

## Pleasant View Estates earns FireWise sign

On May 4, Margo Humes, fire marshal of the Wescott Fire Protection District, presented Pleasant View Estates board members with their new FireWise Communities USA sign and a special recognition plaque from the National Fire Protection Association/FireWise Communities, USA. The same day, Pleasant View Estates held its Chipping Day to help residents get rid of slash and trees they had thinned from their properties.

Pleasant View Board President Linda Kean stated, "We do not want to become the next Waldo Canyon event. We all moved here because of the forest and we would like to protect it as much as we can."

Scott Ridings, assistant fire chief of the Wescott Fire Protection District, added, "Mitigation efforts

will help improve the overall health of the forest. Now when wildfire comes, the firefighters will have a better chance of taking control by keeping the fire on the ground. If it gets up into the trees and becomes a crown fire like we saw all over Colorado last year, there isn't much we can do except go in after the fire has passed through, salvage what we can, and hope there will be something to come home to when it's all over."

**Right:** From left are Pleasant View Estates board members Phil Bosha, treasurer; Steve Fulton, secretary; Sam Hartman, vice president; Linda Kean, president; and Wescott Fire Marshal Margo Humes. *Photo by Mark Slepicka.*



## Arbor Day at PLES



**Above:** On Thursday, May 9, Palmer Lake Elementary students gathered outside in the rain to clean up around the school grounds and plant flowers. The Arbor Day events at the school were kicked off with an assembly on conservation and recycling, and the day finished with a dedication assembly for the three new flowering trees planted that morning. *Photo by Candice Hitt.*

## Health fair provides free screenings

*By Harriet Halbig*

A free health fair was held at the District 38 administration building on May 11 from 7:30 until noon. The fair was organized by nursing students from Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences, a part of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, in conjunction with the Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership (HAP).

Screenings for high blood pressure, hearing problems, diabetes, and stress or depression were offered.

Among the organizations represented at the fair were the American Red Cross, the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District, 911, 211, the YMCA, and the Pikes Peak Library District.

Organizer Emily Kitchen of Beth-El said participation fulfilled a community health clinical rotation requirement for some of the nursing students, while others volunteered to participate. Kitchen said that attendance might have been affected by Mother's Day weekend and the nearness to graduations.

HAP volunteer Larry Lawrence said that the nursing students were a pleasure to work with and planned and implemented the event in a short period of time.

Both Lawrence and Kitchen said that they hoped to hold another fair in the future.

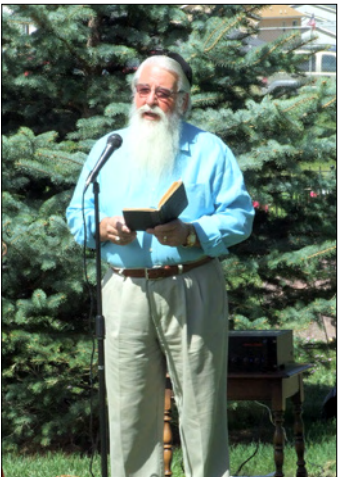
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**Above:** Nursing student Andrea Paton administers a finger stick blood test to Stacy Stierman. **Below left:** From left, HAP board member Dave Van Ness, HAP volunteer Larry Lawrence, and student nurse Emily Kitchen of Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences planned the fair. **Below right:** Rudi Gillette, Sparky the Fire Dog, and Mo Ayala represented the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District. *Photos by Harriet Halbig*



## Memorial Day Ceremony at Monument Cemetery



Photos clockwise from left

Young Marine Staff Sgt. Rebecca Beck formed part of the color guard. *Photo by Herb Wetzel.*

Local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops presented the flag with retired Air Force Col. Al Forbes. *Photo by Herb Wetzel.*

Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Anne Campbell (center), retired Navy Lt. j.g. Jim Clemans (left), and retired Air Force Reserves Lt. Col. A. Kaelin (not shown) read the names of veterans buried at the Monument Cemetery. *Photo by Herb Wetzel.*

Retired Army Col. Barrie Town honored the troops who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms here in America. He also honored those lost on 9/11 and the casualties in the Middle East. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.*

Rabbi Oswald Garagorry of the Aliyah Congregation gave the benediction. *Photo by Jim Kendrick*

The Town of Monument Memorial Day Ceremony May 27 was attended by about 275 people. Thanks to all the participants who made the ceremony possible including Mayor Travis Easton, the Rev. Dr. Bob Kaylor, Bishop Bradley, Bob McDonald, Boy Scout Troops 8 and 17, Girl Scout Troops 98, 172, 3661, and 3740, Master Sgt. Max Williams, Pastor Dave Jordan-Irwin, Palmer Lake

Volunteer Fire Department, Palmer Lake Police Department, Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District, Monument Public Works Department, Sharon Williams, Trustee John Howe, Deputy Clerk Laura Hogan, the VFW and Foreign Legion, Serrano's Coffee, Monument Homemakers, and all of our men and women in uniform.

