

## Shorts

### Colcha Embroidery Bazaar is Dec. 1

**SAN LUIS** — The Colcha Embroidery Bazaar will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 1 in the newly opened Sangre de Cristo Cultural Heritage Center Theater in San Luis.

Colcha embroidery is a type of weaving found in northern New Mexico and San Luis Valley. It is a coarse fiber from the churro sheep and usually used to make rugs and wall hangings. Colcha uses a particular stitch and often depicts local landscapes and scenes. There are examples of colcha embroidery on the walls of San Luis Town Hall.

There will also be other arts and crafts and holiday goodies available.

On Dec. 2, San Luis will have its tree lighting.

### Communities in Christ annual concert is Dec. 3

**SANFORD** — The “Gathering Our Communities in Christ” Choir Group and other local talent will usher in the Christmas season at the annual concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, inside the Sanford School auxiliary gym. The concert is free, but they are accepting donations to the food bank.

### 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.

### SLV Spay and Neuter December dates

**SAN LUIS 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](http://www.slvna.org).

## Two-vehicle crash near Center results in one fatality

**BY PRISCILLA WAGGONER**

**CENTER** — A collision involving two vehicles just south of Center on Friday night claimed the life of one person with five others being transported to a local hospital.

According to Capt. Nathan Lyons with the Colorado State Patrol, at

5:56 p.m. on Nov. 24, Colorado State Patrol responded to a report of a two-car collision at the intersection of Highway 285 and Rio Grande County Road 7, mile marker 57.9.

Lyons says that a 2018 Chevrolet Equinox with five occupants was traveling eastbound on RG County Road 7 North when it failed to stop at a stop sign.

The second vehicle, a 2013 Volvo XC60 with only the driver inside, was traveling southbound on Highway 285 when it struck the Chevrolet Equinox on the left side.

“It basically t-boned the Chevrolet,” Lyons said.

As a result of the collision, the Chevrolet Equinox traveled off the east side of Highway 285 and,

after a half rotation, landed on its top, ejecting two passengers in the process.

Meanwhile, the Volvo skidded, rotated, and came to rest with its wheels still on the ground.

The five occupants of the Chevrolet included the driver, who has been identified as 28-year-old Kristain. *Please see CRASH on Page 2A*

## 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.

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 *Please see BAZAAR on Page 4A*



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.**

## Local veterinarians urge caution this season

**BY LYNDSIE FERRELL**

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — According to local veterinarians from South Fork and Creede, an unidentified canine respiratory illness has been confirmed in Creede. Long-time veterinarian John “Doc” Howard with the Creede

Animal Clinic stated that the virus was affecting dogs throughout the country specifically the Front Range in Colorado and densely populated areas of Oregon.

“We have seen about 20 dogs from this area come in with this new

respiratory virus and we want to get the word out to people about the dangers it may pose to our canine friends. The virus has not yet been identified and has not yet been named. There is no diagnostic test available at this time. The symptoms are very

similar to tracheobronchitis and is less responsive to treatment,” explained Howard.

Howard stated that the clinic recently went back through their records and has tentatively diagnosed *Please see CAUTION on Page 7A*

## Kosmowski art finds a home at Tiny Gallery in Crestone

**BY MARIE MCCOLM**

**CRESTONE** — Artist Noemi Kosmowski is ecstatic about having her art in the Tiny Gallery in Crestone.

“I am thrilled with a lot of my art being here at the gallery in town. I have a lot of my art set up at home, my bigger art, but this place is just great and doing well for me and other artists,” she said.

Kosmowski has been an artist for as long as she can remember and has been with the Tiny Gallery for 3 months now and is a permanent placement. The Tiny Gallery features different local artists, but Kosmowski’s art is set up in half of the gallery and has done well at the gallery.

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**The Tiny Gallery in Crestone features the work of various artists in various mediums and goods made by local artisans.**

Photo by Marie Mccolm



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# OBITUARIES

## Sandra Lucylle Hosselkus Kroll

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we share the passing of Sandra Lucylle Hosselkus Kroll (Sandy). Sandy passed away on Nov. 16, 2023, at the Del Norte Hospital. She was born on May 18, 19?? in Del Norte. She spent her life in Creede and the Creede community meant the world to her.

She married her high school sweetheart, Carl Kroll, and they were married until his death in 1996. She had two children, Dwayne Kroll (Trish) and Marycarol Patz (Tim). She had three grandchildren, Amanda Bell (Tom) and Patrick Bell (Alyssa) and Adrianna Demos, who lovingly referred to her as "Grandma Hot Dog" and two Step-Grandchildren, Scott Patz (Ashley) and Kaitlyn O'Neil (Chris) who lovingly referred to her as "Grandma Hammer." She had two Great-Grandchildren, Margaret "Margie" Bell and Harrison "Harry" Krabacher and six Step-Grandchildren, Zianna and Elleana Williams, Brody and Marlowe Patz and Finn and McKenna O'Neil who lovingly called her Gigi. She was blessed to have a large family of many siblings, nieces, nephews and cousins. Sandy was the most family-oriented person you will meet but you did not have to be of her blood to be her family.

Sandy was born to Allen and Margaret "Margie" Hosselkus and was one of 17 children.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and 12 of her siblings.

Sandy worked as a Deputy/Dispatch for Mineral County for 31 years.

Someone recently said she was not just a part of the Creede community, she was embedded in the community through her numerous volunteer activities which included her many years as an EMT. Sandy was one of the founding members of the Mineral County Ambulance back in the mid-1970s. She served about 35 years on the board with tireless dedication. When she retired from being an EMT, she remained on the Board until 2016. She helped create the EMS service and was a strong supporter. Among her many accomplishments she helped the Board build the new ambulance barns; purchased many new ambulances; supervised the EMT squad, training, etc. She assisted in purchasing new, top of the line equipment for the service, wrote countless grants and attended hundreds of trainings. She kept records, did the ambulance billing for many years and was an invaluable member of the board. She was also on the Underground Mining Museum Board, Mineral County Democratic Chair.

In addition to her volunteer duties, she assisted many people in the community, including her Mother, siblings, friends and neighbors. She would help by taking them to appointments, providing meals, cutting hair, literally anything they needed. We often joked and called her "Florence Nightingale." She loved spending time with her family and friends and she loved a good margarita! She had many hobbies. One of the first was learning to play the guitar. She taught her Grandson his first guitar chords and his first song on the



organ in her living room. She played Tuesday Night Volleyball for many years. She loved to dance, she loved playing golf and she loved to laugh. She loved life! She was loved and she will be forever in our hearts!

Viewings will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., as well as, Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Strohmayer's Funeral Home in Monte Vista. Graveside services will be held at the Creede Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, at 11 a.m. All are welcome. We will have a Memorial/Celebration of Life in the Summer as well. Arrangements in Care of Strohmayer's Funeral Home.

Donations can be sent to: Mineral County EMS, P.O. Box 381, Creede, CO 81130, and or Mineral County Fire Protection, P.O. Box 298, Creede, CO 81130.

## Willard G. Martin

Longtime Monte Vista resident Willard G. Martin passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, at the Colorado State Veterans Center Nursing Home at the age of almost 99 years old.

Willard was the son of Glenn and Ruby Martin, born in Artesia, N.M., on Feb. 18, 1925. His family moved to a cattle ranch about 12 miles from Abilene, Texas, and for the first eight years of school, he and a neighbor girl named Anita went to a school in Taylor County, having to ride their horses to and from school. Then in the last four years of high school his family moved closer to Abilene, and he was able to ride the bus to school until he graduated in 1943. The family then moved to a cattle ranch at Razor Creek, about 20 miles from Gunnison, Colo., where he helped his Dad and Mom herd and brand cattle and harvest hay.

On Sept. 7, 1944, Willard enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was deployed to Rhineland Central Europe where he was sent to the 66th Armored Division Unit and was put in a medium tank as a Tank Driver. During the last year of his tour, he was a message center chief and then an SSG Administrative NCO before being discharged on Aug. 5, 1946.

He returned back to Razor Creek, Colo., and helped his Dad on the ranch and there he met his loving wife, Norma Lee Lockhart in Gunnison at a malt shop



where she worked. They got married in Taos, N.M., in a double ceremony with their good friends, the Wheelers on Nov. 20, 1947.

Willard and Norma settled in Doyleville, Colo., on a cattle ranch, where they raised cattle and harvested hay. Willard also drove a truck delivering hay to the race tracks in Phoenix, Ariz., and Ruidoso, N.M. In 1960, Willard decided to change jobs and started working for Safeway driving a semi-truck, delivering groceries. Willard made his career with Safeway and made several moves around Colorado, and after 30 years of service he retired from Safeway. He resumed driving trucks all around the country for another 8-10 years before he decided to call it quits from driving trucks. Willard spent his remaining years taking care of his wife, home, and yard and being a snowbird in



the winter months in Mesa, Ariz.

Willard is survived by his two daughters, Pat (Charlie) Burd and Carol (Ron) Martinez, three grandchildren, Shawn Burd, Lori (Art) Vigil, and Marla (Todd) Rumley, five great-grandchildren Lexi (Shane) Settle, Ryan Rumley, Spencer (Jasmine) Wingert, Sydney Rumley and Dalyn Burd, and two great-great-grandchildren Leia Wingert and Justin Settle.

Willard was preceded in death by his wife Norma Lee Martin, parents Glenn and Ruby Martin, his brother Jack Martin, and his Grandson Glen E. Martinez.

Cremation was selected and a graveside service for the family will be held at a later date. Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of arrangements, visit [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com).

# SLV CAC Annual Gingerbread Festival

ALAMOSA — The Children's Advocacy Center of the San Luis Valley (SLV CAC) is having a Drive-Thru Gingerbread Festival from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Rio Grande Farm Park.

