

Shorts

Center Kiwanis Christmas Parade is Dec. 16

CENTER — The Center Kiwanis Christmas Parade is set for 1 p.m. on Dec. 16. Entries are asked to line up between Worth and Broadway on 2nd Street at 12:30 p.m.

Cash prizes are being awarded to the top three floats — \$100 for first, \$75 for second and \$50 for third.

Santa Claus will be at Casa Blanca Park following the parade.

For more information, contact Kiwanis member Dick Ramsetter at 719-580-3329.

SLV Spay and Neuter December dates

SANLUIS VALLEY — SLV Spay and Neuter will offer its services in Alamosa on Dec. 8-9, Antonito on Dec. 15, and in Center on Dec. 22. Cats are \$50 and dogs are \$75. For appointments, call 719-657-7076 or visit www.slvna.org.

Holiday events at Conejos County Library

LA JARA — A holiday Bake Sale/Yard Sale and Craft Workshop are planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 9, at the Conejos County Library Maria De Herrera Branch in La Jara, 17703 Highway 285.

People can create greeting cards at the workshop led by Julia Chavez.

For more information, call the library at 719-274-5858.

Holiday Art Fair set for Dec. 9

SAN LUIS — A Holiday Art Fair is set for Dec. 9 in San Luis. Local artisans from the surrounding area offer paintings on various media, painted items like T-shirts, hats, items like dreamcatchers and other unique art. The Art Fair goes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 9, at the Sangre de Cristo Cultural Heritage Center Theater. There will also be food, and live music.

Santa coming to Antonito on Dec. 10

ANTONITO — Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be stopping at 1 p.m. on Dec. 10 at the Antonito Water Park in Antonito to bring toys, candy and a special gift.

Annual Sharing Christmas event continues at Center school district

By MARIE MCCOLM

CENTER — The Center Consolidated School District will again take part in the annual Sharing Christmas event. For the past 9 years, Susan Banning, who is the McKinney-Vento Liaison for the CCSD, has headed up this special outreach program for the community of Center.

Banning helps take donations, and puts together food baskets, meals, and Christmas gifts for families in need.

“One of the things we have done for the last 9 years has been to purchase a new toy for the people in a family as well as a food box,” Banning said. “We try to adjust the food box according to their culture and heritage so that it is ethical.

We want to give food to each family according to the family’s traditions.”

As an example, they purchase flour, oil, masa, tomatillos, Jello and evaporated milk, chocolate, onions, different things that different cultures might make.

“I also help coordinate with the Kiwanis, who create 15 baskets for

families who also enjoy just eating a traditional turkey dinner, with stuffing and potatoes. We coordinate the two together for a total of 50 baskets. I make 35 baskets through the McKinney-Vento foundation, and the Kiwanis does the 15,” she said.

Banning said that the staff at the *Please see SHARING on Page 2A*

Saguache Holiday Bazaar brings community together

By MARIE MCCOLM

SAGUACHE — It was a chilly but beautiful morning on Saturday, Dec. 2, as people and vendors began to fill the gymnasium at Mountain Valley School for the Saguache Holiday Bazaar. The event took place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The gym was decked out with lots of Christmas decorations, and Santa Claus also attended the event with his white and red hat, and black boots.

The Mountain Valley School gymnasium was packed with vendors and shoppers during the Saguache Holiday Bazaar on Dec. 2.
Photo by Marie Mccolm

There were rows of tables just inside the gym with at least 20 vendors. One table had Christmas signs that had been hand painted with various jolly sayings like, “Santa Stop Here, we have cookies,” “Baby it’s Cold Outside,” “Have Yourself a Merry little Christmas,” and “Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow.”

There was a table set up for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program, where people could donate three nonperishable food items and enter to win a drawing for two gas cards that were worth \$25.

There was a long table filled with homemade goodies for *Please see BAZAAR on Page 4A*



Local Wreaths Across America event Dec. 16

CONTRIBUTED

MONTE VISTA — Wreaths Across America, a non-profit organization, was formed as an extension of the Arlington Wreath Project. The Arlington Wreath program was started by Morrill Worcester in 1992 with the donation and laying of 5000 Christmas wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery. This became an annual journey for Worcester.

It was relatively obscure until 2005 when a photo of the stones adorned with wreaths and covered in snow circulated around the internet. The project received National attention. Thousands of requests poured in from all over the country from people wanting to emulate the Arlington project at their National and State cemeteries spurred the creation of “Wreaths Across America”. Unable to donate thousands of wreaths to

each state, Worcester conceived the idea of sending seven wreaths (one for each branch of the military as well as POW/MIA).

In 2007 the Worcester family established the non-profit group Wreaths Across America to further promote Veterans remembrance. The mission Remember, Honor and Teach characterized the projects goals perfectly.

The wreath laying, held annually

on a Saturday of December, was unanimously voted by the US Congress as “Wreaths Across America Day”. Wreaths Across America would not be successful without the help of the volunteers, many active organizations and the generosity of the trucking industry.

Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, Dec. 16 — when citizens across the country “come together” *Please see WREATHS on Page 2A*

Center Consolidated School District Christmas concerts scheduled

Elementary concert is today; remaining grades is Dec. 11

By MARIE MCCOLM

CENTER — The Center Consolidated School District has two Christmas concerts this month. The Elementary Christmas Concert is at 6 p.m. today, Dec. 7, in the *Please see CONCERTS on Page 2A*

Eileen J. Kerr Foundation board member Mary McClure, left, accepted a giant ‘thank you’ card from Center Consolidated School District elementary students and Music Teacher Gabriel Swanson on Nov. 30. The foundation donated to help the district purchase props for their upcoming Christmas concerts.

