

# Walking to LPHS, Dec. 7



**Above:** Here are some students laughing and talking as they walk through the South Woodmoor Preserve to get to Lewis-Palmer High School on the morning of Dec. 7. It really made my day to see them. I will never take a scene like this for granted again after the pandemic shut down so many normal activities. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

# Ahoy, Rudolph!



**Above:** Rudolph didn't just light the way for Santa this Christmas. He's also the figurehead for this replica of an old-fashioned sailing ship built in the front yard of a home in the Tri-Lakes area. Lights adorn the ship at night. The ship's railings look like candy canes, and replicas of cannons stick out the sides. *Photo by Michael Weinfeld.*

# Santa in Monument!



**Above:** Santa visits children at Monument Town Hall. On Saturday, Dec. 19 the annual Santa on Patrol, in conjunction with Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots, distributed generously donated gifts to disadvantaged children in the Tri-Lakes area as part of an annual tradition founded by Monument Police Department with the assistance of Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District and neighboring first responders. This year, despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the accompanying restrictions, "the event went great and all were happy to see Santa!" said Fire Marshal Jamey Bumgarner. *Photo courtesy of Jamey Bumgarner and caption by Natalie Barszcz.*

# Monumental Impact donates to TLC



**Above:** Tri-Lakes Cares Development Manager Christine Bucher, left, accepts a collection of COVID-19 contact-less tools from Monumental Impact founder Jeanette Breton, right, and Bearbotics Coach Mike Hinkle. Monumental Impact and Bearbotics leveraged their shared resources and skill sets to make these handouts for Tri-Lakes Cares clients. The group has been offering desktop equipment, like 3D printers, to student interns on rotations to help gain project experiences. Contributors to the creation and packaging of the tools were Bearbotics Team member Rob Albanesi, Bearbotics mentor Ben Griffin, Hinkle, and Breton. *Photo courtesy of Tri-Lakes Cares*

# Ice fishing on Monument Lake



**Above:** Just like 100 years ago, ice fishing is fun in Monument today. When the lake stays frozen, ice fishing fans show up. Early residents in the area harvested the ice from Monument Lake and shipped it by railroad back east. Ice fishing is allowed 100 years later, as long as anyone over 16 has a valid Colorado fishing license. For more information, go to [townofmonument.org](http://townofmonument.org). *Photo by Marlene Brown.*

# National Wreaths Across America



**Above:** On Dec. 19, Sherry Miller, local Americanism chairperson of National Wreaths Across America Day for the VFW auxiliary, led volunteers gathered at Monument Cemetery to place live balsam wreaths on every veteran's headstone. At the stroke of 10 a.m. in Monument, in synchronized time across the nation, volunteers began placing the memorial wreaths. In many homes, there is an empty seat for one who is serving or one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The mission of Wreaths Across America is to "Remember, Honor and Teach" during the fundraising awareness times and wreathlaying ceremonies at more than 2,100 locations across the United States, at sea, and abroad. This year, due to the pandemic, the usual ceremony was not done, but wreaths were laid in honor of our veterans. *Photo by Janet Sellers.*