

Shorts

30th Annual Fall Festival and Quilt Show Sept. 16

Saguache Senior Citizens meeting is Sept. 14

SAGUACHE — The monthly meeting of the Saguache Senior Citizens will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, at the Senior Center. Refreshments will be served.

The Senior Center is located at 605 Christy Ave. inside the Social Services building. Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. The Senior Center is open to all seniors in Saguache County.

4th Ave. and Morris St. becoming a four-way stop

MONTE VISTA — The intersection of 4th Avenue and Morris Street in Monte Vista will be changed to an "All Stop," reported the City of Monte Vista. All four sides of the intersection will require traffic to stop at the intersection.

This is being done to better control the intersection, slow speeds and provide a safer neighborhood, according to the City of Monte Vista.

This is the result of an effort that Monte Vista Police Department has been working on for a couple of months. Data included a traffic study and traffic engineering. Work was completed with cooperation from Rio Grande County Road and Bridge and Monte Vista Public Works.

4th Steamroller Printmaking Event is Sept. 16

CREEDE — The Creede Arts Council is hosting its 4th annual Steamroller Printmaking Event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 16. This is an outdoor printmaking event held in Creede during the Cruisin' the Canyon Car Show.

Artists will have created and carved wooden boards with their own original designs. The day of the event, the boards are inked by hand and placed on the street with paper placed over the boards. Then, a Steamroller (roadbed compactor) will roll over them, pressing the paper onto the board. The resulting outcome is an original fine art print.

Each artist's print will be available for purchase during and after the event. Local artists participating will include Colleen DeSanto, Jody Stroh, Amanda Charlton, and Allison Quiller.

For more information, contact Creede Arts Council at creedearts@outlook.com. To learn more about the Steamroller Printmaking Event, follow CAC on Facebook or visit their website at www.creedeartscouncil.com/steamroller-printmaking.

By SAGUACHE CHAMBER

SAGUACHE — As the leaves begin to change color and the mornings greet us with cooler temperatures, we are reminded of the annual event which occurs on the third Saturday in September. That would be the Fall Festival and Quilt Show held in Saguache.

Originally entitled Handmade in Saguache Festival, it was meant to celebrate the harvest and the labors of those who had created homemade items during the year. Over the years, instead of visitors traveling to find the treasures, it was brought to the park in Saguache for ease of shopping. Although fresh vegetables and some

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Courtesy photos

The 30th Annual Fall Festival and Quilt Show is set for Sept. 16 at various locations in Saguache. Vendors will be in Otto Mears Park and the Saguache Sagebrush Quilters will be inside the Community Building.



The community of Hooper came together on Sept. 4 to assemble playground equipment at the Hooper Town Park.

Photo by Marie Mccolm

Hooper celebrates Labor Day by working on playground

By MARIE MCCOLM

HOOPER — Fall was in the air on Monday, Sept. 4, at Hooper Town Park. Twenty-two residents, along with Mayor Tommy Dentler, gathered at the park to begin the assembly of playground equipment that was donated by a local school.

Mayor Dentler was optimistic about the event.

"This has been a long time coming. I am pleased that so many people showed up to donate their time today. This will take us about a week here. We are going to start putting up these poles in the seven holes that we just dug. We are going to get that platform put up today, and then after that we will reset and go with more. It will be about a weeklong process. We will have this

whole thing eventually fenced up too," Dentler said.

Mayor Dentler explained that the playground would have about five slides and other equipment. In the area that everyone was currently working in Monday morning, there were poles and stairs set up, but the slides along with the other equipment were being

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Courtesy photos

The Crestone Energy Fair has music, speakers, presentations, performers, tours, live streaming, and vendors.

Energy Fair will soon be lighting up Crestone

By MARIE MCCOLM

CRESTONE — The Crestone Energy Fair has brought resourceful ideas, broad views, and ways for community members all over the Valley to better sustain their lifestyles through alternative living and energy, and this year is no exception.

The 34th annual Crestone Energy Fair will be held Sept. 16 and 17. The theme for this year's event is Reimagine: Self-Village-Nature. This event is one of

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San Luis Valley Potato Festival Sept. 9

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — The 15th annual SLV Potato Festival, in honor of potato harvest, is set for Sept. 9 at Chapman Park in Monte Vista.

Fall is in the air and the festival will be in town with many event favorites, including the Tater Trot, guided Ag Tours, Chef Demonstrations, and the Mashed Potato Dunk Tank. There will also be dozens of craft and food vendors set up in the park.

The Potato Festival is a way for people to gain a better perspective on how the main crop of the San Luis Valley, potatoes, are planted, fertilized, grown, and harvested.

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The 15th annual SLV Potato Festival is set for Sept. 9 at Chapman Park in Monte Vista. It will have a variety of vendors and activities for all ages.

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OBITUARIES

Lila Eloisa Maestas Espinoza 1926-2023

With the deepest gratitude and hearts warmed by cherished memories, the family of Lila Eloisa Maestas Espinoza announces that she peacefully and gracefully passed away at her home in Monte Vista, Colo., with loved ones at her side. She was 97.

Lila was born at her family's homestead west of La Jara, near the Alamosa River, on Feb. 5, 1926, the fourth child of Patrocina Maria Martinez (1902-1985) and WWI veteran Juan Francisco Maestas (1892-1931). After her father's death, her mother and stepfather, Joseph Emerhildo Chavez, raised her. Lila's maternal lineage traces historically through the San Luis Valley, northern New Mexico, Mexico, Spain, France, and to Charlemagne, the King of the Franks and Lombards in 8th century Europe, connecting her to an enduring history of resilience and fortitude. As a Hispano, she embodied the San Luis Valley's lasting spirit and heritage, weaving together a life filled with joy, strength, and love.

As a youth in Romeo, Colo., Lila excelled as a scholar, athlete, and school spirit champion. She stood out as the valedictorian of her 1944 graduating class at Romeo High, defying expectations and loving basketball despite her petite frame. She also found joy in the thrill of watching boxing matches and listening to music. Her school-time memories included riding the Cumbres and Toltec Railroad to compete in basketball games against rivals in Chama, N.M. Throughout her early years, she showed strong determination and an abundance of energy, hinting at the long and fulfilling life she would go on to enjoy.

In 1949, Lila and her admirer, Arturo Anastacio "Tato" Espinoza of Espinoza, Colo., eloped to the romantic city of Santa Fe. Their 58-year marriage, until Tato's passing in 2007, stood as a testament to the enduring power of mutual devotion, perseverance, and love of family. Lila's caring nature shone through their relationship, and her admiration for Tato endured until her passing. Together, they raised nine children, and Lila gracefully filled her motherly journey with nurturing and steadfast dedication, instilling empathy, patience, kindness, and love in her children's spirits.

Lila's ambition and passion for food launched her early career as a cook and, soon after, a restaurateur. A culinary virtuoso, she skillfully crafted both conventional and unique cuisines, gaining renown for her Mexican dishes and savory green chile. She loved to bake and was dedicated to the daily craft of

making tortillas. From 1952 to 1972, she and Tato owned and operated Romeo Lunch, a restaurant and bar in Romeo, Colo. There, Lila welcomed throngs of devoted patrons who enjoyed her blue-plate specials, often paired with a refreshing Coors beer.

In 1973, she joined the historic Monte Villa Inn kitchen staff in Monte Vista, continuing to delight diners with her creations for decades. Seemingly tireless, Lila and Tato were also entrepreneurs, and together, they owned and operated a television and electronics business, a lettuce farm, and a trucking company that transported daily news and film from Denver to Cortez, Colo., carrying The Denver Post, The Rocky Mountain News, and big-screen films to local movie theaters.

Lila's home kitchen was a haven of warmth and tempting aromas. Whether it was her first-rate green chile, enchiladas, or cinnamon rolls, her love of cooking for others extended to friends and family. She frequently prepared four or five different plates a meal, catering to her children's unique preferences. Her warm hospitality welcomed guests with her open heart and homemade tortilla, making each one feel truly special.

