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Center Kiwanis Christmas Parade time change

CENTER — The Center Kiwanis Christmas Parade has changed the time to 11 a.m. on Dec. 16. Entries are asked to line up between Worth and Broadway on 2nd Street at 10:30 a.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.

Ribbon cutting for Chavez Designs Dec. 15

MONTE VISTA — A ribbon cutting and grand opening for Chavez Designs Floral Shop, 321 Stallo, Monte Vista, is scheduled for noon on Dec. 15, the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce recently announced.

There will be lunch, snacks, coffee, and cookies provided. There will be a raffle and giveaways.

Winter Coat Drive underway

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Housing Authority is having a winter coat drive. If you have a new or almost new coat you can donate, contact the authority at 719-589-6694.

San Luis Parade of Lights Dec. 16

SAN LUIS — American Legion Post No. 142 in San Luis will have a Parade of Lights on Dec. 16 thanks to the support and assistance from the Sangre de Cristo Ranch owners group.

Staging starts at 4:30 p.m. The parade starts at 6 p.m. After about a mile parade route, it ends at the American Legion Post No. 142, where there will be warm drinks and snacks.

To be part of the parade, contact Post Commander Wade Eppler at wadeeppler@yahoo.com.

Ski and gear swap is Dec. 20

CRESTONE — The Crestone Charter School is having a ski and gear swap from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20. The school is located at 330 East Lime Ave. in Crestone.

For information, call 719-256-1907.

Wellness Center at Rio Grande Hospital taking shape



Courtesy photo

In the photo on left are the first foundations for the extended-care cottages located on the south side of the new Rio Grande Wellness Center at the Rio Grande Hospital.

By RIO GRANDE HOSPITAL

DEL NORTE — Rio Grande Hospital is creating a place with unique new services and education for our communities. Its Wellness Center will be a training and learning center offering ways to focus on wellness and prevention.

According to architect, Lisa Carpenter, “This project has truly been a dream. My favorite projects are anytime I get to design a building or space that will function to improve people’s lives, and I believe this building will impact a lot of lives.”

How will the Wellness Center serve people; how will they use it? Here are some highlights:

Visitors will be able can learn how to eat a healthier diet through cooking classes. The Teaching Kitchen will provide demonstrations of tasty and cost-effective recipes. Classes will further impart the

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Local Pearl Harbor survivor Blake attends ceremony virtually

Monte Vista theater operator made it possible

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — Veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor George Blake took part in a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony on Dec. 7 via Zoom thanks to the effort of local businessman Bob Richards.

Richards allowed Blake, 102, the use of the Vali 3 Theatre to virtually attend the ceremony at the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii on the big screen. Movie theater operator, Richards, opened it up to the public

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Photo by Marie Mccolm

Veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor George Blake stands along with Pam Self, who is the director of the Colorado Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake, during the playing of the National Anthem at Vali 3 Theater on Dec. 7 in Monte Vista.

South Fork ice-skating rink opens

By LYNDSIE FERRELL

SOUTH FORK — The South Fork Visitor Center has announced that the newly improved ice-skating rink at Rickel Park just east of South Fork town proper is open for the winter season. Though temperatures have started to warm in the days since the

announcement, the rink is holding steady for the time being.

Ove the course of the summer, the South Fork Friends Foundation in partnership with the Town of South Fork and many generous donors, a large cement pad was poured for the new rink. Funding for the project

included donations and grants. The court-ice rink is 108-feet-by-115-feet poured concrete-rebar pad that will be a multi-functional platform for basketball and skateboarding in the summer and an ice rink in the winter.

The foundation has had a successful year and announced

this past spring that they were awarded two grants to help fund the project. The ice-skating rink is one of the main attractions in South Fork during the winter months and though it has been available for public use for several years, having

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RG Bank partners with Banzai to help schools

Providing remote financial literacy learning resources

STAFF REPORT

RIO GRANDE COUNTY — RG Bank is bringing financial literacy education to over 1,680 students in several Colorado counties. Students at 10 schools have free access to Banzai, an award-winning online program and content library that allows users to practice real-world finance from

the safety of their home or classroom using any internet-enabled device. At a time when a solid foundation of practical financial knowledge is critical, these resources will make a huge impact on users. All of these resources are available to students at home or in the classroom via any device that can access the internet.

“Banzai is a web-based financial literacy program. Kids get their own accounts, and they work through assignments that are based on real life,” says Morgan Vandagriff, co-

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Del Norte Parade of Lights brings joy on Friday

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

DEL NORTE — Del Norte's annual Parade of Lights is on Friday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. and it is an event that should not be missed. This year's theme is an ode to a classic Christmas movie that has been shared through living rooms since 1964 and will now grace the streets of Del Norte on Dec. 15.

Parade participants can let their imaginations fly as they decorate floats, businesses, and homes throughout town as the "Island of Misfit Toys." This theme is a wonderful opportunity to make use of old toys and to get creative with displays for the holiday season. Join in on the fun and bring a touch of Christmas to town for this wonderful time of year. Residents and businesses are invited to participate this year in lighting up Del Norte.

Those wanting to participate in the parade need only to decorate their vehicles, trailers, ATVs, vintage vehicles or even themselves to join in on the fun. The night is packed full of opportunities for some last-minute Christmas shopping at local businesses

and a chance to meet Santa at the High Valley Community Center. Local merchants will host sales and holiday fun throughout December, so be sure to support local businesses this season.

The Del Norte Chamber of Commerce and the 1% For Del Norte Committee has set up a Merchant Passport that is available at participating businesses where shopper can fill out the card while they shop and receive a local business discount, reward or free gifts depending on how the card is filled out. Shoppers can use their creativity to show their support for the local businesses and community by participating.

Be sure while attending the festivities throughout town to stop into the Del Norte Public Library which will be hosting an open house after the parade featuring snacks, warm beverages, free goody bags and a children's craft to enjoy. Del Norte Public Library Director Susan Williams also said that there will be a widerange of Christmas stories available to check out and read.

Along with the Merchant Open House on the evening of the parade,

the Rio Grande County Museum is hosting an adult-only presentation on the Christmas Camp, Fremont's Fatal Fourth Expedition with Keynote Speakers, retired Archeologist Ken Frye and Rio Grande National Forest Fisheries and Wildlife Program Manager Jason Remshardt. The museum will be open at 4:30 p.m. with the presentation beginning at 5:15 p.m. and will finish before the start of the parade.