Each year, the SLV CAC hosts the Gingerbread Festival for the community to join together and celebrate the holiday season. This drive-thru event is organized so families can stay in their cars and drive through the park, stopping at different stations to receive goodies from Tu Casa, Inc., partnering community agencies and organizations, and Santa and his Teddy Bear Helper. Goodies include items such as hot chocolate donated by Starbucks, gingerbread kits donated by Sweet Life Bakery, and much more. This event is free and open to residents of the San Luis Valley with children.

"As part of our event, we ask our attendees to help us support other important agencies in our Valley

by bringing a small donation. This year, we'll be donating to local animal shelters, so we ask that those who attend bring a small animal-care related donation, such as dog/cat food, animal toys, grooming supplies, pet beds or towels/blankets, or any other pet supply that would be beneficial to our furry friends," organizers stated.

"The Gingerbread Festival is an annual community favorite, and we'd love to see you there! Supplies are limited, so we encourage you to come early to ensure you don't miss out!"

Gingerbread kits, toys, and Santa gifts are limited to children present at the event only.

The SLV CAC is a program of Tu Casa, Inc., a non-profit whose vision is to empower all children and adults to live healthy, violence-free lives. All services are free, confidential, bilingual, and are available throughout all six counties of the San Luis Valley.



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Cayaditto of Cuba, N.M., a 57-year-old woman, a 60-year-old male, a 12-year-old male, and a 6-year-old male.

The 57-year-old woman was ejected from the car and pronounced deceased at the scene. The 6-year-old boy was also ejected and sustained serious but non-life-threatening injuries. Lyons noted that, of the five people traveling in the Chevrolet, only two were wearing their seatbelts — the driver and the 60-year-old man.

All the occupants in the Chevrolet were residents of Cuba, N.M., with the exception of the 12-year-old boy who was from Del Norte. The driver of the Volvo, identified as Sherry Baker of Alamosa, sustained moderate injuries.

All individuals, with the exception of the 60-year-old man, were transported to SLV Regional Medical Center where they were treated for their injuries.

Capt. Lyons wants to remind people to always drive carefully, especially during the holidays when it is easy to be distracted, and to always wear their seatbelts as "seatbelts save lives."

On behalf of the Colorado State Patrol, Capt. Lyons also expressed

his deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the woman who lost her life in the accident.



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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Hiding in plain sight

All my life I have heard the phrase "hiding in plain sight" and the older I get the more that seems true as I can be looking at something right in front of me and not see it. That is usually when I have to do one of two things.

One is to ask Miss Trixie if she has seen my keys or phone or whatever it is that I have misplaced. The other – probably a better choice – is I pray and ask God to show me. Both seem to work although the latter is more foolproof and does not elicit a bunch of back talk such as "well, where did you put it." Thankfully God is not like that and simply aids me when I need help.

The phrase is based on something that can be so obvious that it blends into the background to the point of almost disappearing from sight. All of us have had that happen at one time or another as we can look right at what we are searching

for and seemingly not see it.

The one thing that has happened all over the U.S. that bolsters the effect of not seeing things is the advent of the use of camouflage in every aspect of our lives. You don't have to look far to find it used in everything from cups to clothes to seat covers to ATVs and yes, even entire pickups covered in a varying array of lush leafy luster.

At first it was just men who wore camo and could be seen periodically at a store or gas station upon return from a hunting foray. But suddenly it seems that everyone from men to women and kids and even baby clothes are decorated in preparation for hiding out somewhere.

Just this last week I saw more women than men with the green patterns adorning their curvaceous bodies. It dawned on me that maybe they are onto something as it did seem to reduce the

amount of noticeable skin square footage on their frames. And with the addition of pink camouflage, they can still be feminine and blend into the background at the same time.

You may think that since I am in Texas that is the reason, I am seeing so many camo'd out women, but I see them wherever I go and at functions you would not believe.

Soccer moms have discarded the tight spandex pants for cargo britches in varying patterns of hide out material. Their tight tops have been replaced by floppy things and that's not just the shirts. Coolers and chairs in camo with Buckeelogos on them have replaced the yearning for Yeti that was so popular just a few short years ago.

I even saw an entire family with some sort of camo on at church and while that might seem a tad sacrilegious to some, it

may be a good idea to be able to hide out when they pass the plate for donation. I don't know.

But regardless of people's reasons for donning the colors, it's been a Godsend for Ol' Dutch as I have been wearing camo since before it was popular, and Miss Trixie was getting darned tired of it I must say.

But they are comfortable and have some elastic in the waistband so Ol' Dutch was wearing them even before the masses took my hint and followed my stylish lifestyle. Now if they will only wear a plaid shirt with said camo pants then Ol' Dutch will finally be in style and maybe shut up Miss Trixie's constant yammering on and on about my clashing shirt choices.

That being said, I hope you all get some kind of camo for Christmas so that you too can be less obvious in a world that



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## LETTERS

# 'We have made a difference in our community!'

Editor,  
Our Oct. 28, Make A Difference Day event was a success thanks to San Luis Valley residents, business and community support. This day is about compassion. Once again individuals came together to support two worthy causes, love and respect for the planet and for people.

A grand total of 51 trucks, trailers and cars passed through the gates of the Regional Landfill. Deposited were 82 tires and 195 cubic yards of household, organic and construction debris.

These items will not be dumped on our roadsides, stacked up on beautiful scenic acreage or polluting our rivers and lakes. Items will be handled properly or recycled.

The donations collected for the Monte Vista Food Bank were valued at \$1,236 in non-perishable food items. That amount



will feed 65 people for 3 days. The \$362 in cash donated will be used to buy special holiday food.

Thank you, Regional Landfill Board and Employees, for your sponsorship of this event.

You opened your hearts, minds and gates to the community for the 24th year. Your donation of time, wages and uncollected revenue is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Monte Vista Food Bank, for your continued service to those in need.

Thank you, local grocery stores for the donation of fresh foods. This made it possible for the Baer Family to prepare a meal to share with the Landfill workers and Volunteers.

Thank you, local newspapers and radio stations for getting the word out for this event.

Thank you, San Luis Valley residents for cleaning up your yards and community. We appreciate you opening your pantry and wallets again this year and providing a meal for others; you gave generously.

Thank you to the many volunteers that gave hours of your time.

We are very proud to have celebrated 24 years of our event.

We have made a difference in our community!

This event benefits all who participate.  
*The Baer family*



# Consider donating to Monte Vista Kids Connection

Editor,  
It feels good to give, filling our hearts with indescribable joy, and giving has the amazing power to transform lives. This is how we feel about the City of Monte Vista's Kids Connection at the Bryning House.

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*Gigi Dennis*  
Monte Vista City Manager

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# Saguache WWII Veteran with Sheriff

Ricardo 'Rick' Quintana, a World War II Veteran, and Peyton Manning, who was known as the Sheriff during his playing days, at the Denver Broncos Salute to Service military appreciation game on Nov. 19. Quintana was with the Army 25th Infantry Division in WWII in the Pacific campaign, according to his son, Andrew Quintana. After his junior year at Saguache High School, he turned 18 and was drafted into WWII in 1944. At the end of the war in 1945, he was on the first wave of ships headed for a land invasion of Japan, when the US dropped the two atom bombs. There was a slim survival rate predicted for the first wave of soldiers, and he probably would not have survived. Instead, he was among the first troops to occupy Japan. When the war was over, he enlisted for another three-plus years. He returned to his hometown, Saguache, in 1949 and finished his senior year in high school. Using the GI Bill, he was the first in his family line to attend college and received an engineering degree. He then moved to Denver and worked for the City and County of Denver as a civil engineer for 38 years, building and maintaining many of the roads and bridges that are still used today. He retired in 1988, had seven children, and now lives on his own in Loveland. The Broncos 'Salute to Service' game was 'a special experience for both of us, and winning the game was the icing on the cake,' Andrew said.

Courtesy photo



# BAZAAR

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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 hustled 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.

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.



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.



Photos by Marie McColm

Entrance to the Tiny Gallery in Crestone with Noemi Kosmowski.

# GALLERY

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Kosmowski is a spiritual artist, who enjoys painting animals, Jesus, the Blessed Mother. She also paints pictures on clothing.

Kosmowski was recently showcased at the Baca Grande library but is excited to have a permanent placement for her artwork at the Tiny Gallery.

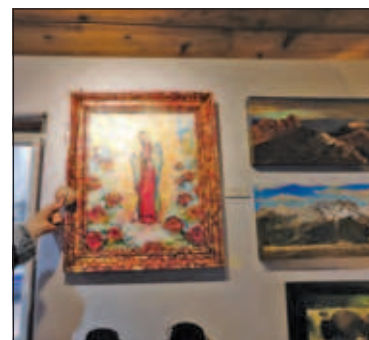
"This was just something that worked out for me and the owner," she said. "The owner asked if I would like to use half the gallery for my work, they helped me with the space, and now here is my work. I am making good money here. I love working with the public. I love sharing my art with this community. This community and people are so special. This is what my heart tells me I need to do. I am doing what I love and what my heart tells me."

The Tiny Gallery has many different types of art. On one wall, paintings of a spiritual nature hang. There is a rack with handmade jewelry. The jewelry has been created in the likeness of rainbowed dragonflies, moths, and other insects. There are also handmade pottery items on bottom shelves, with other various painted items, that have been delicately brushed with different pictures and shapes. Many painted clothing items are also hanging in the gallery, including a long leather coat, with white wolves painted on the front and back.

Local resident Lori Whiteside was leaving the Tiny Gallery on Saturday, Nov. 25, and said, "Noemi has been such a great addition to the community with her art. It's near Christmas, and I have heard so many people talk about this gallery, and her art in town. I am going to purchase one of her pieces near Christmas. This gallery is a great benefit here in Crestone because people are artists



The Tiny Gallery is located at 259 South Cottonwood St. in Crestone.



Painting of the Blessed Mother inside the Tiny Gallery

here, and they love art too. Crestone in itself is a small town that is painted with multiple beautiful facets of people and artists. I hope everyone

visits this place of peace, calming, and beauty in the heart of Crestone here."