Moreover, Lila's zest for life was matched only by her optimism, Christianity, and love of song. At gatherings, she often infused humor, making each moment brighter. Countless conversations with her included her playful question, "Ask me where I was born," which she would answer with a lively verse from Roy Acuff's Freight Train Blues. Her spirited voice singing, "I was born in Dixie in a boomer's shack in a little ol' shanty by the railroad track," lifting hearts and sharing smiles, making burdens lighter.

As the years advanced, Lila remained healthy and resilient. She recovered from a tough fall, defeated Covid, and persisted until the end when natural causes relinquished her vigor. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tato, in 2007; her son Paul Dean "Dennis" Espinoza, in 2023; her daughter-in-law, Janice Espinoza in 2015; three grandchildren (Roderick Cordova in 1976, Angelina Earls in 1993, and Jeshua Espinoza in 2020); four brothers, (Raymond Maestas, Miguel "Mike" Maestas, Anselmo "Elmo" Maestas, and Anthony Chavez); and her sister (Connie Gonzales).

She leaves behind a vibrant family stretching across generations: Roberta "Betty" Knight of San Antonio, Texas; Susan Canada (Wayne) of Lakewood, Colo.; Benjamin Espinoza (Cathy) of Vacaville, Calif.; Angelo Espinoza



(Sheila) of Phoenix, Ariz.; Michael Espinoza (Caroline) of Monte Vista, Colo.; Noah Espinoza of Monte Vista, Colo.; Patricia Szall of Sandy Springs, Ga.; Stephanie Chandler of Mosca, Colo.; and Arthur A. Espinoza, Jr. (Daniel DeHaan) of West Hollywood, Calif. Additionally, her 32 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren survive her, as does her brother Bert Chavez, of South Jordan, Utah.

Lila's zest for life was perfectly matched by her Christian faith and love of singing. She beamed joy, often playfully singing the many tunes in her repertoire. Her optimism lifted hearts, and her unwavering faith as a Jehovah's Witness shaped her life's purpose. She drew strength and solace in her spirituality, finding comfort in daily prayer and bible study. With grace and humility, she shared her convictions, and her faith served as a guiding light, inspiring others on their spiritual journeys with a Christ-like approach.

In honor of Lila's life and her impact on all who knew her, two gatherings will celebrate her memory. A Bible-based talk providing comfort and hope will be delivered at the Monte Vista Kingdom Hall of the Jehovah's Witnesses on Monday, Sept. 4, at 1 p.m. All are invited and welcome to attend. On Friday, Sept. 8, at 1 p.m. at Ski-Hi Complex Outcall Conference Center in Monte Vista, Lila's children will host a Celebration of Life, providing an opportunity for all friends and loved ones, irrespective of faith, to join together in remembrance and share a meal and stories that reflect the essence of Lila's life. These two gatherings will stand as a testament to the diverse ways in which Lila touched the lives of those around her.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences, remembrances, or words of support for Lila's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

Karen Sue Cochran Tempfel

Karen Sue Cochran Tempfel, 80, of Columbia, Mo., passed away Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023, at The Villa Blue Ridge.

Karen was born June 8, 1943, in Boonville, Mo., the daughter of James Robert and Mildred (Swarner) Cochran, who preceded her in death.

Karen graduated from Boonville High School in 1961.

She married the love of her life, Floyd Tempfel, on Sept. 2, 1961, in Boonville, Mo. He preceded her in death on Nov. 9, 2022. They had been married for 61 years.

Despite suffering major injuries in a car crash in 1964, and a lengthy rehabilitation, Karen remained an active and enthusiastic participant in her family and community. She ran the administrative portion of the physical therapy department for many years at the University of Missouri, Columbia. She went on to assist her husband Floyd in establishing his orthotic and prosthetic business. They owned and operated over 20 clinics across Missouri and Oklahoma.

Karen and Floyd enjoyed many years of living in a variety of communities including their hometowns of Pilot Grove and Boonville, Mo.; Creede, Colo.; Okeechobee, Fla.; and Warsaw, Mo. Karen designed their Pilot Grove, Mo., and Creede, Colo., houses.

She enjoyed reading, sewing, and traveling in their RV home. One of their most memorable summer trips was caravanning with friends to Alaska. Friends and family will long remember Karen as a cheerful engaged and engaging conversationalist with a bright smile, generous heart, and strong faith.

Survivors include one brother, Brent H. Cochran of Lee's Summit; one nephew, Tim Harlan, of



Columbia and five nieces Tina Tempfel Stanley of Bedford, Va.; Sandra Cochran Smith of Clinton; Linnet Harlan of Pacific Grove, Calif.; Laurel Harlan and Heather Harlan also of Columbia.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by daughter, Tracie Lee Tempfel, sister Dorothy Cochran Harlan, and brother James Robert Cochran, Jr.

On Thursday, Sept. 7, at 11 a.m., a celebration of Life Service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 417 Vine St., Boonville with Pastor Terry Overfelt of Broadway Christian Church, Columbia, officiating. Immediately following the service, guests are encouraged to greet and visit with the family at the church following the service.

Private interment will take place at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville, Mo.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Johns United Church of Christ, 14191 Billingsville Rd., Boonville, MO 65233.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL



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This past week found Ol' Dutch back on the river driving for kayaking trips for Mountain Man Rafting. Now this was not the plan and Miss Trixie kinda Tom Sawyered me into it as her schedule was full to overflowing. As usual. But there is never a bad day on the Mighty Rio Grande River and so I got to see some new places as we kayaked east of South Fork on Friday. The Mountain Man/Narrow Ridge kayaking trips are perfect for beginners to experience their first time. You'll learn new things and have a lot of fun. They are offering rock climbing too and since Ol' Dutch already has rocks in his head, I probably will pass on that one. But I am sure there are adventurers out there who want to try it.

Most of August I had dedicated myself to getting ready for elk and bear season but as you found out last week, Miss Trixie had other ideas for me in our social events calendar. Even with all the activity, I did get to peruse the Internet a lot looking for new gear and ordering things from Amazon like a shopaholic on steroids. The only problem is the Internet has changed a little bit and I soon found out that every ad or item that I looked at started an avalanche proposals trying to sell me something. Even looking at the news about certain things would somehow fire up the demons of commerce and I am now inundated with ads, commercials, phone calls, emails, texts and Facebook events.

To give you some idea about what has occurred, I usually check the Stock Market every few days just to see how things are going. And I also look at the interest rates both being charged and paid out on accounts out of curiosity if nothing else. And I might read an article on the housing industry and other items of interest. I am not sure how but suddenly I am getting calls, texts and emails from California to New York about real estate, banking, annuities, insurance, hunting gear, trips overseas, Chronic Wasting Disease, F-16 fighter jets and real estate. Did I mention real estate twice? Well they have been the worst abusers of my time.

Now I know that if you enter in your information you are certain to get such things but now I think they are harvesting all that from my phone or computer without me even knowing it.

We all know how the television channels have inserted subliminal messages into the programming and



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that it has been happening since Hector was a pup. These messages are unseen to the natural and conscious eye but when you suddenly find yourself wanting some Pringles or Hershey Kisses, you know that the idea was planted in your brain during the past episode of The Big Bang Theory.

I got curious about just how far this use of our information on the Internet is being mined and there is some thought out there that the cell phones we use are actually listening to us all the time. I am starting to believe that as it seems like my phone knows what I am going to type into Google before I do. Some of you may be alarmed at this turn of events and the increase in Artificial Intelligence but Ol' Dutch got to thinking (a dangerous proposition according to Miss Trixie), that it may be something I can really latch onto and run with.

For you see, for the last ten years I have had to depend on Miss Trixie to tell me what to think, do and say so this may free her up for more social activities and be a real boon to me also as I do not have to have her in close proximity to access the information I stored in her brain.

No longer will I have to even think but simply go to Google and see what they know my inner self wants and needs. And you thought A.I. was all bad. This will now free me up for some real deep thinking although that too will be monitored and guided sooner or later.

