Kiwanis
Monument Hill Club

K-News

November 7, 2026

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



Seussical The Musical

Madeline Douthit, Josh Belk, and Seussical Cast Members



Jim Wolf called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Zoomers were Rich Rima, Gov Vaughn, Paul Gourley, RF Smith, Bob O'Conner, Barrie Town, and Marlene Bizub.

Steve Sutherland was Sergeant at Arms.

Frank Wynne was the program scribe.

Jim Wolf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led member concerns and a morning prayer:

Heavenly Father, we are thankful for our time together. As we go about our daily lives, help us to remember things that are so important to us—our family, our friends, and our purpose here. We pray that the encouragement and support we give to one another extends beyond our club and becomes a blessing to our community and to those in need. Amen





Guests and Visiting Kiwanians

Jim Hatley introduced his guest, Jason Schott, who served many decades in the Air Force and is currently the executive pastor at the Ascent Church in Monument. Thanks for joining us!

Ed Hettler introduced Brady Hansen and Luke Shroyer, who are the DECA reps for PRHS and LPHS.



Membership Induction, Welcome Ryan Bearden

Jim Wolf and Bryan Hardesty welcomed our newest member, Ryan Bearden (RB) into the Club. RB has recently moved back to this area from time in Scottsdale and Dallas and thought this was an excellent way too give back to the community that he grew up in. He has met a lot of us so far and thanked us for being so welcoming and inviting him into the Club. His father, Dick, was a longtime member of our Sertoma Club and he told Ryan the importance of giving back. RB is CEO of the Bearden Group, which specializes in wealth management. RB really likes volunteering, helping people out, and has a strong desire to give back to the community.

Thanks for joining us!





Member Recognition

Jim Wolf and Ted Bauman recognized Sue Reinecke, Rob Knoth, Joe Kneedler and Cay Price with the "One Can Make a Difference" award for their dedicated service to our Club.

Sue’s citation reads: Sue Reinecke has been recognized by the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club for Board of Directors Secretary and years of dedicated duties.

Rob’s citation reads: Rob Knoth has been recognized by the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club for service and dedication for his commitment to weekly visits to our 101 year old member, Jim Clemans at Jackson Creek Senior Living.

Joe and Cay’s citation reads: Joe Kneedler and Cay Price have been recognized by the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club for service and dedication to the Heart of Monument Play Park with 1200+ combined project hours, monetary contributions, and their talents for its success.

Congratulations!







Max Williams Birthday Cards

Jim Wolf let us know that Max Williams will be celebrating his 78th birthday on November 20th. Jim and Max's wife, Sharon, invited each of us to send a birthday card to Max to help him celebrate. Address the cards to:

Max Williams

Creekside #147

Jackson Creek Senior Living

16601 Jackson Creek Pkwy

Monument, C0 80132





Membership Minute

Jim Wolf gave us an update on upcoming events.

- November 7 - Harvest of Love (Monument Academy)
- November 10 - Happy Hour at Goat Patch Brewery 4:00 p.m.
- November 12 - Konnectors at Goat Patch Brewery, Barr Room 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- November 12 - In Vino Veritas - Wineseller Fundraiser at the Margarita at Pine Creek 6:30 p.m.
- November 17 - DECA in Castle Rock
- November 17 - Tri-Lakes Chamber networking mixer at the YMCA, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- November 17 - D38 Citizens in our Schools breakfast 8:30 am at Big Red
- November 21 - Board of Directors meeting
- November 28 - No MHKC meeting
- December 3 - Christmas Concert at St. Peter Catholic Church
- December 5 - North Pole Crafts Fair, Bear Creek Elementary School
- December 8 - MHKC Christmas Party

As Jim Wolf continues his term as President, he has made a pledge to help grow the club. He also extended a challenge to our members that each of us invite and help add one or more new members.

