

Palmer Ridge Bear Necessity Theater presents *Play-On*, April 7-9



Above: Cast members of the Palmer Ridge Bear Necessity Theater Company take a bow. They presented *Play On!* at Palmer Ridge High School on April 7-9. *Play On!* is the hilarious story of a theater group trying desperately to put on a

play in spite of maddening interference from a haughty author who keeps revising the script. The three acts show the rehearsal, dress rehearsal, and opening night of the ever-changing performance. *Photos by Jackie Burhan.*

Pine Forest Spring Show and Sale draws 1,300, April 23-24



Above: Present for the Tri-Lakes Women's Club ribbon cutting are, front row only, from left, District 38 Superintendent Karen Brofft, co-chairs Michele Hanley and

Susan Weese, Executive Director of the Tri-Lakes Chamber Terri Hayes, TLWC member Joann Quinn, and Co-President-elect Millie Town. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

By Harriet Halbig

The Tri-Lakes Women's Club hosted its 40th annual Pine Forest Spring Show and Sale at Lewis-Palmer High School on April 23 and 24. Featuring almost 60 vendors of antiques, flowers, and hand-crafted items, the show also offered delicious baked goods in The Bakery and three food trucks outdoors. Attendance was estimated at 1,300.

The show is one of two fundraisers for the club each year, the other being the Wine and Roses event in the fall. The mission of the club is to support the community through donations to nonprofit entities such as the school district, fire districts, and other groups. The club has distributed over \$700,000 over its lifetime. For membership information, please go to TLWC.net.

Great American Cleanup, April 23



Above: On April 23, volunteers participated in the Great American Cleanup all over El Paso County, and Monument had 71 community-minded participants who picked up 73 bags of trash from all around our area. In conjunction with Earth Day, the Great American Cleanup is designed to aesthetically improve our environment, creating cleaner parks, streetscapes, and public spaces. In 2015, more than 62 million pounds of litter and debris were collected by volunteers throughout the country. The Great American Cleanup/Pikes Peak Partners is a coalition consisting of El Paso County, the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs Utilities, the Council of Neighbors and Organizations, the City of Fountain, the Town of Green Mountain Falls, Keep Colorado Springs Beautiful, the City of Manitou Springs, and the Town of Monument. *Photo by Madeline VanDenHoek.*

Almost Maine presented April 20



Above: A sold-out crowd braved the Saturday evening blizzard April 30 to see the Palmer Ridge Bear Necessity Theatre Company's senior practicum *Almost, Maine*. Pictured is the opening scene in the rustic, mythical town of Almost, Maine. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*