Photo by Marie Mccolm



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Range Beef Cow Symposium brings educational opportunities to Colorado

Biennial event set for Dec. 13-14 in Loveland

By LARRY BROWN
CSU Extension

FORT COLLINS— The Colorado State University Department of Animal Sciences is hosting the 28th Range Beef Cow Symposium, Dec. 13-14, at The Ranch in Loveland. The biennial symposium, sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service and Animal Science Departments of Colorado State University, South

Dakota State University, University of Nebraska and University of Wyoming, offers an exclusive program of practical production management information specific to the region's cattle producers. This year's program will highlight a variety of industry speakers delivering valuable, cutting-edge information on beef cattle management strategies ranging from consumer drivers of sustainability to feeder calf marketing. Additionally, sessions will incorporate up-to-date information and data from nationally and internationally known speakers, including several producer panels

focusing on hot topic issues and opportunities in the beef cattle industry. An always-popular feature of the Range Beef Cow Symposium is the evening "Bull Pen" sessions. Speakers will be present for questions and discussion of their topics, offering attendees an opportunity to acquire more in-depth and applied knowledge from presentations earlier in the program. The symposium also boasts a top-notch trade show showcasing a

variety of commercial displays from more than 50 allied industry vendors. Individuals and businesses interested in participating in the trade show are encouraged to register online at <https://blueprintmedia.regfox.com/range-beef-cow-symposium-xxviii-trade-show>. A pre-symposium Beef Quality Assurance training will also be provided on Tuesday, Dec. 12. Cattle producers across the Great Plains are encouraged to join the Colorado State University

Department of Animal Sciences in Loveland to take advantage of the educational and profit-building seminars at this year's Range Beef Cow Symposium. Online registration is available at <https://blueprintmedia.regfox.com/range-beef-cow-symposium-xxviii>. For a full schedule of events, speakers and additional information, visit www.rangebeefcowsymposium.com or contact Ryan D. Rhoades at 970-217-0239 or ryan.rhoades@colostate.edu.

OBITUARY

Sharon Adams

Monte Vista resident Sharon Adams, 70, passed away peacefully at her home on Nov. 23, 2023.

Sharon was born to George and Lorene Franklin on Nov. 29, 1952, in Atwood, Kan. She grew up in Atwood and lived in Kansas until moving to Colorado in 1979. That Kansas heritage remained very important to her throughout her life. Soon after moving to the San Luis Valley, she married the love of her life Kerry Adams on June 4, 1983, they were married for 40 wonderful years and raised their two children together in Monte Vista.

Sharon was an active member of the community serving as a teacher at Sargent High School for nearly 40 years. During the summers, she would work as the office manager for SLV Crop Care. Teaching was her life's passion, and she was continually inspired by her students. She strove to help them however she could. She also acted as an advisor for one of the most successful and active FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) chapters, organized and coordinated indoor 4-H events, and was a valued member of the PEO (Philanthropic Education Organization) Sisterhood.

After retiring from teaching, she enjoyed working at Summit Engineering through the remainder of her life. She enjoyed family visits, working in the yard, traveling around the US, and watching both Disney movies and crime drama television. She most valued family, tradition, and hard work.

Sharon is survived by her husband Kerry Adams, her children Katherine (Mark) Hardy of Bismarck, N.D., and Kenneth Adams of Milwaukee, Wis.; her grandchildren Everett and Jackson Hardy; her siblings Joyce Mai of Wakeeney, Kan., Marilyn Kastens of Atwood, Kan., Barbara Hendrickson of Wakeeney, Kan., and Dennis Franklin of Atwood,



Kan. Sharon was preceded in death by her parents George and Lorene Franklin.

Cremation was chosen and a memorial service will be held on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at 2 p.m. at the Monte Vista Community Methodist Church. The Memorial Service will also be streamed live at www.gettogetheronline.org, no login ID or passwords will be necessary. Burial in the Atwood Cemetery will follow this service at a later date.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences, tributes, and words of support and comfort for Sharon's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers that contributions be made to the Penrose St. Francis Foundation (please select the "Guest House Ministry John Zay and Ingram Guest House" where the family stayed for no charge during hospital visits); www.centura.org/penrose-st-francis-health-foundation, The March of Dimes; www.marchofdimes.org, or PEO Sisterhood; <https://coloradopeo.org>.

WREATHS

to remember our fallen, honor those who serve, and teach younger generations the value of freedom. The courage and sacrifice of our military and Veterans should never be forgotten," organizers stated. You can show them your

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appreciation and gratitude by sponsoring a wreath for the Homelake Veterans Cemetery. This year, the ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. at the Homelake Veterans Cemetery and volunteers will place Veterans' wreaths following the ceremony.

"You'll be joining fellow patriots as we say their names and show support for their families," local organizers stated. For more information or to sponsor a wreath for \$17, contact Pam Self at 719-852-8216.

CONCERTS

varsity gymnasium. It will feature kindergarten through fourth grade students. The concert will be under the direction of Music Teacher Gabriel Swanson.

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of the Eileen J. Kerr Foundation, about their need for props. The foundation made it possible for the students to get what they needed for the concert.

Grades 5-12 will all be performing a Christmas Concert at 6 p.m. on Dec. 11 in the auxiliary gym at the school. The concert will be under the direction of Band Director John Noriega.

Swanson's class was grateful for the donation and created a giant "thank you" for the foundation. The card had the children's names on it and expressed their gratitude for the donation. McClure visited the school on Nov. 30 and received the card from the students.

Both concerts will feature festive Christmas music along with special performances by the elementary students.

The class was all smiles as they held up the card for a picture with McClure and their Music teacher Swanson.

Some of the elementary students will be singing a special song for the concert that requires the children to hold scarves and dance and sway with them. Other decorations and props were also needed for the concert.

"This is so helpful. Things like this are expensive. The foundation has given us a generous donation that we really appreciate," Swanson said.

