



Press Release

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Girl Scouts Enhance Tri-Lakes Senior Citizens Center

Monument, CO, September 25, 2010. Girl Scout Troop 542, from Palmer Ridge High School, added new enhancements to the Tri-Lakes Senior Citizens Center which is sponsored and supported by Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership, a non-profit serving the north El Paso County region. The projects are part of the community service requirements to achieve the Silver Award, the second highest award in Girl Scouting.

Girl Scouts Julia Tremaroli and Catie Supinski collaborated to improve the front entry of the Senior Center with some very much needed landscaping. The modular building was completely void of any plantings around it; even the ground around the building was hardly suitable to support landscaping before they started. The scouts researched the requirements to support landscape, selected low maintenance and drought tolerant vegetation, acquired donated resources, and recruited and organized a team of volunteers to accomplish the project.

Early Saturday morning, September 25, their team of volunteers with the donated resources started work and continued throughout the day. Their project transformed the formerly stark and lifeless exterior into an inviting and attractive community facility.

As work progressed outside the Senior Center, Girl Scout Libby Acker was busy inside hanging imaginative and colorful signs she created to identify the various rooms of the facility. The design elements of each sign reflect the purpose of the room, ranging from the kitchen to the game room. Each sign is as much a piece of art worthy of its own attention as it is informative to Center visitors.

Meanwhile, Girl Scout Lindsey Schwarz applied her art skills to creating and decorating a large flagstone marker to be placed in the new garden at the front of the Senior Center. It identifies the work done by Girl Scout Troop 542 and it acknowledges the major donors who made the project possible. Lindsey also is developing instructions for the Center's Wii that will soon be posted in the Game Room so seniors can enjoy more of the benefits of the Wii.

Girl Scout Troop Leaders Tamara Schwarz and Liz Supinski expressed the troop's appreciation to Master Gardner Kathy Green, proprietor of All Things In Nature, for her generosity with contributions of many of the plants and materials, as well as for sharing her professional knowledge with the troop on how to design and accomplish the transforming project. They also were very appreciative of local businessman Steve Marks who donated and delivered all of the topsoil need to make the project a reality, and of Tree Masters who mulched slash used to finish the landscape project.

At the end of the long day the Senior Citizens Center had a much more inviting appearance, both inside and out. When both Julia and Catie were asked what they learned from the project, they both agreed it was "hard work!" Perhaps landscaping is not now on their short list of career goals.

Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership (HAP) was established in 1996 as a non-profit organization serving Monument, Palmer Lake, Woodmoor, Gleneagle, and unincorporated areas of north El Paso County. The mission of HAP is to improve the health and well being of the Tri-Lakes community through community based services and support.

Photographs on the following three pages.

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Girl Scouts Julia Tremaroli and Catie Supinski take a break from a hard day of landscaping to evaluate their accomplishment.



Girl Scout Libby Acker prepares to secure one of her artistic signs inside the Tri-Lakes Senior Citizens Center.



Girl Scout Lindsey Swartz carefully paints a large sandstone sign to be placed in the new garden outside the Tri-Lakes Senior Citizens Center.