

## Coffee with a Cop, Mar. 15

Wesley Owens Coffee and Café hosted Coffee With a Cop on March 16. Many people turned out to talk with the 15 or so Monument police officers and El Paso and Douglas County Sheriff's deputies. Many of the police officers said they enjoyed being out in the community, talking with residents. People asked a variety of questions



dealing with neighborhood speeding issues, jail population matters, and transients. Several children attended with their parents and asked how to become a police officer. Sheriff Bill Elder and Monument Chief of Police Jake Shirk spoke about their agencies working together, showing respect and admiration for one another. **Above:** One of the El Paso County Sheriff's chaplains, on the far left, speaks with a resident. On the far right, Sheriff Bill Elder talks with one of the boys representing Shield 616, which provides safety equipment to police officers. *Photo by Allison Robenstein.*

## Barlow at TLCA, Mar. 16

**Right:** On March 16, Celtic fingerstyle guitarist Jerry Barlow ushered in St. Patrick's Day weekend at the Tri-Lakes Center of the Arts (TLCA). Barlow's combination of traditional Irish songs and other classics, along with storytelling related to Irish history, created an entertaining and engaging performance. Among the songs Barlow performed were *Loch Lomond*, regarding the Battle of Culloden (1746), *Paddy's Lamentation*, about traveling across to America only to be enlisted in the Northern army during the Civil War, and *Paddy's Green Shamrock Shore* along with *Drunken Sailor* and the *Last of the Mohicans* theme song. Information on upcoming events at the nonprofit TLCA is at [www.trilakesarts.org](http://www.trilakesarts.org). *Photo by David Futey.*



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## Palmer Lake Candidate Forum



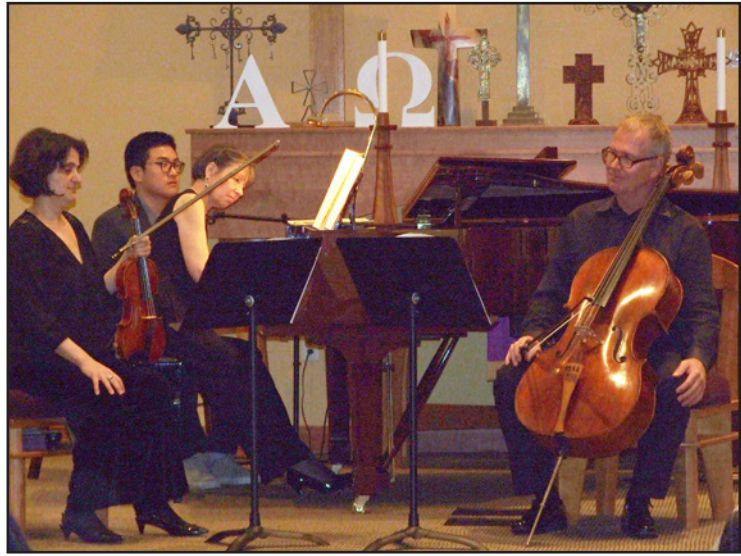
**Above:** The Town of Palmer Lake held a mayoral and trustee candidate forum on March 17 at Palmer Lake Town Hall. See unofficial town council election results on page 22. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

## Sanctuary Pointe hearing, Mar. 19



**Above:** Andrea Barlow of NES speaks to the BOT about Sanctuary Pointe developer Classic Homes, her client. From left on the dais are Trustee Dennis Murphy, Mayor Pro Tem Don Wilson, Mayor Jeffrey Kaiser, and Trustees Kelly Elliott, Greg Coopman, and Jeffrey Bornstein. See article on page 21. *Photo by Allison Robenstein.*

## RMMA Concert, Mar. 16



**Left:** On March 16, Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church hosted the Rocky Mountain Music Alliance's March concert. Pictured from left are Karine Garibova on violin, Mary Beth Barteau Shaffer on piano, and Scott Kluksdahl on cello. They

played the music of Haydn, Brahms, and Schubert. Haydn's *Piano Trio No. 39* was written for an English woman he fell in love with during trips to London. The first two pieces are gentle and serene, but the third takes a faster tempo in the theme of intense Hungarian gypsy music. Brahms' *Piano Trio No.1* was one of his first chamber works to be published. His insecurity caused him to destroy many of his works, but this one endured. The piano introduces a beautiful cello solo to start off the 40-minute piece. Several themes emerge, some quiet and others bursting with exuberance. Finally, the trio played a Schubert piece written in 1827 but published posthumously. *Photo by Allison Robenstein*

## Science Day at WMMI, Mar. 17



**Left:** On March 17, the Western Museum of Mining & Industry hosted its annual Science Day. The event included an array of exhibitors including the Colorado Springs Rocket Society, the Pikes Peak Soaring Society, Colorado Springs Utilities, Chris Thompson and his Lego machines, and Ted Giem's demonstrations on rock cutting

and polishing. Throughout the day, attendees could operate a flight simulator, build a model rocket, and watch both a 3D printer in action and a demonstration on the principles of high voltage electricity, and other activities. Information on upcoming museum events is at [www.wmmi.org](http://www.wmmi.org). *Photo by David Futey.*

## Home Place Ranch Meeting



**Above:** On March 23, representatives of the Home Place Ranch developers held a community meeting at the Chamber of Commerce in Monument to a packed house of concerned citizens. People listened attentively, mostly waiting to hear about the traffic that will be affected in their area. The speakers said there will be another meeting. That meeting had not been posted as of publication day. *Photo by John Howe.*