Swanson spoke with Mary McClure, who is a board member

The elementary class is excited about their coming concert. Each student will be using two scarves

in their performance.

The Eileen J. Kerr Foundation was created by Kerr before she passed away four years ago, to help the children of Saguache County. The foundation has assisted with different projects all over the county, including Center, Saguache, and Moffat.

McClure was happy to help with the donation.

"The kids are just precious. The foundation is happy to be able to help children all over Saguache County. We are grateful to get our name out there regarding the foundation. If anyone else needs help, we hope they will consider contacting us," she said.

SHARING

school will also donate food, money, or their time. Banning said that she also has private community donors that will often donate money for the project. Banning said that she orders food from K&J Thriftway in Center, and they sell it to her at cost.

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kids, that represents 89 families."

Banning also explained the registration process for the baskets.

Banning said she relies on other entities.

"So, the way that it works is, when we start school, and as students come in, they fill out a housing survey," Banning said. "So, by definition McKinney-Vento is for people that are either doubled up or are in a housing situation where they do not have adequate housing. I use that list; I go through the list. I go through to see who is having some hardships, and to see who needs that extra food. I also get 25 bags of food a week from Care and Share so I help with that too. There are a total of 148 McKinney-Vento

"I hook some of the people up with these programs to help bring my numbers down so that I can really give to those 50 people that are in the most need," Banning said.

Banning said she sometimes gives K&J gift cards to families. She also said that with the end of the year having a two-week break for the schools, she tries to include extra food to help the families out, realizing that when they are not in school and cannot have free-or-reduced breakfast and lunch with the school.

Banning said the distribution for the McKinney-Vento baskets would be held Tuesday, Dec. 19, this year, and the distribution for the Kiwanis baskets would be held on Wednesday, Dec. 20.



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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Week from Hell

Wow, it's been a challenging week for Ol' Dutch and I suppose for Miss Trixie, too, having to put up with my constant whining about all the things that went wrong.

But I am not alone in this life struggle as Moon Doggey and Gidget have told me all the things that they have had to fix just recently in their home. It seems if it's not one thing it's another. And I think probably most of you can relate to that, too.

I remember when I built my first house back in Bedrock in the Stone Age and within a few months I was having to fix things. I complained to my Dad, Fast Freddy, and he sadly told me that owning a house is like that. And so it seems life is as well.

Things just come along, and we are forced to deal with them or check into the local looney bin and let someone else make all the decisions. I guess I will have to man-up and face the music here and just move along as I am not sure the nut house will even take me since they have downsized and turned most of the whackos loose.

Some people already believe that's where Ol' Dutch came from but don't start that this morning, please.

Thankfully, I have insurance to cover the fender-bender I had with the big brute trailer I pull. I am usually so careful with that thing in town but the other guy parked at an angle while I was in the store and didn't see him coming out. One scratched bumper later.

And also thankful for actually looking at my water bill rather than discarding it to the email trash bin as it was super high although it should not have been. A call to the local water outfit informed me something was running full force when nothing was on. Oh boy.

So Miss Trixie and I dowsed our way across a 20-acre pasture with two welding rods and after a while we found the leak out in the middle of nowhere. If you have never used two metal rods to find water lines, sewer lines, electrical lines, graves, buried treasure, or anything else underground, it does work. I am not sure how but it has something to do with the disturbed earth and magnetic fields, I guess. An old timey water-witcher I am not, but I can find about anything else you may want to locate if I try.

So anywho, with Miss Trixie as my ground man or woman as you would have it, we dug that up with



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

the trusty big iron backhoe I have and within the day had clean potable water once again at the Ponderosa.

Ol' Dutch had just settled into some form of comfort when a baby calf got sick and that has been a mess yet to be resolved with her spending the nights in our bathtub to keep her warm. And of course if she lives will probably have to bottle feed her for some four months which means having to be here every day most of the day.

As you may have heard we started building a house which means Ol' Dutch is building a house by himself. I really do not mind but let me tell you doing it at 67 and not 27 is a lot different animal so to speak. I have gotten a lot done and the foundation is all ready for the floor to be put on next as soon as I get a spare moment. But all that action and the previously mentioned activity has resulted in a drop in my bank account and that never is good for Ol' Dutch.

Seeing that go down, down, down is discouraging but I am thankful that I have a good pension too so there is that. So as you can see I am trying my best today to look at the bright side of life in light of all the things that did go wrong and yes, we have food and heat and family so life is wonderfully good.

If you, too, are struggling with the daily things that seem to test your resolve, step back and count your blessings. For as all my female friends always tell me. It could be worse, you could be hitched to Ol' Dutch.

And the world laments, "Poor Miss Trixie."

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Christmas tree cutting tradition

What fun I get to have when I talk about one of my favorite subjects — family Christmas traditions. And to be able to combine it with my passion for the outdoors is a real bonus. You've already guessed it! Cutting your own Christmas tree is an age-old family tradition that is as much a part of me as my family is.

The first outdoor activity I did after starting work on the Rio Grande National Forest four years ago was harvesting a Christmas tree. I was certainly not alone in my quest. It's a tradition that millions of families have enjoyed for generations. I wrote about that day in my first submission to Land, Water and People in December of 2019. I also wrote about it in 2020 and I thought it would be fun to dust off parts of both those articles and share with you again, the joy and rules of cutting a Christmas tree.

