ter treatment efforts already are.

Wicklund and Burks mentioned that, in an ironic twist, the state might start requiring drinking water treatment facilities to add "ortho phosphorus" to treat "aggressive waters" with high pH levels, to keep metals from leaching out of copper and lead pipes. However, this would increase the amount of dissolved phosphorus that is already in the drinking water. This phosphorus would become a tightly regulated nutrient in influent heading to wastewater treatment facilities after household use. Racz and Beckman will help the facility advocate with the state to limit the requirement for ortho phosphorus in areas with no lead pipes and few copper pipes, Kendrick mentioned in an email to the JUC before the meeting.

New generation of workers needed

Burks said that replacing Baby Boomers retiring from the wastewater treat-

ment industry was a big concern at the recent national operator conference he attended in San Antonio. As more experienced operators retire, there is a wealth of information that needs to be transferred to a new generation, but there is a shortage of new applicants for entry-level jobs.

Skills that are required in new trainees include good record keeping and documentation, data collection, understanding of state regulations, and mechanical/equipment maintenance interest and abilities, Burks said. As Kendrick has said before, this is an industry that will always have jobs.

At 11:33 a.m., the meeting went into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Burks told OCN that no announcements or votes had been made when the meeting returned to open session.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. April 10 at the Tri-Lakes Waste-

open session.

water Treatment Facility, 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month and are open to the public. For information,

call Bill Burks at 719-481-4053.

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Triview Metropolitan District, March 13

No May election but new cooperation on water, wastewater

By Jennifer Kaylor

The Triview Metropolitan District directors discussed newly developing options for water and wastewater cooperation and regionalization, the status of the rate study, election cancellation, preparations for board transition, spring landscaping, and road repair at

the March 13 board meeting.

Director James Otis participated via conference call.

Triview is a Colorado Title 32 special district, completely within Monument's town boundaries, on the east side of I-25. Triview provides roads, parks, and drainage maintenance,

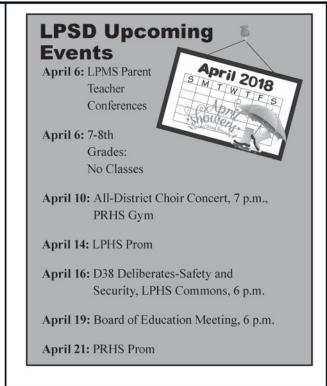
D38 Deliberates:
A Community Engagement



engagement opportunity on Monday, April 16, 2018, at 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Lewis-Palmer High School Commons. Very important topics of interest to the D38 and Tri-Lakes communities will be addressed: mental health, safety, and security. A trained facilitator will lead small group discussions. Please join us and let your voice be heard. Please RSVP: dsimington@lewispalmer.org

The Lewis-Palmer School
District #38 Hall of Fame
committee is now accepting
nominations from the community for
inductees to the 2018 Hall of Fame.
Anyone may nominate a person who has
made significant, ongoing contributions to the
excellence of District 38 schools. The awards
seek to honor retired staff (teachers, support
staff, administrators), volunteers, elected officials,
and community members. Nomination forms and
information about how recipients are chosen are
posted on the District website at www.lewispalmer.org
under the Community Tab. Deadline: April 27, 2018

On a great path





Lewis-Palmer School District #38 Teacher Spotlight: Cami Duke

Cami Duke's first job was at Prairie Winds Elementary School. Twelve years later she is still there teaching second and third graders. She earned her undergraduate degree in psychology and her master's in curriculum and instruction from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

Cami has lived in Colorado Springs since she was in the third grade and married her high school sweetheart. She was an administrator in the medical insurance field and was ready for a change. She decided working with the happiest people in the world, kids, would be her new career. Cami enjoys her students' love for learning, watching them have fun, and seeing them become their own person. While teaching math is a favorite for her, she also enjoys the interactions that happen in reading groups. She even has her students write a book on a subject in which they are experts.

Cami loves D38, claiming it is a district with great schools, and she values the community's support of teachers and schools. She also appreciates that district administration sees teachers as people outside of the classroom. She says, "It just feels good to be at Prairie Winds."

Mountain biking, fat tire biking in the winter, and skiing Copper are some of Cami's favorite pastimes. The mountains are always a part of her spare time. When she is not in the great wide-open, she spends hours in bookstores — believing they are full of endless possibilities. She has been known to buy a book for its cover and loves stories with plot twists.