

DCC presents Spamalot, Apr. 6-9



Above: From April 6-9, Discovery Canyon Campus (DCC) High School Theatre presented *Spamalot*, a musical comedy based on the movie *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. In presenting the play, theater teacher and play director Amy Keating said due to the pandemic, “It has been 2-1/2 years since our last performance, something fun for the students in the cast, creating the props and doing the production was needed.” The play highlights the “immensely talented students and many seniors involved in a mixed-gender ensemble. The (seven) leads are switched, two performances are male leads and two female.” Respectively, King Arthur was performed by Ethan Homich and Zoe Collins. In performing Arthur, Homich said, “You have this great leader plopped into an insane world, which he finds difficult in belonging.” Collins added that Arthur has “so many nuances in this play, sometimes he does not know how to count, then can somehow persevere through the chaos.” *Photo by David Futey.*

DCC HS band at festival, Apr. 19



Above: On April 19, the Discovery Canyon Campus (DCC) High School Symphonic Band was one of 36 Colorado high school bands to qualify and perform at the Colorado Bandmasters Association (CBA) 2022 State Concert Band Festival. The selected bands performed at Colorado State University’s (CSU) Griffin Concert Hall and were critiqued by a panel of collegiate music educators. Under the direction of DCC Band Director Justin Carpenter, the band performed *Elements*, a “petite symphony” by Brian Balmages and Liberty Bell, composed by John Philip Sousa. The band received a “Superior” rating for its performance, a first in school history. Following its performance, the band attended a clinic by one of the judges, receiving direct feedback on its performance and instruction on refining its technique. *Photo by David Futey.*

100+ Women Who Care, Apr. 20



Above: Members of 100+ Women Who Care contribute \$100 twice a year to local Tri-Lakes nonprofits. The group meets for an hour and a half, hears a three-minute presentation from each nominee, and votes. The total annual giving of \$20,000 makes a significant impact without a large time commitment. On April 20, the group met at the Woodmoor Barn to hear presentations and decide which nominated non-profit would receive all the donations from that meeting. Tri-Lakes Cares, Monument Warriors special olympics team, and the Ryan Pappas Foundation were the nominees. In a close vote, the Ryan Pappas Foundation was the selected winner. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct.19. See www.100womenwhocaretrilakes.com for information about the group. Board member Cathy Wilcox is pictured leading the meeting. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

Easter Egg Hunt

Right: About 50 children in the Lake of the Rockies community in Monument took part in an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Community residents donated more than 1,300 eggs for the hunt. Some of the eggs were filled with candy and toys. Others contained money up to \$20. The kids were split into three age groups: ages 1-4, 5-7, and 8 and up. Oaklee Thies, who’s almost 2, found 15 eggs filled with candy. *Photo by Carly Thies.*



TLWC grant in action, Apr. 18



Above: Members of the Tri-Lakes Women’s Club (TLWC) got to see Bear Creek Elementary School students graduate the Adaptive Physical Education (APE) Community Recreation Program that’s funded by a TLWC grant. The program is offered for elementary and middle school students with special needs in the Lewis Palmer School District. Amanda Huckstep, Physical Therapist and APE/Community Recreation Consultant for District 38, says aquatic therapy helps those with special needs by decreasing “muscle tightness and mental stress” and promoting “body awareness and self-confidence.” TLWC members saw the students get their certificates of completion on the final day of the program at Safe Splash Swim School on April 18. **Pictured:** TLWC members on bench, from left are co-president Cindy Beley, Granting Chairperson Shelley Pruitt, and co-president Billie Healy. In pool from left are Cruz Vigil, John Morse, Lindsey Horne, Aubree Thomas, Safe Splash instructor Donovan Clark, Safe Splash instructor Jessica Ralls holding Zach Fisher and Caleb Schleeper. *Photo by Sue Leggerio.*

Pasque flowers in bloom, Apr. 19



Above: Pasque flowers, also known as Easter flowers, are harbingers of the Spring wildflower season. This photo was taken April 19 near a trail in the Mount Herman/Raspberry Mountain area. *Photo and caption by Randy Phillips.*