A couple of years ago one of my daughters and I were able to drive further into the national forest than normal years because of the lack of deep snow. We drove pretty far up a forest road, stopped

to put the tire chains on and drove further still. Making first tracks on the road provides almost a childish thrill but hey, I get to have fun too. We finally hit the brakes and the annual march through deep snow began. Secretly, we both wanted to be the one to find that perfect tree, so we passed numerous very lovely trees thinking

"I'll remember that one if I don't find a better one." How many times have you done that and never COULD find it again! It is frustrating, but all you can do is laugh! We tracked up the forest's snow blanket, inspected millions (ok dozens) of trees, and left snow angels in the unbroken snow, just to be promptly covered that very evening. We cut our two trees, dragged them, tagged them, and left the area just as the cold was tightening its grip on the mountain. Heading down, we were treated to a spectacular display of colors, typical of



Photo by Gregg Goodland

Rio Grande National Public Affairs Officer Gregg Goodland writes this week about his family's Christmas tree cutting tradition.

San Luis Valley sunsets in the winter. The hot chocolate and something else inside warmed us as we drove back home that evening. I think I know what it was.

A brief history of Christmas trees suggests that they began to be more common in America with first record of one used by German immigrants

in Pennsylvania in the 1830's. After Queen Victoria and her German Prince, Albert, were sketched in the Illustrated London News standing with their children around a Christmas tree, the tradition was immediately deemed fashionable in both England and America. The Christmas tree had arrived. Since then,

families have enjoyed searching for the perfect tree for generations. Many of the trees you will find might be a bit oddly shaped. But, that just adds to the Christmas character of each home.

This weekend, we'll get our tree and will decorate it while listening to our favorite old Christmas songs and some of the kids' newer music. A second batch of treats will be in order as the warmth and tantalizing smells of the oven fill the room and add to the occasion.

Once again, the Rio Grande National Forest is offering permits to cut your Christmas tree this year.



Land Water and People
By Gregg Goodland

LETTER

Cannot believe people do not know what 'Stop' means

Editor,
We are saddened after reading about the car accident on Highway 285 and County Road 7 which caused a fatality.

We cannot believe people do not

know what "Stop" means. No hesitate, it means "Stop."

Mitzi Hunter Young was died in a crash on County Road 4N on Aug. 20, 2018, when a driver failed to stop. Mitzi was a daughter, mother and

grandmother. This has changed all of our lives forever.

So, to all drivers please "Stop."

*Ed and Tootsie Powszukiewicz,
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BAZAAR

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Photos by Marie Mccollm
The Saguache Sagebrush Quilters had a table at the Saguache Holiday Bazaar on Dec. 2 with plenty of handmade quilts. They were also raffling off a quilt.

purchase including cakes, pies, brownies, cookies, tortillas, Christmas cookies, fruit, pumpkin, and nut rolls, suckers, candied marshmallows and apple and peach cobbler.

Award-winning author of the "Corky Tails" series, Joni Franks, was at the event and said that everything was going well.

Children were in line to visit Santa. Each child was smiling and getting ready for their time with Santa. One small girl named was in line and excited to ask Santa for a new brush set and a baby doll with a real baby bottle. Santa also gave some stuffed animals to the boys and girls in line. Parents took pictures of their children sitting with Santa.

The Saguache Sagebrush Quilters were at the event and had a big table set up with beautiful hanging handmade quilts. The Sagebrush Quilters provide comfort quilts for community members who are ill or have lost someone and provide quilts to preschool through kindergarten children at Mountain Valley and Moffat schools.

"We have had a lot of people come down. We have been doing well. The sales and the tickets for the quilts have been wonderful, yes, they have been great. We have had a good turn out and things really picked up when Santa came, too," said Pat Tullos of the Sagebrush Quilters.

Saguache resident Lyla Brooks said she and her kids were enjoying the event.

"My kids were in line to see Santa and were so excited," Brooks said. "We have been living here almost 2 years now, and really appreciate the small town, lovely little festival that they have going here. I have done some Christmas shopping

and probably gotten more sweets today than I need, but it's been fun. A great way to spend time with your kids and family for the weekend for sure. This has drawn our community together for sure. I have seen lots of my friends here, it's just a sweet thing that Saguache has done. Very nice."



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Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust opens new regional office in Del Norte

By **KARINA PUIKKONEN**
Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust

DEL NORTE — The Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT) has opened a new regional office in Del Norte. Having an office and staff member dedicated to the San Luis Valley and Southern Colorado will enable CCALT to better deliver land conservation services and collaborate more efficiently with communities and landowners in the region.

The new CCALT office sits in a remodeled section of the old Del Norte hospital on the north side of Highway 160 where local business owners Stan Johnson and Ryan Black are remodeling and revitalizing the building for local businesses. This office location complements CCALT's headquarters in Denver and its Northwest Colorado regional office which opened in 2019 in Steamboat Springs. The Del Norte office enables CCALT to expand its ability to offer services to the southern part of the state where CCALT has had a strong presence since 1998.

"By having a physical office presence in Southern Colorado, CCALT can more meaningfully engage in important discussions about conservation needs specific to this region," said CCALT Executive Director Erik Glenn. "CCALT can better serve the growing number of ranch and farm families who are interested in exploring conservation opportunities by increasing accessibility to services and staff."

The new office location addresses a need for deeper engagement

and support for landowners and partners, particularly concerning pressing water issues in the San Luis Valley and across the Southern region. CCALT currently holds 172,964 acres in conservation easements across 20 counties in South and Southwest Colorado, of which nearly 50,000 acres are within the San Luis Valley. The entire region encompasses landscapes with productive agricultural lands and natural wildlife habitat.

The Trinchera Blanca Foundation provided funding for the new office location and the new staff position filled by Del Norte resident Jocelyn Catterson. As CCALT's conservation and outreach manager, she will manage the new office and CCALT's services for Southern Colorado.

"Having a local person to serve the needs of the landowners and conservation community here in the San Luis Valley and Southern Colorado is incredibly important," Catterson said. "I am excited to step into this new role and serve the regional needs of CCALT from a local perspective."

