

Snapshots of Our Community

Sertoma Blood Drive, Aug. 4

The Bill Nance Memorial Blood Drive took place on Aug. 4 at Antelope Trails Elementary School, at which 36 units were collected. Gleneagle Sertoma has been conducting blood drives since 2004, and it has seen 987 donors who donated 848 units. The Penrose-St. Francis mobile blood crew and 38 donors supported this semi-annual community blood drive.

These community blood drives occur during spring break and the first week of August. A scheduler will call you if you are on the current donating list. Walk-ins, however, are always welcome. If you care to donate at the hospital's Blood Bank on Nevada Avenue beforehand, please use Sertoma community group #545 as you register at the front desk.



Above: Kip Petersen, Frank Bittinger, and Helen Gilster happily give one unit each to the drive. *Photo courtesy of Gleneagle Sertoma.*

Fire awareness, Aug. 16



Above: On Aug. 16, Electra Johnson, candidate for county commissioner in District 3, hosted an event about fire awareness and forestry stewardship at Palmer Lake Town Hall. Dave Root, assistant forester, Colorado State Forest Service, spoke on fire mitigation and forest stewardship. He defined stewardship as managing and caring for your forest land like you would for your garden or lawn. He spoke about the history of forest and fire management, including the large fires of recent years in Colorado. The event ended with a showing of the short film *Unacceptable Risk: Firefighters on the Front Lines of Climate Change*

that talked about the transformation of Colorado's fire environment with higher temperatures, drier fuels, and diseases. These things combine to create a volatile situation for firefighters and communities. More information is available at <http://unacceptableriskfilm.org>. Attendees shared their experience in the recent Hayman, Waldo Canyon, and Black Forest Fires and how it impacted their approach to fire mitigation and concerns about homeowners' insurance. For more information on Electra Johnson, see <http://www.electra.com>. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

Eagle Scout project completed



Left: Kent Griffith completed the work for his Eagle Scout project at the Monument Cemetery with the help of many volunteers on Aug. 27-28. This included current and former members and leaders from Boy Scout Troop 6, students from Lewis-Palmer High School's civics classes, Venturing Crew 249 members, Monument Police Explorer Post 2010, and many others. Kent's project was to install new granite grave markers, carved by Merilee Orcutt, for "persons unknown" in the cemetery. The project replaced at least 50 crumbling, misplaced, or missing grave markers. A total of 128 new granite markers were installed. Kent worked closely with former Trustee John Howe, volunteer representative for the Town of Monument and volunteer caretaker of the cemetery. Boy Scout Troop 6 and Venturing Crew 249 are sponsored by the Monument Community Presbyterian Church. Monument businesses, including Serrano's Coffee, Safeway, Domino's Pizza, Home Depot, and King Soopers, provided support. *Photo courtesy of Karen Griffith.*

Bethany and Rufus at TLCA, Aug. 7

By David Futey.

On Aug. 6, Bethany Yarrow and Rufus Cappadocia performed one of the most unusual musical events ever to grace the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) stage. The TLCA was filled with musical dynamics and energy through audience engagement and stunning vocals from Yarrow, the daughter of Peter Yarrow, Cappadocia's world renowned cello playing, and an accompanist on the Oud, a fretless instrument popular in the Middle East and

North Africa, and Cajon box drum. From spirituals and civil rights songs as such as *Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Round* and Peter, Paul and Mary's *Well, Well, Well* to world songs from the Americas, the trio enriched those in attendance with a musical genre seldom heard nor better performed. Information on Bethany & Rufus is at bethanyandrufus.com. Information on upcoming TLCA events, including Judy Collins, is at www.trilakesarts.org. *Photo by David Futey.*



Palmer Lake planning, Aug. 17



Above: The Palmer Lake Planning Commission hosted an open house on Aug. 17 for the community to give input into an updated master plan for Palmer Lake Park. Cathy Green-Sinnard acted as master of ceremonies, providing background and directing the conversation. She noted that Palmer Lake Park includes area on both sides of the railroad track and had a previous Master Plan in 2007 that was updated in 2012 for the \$350,000 Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant the town received in 2015. She also stated that many people come to the town with ideas for the park such as a gag ball pit, more sports fields, a choo-choo train and scuba diving—none of these are part of the current master plans. Nearly 20 people attended this open house, including members of the Planning Commission, two former Town Council members, and various volunteers and residents. Bill Fisher and Jeff Hulsmann, who have been involved in both the Awake the Lake committee and the GOCO grant, both spoke and residents discussed many ideas from maintenance of existing amenities to new options such as hockey rinks, playgrounds, and picnic areas on the west side of the park and more. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*