The Tiny Gallery is located at 259 South Cottonwood St. in Crestone.

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# South Fork kicks off holidays with Yuletide and Winterfest

By LYNSIE FERRELL

**SOUTH FORK** — People from the San Luis Valley and outside of it made their way up to South Fork this past weekend to kick off the holiday season with the annual Yuletide Celebration and Winterfest. The town was the perfect holiday location on Friday as the first of several inches of snow fell.

Guests gathered near dusk as the Yuletide Celebration began on Friday, bringing with it a chance to celebrate the holiday season in style. More than 50 trees were lit up with Christmas lights and decorations as the sun set behind the San Juan Mountains. The yard outside of the visitor center was a perfect location for guests to gather and watch as the lights lit up the night sky.

Each year, the Town of South Fork, the South Fork Visitor Center and the South Fork Friends Foundation spend weeks preparing for the annual event, taking the time to wrap trees with lights and set up a holiday display that is a sight to be seen and is enjoyed throughout the month of December. Thanks to the many volunteer hours, this event has become something people look forward to each year.

“Yuletide was fantastic. Thanks to South Fork Friends, Luke and Judith Brennan, Kris Steffens, Don Burwell for being Santa, Lulu and West from Aspen Ridge RV Park, Linda Drain, for being the elf, Dustin Hund, Michele Cruse, Celeste Anderson, Tiny Timbers, Ramones, Burrow Buddies, Bob and Lis Frank, Kevin and Kris Daniel for being great volunteers. There were so many people there providing food, serving,



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell

The annual Yuletide celebration and Winterfest in South Fork was a holiday success this past weekend. The South Fork Friends Foundation in partnership with the South Fork Visitor Center and the Town of South Fork lit up the night sky on Friday and hosted a successful Winterfest market on Saturday.

and just doing about everything you can imagine to make this happen,” stated the South Fork Visitor Center.

The fun did not stop there as the following day, the annual Winterfest market opened on Saturday at the Rio Grande Club and Resort. The building was transformed into a holiday bazaar that could not be matched, offering every type of vendor a holiday shopper could ask for.

Christmas music wove through the building, offering the perfect holiday atmosphere as guests wandered from booth to booth looking for that special gift for family and friends. Everything from homemade cookies

from Basecamp Sweets to homemade treasures from local artists filled every corner of the upstairs clubhouse.

The resort offered delectable treats, delicious food and hot beverages which were the perfect way to start off the holiday shopping as the frigid

temperatures lingered throughout the day.

Now that the town has successfully kicked off the holiday season, every organization is turning their attention to future events including ice skating parties on the new rink at Rickel Park

and several chances to support local businesses this holiday season.

Be sure to stay up to date for future events this winter by visiting [www.southfork.org](http://www.southfork.org) or by following the South Fork Friends Foundation on their Facebook Page.

## SFFR to the rescue



Courtesy photos  
On Nov. 27, at approximately 6 p.m., South Fork Fire Rescue was paged to the area of Drew Circle, where a deer had fallen through the ice. A Colorado Parks and Wildlife officer was on scene upon arrival of the SFFR ice rescue crew. The crew utilized a rope to assist the deer out of the Rio Grande river. The deer did not appear to have any injuries and was released.

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# 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 [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 is 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.



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.**

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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# Passion and devotion at Alpine Valley Mushrooms

By JOHN WATERS

**SAGUACHE** — Tylor and Danielle Berreth, proprietors of Saguache-based Alpine Valley Mushrooms are a common sight at farmers markets and events such as the Crestone Energy Fair selling their produce — mushrooms.

According to Tylor Berreth, the two have been in business for about a year and a half and have a son Boletus who is the same age as the business. The entire family is a great addition to any market or festival they attend.

The couple had a cafe in their current Saguache location that has morphed into their mushroom farm.

Interest in mushrooms began when Tylor was a student at Metropolitan State University of Denver, and he was tasked to grow an herb for herbal medicine classes. He decided that rather than grow an herb, he grew a shitake mushroom, and “That was the starting point, that was the first mushroom I ever grew. I became interested in the medicinal benefits. I became super-fascinated. A huge shout-out to my teachers at MSU

Denver including Dr. Stephen Rissman,” who is a professor and a faculty member in the Integrative Health Program in the Department of Health Professions at the university. “He helped me pursue that passion.”

Tylor added that his wife Danielle began taking classes at the botanical garden and studied medicinal medicine.

“She started to get into the herbal medicine, and I got into the fungal medicine, and we just combined forces and we grew our passions together,” he said.

“Right at the time all of this was happening, we went to the Cherry Creek Farmers Market, and we met this guy who was with Fresh From the Farm Fungi. Gary Heferle he has been absolutely crucial in my development as a mycologist. He took me under his wing, and I was working [informally] as his apprentice. I was gaining knowledge and we traded knowledge and it formed into this beautiful friendship. I consider him as my mushroom mentor,” said Tylor.

Passion is the word Tylor, a

mycologist — entrepreneur used during an interview with the Valley Courier and is emblematic of his devotion to the craft of growing and selling mushrooms. The Berreth’s son, Boletus, is named after a variety of porcini mushroom, said Tylor.

The mushrooms are grown in Saguache and the couple produce about 50 pounds weekly. They are grown on a locally produced organic substrate that is sourced from practitioners of regenerative agricultural techniques.

Lion’s mane mushrooms are a variety the couple focuses on, especially in winter months. The farm also produces extracts of the mushroom. Local strains of mushrooms are an attribute Alpine Valley Mushroom prides itself on. Currently, the farm is producing a Crestone and a Salida oyster mushroom. Both are species Tylor cloned in the farm’s lab. The farm also produces blue oyster and in the summer months, pioppinno mushrooms to name just a few.

Aside from growing mushrooms, Alpine Valley Mushrooms is spearheading, “A bioremediation project at the Saguache County landfill. I’m inoculating the landfill with specific types of mycelium to hopefully accelerate the degradation of the trash there. I just got a Saguache County Sales Tax grant for that. People are really excited about the idea of breaking down trash faster and bioremediating the plastics there.”

The Berreths are passionate about what they are producing, “It is really important for us to get this into the hands of everybody, and that we can and make it accessible,” said Tylor.

The farm also offers classes in mushroom cultivation and their medicinal uses.

Alpine Valley Mushrooms are available at Saguache Works in Saguache, The Elephant Cloud in Crestone, and the SLV Apothecary in Alamosa. Valley Roots Food Hub also sells the mushrooms on its website.

For more information visit Alpine Valley Mushroom on Facebook or the Valley Roots Food Hub at [www.valleyrootsfoodhub.com](http://www.valleyrootsfoodhub.com).



Photos by John Waters

The Berreth family of Saguache, (left to right) Danielle, Boletus, and Tylor are the purveyors of fine edible mushrooms.



Left: Tylor Berreth offers a variety of mushrooms that are available at locations in Alamosa and Saguache counties.

## CAUTION

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20 dogs with the unidentified virus.

“The real danger lies in the secondary bacterial infection that can happen because the virus is not responsive to regular treatments. Pneumonia is also a concern once the dog has been infected with the virus,” Howard added.

Jodi Duff, owner and veterinarian of the South Fork Veterinary Clinic, spoke about the virus stating that though she has not seen any cases outside of those in Creede, she urges caution to pet owners traveling this season.

“It’s important right now to be aware of the virus and to stay home if you can, especially if you are traveling to or from affected areas like Oregon, Florida or the Front Range in Colorado. The virus is spread by air born particles as far as we know,” Duff said.

Duff is working with local boarding kennels to help them navigate the unidentified virus in order to ensure the safety of the dogs that are housed there.

“We are really just encouraging owners to stay away from public places like dog parks and other locations where the virus could easily spread,” she added.

The Colorado Department of Agriculture released an article about the virus on Nov. 22 stating, “The Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) has been receiving calls over the past two months from practicing veterinarians reporting an elevated number of canine respiratory disease cases in the state. Other states, including Oregon, Florida, and New

Hampshire, are seeing a similar pattern at this time.

“Veterinarians are currently reporting that they are seeing double the number of cases than what is typically seen during a canine infectious respiratory disease outbreak. The cases are presenting with prolonged coughing which can last weeks to months with minimal response to treatment. In some cases, the dogs have progressed to contracting pneumonia and require hospitalization. In rare cases, the canine patients progress quickly from pneumonia to death.

“Some diagnostics have been completed, but there has not been any conclusive testing to indicate what may be causing the increased prevalence of this respiratory disease. This does not necessarily mean this is a new or novel virus as there are many causes for canine respiratory infections, but we are working on additional diagnostics at this time.

“CDA is currently working with partners from Colorado State University (CSU) Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH) and Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (VDL), Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) to coordinate on the situation.

“This website will be updated as we learn additional information, so please check back frequently.”

For more information about the virus, visit [www.ag.colorado.gov](http://www.ag.colorado.gov).

## Finding Joy in Your Everyday Life

John 10:10 has been one of my favorite scriptures for many years. It 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)” (AMPC). This verse clearly shows us that God wants us to enjoy our lives—in abundance, to the full, until we’re overflowing with joy!

I remember when God gave me the revelation that it’s His will for me to enjoy my life. It was life-changing, because I used to be a miserable person who was emotionally unstable and couldn’t be happy unless I got my way most of the time. Because of the abuse I had experienced throughout childhood, I was insecure, angry, and didn’t trust anyone. But once I started seriously studying God’s Word, I came to realize that He didn’t want me to live this way. I could be healed and whole in my mind and emotions, and I could learn how to really enjoy my everyday life.

Now, when I say God wanted me to enjoy my everyday life, I’m talking about living an ordinary life with a calm delight and a smile on my face (John 15:11). Enjoying life includes not dreading the normal, daily responsibilities we have to do—things like cleaning the house, doing the dishes, mowing the grass, going to work, and the list goes on.

