

Work on park and lake continues

Jeff Hulsmann gave the council a status report on the Awake the Lake project, and on the Great Outdoors Colorado grant that is funding work on the park west of the lake. Details about Awake the Lake can be found on the project's website (<http://awakepalmerlake.org/>). A chief financial officer and a fundraiser have joined the Awake the Lake committee. The current treasurer is leaving the team.

Work on the park has begun, and the different areas of the park are being edged with railroad ties. Bryan Construction of Colorado Springs is the general contractor and project manager for the work on the park. The plan for the park includes a pe-

destrian bridge that will cross the railroad tracks and connect the park to the Town of Palmer Lake. The GOCO grant that is funding work on the park is a matching grant, so fundraising will be ongoing to match what the grant provides.

Resident raises concerns about nepotism in town hiring

Resident Jim Adams questioned Mayor McDonald about how the town documents agreements with employees and contractors. He asked if contracts were signed, legal documents. He expressed concerns that questions he raised in previous Town Council meetings about this issue had not been answered by the council and that available work was being given to members of certain families without be-

ing offered to others seeking employment. Larry Gaddis, the town lawyer, pointed out to McDonald that Adams was entitled to make comments, but that neither she nor the council was obligated by law to answer any questions. The discussion between Adams and McDonald was heated at times. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. March 12 at Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of the month. Information: 481-2953.

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Mozart & Beethoven Chamber Concert
Sunday, Mar 15, 2015 at 2:30 pm
Pre-concert Lecture at 1:45 pm
Cost: \$20.00

Future Concert Dates:
April 12 & May 31

"Born Into Brothels" Free Film
Monday, Mar 23, 2015 at 6:30 pm
Brief presentation by Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado
Donations Welcome

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Nominations Open for Lewis-Palmer School District HALL of FAME

Lewis-Palmer School District #38 is now accepting nominations for its 2015 Hall of Fame Awards. Anyone may nominate a person who has made significant, ongoing contributions to the excellence of D-38 schools. The deadline to submit a nomination is April 30. These awards seek to honor teachers, support staff, volunteers, elected officials, administrators, and community members. Application forms and information about how recipients are chosen are posted on the Hall of Fame web page at www.lewispalmer.org under the Community tab. The induction ceremony is planned for the fall of 2015. For more information call 488-4700.

National Letter of Intent Day

Congratulations to 12 students from D-38 who signed athletic scholarship agreements for college teams next fall. In the national signing day ceremony, students who committed to play included:

- MacKenzie Gouner (PRHS) University Of Tennessee – Soccer
- Matthew Kostenbauer (PRHS) University Of Nebraska Kearney – Football
- Madison Tominello (PRHS) Colorado College – Soccer
- Jake Grubescic (PRHS) Midland University – Baseball
- Brooke Buzzell (PRHS) Wayne State College, Nebraska – Soccer
- Ciara Richardson (PRHS) Vernon College, Texas – Softball
- Cydney Skinner (PRHS) University Of Nebraska Omaha – Soccer
- Matthew Hansen (PRHS) Kansas Wesleyan University – Baseball – NAIA
- Cade Bains (PRHS) Lindenwood University – Swimming
- Jennifer Slaughter (PRHS) Colby Community College – Softball
- Joseph Scott (LPHS) Colorado State University Pueblo – Football

At least six more D-38 students plan to sign letters of intent for college sports teams later in the spring.



Upcoming Events

- 3/11 Board/Parent Coffee at Administration Building 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- 3/19 PRHS/LPHS/LPMS Combined Choir Concert 7:00 p.m. at PRHS
- Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 3/20 PRHS Improv Show 7:00 p.m.
- 3/23-27 Spring Break, No Classes
- 4/2 Incoming 7th Grader Family Open House at LPMS 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 4/11 Kilmer Elementary Art Show 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- 1st and 2nd grades Music Show at 6:30 p.m.

Focus on Famous

Second graders at Palmer Lake Elementary brought history to life in the culminating learning exhibit for their study of famous Americans. Each student chose the historical figure they would read about and research. They filled the gym with celebrities, pioneers, scientists, authors, and more. Each student was interviewed in character and costume, presenting what they'd learned.

Famous Americans, from left: Neil Armstrong, Walt Disney, Stan Lee, Abraham Lincoln, and Barack Obama, Amelia Earhart, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Roberto Clemente, and Paul Revere.



from left:
Ethan McIntire,
Sophia Hauck,
Jackson Bolko,
Zeki Wacker,
William Teodocio Alejo,
Ariana Brimhall,
Katrin Harres,
Aiden Stafford,
Gabriel Overmyer