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Local Events

See pages 28-31 for event locations and other details of these and many other local events.

- **Visions of Light Photography Exhibition Opening Reception**, Fri., Mar. 1, 6-8 p.m.
- **Water-wise Gardening**, Tue., Mar. 5, 5 p.m.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society: Colorado College Bluegrass Ensemble**, Fri., Mar. 8, 7-10 p.m.
- **NEPCO Meeting**, Sat., Mar. 9, 10 a.m.-noon. Noxious weeds, CERT.
- **WMMI Speakers' Bureau: Ben Elick presents Repeat Photography of the Pikes Peak Region**, Tue., Mar. 12, 7-8:30 p.m.
- **Water-wise Gardening**, Fri., Mar. 15, 10 a.m.
- **WMMI Family Day: Science**, Sat., Mar. 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **Tri-Lakes Community/Centura Blood Drive**, Tue., Mar. 19, 3-7 p.m.
- **Palmer Lake Historical Society: Mike and Sigi Walker present Oh, The Rock Island Line!**, Thu., Mar. 21, 6:30 p.m.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society: Wood Belly**, Fri., Mar. 22, 7-10 p.m.
- **Solar Oven Cooking Informal Demonstrations**, Mon., Mar. 25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **Tri-Lakes Chamber Monthly Education Series: Proactive Legal Considerations for Small Businesses**, Tue., Mar. 26, 9-11 a.m.
- **Bill Nance Memorial Blood Drive**, Tue., Mar. 26, 1-5:30 p.m.
- **Wardrobes and Rings at TLCA**, Fri., Apr. 5, 7 p.m.

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Historic arch removed



Above: Feb. 22 was a historic day in Monument on Third Street and Highway 105, where the Historic Monument arch was lowered to the ground by a giant crane and placed for the public works crew to dismantle it for storage and future use in another part of town. Si Sibell, mayor at the time (1990) was instrumental in having the arch made and erected. AEODM Co. inspected the structure on behalf of the town, and CIRSA, the town's insurer, deemed the arch unsafe in the high cyclical winds. The Sibell family did not want the arch but hoped it can be preserved and used elsewhere in the town. After negotiating, the total cost of the project was \$300 for the use of the crane. *Photo by John Howe. Monument articles start on page 12.*

Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education regular meeting, Feb. 11

Board passes bond issue resolution, hears update on superintendent search

By Harriet Halbig

The Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education voted on its intention to place a bond issue on the 2019 ballot and heard an update on the ongoing superintendent search at its regular meeting Feb. 11.

Resolution on bond issue approved

Secretary Mark Pfoff read the resolution regarding placing a bond on the November 2019 ballot. *See the article about the Feb. 4 board work session on page 4 of this issue for background discussion.*

The resolution states that the district recognizes the need to address enrollment, recognizes that the com-

munity recently defeated a previous ballot issue due to non-specific ballot language and unclear financing, and that the board, listening to feedback, believes a specific single-issue bond to address overcrowding would be supported by the community. The resolution proposes that the board pursue a cost-effective bond to build a single elementary school next to Bear Creek Elementary School, and the district will convert Bear Creek Elementary back to Creekside Middle School using district reserve funds.

The board will decide on bond financing terms prior to the election.

Treasurer Chris Taylor said that,

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Above: Lewis-Palmer High School senior AnneMarie Ackerman, second from left, was selected for the U.S. Senate Youth Program, which includes a week in Washington, D.C., and a \$10,000 scholarship. Two students are selected from each state. With her are her parents, Tara and Brett, and LPHS Principal Tony Karr, Board President Matthew Clawson, and Superintendent Karen Brofft. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

Triview Metropolitan District, Feb. 19

Major projects coordinating well; long-term finances forecasted

By Jennifer Kaylor

At the Feb. 19 Triview Metropolitan District board meeting, directors received project status reports from JDS-Hydro Civil Engineer John McGinn regarding the western interceptor and HR Green representative Mike Connor regarding the design of the Jackson Creek Parkway expansion. District Manager Jim McGrady presented an expansive financial plan.

Many irons in the fire

For the past several months Triview Metropolitan District has been managing several projects, two of which, if coordinated well, may provide significant time and cost savings. The two projects are the western interceptor and expansion of the two-lane portion of Jackson Creek Parkway (JCP). The western interceptor wastewater infrastructure, in addition to serving district residents and commercial enterprise west of I-25, has been extended under the highway to a juncture at Higby Road and JCP. Because the district and the Tri-Lakes area continue to grow, Triview anticipates that it will avoid unnecessary and costly potential future replacement of a newly expanded JCP by installing the wastewater pipeline prior to the road's expansion.

McGinn reported that Global Underground Corp., the company contracted to install the western interceptor pipeline, had reached substantial completion—meaning the structure was sealed and ready to use—about three weeks ahead of schedule. The project also finished under budget. Global's favorable outcome prompted McGinn to recommend that Triview forgo seeking bids for installing the necessary connection at Higby Road and JCP. McGinn explained that Global equipment and manpower were already deployed at the precise site where the separate parts of the infrastructure will connect and estimated that construction could begin 60 days sooner than if bids were sought. He estimated a "soft cost" savings of \$20,000 by avoiding preparation of the bidding documents. The net cost established with Global totaled \$577,000, which McGinn deemed a reasonable figure.

McGinn advocated executing a change order that would authorize Global to install the pipeline connection and anticipated that construction could start two weeks from the board meeting. The directors unanimously authorized the change order.

Connor updated the board about the JCP expansion design which, he estimated, would reach 60 percent completion by the end of February. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) draft

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