This is a great opportunity to learn about one of the most infamous expeditions known throughout the western United States and beyond. Both Frye and Remshardt have researched and worked with archeological teams on the actual Christmas Camp site and have spent years learning all there is to know about the fatal expedition that claimed the lives of several men and burros.

Fireworks will follow the parade from the top of Lookout Mountain (D Mountain) so be sure to stick around for additional holiday celebrations! For more information, please visit www.delnortechamber.org!

RINK

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it placed on a permanent foundation will help with the quality of the ice.

According to the foundation, other uses can be pickleball, roller blading, roller skating, ice hockey, and bicycling, for example. The foundation worked with the Town of South Fork and True Grit Excavation. The foundation received a \$20,000 grant from the Robert Hoag Rawlings Foundation in Pueblo and \$30,000 from Rio Grande County.

Three years ago, a new shed was built near the rink and thanks to the generous donations from local businesses like 8200 Sports and others, the warming hut was filled with ice

skates that can be used by the public for free.

The organization in partnership with the South Fork Visitor Center will be hosting several events this winter including Saturday Night Skate Night, bonfires, curling competitions and more.

Events for the winter will begin in January and more will be planned for the area in the summertime. The rink is cared for by the Town of South Fork Road and Bridge department. A donation box is located inside the warming shed with the ice skates.

For more information, visit www.southfork.org.

OBITUARY

Janys R. Jones

Life-long Monte Vista resident Janys R. Jones, 91, passed away on Dec. 1, 2023, at River Valley Rehabilitation Center in Del Norte, Colo. Janys was born during a very stormy night on Jefferson Street on Jan. 28, 1932, to Harold and Cody Schall. She grew up on 222 Davis St. and graduated from Monte Vista High School in 1950. She married Clyde Jones on April 9, 1951, in Monte Vista, Colo., and raised six children at their family home on Highway 160.

Janys was involved in Eastern Star, Bridge Club, and Grey Wolf's Ski Club. She had a love for skiing and skied at Wolf Creek Ski Area for over 60 years. She organized a group of women to do ladies hair at the Veterans Center and was involved with that for 30-plus years. She was also named Monte Vista's "Woman of the Year" in 2004.

Janys was dedicated to her family and was happiest when she was surrounded by them. She was especially fond of spending time at their family cabin at Ptarmigan Meadows. She loved feeding the birds at home and at the cabin and knew most of the native flowers in the mountains around their cabin.

Janys was quite a character that never knew a stranger, was a giving and caring person, she had a great sense of humor, was loved, and adored by many and made everyone around her feel comfortable in her presence.

Janys is survived by her children: Art (Vicki) Jones of Monte Vista,



Cheryl Jones (Neil Seneff) of Monte Vista, Cherie Muller of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Jere (Robin) Jones of Gunnison, Colo., and Kenny Jones of Blanca, Colo., as well as 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Peg Schall, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Clyde, son Doug, son-in-law Gary Muller, sister Shirley Mabray and brother Don Schall.

Cremation was chosen and services will be determined at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions maybe made to The Kid's Connection, Monte Vista, Colo., in memory of Janys Jones.

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

WELLNESS

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health benefits of cooking and eating a plant-slant diet, such as boosting immunity and gut health, helping with blood pressure, or strengthening bones.

Those who have chronic kidney disease or diabetes, can receive training in preparing home meals that will not aggravate their condition; or be coached on ways to substitute ingredients and ways to blend in herbs and spices.

The Center will have a Community Lounge to connect with others. This welcoming space is large and roomy, yet intimate and comfortable enough to have a conversation over coffee with a friend, watch the bison herd, read a book, use a computer, or just relax in a peaceful atmosphere.

In addition, the lounge will create a safe place where families can talk, share, and enjoy time together during convalescence.

A large Community Hall with up-Valley views, will provide a barrier-free meeting space during the day for the hospital staff to come together,

and at night for large community groups, local businesses, and service organization events.

The hall will accommodate activities such as catered events, seminars, health conferences, prevention workshops, annual meetings, retreats for local organizations, or employee wellness programs for local businesses.

The Wellness Center's Fitness Studio will allow the public and hospital staff to attend Yoga, CrossFit Movement, or Tai Chi classes. People can use a variety of exercise equipment while learning ways to exercise at home for stress reduction or toning the body.

The studio will be a place to practice good health after medical treatment or diagnosis. For patients who graduated from cardio/pulmonary rehab, it provides transitional wellness programs.

The inviting outdoor walkways are safe walking paths benefiting mobility and social networking.

In the Garden Meeting Room patients, staff, and community members

can meet in private while enjoying the benefits of a "living herb wall." This is an indoor vertical herbal plant garden with information showing how to grow and cook with herbs.

The room functions as a place to host workshops and training sessions. Learn how to deal with illness through lifestyle changes, better cope with serious anxiety, or experience and practice the multiple elements of mindfulness within a support group.

Two private quiet rooms will allow people to sit back, unwind, and reflect. The rooms will be beneficial to those needing to calm from crisis incident stress or to those who are experiencing job stress.

Plans for the Wellness Center include facilitating computer training and providing computers for patients to catch up on missed work, for upskilling the staff, and for the public.

The facility will be focused on sharing holistic health practices with staff and the community through hands-on experiences to form healthier lifestyle habits.

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founder of Banzai. "But because RG Bank is sponsoring it, local schools get it for free. More than ever, it's important that kids develop sound financial skills to prepare them for the real world, and RG Bank realizes that and they're doing something about it."

Banzai content builds a foundation of practical knowledge and gives students the tools to create a sound financial future. While students learn, teachers can easily monitor and grade their progress remotely. After finishing Banzai, students will know how to track where their money is and what it's for, recognize financial trade-offs, build a budget, and more. At a time when many are facing unprecedented financial challenges, these lessons are invaluable. The Banzai resources are available at rgbank.teachbanzai.com.

RG Bank is working with Banzai to build financial literacy in the community by investing time, money, industry experience, and a variety of bank resources. Beyond the Banzai library, RG Bank also offers virtual or in-classroom presentations from local experts on timely topics.

Banzai resources are used by over 100,000 teachers across the U.S. The courses align with Colorado's state

curriculum requirements, making the program a fun way for students to gain vital financial literacy skills.

According to the RG Bank website, eight schools in the valley are currently being sponsored including Alamosa High School, Antonito High School, Centauri High School, Creede High School, Monte Vista Senior High School, Ortega Middle

School, Sargent Junior High School and Sargent High School.