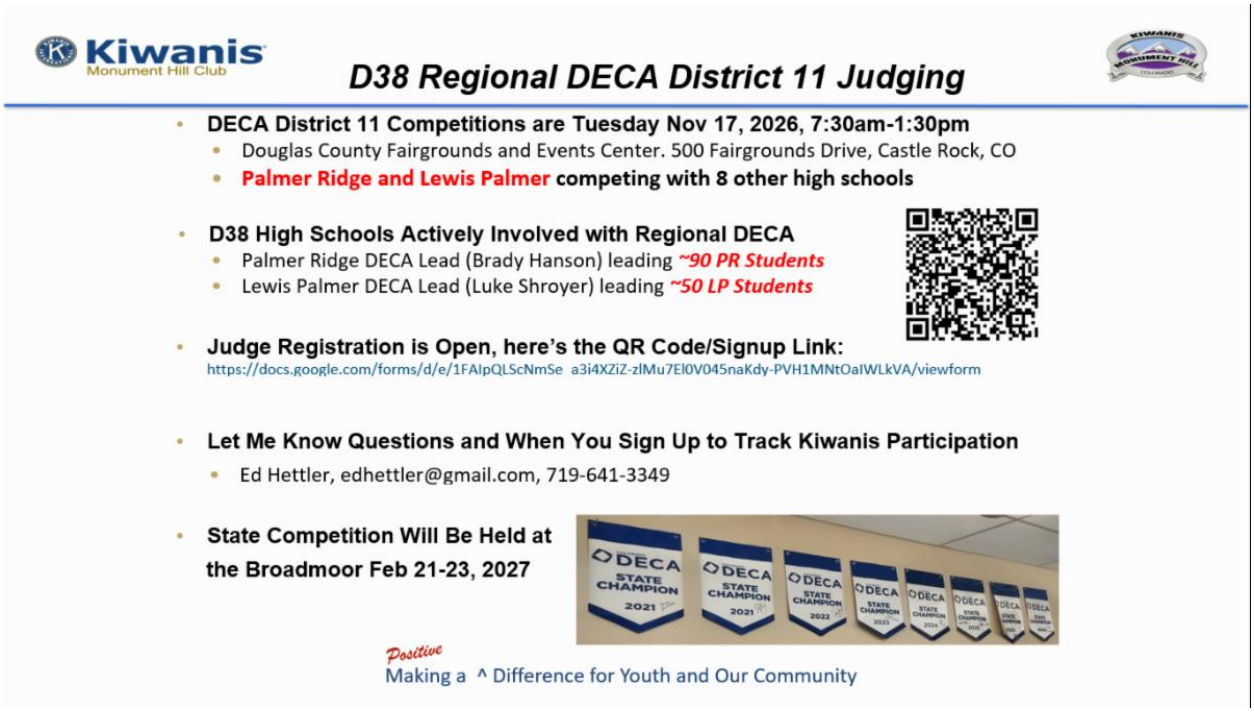
Upcoming Programs

- November 14 - U-2 High Altitude Recon - Kent Traylor
- November 21 - Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership - RF Smith
- November 28 - No MHKC meeting
- December 5 - Development of Stealth, Col. Rick Couch
- December 12 - Search & Rescue in Viet Nam, Darrel Whitcom



Heart of Monument Playpark Update

Scott Ross brought us the latest on the Heart of Monument Playpark. The play equipment is being installed and the ribbon cutting is set for November 21st at 10:00 a.m. Years of hard work in the making!



DECA Regionals, Nov 17



Ed Hettler welcomed Brady Hanson and Luke Shroyer who talked about the positive impact of DECA on high school students. Brady told us they need as many judges as possible for this competition coming up on Tuesday, November 17th. It's super impressive to watch high schoolers solve business problems and they come up with brilliant ideas. As a judge, there will be a business scenario, and you sit and listen to students propose solutions to the problem. You will be provided some scripted questions to ask them.

The event will be held this year at the Douglas County Fairgrounds and Events Center at 500 Fairgrounds Drive in Castle Rock. Each year we send judges to this competition, and we always come away greatly impressed with the youth in our community. Luke has come to realize and appreciate that there is a lot of high school pride in this area. He said it would mean a lot to the students for us to spend some time as judges at this event. Thanks a lot for your help.

It is not too late to be a judge for this DECA event. If you'd like to be a judge, **signup at this link** or use the QR code above. Also, please contact **edhettler@gmail.com** or call him at 719 641-3349 so he is aware of your participation.

There is also a recent E-blast with information regarding these events. Regional winners will head on to the state competition, held in February, at the Broadmoor.



Christmas Party December 12th at Bear Dance

Our Christmas Party will be held again this year at the Bear Dance Golf Club in Larkspur on Tuesday, December 8th. The social hour will be from 4-5 p.m. We will be celebrating our Kiwanian of the Year and our entertainment will be J.J. Kaelin singing some of her holiday favorites.

Holiday Party Menu

- Plated mixed green salad
- Buffet Entrée Options

- Champagne Chicken
- Atlantic Salmon
- Rosemary NY Strip (carving stn)
- Vegetarian options
- Assorted holiday deserts
- Cash bar, Coffee, Water

The registration page on our website will be active shortly. We will be looking to arrange ride/shares for those who would like to have some help with transportation."



