

the connection to Donala is complete in 2018, AWSW wastewater customers will pay a monthly user fee of about \$45 to Donala as part of their AWSW bill.

Curry emphasized that the cost of wastewater service would be more expensive if the district had to rebuild its own treatment plant to meet stricter requirements instead of teaming up with Donala. And since it is a big unknown whether the EPA will impose even more requirements in the future, it would be better to “be among 3,300 Donala homeowners sharing costs for any new upgrades required,” instead of just 300 AWSW homeowners, Curry said.

Election could help reduce costs to residents

The board members stressed the importance of the May 3 election. Curry told the board that it needed to have just one ballot question in May, not three as he previously

thought.

Curry said, “If we don’t get voter approval, we can’t spend the (grant) money or build this new system connecting us to Donala, and then the state is probably going to shut us down. We have to do this one way or the other! We don’t have a choice.”

President Richard DuPont told the visiting resident that all the board members are district residents and that they have spent the last three years evaluating the most efficient and affordable options to meet the new EPA requirements.

**Do you know where your curb stop is?**

Pastorello asked the board to set aside money to hire contractors to help dig out curb stops, or emergency water shutoff boxes, that residents have inadvertently buried in their landscaping or paved over. Curb stops are owned by the district and are usually located behind the water meter

near the street and would be used by the manager to shut off water in an emergency situation such as frozen water pipes, Pastorello said. See photo of a curb stop on the right.

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The Academy Water and Sanitation District board meets at 6 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Donald Wescott Fire Station, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Contact District Manager Anthony Pastorello at 481-0711 or see the district website at [www.colorado.gov/pacific/awsd/general-info](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/awsd/general-info) for lots of information.



**Above:** Typical water system curb stop. Curb stops are used to shut off water in an emergency such as frozen water pipes. Residents’ help is needed to keep curb stops clear and accessible. Photo by Lisa Hatfield.

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at the January meeting and said she has reached out to the town but that Town Treasurer Pamela Smith “gave the normal ‘we have done it,’ ... and (Town Manager Chris Lowe) did not appear very interested in following up.”

**Note:** The town of Monument is the legal entity that collects and distributes Triview’s share of revenue payments for sales tax, motor vehicle tax, and regional building sales tax. Monthly check amounts from the town to Triview are usually at least \$100,000.

Remington’s comments included:

- (Smith) sent three different versions of the statement for January 2015.

Which one do I believe? These are what need to be corrected.

- Reporting revenue incorrectly can and will be a problem on the district audit and you might not get a certification, and that could put you in default with your bonds.
- The payments come almost a month after they are approved by the Monument Board of Trustees.
- The town approves an “up to” (or “not to exceed”) amount which requires correcting later.
- There was enough concern when the statements were not correct. It raises an issue (about whether what they are

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## Lewis-Palmer School District

# HALL of FAME

## NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

Lewis-Palmer School District #38 is now accepting nominations from the community for inductees to the 2016 Hall of Fame. Anyone may nominate a person who has made significant, ongoing contributions to the excellence of District 38 schools. The awards seek to honor teachers, support staff, administrators, volunteers, elected officials, and community members. Application forms and information about how recipients are chosen are posted on the District website at [www.lewispalmer.org](http://www.lewispalmer.org) under the Community Tab.

**Deadline: April 30, 2016**

## LPSD Upcoming Events

March 4	No Classes pK-6
March 5	Monument Academy Green4Green Event
March 7	Middle/High School Parent Resource Night
March 8	High School Student Career Awareness Event
March 10-12	Lewis-Palmer High School Play: Great Expectations
March 21-25	Spring Break

## Teacher Spotlight: Hilary Penner

Hilary Penner, Lewis-Palmer Middle School science teacher, grew up in Lewis-Palmer schools and graduated from Lewis-Palmer High School. Last year, she demonstrated her appreciation of her LP experience by writing a letter of recommendation for her fifth grade teacher Barb Elliott for the 2015 LPSD Hall of Fame. (Mrs. Elliott was inducted into the Hall of Fame last September.) After graduating from LPHS, Hilary traded in the mountains for the sea and earned her degree in marine biology which she taught while furthering her education and working as a sea turtle biologist. Hilary spent lots of time following tracks in the sand, marking and protecting sea turtle nests on the beaches of Florida, in addition to educating the public about sea turtles.

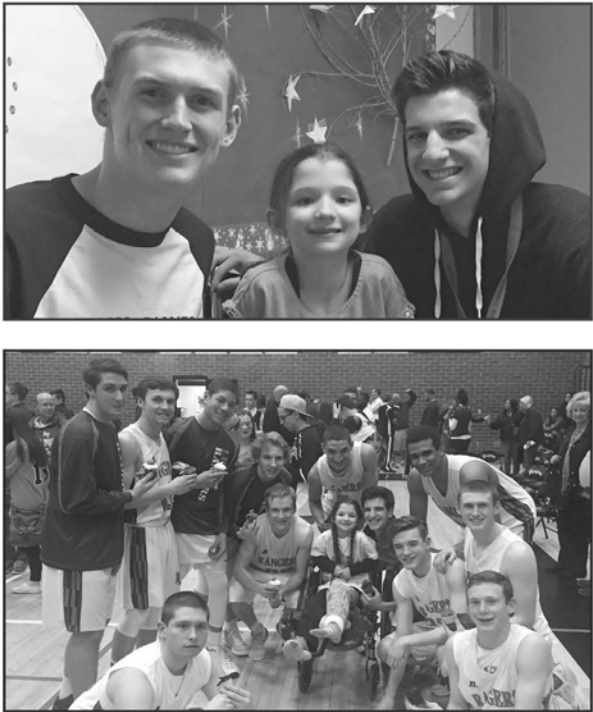
Mrs. Penner’s favorite pastime is scuba diving, and her favorite locations are Curacao, Isla Mujeres, and the Grand Caymans. She spends some of her underwater time doing fish surveys, counting tiny fish which she actively searches out because they hide under overhanging rocks. The data that she and other scuba divers collect goes to a non-profit organization which tracks the health of our oceans by following some of its smaller inhabitants. Hilary also volunteered at the Oregon Coast Aquarium where the killer whale from “Free Willy” resided.

Now that she is back in Colorado, she enjoys cooking and planning her next scuba adventure. These trips include the entire family. Now, her sixth grade daughter is a certified scuba diver. Hilary appreciates the support of her LPMS team mates as they work together developing techniques



which break the “science is hard” barrier. Hilary uses hands-on activities making science relevant for her students.

When asked if she preferred working with the large ocean inhabitants such as the killer whales or the teeny tiny fish, she responded, “I like everything in the ocean, including me.”



## Basketball Team Builds Relationships

Third graders don’t often get visits at school from varsity basketball players, yet this is exactly what happened to Ashley Moffett. Charlie Hovasse and Kyle Owens delivered a balloon and a bear to Ashley at Kilmer Elementary in January after she broke her leg while skiing. Ashley named the bear Kylie in honor of Kyle and Charlie. An avid reader and athlete (she enjoys volleyball, basketball, and cross country running), Ashley participated in the Lewis-Palmer High School youth basketball camp the past two summers where she and her sisters, Olivia and Emily, got to know the basketball team. Ashley’s mom relates that not only do these young men play basketball extremely well, but they are also “classy, stand-up kids.” Team members remember the Moffett girls’ names and say hello whenever they run into them around town. In appreciation of the goodwill shown to the Moffetts, the family brought cupcakes to the basketball team at a recent game. Ashley’s brothers (LPHS 2015 graduates) claim that she is more popular at LPHS than they were.