

Our Community News

Volunteers reporting on community issues in Monument, Palmer Lake, and the surrounding Tri-Lakes area



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Local Events

See pages 27-31 for details of these and many other local events.

Palmer Lake Historical Society: The History of the Palmer Lake Star, Tue., Apr. 8, 7 p.m.

HAP-py Feet Foot Care Clinic, Wed., Apr. 9

2nd Annual Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners Workshop: "Surviving Wildfire- It Takes a Community," Sat., Apr. 12, 7:30-8:30 registration, 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.

El Paso County Hazardous Materials & Recycling Collection Facility, Sat., Apr. 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Kim Hill Concert at TLCA, Fri., Apr. 13, 6:30 p.m., doors open 5:30 p.m.

Monument Library: AARP Smart Driver Course, Thu., Apr. 17, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Palmer Lake Historical Society: Restoration of Cumbres & Toltec Railroad Cars, Tue., Apr. 17, 7 p.m.

Palmer Lake's Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast, Sat., Apr. 19, 10-11 a.m.

Epiphany Project Concert at TLCA, Fri., Apr. 25, 6 p.m.

"Tackle the Trash," Sat., Apr. 26, 9 a.m.

38th Annual Pine Forest Antiques, Home Décor & Garden Show and Sale, Sat., Apr. 26 and Sun., April. 27.

Monument Library: Colorado State University Firewise Landscaping class, Wed., Apr. 30, 1-4 p.m., \$10.

Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild 50th Anniversary Spring Show & Sale, Thu.-Sun, May 1-4, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sun.

Tri-Lakes Community Health Fair and HAP Senior Center Open House, Sat., May 3, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Home Energy Savings: Myths and Money, Mon., May 5, 7 p.m.

Gleneagle Sertoma presents Spirits of Spring: A Wine and Food Tasting with Live and Silent Auction, Sat., May 17, 6-9 p.m. □



Above: Cancer never sleeps. Deborah Haas-Henry, cancer survivor and Relay for Life volunteer, said this knowledge is what keeps volunteers at American Cancer Society Relay for Life vigilant in their fight against cancer. Tri-Lakes Relay for Life held a kickoff event March 15 at Bass Pro Shop. Pictured are, from left, top row: Cynthia Cope, Deborah Haas-Henry, Val Escalon, Elizabeth Bryson, Fran Sloat, and Leah Reynolds. Middle row: Kelsey Branning, Charity Williams, Kaden Garcia, Christol Dempewolf, and Lincoln Spencer. Bottom: Melissa Reynoso. For more information about Relay for Life or to register to participate, see www.relayforlife.org/trilakesco. Or contact Charity Williams at Charity.williams@cancer.org or 719-630-4971. Photo by Joey Lyons.

Lewis-Palmer D 38 Board of Education, March 20

New superintendent aboard; debt retirement approved

By Harriet Halbig

The Lewis-Palmer School District Board of Education signed a one-year contract on March 20 with Karen Brofft, current assistant superintendent of Englewood schools, as the district's new superintendent, effective July 1.

Brofft holds an educational specialist degree in administrative leadership and policy studies and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction. She has worked in education for 23 years, includ-

ing positions as principal, instructional coach, and elementary school teacher. Members of the board welcomed Brofft and said that they had called several of her colleagues and all had recommended her highly.

Board votes to retire debt on building leases

Following a work session the previous week and many other previous discussions, the board voted to pay off the two

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Above: The Lewis-Palmer Board of Education introduced the new superintendent. From left are Treasurer John Magerko, President Mark Pfoff, Secretary Robb Pike, incoming superintendent Karen Brofft, Vice President John Mann, Director Sherri Hawkins, and interim Superintendent Ted Bauman. Photo by Harriet Halbig.

April 1 Election Results

Palmer Lake recreational marijuana ballot issue defeated

Palmer Lake Election

Allow Recreational Marijuana Sales

No	538
Yes	481

Mayor (highest total wins)

Nikki McDonald (W)	461
Randy C. Fritz	384
Meredith (Kit) Bromfield	107

Trustee (highest 6 totals win)

Cindy Allen (W)	611
Richard L. Kuehster (W)	568
Trish Flake (W)	552
Jen Martin (W)	524
Paul Banta (W)	509
John C. Russell (W)	463
Kathy Aldworth	420
Michael L. Maddox	395
Shana Ball	315

Monument Election

Mayor

Rafael Dominguez (W)	597
Mary Russelavage	209

Trustee (highest 3 totals win)

Kelly Elliott (W)	555
Jeffrey A. Kaiser (W)	550
Stanley E. Gingrich (W)	542
Melinda Hall	232
Ron Farley	169
Deana (De) Demeter	130

Palmer Lake Town Council, March 13

New fire chief sworn in; fire mitigation grant application submitted

By James Howald

The Palmer Lake Town Council met on March 13 to hear an update on the fire mitigation grant project, to swear in a new fire chief, and to address an application by Dino Salvatori to add a medical marijuana-infused products bakery at his facility. The council also accepted a donation from a local Girl Scout Troop and heard from a Palmer Lake Elementary school student representing the Project Green Panthers.

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