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

There's such a thing as trail etiquette

The uppermost switchback on the Bright Angel Trail in Grand Canyon National Park is 8 feet wide. Yet the last time I hiked out, I was stymied by a group of young hikers walking down shoulder to shoulder, tapping on their phones.

Even when I said, "Ahem, excuse me," I was unceremoniously nudged out of the way — not on the cliff side, but still.

It shouldn't need mentioning, but while walking on a rocky trail where one may fall to one's death, it is best not to be watching one's phone. And in case you were wondering, uphill has the right of way.

I am often told that people coming downhill should have the right of way because they might lose control and can't easily stop. Well, on a shared trail, one should not be losing control, and certainly not on a trail where a fall could lead to dying, as above.

Uphill has the right of way because it is harder to stop and restart while climbing. Yes, some hikers want to stop and rest and that is their prerogative, but if I have my uphill mojo going, I don't want to stop.

Downhill hikers also have a much wider field of vision. Climbing up, I usually see only my feet, particularly if I'm wearing a sunhat. Since most injuries occur on the way down a trail, it might behoove one to slow down and pay attention in any case.

Nor does this apply only to hikers. On a four-wheel drive road, the driver coming down must pull over for the driver coming up.

In mountain biking, uphill has the right of way as well, partly because if the uphill rider has to stop, they will likely be walking up the rest of the hill.

Standing at the top of a steep hill and yelling "Clear!" before bombing down is not sufficient. Perhaps that is why more and more trails around Arizona have signs posted warning riders that if they cannot comply with the rules, the routes will be closed to bikes.

Mountain bikes are supposed to yield to hikers, but since I know how hard it is to stop and start on a bike, I usually step out of the way anyway.

Yet all trail users must yield to horses.

I have met horses that freak out upon seeing a piece of blowing paper, so I cannot imagine how they would react to a fast-moving bike.

Regarding those annoying downhill hikers and runners who say they "need" the right of way, I have not done the study, but I would bet they never yield no matter which direction they are heading. They have important things to do and places to go, and maybe a phone to check.

As absorbing as it is to walk hand-in-hand with your sweetie, or arms linked with your BFF, you probably would not force people off the sidewalk into traffic just to keep your bestie right there. So why, on a trail, would you force other hikers to give way?

Faster hikers overtaking another party should politely make their presence known. A curt "on your left" as you elbow them out of the way does not suffice. Neither does stepping on their heels until they finally acknowledge you.

Speaking for myself, I often fall into a reverie while hiking, and I do not always notice someone dogging my footsteps. So please say something.

I've been startled more than once by a runner brushing against me as they sped past, sometimes on a trail narrow enough that had I stepped (or tripped!) to the side, I would have knocked the runner off the cliff.

People are allowed to periodically pause on their treks. I was berated recently because I was standing with my pack facing the trail. I was informed



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by Marjorie 'Slim' Woodruff

hotly by an approaching runner that he had to slow down to pass me, and next time would I please move out of the way? I did not realize I was upsetting his Best Time Ever.

More and more it seems, we need must share our wilderness with all sorts of users.

Yes, we all get hot and sweaty and cold and tired and exhausted and hungry and thirsty, but we can still be polite. To paraphrase the immortal Robert A. Heinlein, politeness is what characterizes a civilization.

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LETTER

Speakers to walk people through enlisting local officials to secure elections

Editor,

For many years we have watched our state and federal leaders turn from working for and representing "we the people" to working for their own personal gain and furthering their own agendas.

Legislators often pass bills they have not even read! Why? Bribery, influence & pressure from powerful people, extortion, laziness? Many of our national leaders have forgotten who they work for and are now self-serving and corrupt. We all see our unalienable

constitutional rights being watered down, chipped away by those who serve an agenda completely opposite of what our founding fathers diligently tried to secure for all Americans, for all generations. How can we save ourselves and our country from this downhill slide into tyranny and destruction?

Do you realize your local government has more authority than your state or federal government? To learn how you can take back your God-given power, join us at Society Hall (400 Ross Ave., Alamosa) at 6 p.m. on Sept. 9. Two

nationally recognized speakers, Joe Oltmann and Dr. David Clements, will present a fascinating evening on "The Doctrine of the Greater Magistrates," free of charge. They will walk us through the process of enlisting our local officials in our fight to secure our elections, safeguard our constitutional rights, and save our families and our nation before it is too late. No matter where you stand on any particular issue, we hope to see you there!

*Albert and Lorna Warren
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OBITUARIES

Ruth McClure June 8, 1937-Aug. 24, 2023

Ruth (Ruthie) Ann McClure was born in Elgin, Ill., to Les and Ruth Villars and she and her family moved to Monte Vista, Colo., when she was young.

She was married to her first husband, Andy Metz, of Monte Vista, Colo., in 1955 and they had their first child, Kristi, in 1961, and their second child Michael came along in 1964.

She married her second husband Michael McClure from Center, Colo., in 1972. Ruthie moved with Michael and her two children to American Canyon, Calif., in the early 1970s. Ruthie held various jobs but loved being a homemaker the most. She devoted her life to her husband and children.

However, she did find time to participate in activities with the local city council and spoke fondly of the people and events she participated in during that time.

She also enjoyed attending church services at Hopewell Baptist Church and loved her visits with Pastor Ray.

After the death of her beloved Michael, she moved to The Meadows in Napa, Calif., where she lived until the time of her passing.

She was preceded in death by her husband Michael McClure.



She is survived by her daughter Kristi Thompson (Luke) of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Michael Metz (Vicki) of Napa, Calif.; grandchildren Ryan Thompson and Katie (Metz) Mutate, and one great-grandchild.

Ruthie has requested no services. She will be interred privately in the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, Calif.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home at claffeyandrota.com.

Maria J. Viera Cendejas

Center resident Maria J. Viera Cendejas, 72, died Aug. 31, 2023, at the San Luis Valley Health Regional Medical Center in Alamosa.

Maria was born in Tlazazalca, Michoacán, on June 16, 1951, to Jesus Viera and Rosa Licea. She married the love of her life, Samuel Cendejas, and they enjoyed 51 years together.

Maria was an excellent cook and she made everything from scratch. Every day was a new treat for her family with her cooking. She raised flowers in her garden and took great care to keep them beautiful. Maria always added special touches to her clothing and made blankets and clothes for all her grand-babies. She also liked watching her novelas on television and keeping up with her family and friends. She loved learning about the word of God.

She is survived by her father Jesus Viera; her husband Samuel Cendejas of Center, Colo.; her children Miguel (Yuri) Cendejas, Samuel (Raelene) Cendejas, Jr., Juan (Laura) Cendejas, Mario (Riza) Cendejas; her grandchildren Salma (Cristian), Natalia, Valeria, Jose, Alicia, Cameron, and little Sammy; two brothers and



eight sisters; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Maria was preceded in death by her mother, and two sisters.

Cremation was chosen and private family services will be held later.

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

Galen DeGani

Longtime Center resident Galen DeGani, 75, passed away peacefully at his home in Center on Sept. 4, 2023.

Galen was born in Pueblo, Colo., on Feb. 10, 1948, to Joseph and Mildred (DeMuth) DeGani. He married the love of his life, Beverly Taylor on March 16, 1985.

Galen worked as a Horologist, a clock repairer, for many years. Galen enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, flintlock rifles, and family outings.

Galen is survived by his wife Beverly DeGani; his children Aaron (Emily), Jeremy (Denise), Micah (Claudia), Reubin (Tami), all of Colorado Springs, Colo.; his stepson Rex (Thresa) of Oak Harbor, Wash.; his special granddaughter Alyssa (Tyson) Dyck of Carson City, Mich.; his grandchildren Cody, Wyatt (Sydney), Alexis, Jordan, Isabella, Gianna, Daryon, Jaenah, Trisdon, Jordan, Shauncey, Justin, and Taylor; and his great-grandchildren

Chloe and Remington.

Galen was preceded in death by both his parents Joseph and Mildred DeGani; and his step-daughter Cindy Cress, and one angel daughter Michelle.