Tri-Lakes Cares Giving Tree

For a number of years Benny Nasser has connected us to the Tri-Lakes Cares Giving Tree Program where generous donors help out local families in need. By filling their ornament wish, you can sponsor a child, teen, or senior. Gifts and gift cards are requested to be a $25 value by TLCs.

We have 25 gift requests available. Please indicate on the sheet which gift requests you have selected so Benny can keep track of all them.

During our next two meetings, please return with the unwrapped gift and/or gift card and give to Benny. We need to finish this project by the end of November.



The website for sign-up for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing is now active on our website and **at this link**. We will have to re-apply for sign up, but that is easy. We will begin ringing on Black Friday, right after Thanksgiving, and continue up until Christmas Eve. Please sign up early and often.



In Vino Veritas Fundraiser

On behalf of his special friends, Bacchus and Dionysus, Dirk Stamp invites us his special wine soiree *In Vino Veritas* fundraiser, which will be held on Thursday, November 12th from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Margarita at Pine Creek.

Dirk will be hosting, and it's been a great evening for charity, testing fabulous wines, and spirts paired with delicious horsd'oeuvres prepared by the chef at The Margarita. Get tickets at *The Wine Seller* or online at Mhkiwanis.org.

Proceeds will benefit the Monument Hill Kiwanis Foundation, which provides grants to charitable groups and D-38 schools in the Tri-Lakes Region.





Wreaths Across America

The Lewis Palmer High School Rangers baseball team is helping out with the Wreaths Across America project as a fundraiser. On December 19th at 10:00 a.m. they will help out the Air Force Academy to remember and honor veterans by laying remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes. Please help honor and remember these veterans by sponsoring a remembrance wreath, volunteering on the 19th, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you. At the web page below you can make a donation to sponsor a wreath.

https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/44794/Overview/?relatedId=0



NFL Football Pools

Filling in for Dan Lopez, Larry Young provided the Week 9 football pool report. In both Sally's Challenge and the Loser Pool, the players are dwindling and might not make it to the end of the season. BTW, the Loser Loser Pool is already crowded and two players have already become "almost losers" in this pool. In the Glenn Scott Memorial Pool, with 10 of 16 correct picks, Gov Vaughn won the tie breaker at the top against Jim Murphy. At the other end of the scale, at 5 of 16, Dan Lopez won the tie breaker against Ed Tomlinson to take home the coveted $1 Sacajawea.

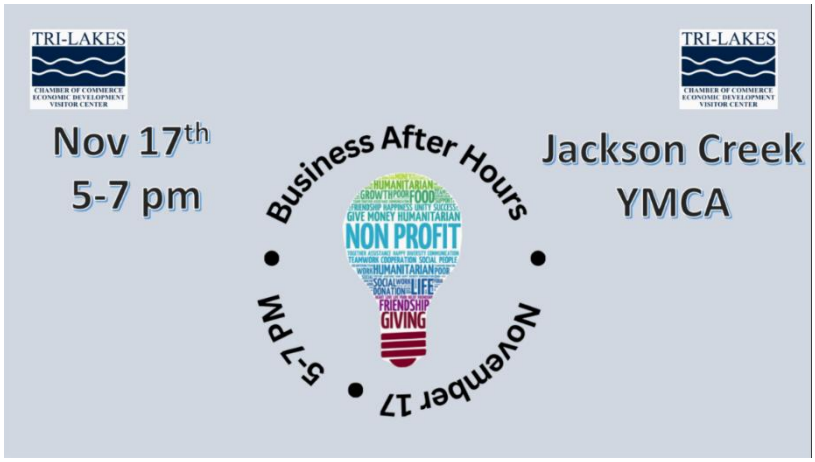


North Pole Arts and Crafts Fair Dec 5th at Bear Creek Elementary School

The Annual North Pole At Tri-Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair will be held December 5th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bear Creek Elementary School. Please come out and support this great annual event. To help, contact Dick Salverson or Jim Ward.

Business After Hours

Jim Wolf said the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours on November 17th is a chance for us to really get our name out to the community. The goal of this is membership and Bryan Hardesty, Mark Anderson and Dan Lopez will lead our presence. He would love nothing more than us to go to this and come back with a fistful of new members coming to the club.