It seems today that most people believe they have to wait for their circumstances to change before they can enjoy life. We can have a “working for the weekend” mentality that says “I’ll be happy when Friday gets here... when I get to go on vacation... when the kids are back in school... when I get that promotion.” But the truth is we can make the decision to enjoy our ordinary life and make it extraordinary, regardless of our circumstances.

One of the ways you can

take ordinary life and make it extraordinary is to learn to do every single thing you do with and for God. We make a mistake when we separate our sacred life from our secular life. We can be just as close to God in the grocery store as we are at church. And He wants us to do everything we need to do WITH Him.

It actually adds an edge of excitement when we let God be involved in everything we do. He’s everywhere, all the time, and He’s just as interested in the routine, mundane tasks of our lives as He is in the more “spiritual” things we do.

It’s amazing to realize that God wants to have fellowship with us—He wants to spend each day with us. Don’t just settle for seeking Him once a week at church or when you’re in a desperate situation. Decide that you are going to enjoy your everyday relationship with God!

The abundant life Christ offers goes deeper in our hearts than the way we feel about things. It’s an amazing thing when we learn how to have the peace and joy only God can give in every area of our lives, instead of the type of enjoyment that’s just based on emotional excitement.

The joy of the Lord is much greater than simply feeling happy. It brings peace and contentment to your soul, even when your circumstances are difficult and don’t make any sense. Nehemiah 8:10 says, “The joy of the Lord is your strength.”

This kind of joy makes the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday routine enjoyable. And since most of life is Monday through Friday, we need to enjoy it!

In John 15:11 (NIV), Jesus says, “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” The Amplified Classic translation says “that your joy and



gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing.” In the ten verses leading up to this one, Jesus is talking about abiding in Him, because that’s the key to living with His joy.

Abiding means “to live, dwell and remain in.” It’s having a personal relationship with Christ, getting to know Him through His Word, and talking to Him about anything and everything. It’s doing life together! The truth is that apart from Jesus, we can do nothing of real value, but with Him, we can bear much good fruit (John 15:5).

God wants to abide with you every day, all throughout the day. He doesn’t just want you to seek Him when you go to church or when you’re desperate. His desire is to have a personal relationship with you, so you can experience His presence in everything you do. That’s when your everyday life is really enjoyable!

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# SLV Apothecary sets sights on new State Avenue location

By JOHN WATERS

ALAMOSA— SLV Apothecary, the local old-time herb tea shop which also has foods from local cultivators and producers will be expanding to a new State Avenue location on the south side of Alamosa early next year.

The shop is owned by Cari Smith and Danielle Wobith, and on a recent visit, this reporter was treated to a wonderful infusion tea. The shop offers many custom tea blends including Insomnia Tea which includes Valerian leaf and flower, orange peel, and chamomile, and Easy Digest Tea a blend of marshmallow leaves, lilac blossoms, fennel, and rosemary.

The business began about a year and a half ago after the two met and decided their skills complemented each other and the business was born.

Wobith and Smith just learned the new location is a go on Tuesday, a development that had been in the works for some time. Wobith described the news as, "Awesome, we are going to be moving in January, expanding and offering more local foods. This will be a grocery store—apothecary. This will be at 1619 State Avenue, there is the food bank on one side and we will be on the other. We will bring an apothecary and groceries to an area that does not have one, so that is exciting. Local farmers can come and bring their produce, meats, and product."

Currently, the shop is located at 407 State Ave., Suite D, at the intersection of Fourth Street in Alamosa.

The new location will, "bring food to that area of town, now you have to go so far and this will be great for people who don't have access to transportation, we are super-excited," said Wobith. "The new location is about twice the size of the current location and also has a commercial kitchen."

Smith is also the proprietor of InfiTea Farm, a business, "Where I actually cultivate the herbs and make tea blends, tinctures, and salves. I also do hydrosols."

Smith grows herbs including lovage, lemon

balm and lemon verbena at the Rio Grande Farm Park in Alamosa. Smith added that she engages in no-till agricultural techniques at the farm and focuses on producing perennial plants.

"Our main goal, other than selling our own products, is selling San Luis Valley produced products. Our focus is SLV products, Alamosa La Jara, Crestone, Saguache and Monte Vista," Smith said.

The duo also gather herbs in the wild, Wobith harvests the herb Oshá, in the San Juan Mountains at an elevation of about 10,000 feet. According to the University of Kansas Native Medicinal Plant Research Program, "The root of Ligusticum porteri, known as Oshá, has long been esteemed—particularly among Native Americans and Hispanic populations in the Southwest and Mexico—as a traditional remedy for colds, sore throat and other ailments. Its use as an herbal remedy has increased significantly in the North American natural products market over the past two decades."

Local producers are a hallmark of the apothecary and products include bread and pizza dough from Tumbleweed Bread, locally grown meat, and mushrooms from Alpine Valley Mushrooms in Saguache. Smith says the pioppino mushrooms are excellent on pizza made from the dough made by Tumbleweed.

The apothecary also offers classes such as Tea Making for Winter on Nov. 25 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., which will be facilitated by Smith. Participants can learn about herbs that can help get you through the winter, healthier and happier. The class will go over common herbs like Marshmallow to soothe the stomach and throat, red clover to help detoxify, and nettles to re-nourish and how to brew teas for the highest medicinal value. The cost is a suggested donation of \$20 and scholarships are available said Smith.

SLV Apothecary can be reached at 719-496-6114 and on the web at [www.slvapothecary.com](http://www.slvapothecary.com) and is located at 407 State Ave Suite D, facing Fourth Street in Alamosa. The apothecary is open Monday — Saturday 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.



Photos by John Waters

Early next year, SLV Apothecary will occupy half of this building at 1619 State Ave. in Alamosa.



SLV Apothecary owners Cari Smith and Danielle Wobith are excited to announce the business will be moving to a new and larger State Avenue location on the south side of Alamosa sometime early next year.

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## First badging ceremony held for Costilla County firefighters

Community shows support by purchasing badges and uniforms

By DIANE DREKMANN

**FORT GARLAND** — Nov. 14 was a historic day for the Costilla County Fire Protection District. Chaplain Robert Dale declared this day, “the first annual badging ceremony.”

The ceremony took place at the Blanca/Fort Garland Community Center. Most firefighters, when hired, receive their uniform and badge in a special ceremony. Costilla County

firefighters never had uniforms or a badging ceremony. They are a volunteer fire department. Most have full-time jobs and fight fires when they can.

Dale had worked in other fire departments before coming to Costilla County about three years ago. He had a badging ceremony through the Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC).

“I remember the feeling I had at that moment...I slept on it overnight and decided I wanted (my co-workers) to feel like I felt. How excited and honored they would be. They dedicate their lives, donate their time. They deserve this. It would be just incredible.”  
**Please see BADGING on Page 2**



Courtesy photo

On Nov. 14, a badging ceremony was held for the Costilla County Fire Protection District, the first of its kind for the department. All officers and firefighters received badges and uniforms. The community held fundraisers to purchase the badges and uniforms for the Costilla County Fire Protection District.

## Military career comes full circle

Sargent High School grad now leading CSU's Army ROTC program

By MATTHEW MANGUSO

On Saturday, Nov. 4, Lt. Col. Matt Tillman and Col. Gregg Johnson — who lead Colorado State University's U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force ROTC programs, respectively — had the honor of ringing the Old Main Bell before the Rams took on San Diego State for Military Appreciation Day. It was an honor for both leaders, and as Tillman stood outside the Iris and Michael Smith Alumni Center listening to the bell peal, it was a moment for the Professor of Military Sciences to reflect on a life and military career that has come full circle.

Born and raised in Monte Vista, Lt. Col. Tillman had a bit of a culture shock when he arrived in Fort Collins. His high school class was a mere 32 people, so the CSU campus was a bit overwhelming with the number of students marching back and forth to class and the dorms. But as he was moving into Edwards Dorm on move-in day, he immediately found a piece of home.

“My now wife Chelsea conned me into moving a couch into her dorm room on that first day,” he said with a laugh. “It’s been special knowing we started and will end our story here at CSU.”

Finding the love of his life so quickly was a fortunate moment for the new freshman, but his life and military path was not so straightforward.

“Ever since first grade, I wanted to be a fighter pilot,” he explained. “I did my first two years at CSU in the U.S. Air Force ROTC, but then they told us we had to be engineers if



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**Lt. Col. Matt Tillman has made it his duty to sustain and enhance the reputation of the ROTC at CSU. That’s just one reason why he received the U.S. Army Cadet Command’s Professor of Military Science of the Year Award.**

we wanted to fly. I realized I wanted to be in the dirt, and that’s what the U.S. Army was all about.”

Lt. Col. Tillman transferred to the Ram Battalion (the U.S. Army side of the ROTC that he now leads) in his junior year and from the first time he stood at attention for the Army, he knew he was home.

“I really fit in [with the Army]. It matched my personality of making things up on the fly and having a more tactical viewpoint,” he said. “I remember spending hours in the Military Science Building on a sand table arranging tiny army men in different tactical positions to accomplish different tasks.”

Just a few months after receiving his commission as a second lieutenant, Lt. Col. Tillman eloped with Chelsea before heading to San Antonio, Texas, for more training as a Medical Service Corps Officer, before being assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

It was 2004, and the U.S. had just invaded Afghanistan (Lt. Col. Tillman remembers experiencing Sept. 11, 2001, as a cadet on campus), and he was a bit bewildered by what was coming next.

“Most of the soldiers on the base had just seen combat and were preparing to redeploy to the Middle East. Suddenly, I was in charge of a Medical Platoon responsible for taking care of 450 soldiers, as well as providing security for our base in Iraq that we arrived at in late 2005,” he explained.

It was a lot of on-the-job training and “oh, crap” moments, but like any soldier can and must do, Lt. Col. Tillman relied on his training, his experiences, and the confidence that told him he was right where he needed to be.

