

## NEPCO hears from D38, July 14



**Above:** Karen Brofft, D38 superintendent of schools, right, and school board Secretary Mark Pfoff spoke to representatives of the Northern El Paso Coalition of Community Associations Inc. (NEPCO) on July 14. Their comments included explanations of D38's long-range goals to deal with anticipated population growth, school safety, and education and program options to meet a variety of students' needs, and how multiple, conflicting state statutes reduce the funding D38 receives. Any citizens with ideas or questions about the November \$33 million bond issue and \$1 mill levy (with sunset) ballot issues should see [www.lewispalmer.org](http://www.lewispalmer.org) and write to [info@lewispalmer.org](mailto:info@lewispalmer.org). Also at the meeting, Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District (TLMFPD) Chief Chris Truty explained his concerns about the potential effects of the Gallagher Amendment on special district revenue. See related Lewis-Palmer Board of Education and TLMFPD articles over the last few months in OCN and on page 3. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

## Art Hop, July 19



**Above:** From left, authors Jamie Raintree and Sandra Dallas each signed a copy of their book for Linda Drummond during the July Art Hop on July 19. The book signing for Covered Treasures Bookstore took place in the foyer of the Chamber of Commerce building because of the recent water damage that closed Covered Treasures. *Photo by John Howe.*

## Rosie's Diner Car Show



**Above:** On Sunday, July 29, the annual Rosie's Diner Car Show was held in the diner's parking lot. The event featured the music of the Royal Aces band and awarded trophies for first-, second-, and third-place winners for Best Paint, Rosie's Choice, and People's Choice Best of Show. Classic cars, trucks, and even a fire truck from the 1930s to 1970s were included in the display, and the vehicle owners answered questions and shared the histories of their vehicles. Proceeds will benefit the Monument Police Department. **Below:** Tom Feeney bought his 1939 Ford Coupe while in high school for \$130. It originally was blue, and he painted it purple several years ago. The foreground shows the drive-in movie theater speakers from his high school days. *Photos by Janet Sellers*



## Downtown revitalization



**Above:** Manitou Springs representatives held an all-day workshop July 19, during Art Hop, for the Town of Monument and concluded with an idea for decorating crosswalks (in this case with wash-away paint). Madeline Van Den Hoek of Monument's Community Relations Outreach coordinated the activities of the day. Van Den Hoek has invited people from other towns and cities to present ideas they have used. One of those ideas was crosswalk painting. She and Terri Hayes, president and CEO of the Monument Chamber of Commerce, have been meeting with stakeholders of downtown merchants to revitalize the downtown area. *Photo by John Howe.*

## Santa in Monument



**Left:** Santa came to town early this year! As part of the Monument revitalization project, Chris Mikulas of Hearth House hosted Christmas in July. Santa was invited downtown to shop and play. He ate breakfast, window-shopped and finally decorated cookies with kids at Limbach Park. Jennifer Cunningham of Gallery 132 assisted with marketing the event and had her store decorated for Christmas. *Photo by Allison Robenstein.*