Teachers interested in using the Banzai program with their class can visit rgbank.teachbanzai.com or call 888-8-BANZAI.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Tuck and Roll

It's been "the week" I have to say. As many of you know Ol' Dutch has a cattle ranch down in Texas which means I have to take care of them. These past two weeks have been hard on me as we had a baby calf who would not eat and despite heroic efforts on Miss Trixie's part, the calf didn't make it.

I think losing babies is about the hardest part of raising any animals as we feel so helpless, and it sure does stretch the old heart strings a tad. Ol' Dutch is thinking he may be too soft-hearted to be a rancher now as it sure does bother me, more so lately, it seems.

Life does go on and hopefully we will have a few more babies on board soon to watch run around the property.

We had struggled last week with 80-degree temperatures outside and even had the air conditioner on for a few days to compensate for that global warming.

But now it's reversed course and the temperatures have cooled considerably and Ol' Dutch is "cold." Of course, that term is all relative to my friends and neighbors in the high elevations of Colorado and, in Kansas, we'd call it a heat wave.

I either got used to a warmer climate or I am getting old, and I feel it more. Regardless, neither Mr. Cooper nor I like any extremes in the thermometer, so I tend to move around to avoid the discomfort.

With the downward slide of the old heat measurer, Ol' Dutch has turned on the electric blanket and simmered away the night like a big old pot roast on Sunday Morning. And while I spend about half the night uncovered due to being hot, it's sure nice to crawl into after taking Mr. Cooper out in the middle of the night for one of his pee breaks.

The only real issue I do have at night is waking up with no covers. At least on my side. Most of you can relate to the fact that learning to sleep with another person can certainly have its challenges. And even though Miss Trixie is darned near perfect in all her waking moments, her sleeping ones leave a lot to be desired.

For she has perfected what I call the "drop and roll" technique of blanket acquisition. This technique comes from the training videos about what to do in case you catch on fire. They all say



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by Kevin Kirkpatrick

to drop to the ground and roll around like a dog or a dead fish until either the flames go out or you are medium well.

This supposedly puts out the flames, but I am not sure who could ever remember those instructions if they were suddenly turned into a Roman Candle.

But Miss Trixie has modified that to her sleeping positions and winter exacerbates that since Ol' Dutch ends up blanket less and cold.

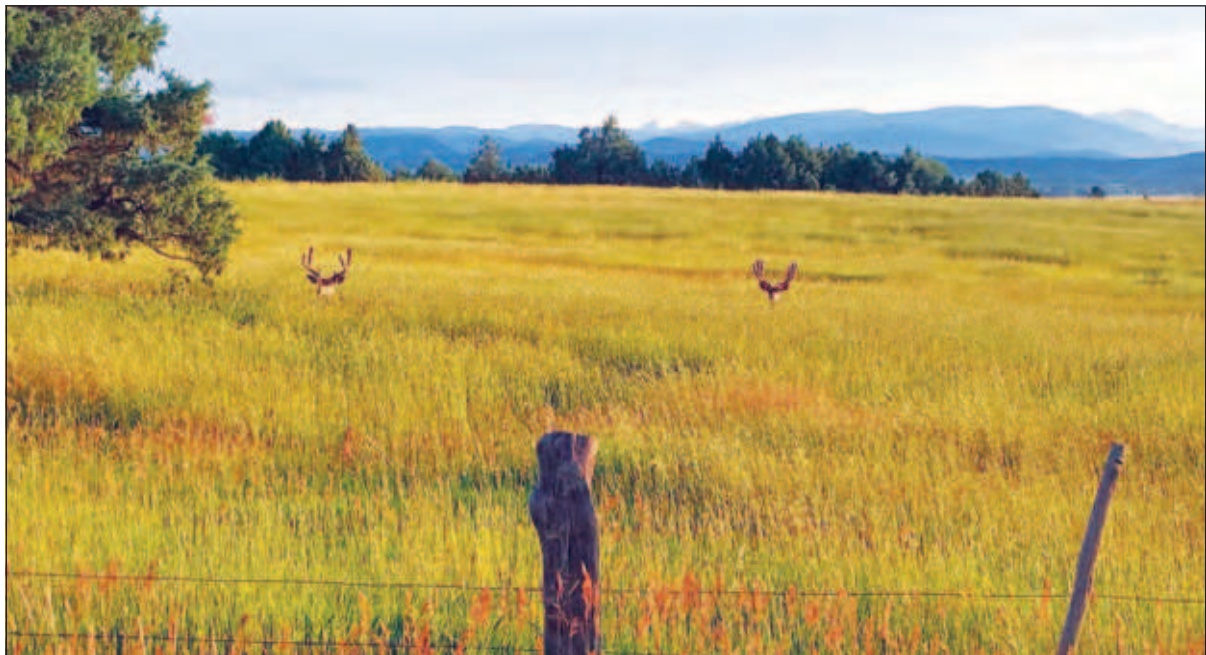
So here is how it works. She gets into bed and tucks the covers under her chin and armpits, says a hasty good night and then rolls toward the window. This causes a tsunami of sheets and covers and quilts and duvets across my stomach and Mr. Cooper and I are left as dry as a herring on a low tide beach.

Some of you may say we probably smell like that too and we resemble that remark but it's still the start of a wrestling match to regain enough covers to at least keep us from freezing to death.

Miss Trixie does get up bright and early and leaves me and Cooper in bed and that is the best two hours of sleep I get all night long. Blankets are loose and comfy, and we spread out like margarine on a hot dinner roll at Christmas.

Speaking of which we are about two weeks out on that Happy Holiday and so it's time you all get out there and get those gifts bought. And let me reassure you that no gift is too large when you are thinking of Ol' Dutch.

Kevin Kirkpatrick and his Yorkie, Cooper, fish, hunt, ATV or hike daily. His email is Kevin@TroutRepublic.com. Additional news can be found at www.troutrepublic.com.



What really affects hunting in the West

By LESLIE ALLISON

A disgruntled hunter wrote a Writers on the Range opinion recently about Westerners getting fed up with the many out-of-staters coming in and buying up draw licenses to shoot bull elk, deer, bear and other big game animals.

As a hunter myself, I understand their frustration.

But reducing non-resident tags, as Andrew Carpenter suggests, takes us in the wrong direction. The greatest threat to hunting now and in the future is the loss of habitat.

Private lands provide up to 80% of habitat for all wildlife species, including critical winter range that's the limiting factor for most big game populations. Yet these family farms and ranches are struggling for economic survival and in many places are under immense development pressure.

