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Background: Colorado state House Bill 19-1177, also known as the “red flag” bill, “allows a family or household member or a law enforcement officer to petition the court for a temporary extreme risk protection order (ERPO) if they feel a person appears to be a risk to themselves or others by having a firearm in his custody or control. If the court issues an ERPO, the person would have to surrender all of his or her firearms and conceal carry permit for up to 364 days. Law enforcement would be called in to confiscate firearms if they are not surrendered voluntarily. See <http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb19-1177>.

Shirk said if he receives an order to remove guns, he would need to call in a neighboring law enforcement’s tactical team because he doesn’t have the personnel to take this on. “If I truly know someone is mentally ill, of course I want their guns,” Shirk said.

Several people spoke against the proclamation. Resident Micheale Duncan said the red flag bill has saved lives in 14 states, is a tool for law enforcement, and decisions are determined and re-evaluated by judges. Kent Jarnig, chairman of El Paso County Progressive Veterans, said the board should veto the proclamation because it isn’t best for the children of the community and that it would be better to take weapons away from those who can hurt others than to add armed guards to schools as Lewis-Palmer School District 38 has done recently.

Ann Howe spoke in favor of the proclamation, saying the Second Amendment reads “shall not be in-

fringed” with regard to someone’s rights, and the bill does not provide people who are trained to evaluate mental illness to do the adjudication.

The trustees unanimously approved the resolution declaring Monument a “Second Amendment preservation town.”

Engineering services resolution approved

Public Works Director Tom Tharnish asked the board to approve a resolution led by Triview Metropolitan District to perform a feasibility study to design a water “return flow” pipe through Colorado Springs Utilities’ (CSU) water system. This would allow Triview, the Town of Monument water system west of I-25, Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, and Donala Water and Sanitation District to access water they already have rights to use but previously had no physical way to bring it to the Tri-Lakes area.

Eventually, return flows being received will need to travel through a pipe north on a route yet to be determined. Tharnish said the first step in the return flows project is the feasibility study to be completed by JDS Hydro. “There are several elevation obstacles to be overcome.” Costs for the study will be shared between the four entities, but won’t exceed \$17,000 for any one of them. This resolution was unanimously approved and is a step toward increasing “renewable” water supply in the Tri-Lakes area.

Goodwill merger resolution postponed

The board heard a resolution authorizing the merger of Goodwill Industries of Denver with Discover Goodwill of

Southern & Western Colorado. Town Attorney Joseph Rivera thought the merger meant a simple name change, but Heather Berens of Discover Goodwill said it was permission for a merger

of Discover Goodwill with Goodwill Industries of Denver, keeping the name Discover Goodwill for the whole state.

Background: In 2014, the BOT approved a Series 2014 bond to Discover

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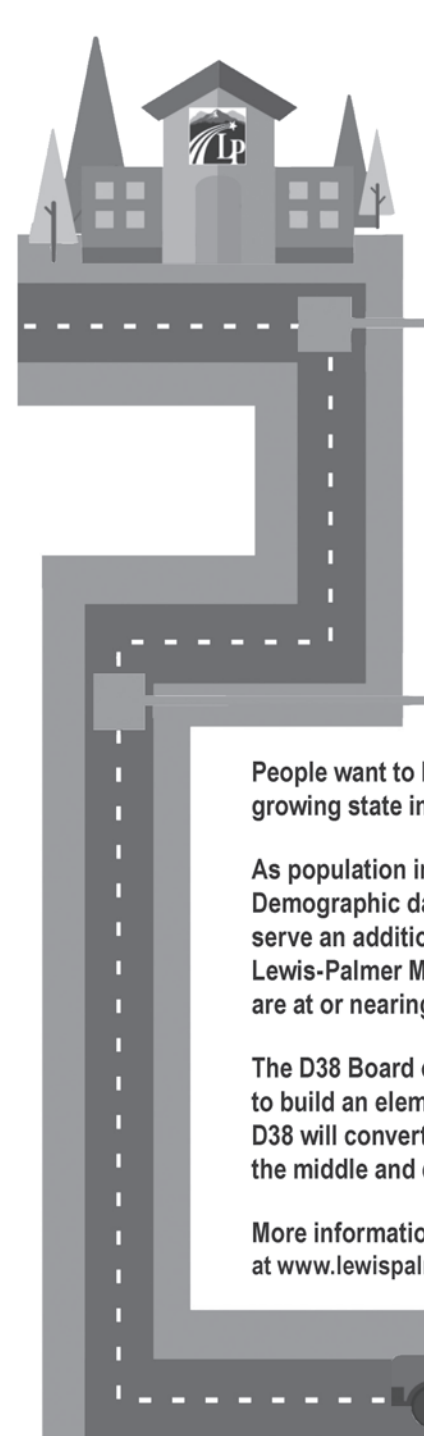
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“Today, [D38] schools do not have adequate capacity — that problem will continue to worsen unless we put our hearts, minds and energy to address the challenges that come with growth. We can do this!”

Tom Vierzba, Northern El Paso County Coalition of Community Associations, March 20, 2019, at Lewis-Palmer Middle School

Tri-Lakes Area Growth




People want to live in Colorado. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Colorado is the seventh fastest growing state in the U.S. (<https://www.denverpost.com/2018/12/24/colorado-population-growth/>)

As population increases, Lewis-Palmer School District 38 has to make room for more students. Demographic data from Metrostudy (April 1, 2019, D38 Board Meeting) forecasts that D38 will serve an additional 693 students in the next 5 years and an additional 1539 students in 10 years. Lewis-Palmer Middle School is at capacity now and some of the district’s elementary schools are at or nearing capacity.

The D38 Board of Education plans to place a single-purpose bond measure on the November 2019 ballot to build an elementary school at the Jackson Creek site next to Bear Creek Elementary School. D38 will convert BCES back to a middle school, alleviating current capacity issues at the middle and elementary school levels.

More information about D38’s proposed 2019 bond is available at www.lewispalmer.org.



LPSD May Events

May 10:
Make-up Snow Day, Classes for All Grades

May 16:
Last Day for Monument Academy Students

May 20:
Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Administration Building

May 23:
Last Day for High School Students

May 24:
Last Day for Students
LPHS and PRHS Graduations

May 27:
District Closed, Memorial Day