commercial area in VCMD to balance out the residential areas, and that without a commercial property tax, the district could not meet its financial obligations.

For a recap of that meeting, see www.ocn.
me/5ofh/kh4t6auq16. 

Sparks said that later in 2004, when the service plan was approved, Monu-
ment Mayor Byron Glenn said there would be a debt service cap of 25 mills, leaving 10 mills for operations and main-
tenance, but that cap was not included in the bond indenture. This allowed the bondholders to take all 35 mills generated by the metro district, “which in essence leaves zero dollars for the metro district to operate,” Sparks said.

At the Nov. 3, 2014 Board of Trust-
cees meeting, the town approved Classic 
Consulting Engineers and Surveyors’ ap-
proval to change the zonation of 330,000 square feet in VCMD from commercial to residential, which cut property tax reve-
ue in half and eliminated any sales taxes revenue that would have been generated, Sparks said. Trustee Jeff Bornstein was the lone trustee to vote against that reclas-
sification, and it was expressed in public 
comments the rezoning would severely limit the metro district’s ability to pay back the debt or to operate. See www.ocn.
me/v14/x22.1.htm#b30130.

Sparks said the only options open to 
VCMD were to get financial help from the town by asking the town to help with road maintenance or raise the mill levy for residents, and either plan requires par-
ticipation from the town since it is gov-
erned by the service plan.

VCMD resident (and past president) Jim Romanello also spoke during public comments. In his three minutes, he ex-
plained that past town boards have said 
VCMD could not function without com-
mercial development, but then the town voted to rezone and eliminate the com-
mercial section of the district. “And now you tell us the town is not responsible for the fact that we are not providing suffi-
cient revenue. That doesn’t fly.”

Lowe was not present at the Jan. 3 
meeting, and no trustee commented on the VCMD topic.

Sanctuary Pointe Filings 2 and 3 
prices approved

Principal Planner Larry Manning pre-
sented two ordinances for Classic Con-
sulting Engineers and Surveyors’ ap-
proval for approval of a Preliminary/ 
Final Plats for two filings in Sanctuary 
Pointe, on the north side of Baptist Road and north of the Ridge at Fox Run. Both were approved unanimously with one amend-
ment. The Monument Planning Com-
mission approved both applications 
me/v17/x11.htm#mpc.

Sanctuary Pointe is within the Triv-
view Metropolitan District service area, 
which will provide water, sanitation, roads, parks, and drainage maintenance. The will-serve letter from Triview stated that the district has water and sewer ca-
pacities sufficient for current commit-
ments. See related Triview article on page 17.

The Carriages at Sanctuary Pointe, Filing 2, will be a 48-lot subdivision on 12 acres. Sanctuary Pointe, Filing 3, will 
contain 84 residential lots, one utility lot for Triview’s new second water tank and 
booster station at the northwestern corner of the plat (lot 85), and 10 tracts, on 57

acres. A condition of approval recom-
manded by the staff and approved by the Planning Commission stated: “An ac-
cess easement for lot 85 and trails shall be 
recorded concurrently with this plat and each document should be cross-refe-
renced with reception numbers.”

Darren Palmer, whose property is north of both filings, spoke generally in 
support of the applications. However, he questioned how many trees had already been removed and where the milling

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**TIME LIFE Provides Educational Enrichment to Lewis-Palmer Middle School**

A unique and enriching experience awaited Lewis-Palmer Middle School (LPMS) students upon their return to school after winter break. TIME LIFE provided three “Remembering Pearl Harbor” virtual reality (VR) headsets for LPMS students and families to experience the Pearl Harbor attack as recounted by 103 year old Pearl Harbor survivor Lt. Jim Downing.

Approximately 250 students accessed the LIFE VR experience during the week of January 9-13, and approximately 90 LPMS family members also had the opportunity to share the experience as the school hosted two evenings for those who signed up. Lt. Jim Downing visited with participants and autographed his book, “The Other Side of Infamy,” one of the evenings.

According to TIME, “‘Remembering Pearl Harbor’ is a historical and educational room-scale VR experience told through the eyes of Lt. Jim Downing, one of the oldest living survivors of the attack.”

Palmer Ridge High School freshman Rebecca Gearhart participated with her mother and brother and realized, “Pearl Harbor was just something that I read about in a history book, but seeing the scene play out made it more real.” Her mother Chrissy added, “It really does leave you with a sense of reverence for what those soldiers went through and the sacrifices they made for our country.”

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**Teacher Spotlight: Cynthia Eversole**

Since 2001, Cynthia Eversole has inspired young musicians at Lewis-Palmer Elementary School (LPES) and beyond. Cynthia teaches drums, the recorder, the xylophone, and choir while encouraging her students to be composers. She loves their creative ownership of the process and the outcome. “Music is an extraordinary tool for understanding the various cultures of our nation and the world,” says Eversole, “because it cultivates acceptance and understanding.” Through her involvement with the Rocky Mountain Orff-Schulwerk Association, she facilitates performances often comprised of nearly 1000 students which sometimes includes groups from as far away as Beijing, China. She is also active in the Colorado Music Educators Association (CMEA).

As a member of the Colorado Ambassadors of Music she accompanied high school band, orchestra, and choir students on a 16-day trip through Western Europe. She especially loved Switzerland calling it Colorado on steroids.

Cynthia’s 4th-6th grade Eagle Choir students perform concerts in the winter and the spring and have had the honor of singing for the CMEA at the Broomfield in 2010 and 2017, LPES Board of Education meetings, the Monument Fourth of July Parade, craft fairs, and Air Force Academy baseball games.

Eversole’s most recent project is a flag retirement program. Cynthia and two school rooms started the program this fall. Any ripped or damaged American and Colorado state flags should be retired, not discarded. LPES is a drop off location for flags. On Flag Day, June 14, the Palmer Lake VFW post 7829 will perform a flag retirement ceremony.