According to the American Farmland Trust, Colorado is on track to lose approximately a half-million acres of open land in the next two decades. Other states have similarly alarming projections. As these lands disappear, so does the wildlife they support.

Income generated by providing access and outfitting services to out-of-state hunters is one of the few economic lifelines keeping ranches and habitat intact.

As New Mexico rancher Jack Diamond explained, "Without non-resident hunters, we couldn't survive at this point in the ranching business. I don't want to see this place subdivided, but we'd have to consider that as a last resort."

David Olde, also a rancher from New Mexico, concurred: "We ended up with so many elk that we had to reduce our cattle. If I can't sell hunts, what can I do — turn it into ranchettes?"

For the fourth-generation Bramwell family ranch in Colorado, hunting income is an integral part of their operation.

"Our out-of-state clients have been coming here to hunt for generations," Darla Bramwell said. "These migratory animals do not care whose grass they are eating or whose fences they tear down as they come from forest lands to eat in our hay meadows at night. Without the income from the non-

resident hunters, something would have to give."

Most states already heavily favor resident hunters, both in draw quotas and license fees. In Colorado, for example, residents are now allocated 75% of licenses while non-residents receive only 25%. Further, non-residents typically pay hundreds of dollars more per license than residents. In Colorado a resident bull elk tag is \$61. A non-resident bull elk tag costs \$760.

Several things happen when non-resident licenses are further reduced. First, it squeezes the bottom line of family farms and ranches that support wildlife and depend on hunting for a portion of their income.

Second, it harms local livelihoods and rural economies. Visiting hunters outspend resident hunters by a large margin, supporting local restaurants, hotels, stores, outfitting services and the local tax base in rural communities.

As Bramwell said, "When our out-of-state hunters come here, they not only support our family but they support our community. They buy local gifts, food, fuel, lodging, meat processing and taxidermy work."

Diamond's operation supports between seven to 10 guides from August through December. "These are good-paying jobs and the money generated is all spent locally in the two counties we live in," he said. "We

buy gas, propane, groceries. We also pay state gross receipts tax on the entire hunt."

Third, state wildlife agencies depend on the high license fees they charge out-of-state hunters.

Fourth, the loss of visiting hunters would remove incentives for prospective ranch buyers to invest in conserving and managing land for wildlife.

Finally, it would also mean more hunters crowding public lands and forcing elk to seek refuge on private lands, reducing hunter opportunity and creating a lower-quality hunt experience.

Pulling the economic rug out from under private lands and wildlife isn't the answer. So, what is a better solution?

We need to increase, not decrease, incentives for landowners to conserve habitat and provide hunting opportunities. We should bolster, not undermine, the role of hunting in supporting agricultural lands and rural economies. And we need to improve wildlife habitat on public lands with better management of our forests and rangelands.

The future of hunting — and wildlife — both depend on landowners and sportsmen working together to sustain our remaining wild and working lands.

Lesli Allison is a contributor to Writers on the Range, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring conversation about the West. She is CEO of the Western Landowners Alliance, a West-wide, landowner-led organization that supports working lands, connected landscapes and native species. www.westernlandowners.org.



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The Spa hosting a winter opening Dec. 29

SOUTH FORK — The Spa at Tiny Timbers will be hosting a winter opening at 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 29. People will have the opportunity to explore what the spa has to offer, book appointments, purchase retail, and buy gift cards during this time. Refreshments will be available.

The Spa is located at 28422 Highway 160, South Fork. For more information, call 719-657-7501

Special MV City Council meeting set for Dec 14

MONTEVISTA — The Monte Vista City Council is having a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 14, at City Hall, 95 West First. The agenda is posted on the city's website and on its Facebook page.

City Council's regular meeting on Dec. 21, will be canceled, according to city officials.

Bring your pets to meet Santa, support a wonderful cause

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

SOUTH FORK — The South Fork Friends Foundation is kicking off a new fundraiser this holiday season and there will be a chance for the community of South Fork to give back on Dec. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. The event is for dogs only and those interested can come and have their dog's picture taken with Santa for a minimal donation that will go toward the South Fork Veterinary Clinic Pet Rescue.

For the past several months, the South Fork Pet Rescue has been providing no-cost housing, minor medical procedures, food, fostering services, and other compassionate care to stray dogs and cats in the area.

The rescue was started by the South Fork Veterinary Clinic to address some of the animal issues within the community. Whether it be attending to stray cats in need of care or neutering or help with veterinary bills for medical procedures, the fund is set up to help with anything and

anyone with animal care needs.

"We want to help offset the costs of these services with this fundraiser. People can have their dog's photo taken with Santa and receive a print for a donation of \$25 or a digital file for \$20," said South Fork Friends Foundation President Luke Brennan. Brennan kicked off the fundraiser with a \$200 donation from the foundation.

People can support a wonderful cause in the South Fork area and help animals along the way. The event is held and sponsored at the LOGE at Wolf Creek, a new venue that has been making waves throughout the community since it opened this past summer.

South Fork Veterinary Clinic owner Jodi Duff is the founder of the rescue and is the person who administers the needs and medical care to animals helped through the fund. Duff will be present at the fundraiser which will also include hot chocolate, s'mores packets, firepits and more.



Courtesy photo

South Fork Friends Foundation President Luke Brennan and South Fork Veterinarian Jodi Duff pose with a furry friend as Brennan helps kick off a fundraiser that will be held at the LOGE on Dec. 20 to raise money for the South Fork Veterinary Clinic Pet Rescue.

BLAKE

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so people could show their support for Blake, who lives at the Colorado Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake.

For many years Blake traveled to Hawaii to attend the ceremony at the Pearl Harbor National Memorial on Dec. 7, but was not able to make it this year.

At least 75 people attended the ceremony for Blake and sat in the theater with him. At the ceremony, they could see Blake and everyone sitting with him. They spoke about Blake and mentioned what an honor it was to still have him. There was a salute given on the big screen from Hawaii.

The entire theater clapped and cheered when they heard the mention of Blake.

"Also, a special welcome to Mr. George Blake, who is watching virtually with many of his friends and fellow Veterans, from the Veterans Community Living Center. Mr. Blake served with the 41st Post Artillery Regiment. The last known living post artillery soldier who served at the Hawaii post artillery command here at Fort Kamehameha, during the attack on Pearl Harbor," the emcee of the ceremony said.

There were various speakers throughout the ceremony in Hawaii. Some of the speakers spoke specifically about certain fallen soldiers who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor. Blake was mentioned many times as a survivor.