“It was my first time being out of the country, and I was convinced I wouldn’t come back from Baghdad, but my personal mission was to do  
**Please see CAREER on Page 7**

## Gift of Giving annual toy drive is underway

By HANNAH SHELTON

**CONEJOS COUNTY** — It is that time of year again. This special organization called “Gifts of Giving” is ready to serve Conejos County.

Gifts of Giving does its absolute best to help families give their precious children a memorable Christmas gift. Without this organization, Christmas would not be possible for these families. Last year the organization touched the lives of more than 800 children.

Gifts of Giving is now accepting both toys and monetary donations to help fund its 6th annual toy drive.

Toy drop-off sites are located at the Antonito Schools and Catholic Church, Capulin Catholic Church, Conejos County Court House, Kim’s Fitness, Baros Auto, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (La Jara and Manassa), Standard Service, and Sanford Schools.

All donations and gifts must be in by Dec. 14 so there is time for them to be wrapped. All checks need to be made out to “Concepts,” and mailed to, Conejos County Gift of Giving c/o Suzan Robins, P.O. Box 401 La Jara, CO 81140.

For more information, contact Suzan Robins at 719-588-1791.



## Christmas tree permit sales options

By RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST

**DEL NORTE** — Christmas tree permits for the Rio Grande National Forest are now available to purchase in person or online and will remain on sale through the coming holiday season.

How to obtain Christmas tree permits:

- Permits can be purchased at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) by searching “Rio Grande Christmas Tree.”
- Rio Grande National Forest district offices in Saguache, Del Norte and La

Jara have the permits for sale from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Visit one of our valuable Christmas tree permit vendors. Navigate to our Rio Grande National Forest Christmas Tree page or interactive map, to get the most up to date vendor locations.

Below are current vendors that have permits:

- Kristi Mountain Sports – 3223 Main St., Alamosa
  - Green Spot Garden Center – 711 State Ave., Alamosa
- Please see PERMITS on Page 8**



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# Saguache Holiday Bazaar

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**SAGUACHE** — Decades ago there was no holiday activity around the first weekend of December and so the idea of the Saguache Holiday Bazaar was born. Join in the fun of vendors, food, music, and neighbors from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, inside the Mountain Valley School gymnasium, 403 Pitkin Ave., Saguache. Follow the quilt barn designs and street banners.

**Schedule includes:**

- 10 a.m. — Bazaar and Silent Auction open — vendors, music, food fundraiser by Mountain Valley Adventure

Awaits club, Sharing Christmas — Neighbor to Neighbor means bring three non-perishable items to share and enter to win one of two ALTA gas cards.

- 1 p.m. — Santa arrives — the North Pole has confirmed. He will be available for conversation and photos on the gym stage.
- 2 p.m. — Silent Auction ends.
- 2:45 p.m. — drawing for Sharing Christmas Gas cards, drawing for WIN NOW Quilt, pickup of Silent Auction items
- 3 p.m. — Bazaar closes.

## Saguache Holiday Bazaar Silent Auction is Dec. 2

CONTRIBUTED

**SAGUACHE** — A great opportunity is in store for your shopping pleasure from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 2 at the Saguache Holiday Bazaar, 403 Pitkin Ave., inside the Mountain Valley School gymnasium.

If you have not participated in a Silent Auction before it is quite simple. Register your name and provide a

phone number. Pickup a bidding number — the number is a match to the number next to your name on the registry.

Bid two ways:

- You can choose to “PAY THE NOW” price on the item’s tag and take the item right away
- Or you can keep placing bids in whole dollar amounts till 2 p.m.

Highest bidding price gets the item.

This holiday activity is a fundraising event to benefit Saguache Sagebrush Quilters in restocking Comfort and Nap quilt community projects.

The Saguache Holiday Bazaar is cash and carry. Silent Auction items need to be picked up by 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2.

## Tree lighting, parade set for Dec. 2 in MV

**MONTE VISTA** — The annual Christmas tree lighting and parade are set for Dec. 2 in Monte Vista.

The theme for this year is “So Much Christmas.”

Tree lighting and caroling will be at

5:15 p.m. in Fullenwider Park, where Santa and the Grinch are expected to make appearances.

The Parade of Lights will be on Adams Street at 6 p.m.

Activities and North Pole will be at

Scrumpy Moo’s restaurant downtown.

Forms to enter the parade and for the business window decorating contest are available by contacting Jennifer Becker at 719-850-2709 or mvcoevents@gmail.com.

## BADGING

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ible,” Dale said.

Dale crossed paths with Ian Jouett, who is part of an organization that helps police, firefighters, and other first responders, to show respect and their appreciation for them and what they do.

“Love on them,” as MiShell Shasteen says.

Jouett, Shasteen, and George Rock formed the Helping Heroes Foundation a couple of years ago during the COVID-19 pandemic. All three are from Denver.

Rock is the senior vice president and third generation to work in his family’s bank, The Bank of Denver. Jouett and his wife own a mortgage company and moved to Fort Garland several years ago, where they met Dale.

After Dale thought about having a badging ceremony, he received a \$500 check, leading him to believe he had made the right decision.

Dale “gave thanks to the Heavenly Father who opened doors, made it possible...and in the hearts of all who donated.”

The fire department had a fundraiser. The community stepped up and far exceeded their goal. They raised enough money for uniforms and badges.

Costilla County Fire Chief Theldon Smith led the ceremony. He explained the significance of the badge.

“The firefighter’s badge is a tradition of public trust,” Smith said. “The greatest symbol of our unfettered access to public trust is the badge. It’s critical we keep that trust sacred.”

He thanked the donors — Trinchera Irrigation, Our Lady of the Pines, Mountain View Diner, Sangre de Cristo Ranch owners, the Movie Company, the Helping Heroes Foundation, and anonymous donors.

Smith is the embodiment of a Costilla County firefighter. He has worked as a firefighter for 28 years. He also works 60-80 hours a week at the sawmill. Before that, he worked for 13 years with an Internet company.

Before beginning the ceremony, Smith talked about his job as fire chief.

“I’ll do it. But I don’t like to ask people to do something dangerous,”

he said.

His daughter Tiffany added, “Oh yeah, my dad has always been that way! He would risk his life to save anyone. He sure is amazing.”

The most poignant part of the badge ceremony was when the families pinned the badges on their loved ones. The families’ sacrifices were also acknowledged — often alone while their loved ones are fighting fires.

Police officers from San Luis and Alamosa were also honored. Some were shot in the line of duty. San Luis Officer Cruz de Soto was honored with a t-shirt and thanked for 19 years of service as of Nov. 15, 2023. He is another example of the multiple hats these first responders wear. De Soto is also the wrestling coach at Centennial

school in San Luis.

After the badging ceremony, everyone was treated to a taco dinner, compliments of El Super Taco in Alamosa.

Receiving badges and uniforms were: Captains Raphael Maestas and Aaron Adams, Lieutenants Juan Espinoza, Michael Jackson, and Leon Casias, and firefighters Layne Anderson, Gilbert Apodaca, Joshua Casias, Matthew Cordova, Richard Duran, Juan Espinoza, Heather Hauk, David Heinsteinst, Matt Husman, Cade Kunugi, Matthew Lucero, John V. Meyers, Isaiah Montano, Lucas Pettigrew, Julian Rodriguez, Colleen Romero, Brian Rost, Hunter Velasquez, Bladamir Astorga, Tyler Kester and Jesus Reyes.

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whatever I must to keep the fight out of the U.S.," he said.

Lt. Col. Tillman would eventually deploy to the Middle East twice (in 2005 to Iraq and to Afghanistan in 2008), before returning stateside to continue training and leading medical troops in Texas and Washington State. In 2020, right as he was helping set up mobile COVID-19 clinics in Seattle, Washington, Lt. Col. Tillman had the opportunity to return to his alma mater as Professor of Military Science and lead the Ram Battalion and ROTC program.

"During the pandemic, you really find out how socially connected the cadets are," he said with a laugh. "There's really been no better way or place to end my 21 years of service to the nation than in helping prepare the next generation of soldiers, leaders, and war fighters right here at home."

Like his U.S. Air Force counterpart Col. Johnson, Lt. Col. Tillman isn't one to sit behind his desk and bark commands. He's out there doing physical training with the cadets, teaching them about the newest military tactics, and even doing a pushup or two whenever the Rams score on gameday (he and Col. Johnson were both on the ROTC Pushup Squad during their cadet days).

"I have to physically be out there doing my part to make sure we maintain that reputation and showing these 20-year-olds, 'if I can do this,

you can do this,'" he said.

That dedication led Lt. Col. Tillman to be the newest recipient of the U.S. Army Cadet Command's Professor of Military Science of the Year Award. It's an illustrious award (one of many Lt. Col. Tillman has received in his career, which includes receiving the Bronze Star, twice), and not just because he had stiff competition with the more than 274 ROTC programs spread around the country, but because it highlights the success of the team.

"I wish it wasn't an individual award, because there are so many contributions from so many people, and it's purely a reflection of the things people have done around me," he said.

From the active-duty cadre to President Amy Parsons, and everyone in between, Lt. Col. Tillman is quick to point out how leadership and success is a cumulative product, and he especially calls out Col. Johnson.

"It's awesome to have someone else so committed to the University, especially since we're both CSU Rams, which we will always be," he said. "He's my big brother helping carry the next generation to a higher level. He's the methodical pilot, I'm the improviser barreling into things – it works out well."

So well, that most people on campus don't even distinguish between the two branches on campus. It's just "the ROTC."

"When I think of our ROTC and our cadets, we're gritty, mountain kids who work hard and take care of others. That's our heritage and lineage. There are [universities and programs] that are older, but they don't have our culture. The military and ROTC are part of CSU's DNA, and our University gives us a great environment with access to resources, so there's an expectation of us. That inspires us to hold the program and ourselves to a higher standard. It's nice to know we make the University proud."

