

rias. This was not possible during the 2020-21 school year, and it is unknown whether it will be permitted in 2021-22.

The board approved the budget with the understanding that the district prefers a flexible system that



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can review and adjust it throughout the year.

**BEST grant for middle school**

The board approved receipt of a Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant for the replacement of the boiler in Lewis-Palmer Middle School.

The grant is in the amount of \$141,474. The district's matching contribution will be \$330,106.

**Election participation**

The board voted to have Vicki Wood act as the district's agent to notify the county clerk and recorder of the intent to participate in this November's election, both for the biennial board election and any additional ballot initiatives that may be developed.

**Recognitions**

Coach Erica Bradley of the Palmer Ridge High School Girls Volleyball Team introduced members of her 4A State Championship team.

Coach Alan Arata introduced Lewis-Palmer High School Junior Dahlia Allen, who is the first from the district to become a 5A diving champion.

In his later comments, Somers also congratulated recently graduated Palmer Ridge High School senior Tessa Rothwell, who won the state championship in No. 2 singles tennis for a second year.

Dr. Stephanie Johnson, English Language Program coordinator, has been recognized by the Office of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education as a 2021 Distinguished Administrator.

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**April and May Board recognitions**

Due to space restraints in our June issue, following is a list of those recognized at the April and May meetings of the D38 Board of Education.

**Boettcher scholar**

Palmer Ridge High School Senior Riley Jones was selected as a recipient of the Boettcher Foundation Scholarship. Boettcher scholars are selected for academic achievement, outstanding character, and service and leadership in their school and community.

Jones is a top biology student and student body president.

The four-year scholarship will cover nearly all expenses at the Colorado school of Jones' choice, including tuition, fees, books, and a living stipend.

Jones said that she plans to attend the University of Colorado in Boulder.



**Above:** Riley Jones. Photo provided by D38.

**Help Wanted**

**The Church at Woodmoor, Monument, CO**

**Church Choir Director**



We are looking for a gifted and collaborative individual to bring creative and moving music to our church. This person will work with a warm and welcoming staff to contribute to a spiritually nurturing and uplifting worship environment.

**DUTIES:** Direct the adult choir, conduct weekly rehearsals, and lead the choir and congregational singing during worship services. Willing to work with all genres of music. Choose, order and schedule music and ensure that the music library is organized and maintained.

This is a part-time position. Bachelor's degree and 4 years of experience preferred. Sound musical knowledge and conducting techniques required. Two weeks paid vacation after one year of service, 401 (k) with up to 3% matching. Competitive salary depending on experience and qualifications. \$8,000-\$12,000.

**Tri-Lakes Community Handbell Director**

The Director selects music and directs the choir during weekly rehearsals and performances in the community and for The Church of Woodmoor in Monument, Co where they rehearse.

There are 10 semi-professional handbell players, all with over five years' of handbell experience. All read music, play level 3-5 music, and enjoy frequent performances such as the annual Community Handbell Christmas Concert. They have four octaves of Schulmerich bells which were refurbished in 2020 along with new tables with pads. This is a part-time position Sept. to June. There is no paid vacation or other benefits. Desired Qualifications are BA degree in Music and three years directing experience.



Send your questions and/or your resume with professional references to [BarbaraTaylor.TCAW@gmail.com](mailto:BarbaraTaylor.TCAW@gmail.com), Music Director for The Church at Woodmoor. DEADLINE: **July 19, 2021.**

She selected Tyler Dall to be honored as an outstanding teacher who influenced her.

Dall will receive a plaque, a tribute from Jones, and a \$500 grant to apply to a project at the school.

**Future health professionals**

Lewis-Palmer High School science teacher and Health Occupations Students of America faculty sponsor Monica Tupper reported on students who placed in the top three for their event categories and qualify to compete in the International Leadership Conference. These students are Joselin A. Smart, third place in Human Growth and Development Knowledge test; Mikayla Boles, Isabella Smaldie, and Sophie Kovar, second place in Public Health, and Hope Esposito, first place in Health Career Photography.

**Music recognition**

District 38 has once again been recognized as a Best Community for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants.

Teachers Raleigh Eversole (Palmer Ridge High School Band), Tom Chapman (Lewis-Palmer High School Band) and Aaron Miller (Lewis-Palmer High School vocal music) introduced their students.

Below is a list of students selected to participate in All State instrumental and vocal groups.

Palmer Ridge High School – All State Band

- Paige Alsup, bass trombone
- Mark Bernard, clarinet
- Katie Betz, horn
- Laura Lambrech, oboe
- Gabby Ward, trombone

Palmer Ridge High School – All State Orchestra

- Ruby Bales, trombone
- Mark Bernard, clarinet
- Caden Chau, bass
- Elizabeth Clinard, trombone
- Raleigh Eversole, bassoon
- Laura L Lambrech, oboe
- Xander Owen, percussion
- Gabby Ward, trombone

Palmer Ridge High School – All State Jazz

- Raleigh Eversole, tenor saxophone

Palmer Ridge High School – All State Choir

- Riana McHugh, soprano

Lewis-Palmer High School – All State Band

- Annabelle Hall, saxophone

Lewis-Palmer High School – All State Orchestra

- Jack Shimon, trumpet

Lewis-Palmer High School – All State Jazz Band

- Jack Shimon, trumpet, alternate

Lewis-Palmer High School – All State Choir

- Caroline D'Ambra, soprano

**Pikes Peak Regional**

**Science and Engineering Fair**

Mrs. DeLello, sixth-grade science teacher from Bear Creek Elementary, introduced students who participated in the Pikes Peak Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

These were Pam Boyarko, Dempsey Carnahan, Elleigh Clark, Hannah Pershica, Audrey Skalko, Lily Sobers, and Sophia Taft. They competed with projects in the areas of Biochemistry/chemistry, Earth/Space/Energy/Transportation, Engineering/physics, and Environmental science.

Boyarko, Carnahan, Skalko and Sobers moved on to the Colorado Science and Engineering Fair at a later date.

Several of the students also won additional prizes from various organizations.

DeLello praised the students for persevering in their efforts during the pandemic.

**Nurse appreciation**

Executive Director of Student Services Rick Framp-ton expressed appreciation for the six registered nurses employed by the district for their tireless efforts during the past year. He acknowledged that he often had to call them at all hours and every day of the week regarding quarantines and contacting families for various reasons.

The nurses each work at various schools during the week. They are Cathy Amhaus, Ann Colby, Donna Meier, Stacey Pearce, Luarma Torre, and Annie Vandenbussche.

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