

LPHS choirs performed, May 12



Above: Aaron Miller, director and accompanist, led two Lewis-Palmer High School choirs in their final performances under his leadership on May 12. The Spring Pops Concert, performed in the Lewis-Palmer Auditorium, included solo performances in both choirs. The Mixed Choir is composed of students who enroll in the music class, while Treble Voices is composed of students who try out for this ensemble and are selected based on their performance. Miller is leaving LPHS after this school year to return to his hometown of Widefield. *Photo by Steve Pate.*

Car show benefits PLFD, May 14



Above: On May 14, Dino Salvatore of Palmer Lake Wellness held the 2nd Annual Blacktop Madness Car Show and BBQ to benefit the Palmer Lake Fire Department (PLFD). Over 100 classic cars were entered at \$20 per entry, including Chevy Corvettes, Dodge Vipers, Ford Mustangs, and Pontiac GTOs as well as classic British Jaguar and vintage MGB GT. Barbecue, sides, and beverages from Elizabeth Locker Plant in Castle Rock were available at \$10 per person. Attendees also enjoyed a selection of oldies music as they strolled through the parking lot and all proceeds were donated to PLFD. *Photo by Jackie Burhans*

Meadowgrass, May 27-29



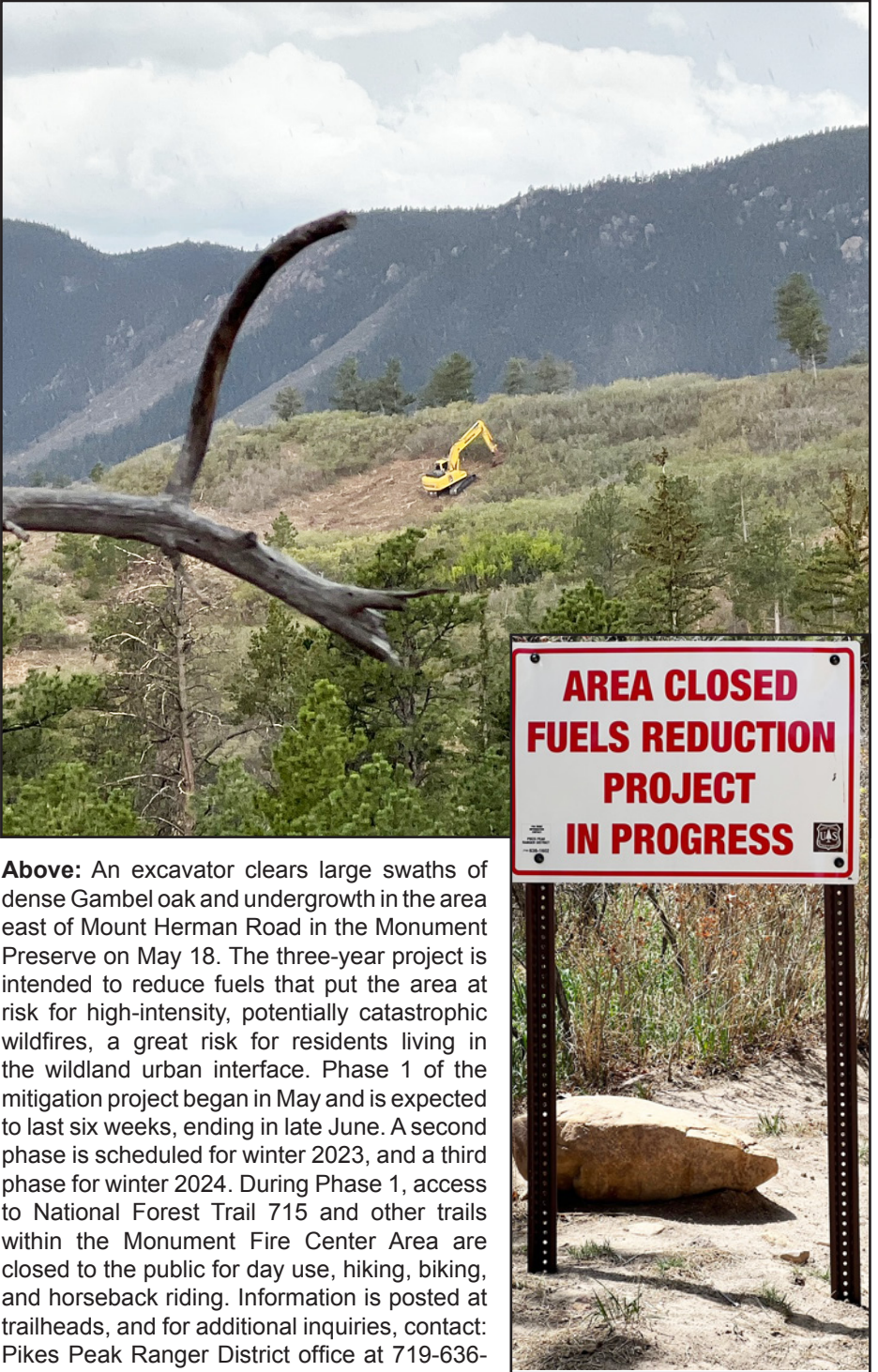
Above: Friends of Fox Run Park (FoFRP) had a booth for community outreach at the Meadowgrass Music Festival at La Foret Conference & Retreat Center on May 27-29. The festival had several hundred members of Rocky Mountain Highway Music Collaborative from Colorado, including national and local artists. FoFRP, along with Native American Sacred Trees and Places (NASTaP) and Black Forest Trails Association (BFTA), talked to festival-goers about historic trees on the La Foret property and in Fox Run Regional Park and several El Paso County parks in the Black Forest area. Pictured are Julie Haverluk, left, and Lee Recca representing FoFRP and NASTaP respectively. For more information regarding any of volunteer opportunities in northern El Paso County, email friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com. *Photo by Marlene Brown.*

DCC swimmers at championships



Above: On May 12 and 13, the Discovery Canyon Campus (DCC) High School Swim and Dive team competed in the CHSAA 4A Swim and Dive Championship. Coached by Joe Fanthorp, Kent Nelson, and Katie Cerda, the DCC team finished third with one diver and eight swimmers qualifying. The first-place (Cheyenne Mountain) and second-place (Silver Creek) teams each had twice as many state qualifiers, thus increased opportunities for scoring points. However, DCC won multiple events—four of the eight individual events and two of the three relays. Senior Quintin McCarty won and set Colorado state records for the 50-yard freestyle (19.47) and 100-yard freestyle (43.73). McCarty was also selected as 4A Swimmer of the Year. Junior Adam Pannell won the 200-yard freestyle (1:40.80) and junior Taylor Wagner won the 500-yard freestyle (4:35.03). The DCC 200-yard and 400-yard relay teams won each of those events. *Photo by Tamera Tresemer.*

Wildfire fuels reduction, May 18



Above: An excavator clears large swaths of dense Gambel oak and undergrowth in the area east of Mount Herman Road in the Monument Preserve on May 18. The three-year project is intended to reduce fuels that put the area at risk for high-intensity, potentially catastrophic wildfires, a great risk for residents living in the wildland urban interface. Phase 1 of the mitigation project began in May and is expected to last six weeks, ending in late June. A second phase is scheduled for winter 2023, and a third phase for winter 2024. During Phase 1, access to National Forest Trail 715 and other trails within the Monument Fire Center Area are closed to the public for day use, hiking, biking, and horseback riding. Information is posted at trailheads, and for additional inquiries, contact: Pikes Peak Ranger District office at 719-636-1602. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*