Lt. Col. Tillman will joke that he and Johnson are "the two weirdos in uniform over by the railroad tracks," but that doesn't detract from his mission, commitment, or dedication to the same program that gave him so much.

"Taking care of people is taking care of people, no matter what, and that's what we do as Rams," he said. "I always tell the cadets 'have humility and empathy: you will screw up, but what better way to create and instill trust than by owning up to your mistakes?' That's the reputation we have, and I'm honored to have done everything I can to make sure we maintain that reputation."



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Lt. Col. Matt Tillman, right, as an ROTC cadet guarding the Bronze Boot during a Border War game.

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# Santa is coming to Crestone Nov. 25

By LORI NAGEL

CRESTONE — Santa's visiting Crestone once again this year, this time at the "And so this is Christmas..." Holiday Bazaar, which is being held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25, at the T Road Brewing Company, 120 W. Silver Ave., upholding the tradition of a holiday fair being held in Crestone the weekend after Thanksgiving.

There will be vendors and carolers, and T Road will have refreshments available. Kick off the season right, support your local artisans, and get a big dose of the holiday spirit. There will be many handmade and one-of-a-kind gifts you can purchase early and get shipped off to non-local friends and family to beat the holiday rush.

For the kids, the bazaar will offer unique holiday arts and crafts to keep them safely entertained, including ornament-making. If all goes as planned, they may even get to make ornaments with their own pictures in there, taken and printed by Lori Nagel (Sunflower).

Nagel will have her holiday photo booth set up all day, offering on-site prints of your pictures. Santa will be visiting from 1-3 p.m., and the kids will receive some stellar gift bags, once again

being coordinated by Cathy Goevert. If you'd like to donate toys or treats for the children, either text Goevert at 720-402-6430 or message her on Facebook, or contact Lori Booth at troadbrewingco@gmail.com. They would like to receive all donations by Nov. 23 to give them enough time to assemble and organize the gifts.

To be affordable and profitable for vendors, booths will cost just \$15 for an outdoor booth and \$25 for an indoor one, on a first-come, first-served basis. Vendor applications are available at [www.crestonemeansbusiness.com/holidaybazaar](http://www.crestonemeansbusiness.com/holidaybazaar) along with the most updated information about this event.

Patrons can make a whole day of it at T-Road with live music from the band, CresTown, starting at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 25, also happens to be Small Business Saturday — a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for their communities.

Thanks to all the volunteers who are making this possible: Lori and Mike Booth and T Road Brewing Company, Arielle Blackwell, Christina Lakish, Cathy Goevert, Eden Elderberry, Lori Nagel, and Shirley Motz; all of whom are dedicated to making this an event to remember.



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Santa will again be visiting Crestone during the Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 25, at T Road Brewing Company. Santa will be there from 1 to 3 p.m.

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## Eggnog Fudge

3 cups (750 ml) granulated sugar  
1 cup (250 ml) eggnog  
1 tbsp (15 ml) corn syrup  
2 tbsp (25 ml) butter  
1 tsp (5 ml) vanilla  
1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped walnuts

Glaze  
1/4 cup (50 ml) semisweet chocolate chips  
1 tsp (5 ml) butter

heavy saucepan. Add sugar; stir in eggnog and corn syrup. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until boiling.

Cook, stirring only if necessary to prevent sticking, until candy thermometer reaches soft-ball stage of 238°F (115°C), and when 1/2 tsp (2ml) syrup dropped into very cold water forms soft ball that flattens on removal from water.

Immediately remove from heat; let cool to lukewarm, 110°F (43°C), without stirring. Using wooden spoon, beat in butter and vanilla, beating until very thick and no

longer shiny.

Quickly stir in nuts. Spread in greased 8-inch (2 l) square cake pan. Tip: If fudge sets too quickly before spreading in pan, reheat gently over low heat just until soft enough to spread.

Glaze: Melt together chocolate chips and butter. Drizzle over fudge. Score into 1-inch (2.5 cm) squares while warm; let cool completely and cut into squares.

Fudge can be layered between waxed paper in airtight container and stored for up to two weeks.



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## Holiday Tree-Shaped Cheese Ball

Prep Time: 20 minutes  
Total Time: 4 hr 20 minutes

### Ingredients

- 3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 4 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (16 ounces)
- 2 tablespoons basil pesto
- 1 tablespoon grated onion
- 1/4 teaspoon yellow mustard
- Red pepper sauce
- 1/4 cup finely chopped parsley or cilantro
- 1/4 cup pine nuts or sliced almonds
- 2 tablespoons chopped red bell pepper
- Piece of lemon peel, if desired
- Assorted crackers, if desired

### Directions

Stir together cream cheese and Cheddar cheese; divide in half. Stir pesto into 1 half; stir onion, mustard and 2 or 3 drops pepper sauce into other half. Cover each half; refrigerate about 4 hours or until firm enough to shape. Place cheese mixtures on cookie sheet. Shape each half into cone shape to look like a pine tree. If desired, wrap each tree, label and freeze up to 1 month. Twelve hours before serving, remove trees from freezer. Thaw in wrapper in refrigerator. Just before serving, roll trees in parsley, pressing it evenly onto trees. Press pine nuts onto trees in string form for garland. Press bell pepper pieces onto trees for ornaments. Top each tree with star shape cut from lemon peel. Serve with crackers.

# JINGLE bells

J. Pierpont

1. - Dash - ing thro' the snow In a one horse o - pen sleigh, -  
2. A day or two a - go I thought I'd take a ride, And

O'er the fields we go, - Laugh - ing all the way; -  
soon Miss Fan - nie Bright Was seat - ed by my side; The

Bells on bob - tail ring, - Mak - ing spir - its bright, What  
horse was lean and lank, Mis - for - tune seem'd his lot, He

fun it is to ride and sing A sleigh - ing song to - night!  
got in - to a drift - ed bank, And we, we got up - sot.

**CHORUS**

Jin - gle, bells! jin - gle, bells! Jin - gle all the way! Oh, what fun it is to ride

In a one - horse o - pen sleigh! In a one - horse o - pen sleigh!

## Create a delicious one-pot meal for a crowd

Warm, hearty meals, including stews, casseroles, soups, and chilis, make for great comfort foods when temperatures drop. Another advantage to these types of meals is they can easily be expanded to serve extended family. Also, when prepared using a slow cooker, these meals can be easily transported to a friends' potluck or relative's home.

Beloved for their turn-it-on-and-forget-it convenience, slow cookers allow cooks to start meals in the morning and then return home at night and have dinner ready and waiting. Busy working families may find that the convenience of slow cookers is unparalleled.

This recipe for "Creamy Ham 'n' Broccoli" from "Taste of Home Casseroles, Slow Cooker & Soups" (Taste of Home Books) is ideal for a cool fall or winter evening. It's a delicious meal to come home to after a busy day and also a great way to make use of leftover ham from a previous meal, such as a family gathering during the holiday season.



### Creamy Ham 'n' Broccoli

- Serves 6 to 8
- 3 cups cubed fully cooked ham
  - 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped broccoli, thawed
  - 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
  - 1 jar (8 ounces) cheese sauce
  - 1 can (8 ounces) sliced water chestnuts, drained
  - 1 1/4 cups uncooked instant rice
  - 1 cup milk
  - 1 celery rib, chopped
  - 1 medium onion, chopped
  - 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon pepper
  - 1/2 teaspoon paprika

In a 3-quart slow cooker, combine all of the ingredients except the paprika. Cover and cook on high for 2 to 3 hours, or until the rice is tender. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with paprika.



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## Fruited Brazil Nut Loaves

Makes two loaves

- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) dried figs
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) dried apricots
- 1 cup (250 ml) candied pineapple
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) candied cherries
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped preserved ginger
- 1 cup (250 ml) all-purpose flour
- 1 cup (250 ml) packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp (5 ml) baking powder
- 3 cups (750 ml) whole shelled Brazil nuts
- 4 eggs
- 1 tsp (5 ml) vanilla

**PREPARATION:** Line two 8- x 4-inch (1.5 l) loaf pans with foil; grease well and set aside.

Pour boiling water over figs and apricots; let stand for 5 minutes. Drain and chop into large pieces. Cut pineapple into chunks. Halve cherries.

In large bowl, mix together figs, apricots, pineapple, cherries, ginger, and Brazil nuts. Stir together flour, sugar, and baking powder; add to fruit mixture and toss to mix.

In separate bowl, beat eggs well; stir in vanilla. Add to fruit mixture and mix well; spoon into prepared pans. Bake in 350°F (180°C) oven for 1 hour or until cake tester inserted into centre comes out clean.

Let cool in pans on racks for 10 minutes; remove from pans and let cool completely on racks.

Loaves can be wrapped well and refrigerated for up to two weeks.

# O CHRISTMAS tree

German

1. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, O tree of green, un -  
 2. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, You set my heart a -  
 3. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, You come from God, e -  
 4. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, You speak of God, un -

chang - ing. Your boughs, so green in sum - mer time, Do  
 sing - ing. Like lit - tle stars, your can - dles bright Send  
 ter - nal. A sym - bol of the Lord of Love Whom  
 chang - ing. You tell us all to faith - ful be, And

brave the snow of win - ter - time. O Christ-mas tree, O  
 to the world a won - drous light. O Christ-mas tree, O  
 God to man sent from a - bove. O Christ-mas tree, O  
 trust in God e - ter - nal - ly. O Christ-mas tree, O

Christ - mas tree, O tree of green, un - chang - ing.  
 Christ - mas tree, You set my heart a - sing - ing.  
 Christ - mas tree, You come from God, e - ter - nal.  
 Christ - mas tree, You speak of God, un - chang - ing.

## Ornament Popcorn Balls Recipe

These gooey-sweet treats are great for dressing up the tree with a little more than the classic popcorn string.

