

Snapshots of Our Community

WMMI Family Geology Day, Jan. 4



Above: On Jan. 4, the Western Museum of Mining and Industry held its Family Day Geology, teaching attendees about Colorado’s rich mining history. Here, young “prospectors” are taught how to pan for gold by a member of the Gold Prospectors of Colorado. During Family Day, the children could keep any gold they found. *Photo by Sreedevi Vangala.*

Students help TreeCycle, Jan. 4



Above: El Paso County employees and high school students helped make this year’s TreeCycle a success. The event benefits sports teams countywide. Trucks and cars lined up at the Baptist Road Trailhead at Baptist Road and Old Denver Highway on Jan. 4-5 to drop off their used Christmas trees and donate \$5 each for recycling. The fundraiser at the Monument location benefited the Lewis-Palmer Lacrosse Team and is one their biggest fundraisers of the year. The high school students happily grabbed the trees from the vehicles and threw them on a pile to be recycled. Pictured on Jan. 4 are Ethan Hulting, left, and Reese Thornton, Lewis-Palmer Lacrosse players. *Photo by Marlene Brown.*

Pedestrian bridge installed in Palmer Lake, Jan. 7

Below, on the facing page, and on page 1: On a chilly Jan. 7 morning, Jeff Hulsmann of the Awake Palmer Lake (APL) Committee pronounced it “a momentous day, three years in the making.” The reason for Hulsmann’s pronouncement and the assemblage of other APL members along with community members was the installation of an iron bridge over the railroad tracks in Palmer Lake. The two sections of the bridge, linking the lake and the town, were manufactured by Big

R Bridge Manufacturing and installed by SEMA Construction Inc. With the bridge sections in place, a concrete deck will be poured on the bridge and additional dirt added for the walkways up to it. The funding for the bridge came from the APL and its related events, a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant, and matching funds from the Town of Palmer Lake. Additional information on the APL and this project is at <http://awakepalmerlake.org/>. *Photos by David Futey.*



Above: The first section of the bridge is swung into place. **Right:** With the first section of the bridge in place, the crane swings to attach to the second section. **Far right:** The crane cabling is attached to the second section of the bridge.



Left: The second section of the bridge is swung into place. **Right:** SEMA Construction workers make the connection between the first and second section of the bridge.