



**Above:** Allison Catalano told the trustees about a new volunteer group called Grow Smart Monument, which is dedicated to preserving Tri-Lakes area open space and trails, recreational opportunities, natural resources, and community character. She is shown here speaking with citizens after the Oct. 19 Monument Board of Trustees meeting. For more information, join the Grow Smart Monument group on Facebook. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

For more information or to participate, see Grow Smart Monument’s Facebook group. Catalano and Trustee Jeff Bornstein asked about the possibility of enacting a moratorium on development until the Monument comprehensive plan is updated. Town Attorney Gary Shupp said it might be possible, but only for a very limited time under specific circumstances so the town did not get into a reverse condemnation situation. Bornstein said then it would be important not to have land use issues coming in “at the last minute and under lots of pressure.”

Monument Cemetery help needed

Trustee John Howe explained how he and several other volunteers have been working with historic documents in an attempt to find the names of “Unknown” people buried in the cemetery. In the early 1900s, some people who died in one of two major train wrecks or the influenza epidemic were buried without headstones. He said there are 189 “Unknowns” now, many discovered with ground-penetrating radar “done years ago,” and the temporary plaster grave markers made more recently are crumbling and being covered with dirt and grass. Howe and his co-volunteers have found a way to have new “Unknown” granite markers with concrete bases made for \$17 each, but for 189 of them, “that’s a lot of money.” Any person or group who would like to help with this project can contact him at JHowe@tomgov.org or call the town at (719) 884-8017.

Financial report

Interim Treasurer Pamela Smith’s report noted that sales tax revenues earned through August were 5 percent over budget, and were also slightly ahead of sales tax collected by same time in 2014.

Checks over \$5,000

- Triview Metro District, sales tax – \$167,276
  - Triview Metro District, annual property tax assessment – \$183,440
- All were accepted unanimously as part of the consent agenda. At 7:17 p.m., the meeting went into executive session for developing strategy for negotiations, instructing negotiators, and determining positions relative to mat-

ters that may be subject to negotiations. Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman told OCN that Pamela Smith’s new town manager contract was approved during the executive session and she would be sworn in again as town treasurer at the Nov. 2 meeting.

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After the meeting, Rachel Beck, Policy and Communication manager, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments, shared a Colorado Department of Transportation memo with OCN. On Oct. 1, Ajin Hu, acting regional transportation director, requested that the Colorado Transportation Commission use \$11.43 million of Transportation contingency funds to reimburse the Baptist Road Rural Transportation Authority for the remaining construction cost on the I-25/Baptist Road interchange.

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The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third

Mondays of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 16. Call 884-8017 or see [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org) to see upcoming meeting agendas. Lisa Hatfield can be reached at [lisahatfield@ocn.me](mailto:lisahatfield@ocn.me).

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CSMA 2015 Adviser of the Year

Carrie Hendrix, Lewis-Palmer High School Westwind yearbook adviser, was named Colorado Student Media Association Adviser of the Year 2015 on October 8. This award complements numerous awards and recognitions she and her staff have received over her thirteen years of supervising the yearbook at LPHS. They have won 2 national awards (the 2011 Silver Crown awarded by Columbia Scholastic Journalism Association, Columbia University and the 2014 Pacemaker awarded by National Scholastic Journalism Association), the State Level All-Colorado Award 5 years in a row, and made the All-American critique list 2 times (with marks of distinction in photography, design, concept, writing). “The awards are impressive,” according to LPHS principal Sandi Brandl, “but, I know they are not Carrie’s true motivation. Her daily efforts, her countless hours in the summer and after school are done because she believes that all students who want to learn should be given that opportunity.” Students and parents praise the opportunities Hendrix offers. Riley Bircham, Co-Editor in Chief of the LPHS yearbook, says of Mrs. Hendrix, “She has taught me to embrace the moment, to learn something new about myself every single day,” and Riley’s mother Quinn shares that Riley’s “increased self-confidence and task-oriented work ethic are a direct result of Carrie’s influence.” Carrie is completely overwhelmed by this honor and gives credit to her students, “My editors and staffers are the true stars of the program. They are the ones that amaze me every day with their hard work and dedication. It warms my heart to hear that one my students loves journalism and wants to continue to study it in college. My job is to simply give them a platform for their student voices and teach them the skills they need to be successful. The rest they do on their own... and I just sit back and smile.” Evidently, Carrie Hendrix knows a thing or two about assisting students as they create quality, award-winning yearbooks.

November is Showtime

It is theatre season in District 38. In November, both Palmer Ridge and Lewis-Palmer high schools present their school musicals. Josh Belk began his LPSD run at LPHS and now serves as the theatre teacher at PRHS. He joined the PRHS staff when the school opened in 2008. When contemplating a school year, Belk chooses a theme to influence his teaching and his choice of shows to produce. The 2015-2016 theme is “finding our place.” Belk further explains, “I try to produce a variety of shows, so that we are not always doing the same thing. I want to expose the students and audience to different styles and looks of shows.” LPSD has a strong history of great student productions. Teachers such as Belk contribute to this legacy. Stage Directions Magazine named Belk and the PRHS theatre program as the 2015 Southwest winner of High School Honors for theatre programs in their November edition. One of Belk’s favorite moments occurred during the 2010 production of Seussical. He shares that it was during this season that he first observed his students “come together as a completely cohesive group rather than a bunch of kids that happen to be doing things together. Actors and technicians and orchestra were all Bear Necessity, rather than groups inhabiting the same space.” Creating places for students to connect happens daily across LPSD. Theatre productions are one of the many extra-curricular activities available to District 38 students. When students are involved, they feel a sense of belonging.



**Upcoming Events**

November 5	LPHS/PRHS Career Awareness Event
November 5-7	PRHS Musical: Oliver
November 9	pK-6 Grades: No Classes
November 11	Veteran’s Day
November 12-14	LPHS Musical: Urinetown
November 23-27	District Closed