Students get an eyeful of the solar eclipse

By Chrystie Hopkins

Students at Antelope Trails Elementary School experienced a rare treat and learning opportunity on Aug. 21 as a total solar eclipse was visible at 90 percent totality at 11:47 a.m. The school provided eclipse-viewing glasses for all students, teachers, faculty, and parents on campus. Many family members chose to join students to experience the eclipse viewing. A few students opted to stay indoors during the event, while other parents pulled students out for the day to view the event closer to the 100 percent totality zone.

While the totality event only lasted a few minutes, many classes remained outside to continue to view the eclipse and work on classroom projects. Teachers, faculty, and parent volunteers were on hand to make sure all students were viewing the eclipse safely and kept their eclipse-viewing glasses on at all times.

Student reactions varied from wonder and excitement to subdued curiosity. But for all it was an unique opportunity and fun distraction for the morning before returning to the classroom.

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I-25 traffic and water options discussed

By Lisa Hatfield

On Aug. 7, the Monument Board of Trustees heard about the Colorado Department of Transportation’s (CDOT) I-25 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study. The study evaluated the possibility of an independent study that would comprise around 14.18 acres on either the east or west side of I-25, for approval of a zone change, sketch and design plan, and preliminary/final plat for commercial development, and the possibility of a zone change and preliminary/final plat for commercial development, and the possibility of a zone change and preliminary/final plat for Planned Development.

By Kate Pangelinan

The Aug. 9 Monument Planning Commission meeting involved about three hours of discussion concerning the proposed Wolf Business Park and the Tri-Lakes Collision body shop planned for lot 7 of the park, and a Pilot Travel Center with amenities for truckers and other travelers.

Commissioners John Dick and Jim Fitzpatrick were absent. Commissioner David Gwisdalla was unanimously approved to become the new vice chair following Kathy Spence’s recent departure from the Planning Commission.

Wolf Business Park

First, Lammers Construction Inc. submitted its development application for approval of a zone change, sketch plan, and preliminary/final plat for Wolf Business Park. This development would comprise around 14.18 acres on Wolf Court east of Beacon Lite Road.

It stands north of Highway 105 in the north end of town. There would be seven lots to the development, with the only access point coming off Wolf Court, which leads to Beacon Lite Road. The area was zoned for Planned Commercial Development, and the applicant requested to change this to Planned Development.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve all three of these proposals.