John Hanson, son of Private Henry Hanson, was one of the guest speakers. He spoke about his father and about Blake.

"It really is a humbling privilege to be here with the venerable George Blake once again, who was also here defending the nation that fateful day (Dec. 7, 1941), and who has remained dedicated to remembering for 82 years, remembering those who fought and died here especially. You may not agree but you are a hero sir. Thank you for your service and for profoundly inspiring all of us," Hanson said.

Years ago, on a trip back to Hawaii Blake wrote a poem entitled "Why you not me." In it, Blake asks why so many other people died at Pearl Harbor, yet his life was spared. The poem was also read in Hawaii.

At the end of the ceremony, Blake was helped to the front of the theater for a question-and-answer period and a special presentation.

Richards was touched by the poem and worked with James Pacheco of the Polished Edge to design a small version of it on a piece of granite that was presented to Blake.

Richards asked Blake to explain why he wrote the poem. Blake said he was at Pearl Harbor visiting like he often did, and that there was a room with names of everyone who had died at Pearl Harbor. He explained that he couldn't sleep that night thinking about how many people had died.

"I got to thinking about it and they were just kids, the average age of the ones that died were 17-19 years old. I thought about it, and I thought if the Lord decides who lives and who dies, how come he took all those people, and I am still here. When I got up in the morning, I took those thoughts and put them into a rhyme. It's been shown in several places around the country," Blake said.

A larger version of the poem on

stone is planned and placed either at Faith Hinkley Memorial Park, or at Homelake.

Blake enlisted in the US Army on March 5, 1940, and was stationed in Hawaii for basic training.

On Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, Blake was headed to the gym to play basketball. When the attack started, Blake thought it was a drill.

"It sounded like an airplane landing on a corrugated tin roof," he said. "Suddenly we heard explosions and a rat-a-tat-tat. The sky was full of planes. It took a while for my mind to comprehend all that I was seeing. I thought it was a very realistic drill, except there were rising suns on those planes."

Blake survived the Pearl Harbor attack and stayed in Pearl Harbor, in Harbor defense. He returned to the mainland and worked as a Radar Instructor in Fort Monroe, Va., until he was discharged on July 15, 1945. He lived in Salida for 40 years before moving to Homelake. He turned 102 in January.

"It's an honor to be here, and have



James Pacheco, of the Polished Edge, presents Pearl Harbor survivor George Blake with a piece of granite with a poem Blake wrote about the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor during a ceremony on Dec. 7 at Valley 3 Theater in Monte Vista.

people interested in this history. It's humbling for me to get all this attention. I was just a 19-year-old kid who happened to be at the wrong

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MV children go Christmas 'Shopping with a First Responder'

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — Thirteen children took part in the Shopping with a First Responder event organized by the Monte Vista Police Department, the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office, Monte Vista EMS, Colorado State Patrol and the LOR Foundation on Saturday, Dec. 9.

The children were taken to Alamosa and shopped at Walmart for Christmas presents, with a first responder. The event was funded by the LOR Foundation's Monte Vista office.

According to Monte Vista Police Chief George Dingfelder, the children walked through Walmart and picked out gifts for Christmas. The children were all smiling and enjoyed the time spent with first responders picking out gifts. Pictures were taken at Walmart with the children.

Dingfelder said they worked with local schools to get connected with the children.

"Monte Vista school teacher Lorelyn Buss really helped with this event," Dingfelder said. "We asked the school to identify families that needed some help for the holidays. Lorelyn Buss helped us identify families, kids that would need some help with some gifts. We met at Ski Hi this morning and went over everything that would take place, with the kids."

Most of the kids rode with the first responders, either with a cop, or deputy, or with the ambulance down to Walmart.

"We spent a couple of hours this morning taking the kids shopping," Dingfelder said. "The LOR Foundation, Ivette Atencio, helped with the funding for this, and it was a great event. The kids were happy.



Courtesy photos

Thirteen children took part in the Shopping with a First Responder event organized by the Monte Vista Police Department, the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office, Monte Vista EMS, Colorado State Patrol and the LOR Foundation on Saturday, Dec. 9.

The kids all said thank you, they were smiling, and they enjoyed it. It was a lot of fun for them, but to tell you the truth, the first responders had just as much fun as the kids did too."

Chief Dingfelder said that the parents were appreciative and thanked all the responders for taking the kids.

Dingfelder thanked all of the partners for their help with the event.

"A big shout out to Walmart for all their help," he said. "They were very gracious and very helpful to all of us. They were great partners in all of this. A special thank you also to the Rio Grande Sheriff's Office, all the deputies, and Monte Vista PD, Monte Vista EMS, the Colorado State Patrol, Ivette Atencio and the LOR Foundation, and Lorelyn Buss at the school."



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Children shopped with first responders at Walmart in Alamosa on Dec. 9. The Shopping with a First Responder event was organized by the Monte Vista Police Department, the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office, Monte Vista EMS, Colorado State Patrol and the LOR Foundation.

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South Fork Kiwanis gives thanks, seeks members

STAFF REPORT

SOUTH FORK — The Kiwanis Club of South Fork has been hosting its annual Thanksgiving Dinner for 50 years, but the annual tradition is in danger of stopping. This year, the organization welcomed people to the South Fork Community Center for the annual dinner and now would like to reach out and thank the community for the continued support.

Current club president, Karen Miller spoke about the event and gave thanks to a community who comes out in style.

“We would like to thank everybody that came to dinner to help and to eat,” she said. “Your donations were so appreciated and enabled us to do Christmas for the kids in the Valley and other events. We also appreciate the food and clothes that were donated. They will be put to good use.”

Miller said that this year guests came from as far away as Mexico, Galveston, Texas, and other areas around the Valley and beyond. Miller

gave a shout out to local business and community members who helped make the dinner a huge success.

“The owners and staff from Ramon’s Restaurant came and helped serve and they did a wonderful job for their first time. We also had Miss West Tennessee, our own Heather Brooke who came to help with the event. She even had her sash with her and took pictures throughout the event,” Miller said.

Miller added that the Kiwanis branch in South Fork is in danger of ending due to lack of membership and made a plea to people who may be interested in joining. The club is down to three members, making events like the Thanksgiving Dinner and the South Fork Fishing Clinic held every June difficult to put together.

