

Monument Board of Trustees Candidate Forum, Mar. 8



Above: On March 9, eight candidates vying for four open positions on the Monument Board of Trustees answered questions in front of an audience of about 30 people at the Lewis-Palmer School District Administration building. There are about 6,000 residents in the Town of Monument, and ballots are due by **April 5**. From left are Kevin Sorenson, John Howe, Tim Allen, Becki Tooley, Shea Medlicott, Don Wilson, Jeff Bornstein, and Greg Coopman. See www.ocn.me/v16n3.htm#mbot-candidates. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

Little Hearts, Big Music, Mar. 4



Above: On March 4, local seniors were treated to a special recital by some exceptional musicians. Thirteen children, age 5 to 15, filled the Tri-Lakes Senior Center with compositions from classical composers such as Bach, Handel, and Pachelbel. Little Hearts, Big Music is a small group of young violinists, pianists, flutists, oboists, clarinetists, duets, trios, quartets, vocalists and dancers under the direction of Melissa Devolve. They play once a month, without any compensation, at nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout the local area. These exceptionally talented children have a gift of music that they enjoy sharing with the elderly. To schedule a performance, please contact the director, Melissa Devolve at 719-650-3712, or by email at LittleHeartsBigMusic@gmail.com. For more information, see LittleHeartsBigMusic.com. See also the photo on page 1. *Photo courtesy of Silver Alliance.*

MA Green4Green Fundraiser, Mar. 5



Above: On March 5, Monument Academy held its Green4Green Tailgate Kickoff event to raise money for a turf field to replace the hard-packed dirt surface behind the school. The goal was to raise money toward the \$125,000 needed for Phase 1 of a longer-term project to improve recreational facilities for MA students. A team of eight volunteers organized the event, which included Silent and Live auctions and donated food stations, a wine pull, and a raffle for a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. The event raised nearly \$65,000, which exceeded their goal. With money raised earlier and money that the MA School Board allocated from the reserve fund, there is sufficient money to begin work on the turf field. Additional photos can be seen at: <http://footstepsphotography.pass.us/160305maauction/>. Auctioneers Shannon and Rich Schur take a selfie in front of the MA Green4Green attendees showing their auction paddle numbers. The Schurs, who donated their services, run Schur Success Auction and Appraisal in Colorado Springs. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

Great Expectations, Mar. 10-12



Above: The Lewis-Palmer High School drama department put on the spring play *Great Expectations* on March 10 to 12. *Great Expectations* is a coming-of-age story of a young orphan by Charles Dickens. The cast, many of whom are members of the International Thespian Troupe #5450, entertained community members on an intriguing great book-themed set. *Photo by Jackie Burhans*

Long Ears Easter Egg Hunt, Mar. 26



Above: On March 26, the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) hosted its first Long Ears Easter Egg Hunt. After securing their finds in the museum library, Hannah, Melody, and Braiden Wright begin to inspect what is inside their eggs. The hunt is as a fundraiser for the care of the museum's two burros, Nugget and Chism. The inclement weather did not deter visitors as the morning and afternoon activities were at capacity. The egg hunt was in the museum's library because of the snowy weather conditions. Besides candies in the majority of eggs, there were door prizes for finding one of the handful of golden eggs. Visitors also had a chance to meet the museum burros, create Easter crafts, and learn about the care required for burros and other animals. Information on upcoming events at the museum is at www.wmmi.org. *Photo by David Futey.*

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