now served **Mondays-Fridays**, noon-12:30 p.m., at Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Highway 105, Palmer Lake. Lunches are now provided by Silver Key Senior Services Golden Circle Nutrition Program. A voluntary donation of \$2.25 is requested. Stay for bingo the second Thursday each month. Reservations are requested; call 884-2304.

Black Forest Slash Mulch program ends this month

The Black Forest Slash-Mulch Program is a wildfire mitigation and recycling program. Slash drop-off ends **Sept. 11**; mulch pickup ends **Sept. 24**. For the schedule and other details, visit www.bfslash.org or call Carolyn, 495-3127; Chuck, 495-8675; or Jeff, 495-8024.

Plan Monument:

community survey now online

The Town of Monument is updating its 2003 Comprehensive Plan and wants to know what really matters to you as a resident or business owner in the community. You can take the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/monument-planupdate.

Volunteers needed for chipping and mitigation projects

Black Forest Together continues to coordinate service projects to assist homeowners in Black Forest with chipping and forest management projects to reclaim their land from the devastation of the 2013 fire. This is a great community service opportunity for ages 14 and up. For more information about upcoming projects, contact Donna Arkowski at darkkorch@msn.com or call 495-2892.

St. Peter Catholic School now enrolling for the 2016-17 school year

The school offers full and half-day preschool, Core Knowledge Curriculum with small class sizes, Christ-centered education, athletics, and more for preschool-eighth grade. Call or visit: 124 First St., Monument; 481-1855; www.petertherock.org.

YMCA 5K Race Series and Kids Fun Runs set; register early to save

The three-race series includes the Creepy Crawl **Oct. 29** on the Santa Fe Trail in Palmer Lake, Turkey Trot **Nov. 24** at the Briargate YMCA, and the Jingle Bell **Dec. 10** at Fountain Creek Regional Park. Register for the Creepy Crawl now through Oct. 15 for \$30, Oct. 16-28 for \$35, and Oct. 29 for \$40. Sign up online at www.pymca.org/raceseries.

Hometown heroes

Would you like to honor a member of your family who served honorably in our U.S. military? Join American Legion Post 9-11 in honoring your family hero by having an 18-by-36-inch banner flown in the Tri-Lakes area featuring his/her photo in uniform with area and dates served on active duty. The banner will be attached to town posts by Palmer Lake Legionnaires and flown from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. The cost to each family is \$125. To order or for more information, call post headquarters at the Depot Restaurant, 481-8668.

Mountain View Electric Association (MVEA) 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 at Glen Eden Resort. This year's topic is, "The Power of Membership: In a cooperative you are a member-owner—not just a customer. Explain the difference this relationship makes." For more information, contact Megan Morse, 719-494-2622, or visit www.mvea.coop/community/essay-contest/.

Help the Black Forest Animal Sanctuary (BFAS)

Southern Colorado Animal Rescue needs volunteers and donations to continue its work at the sanctuary in Black Forest. BFAS is an animal rescue and rehab farm that has been helping animals since 1994. The all-volunteer organization has rescued thousands of horses,

farm animals, dogs, cats, and various small wild animals and birds. BFAS provides rescue operations, adoption programs, foster and sponsorship programs, a student/horse education program, service dogs to veterans, and local and national rescue efforts. They also work with local schools and scouts. Donations are needed for animal feed and veterinary care, hay, sand for the training arena, a horse stall barn, and office supplies. Volunteers are needed for day-to-day operations. To find out how you can help, call 494-0158, email BFASFarm@gmail.com, or visit www.bfasfarm.org.

Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance (formerly HAP) needs volunteers

The Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that serves and supports seniors in our community. The Alliance currently needs volunteers, three hours a week; and active board members, eight to 10 hours a month. For more information, call Program Coordinator Sue Walker, 719-464-6873. Volunteers are also needed to work a three-hour shift once a week in the thrift store, to move items from storage into the store, or to pick up and transport donated items. To volunteer, call 488-3495.

El Paso County expands services to veterans

Three El Paso County agencies providing services to veterans are making it easier to receive assistance by opening satellite offices at the Mount Carmel Center of Excellence, 530 Communications Circle in Colorado Springs.