“I can’t possibly thank everybody for all the help and for coming to chow down. Before our Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer done by David Daniel of Emmanuel Church, our member Steven Valdez, made a few



Courtesy photos by Karen Miller

The South Fork Kiwanis would like to thank everyone who helped with and enjoyed the annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day in South Fork. The event was a success, and the food was once again the talk of the town. Donations made during the event help bring holiday cheer to local schools during the Christmas holidays and will also be used for future fundraising events next year.

announcements, one of which was this may be the last community dinner we will have. With only three members, it makes it so hard to do all that work and get this event rolling. This is our 50th year for our South Fork club and hate to see it end,” she said.

Miller said if anyone is interested in getting together, planning some fun stuff with local children and the community, they can come to the club’s meetings, even if it is just to see what the group has to offer.

“We meet on Thursdays at noon at Los Chavalos in South Fork and would absolutely love to have some new faces. We don’t want to stop doing all the things we do for the community but it’s pretty rough with only three people. Please give me a call if you want to find out more about



us,” Miller said.

Miller at 720-313-4834 or by emailing

For more information, contact mkmillermink@aol.com.



Saguache County Board of Commissioners Seeks Saguache County Planning Commission Members
Saguache County Board of Commissioners are seeking members and alternates from:
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Villa Grove and surrounding area – member and alternate
At Large for All of Saguache County – member and alternate
Crestone and surrounding area – alternate
The representative must be a property owner or property manager and reside in the area they are interested in representing. Regular member terms are for three years and the alternate terms are for one year.
Saguache County Planning Commission meets on the last Thursday of each month in the Road and Bridge meeting room. The Planning Commission may also have work sessions throughout each month to work on the Saguache County Master Plan and different items. Saguache County Planning Commission members and alternates are paid \$100 for every regular meeting they attend, plus mileage reimbursement.
If you are interested, please send a brief letter of interest stating qualifications and interest to Saguache County Land Use, Attn: Amber Wilson, PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149 prior to Friday, December 29th, 2023. All applicants will be interviewed by the Board of County Commissioners. Should you have any questions please call Amber Wilson at 719-655-2321.
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The Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) board awarded a \$50,000 grant to Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust through the nonprofit coalition Keep It Colorado to permanently conserve 805 acres of the Herencia Lucero property in Conejos County. Herencia Lucero property is a working ranch with significant water rights that includes 1.4 miles of the Rio San Antonio and 344 acres of wetlands, as well as grasslands, riparian shrubland, and cottonwood forests. These lands and waters provide critical habitat for numerous species such as bald eagle, northern harrier, golden eagle, sandhill crane, elk, mule deer, pronghorn, and Rio Grande chub.

GOCO board awards \$50K grant to permanently protect 805 acres in Conejos County

By GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO

DENVER — The Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) board on Dec. 8 awarded a \$50,000 grant to Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust through the nonprofit coalition Keep It Colorado to permanently conserve 805 acres of the Herencia Lucero Property in Conejos County.

The grant is part of Keep It Colorado's Transaction Cost Assistance Program (TCAP), which re-grants GOCO funds to nonprofit land trusts to help cover the costs associated with conservation easement transactions. It enables landowners who have urgent opportunities to conserve their properties, but who face financial barriers to facilitating the transaction, to conserve land more quickly.

The property is a working ranch with significant water rights in the Rio San Antonio irrigation system. Leveraging both conservation easement tax credit and bargain sale funding from North American Wetlands Conservation Act and a private foundation, the project will help Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust conserve 805 acres in this first phase with plans to conserve another 670 acres in the future.

Located within the Bureau of Land Management's San Luis Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern and 1.5 miles from the San Luis Hills Wilderness Study Area, the property includes 1.4 miles of the Rio San Antonio and 344 acres of wetlands, as well as grasslands, riparian shrubland,

and cottonwood forests. These lands and waters provide critical habitat for numerous species such as bald eagle, northern harrier, golden eagle, sandhill crane, elk, mule deer, pronghorn, and Rio Grande chub.

The landowners are part of a sixth-generation Hispano family that contributes to agricultural production in the San Luis Valley. The Lucero family is pursuing climate resiliency planning and working with ditch companies and Natural Resource Conservation Service to make irrigation improvements that will benefit over 20 families.

To date, GOCO has invested more than \$5 million in projects in Conejos County and partnered to conserve 5,598 acres of land there. GOCO funding has supported the Conejos Ranchland Initiative conserving important agricultural lands, the North Conejos Activity Complex, and the protection of Rainbow Trout Ranch, among other projects.

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) invests a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers, and open spaces. GOCO's independent board awards competitive grants to local governments and land trusts and makes investments through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Created when voters approved a constitutional amendment in 1992, GOCO has since funded more than 5,600 projects in all 64 counties of Colorado without any tax dollar support. Visit GOCO.org for more information.

It has been another fun week at High Valley

By HIGH VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

DEL NORTE — We have loved getting to celebrate the holiday season with the kids by doing all sorts of festive activities throughout the week! They have made snow globes, created their own unique snowflakes, and sang carols to our friends over at River Valley center. No matter what the activity, they have learned new things and built up their relation skills.

The Del Norte Elementary School held their annual Winter Concert this last week, and we had the opportunity to watch the kids perform all the songs they had worked so hard to learn! It was music to our ears to hear their voices and new instrument skills.

The weather is getting colder, so please remember to send your kiddo with a jacket to HVCC! They get to play outside for a portion of their time here, so we want to make sure they are bundled up.

Our big shopping trip for the year is happening Friday, Dec 15! We will be taking the kids to the Dollar Store in Alamosa – the buses will leave at 10, so please be sure to drop your child off on time. They will be purchasing Christmas presents for their family, so send them with a little bit of cash – you can estimate about \$1.20/gift. After our shopping spree, we will replenish our energy by going to lunch at Chavolo's, which is provided by HVCC!

The Parade of Lights is also happening on December 15! Kids will need to be picked up by 5 PM on



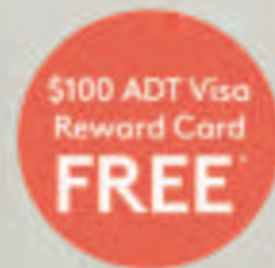
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The High Valley Community Center keeps the holiday magic alive with a week packed with fun crafts, Christmas concerts and a caroling trip to the River Valley Inn nursing home in Del Norte.

Friday, and they can be dropped back off behind HVCC before the parade begins to participate in the lineup. This week is our last week of program before we break for the holidays! We will not hold programming Dec 19-Jan 9. We will pick back up Jan 9. Happy Holidays!