A visitation will be held 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at the High Valley Mennonite Church. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, also at the High Valley Mennonite Church, 45651 Co Rd E, in Center, CO. Interment will follow services in the Monte Vista Cemetery.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the High Valley Mennonite Church, to be used for the USA Missions, c/o Terry Good, 4575 Highway 285, Center, CO 81125.

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

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homemade items have found other locations, you can find vendors with arts and crafts and creations available to enhance your home.

The Saguache Chamber of Commerce will host this event on Saturday, Sept. 16, in Otto Mears Park from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. You will find the Saguache Sagebrush Quilters inside the Community Building. On display and some for purchase will be the hard work of these folks. Be sure to purchase your ticket for the door prize of a handmade quilt which will be presented at the end of the day. Tickets can be purchased on the day of the event. The cost is \$1 for 1 ticket or six tickets for \$5.

Inside the Community Building you will also find a couple of other vendors along with the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction is the one fundraiser held by the Chamber annually. Items will be donated by local supporters and vendors at the event. You can "Buy it Now" or place a bid and take your chances at the end of the event. Winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m.

Our Vendor Coordinator, Bonnie Saltzman, has been busy sending out invitations to potential vendors. It is not too late to sign up for a 10-foot-by-10-foot space. The vendor form is also available on the Chamber website www.saguachechamber.org. Select the Fall Festival on the Home Page and you will locate the form. If you need additional assistance, you can send an email to the Chamber at info@saguachechamber.org or call 719-849-0240.

Locate Edward Alloy in the park for balloon animals. He will be easy to spot — he will be the clown. Don Baker will be on hand with his local honey. St. Agnes Church will have a food booth in the center of the park and will be offering fajitas.

As more vendor responses are received, we hope to fill the park with the sound of fun and excitement.

As always, there will be live entertainment. Thanks to our Entertainment Coordinator, Scott Alexander, you will find an awesome lineup. Starting at 11 a.m., Paper Moon Shiners will perform until noon; at noon until 12:30 p.m. Shumei Crestone HIKARI Taiko will entertain you; then, CB Jazz will take the stage at 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. After some brief announcements, Salida Din will close out the entertainment from 2 until 3:15 p.m. Bring a comfortable chair or dance your heart out.

The newly built stage will host these entertainers. Terry Gillette was instrumental in obtaining funds from the Saguache County Commissioners

through a Sales Tax Grant to build this stage. It is a portable stage and can be utilized for other events.

Stroll over to the Methodist Fellowship Hall to view entries in the annual Photo Contest hosted by Sara Fernandez. The hall is located at 620 Christy St. in Saguache. Doors will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The chamber wants to recognize the Saguache County Commissioners for their generosity through a Sales Tax Grant along with the Saguache County Tourism Council for assisting the chamber to be able to advertise and host this event.

As the Saguache Chamber Board continues to grow this event, more details will be made available both on the chamber's website and on the Chamber's Facebook page.

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the longest-running sustainability fairs in the nation, according to organizers. Approximately 2,000 people attended the event in person last year and approximately 1,000 livestreamed the event. The Crestone Energy Fair is billed to be a fun-filled, informative, packed event this year, comprised entirely of volunteers. This event is free to the public.

Some people in Saguache County have chosen to use alternative building material for their homes, rather than traditional construction methods. Some examples are strawbale homes, hempcrete and earth ship-built homes, and solar and methane bio-digesters. The Crestone Energy Fair offers tours of completed and under construction homes of these types of dwellings to people who attend.

Event Producer Nick Nevares spoke about the event and the importance of teaching people how to use alternative methods of building to help them begin construction of their dwellings.

“There is definitely a need to help educate people with these other methods, that empowers people to allow them to build, with all of these alternative materials,” Nevares said. “Saguache County doesn’t have building codes. Finding a school that can teach all of this is almost impossible to non-existent. When the Baca Grande community started, they realized that there was a need for this education. This event was created to do just that.”

Nevares said that the Crestone Energy Fair has grown to be so much more than just educating people on alternative construction of homes. It also provides



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information on new and diverse ways to generate power and provides other ways to live a sustainable life, alternatively.

“As an example of energy sources, Valley View Hot Springs, which is just down the road from us, they power their entire facility with human methane biodigesters,” Nevares said. “This means that they don’t use anything other than the septic system. They are able to compact that methane, created from the septic system, and turn it into something that is clean burning and fuels their heating and their cooking. It also doesn’t smell bad.”

The Crestone Energy Fair is a non-profit organization with the Saguache Sustainable Environment and

Economic Development Association, remaining their fiscal sponsor. This has helped them create a part-time director position and some independent contractor positions.

In addition to the two-day event, continuing education is available in two-day workshops that are held once a month to give people the chance to dive deeper into this type of living.

The Crestone Energy Fair has music both days, speakers, presentations, performers, tours, live streaming, and vendors selling their goods. Food trucks will be at the event.

For more information on the Crestone Energy Fair, visit their website at crestoneenergyfair.org.

The 34th annual Crestone Energy Fair will be held Sept. 16 and 17. The theme for this year’s event is Reimagine: Self-Village-Nature. The Crestone Energy Fair is one of the longest-running sustainability fairs in the nation, according to organizers.



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There are two agricultural tours that are set to take place this year, one from 8 a.m. and returning at 11 a.m., and the other from 1 p.m. and returning at 4 p.m. Both tours will include a comprehensive look at how potatoes are grown and harvested and will allow the public to also ask growers and researchers questions about the crop. The tours are free but availability for the tours is limited; pre-register for the tours online.

The Potato Festival also hosts the Tater Trot; it also requires registration. The cost for this event is \$25 and benefits the San Luis Valley Pediatric Diabetes Patients. T-shirts are limited and will be available while supplies last to participants.

The SLV Potato Festival is family friendly and every year the festival provides activities for children, including a bouncy house, the ever-popular colored train on wheels, that tours around the park with lots of children riding on it. The train is complete with a conductor in the front.

Every year, Chef Demonstrations

are also given. There are also potato recipes that are shared. There will also be tractors at the park for the public to see. All in celebration of the harvest.

The San Luis Valley is rich in potatoes and is the second largest fresh potato region in the United States. San Luis Valley growers and shippers along with the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee (CPAC) have developed regulations for quality, and advanced growth practices, to ensure that potatoes in Colorado meet specified standards for food security and quality taste.

Potato growers and shippers advertise their commodity and store the potatoes in warehouses with likeminded growers and shippers for future vending. Approximately 20 warehouses ship and package potatoes in the Valley. Potatoes can go from warehouse to truck, without uncovering them and exposing them to outdoor elements. Approximately 95% are sent to fresh markets both locally and throughout the country.

For more information on the festival, visit coloradopotato.org.

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Mapping the future of agriculture

The demand for food is directly related to population growth. By 2050, food needs are expected to double, according to a study published in the journal *Agricultural Economics*. That puts increasing pressure on the agricultural sector to meet growing demand. However, many experts think the industry will fall short.

In addition to increased food demand, consumer habits, technology, and policies continue to force the agricultural industry to evolve. Indeed, the agricultural sector may look very different in the future.

Bigger digital footprint
Social media has transformed many industries, and it can do the same for agriculture. Farming supply chains can communicate with one another by getting feedback from customers in real time through social media. However, agricultural operations will have to devote teams to manage social media presence, especially since misinformation is so widespread on social media.

Apart from social media, local farmers may increase their efforts to utilize mobile apps and direct-to-consumer

purchasing options. The global pandemic helped businesses reimagine takeout and curbside shopping. Local farms may want to market to the home-shopping community, providing ways to deliver produce, fresh meat and poultry and other items direct to customers' homes.

Regenerative agriculture
The future may feature a significant shift in the way farms source their ingredients. Regeneration International says that regenerative agriculture can be the future. This describes farming and grazing practices that may help reverse climate change by rebuilding soil organic matter and restoring degraded soil biodiversity. Some insist that farmers who utilize regenerative agriculture produce food that is more sustainable and healthy. This is something eco- and health-conscious consumers can stand behind.