Prior to starting at CCALT, Catterson was awarded the Colorado Art, Science + Environment Fellowship and has been working closely with conservation and water-related organizations throughout the San Luis Valley on an artistic and educational outreach project tied to groundwater. Through this fellowship, she developed strong relationships with farmers, ranchers, public agencies, and conservation organizations throughout the area.

The Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT)



is a nonprofit land conservation organization whose mission is to "...conserve Colorado's western heritage and working landscapes for the benefit of future generations." CCALT has worked with over 400 families to conserve more than 770,000 acres to date statewide.

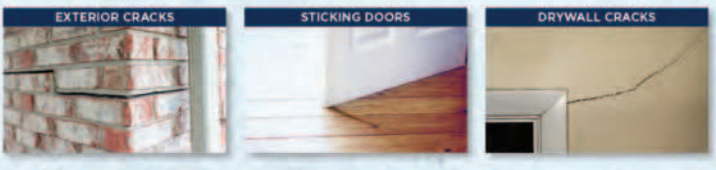
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Kukuk awarded ACCA Administrator of the Year



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Mineral County Administrator Janelle Kukuk was awarded Administrator of the Year through the Association of Colorado County Administrators. Kukuk has been with the county eight years.

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

MINERAL COUNTY — Mineral County Administrator Janelle Kukuk was awarded Administrator of the Year through the Association of Colorado County Administrators (ACCA) this month at its annual conference. Administrators are nominated for the award by local officials and then the nominations are judged by a panel of their peers from all over Colorado.

Kukuk was nominated by Mineral County Commissioner Ramona Weber.

“We always laugh and call Janelle the chaos coordinator, but the truth is, that is exactly what she does for us in the county. It is not easy managing

a board of county commissioners, but Janelle does it flawlessly and we are so happy that she was given this award by her peers,” said Ramona.

According to the Association of Colorado County Administrators, it is an organization dedicated to seeking, and exchanging information materials and ideas that can contribute to county government; to provide a central resource for any individual agency or organization devoted to more effective county management; and to encourage the continued development of higher ethical and professional standards in the administration of county government.

Each year, creative public administrators find new ways to improve customer service, make county government more efficient and increase productivity. The ACCA Administrator of the Year Award seeks to honor those public administrators whose

service to their Boards of County Commissioners and communities, level of effort, innovation and quality of performance set the benchmark for all public administrators in Colorado.

“Janelle can always find a way to put all the pieces together to come up with a workable plan. She helps with organization and provides the board with the information they need to make the best decisions we can for Mineral County. We are all so grateful she was given the recognition of this award and look forward to continuing to work with her,” said Weber.

Kukuk has been with the county for eight years and has helped to streamline meetings, create safe and organized work areas, was a key player in getting the courthouse remodeled as well as bringing up to date technological services to the Mineral County area in the form of cell service and other advancements.

Leadership tour-camp opportunities for high school students

By SAN LUIS VALLEY REC

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Every year San Luis Valley REC sponsors the Washington D.C. Youth Tour and Cooperative Leadership Camp for high school juniors and seniors. Students’ parents must be active SLV REC members (get their electricity from San Luis Valley REC).

One student receives the “trip of a lifetime,” an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. from June 17-24, 2024. They will join more than 1,800 other high school students from towns in rural America to spend a week in the nation’s Capital as part of the 2024 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour.

One additional student will be chosen to attend the Colorado Electric Education Institute’s Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp (CYLC) in Clark, Colo., just outside of Steamboat Springs, from July 13-18, 2024. There they will join approximately 90 students from Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming to improve upon their leadership skills, set up and operate a cooperative, participate in legislative forums and enjoy some classic Colorado activities like rafting and touring the Trapper Mine.

To be the winner of the Youth Tour or the Youth Leadership Camp, the application process includes submitting a 500-word essay or a three-minute video. The deadline for submitting applications is Jan.

9, 2024. More details can be found online at sylvrec.com (Community tab). Call or email Jennifer Alonzo at 719-852-6660 or jalonzo@slvrec.com with questions.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Eligible applicants must be:

1. High school students that are at least 16 years of age on or before the selected trip,

2. Dependents of parents or guardians that are members of SLV REC.

You must currently still be attending high school at the time of application. If you will have graduated during the summer of 2023, you are still eligible to attend the tour or camp.

Complete the 2024 Youth Tour OR Leadership Camp Application (online at sylvrec.com (under Community tab, Youth Tour/Youth Camp))

Submit an essay (minimum length of 500 words) or a three-minute video covering the following questions:

• Why do you want to attend the Washington D.C. Youth Tour or Youth Leadership Camp?

• What are some of your hobbies, extracurricular activities, volunteer experiences or academic achievements that you would like us to

know about?

• What do you hope to gain from this experience?

Essays do not need to be handwritten; we will accept word documents or pdfs as well.

Send us your completed application and essay/video by Jan. 9, 2024, either by email submission (jalonzo@slvrec.com) or by dropping it off at our office, 3625 Hwy 160 W, Monte Vista. Mailed in applications will be accepted with a postmark date by Jan. 2, 2024 (P.O. Box 3625, Monte Vista, CO 81144).

Winners will be contacted by Jan. 17, 2024. Applicants will be judged on if the required questions were answered, overall content and grammar.



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



Two Keys to enjoying Your Life Every Day

How do you feel about your life? Would you say you love it? Or do you just get through each day, enduring the things you don’t want to do, putting up with the things that frustrate you, wishing you had someone else’s life? Do you believe you will finally be happy someday... when you have this or that?

People often say things like: “I’ll be happy when I have a different job.” “I’ll be happy when I’m married.” “I’ll be so glad when the weekend gets here!” “I’d be so happy if I had children.” And then after the children come... “I’ll be so happy when these kids are finally grown and out of the house!”

It’s a mistake for us to go through life thinking we can’t be happy until we have something we want or our circumstance changes. The truth is we’ll always find something to be unhappy about until we learn to be happy in the Lord.

