

85 third and final notices with a deadline of May 17 before liens would be filed, adding a cost of \$350 to their balance. Bush noted that the board has a long-standing policy that, although it would place liens for unpaid dues or fines, it would not proceed to foreclosure on any property.

- Woodmoor Public Safety (WPS) Chief Kevin Nielsen reported receiving the first reports of bears and reminded residents to keep trash and pet food in their garage.
- Nielsen said there had been a few reports of Criminal Trespass Auto (CTA), this month, one of which included a stolen laptop its owner was able to track. The Sheriff's Office found and impounded the vehicle and executed a search warrant and found the vehicle filled with property. All three vehicles in Woodmoor were left outside and unlocked.
- ACC Director Ed Miller reported 39 projects

submitted to the ACC for approval in March for a year-to-date total of 97, which represents a 4.3% increase from the previous year. The project approval rating for 2024 stands at 100%. Bush asked if large projects occurring in the neighborhood were checked for ACC approval. Miller replied that if they were not approved it would be a covenant violation and Nielsen confirmed that WPS calls in large projects to confirm.

- Board member Cindy Thrush confirmed that chipping days have been set for June 29-30 and July 27-28 at Lewis-Palmer High School. Chipping is free to residents and open to non-residents for a nominal fee.
- Common Area Director Steve Cutler reported that sprinklers at The Barn would start up after Mother's Day and flowers would be planted by Memorial Day. He also reported looking at a prototype raptor pole to test

where there is a colony of prairie dogs.

- Bush confirmed that WIA is sending letters to neighbors near The Preserve about spraying noxious weeds. Bille noted that the substance used is environmentally friendly and safe for pets. Cutler noted that the grant WIA had received included resident education.

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The WIA Board of Directors usually meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month in The Barn at 1691 Woodmoor Drive, Monument. The next meeting will be on May 22. The WIA calendar can be found at [www.woodmoor.org/wia-calendar/](http://www.woodmoor.org/wia-calendar/). WIA board meeting minutes can be found at [www.woodmoor.org/meeting-minutes/](http://www.woodmoor.org/meeting-minutes/) once approved and posted.

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## April Weather Wrap

By Bill Kappel

For the second April in a row, precipitation was below average. However, unlike last year, we have had ample moisture heading into spring and therefore, the lower-than-normal moisture last month isn't as big of a problem. Along with the drier-than-normal conditions, temperatures were above normal. This was mostly result of overnight lows being well above average and no significantly cold mornings during the month.

The first two days of the month were cool and unsettled with light snowfall from the afternoon of the 1st into the morning of the 2nd. Most of us received 1-2 inches of snowfall, nothing too heavy but enough to remind us that winter-like weather wasn't over yet. After this quick shot of cool weather and light snow, conditions were quiet for the next two weeks, with only a trace of snow occurring with a brief snow shower on the 6th. Temperatures were generally within 5 degrees above or below normal during the entire period from the 3rd through the 13th, when temperatures warmed to well above normal from the 13th through the 15th. Temperatures reached into the upper 60s and low 70s during this period and was our first real taste of spring.

The mild conditions were ahead of a pattern change that allowed a series of storm systems into the region out of the Pacific Northwest. Most of these bypassed the Front Range without any significant precipitation. Therefore, we didn't have an upslope or cold air to help with precipitation production. The first change came in during the morning and afternoon of the 16th, when snow showers developed across the area and

produced a quick dusting of snow.

Finally, a real cold front with persistent upslope conditions moved in during the morning of the 18th. This brought well-below-normal temperatures and areas of fog to the region. There were some light snow showers and flurries at times as well as this pattern stayed entrenched for the next few days. Highs were held in the 30s to low 40s during the period. A more organized disturbance moved across during the afternoon of the 20th and produced more widespread snow showers, with 1-2 inches accumulating in the region.

Mild and dry conditions quickly returned, with highs jumping into the 60s and low 70s from the 22nd through the 25th. This quick warmup was ahead of our strongest storm of the month. This system began to affect the region during the afternoon and evening of the 26th, with good old rain showers and a few thunderstorms developing. This was associated with a series of low pressures moving through the Intermountain West, toward the Four Corners, then redeveloping over eastern Colorado. This pattern also drew in a lot of moisture from the Gulf of Mexico, producing heavy rain at times to our east and areas of severe weather.

Rain showers continued during the evening and early morning hours of the 26th into the 27th. As the atmosphere continued to cool, rain turned to heavy wet snow during the early morning of the 27th. And as is typical this time of the year, elevation was very important for who saw heavy snow and who saw no snow. For most areas above 7,000 feet, 2-6 inches of snow accumu-

lated during the morning and afternoon of the 27th. Unsettled and cool conditions continued on the 28th with a few showers developing, but this was the last moisture of the month. Quiet conditions moved in for the last couple days of the month, with temperatures moving from below normal on the 28th to above normal on the 30th.

### A look ahead

May often brings a wide variety of weather conditions in the region, from warm, sunny days to severe thunderstorms and hail, and we are not done with snowfall. We can see very wet weather, sometimes heavy snow and other times our first 90 temperatures of the year. So be prepared for just about anything.