And they're yummi-er and fun for the family, too. — Deirdre Cox, Kansas City, Missouri  
 Prep/Total Time: 30 min.  
 YIELD: 12 servings

- Ingredients**
- 10 cups popped popcorn
  - 1 package (10 ounces) large marshmallows
  - 1/4 cup butter, cubed
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt

Optional decorations: candy canes, candy spearmint leaves and assorted gumdrops



**Directions**

1. Place popcorn in a large bowl. In a large saucepan, combine marshmallows, butter and salt. Cook and stir over medium-low heat until melted. Pour over popcorn; mix well. Cool slightly.

2. With greased hands, shape mixture into 12 popcorn balls, about 3/4 cup each. Place on waxed paper. Decorate as desired; let stand until set. Yield: 1 dozen.

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1. A - way in a man - ger no crib for His  
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the poor Ba - by

bed, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet  
 wakes, But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He

head. The stars in the sky, — looked down where He  
 makes; I love thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the

lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep in the hay.  
 sky, And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.



## Honey Glazed Ham

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook: 1 hour 15 minutes  
Recipe By: Colleen

“This ham tastes very much like the famous honey baked ham but costs much less, and there’s no need to fight the crowds at holiday time. You can even buy the ham presliced to make it easier and more like the original. It is very good. (I do this while preparing the rest of the meal in the kitchen so that I don’t forget to baste!)”

### Ingredients

- 1 (5 pound) ready-to-eat ham
- 1/4 cup whole cloves
- 1/4 cup dark corn syrup
- 2 cups honey
- 2/3 cup butter

### Directions

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).

Score ham, and stud with the whole cloves. Place ham in foil lined pan.

In the top half of a double boiler, heat the corn syrup, honey and butter. Keep glaze warm while baking ham.

Brush glaze over ham, and bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes in the preheated oven. Baste ham every 10 to 15 minutes with the honey glaze. During the last 4 to 5 minutes of baking, turn on broiler to caramelize the glaze. Remove from oven, and let sit a few minutes before serving.

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1. Deck the halls with boughs of hol - ly  
 2. See the blaz - ing Yule be - fore us, Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
 3. Fast a - way the old year pass - es,

'Tis the sea - son to be jol - ly,  
 Strike the harp and join the cho - rus, } Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
 Hail the new, ye lads and lass - es,

Don we now our gay ap - par - el,  
 Fol - low me in mer - ry meas - ure, } Fa la la la la la la la la.  
 Sing we joy - ous all to - geth - er,

Troll the an - cient Yule - tide car - ol,  
 While I tell of Yule - tide treas - ure, } Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
 Heed - less of the wind and weath - er,

## Give holiday meals a flavorful twist

The holiday season is rife with tradition. Family and friends often gather together around the dining room table to share conversation, memories



and good food, making the holidays a special time of year. Home chefs looking to expand their culinary horizons can include this recipe for "Slow Cooker Spiced-Cranberry Pork," courtesy of The Ohio Pork Council, on their holiday menus. Pork is a versatile protein that pairs well with the tart, holiday-centric flavor of cranberries.

### Slow Cooker Spiced-Cranberry Pork Serves 8

- 3 1/2 to 4 pound pork shoulder
- 1 6-oz can jellied cranberry sauce
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup cranberry juice
- 2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- Salt to taste

Trim fat from pork roast, if necessary. Place roast in 4- to 6-quart slow cooker. Use wire whisk to stir together cranberry sauce and sugar in medium bowl.

Stir in juice, mustard, cloves and pepper until well combined. Pour cranberry mixture over roast in slow cooker.

Cover slow cooker and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours or until pork roast is tender. Season roast to taste with salt; serve juices with roast.



## MINT CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1 (3.5 oz) pkg instant vanilla pudding mix
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 2 cups mind baking chips (or crushed Andes Mints)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugars. Add pudding mix, eggs, and vanilla. Combine flour and baking soda; add to creamed mixture and mix well. Fold in mint baking chips. Drop by spoonful's onto un-greased baking sheets. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until lightly browned.

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# No holiday celebration is complete until eggnog has been served



The holiday season is rife with tradition, from Christmas trees to lighting displays to visits with Santa Claus at the local mall. Families reunite come the holiday season to exchange gifts, enjoy meals together and do a little catching up along the way.

But the holiday season also is synonymous with parties. Whether it's to enjoy an office

holiday party, a gathering with family and friends or a more intimate gathering at home, such celebrations are a big part of the holiday season and a main reason why this is such a festive and beloved time of year.

As this is a season of celebrating, it's good to remember that no holiday party is truly complete until eggnog has been served. Enjoyed almost exclusively during the holiday season, eggnog is as much a staple of holiday celebrations as stockings hung by the chimney with care. This year, impress your holiday guests with the following recipe for "Excellent Eggnog" from A.J. Rathbun's "Good Spirits" (Harvard Common Press).

### Excellent Eggnog

Serves 8

- 8 large eggs, preferably organic
- 2 1/4 cups superfine sugar
- 8 ounces brandy
- 8 ounces rum
- 4 ounces bourbon
- 1 quart milk
- Freshly grated nutmeg for garnish

1. Separate the egg yolks from the egg whites, setting the whites aside for a moment.
2. In a large mixing bowl, beat the yolks with a hand mixer until completely combined. Add the sugar and beat until it reaches a creamy consistency.
3. Add the brandy, rum and bourbon, and then the milk, beating well.
4. In a medium-size mixing bowl, beat the egg whites with a hand mixer until soft peaks form (be sure before beating the whites that you have cleaned and thoroughly dried the beaters).
5. Fold the egg whites into the yolk-sugar-alcohol mixture. Refrigerate the mix until well chilled (at least 3 hours).
6. Stir to recombine as needed. Serve the eggnog in mugs, topping each serving with some nutmeg.

# I HEARD THE BELLS

## on Christmas day

Henry W. Longfellow

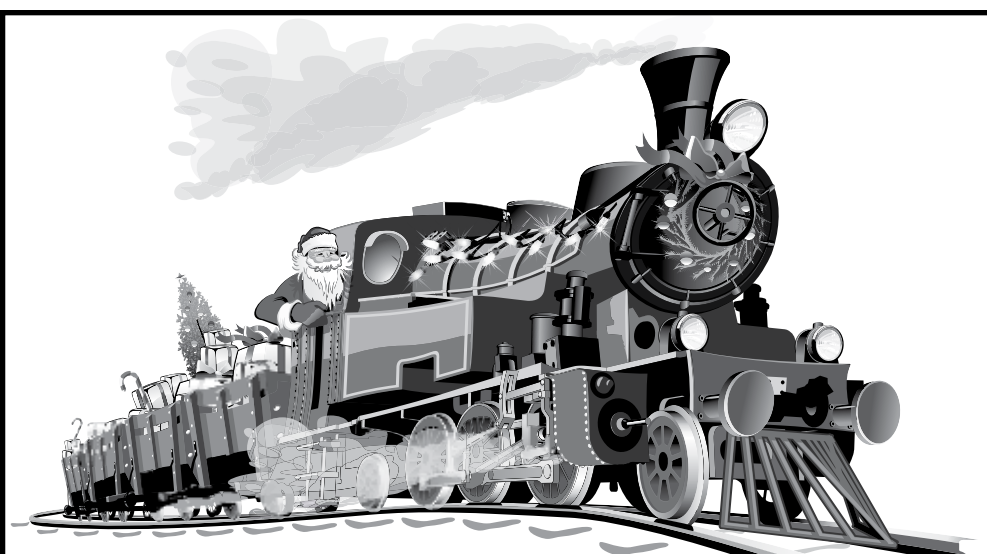
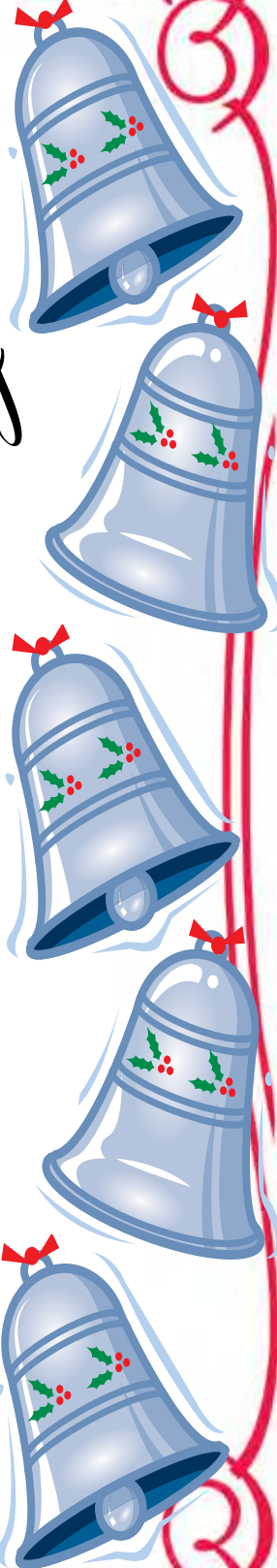
J. Baptiste Calkin



1. I heard the bells on Christ - mas day Their old fa - mil - iar car - ols play,  
 2. I thought how, as the day had come, The bel-fries of all Christ-en-dom  
 3. And in des-pair I bow'd my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said,



And wild and sweet the words re-peat Of peace on earth, good will to men.  
 Had roll'd a - long th'un - bro - ken song Of peace on earth, good will to men.  
 "For hate is strong, and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men.