I know about this from personal experience. I got a very bad start in life, and it made me a miserable, angry, insecure person who didn’t trust anybody, because I believed if I didn’t take care of myself, nobody else would. And that caused me to be very selfish and self-centered.

But God didn’t create us to live selfish lives, spending all our time trying to get what we want. He put a desire in us to have pleasure, but we will never really experience His blessings—His peace, joy, love, and all the good things He wants to give us—if we live with a “What about me?” mentality.

John 10:10 (AMP) says, “The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].” Our enemy, Satan, wants to steal

our joy and destroy our lives. But Jesus came and died on the cross to give us abundant life, “to the full, till it overflows!” And it’s a tragedy when Christians don’t enjoy their lives because they have the wrong mentality.

If you’re unhappy and want to enjoy your life, I want to give you two keys to help you get there.

The first key is to make an attitude adjustment.

Having a negative, critical attitude and feeling sorry for ourselves sours everything. We all have things we could complain about, but it doesn’t do any good, so we’re just wasting our time and energy when we give in to it. Make a determined decision to have a more thankful attitude in your day-to-day life. Thank God for the good things you can think of right now, and actively look for more things to add to the list each day. This will help you stay focused on God’s goodness.

Another way to improve your attitude is to get your mind off yourself and think about others more. Ask God how you can be a blessing and help make someone else’s life better. When we’re paying attention to others, it’s easy to find something we can do, whether it’s giving an encouraging word or compliment, a random act of kindness, or a hug. There’s really no end to the ways we can show God’s love to someone around us.

The second key is to have a proper perspective.

Loving or hating a thing often comes down to how you look at it. It’s possible that you can have more joy in your life simply by looking at it from a different perspective.

Whatever you focus on, that is what you’re going to get. If you focus on



trouble long enough, that’s all you’ll expect, and it will likely develop.

What we choose to focus on gets larger in our lives. If we don’t have a proper perspective of it from God’s point of view, it will grow and get out of balance. For example, in marriage people sometimes get so focused on the things they don’t like about their spouse that they totally forget all the good things they love about them.

I know life is not easy, and we all have to deal with hardship at times. But when you’re struggling, realize that although you have some trouble, things could be worse.

I certainly don’t mean to make light of a serious issue you’re facing; my purpose with this point is to help you keep your perspective based on God’s Word and His promises. Because when you choose to trust Him in every circumstance, He will always be bigger than your problems!

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At Large for All of Saguache County – member and alternate
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Photos by John Waters

These recently repainted locomotives owned by the Colorado Pacific Rio Grande Railroad can often be seen in the railroad yard in Alamosa.

New colors adorn local locomotives

By JOHN WATERS

ALAMOSA — The Colorado Pacific Rio Grande Railroad has recently repainted 10 locomotives that now adorn the engines with a motif that includes the company logo which includes a graphic comprised of mountains, water, and farmland that includes grains.

According to Matt Prince with the railroad, it has purchased 10 of the locomotives from BNSF Railway. Prince added the locomotives are SD-70 MAC's. The paint job also includes the name of the railroad owner Stefan Soloviev.

The SD-70 MAC's were built by the Electro-Motive Division of General Motors in 2002. Many of the locomotives produced by GM were bought by BNSF and 28 were bought by the Alaska Railroad. According to that railroad, the SD-MAC name is comprised of, SD, which refers to Special Duty, and MAC translates to M for modified cab and AC for Alternating Current traction motors.

Between 1993 and 2003, over 1,500 locomotives were built for five railroads across

North America. The Alaska Railroad terms the locomotives as the "backbone," of daily train operations. Founded in 1922, the Electro-Motive Division of General Motors had a long and storied history in the production of these workhorses. In 2005, the business was sold to Greenbrier Equity and Berkshire Partners. In 2010, the business was bought by Progress Rail a division of Caterpillar Inc.

The Colorado Pacific Rio Grande is a 150-mile line that serves Alamosa, Huerfano, Costilla, Conejos, and Rio Grande counties with 12 stations along its route. In Alamosa, the line splits, with one branch extending south to Antonito, and the other continuing northeast to South Fork. The railroad was bought last in bankruptcy proceedings by Soloviev of New York.

According to Prince, several of the locomotives will go to the Colorado Pacific Railroad in Eads, which is also owned by Soloviev.

"The locomotives are definitely an upgrade for us," said Prince.



One of 10 Colorado Pacific Rio Grande Railroad locomotives built by General Motors was repainted by a contractor for the railroad in Alamosa.

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Crestone Holiday Bazaar rings in holiday season

By MARIE MCCOLM
CRESTONE — Hundreds of people attended the Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 25 at T-Road Brewing Company in Crestone. The building was decked out with Christmas lights and festive decorations.

Nearly 20 vendors were set up inside and outside of the building, selling crystals, stones, handmade jewelry, art, and many other items.

A photo booth was set up just inside of the building for children and adults to take pictures with Santa Claus, by a warm fire, and a beautifully decked out Christmas tree. Local photographer Lori Nagel was taking pictures at the booth and greeted everyone who walked in with a warm smile.

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Photo by Lori Nagel

Kids making holiday ornaments in the foreground and carolers singing holiday songs in the background at the Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 25 in Crestone at T-Road Brewing Company.



Photo courtesy of John Taylor/ASU

Things don't quite go as planned in 'The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong,' ASU's family-oriented holiday play on the SLV Federal Bank Main Stage this season.

ASU Theatre presents 'The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong'

'Perfectly awful and wonderfully funny'

BY PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — Few things serve up the holiday spirit more than the joyous sound of a theater filled with laughter, and that's exactly what's on tap this holiday season at Adams State University's (ASU) SLV Federal Bank Main Stage.