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New business opens in Del Norte focused on wellness

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

DELNORTE — When Emily Boyd left Del Norte in 2008, she was not sure if she would ever come back to her hometown but after years of study and working in the profession she loves, Boyd was happy to make the decision to bring wellness back with her to Del Norte.

The new owner of Enduring Wellness located near downtown Del Norte is eager to bring her version of health care to the community and to help support the already growing interest in treating a person before, while and after they deal with an illness or injury.

“When it came down to where we wanted to live, my husband asked West Texas or Del Norte and I didn’t hesitate. I said Del Norte for sure,” laughed Boyd.

The new health clinic opened for business on Black Friday and a group of curious guests were welcomed by Boyd and her family.

“We are really happy to be here and to share my vision of what health care should look like. We offer IV infusion and acute care with basic diagnostic testing in an effort to treat patients quickly so they can continue on with their lives,” said Boyd.

Boyd went to school for her bachelor’s in nursing at Regis University in Denver before moving forward with her Nurse Practitioner Degree at UAMS in Little Rock, Arkansas.

“We moved back to the area in October of 2020, but everything fell into place, and we knew that this was where we were supposed to be. The doors were wide open, and the process went very smoothly. It was the easiest decision we have ever made,” she said.

Once Boyd and her family settled in, she went to work for the Oncology

Department at the San Luis Valley Health Regional Medical Center in Alamosa for three years before deciding that she wanted to open her own practice within the guidelines of her specific care as a Nurse Practitioner.

“I have always had this vision and this idea, and it was just one of those things that when I started seeing what was out there, everything I wanted to do fell into place.”

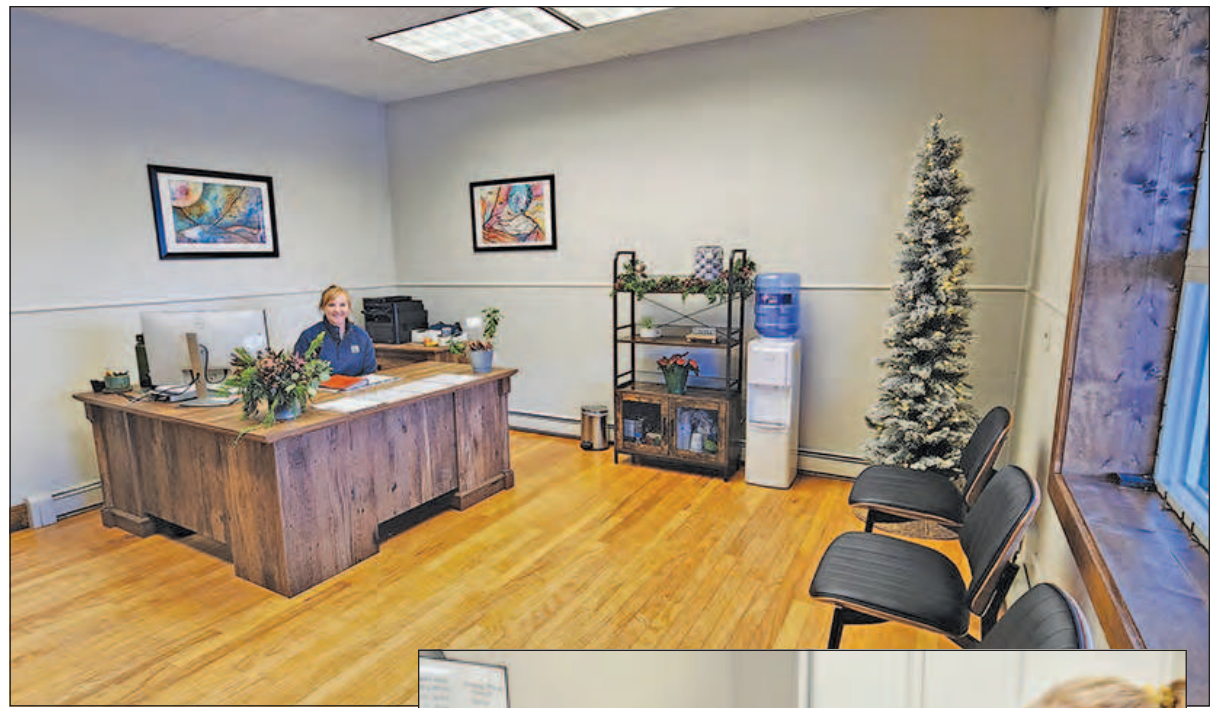
As a mid-level medical care provider Boyd can practice within her scope according to Colorado State Medical Regulations and begin bringing wellness to the community she loves. Her IV Infusions are one of her more popular treatments that include IV cocktails created in house by Boyd to help with specific ailments such as migraines, stress, lack of energy and immune boosts.

“During wellness we offer IV hydration and nutrition. We do different infusions or cocktails if you will that has basic nutrients that the body needs. It is a really good way to supplement what people lack in vitamins and nutrients,” she said.

Boyd hopes to grow her clinic as she moves forward down her path of wellness within the Del Norte community and plans to expand as time and resources allow. Her clinic works with a transparent pricing system that meets client needs as they arise and can always be worked with according to patient needs.

“I am really here to help with the wellness journey and to work with the community and other wellness opportunities whenever I have a chance,” Boyd said.

Boyd also offers consultations if someone is looking to learn more about what they may need, and she is always willing to see patients for



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell
Emily Boyd, owner of Enduring Wellness, is ready and excited to be accepting clients at her new wellness clinic in Del Norte. Whether a client is looking for acute medical care or for a boost for their immune system, the new nurse practitioner is willing to help and share her journey into wellness with the community and the Valley.

acute care.
“Even if it’s just an earache and someone can’t get into a regular clinic when they need to, I am happy to help,” she said.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 719-624-2808, stop by Enduring Wellness Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. or on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at 570 Columbia Ave., Del Norte, or by visiting www.enduringwellnesshealth.com.



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We are saved by the grace of God through our faith in Him; our faith does not *buy* our salvation—it merely *receives* it. As Ephesians 2:8 says, salvation “is the gift of God.” It is impossible to buy a free gift—and this can be hard for us to understand. Human nature tends to be prideful, and we want to earn and deserve this free gift and take credit for being worthy of it.

But salvation is given to us freely, by God’s grace. And the same way we receive Christ’s salvation, is the same way we have to live—*by grace*. God gives us His forgiveness and grace daily; we just have to believe and receive it.

When you are “saved,” it means God forgives your sins—all of them—and you have new life in Christ. When you are born again and really have a relationship with God, there is a new nature inside of you (John 3:4).

