

Snapshots of Our Community

Sertoma bellringers raise \$4,300



Ed Kinney, right, Legacy Sertoma president, presented a check to Dirk Lambert, Salvation Army representative, on Jan. 9. Monument Legacy Sertoma conducted the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign at the Monument Walgreens from Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve, raising just over \$4,300 for the Army. Sertoma's primary mission is to improve the quality of life today for those at risk or impacted by hearing loss, through education and support. See www.legacysertoma.org for more information on how to participate. *Photo by Denny Myers.*

Matson wins Sertoma essay competition



Above: On Jan. 23, Val Hunter of Legacy Sertoma presented a trophy and check to Ryan Matson, an eighth-grade student at Monument Academy who wrote the winning entry in Legacy Sertoma's "What Freedom Means to Me" essay competition. Faith Heery and Drew Vidano won second and third places, respectively. Ryan's essay will advance to the Pikes Peak Sertoma District in competition with winning essays from 16 other area schools. That winner will be announced Feb. 19 at Sertoma's National Heritage Banquet to be held in Colorado Springs. *Photo courtesy of Legacy Sertoma.*

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Winterific event at Fox Run Park, Jan. 18



Above left: Friends of local wildlife enjoyed the second annual Winterific festival at Fox Run Park on Jan. 18. Numerous nature displays of animal pelts, antlers, scat and footprint casts offered visual information while local naturalists explained the exhibits and later took all ages on nature hikes to view the park trails and learn more. Hot cocoa and toasted marshmallow treats completed the tour on the sunny, brisk January day. **Above right:** Jamie Biquette of Bear Creek Nature Center, left, and a local volunteer are shown with the traveling exhibits from Bear Creek Nature Center. *Photos by Janet Sellers.*

Animal rescue equipment donated to Wescott



Above: The Donald Wescott Fire Protection District now has a BARK—that is, a Breath of Air Recovery Kit. The Animal Angels Resource Foundation's goal is to keep pets and their families together. Animal companions can die from smoke asphyxiation in fires and are often victims of pet emergency situations. BARK, designed for animals instead of humans, provides the opportunity for first responders to administer oxygen to animals more efficiently. On Jan. 17, a kit was sponsored by Kenneth and Janet Kowalski to be presented to Wescott district's Station 1. From left are firefighter Wayne Krzemien, Fire Chief Vinny Burns, and donor Kenneth Kowalski. Anyone interested in sponsoring a BARK for the community should contact info@aarfhelp.org, see www.aarfhelp.org, or call 855-4PetHelp (855-473-8435). *Photo courtesy of Animal Angels Resource Foundation, Janet Whipker, president.*

Ground broken for Health Village, Jan. 27



Above: A ground-breaking ceremony for the Tri-Lakes Community Health Village, adjacent to the Tri-Lakes YMCA, was held Jan. 27. Participating in the ceremony were, left to right, Jim Kleinfeldt of Boldt and Co.; Jack Garro, vice president of Boldt; Dan Dummermuth, president and CEO of the YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region; Margaret Sabin, president and CEO of Penrose-St. Francis Health Services; Jamie Smith, executive vice president of Penrose-St. Francis Health Services, and Monument Mayor Travis Easton. The 52,000 square-foot facility will offer a variety of services, including urgent care, rehab, primary care, wellness services, imaging, and various specialty services. Completion is expected in fall 2014. For further information on the facility, see our November issue, page 1. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*