### April 2024 Weather Statistics

Average High	56.9° (+0.4°)
Average Low	30.5° (+2.9°)
Highest Temperature	72° on the 14th
Lowest Temperature	19° on the 8th
Monthly Precipitation	1.84"
	(-1.22", 38% below normal)
Monthly Snowfall	9.5"
	(-15.2", 65% below normal)
Season to Date Snow	136.9"
	(+19.4", 15% above normal)
	(the snow season is from July 1 to June 30)
Season to Date Precip.	7.23"
	(+1.03", 15% above normal)
	(theprecipseasonisfromJanuary1toDecember31)
Heating Degree Days	640 (-49)
Cooling Degree Days	0
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## Letters to Our Community

Guidelines for letters are on page 27.

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### LPHS After Prom thanks

Thanks to our great community of parents, LP staff, and students, After Prom 2024 was a huge success! We had approximately 450+ students attend the event themed "Around the World in 80 Days."

Many school districts do not offer an After Prom, as the planning and coordination involve a substantial amount of time and money. Both

District 38 high schools have such a dedicated group of staff, parents, and community patrons that we have been able to make After Prom a yearly tradition.

Much of the financial support comes from family, community, and local business donations. We would like to recognize the following: Tri-Lakes Printing, Something New Boutique, Arlene's Beans, Horseshoe Donuts, Broadmoor World Arena, Chick-fil-A Northgate, Mountain High Kettle Corn, Chipotle, City Rock, Costa Vida, Crumbl Cookies, Fuzzy's Taco Shop, Glowgolf, IHOP InterQuest, Jeff Schmidt—State Farm, Jennifer Clinard Realtor—Front Range Real Estate Professionals, Josh & John's Ice Cream, Kendra Scott, Lost Island Miniature Golf & Adventure Park, Main Event, Michelle Provencio, Realtor, The Cutting Edge, Realtors, MOD Pizza,

Only One You, Overdrive Raceway, PF Chang's, Qdoba, Raising Cane's, Scheels, Slim Chickens, Snarf's sandwiches, Texas Roadhouse, Top Golf, Torchy's Tacos, Vibes Baseball, Water World.

We had over 100 volunteers who helped with duties including purchasing prizes, mailing invitations, organizing/transporting/providing food, decorating, working on the night of the event, and cleaning up the day after.

A special thank you goes to the After Prom committee: Lori Benton, Liz Scott, Jenn Clinard, Michelle Provencio, Nicole Pritchard, and Liz Meggett. Many thanks also to our amazing LP Staff led by Principal Bridget O'Connor, Coach Tupper, and Paul Lugauer. Michelle Olinger After Prom Chair Lewis-Palmer High School

Between the Covers at Covered Treasures Bookstore

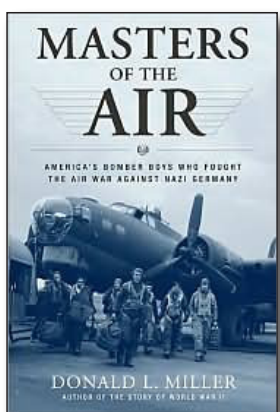
## Military history for Memorial Day

By the staff at Covered Treasures  
"Those who stand for nothing fall for anything."—Alexander Hamilton

May is the month to pay tribute to the men and women who have served in the U.S. military. It's the perfect time to learn the history of the U.S. in relation to the wars we have fought.

### Masters of the Air

By Donald Miller (Simon Schuster) \$23  
Masters of the Air is the deeply personal story of the American bomber boys in World War II who brought the war to Hitler's doorstep. This is a story of life in war-time England and in the German prison camps, where tens of thousands



of airmen spent part of the war. It ends with an account of the hunger marches that the captured airmen were forced to make near the end of the war through the country their bombs destroyed.

### Valiant Women

By Lena Andrews (Mariner Books) \$33  
Valiant Women is the story of the 350,000 American women who served in uniform during World War II. These incredible women served in every service branch, in every combat theater, and in nearly two-thirds of the available military occupations at the time. They were pilots, code-breakers, ordnance experts, gunnery instructors, metalsmiths, chemists, translators, parachute riggers, truck drivers, radar men, pigeon trainers, and much more. They were directly involved in some of the most important moments of the war, from the D-Day landings to the peace negotiations in Paris.

### The War to End All Wars

By Russell Freedman (Clarion Books) \$12  
This book for young readers illuminates the complex and rarely discussed subject of World War I: The tangled relationships and alliances of many nations, the introduction of modern weaponry, and top-level military decisions that resulted in thousands upon thousands of casualties all contributed to the "great war," which people hoped and believed would be the only conflict of its kind.

### What Was Pearl Harbor?

By Patricia Brennan Demuth (Penguin Workshop) \$8  
On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese war planes appeared out of nowhere to bomb the American base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. It was a highly secretive and devastating attack: four battleships sunk, more than 2,000 servicemen died, and the United States was propelled into World War II. In a