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Fame honorees were also recognized. They are Benny Nasser as a community member and Kiwanis volunteer, former teacher and coach Tony Ramunno, and former counselor and coach Reid Wiecks.

Fifth- and sixth-grade students from Kilmer Elementary performed patriotic music under the direction of Sam Blevins, and gifted/talented teacher Katie Coomes and instructional coach Maggie Mechtly demonstrated a challenge to build a tower of notecards and a limited amount of tape strong enough to support a Wonder Woman figure. The board was divided into two teams and later assisted by students to demonstrate teamwork and how repetition increases creativity.

Enrollment estimate

Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Wangeman said that

preliminary numbers indicate an increase in enrollment of 111 students, not including Monument Academy and the homeschool academy. She cautioned that the number of individuals does not equal the number of full-time individuals, as kindergarten and preschool students count as half-time. Numbers will be finalized by the next board meeting.

Demographers had estimated an increase of 200, and the district budget is based on an increase of 90.

The Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at the district's Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Due to a conflict with Thanksgiving break, the November meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

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Above (L to R): The board recognized the 2018 honorees of the Lewis-Palmer Hall of Fame. From left are Superintendent Karen Brofft, Benny Nasser, Reid Weicks, Tony Ramunno, and board President Matthew Clawson. Photo by Harriet Halbig.



Above (L to R): Representatives of the Tri-Lakes Women's Club were recognized for their many contributions to the district. From left are Superintendent Karen Brofft, Becky Hassler, Susan Weese, and board President Matthew Clawson. Photo by Harriet Halbig.

El Paso Board of County Commissioners, Oct. 2, 9, and 11

License granted for western interceptor project

By Helen Walklett

During October, the El Paso Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved revocable licenses to allow the installation of two sewer lines to proceed, one being the western interceptor line that will provide utility service to Triview Metropolitan District's customers on both sides of I-25. The commissioners also approved an interim formal appeal procedure in relation to the county's Land Development Code.

Triview's western interceptor

At their Oct. 9 meeting, the commissioners approved a revocable license agreement between the county's Community Services Department and Triview relating to the installation of the western interceptor sewer line. The line will be installed parallel to the New Santa Fe Regional Trail from an existing sewer line on Baptist Road, through the Baptist Trailhead, and along Old Denver Road, to service areas on both sides of I-25. A small section of the interceptor will travel beneath the Santa Fe Trail, which is county property and for which the license is necessary. In exchange for the license, Triview has agreed to install a sewer line extension to the trailhead restroom building, which currently operates on an outdated compost toilet system, and to waive all associated sewer connection fees.

Triview awarded the contract for the construction of the western interceptor at its Sept. 11 board meeting. Speaking at that meeting, Chris Cummins, the district's water attorney, described the county's intention to grant a revocable license as "less favourable" to an easement but acknowledged that it is the county's policy not to grant an easement in circumstances such as this. (see <https://www.ocn.me/v18n10.htm#tvmd>)

New sewer line at Palmer Lake

At its Oct. 2 meeting, the BOCC approved a revocable license between the county's Community Services Department and Black Hills Corp. to allow the installation of a new sewer line to proceed.

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