

Snapshots of Our Community

Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) Exhibits, April 5



Above: Max Hatfield is shown with a few of the kilims in the *Weaving Their Way to Hope* exhibit in the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts Lucy Owens Gallery. The kilims are made by impoverished Kurdish women in Turkey. Proceeds from the sale of the rugs are used to provide health care and education opportunities for them. See www.ocn.me/v13n4.htm#arts or contact max@friendshipinc.org for more information. *Photo by David Futey.*



Above: The TLCA featured works by the Pikes Peak Pastel Society (PPPS) in its main gallery. This juried show, titled *Springtime in the Rockies*, featured expressive landscapes and other scenes from members of the society. Judith Michael-Myers won first place with her work *Little Dancer*. Information on the PPPS is at www.pikespeakpastel.org. Information on upcoming events at the TLCA is at www.trilakesarts.org. *Photo by David Futey.*

PRHS presents *Midsummer Night's Dream*



By Janet Sellers

On the evenings of April 11 to 13, students from Palmer Ridge High School portrayed Shakespeare's play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* for their spring theater event. The elaborate stage included a forest scene with rock ledges and a two-story cascading waterfall that flowed into a pond on stage, with the actors nestled among the rocky ledges or ambling through the forest paths in the fantasy story scenes.

The students captured the classic timing and hilarity of the romantic comedy play. At once a random infusion of Greek comedy, fairy tale enchantments, courtly love, and a confusion of silliness, the play revealed that the dynamics of love and its misconceptions ring true for any age. With great amounts of laughter and applause, theater-goers showed they were entertained in a most professional way.

Pictured above: The entire Palmer Ridge High School drama cast takes the last bow. The elaborate stage sets, with forest waterfall and rocky cliffs, were built by students under the planning and direction of Joshua Belk, director of theater. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

LPHS presents *Alice in Wonderland*



By student Mollie Brandt

On Friday, April 26, the first of two showings of the whimsical play *Alice in Wonderland* was performed by the students at Lewis-Palmer High School, with the opening night of the spring play sold out. The magic of the classic childhood story and movie came to life. Each of the characters was played by the students and touched everyone in the audience.

Alice, played by freshman Cassidy Ogden, made her trip through Wonderland, including scenes such as Alice meeting the caterpillar, her attendance at the Mad Hatter tea party, playing croquet with the Queen of Hearts, and the trial of the Queen's stolen tarts. The cast, consisting of about 30 students (most of them freshmen), put the audience in that make-believe world.

The costumes were colorful, accurate, and very well made. The acting was impressive. The students had skillfully developed their characters and seemed to become their characters as well. The brightly lit set filled the stage—just what one would expect in a place called Wonderland. The play seemed to be enjoyed by all and went off without a hitch on its opening night. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*

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