

Stallsmith building dedication



Above: The Palmer Lake Sanitation District dedicated the district's building to Joseph Stallsmith on March 8. Forty-five years ago, Stallsmith created the Palmer Lake Sanitation District and selected the original board members. Mark Bruce, current board chairman, presented a plaque commemorating Stallsmith's contribution to the district and the Palmer Lake community. The plaque will be displayed at the entrance to the building. Stallsmith, 99, thanked the 25 people attending the ceremony and commented that he also helped set up the sanitation system at the U.S. Air Force Academy and used that experience to help in Palmer Lake and said "it was all downhill from here." (an old joke). Becky Orcutt, district manager, presented a cake with a decoration shaped like a sewer manhole cover and cupcakes. One of the participants joked, "Don't eat the brown ones." *Photo by Steve Pate.*

Stars of Tomorrow Talent Show



Above: Raleigh Eversole, Wyatt Hyden, Erich Lambrech, and Rose Magdalene Helgoth, category winners. *Photo by Bob Harrigan.*

By Steve Pate
Monument Hill Kiwanis, in conjunction with Lewis-Palmer School District 38, presented the first annual *Stars of Tomorrow* talent show March 19 at the Palmer Ridge High School auditorium. Emcees Anna Hacker, 10th-grader at Lewis-Palmer High School, and Dennis Beasley of Monument Hill Kiwanis, introduced the finalists in the competition to a crowd of about 350. Three categories of contestants competed for prizes. Rose Magdalene Helgoth, a fourth-grader at St. Peter Catholic School, won the elementary school category with a vocal performance of *Who Will Buy* from the musical *Oliver* and won the \$500 elementary category prize. The middle school winner, Eric Lambrech, in sixth grade at Lewis-Palmer Elementary School (competing in the middle school category), performed the *Piano Sonata #20, First Movement* by Ludwig von Beethoven and won \$750. The high

school category winner was a bassoon solo by Raleigh Eversole, accompanied by Rob Lambrech on piano. Eversole, a senior at Palmer Ridge High School, won a \$1,000 scholarship. The overall winner of the competition, all categories, was Wyatt Hyden, a junior at Palmer Ridge High School who won a \$2,000 scholarship. Hyden has performed for a sold-out crowd at Red Rocks Amphitheater. He arranged and performed a guitar solo medley of Van Halen, Chuck Berry, Metallica, and Ozzy Osborne. The talent show was professionally judged for the students of Lewis-Palmer School District 38, grades 1 through 12. As reported in *OCN* last month, 49 students tried out over three days of preliminary competition to narrow the field to the 20 performers who qualified for the final competition. *Steve Pate may be contacted at stevepate@ocn.me*

TLWCC makes beds for needy kids



Above: Members of the Tri-Lakes Women's Club (TLWC) helped build beds for needy children on March 18. The 32 members, including Lori Forman, left, and Susan Congdon, right, picked up saws, drills, sanders, and hammers to build the beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a volunteer group dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering high quality beds for hundreds of needy children in northern Colorado Springs, northern El Paso County, and eastern Teller County. TLWC members also donated cash and bedding sets to outfit the beds. In its 50 years, TLWC has donated over \$1 million to local police, school, and other nonprofit organizations in the Tri-Lakes community. *Photo by Pam Munson.*

Moors and McCumber at TLCA



Above: On March 18, Kort McCumber, left, and James Moors played a post-St. Patrick's Day music celebration at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA). Moors and McCumber can both trace their family lineage to Ireland. That connection along with annual visits there provide the inspiration behind many of their lyrics and instrumental arrangements that weave Irish history and musical influence. Their set list included *John Devoy*, about an Irish Republican rebel; the non-instrumental *Marjorie* that highlights their lush vocal harmonies; *Leaving for Cobh*, about making the journey to the port of Cobh in Ireland to board a ship for the United States during the Potato Famine of 1840s; and the instrumental *Standing Stones*. They incorporated a variety of instruments throughout the evening including the Irish Bouzouki, fiddle, banjo, guitar, cello, and keyboard, which displayed the breadth of their musical talents. Information on the TLCA is at trilakesarts.org. *Photo by David Futey.*

Deer enjoy felled pinon pines



Above: Mule deer dine on the many pinon pine tree mounds in the nursery off Sunburst Drive, Monument, in the late afternoon on March 20. The deer were unperturbed by the chainsaw operators working close by as the forest thinning continued. The large-scale tree felling is part of the second phase of forest mitigation in the area. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*