

ate for the trustees to run an ordinance review workshop without town staff in attendance. Lowe concurred, and after some discussion, the board agreed that Lowe should give direction to department heads to review ordinances and bring any that might need updating to the board’s attention. The workshop scheduled for Feb. 11 was canceled.

Bornstein reiterated that he wanted to remove ordinances that were on the books but not being enforced.

Town’s website redesigned

Lowe announced that the town’s website, <http://townofmonument.org/>, has been re-designed to include new features including online bill paying and posting of all active bids. It might also include online forms to streamline the application process for the development community.

State of the Region

Wilson said the Feb. 3 State of the Region event coordinated by the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development “was a fantastic event and was even on the news.” He congratulated Chamber President and CEO Terri Hayes. Wilson was a speaker at the event, which seems to have generated an inappropriate “email barrage” to town staff due to different interpretations among the trustees on whether Wilson needed to report to the rest of the trustees before he spoke. “I was not speaking with respect to anything that was not public knowledge,” he said.

Checks over \$5,000

- Murray, Dahl, Juechenmeiser & Renaud LLP, legal services for new water tank land condemnation – \$11,416
- NV5 Inc. (Nolte), professional ser-

vices (landscape architects, survey manager, etc.) – \$5,579

- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments, 2017 dues – \$5,004

Public comments

Resident Nancy Swearengin had several comments, including:

- Nowhere in the current landscaping ordinance does it say a resident has to have 25 percent grass; that was just the maximum allowed.
- I hope you will focus just as much effort into the water reuse facility, which will reduce the speed of diminishing the aquifer, as you are on the emergency water connection.
- You mentioned the State of the Region luncheon, but no one reported on the content of the event.

Resident John Howe, who is a member of Monument Sanitation District board, encouraged the public to tour the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility (TLW-WTF) to see how the plant works. “There is awfully clean water going out of that plant after all the treatment for Palmer Lake, Monument, and Woodmoor.” See related TLWWTF tour photo on page 26.

The board voted to go into executive session at 8:30 p.m. to receive legal advice on two pending litigations. Deputy Town Clerk Laura Hogan said the board did not take any votes or make any announcements after the executive session.

Correction

At the Jan. 17 meeting, in a discussion about future outside funding for widening Jackson Creek Parkway, Triview President Reid Bolander referred to PPRTA (Pikes Peak Regional Transpor-

tation Authority), when he meant to say PPACG, the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments. Thanks to an astute reader for pointing out the error. See [www.ocn.me/v17n2.htm#mbot0117](http://www.ocn.me/v17n2.htm#mbot0117).

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Registration for the 2017-2018 school year has begun. If you plan to register a pre-school or kindergarten student in a Lewis-Palmer School District school, there is no reason to wait until summer to do so. You can beat the rush and enroll your student now. Many of our programs are nearing capacity. For registration information, check [www.lewispalmer.org](http://www.lewispalmer.org)>Enrollment icon>Student Registration or call (719) 488-4700.

Lewis-Palmer School District

HALL of FAME

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

Lewis-Palmer School District #38 is now accepting nominations from the community for inductees to the 2017 Hall of Fame. Anyone may nominate a person who has made significant, ongoing contributions to the excellence of District 38 schools. The awards seek to honor teachers, support staff, administrators, volunteers, elected officials, and community members. Application forms and information about how recipients are chosen are posted on the District website at [www.lewispalmer.org](http://www.lewispalmer.org) under the Community Tab.

Deadline: April 28, 2017

There’s a New Sheriff in Town

by Evan Ochsner, Palmer Ridge High School senior

As Lewis-Palmer School District 38 continues to grow, district administration has taken added measures to ensure that safety remains a top priority. Dennis Coates, who while working for the El Paso County Sheriff served as a school resource officer (SRO) for the district, has now been brought onto the district staff as Chief of Safety and Security. In his new role, Mr. Coates will “assist administration [in] keeping our schools a safe place to learn,” he said. In his time as a school resource officer, Mr. Coates enjoyed getting to know the staff and students of the district and has gotten to know local first responders, attributes that will be greatly beneficial in his new role.



Filling the vacancy left by Coates’ departure as SRO is Deputy Todd Ronk, an El Paso County Sheriff veteran of nearly 20 years. Deputy Ronk began his career in law enforcement in the U.S. Army Military Police, before serving in the Vanderbilt University Police Department. In 2009, he traveled to Iraq and trained Iraqi police at the Baghdad Police College. For the El Paso County Sheriff’s Department, he has served in a vast array of roles. Deputy Ronk is a devoted father and looks forward to working with students around the district. “As the dad of three grown kids I feel I bring a lot to the table as far as working with students. I would like students to know I am here to make sure they have a positive and safe learning experience,” he said.

Spring High School Theatre Productions

by Evan Ochsner, Palmer Ridge High School senior

Typically in high school theatre productions, scripts are chosen from a pre-existing archive of copyrighted productions. However, the theme of Palmer Ridge High School’s Bear Necessity Theatre Company this year is “No fear. No boundaries. Take risks,” so the old method of selecting a script is out the window. This time around, the theatre department at Palmer Ridge reached out to local author Todd Wallinger to come up with a script for their spring production. The play, aptly titled “A Purrfect Crime,” is a comedy, and its plot is rather unique. When no one mourns after the death of “Big Bob” Little, a wealthy ranch owner, the entirety of his \$36 million fortune is left to his cat, Wiggles. Because this is the first time the play will be performed, Mr. Josh Belk and the theatre company “have the opportunity to work with the author as we prepare the play, adjusting lines or scenes as the actors work through the show.” The cast will have access to the playwright throughout the preparation process. The play will be performed March 16-18.

At Lewis-Palmer High School, the drama department is also preparing for their spring production. Their show, “The Giver,” is an adaptation of the 1993 novel of the same name. It takes place in a utopian world without pain, but also without joy. When protagonist Jonas is assigned the role as the Receiver of Memories, he works with The Giver, who is in charge of keeping memories for from the old world - both good and bad ones. Their production is a refreshing break from traditional plays. According to Lewis-Palmer Theatre Director Jordan Clark, the show “will encompass multiple art-forms including, video, orchestration, and multiple layers of special effects including real snow.” This revamped production strategy ensures a fresh and exciting experience for local theatregoers. “The Giver” will be performed April 20-22.

Tickets for both productions will be available at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com).

LPSD Upcoming Events

- March 3: pK-6 No Classes
- March 16: Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- March 16-18: Palmer Ridge Theatre Production of “A Purrfect Crime”
- March 20: Monument Academy Parent Education Night, “Mindful Parenting”
- March 27-31: Spring Break – No Classes

Parent Teacher Conferences: Check with your school for specific date and time.