Technological advancement
There's a good chance that technology will continue to play important and growing roles in farming operations. New agricultural technologies can col-



lect data on soil and plant health and produce results in real time. Precision farming technology can be developed to deliver integrated solutions no matter the size of the operation.

Shift in what's grown
Farmers may give more thought to sustainable products. Crops like hemp and cannabis are being utilized in new and innovative ways, and they're only the start as consumers have expanded their views on plant-based foods and products.

While there's no way to see into the future, individuals can anticipate changes that could be in store for the agricultural sector in the decades ahead.

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How labor shortages are affecting agriculture

The agricultural workforce is shrinking, and has been for some time. The American Farm Bureau Federation estimates there are roughly 2.4 million farm jobs that need to be filled annually, but there has been a drastic decline in workers each year.

There are a number of reasons for the shortages. The AFBF says more than 73 percent of farm workers are immigrants from South America and Mexico. While the United States' H2-A visa program, which allows employers who meet specific requirements to bring foreign laborers in for temporary work, has increased the number of accepted applications for immigrants to 250,000, this number is still just a drop in the bucket in terms of labor needs.

Another factor is a career in agriculture isn't always easy or lucrative. According to the U.S Department of Agriculture, for every dollar spent on food, a farmer receives only 7.6 cents. Farmers were predicted to lose 9.7 percent of total net income in 2021.

Declining interest in the field has also affected the number of farm workers. As more farm operators reach retirement age, fewer young farmers are replacing them due to volatile pricing, high real estate and land costs, steep initial machinery investment costs, and other factors. The physical demand of the industry also takes its toll. So what does this mean for the agricultural industry?

Many with knowledge of the industry indicate sweeping changes are warranted. Ellen Poeschi, the project director for the National Association of Agricultural Educators Teach Ag campaign, has said that a lack of agricultural education is contributing to the problem. Increasing availability of ag education courses across the country could build interest in the industry. Connecting students to internships or mentors



may help, too.

Another option is to rally for greater economic opportunities in agriculture. The ag industry in general needs to find ways to make the economic benefits more competitive to other industries, and improve the working conditions and job flexibility. Agricultural industries currently average only 60 percent of what other industries offer in salaries. Farm wages have been rising due to the H-2A program, which requires farm worker pay to be higher than the state/federal minimum wage. More change is needed, but this may have to come at the federal level or be sparked by efforts on the part of agricultural advocacy groups.

Additional strategies farm operators can employ to combat shortages are: scaling back farm operations; integrating ag technology to reduce labor burdens; pivoting to crops that require fewer laborers; leasing portions of land to have extra money; employing temporary guest workers; and moving operations abroad.

Worker shortages continue to be problematic for the agricultural industry. A greater focus on remedying the issue is needed on a grand scale.

What is sustainable agriculture?

Many transitions have taken place in the agricultural industry over the last several decades. The widespread adoption of various technologies over the last 20-plus years has helped farmers streamline their operations, making their farms more efficient and less wasteful as a result. In addition, many farmers have embraced sustainable farming, which is a relatively recent approach to agriculture. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, sustainable agriculture is

a complex, multi-faceted concept. Sustainable agriculture intends to contribute to a robust economy by making farms profitable. Farmers who embrace sustainable agriculture also aim to have a positive effect on the environment and their surrounding ecosystems. That's accomplished by embracing strategies that focus on building and maintaining healthy soil, managing water wisely, minimizing pollution, and promoting biodiversity. The National Institute

of Food and Agriculture notes that sustainable agriculture encompasses a wide range of production practices, including some associated with conventional farming and some linked to organic farming. As a result, sustainable farming should not be mistaken for organic farming, or vice versa. However, the UCS notes there's a strong likelihood that certified organic produce at local grocery stores are byproducts of farms that embrace sustainable agriculture.

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Shumei's featured artist Koichi Yamashita: Art Demonstration and Symposium on Oct. 1

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CRESTONE — On Sunday, Oct. 1, starting at 1 p.m. Shumei International Institute is hosting an art demonstration with Japanese painter Koichi Yamashita. An art symposium with the artist will follow from 3 to 5 p.m.

Recently featured in "The Japan Times," painter Yamashita is drawn to the mountains. His unconventional sumi-e ink paintings depict the vast beauty of the rocky landscape. So detailed, they may be mistaken for photographs.

Yamashita must hike the mountain before he paints them. This February Yamashita quietly visited Crestone from his home in Japan. He hiked. He soaked up the beauty of this land. And then he returned home to paint.

Self-taught, Yamashita states, "I was born in the countryside and used to play in nature, climbing hills and mountains, trees and rocks, swimming in the river, and so on...I wanted to paint nature which I had seen for a long time."

After quitting his job and using his savings to explore the world and art, Yamashita pursued his dreams of painting.

On Oct. 1, starting at 1 p.m., Shumei will host landscape painter Yamashita for an art demonstration, where he will paint the stunning backyard peaks of the area followed by



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Shumei International Institute is hosting an art demonstration with Japanese painter Koichi Yamashita on Oct. 1. Pictured is one of his sumi-e ink paintings.

an art symposium and art reception from 3 to 5 p.m. This event is free to the public. Visit www.shumeicrestone.org or call 719-256-5284, for more information.

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stored across the street from the park in the old town hall. One slide was also too big to store in town hall, so it was at a resident's house awaiting pickup for the park.

"We have three different stages to the park," Dentler said. "We have already put up a walking path on the outside area of the park. We have some lights that will be going up. Eventually there will be a basketball court as well. We are hoping that this will help the community. I have four boys and I am hoping this helps get them get out of the house more. This is all really good for the community, and we are excited about this."

Town Board Trustee Mimi Dolan talked about the progression that led to the playground equipment being put up. "The way this all started is just amazing. I wrote a grant for COG, which stands for Council of Governments. We got the grant, and it was a matching grant," Dolan said. "This is phase one of three phases. We just decided what

we really wanted to see the playground equipment here first, since we already had the equipment donated to us. We put the walking path in already too. We are also going to put in a fire pit. We will also be installing some solar lights, so if the kids want to play while their parents are gathering around the fire pit, they can do that. We also want to put in a basketball court."

Dolan explained that they had to fulfill all the requirements for the current grant that they applied for before they could apply for another grant and that meant that they had to have all these things completed by the end of September.

"Grants are hard to come by considering the population for our town is only about 85 total people, so we miss out on a lot," Dolan said. "COG has been so generous with their funds so we want to meet the requirements so that we can apply for more help when we need to. We want to add

flowers, we want to add plants, maybe even little plaques, but we have to go through all these other phases before we can apply for and get more. I am thinking big too, of like an interpretive center for the kids, and maybe even a workout station, and so many other different things."

Dolan is also a retired schoolteacher and said she is always thinking of children, and in what ways they can benefit and enjoy the new equipment at the park.

Mayor Dentler's wife, Katie, was at the event and said, "I love seeing everybody here helping this morning. It makes me feel so proud of my community. I am grateful that my kids get to grow up here in a great community full of love."

For more information on the new playground or the park, you may contact Hooper Town Hall at 719-378-2204. A ribbon cutting is planned for Oct. 7 during the town's second annual Block Party.

How to Trade your Worries for God's Peace

Have you ever gotten yourself worked up mentally or emotionally because you're worrying about something in the future? Have you ever made yourself miserable and ruined "today" because you're busy rehearsing a conversation with someone in your mind...a conversation that may never even take place?

We've all done this to some degree or another. Unfortunately, I used to be the queen of worrying and getting ahead of myself. I spent most of my life not enjoying what I was doing because I was anxious about the next thing to be done.

I developed this habit as a child because I lived in such a volatile atmosphere. My father was an angry and unstable man, and he abused me sexually from the time I was a little girl. I didn't feel safe, and I never quite knew what was going to happen next. It became very difficult for me to learn how to live in the now because I was always worried about the future.

