

McDonald to comment on the request. Liljestrang pointed out that the job of the council was to decide only the request to vacate made by Henson and Harding, and not to decide issues of future development, as Bremer had suggested. He said that a decision on the vacation would not set a precedent for future decisions concerning the road. Liljestrang also noted that the Planning Commission had already discussed the request to vacate, and supported the request.

The council voted unanimously to approve the request to vacate the requested portion of Hermosa Avenue.

Business licenses approved

The council heard two requests for new business licenses. The first was from Pat Duffy, who plans to open a cart that

will serve New York-style hot dogs. The cart will move between several unspecified locations, and will be open on Saturdays and Sundays. The second was from Donna Mae Hanson, who requested both a conditional use permit and a business license to open an adult daycare business at 600 El Paso Road. The council approved all three items unanimously.

Council hears suggestions to improve transparency

Resident Les Molina addressed the council on the topic of lack of transparency. According to Molina, some town residents don't trust the council and feel their voices are not heard. He suggested addressing these concerns by posting more information to the town's website. Molina suggested that the

website be kept current with a calendar of events, minutes of all meetings, monthly department reports including financial reports, the annual budget and a check register.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. April 9 at Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of the month. Information: 481-2953.

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and asked WPS to develop the policy details.

Formalizing relations with Town of Monument

Jennifer Cunningham, a local resident and reporter for the Tri-Lakes Tribune, approached the board asking about its relationship with the Town of Monument and surrounding communities. After talking with the members of the Monument Board of Trustees, she feels the trustees are open to communication and a relationship with Woodmoor. Whatever happens in Monument has an impact on Woodmoor and we currently have no input, Cunningham said.

She asked the WIA if it wanted to pursue more formal representation within the Town of Monument. Monument is reviewing its comprehensive plan and will open up the committee to residents of surrounding communities.

President Jim Hale affirmed the benefit of communities working together and cited his participation in NEPCO meetings and membership on the county Highway Advisory Committee. Hale would be interested in talking with the trustees and suggested the possibility of a non-voting membership. As a first step, Hale agreed to reach out to the Board of Trustees to meet with a couple of members, pursuant to sunshine laws, to explore options.



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Prairie Winds Elementary Science Fair

Ethan Twesme, fifth grader in Deanna Skabo's science class at Prairie Winds Elementary, was one of 105 students participating in the PWES Science Fair and Basket Drawing Night on February 27. For his project on cymatics (the study of making sounds visible), Ethan utilized an embroidery hoop, salt, and heavy-duty garbage bags to make a membrane that vibrated when exposed to sounds. He observed different geometric patterns being formed by the vibrating membrane and discovered that with a higher pitch, the patterns were more unique and complex.



Palmer Ridge High School Students at the Capitol

Students from the PRHS Newspaper Production class, which produces the school newspaper, The Bear Truth, joined their teacher Tom Patrick at the state capitol on February 27 for the Colorado High School Press Association's annual Capitol Hill Press Conference. Editor-In-Chief Jimmy Kochanski, Assistant Editor Jenna Bethany, and Copy Editor Savannah Olmstead along with other Colorado student journalists observed a formal press conference event with legislators and other government officials, received a briefing from a professional journalist on how press conferences are conducted and how to report on them, competed in writing and photo contests, and asked questions of legislators. Representative Paul Lundeen, a featured speaker this year, met with these PRHS students privately prior to the formal event. Congratulations to junior Savannah Olmstead for placing third in the photojournalism category of the competition.

2015 DECA International Career Development Conference

After competing in the State DECA Conference, February 22-24, against more than 2600 students from across Colorado, the following Lewis-Palmer High School and Palmer Ridge High School students earned the right to compete in the 2015 DECA International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida, April 25-28.

From Lewis-Palmer High School (DECA sponsor, Mike Diamond):

- Josh Battle - Accounting Applications
- Ethan Liss - Finance Operations Research
- Cody Leeper - Finance Operations Research
- Sam Nesmith - Business Finance
- Chris McGann - Sports and Entertainment Management
- Courtney Morris - Personal Financial Literacy
- Jada Berry - Leadership Academy
- Cheyenne Phillips - Leadership Academy

From Palmer Ridge High School (DECA sponsor, Courtney Bushnell):

- Samantha Jackson - Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan
- Ben Kirby - Principles of Marketing
- Zac Alwais - Apparel and Accessories Marketing
- Brooke Sveska - Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan
- Alexis Faeh - Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan (all PRHS students are first-year DECA members)

Good luck to all of our participants!



Upcoming Events

- April 9 LPHS Blood Drive
- April 14 Air Academy Federal Credit Union Art Scholarship Show displayed at Big Red
- April 16-18 PRHS Theatre Production: The Boys Next Door
- April 17 LPHS Prom
- April 22-25 LPHS Theatre Production: The Odd Couple
- April 25 PRHS Prom
- April 28 ACT Testing for all juniors
- April 28 All District Choir Concert at LPHS, 7:00 p.m.