



**Above:** On June 19, Tri-Lakes Views began installing public art, with a backhoe for the heavy lifting, on its concrete pedestals in the town art park on Second Street adjacent to the Lewis-Palmer School District 38 “Big Red” administrative headquarters building. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.*

activities to ensure that planning, capital projects, operations, and maintenance and permit compliance responsibilities are appropriately.

- To perform the necessary financial tasks of the authority.

The agreement may be terminated and the authority dissolved upon the decision of each of the parties’ governing bodies, or in the event withdrawal of parties leaves only one Party remaining in the PPRDA.

Any party may withdraw from this agreement by official action of its governing body, and such withdrawal would not constitute termination of this IGA. To withdraw, however, a party must give at least 180 days’ written notice to the PPRDA board. A withdrawing party would retain ownership of, and ongoing

maintaining responsibility for, any real property interest or fixtures to real property resulting from this agreement.

If a party withdraws, special fees charged to citizens within that party’s jurisdiction would cease upon the effective date of the withdrawal. Any unexpended funds obtained through special fees charged to citizens within that jurisdiction would be deposited into a special fund in the name of the withdrawing jurisdiction and would be used in a manner that maintains their status as special fees.

A withdrawing party would retain ownership of, and operation/maintenance responsibility for any capital improvements placed in its jurisdiction through PPRDA funds.

The project list and ballot language are expected to be

completed by the end of July.

Mayor Rafael Dominguez summarized the reasons why the board was not in favor of joining PPRDA. Some of the biggest objections were:

- The authority is an additional layer of bureaucracy.
- The town already provides its own stormwater oversight, management, and master planning and doesn’t need these benefits from the authority.
- An emergency in another municipality would become an emergency in Monument because the funding could

go elsewhere, such as Manitou Springs.

- When Colorado Springs has \$161 million in projects and seven votes while Monument has less than \$10 million of projects and one vote, it would be hard for Monument to compete and get its money back.

Munger asked the board and mayor to send him any questions the board may have.

**ARTSites presentation**

Sky Hall of Tri-Lakes Views gave his annual pictorial presentation to the board on the history of town displays of public art in

west Monument as well as the display changes underway for the coming year, and the expansion of the Tri-Lakes Views brochure to include the new art pieces.

Hall noted that the sculpture 1306 by artist Randy Curry has been donated to the town’s permanent collection of public art, increasing the town’s total to five pieces. The piece is valued at \$5,500. The sculpture will be permanently placed on one of the new pedestals at the Santa Fe Trailhead Park on Third Street, which the county has deeded to the town. Hall said that when the

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## Lewis-Palmer School District #38 SCHOOL NEWS

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### National News Program Partners with LPHS

Students at Lewis-Palmer High School will have an opportunity for their video journalism work to be seen across the country, in a new partnership with the National Public Broadcasting System (PBS). The PBS News Hour program has chosen LPHS for a Student News Lab project, based on its strengths in both video journalism and technology offerings at the school. It is the only school in Colorado currently in the Student News Lab network. Students in video production classes will produce a series of short documentaries on science-related topics of national or global concern, to be broadcast by PBS stations. Students will benefit from public broadcasting resources, including a network of mentors from local television industry, journalism curriculum support for teaching staff, and a national collaborative space for students online.

### New Course Planned for LPHS

Lewis-Palmer High School plans to offer a new course that will help prepare students for a host of careers related to medicine. LPHS is adding Principles of Biomedical Science to its class offerings. Students will have the opportunity to apply concepts of biology and use medical investigative techniques. The activities and projects introduce human physiology, basic biology, medicine, and research processes while allowing students to design their own experiments to solve problems. This course is the introductory unit of a three-year program in biomedical science and engineering, through the school’s Project Lead the Way (PLTW) program, a national partnership for engineering and science. Both District 38 high schools are certified by the PLTW program, and LPHS would become the fourth school in the Pikes Peak Region to offer the Biomedical Science course.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY  
**PLTW**

### Student Publications Recognized for Excellence at PRHS

Congratulations to The Bear Truth newspaper and Epilogue yearbook at Palmer Ridge High School for their best performance ever in the Colorado High School Press Association’s annual Best of Colorado competition. Those student publications won 19 awards, under the successful leadership of student editors Brianna Downs and Kathryn Patrick.

Yearbook top left-right: Chloe Woolum, Ivanka Garrett, Trevor Tuthill, Olivia Ward, Claire Graziano  
Newspaper left-right: Dalin Craig, Holly Knutsen, Anna Schnellbach, Jenny Olson, Kathryn Patrick, Kaydee Donohoo, Sabrina Schoenemeir, Hannah Capek, Evan Ochsner, Jimmy Kochanski  
Bottom left-right: Brianna Downs, Keira Strickling, Lara McWhorter  
Not pictured: Ali Minarick and Diana Araje

### Summer Support from Seven Silver

Support for families in need is necessary year-round in our community, so students at Lewis-Palmer Middle School chose a service project that will help throughout the summer months. Just before the end of the school year, the seventh-grade silver team (“Seven Silver”) collected food and hygiene items for Tri-Lakes Cares, to help that service organization kick off a summer contribution drive. Students walked from their school to the distribution center in Monument to deliver more than 100 bags of donations. They toured the facility and helped process the items collected, and learned more about the ongoing need for volunteers and donations.

More than 100 students from LPMS carried donations to Tri-Lakes Cares, then learned about its services.

### July Sports Camps

High school coaches are offering sports day camps for elementary and middle school students! See the details on individual team web sites. Students are welcome to attend camps at either school. This month:

LPHS Baseball: ages 11-13 starts July 8th	
PRHS Volleyball: 3rd - 8th grade starts July 18	
PRHS Softball: 6th - 8th grade starts July 28	
PRHS Football: 3rd - 8th grade starts July 28	