

and shared with each other and the world.

Next month, I'll report on a completely different yet powerfully effective art collecting concept: Artist Support Pledge, now worldwide but begun in the U.K. Maintaining a vision for a sustainable and support-

ive community for all artists, developing a successful, sustainable, and equitable artist and maker community, they quote the aboriginal hunter-gatherer cultures as inspiration regarding the cultural practice of sharing resources for success.
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Snapshots of Our Community

Boy Scouts Honored Vets, Nov. 8



Above: Boy Scouts placed flags beside the veterans' headstones at Monument Cemetery on Nov. 8 in honor of Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Those pictured are, front row: Emmitt Giles, Wesley Inscoc, Luke Occhipinti, and Will Guttormsem. Back row: Tom Smith, Michael Occhipinti, Robert Makowsky, Cody Curtis, Benton Miles, Troy Occhipinti, Tanja Curtis, and Zack Curtis. *Photo by John Howe.*

North Pole Fair, Dec. 4



Above: The North Pole at Tri-Lakes Craft Fair was held on Dec. 4 at the Grace Best Education Center with a record number of attendees. Organizer Bob Nissen reported that 1,974 attended the fair, donating 590 pounds of food, \$1,330 in cash, and two bins of toys and sporting goods. The bake sale sold out its 132 dozen cookies by 11:30 a.m. This year's goodies were provided by the Tri-Lakes Women's Club, Tri-Lakes Cares (TLC), and Monument Hill Kiwanis members. Nissen said that the 57 vendors were pleased with their day. Part of Monument's Small Town Christmas celebration, the fair is sponsored by Monument Hill Kiwanis and benefits TLC. The fair was not held last year due to COVID concerns. **Right:** Visitors were welcomed with a cheerful sign at the entrance. *Photos by Harriet Halbig.*

Small Town Christmas, Dec. 4



Above: "Elf" Harriet Chambers, at right, poses with two shoppers as two others sit while their caricature is sketched outside of The Roost during Small Town Christmas in Monument on Dec. 4. *Photo by John Howe.*

Right and below: Downtown was full of happy children and visitors of all ages for the annual Small Town Christmas event on Dec. 4. Santa sent his special representative, Ranger Rick, decked out in traditional North Pole holiday garb, seen talking to passersby, and enchanting small children with his attire and polar bear staff. Prancer the reindeer was on hand as well, greeting visitors in her new antlers for the season, while across the street at the Trails End holiday tent, a wide variety of crafts, kitchen goodies, décor, and photography enticed holiday shoppers. *Photos by Janet Sellers.*