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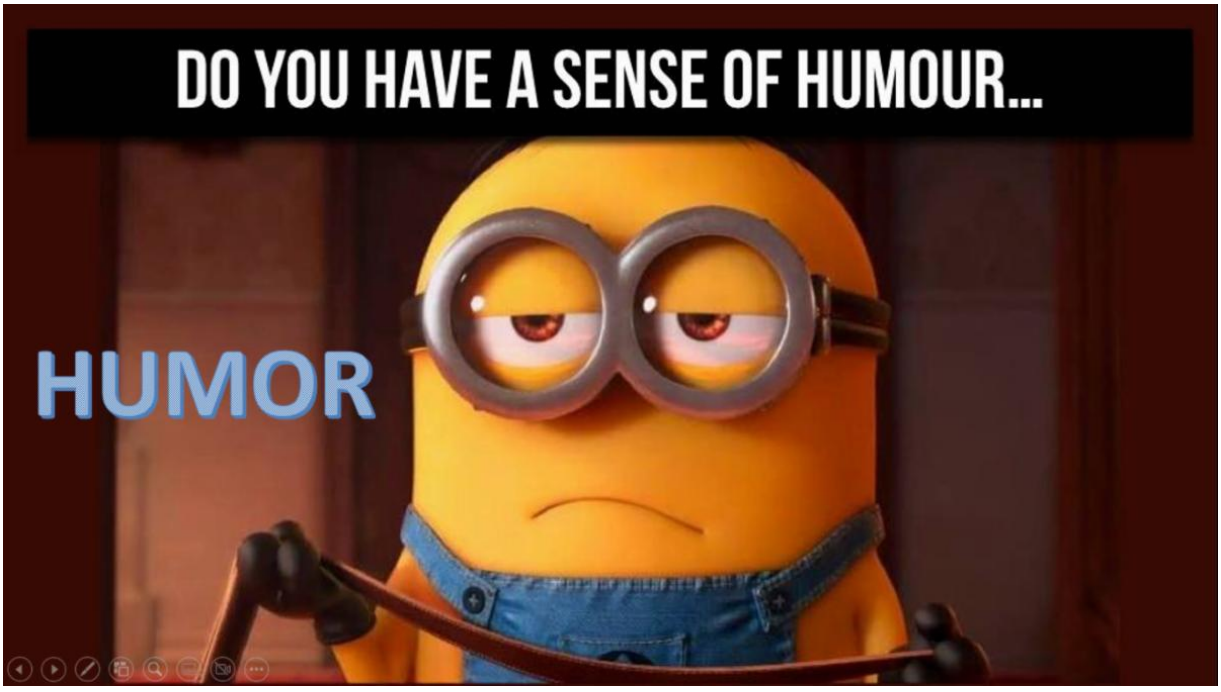


Humor

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

The editor had to switch jokes since the bear joke was published two weeks ago, while the following joke was not...

The Golden Anniversary Cruise

Arthur and Martha were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on a luxury cruise liner. One evening while sitting on the deck watching the sunset, Martha took Arthur's hand, looked into his eyes. “Arthur,” Martha said softly, “looking back over these 50 years, we've had a wonderful life together, but I have a confession tonight.” Arthur looked at her surprised and confused, “After 50 years?”

“Yes,” Martha sighed, “All these years, whenever we argue, and I got upset, I would quietly step out, go to another room for 20 minutes and come back very calm. I know you always wondered what I was doing during that and how I managed my temper so well.” Arthur smiled gently and patted Martha on the hand. She continued, “It was easy dear. It was easy to keep calm because whenever you made me mad, I was going into the bathroom and I would clean it for 20 minutes. I washed and cleaned the toilet.” Arthur replied, “How did that make you calm?” “Well, I always used your toothbrush.”

Happy Bucks



Ben Bellis told us this has been a hot and heavy typhoon season near Guam. Luckily, super typhoon Champi avoided a direct hit on Guam and Ben was happy about that.



Larry Young had several happy bucks: 1) when signing up for bell ringing, he saw that Rob Knoth already was everywhere on the calendar and had taken up all the best spots. This should be an encouragement for everyone to sign up. Thanks Rob. 2) the Lewis Palmer Middle School leadership class put on a pizza party for Kiwanis volunteers on Friday which was great fun. At the party, Ed Hettler was kicking up his heels - he can really dance. Larry offered five more bucks if Ed would demonstrate his moves. Left below, Ed doing “The Floss”. Right below, “The Lawn Mower”.



