



Left: Families gathered March 30 for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Palmer Lake Town Hall on the green. Within minutes, all eggs had been found and the happy hunters turned in their fillable Easter eggs for candy and prizes and loaded up their baskets.

Right: Brandon W., Wyatt S, and Haley D. take a look at the bounty they hunted at the annual Palmer Lake Easter egg event on the green. There were plenty of eggs and candy, so with full baskets and happy smiles on the warm spring day, there was plenty to enjoy.

Photos by Janet Sellers.



PLVFD hosts Easter Pancake Breakfast, Mar. 31



Left: Weston Oesterreich of the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department cooking pancakes at the Easter Pancake Breakfast fundraiser at Palmer Lake Town Hall March 31. **Above:** Oesterreich, Courtney Dalton, Tyler Ruona, and Abigail Vierling greeted and served breakfast. *Photos by Janet Sellers.*

Marvels of electricity at WMMI, Mar. 16



Left: Colorado Springs Utilities Safety Education Demonstrator Stan Fisher showed the possible effects of coming in contact with high voltage.

Right: Chris Thompson created engines and generators from Legos.

Photos by David Futey

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Capt. McGrath, Mar. 21



On March 21, retired Navy Captain Mike McGrath spoke to the Association of Intelligence Officers about his six-year internment as a prisoner of war in Viet Nam at a luncheon held at the Inn at Palmer Divide. McGrath, who is a native of Delta, Colorado, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1962. He was shot down just north of the Vietnamese city of Thanh Hoa in his A-4C on June 30, 1967 while serving on carrier, USS Constellation. During ejection, he received a broken and dislocated arm, and fractured vertebrae and knee. During the brutal torture sessions that followed, his other shoulder and elbow were dislocated. He noted how his years as a Naval Academy wrestler at the United States Naval Academy had helped him develop the strength, stamina and determination that enabled me to resist his captors and survive his barbaric treatment. He was interned at Hoa Lo (the Hanoi Hilton), Zoo Annex, Camp Faith, Dog Patch, and the Plantation. In all his years as a POW, he was constantly sustained by a great faith in America and in our government. He never lost hope or faith in our government and country. He was release on March 4, 1973. After returning from Vietnam, McGrath was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, 17 Air Medals, 2 Bronze Stars, 2 Purple Hearts, the Navy Marine Corp Medal as well as the POW medal. He was the Commanding Officer of VA-97, a Department Head at USNA and Naval Attaché in Quito, Ecuador before retiring from the United States Navy as a Captain in 1987.

Caption by retired Air Force Colonel Jim Kendrick, retired Chair of the Electrical Engineering Department, U.S. Naval Academy. Photo by Mike Wicklund.

Gray Matter

OCN is pleased to include some of the work of budding cartoonist Levi Pennison. Levi is 12-years old and lives in Palmer Lake. Please let us know what you think at editor@ocn.me.