As an adult, I naturally worried about the "big" things and issues that are more serious. But I carried this habit into every part of my life. It was also the little everyday things that stole my joy and made me anxious.

For instance, if I was riding somewhere in a car, I didn't enjoy the ride because I was anxiously planning what I needed to do when I got there. Or sometimes I wouldn't enjoy eating meals with my family because I was already dreading the thought of cleaning the kitchen when dinner was over.

It took the Holy Spirit many years to help me realize the only way to enjoy my life is to be a *now* person. Here's the lesson: Live now and trust God for the future. Live this moment and trust God for the next one!

In the book of Matthew, Jesus says, "Can any one of you by worrying add

a single hour to your life? ... Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself..." (Matthew 6:27, 34 NIV).

God's Word teaches us that we're not even supposed to be overly concerned about what we're going to say to someone, because God will give us what to say when the time comes (Luke 12:11-12).

I can't tell you how many times I literally wore myself out by rehearsing a potential conversation with my boss or a friend. I'd think, *Well, if they say this, then I will say that.* Most of the time I ended up not even having the conversation. Or if I did, it was completely different than I expected. I wasted my time, energy, and peace for no reason at all.

You see, God gives us His grace—the power of the Holy Spirit—to live our lives. However, His grace comes with each task, not ahead of time. This is why we feel anxious when we try to figure out things that aren't here yet.

Remember, peace and joy are the normal conditions for a Christian. The world is full of pressure, anxiety, and fear, but that's not God's way. He wants us to believe and trust Him for something better.

What should we believe? God wants us to believe that He loves us and that we can place every detail of our lives in His hands. He wants us to believe that He's already been where we're going, and He's already taken care of everything before we get there!

Romans 15:13 (ESV) says, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." And Hebrews 4:3 says those who *believe* will enter the rest of God.

In practical terms, this means I can enjoy my life *now*, believing and trusting God that He will give me the grace to do what needs to be done in



the future. Refusing to be worried shows that we have faith for the issues of life that have not yet arrived.

This principle works for every area of life—the major things and the minor things. Even when life catches you off guard and something serious is happening, the Lord wants you to give your worries to Him.

As soon as something becomes a "care," decide to pray and give it to the Lord. Trust Him to do what needs to be done...or to show you what needs to be done in that particular moment.

In the meantime, keep your mind on what you're doing and resist the urge to jump ahead mentally. As you do—as you choose to trust God with the details of your future and hand your worries over to Him—you'll find that His amazing grace will be there every step of the way.

For more on this topic, order Joyce's five-part teaching resource **The Cause and Cure for Worry**. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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CSU SLV Extension, Conejos Clean Water promote healthy eating

By DIANE DREKMANN

ANTONITO — It's apricot season in Antonito. Trees are bursting with apricots all through town. Carol Gurule, Youth Development Area Specialist for Juntos 4-H of the CSU SLV Extension, saw an opportunity to promote 4-H by bringing families together and sharing the benefits of apricots and growing their own produce.

Gurule partnered with Antonette Trujillo, Garden Educator for the Outdoor Nutrition Center in Antonito. The Outdoor Nutrition Center is part of Conejos Clean Water. Mike Trujillo is the executive director of Conejos Clean Water. His mother, Mary Alice Trujillo, is a retired teacher and volunteer at the Nutrition Center. She graciously allowed people to pick apricots at her home.

Several homeowners gave permission to gather their apricots. One homeowner mentioned it was a poor crop this year and shared that the apricots taste different although grown on the same property.

Gurule wants "to keep the tradition and culture alive and educate families to make healthier, better nutritional choices."

People benefit physically and academically by eating fresh local food. Gardening creates bonds between families. Children can learn how to make traditional dishes. The Nutrition Center has a traditional oven called an horno.

Carina Tracy picking apricots in Antonito.

Photo by Diane Drekmann



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Kale Mortensen is the 2023 Adams State University Outstanding Alumnus.

ASU 2023 Outstanding Alumnus is Mortensen

By DARIN PAINTER

ALAMOSA — A strategy meeting with the Alamosa Economic Development Board, then a quick callback to the State of Colorado's Tourism office. Moments later, shared data with the San Luis Valley Tourism Association, and a bright idea from the Alamosa Dark Sky Coalition.

Welcome to the friendly and sometimes frenzied world of Kale Mortensen, Class of 2015 and 2019, whose phone calls and fist bumps have helped Alamosa and the surrounding area grow tourism consistently since he became executive director of the destination-marketing organization Visit Alamosa in 2018.

That year, he was nearing completion of his second degree from Adams State University, an MBA in public administration that followed his bachelor's in marketing. Today, alongside a close-knit team at Visit Alamosa and a slew of community and business leaders, Mortensen attracts visitors to the region by highlighting its diverse activities, cultural heritage and natural wonders.

His professional role mirrors his personal passion. To Mortensen, an Alamosa native, the more people who visit the area to enjoy its remarkable cycling, running, climbing, sandboarding and stargazing, the better. His efforts have turned the

San Luis Valley's unique virtues into economic value.

"At Adams State, I learned that everyone has something special to contribute, and that's certainly true in my job now," says Mortensen, a proud recipient of the university's 2023 Outstanding Alumnus Award. "We get to take our passion and love for the San Luis Valley and share it with visitors from all over the world."

Mortensen will be recognized at the 2023 Alumni Awards Banquet on Sept. 22, in the Student Union Building. For reservations visit adams.edu/alumni/homecoming/; 719-587-8110; or alumni@adams.edu.

Deep-rooted Grizzly pride

Mortensen hails from a family closely tied to Adams State. His father, Larry Mortensen '88, was the school's longtime director of athletics and its head men's basketball coach for 11 years. His paternal grandfather William Fulkerson was university president from 1981 until 1994.

Growing up in the shadows of campus, the younger Mortensen was extremely familiar with the institution, but eager to chart his own path to success. After considering other options, he decided to stay close to home, join the Adams State golf team and "get an education right in my backyard," he says.

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Grazing Monitoring and Weed Control Workshop is Sept. 7

CONTRIBUTED

MONTE VISTA — Colorado State University SLV Extension is asking ranchers, farmers, and resource managers to join an educational workshop on Sept. 7 on how to monitor the success of your grazing management plan and how to control weeds with livestock impact. They will meet initially at 12:30 p.m. at the Outcalt Event and Conference at SLV Ski Hi Complex in Monte Vista.

Roy Roath, professor emeritus, CSU

Range Department, will be teaching the workshop. Roath has over 50 years' experience teaching and practicing grazing and resource management. The workshop will begin with a classroom hour on the principles of controlling weeds with livestock and monitoring the success of any grazing plan. Attendees will then drive to the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge and spend a couple of hours in the field on two different allotment pastures, observing the results of grazing and demonstrating

monitoring principles and techniques.

This workshop is free to participants and is cosponsored by SLV Area Extension and Mosca Hooper Conservation District. It is being hosted by the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge and cattle producers, Pete and Leah Clark. Registration is encouraged and appreciated. Call or email Larry Brown or Jennifer Norris at the SLV Area Extension office at 719-852-7381 or L.Brown@colostate.edu; Jennifer.Norris@colostate.edu



Photo by Marie Mccolm

Scrumpy Moos owners Wendy and Tim Davidson hold the scissors during the ribbon cutting ceremony for their restaurant on Saturday, Aug. 26.

Scrumpy Moos hosts grand opening

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — Scrumpy Moos is a new restaurant on Adams Street in Downtown Monte Vista.

The restaurant hosted its big grand opening celebration on Saturday, Aug. 26. Approximately 40 people attended the celebration hosted by restaurant owners Wendy M. Davidson and her husband Tim Davidson.

Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Manager Heather Hillin and board

president Linda Burnett were at the ribbon cutting ceremony with Optimystics Citizen's Action Network president Adam Lock. The two groups collaborated on the ceremony.

The ribbon was cut a few minutes after 10 a.m. and the Davidsons received a plaque from the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce.

"We want to welcome this business to our community, and we are excited to have you here," Hillin said.