Continuing with a tradition that is marking its 20th year and has brought such holiday classics as "A Christmas Carol," "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Peter Pan" to the stage, the ASU Theatre Department celebrates this year's holiday season with "The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong," a family-oriented piece that "plays to ages 5 to 105."

"It's one of the most produced works over the last few years," says John Taylor, who chairs the ASU Theatre Department and is directing the production. "It's part of a series of 'Goes Wrong' plays that come out of the British Mischief Theatre Company."

In a conversation with the Valley Courier, Taylor's summary of the play-within-a-play gives a promising glimpse of the comedic antics audiences can expect.

"It's a play about an amateur theater company in England called the Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society,

and this is their winter production called "The Murder at Haversham Manor." The play is about a group of actors in 2023 putting on a play — a murder mystery — set in 1922.

"From the opening moments of the play," Taylor says, "and despite all their best efforts, some things and then bigger things and then major things start to go wrong. The actors, who are seriously committed to making the play work, struggle to keep the play moving forward as the world around them comes crumbling down."

Listening to Taylor's description, one is reminded of other great comedic scenarios played by the likes of Lucille Ball or Peter Sellers. But, in "The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong," the scenario involves a company of amateur actors. Hard to imagine a better set-up to make people laugh.

"It's an hour and 15 minutes with no intermission and, once it starts, it keeps going to the very end. The great sight gags just don't let up. I'm hoping the audience has a great time coming to the theater and laughing at the misfortune of this acting company."

Taylor's tagline seems to capture it perfectly. "It's perfectly awful but wonderfully funny."

Good bad acting is not an easy feat to pull off, and Taylor references an anonymous but famous quote. "Dying is easy," he says. "Comedy is hard."

As he told the actors in rehearsal, "Our task is to make the world

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Photo by John Waters

Power transmission lines on 8N in Alamosa County. The county has submitted a grant application to the Department of Energy that would fund studies to analyze potential routes for new transmission lines in and out of the Valley.

Transmission line study application filed

By JOHN WATERS
SAN LUIS VALLEY — Alamosa County Commissioner Lori Laske has submitted a concept paper application to the U.S. Department of Energy for a grant to study the feasibility of considering up to three alternative power transmission

lines in and out of the Valley. The application is for up to \$2.0 million for an Upper Rio Grande Valley Transmission Study to consider transmission routes in south Colorado and northern New Mexico.

Laske briefed the San Luis Valley

Commissioners Association at their meeting in Alamosa on Nov. 20, stating, "This is a grant to the federal Department of Energy to have a study done to have a large transmission line. This is not a line going to houses, it is to transport

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PLAY

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of the play — including acting, set, and costumes — to appear appropriately amateurish while in actuality delivering a high-quality production of this play.”

Timing in the show is precise, he tells the Valley Courier, and so many things are going wrong that the audience has to be able to catch.

“To also do that safely has been a great challenge for our actors, but it’s also been a good experience in rehearsal to do something like this where they can’t ‘just kinda’ do it. There has to be full commitment with the timing exactly spot-on.”

Daunting as that may sound, Taylor is “really pleased” with where the actors are at this point. “[They’re] doing a great job at playing actually awful actors, and the audience is going to have a wonderful time.”

In 2004, Taylor was the first director to put on a family-oriented play to celebrate the holiday season, making this year’s play the 20th such play to be produced. But that mile marker is not the only thing making the 2023 season special.

“For the first time since COVID, we are having some really strong matinees,” he says. “One matinee is sold out and the second is three-quarters full. We’re much closer to being back to normal and where we were before.”

Against that backdrop, he adds, “And we all could use a good laugh as we gather together for the holiday season, couldn’t we? What better way to spend some time than getting together as family and friends, laughing and just having a really great time at the theater. That’s what it’s all about.”

In one more attempt to further

whet the audience’s appetite, the Valley Courier asked Taylor if there’s anything specific they should expect to see in the play.

Taylor thinks for a moment and then says, “Expect...the unexpected.” The smile in his voice says it all.

Public performances of “The

One-Act Play That Goes Wrong” run at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 8, and 9. All performances take place on the San Luis Valley Federal Bank Main Stage, located in the Theatre Building on the ASU campus.

Tickets are \$13 and may be purchased through the box office,

719-587-8499, which is open from Monday through Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. starting Nov. 27. They are also available online at www.adams.edu/academics/undergraduate/theatre/.

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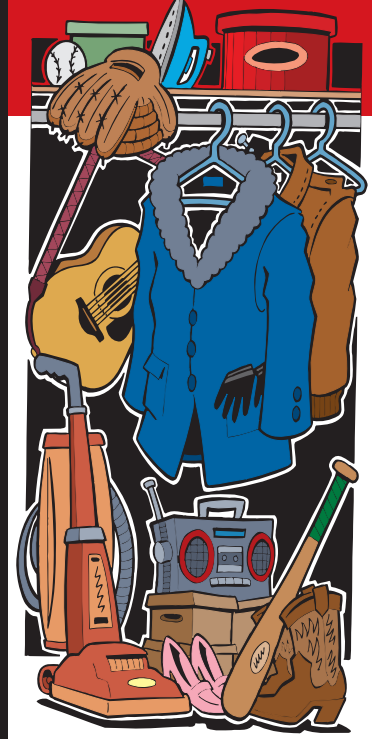
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Santa Claus pulled into town on a beautiful horse-drawn sleigh, smiling and greeting all the children that had been waiting in anticipation for him to come. Many people at the Bazaar had come to bring their children to either visit with Santa and or take pictures with him. There were about 10 children in the street eager to see Santa when he pulled up. They laughed and waved enthusiastically when he pulled up on his sleigh.

Santa stepped down from his sleigh and bustled into the brewing company to greet everyone. While Santa was inside, people went on free sleigh rides. There were Christmas carolers in various places throughout the bazaar, adding to the warm atmosphere.