Second Corinthians 5:17 (AMPC) says, “If any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!”

Now, no one is perfect, and we all make mistakes sometimes. But when the Holy Spirit is living in your spirit through salvation, you won’t be comfortable with those mistakes because God’s nature is at work in you. God is not mad at us for our mistakes; He is love and we need to humbly

accept His love and grace.

In John 15:5 (NIV), Jesus says, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” This scripture reminds me that God doesn’t expect me to change on my own. He is the power source and gives us the grace and strength we need to do what’s right and make changes in our lives.

Here’s our part in the process of changing to become more like Christ:

We hear the truth in God’s Word and we’re convicted by it. This means the Holy Spirit is gently letting us know that something we’re doing just isn’t right. We have to realize what we’re doing wrong before we can know what needs to change and how.

Then we repent of our sin. Being repentant means we’re sincerely sorry and willing to turn away from it (1 John 1:9).

The next step is to study the Word in the area we need change. For example, if I have a problem with anger, I need to study scriptures about anger and forgiveness. Use the Word like medicine and take it into your heart and mind. James 1:21 (AMPC) says to “...welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls.” There is power in God’s Word to bring change to our souls!

To receive God’s blessings and enjoy everyday life, we simply need to make the decision to believe Him and His Word more than our thoughts and feelings. The Bible is our instruction manual on how to grow into the new nature He’s given us and become who He wants us to be. So, take some time each day to read and meditate on scriptures that tell you about God’s love for you, who you are and what you



have in Christ.

A good verse to start with is Ephesians 3:17, which says, “May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love” (AMPC). This scripture says that God loves you; His will is for you to be His child and receive every blessing He has for you—righteousness, peace, joy, provision of your needs, healing, and restoration.

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DA Kelly, 'We're ecstatic and humbled'

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — After repeatedly making the case for a space large enough to accommodate the 21 people who now make up her staff, 12th Judicial District Attorney Anne Kelly is getting her wish, and it is more than even she had thought was possible.

Sometime before the end of 2024, the DA's office will be moving from its current location on San Juan Avenue to the Alamosa State Bank building, located at 601 Main St. on the corner of Main and State Avenue in downtown Alamosa. That, alone, is welcome news for Kelly. But most extraordinary is that the property is being donated by Alamosa State

Bank to Alamosa County.

When asked to confirm, Alamosa State Bank President Chas Moeller wrote, "It will be a full donation. The ownership will be going to Alamosa County."

Russell Achatz, CEO of Alamosa State Bank, issued the following statement.

"The Alamosa State Bank and its Board of Directors are proud to donate our branch building at 601 Main St. to Alamosa County for the DA's office and its multiple functions.

"We believe this is a win-win for the community, downtown, and the DA's office. We have a top-notch DA, and for her to recruit top-notch employees and attorneys, their own building with much, much more space and safe environment is crucial for their success.

"With a fully staffed DA's office, it can only help in keeping the community safer, which was important for us. It is also great for downtown, keeping all those employees working in the area is only a positive. It will be exciting to see a



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Alamosa State Bank, located at 601 Main St., to serve as new, permanent location for the 12th Judicial District Attorney's Office sometime within the next year.

building that was our home for 70-plus years get a new life and updated and to serve such a great purpose for the community."

Since being elected to office, Kelly has

recruited enough attorneys to be considered fully staffed, which includes seven full-time prosecutors, including herself, and one

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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



Courtesy photos

CCALT's Del Norte office will enable the organization to engage more effectively with communities and partnering landowners in the southern part of the Centennial state.

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 **Please see CCALT on Page 7**

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 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.

Banning also explained the registration process for the baskets.

"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 kids, that represents 89 families."

Banning said she relies on other entities.

"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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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.

The Trinchera Blanca Foundation, the Colorado affiliate of The Moore Charitable Foundation, founded by Louis Bacon in 1992, supports organizations committed to protecting land, water, and wildlife habitat in Colorado's San Luis Valley. The Trinchera Blanca Foundation also supports community programs dedicated to improving quality of life in the region.

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Solution to last week's puzzle

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attorney who works remotely half-time monitoring situations that do not require his or her presence in person.

Now that she will have ample room to accommodate a staff of 21 people, each member of her team — including the prosecutors, two investigators and administrative staff — will have their own office, allowing them to have confidential conversations while being confident that people without a need to know can't overhear what is being said.

"The district attorney's office is ecstatic and humbled by the efforts of Alamosa County and Alamosa State Bank in finding us an appropriate office space," Kelly says. "We will be able to do so much more for this community when we have the space to do it."

"One of the things we're most excited about with the new space," Kelly continues, "is our ability to have a conference room that will accommodate public discussions, community forums and training for law enforcement."

"Also, what we don't have right now but will have in the new building is a comfortable, confidential, safe and private place for victims and their family members to meet with people from the DA's office without having to walk through all the other offices to get there. That's a big need in the community that will be met with a smaller conference room."

Colorado Legal Services, a pro bono provider of legal services to people in the Valley, is currently occupying some of the space in Alamosa State Bank but, Kelly says, they will be moving out.

"They provide a very valuable

service," Kelly says, "and, fortunately, they're going to stay in the Valley. I think they needed a different space, too."

"We are very grateful to Scott and Angie Graber [owners of the San Juan building] for working with the DA's office for over 20 years and the relationship that grew out of that," says Megan Bagwell, the DA's Director of Administration. "The main priority — not the only priority but the main priority — in moving is that we need to have a space that can fit the growth that the DA's office is experiencing."

Bagwell says they're hoping to close on the new property within a month and move in sometime within the next year once needed renovations are made. But, in the event that the building they're currently occupying is sold before they can move into the new space, Bagwell says they are working on a lease agreement with their current landlords.

"If we're anything in the DA's office, we're resilient and we can make things work as long as we have to until we move into our new space," Bagwell says.

"We are the recipient of this amazing work and haven't been involved in the intricacies of what was negotiated," Kelly says. "But I want to express my deepest gratitude to Alamosa State Bank who has been amazingly generous and a really strong supporter of our office and, in service to the community, have provided us with this opportunity."

"I especially want to thank Russell Achatz, Alamosa State Bank's CEO, Chas Moeller, the president of the bank, Roni Wisdom with Alamosa County, and Commissioner Lori

Laske.

"This is going to be a game-changer," Kelly says. "The entire office

is so grateful for the work of Alamosa County and Alamosa State Bank." Kelly anticipates that the next

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