With tears in her eyes, Wendy thanked everyone that attended the ceremony and spoke about the restaurant and how her dream had come true.

"I have had tears in my eyes since this morning," Wendy said. "I told my husband, Tim, when we were driving this morning, did you ever think we would get to this point. We had always talked about the pipe dream

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LOR Foundation and community project serves early childhood and nursing home residents



Courtesy photo

A community project was completed to serve early childhood educators and nursing home residents. Kathryn Trujillo noticed a need for tools that can help combat sensory overload and provide more positive daily experiences. She shared a proposal with her supervisor at work along with the board of the Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley who agreed to be the financial manager. The proposal grant was approved through Ivette Atencio with the LOR Foundation in Monte Vista. A sewing group met multiple times to make weighted-stuffed animals and weighted-lap pillows. Baskets were then put together with wobble seats, the weighted pillows and stuffed animals, blankets, fidget tools, weighted vests, and crayons for early childhood centers. Weighted-stuffed animals were also given to Homelake Veterans Center residents to help combat anxiety.

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Road to Continental Reservoir reopened Aug. 24

Completed bridge repairs allow for unrestricted access

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DEL NORTE — The Divide Ranger District announced Aug. 24 the road to Continental Reservoir has just been reopened. After being weight restricted since 2021 due to a failing bridge abutment and closed for the past month for repairs to the bridge just below the dam, Forest Road 513.1A reopened late on Thursday, Aug. 24 to full traffic. “I am so pleased to announce the return to unrestricted access to this popular fishing destination,” said Kristen Schmidt, acting ranger for the Divide District. “I also want to thank everyone for their understanding during that long period of unfortunate restrictions. We take our commitment to public safety seriously and believe that was the safest measure we could take until the repairs were made.” Schmidt also expressed her sincere appreciation for the dedication of the Forest’s Engineering team, who conducted the lengthy repairs in house.”

For information on the Rio Grande National Forest, call 719-850-2374.

SCRUMPY

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of opening a restaurant and being in such a great community. Well, here we are living our dream. I can’t believe how this community has been just so amazing.”

Wendy described their food as “stick to your ribs.” Everything is made from scratch.

“We have been eating in this Valley for five years. There is such good food everywhere, Mexican food, Thai food, I mean all the food is good. Our food is good too, the stick to your rib’s kind of food,” she said. “Our goal is to make people happy with some good old-fashioned home cooked meals. We look forward to feeding everyone. We are so excited, and we feel so blessed. We feel this is the best time for us to open here, too. The community is growing, businesses are growing. It’s a great place to be here on Adams Street. I have been thinking of all the festivals that are held here and I can’t wait to be a part of them, and all the upcoming holidays.”

Tim, who has played Santa Claus in Monte Vista’s Parade of Lights, said he was giddy about the grand opening.

“I am giddy about this grand opening today. This was a natural progression, and I am so excited for the amount of support that we have gotten from the mayor, from everyone,” Tim said. “Everyone has just been great to us. They have asked what we can do to make this easier for you. You know you are doing the right thing when everything falls together, it’s just meant to be. This has been 6 years in the making. We have been searching for a good bowl of soup and we decided to make our own. This has all been amazing it truly has. We are excited to see this and do this. My wife is the most amazing woman and business partner, I couldn’t ask for more.”

Scrumpy Moos is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights and serves home-cooked food, including fish and chips, chicken and fries, chicken parmesan sandwiches, pasta and lasagna, and hearty barbecue.



Bridge repairs have been completed allowing for the road to Continental Reservoir to reopen.

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This South Fork Beauty checks all the boxes, both his and hers - and is a fun place for family and friends. Custom built Log home tucked in the trees and backs up to the National Forest. The main floor consists of an open area with beautiful carved mantel stone fireplace, designer backsplash and large eat in counter space looking over the living area with custom soft close cabinets and plenty of storage and room for all your entertaining. Kitchen has wonderful large butler pantry with pantry sink and beautiful custom stained-glass door. The Detailed Check Boxes include radiant floor heating with four zones and two Rinnai on-demand water tanks. Light Touch lighting system and electrical in the floor. Master bedroom is on the main floor with sitting area with luscious mountain views. Master bath with beautiful large tiled walk-in shower. Guest bedroom and bath on main floor with elegant soaking antique tub. Upstairs spacious loft with two electronic skylights with rain sensors that will close automatically with additional sleeping area including office space and additional large size bedroom with barn door and bath. Enjoy your 3-car garage with large workshop and more than enough room for all your mountain toys. Your family and friends will love the upstairs bungalow above the garage with kitchenette, living area, built-in beds additional bedroom and bath. Bring your family and friends to gather to enjoy the great outdoors! Borders National Forest, with streams, creeks, lakes rolling topography, open fields, pine, fir, aspen trees, mountain views and abundant wildlife! Beautifully, designed home tucked peacefully into the woods and easily accessible to town, Wolf Creek Ski Area and the Rio Grande Golf Course Resort. Once in a lifetime Opportunity! This property perfectly captures the best of both worlds between outdoor recreation and exceptional entertainment. Start your dream and Call/Text me to schedule your personal showing today! **\$1,395,000** MLS #796960
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Looking back on pivotal moments during his time at Adams State, Mortensen is quick to acknowledge the university's role in shaping his life's trajectory. In a music class, he met the woman he would eventually marry and raise a family with. In a marketing class, he met Professor Liz Thomas Hensley, who recognized his business sense and inspired him to major in the field.

"A big part of Adams State was being able to connect with not just your peers, but also the staff, the professors. Everyone on campus has that community mindset, and they all care about each other," Mortensen says. "The books and the learning were great, but the deeper connections we made with each other, with people who wanted to help you throughout life, that's the true story of this place."

Connecting visitors to the Valley
That same sense of community has guided Mortensen's success at Visit Alamosa. Last year, he brought together stakeholders from around the Valley for a collaborative marketing campaign called "Million Dollar Shot," which encouraged people to take and share photos of landscapes and moments unique to the San Luis Valley.

Collaboration has also been key to the "We Love Our National Park" initiative, which launched in 2021 to celebrate the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, one of only four national parks in Colorado. The annual community-wide celebration, now in its third year, involves the combined efforts of local retail shops, lodging properties, RV parks and restaurants. For the project, Visit Alamosa recently won the Governor's Award for Outstanding Community Tourism Initiative from the Colorado Tourism Office.

"Visit Alamosa's entire marketing strategy has been revolutionized, and our office now is an industry leader

on the cutting edge of marketing innovation," says Savannah Schlaufman, director of marketing for the Alamosa Convention and Visitors Bureau. She credits Mortensen for the organization's modern, integrated marketing approach, which blends digital advertising, social media, printed guides, in-market mobile ads, public relations, an e-newsletter and more.

Mortensen and his team now use digital marketing and data analytics to understand how and why people are visiting the Valley, and which prospective travelers are likely to arrive during certain times of the year. In addition to an uptick in visitors from nearby states, the team has learned the area is increasingly popular to outdoor enthusiasts in the UK, Australia and Germany. Many of them use Alamosa hotels as a home base from which to explore nearby attractions.

"It's all a collaboration and a partnership that we're trying to develop, because the reality is, the traveler doesn't know county lines," Mortensen recently said during an interview on the The Valley Pod, published by the Alamosa Citizen. "They don't come in and say, 'I'm only going to go to Alamosa County. I'm never going across this line right here.'"

Visit Alamosa measures and tracks the quality of travelers' tourism experiences using what's called the Tourism Sentiment Index (TSI), which is akin to a digital word-of-mouth score. Mortensen's goals for boosting TSI include trying to attract more visitors to the region during the fall, growing popular events such as the Rio Trio triathlon race and the Rio Frio ice festival, and working with artists and community groups to beautify the Sixth Street corridor.

Giving back and helping others
Mortensen's dedication to community and education extends beyond his professional responsibilities. As an adjunct professor at Adams State, he

imparts his marketing expertise and real-world experiences to the next generation of marketing professionals.