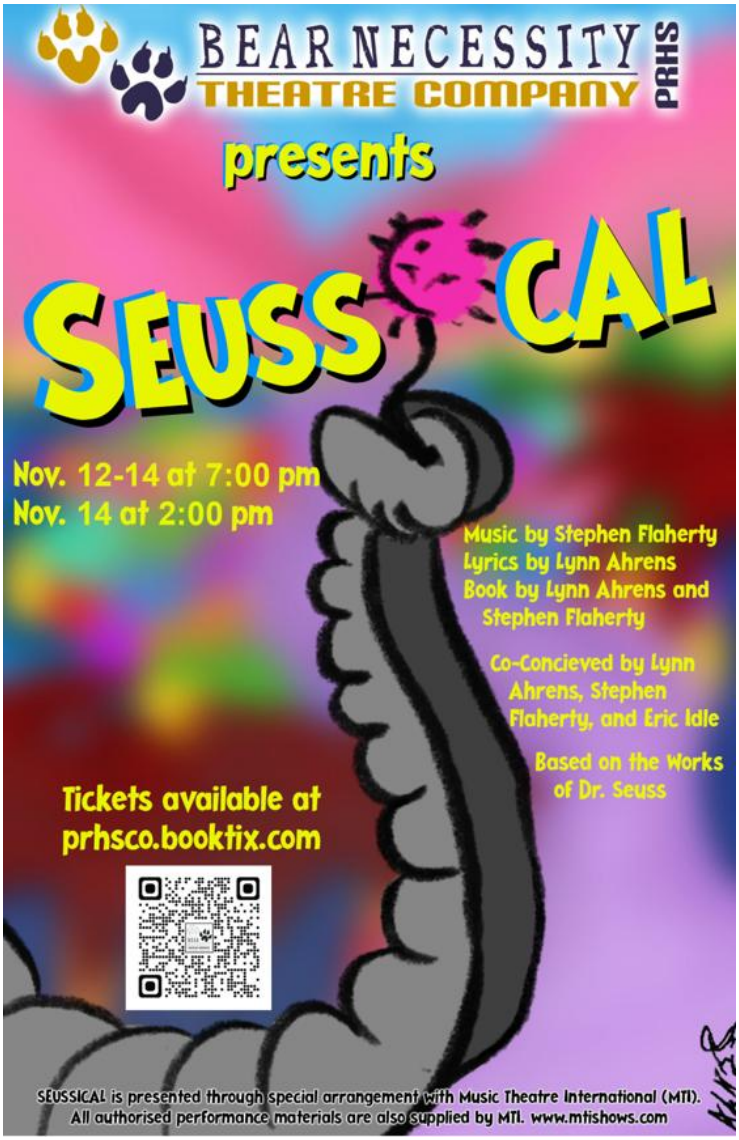




Weekly 50-50 Drawing

Bryan Hardesty knew he was close to winning the big money, $69, but will have to try again next week.

Program



Seussical The Musical

Josh Belk, Madeline Douthit, and Seussical Cast Members





Members of the **Palmer Ridge High School** theatre program gave us a special preview of their upcoming production of *Seussical the Musical*, sharing performances and insights into the show. Under the direction of theatre educators Josh Bell and Madeline Douthit, students showcased selections from the beloved musical inspired by the works of Dr. Seuss.

The directors described *Seussical* as a production that combines humor, imagination, and heartfelt themes of friendship, loyalty, self-confidence, and belonging. Students performed several musical numbers and scenes featuring characters such as Horton the Elephant, JoJo, Gertrude McFuzz, and the Cat in the Hat, giving the audience a glimpse of the energy and talent that will be on display during the full production.

Cast members spoke about what makes the show special, noting its balance of lighthearted fun and meaningful life lessons. They also shared their future plans after graduation, highlighting the wide range of paths students pursue, including education, culinary arts, community theater, and college studies.

The directors explained the extensive planning that goes into selecting each year's musical, including evaluating student talent, musical requirements, staging needs, and technical considerations. They outlined the audition process, which includes vocal, acting, choreography, and special-skills evaluations.

This year's production involves approximately 60 students, including performers and orchestra members. The program is also incorporating new music technology to supplement live instrumentation and enhance the rehearsal experience for students.

Community members were encouraged to attend performances of *Seussical the Musical* at Palmer Ridge High School the following weekend and support the students' hard work, creativity, and dedication to the performing arts. Very entertaining!

Get your tickets to the show at: **https://prhsco.booktix.com/**







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