

# Our Community News

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## Local Events

See pages 32-35 for details of these and many other local events.

- Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI), Pikes Peak Gem & Mineral Show—The Snow Mastodon Project, Fri.-Sun., Jun. 6-8
- Hooked on Monument Lake Kids' Fishing Derby, Sat., Jun. 7, 8 a.m.
- Palmer Lake Meeting: Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department's Future, Sat., Jun. 7, 9-11 a.m.
- Awake Palmer Lake B, B, B, & B, Sat., Jun. 7, 2-6 p.m.
- Tri-Lakes Cruisers Car Show, Sun., Jun. 8, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- My House is on Fire—Now What?, Tue., Jun. 10, 7 p.m.
- HAP-py Feet Foot Care Clinic, Wed., Jun. 11
- Tri-Lakes Lions Club Military Appreciation Golf Tourney, Fri., Jun. 13
- John Denver Tribute by The John Adams Band, Fri., Jun. 13, 7-9:30 p.m.
- Wescott Fire Department Summer Safety Fair, Sat., Jun. 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Father's Day Ice Cream Social, Sun., Jun. 15, 2-4 p.m.
- Art Hop, Thu., Jun. 19, 5-8 p.m.
- Palmer Lake Historical Society: "Dragoons in the Revolution," Thu., Jun. 19, 7 p.m.
- Palmer Lake Art Group (PLAG) Symphony in Color Fine Art Show and Sale, Fri.-Sun., Jun. 20-22
- Woodmoor's Annual FireWise Community Day, Sat. Jun. 21, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Awake Palmer Lake Public Meeting, Sat., Jun. 21, 1 p.m.
- Griffith Golf Tournament, Mon., Jun. 23, 8 a.m.
- Monument Concerts in the Park return!, Wed. Jun. 25, 7-9 p.m.
- Poor Old Shine Concert, Thu., Jun. 26, 7 p.m.
- Woodmoor Community Garage Sale, Fri.-Sat., Jun. 27-28, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Concerts in the Park, Wed. Jul. 2, 7-9 p.m. □

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**Above:** Monument-area Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Lewis-Palmer School District 38 bands, Monument Homemakers, Palmer Lake and Tri-Lakes Fire Departments, Palmer Lake Police Department, Public Works Department, VFW and American Legion members, Women's Auxiliary, Serrano's Coffee, military, civilian, active duty, and retired all gathered May 26 to honor the fallen soldiers who ensured our freedom in a sunny Memorial Day ceremony, featuring retired Air Force Lt. Col. Ron Pitt as the guest speaker. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.* See additional Memorial Day photos on page 29.

## Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education May 15

# Board appoints director of curriculum, finalizes budget

By Harriet Halbig

The Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education appointed a director of curriculum, finalized its 2013-14 budget, discussed post-graduate surveys and interviews, and recognized a number of the district's students at its May 15 meeting.

The board approved a one-year contract beginning Aug. 1 for Dr. Sheila Beving in the position of director of curriculum/instruction and professional development. Incoming superintendent Karin Brofft explained that there were initially five candidates for the position, narrowed to two before Beving was selected. Beving has been a principal in Douglas County for 12 years and has a broad understanding of the accreditation

process and pre-K-12 education, said Brofft.

District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) Chair Chris Amenson said that DAAC encourages participation from every school, both parents and staff. The committee held its meetings in various schools to familiarize the group with the varying environments and practices.

The committee reviewed all unified improvement plans, budget updates, teacher and principal evaluation processes, and the Gifted and Special Education programs.

Amenson said that although the district at large performed well on standardized tests, there were mixed results



**Above:** The Palmer Ridge High School Robotics Team members are, from left, Danielle Wieland, Ashley Pollard (coach), Cailin Foster, Jasper Howald, Sean Bowers, Gary Foster (mentor) and Kirk Lobban. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

## Palmer Lake Town Council May 8

# Medical Marijuana Zoning Talks Continue

By James Howald

The Palmer Lake Town Council on May 8 discussed medical marijuana sales, reviewed an application for a new business license, and heard a presentation on wilderness preservation and an update on the fire mitigation grant project.

## Medical marijuana issue goes to workshop

In the previous meeting, the council voted to table an amendment to Ordinance 4, 2010 that would have prohibited the sale and cultivation of medical marijuana in areas zoned M1 (light manufacturing), such as the portion of County Line Road in Palmer Lake. On May 8, the council resumed the discussion of the proposed amendment and heard a statement from a business owner with commercial property in the M1 zone who argued that this amendment would potentially prevent him from using his property to produce medical marijuana products should he decide to do that. The council took no action on the amendment at the May 8 meeting, deciding instead to discuss it further at a workshop session to be held June 5 at 6 p.m.

## License approved for fitness business

The council approved a request by Jason Lupo, owner of Out of the Box Performance, for a new license for his business, which will be located in the Westend Center at 755 Highway 105, Suite M. Out of the Box Performance will provide personal training for athletes, including cyclists and weightlifters.

## Club presents plan to preserve Rampart East

Phillip Kummer spoke about the Colorado Mountain Club's goal to preserve 32,000 acres in the Rampart East area. The goal is to support the wildlife and the watershed in the Pike National Forest above the Rampart Reservoir, and ultimately to have these lands, which are currently classified as a roadless area, declared a wilderness area. Wilderness areas do not allow motorized vehicles or mountain bikes. The club will host open houses to present its ideas to the public at the Palmer Lake Town Hall.

## Fire fuel mitigation project funded

Judith Harrington reported that Palmer Lake's fire fuel mitigation project, part of a larger project organized by the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP), will receive funds from CUSP, but the exact amount is yet to be determined. CUSP still has some funds from its previous budget cycle available to help Palmer Lake begin the mitigation work. Har-

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