

DWFPD Santa on Patrol, Dec. 18



Above: Santa Claus greets an excited crowd under sunny blue skies at the Donald Wescott Fire Protection District's annual Santa on Patrol event in Gleneagle on Saturday, Dec. 18. Children gathered along the route to see Santa travel through the neighborhoods aboard Engine 531. Of course, the main event was only one week away and for sure the stockings were all ready and waiting to be filled on Christmas Eve! **Right top:** Shannon Garrett and Santa Claus. **Right bottom:** Santa Claus, with Driver Engineer Luke Jones behind the wheel at the fire station. *Photos courtesy of DWFPD. Photo courtesy of DWFPD.*



Black Forest AARP returns



Above: AARP Chapter 1100 Black Forest met in person on Dec. 8 for the first time since taking an almost two-year hiatus because of COVID-19. President Candace Lehmann presided over a short business meeting, which filled in the gaps since the group last met. Chapter Longevity Badges for 2020 and 2021 were handed out for those with five or more years of uninterrupted membership in the chapter. The badges were given to, from left, Helen Von Gunden (15 years), Lori Belk (5 years), Anna Skinner (5 years), Jim Belk (5 years), Durelle Pithy (5 years) and Beverly Schaab (10 years). Not shown: Karen Buck (5 years), Sue Fletcher (10 years) and Waldo Pendleton (25 years). **Right:** Santa's sleigh and some of the multitude of gifts that were given away. *Photos by Stan Beckner.*



MPD, PLPD Santa on Patrol, Dec. 18



Above: The Monument and Palmer Lake Police Departments and the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Department teamed up Dec. 18 to deliver toys that had been donated to and collected by Toys for Tots. Santa and other officers are pictured on a quick break as the chosen families came to Monument Town Hall to receive their presents. *Photo by Marlene Brown.*

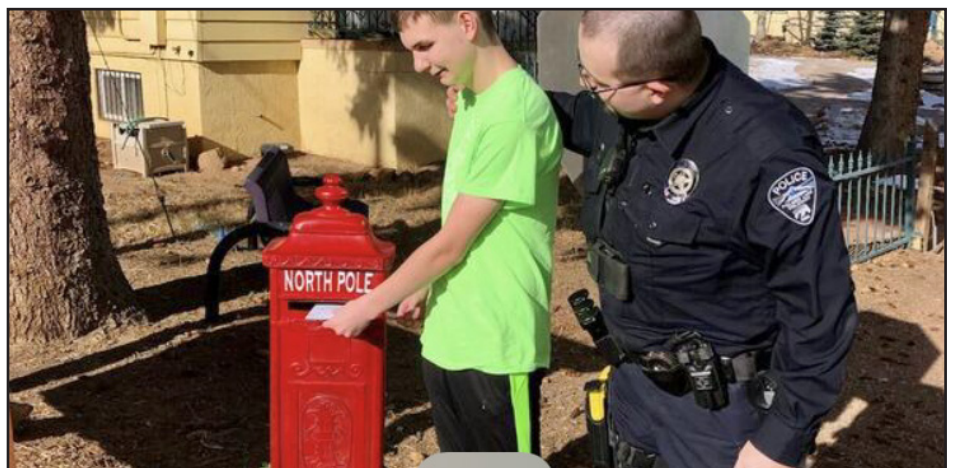
Wreaths Across America, Dec. 18



Above: Local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), the Boys Scouts, American Heritage Girls, and honorary members of the local community held a ceremony at Monument Cemetery along with cemeteries all over the nation. They laid wreaths simultaneously on veterans' gravesites during Wreaths Across America at 10 a.m. Dec. 18. Each family was able to place a wreath in honor and memory of a family member who was a veteran. The American Heritage Girls have been fundraising to sponsor wreaths and provided refreshments. To sponsor a wreath for next year, visit www.wreathacrossamerica.org/pages/14960/overview. *Photos by Marlene Brown.*



Letters to Santa, Dec. 20



Above: People could drop off letters to Santa at the Palmer Lake Police Department last month. Here, Officer James Bentley watched as Tim from Monument mailed his letter to Santa. *Photo by Samantha Holmes.*