A craft table was set up specifically for the children. The children happily worked at the craft table, making ornaments to take home.



Lots of excited children from all over the Valley stopped by the T-Road Brewing Company in Crestone to see Santa on Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Holiday Bazaar.



Photos by Lori Nagel

Kids of all ages lined the street to greet Santa as he arrived at the Holiday Bazaar, which was held at T-Road Brewing Company in Crestone on Saturday, Nov. 25.

The magic of the season was in the air at the bazaar. Santa was asked what his favorite part of the day was by Nagel, and according to Nagel Santa said, "The two little girls who asked for world peace and for the wars to

stop in Israel and around the world." Vendor Romary Morales said the bazaar was a success. She is a former sewer who makes beaded jewelry to sell at events like the bazaar. "We have had a lot of people come

through. I figured out I make more money with beaded jewelry. I still love to sew, but I only sew for my family now. This bazaar has been great, I think people are having fun, it's been nice," she said.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Female parent
5. NY city
10. Israeli diplomat Abba
14. Surrounded by
15. Car part
16. Simple aquatic plant
17. Tough skin of fruit
18. Finnish lake
19. Composition
20. Very willing
22. One and only
23. Cluster cups
24. Famed Hollywood director
27. Score perfectly
30. Important lawyers
31. Undivided
32. Part of the foot
35. Spun by spiders
37. Married woman
38. Reagan's Secretary of State
39. Instruments
40. The A-Team drove one
41. Short-tailed marten
42. Oil organization
43. Predecessor to the EU
44. "Hotel California" rockers
45. Color at the end of the spectrum
46. Actress Ryan
47. Digital audiotape
48. Expression of creative skill
49. Scientific instrument
52. Dog-__: marked for later
55. Israeli city __ Aviv
56. Fencing sword
60. Turkish title
61. Wise individuals
63. Cold wind

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64. Popular type of shoe
65. The territory occupied by a nation
66. Tattle
67. Chop up
68. Actress Zellweger
69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

1. Female of a horse
2. Bowfin
3. Chinese dynasty
4. Small venomous snake
5. Global news agency
6. Common fractions
7. American state
8. Tired
9. Boxing's GOAT
10. Made less severe
11. A group of countries in special alliance
12. God of fire (Hindu)
13. Northeast Indian ethnic group
21. Anchor ropes
23. They __
25. Apprehend
26. Autonomic nervous system
27. A theatrical performer

28. 2-door car
29. Partner to flowed
32. Pair of small hand drums
33. Former Houston footballer
34. Discharge
36. Former women's branch of the military
37. Partner to cheese
38. Witch
40. Live in a dull way
41. Satisfies
43. Snakelike fish
44. Consume
46. Type of student
47. Erase
49. Instruct
50. Girl's given name
51. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
52. Every one of two or more things
53. Indian city
54. Greek letters
57. Weapon
58. Geological times
59. Cycle in physics
61. Soviet Socialist Republic
62. Witness

Solution to last week's puzzle

9	6	3	1	8	7	2	5	4
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8	3	2	4	9	6	5	7	1
2	8	5	6	4	1	7	9	3
4	7	6	3	5	9	8	1	2
3	9	1	7	2	8	6	4	5

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[electricity] solar out of the valley or energy coming in. This is a line to move energy in and out of the Valley."

Laske told the commissioners that a grant application for a study of Valley transmission lines submitted last year was not chosen. After learning the fate of that application, Laske said she searched for other grant opportunities and picked this Department of Energy grant that could finance a feasibility study. Formally, the grant application is known as a Transmission Siting and Economic Development (TSED) Program Concept Paper," and Alamosa County is the siting authority with Commissioner Laske as the technical point of contact. Laske added she hopeful, "at a later date to get all the San Luis Valley Commissioners to endorse and be a partner of this project."

According to the concept paper, "The proposed URGV (Upper Rio Grande Valley) Transmission Study will increase grid resilience, enable the development and deployment of renewable energy and significantly increase economic opportunities in the communities affected by the construction and operation of a "covered transmission project."

The concept paper-application states that communities in south-central Colorado and northern New Mexico, "have identified strong interest in additional transmission lines and substations to provide interconnection points for a subsequent clean energy build-out." The region is "ideal for solar production," and, "the region currently only has just one

transmission corridor, which runs north over a wooded mountain pass with high fire risk. Without redundancy, all power to the 50,000 residents in the SLV could be lost if there were to be a wildfire."

The San Luis Valley is home to several solar production facilities. In March, the Valley Courier reported on a 17.5-acre renewable energy storage facility being built off Lane 8N. Last month, Korsail Energy announced plans to build a 790-acre solar energy production

and storage facility near Alamosa.

This is not the first attempt to build an additional line in and out of the Valley. In 2011, a permit was issued to Public Service of Colorado and Tri State Generation and Transmission to build a transmission line from Alamosa County over La Veta pass. That proposal was doomed after a large landowner objected to the plan that prevented the acquisition of the needed right of way.

If the proposed study is funded,

it will analyze three transmission corridors, 1. East from Alamosa to Pueblo; 2. South from Alamosa to Northern New Mexico; and 3. Northwest from Alamosa then southwest to the Four Corners Area.

During the commissioners meeting, Laske listed the partners in the proposal: Colorado Energy Office, New Mexico Energy Office, New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Office, Colorado Electric Transmission

Authority, Colorado Department of Transportation, New Mexico State University, San Luis Valley Commissioners Association, San Luis Valley Council of Governments. The San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative and Kit Carson Electric Cooperative are also partners.

In an interview with the Valley Courier, Alamosa County Commissioner Laske stressed that the concept paper-application she has submitted is a preliminary step that has yet to be approved.

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