Emphasizing a hands-on, collaborative approach to teaching, he prepares students for their future careers while fostering the same sense of belonging he enjoyed in the classroom.

"I'm fortunate to have the opportunity to continue the tradition of giving back and give my experience to students," Mortensen says. "I want to share that passion for marketing and help them along their path. It needs to be continual, passed on, that legacy and torch of giving back."

Meanwhile, Mortensen has strengthened the bond between Visit Alamosa and the university, which have collaborated on recent efforts such as "Discover Alamosa" during Adams State's Welcome Week. Also, he was instrumental in launching the partnership between the Colorado Welcome Center and the university's hospitality class, allowing for students to gain real-world experience.

Through it all, Mortensen hopes his appreciation for Alamosa and the San Luis Valley becomes infectious, leaving visitors and others with a spark of curiosity to explore the wonders of the region. He wants everyone to experience what he has known his entire lifetime — the unique magic

of a place that thrives on heartfelt connections.

"It's the collective success and the

work that we're all doing that I really enjoy," he says. "Being recognized for it is just amazing."

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Colorado Projectile Point Arrowhead Project presentation held at Saguache Museum

By **MARIE MCCOLM**

SAGUACHE — Neil Hauser hosted a talk on Sunday, Aug. 27, on his Arrowhead Project at the Saguache County Museum. Hauser along with his wife run the website Coal Creek Research Inc. Hauser is a senior scientist and archaeologist and his wife is an archaeologist.

Hauser began this project to document arrowheads, also referred to as points. Hauser uses both private and museum stock collections to aid in the research of exploring the prehistory of Colorado through these points.

Hauser used his research on these points to answer the following questions. What are the styles of the points found in the area? How do point styles and their frequencies of occurrence change from one area to another? What are the dominant materials in an area? What non-local materials are in an area?

Hauser concluded that there are currently more arrowheads in private collections than excavated sites. Hauser has also concluded that arrowheads that have been privately collected are an important part of documented data and can help us in understanding historical information. Hauser is also working on this project to provide images and associated information to the public as well as preserve the information for future age groups to examine and benefit from.

Currently, the database of arrowheads Hauser has created has a total of 9,002 points. It is expected to have at least 10,000 points by the end of the year. All arrowhead points are from the Paleo, Archaic, Formative, and post contact time periods.

All images of arrowheads in the database are separated and contain arrowhead diagnostics. Each arrowhead diagnostic also contains additional data including material, shape, color, flaking pattern, serration, maximum thickness, weight, and completeness. Note, not all arrowheads contain all diagnostics. The location of where each arrowhead has been found is also in the database but is on a simple grid using a topographic map.

The recording process for the points are as follows: each point is given an individual number, there are scans of each side of the point with both a black and white background, information on each point is then recorded, the collector also verifies an approximate location where the point was found.

Current styles of points might be called, Gypsum, Augustin, Manzano, Cave, Santa Cruz or Gatecliff. The styles depend on where the points are found and who is deciding the type.

Hauser explained in his talk that the database will continue to add more points from all over Colorado. Hauser also stated that if someone has a collection that they would like to contribute for information, they may contact him or his wife and discuss how to proceed.

Hauser stated that he feels the project will leave a legacy for

generations to come, without losing control of any of the collections.

The current database collection and full website is available at

coalcreekresearch.org. The Hausers that they are working on their website. have information on other projects

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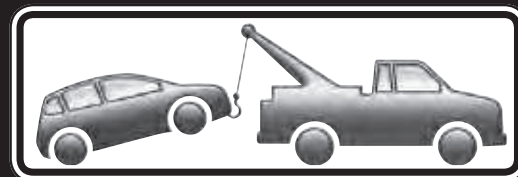
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Artists showcase work at San Luis Art Co-op

By DIANE DREKMANN
SANLUIS — San Luis held its first San Luis Art Co-op on Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Town Hall Plaza and plan to continue having it the last Saturday of each month.

San Luis Town Manager Susan Sanderford was among the vendors. She is a painter, in acrylics, as well as a writer and creator of a meditation center outside of San Luis called Mother Mary's Garden. Elizabeth

Keefner paints oil and watercolors. Cindy Cometto also enjoys painting with watercolors. Dominique and Bob Kreie are in the process of moving from Illinois to Wild Horse Mesa, outside of San Luis. They offer unique products, like fossils, dreamcatchers, smudge sticks, prayer feathers and an assortment of jewelry. Paula Bussell sells the most delicious Wild Horse Mesa jams and homemade bread.

People can purchase and see the artists' works at the San Luis Visitor Center or the San Luis Coffee Company restaurant across the street. Open since May 15, the visitor center offers items from local artisans and information about surrounding attractions. It is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week and has seen visitors from most of the United States, as well as from Germany, France, and Switzerland. The visitor center is currently undergoing a "facelift".



Photo by John Waters
Amanda Pearson with La Puente Enterprises (center) is joined by Belinda Zink (with scissors) an architect who consulted on the renovation of the facade of the Bain Building in Alamosa which is home to Rainbow's End Thrift Store.

Retro renovations celebrated at Rainbow's End

By JOHN WATERS
ALAMOSA — On Aug. 25, staff from Rainbow's End Thrift Store in Alamosa, staff from La Puente Enterprises/Homes, city officials, and others gathered at the store to celebrate the recent renovation to the store facade that now has a retro look. To walk into the store is to walk back into the history of Alamosa. Joseph Bain and his son, Victor, constructed the building completed in 1935, using a patchwork of used materials, some of which were salvaged from the 1921 Pueblo flood and brought to Alamosa on the railroad. The Bain's operated a department store in the building for about a decade. Reused bricks, iron posts, recycled railroad rails, and different lengths of floorboards were some of the materials that give the building character.

from La Puente, and \$127,000 from the community." Rainbow's End in Alamosa is operated by La Puente Enterprises which operates social enterprise business ventures: Milagros Coffeehouse, and two Rainbow's End Thrift Stores with locations in Monte Vista and Center. The businesses support the parent business, La Puente Home. Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman thanked everyone gathered at the event and all of those who made the renovation possible adding, "It takes a team effort to bring about a great change to our community like this. The acronym TEAM is for Together, Everyone, Achieves, More."

"Take a look at the floorboards, some are narrow and some wide," exclaimed Lance Cheslock from La Puente who added, "This building is as sturdy as a tank. We think it's an amazing coincidence that the mission right now is selling recycled goods that people gave us to repurpose," said Cheslock. In 1954, Miles and Alice Acheson leased the building and operated a store at the location that sold furniture, hardware, and appliances until 1977. In 1994, La Puente bought the building, turned it into a thrift store, and renovated the apartments above the store. The property is now listed by History Colorado as Bain's Department Store and states, "La Puente... in their efforts to rehabilitate the building, converting the second-story living quarters into six rental units, and using the street level as a thrift shop. Every weight-bearing interior was shored up in order to keep the load off the exterior masonry walls. The roof, skylights, plumbing, and wiring were completely reconstructed, brick re-pointed, and the storefront reconstructed. Funding for the \$428,000 project included almost \$310,000 from SHF, loans from the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, \$40,000 from the Johnson Fund, \$65,000 from the Colorado Division of Housing, \$11,400

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Tia is about 3 months old who we believe is an Australian Cattle Dog and she's the last of her litter here. She's a very sweet, playful, and active young lady who loves to talk to you. Tia gets spayed on the 7th of September and will be ready to go to her forever home the next day. Stop in and meet her today!

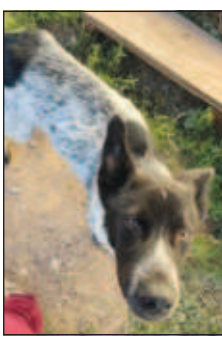


LouLou is a heck of a gal! She's about 2 years old and is a Blue Nose Bully who's ready for her new home. LouLou loves to play, does well with most of the dogs she's met, likes making new friends, and does well with children. Come take her for a stroll and see if she steals your heart like she's done ours!

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