

- Station 2 septic project was completed at \$10,000 over budget.
- The well at Station 1 well needs to be drilled deeper for a cost of at least \$53,000.
- All three engines have had motor work done recently. The fleet is aging, especially the ambulances.
- The district will hire a new auditor for 2015 to reduce costs.
- New Deputy Chief Randy Trost will join the district Oct. 15.

- Station 2 will be dropping down by one person on an engine starting in late September.
- All personnel who were off on duty injuries have returned to duty.
- Firefighters will begin a “Read with a Firefighter” community relations program in October at the Monument Branch Library.
- In July, the state approved funding to provide insurance for firefighters who suffer a cardiac event on or soon after duty. This is not covered by workers comp.

- Truty will speak on a panel about mutual aid plans at the state fire chief’s conference in October. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 22, in the Administration Center at 166 Second St. in Monument. For additional information, contact the district Fire Administration Office at 719-484-0911.

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**Monument Board of Trustees, Sept. 2**

# 20-year water master plan approved

By Lisa Hatfield

On Sept. 2, the Monument Board of Trustees approved the new 20-year water master plan it will use as a blueprint for capital improvements on a project-by-project basis in historic Monument, heard a presentation from county officials about their recommendations on noxious weeds, and approved two new liquor licenses.

Town Manager Pamela Smith was excused.

**Moment of silence**

Mayor Rafael Dominguez asked all present to observe a moment of silence to honor the two Palmer Ridge High School students killed in a single-car accident on Roller Coaster Road on Sept. 1.

**Water master plan approved**

Public Works Director Tom Tharnish explained that the new water master plan prepared by Forsgren Associates is a plan, not a contract, and would be used as a blueprint for capital improvement projects for the next 20 years in the town’s water service area. The town provides water service on the west side of I-25, about 40 percent of the town. Triview Metropolitan District and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation serve the customers within the town limits on the east side of I-25. Forest Lakes Metropolitan District will provide water service south of the town on the west side of I-25 when homes are built at the west end

of Baptist Road.

The plan suggests \$12.8 million in improvements projects to the town’s wells, water treatment plants, storage, and distribution system. The board will consider one project and associated funding at a time. See [www.ocn.me/v14n9.htm#mbot-0804](http://www.ocn.me/v14n9.htm#mbot-0804) for more information.

Trustee Stan Gingrich expressed concern about the projected costs presented in the plan, but agreed with the plan overall. He said, “If it’s our intent to implement as much of this as possible within budget restrictions, then I can go forward with that.”

A total of 300,000 people from Greeley to Colorado Springs depend on groundwater from the Denver Basin’s four aquifers for their water supply. The long-term production of water from the Denver Basin aquifers is not sustainable; it is a non-renewable supply of water and is being used up at a faster rate than the aquifers can be replenished, said Will Koger of Forsgren Associates. Monument produces its water primarily from groundwater wells, and 75 percent of the water used goes to west side residential customers.

Trustee Becki Tooley asked if the town was going to act on any of these projects yet, or if they were still just plans. Tharnish said several small portions are already

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October 2014

### Students and Staff Set Positive Expectations

Lewis-Palmer and Palmer Lake elementary schools are the latest to announce the implementation of the “Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)” approach to behavior management this school year.

PBIS is a system that provides reinforcement for positive actions with clear expectations for student behavior. It encourages a sense of community in which all students contribute to the success and safety of the school. Students are recognized for appropriate actions.

A PBIS team at each school has developed the expectations for all students and adults, with input from all staff members and others. Examples of expectations include: being safe, staying on task, having an attitude to succeed, and being respectful and responsible. The system includes a common approach to discipline, procedures for teaching the expectations, and frequent monitoring of the program’s effectiveness.

Research shows that schools utilizing the PBIS approach have fewer suspensions, better attendance, and improved test scores. The strategy is endorsed by the Colorado Department of Education and Federal Department of Education.



A perfect day on the front range to put in a couple thousand miles!

### Bear Creek Elementary Jog-A-Thon

Bear Creek Elementary was joined by the Fire Department, some costumed mascots, community members and parents as they jogged to raise funding and fitness. Students in all grade levels and many adult volunteers ran laps on the track in a fund raiser organized by the parent-teacher organization. Several local businesses supported the effort with pledge donations. The Tri-Lakes/Monument Fire Protection District, Sparky the Fire Dog, and Smokey Bear cheered the students on, and helped cool them off with a refreshing fire hose spritz at the end of each lap. Runners totaled 2,684 miles of collective running and raised more than \$10,000, in an event where students could share a fitness fun activity, set personal goals, and provide service for their school community.



### We The People

Fourth graders at Ray E. Kilmer Elementary have a new level of appreciation for values like justice, domestic tranquility, and a more perfect union. They’ve been studying the Constitution of the United States of America. To share their new knowledge with others, the 4th grade hosted an assembly for the entire school, during which they recited the preamble to the Constitution. The gathering was held, appropriately, on Constitution Day. They encouraged all students to wear red, white, and blue as they encouraged their peers to celebrate the blessings of liberty.

### Upcoming Events:

**October 8th**  
Empty Bowls Dinner  
at LPHS 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**October 9th**  
D-38 Business Coalition  
Program 7:30 a.m.

### LPHS Rangers Girls’ Volleyball is ranked 11th in the nation!