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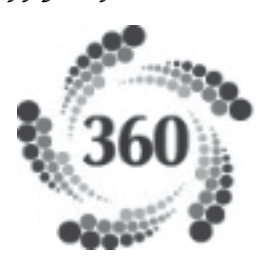



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# Traditional Roast Turkey

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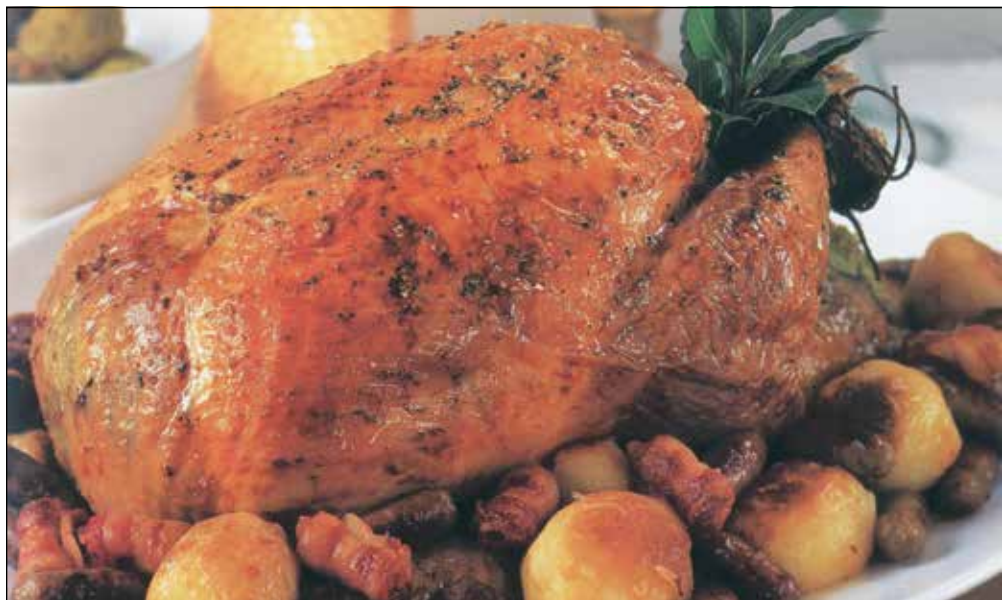
1 turkey, with giblets  
 1 onion, coarsely chopped  
 A sprig of thyme  
 1 bay leaf  
 4 oz. (113 g) salted butter  
 Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

**Lemon and Herb stuffing**  
 2 eggs  
 4 oz. plus 1 tablespoon (130 g) butter, melted  
 A handful of fresh parsley leaves  
 1 teaspoon (5 ml) chopped fresh lemon thyme  
 Freshly grated zest and juice of 1 unwaxed lemon  
 4 1/2 cups (1.08 litres) fresh white bread crumbs  
 Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

**Chestnut stuffing**  
 14 oz. (392 g) fresh chestnuts  
 1 cup (240 ml) milk  
 4 oz. (112 g) sausages or sausage meat  
 2 tablespoons (30 ml) olive oil  
 6 oz. (168 g) turkey liver, chopped  
 1 onion, chopped  
 2 oz. (56 g) fatty bacon, finely chopped  
 1 tablespoon (30 ml) chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley or marjoram  
 Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

removed for the last 30 minutes in order to crisp the skin. Remove the turkey from the oven, cover with a tent of aluminum foil, and leave in a warm place to rest while you prepare your side dishes.

Using oven mitts, tip out any free juices from the cavity, then lift the turkey onto a serving platter. Pour off the turkey juices from the pan, preferably into a gravy separator or pitcher to be able to lift off the fat, then reheat with the seasoned stock. Serve as is or for a traditional gravy, pour juices into a pan, thicken with a small amount of flour and cook well, stirring to prevent burning. Reserve extra gravy in a Thermos for second helpings. Serve with roasted potatoes, roasted parsnips, candied yams, bacon rolls, cranberry relish, and Brussels sprouts.



## Lemon and herb stuffing:

Put the eggs, butter, parsley, lemon thyme, and lemon zest and juice in a food processor and blend to a smooth purée. Put the bread crumbs in a bowl, pour over the egg mixture, and mix well. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

## Chestnut stuffing:

Cook fresh chestnuts in a saucepan of boiling water for about 3 minutes to soften the shells. Peel them while still hot, wearing rubber gloves. Put the peeled fresh chestnuts in a saucepan, cover them with the milk, and simmer gently until softened, about 30 minutes to 1 hour, depending on how fresh they are. Strain them if necessary, then weigh out 7 oz. (196 g) and put in a bowl. Crumble the cooked chestnuts with your fingers and use the sausage meat to bind them. Heat the oil in a skillet, add onion, liver, and bacon and fry gently until the liver is firm. Stir in the parsley and cook until the mixture begins to brown. Add to the chestnuts with some salt and pepper.

Turkey: to make a stock, the day before put the giblets, minus the liver but with the neck chopped in half, in saucepan. Add the onion, thyme, and bay leaf, cover with water and bring to a boil, removing any foam. Reduce the heat and simmer for 2 hours, then strain. Taste and, if necessary, simmer for a little longer to reduce and strengthen the flavour.

The next day, wipe out the neck area and cavity of the turkey with a damp cloth and lightly season the inside with salt and pepper. Spoon the lemon and herb stuffing into the body cavity and the chestnut stuffing into the neck cavity, allowing plenty of room for them to expand. This is particularly important for the neck stuffing.

Put half the butter in a saucepan and melt gently. Spread the remaining butter all over the skin of the turkey. Soak the cheesecloth in the melted butter and drape over the bird, with a double layer covering the drumsticks.

Preheat the oven to 350°F (180°C). Put the bird in a large roasting pan in the middle of the oven. Roast for the calculated time according to size, except that the oven temperature must be raised to 400°F (200°C) and the cheesecloth covering

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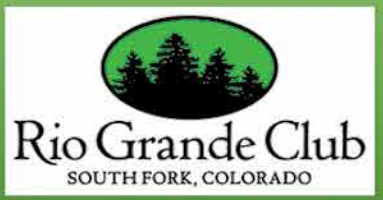


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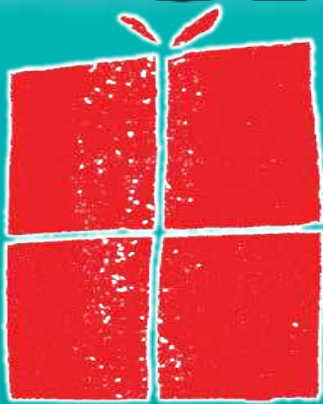


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Sabemos que no todos tiene la capacidad de dar dinero en efectivo este año. Pero todos tienen una idea de cómo mejorar la vida en su comunidad. Y queremos ayudarte a convertir tu idea en realidad.

La Fundación LOR proporciona fondos para proyectos comunitarios dirigidos por personas que viven en Monte Vista. Este año, LOR apoyó más de 50 proyectos, desde la expansión de un refugio de animales hasta la creación de una imprenta operada por estudiantes. (Escanee el código para ver soluciones de 2023.)

Si usted o su grupo comunitario necesitan apoyo para su idea o evento, comuníquese con Ivette Atencio en [ivette@lorfoundation.org](mailto:ivette@lorfoundation.org). Sin fechas límite ni solicitud formal, diciendo SÍ a mejorar la vida en Monte Vista es fácil.

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This Colorado Gives Day, support the San Luis Valley causes that matter most to you.

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## Community Foundation of the San Luis Valley



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Alamosa Live Music Association  
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San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council  
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San Luis Valley Habitat for Humanity  
San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center  
San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition  
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# VALLEY HUMANE LEAGUE

6414 Co. Rd. 107 S • Alamosa • 719-589-3385 • Mon.-Sat. - 10am-5pm

VHL's shelter houses lost and abandoned dogs, provides emergency veterinary care, adopts out or transfers dogs to their forever homes, reunites lost dogs with their owners, educates the community, and provides a spay/neuter program.

Since operating an animal shelter is expensive, VHL depends primarily on monetary donations from community members and businesses far and wide. The shelter's Board of Directors and employees wholeheartedly thank all who have donated in the past. **We Welcome Holiday Donations and Remember to Give 2 Us on Colorado Gives Day!** If you are able, send financial donations to Valley Humane League, 6414 County Road 7 South, Alamosa, CO, 81101. We also accept donations at our Facebook page and our website (Valley Humane League and [alamosavalleyhumaneleague.org](http://alamosavalleyhumaneleague.org), respectively). Happy Holidays!

**Del Norte Public Library wants to wish our community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**



Del Norte Public Library provides many great resources for the public including computers, scanners, printers and fax services. We have a cheery children's area and have added many new books to our collection. We also have a website with an online catalog which provides access to your account and allows you to place inter-library loans as well as access ebooks and audiobooks. Come in and get your library card!

Look for us on the Colorado Gives website and in the Amazon Smiles Program

**Del Norte Public Library continues to update and make small renovations to our historic building.**

Thanks for all the community support for the installation of our new AdventureWalk this summer, which is located in the park by the river. Your donations to the library help with these continuing efforts.

Donations are tax deductible! For more information, please visit our Del Norte Public Library at 790 Grand Ave., (719) 657-2633 or visit our WEBSITE [dnpl.colibraries.org](http://dnpl.colibraries.org)



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## SAN LUIS VALLEY IMMIGRANT RESOURCE CENTER

225 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite B, Alamosa CO 81101

(719) 587-3225 [www.slvirc.org](http://www.slvirc.org)



**Providing services to residents of the San Luis Valley since 2002**

Our mission is to connect and empower immigrants with resources to achieve legal documentation, fulfill their economic needs, and integrate into the community.



### **Legal Assistance Program**

- Family petitions, naturalization, and more
- BIA Accredited; Minimum-fee basis

### **Por Ti Misma Program for Crime Victims**

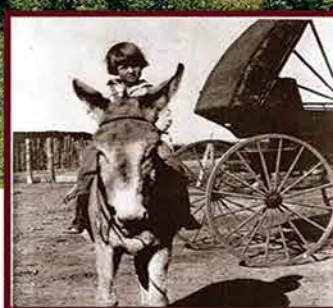
- Immigration legal assistance – U-Visa and VAWA Self-Petition
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