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Shorts

Monte Vista Street Improvements impacting 4th Avenue

MONTE VISTA — The 2023 City of Monte Vista Street Improvements expanded the construction limits to include 4th Avenue on Aug. 17. The utility work on Batterson is nearing completion and work will begin on the storm sewer on 4th Avenue. 4th Avenue was closed to through traffic beginning on Aug. 17, from Highway 15 to Dennis Street and will continue until the project is completed in November. For more information, contact Robert Vance, Public Works Director, at 719-852-8281 or by email rvance@ci.monte-vista.co.us.

MV Farmers Market is Friday at Chapman Park

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Farmers Market is in Chapman Park every Friday through Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market has Olathe corn, Palisade peaches, pears, apricots, lots of other garden produce (such as potatoes and carrots) and crafts and jewelry.

SNAP benefits and DoubleUp food bucks are now accepted.

Free spaghetti lunch for Veterans and homeless is Aug. 26

ALAMOSA — A free spaghetti lunch for Veterans and homeless and their families will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Aug. 26 at the First Christian Church, 518 First St., Alamosa.

Counting climbers at high altitudes

By JOHN WATERS
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAINS — When I returned to the trailhead parking lot after a recent hike in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, I noticed a vehicle that had the logo of the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative (CFI). Interesting I thought, what kind of work do these folks do? A quick internet search revealed the non-profit organization protects and preserves the natural integrity of Colorado's 54 14,000-foot peaks — the "Fourteeners" — through activist stewardship and public education, according to its mission statement.

I reached out to Brian Sargent, the communications director at CFI who as it turns out, was part of a team doing

field work when I encountered their logo-glossed vehicle.

As part of that fieldwork, Sargent said Tom Cronin with CFI, slowly walked the Willow Lake trail and Challenger Point (elevation 14,087) step by step methodically assessing trail and climbing conditions and taking notes on a handheld GPS device. This data is used to make recommendations for future

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Tom Cronin with the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative near the summit of Challenger Point is recording data to assess climbing route conditions.

Courtesy photo



Fabulous 50's rocks the town of Center

By MARIE MCCOLM

CENTER — On Saturday, Aug. 19, Center had a Fabulous 50's celebration at Casa Blanca Park. People were encouraged to dress up in 50's attire and attend the event.

All day people enjoyed various vendor booths, tasty food, great live bands, and music from a DJ that rocked the town of Center. UZ, Mouth of the South, Danny Duran, Integrantes De Chihuahua, and DJ Big Sexy performed. Prizes were given out for the best 50's look.

There was a big stage in the middle of downtown for the performers. People of all ages danced and bobbed their heads to oldies, traditional country music, and Mexican music.

Food trucks were at the event and a beer garden was set up. All along the downtown streets and at the park children played with water balloons and on the playground equipment and the two bouncy houses set up in Casa Blanca Park



Photo by Marie Mccolm

People enjoyed the music and food at the Fabulous 50's celebration on Saturday, Aug. 19, in Casa Blanca Park in Center.

across the street from the stage.

Resident Aracely Mendoza was at the festival ordering tacos and watermelon water from a food vendor.

"It's a good celebration for our town," Mendoza said. "Everybody seems to be enjoying themselves. We are a small town, but we have fun. There's a vendor here with shaved ice

and I have seen a lot of kids buying snow cones. It's hot but fresh at the same time. The band has been playing good music and pretty soon they are supposed to have a DJ, too. A couple of my friends are here from Alamosa, so I think it has brought a few people from other towns, too. I like the celebration, hopefully our

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Valley Roots Food Hub continues to spotlight local producers

Tours of SLV farms and dining experiences set for Sept.

By DIANE DREKMANN

MOSCA — Valley Roots Food Hub is an organization that noticed the disconnect between the agriculturally rich San Luis Valley and the local population which had limited access to the food grown here.

Markets Manager Al Stone said, "(People) have no access to what's grown here."

In 2014, according to Stone, the San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition, along with several other groups, asked the same questions — How do we go

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Poor Boy Car Club Car Show sees 92 entries

Over 4,000 attend SoCo Suds and Sounds and car show

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — More than 4,000 people took in the sights and sounds of the SoCo Suds and Sounds and Poor Boy

Phinel Garcia's black and white Oldsmobile 442-W30 earned Best of Show at the Poor Boys Car Club Car Show on Aug. 19 in Chapman Park. The show was part of the third annual SoCo Suds and Sounds.

Photo by Marie Mccolm



Car Club Car Show on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Chapman Park in Monte Vista.

Ninety-two classic vehicles, custom bicycles, and motorcycles were entered into the car show.

The OptiMystics Citizens Action Network and the Poor Boy Car Club hosted the third annual SoCo Suds and Sounds and the Poor Boy Car Club Show.

People walked all over Chapman Park enjoying everything that the event had to offer. Forty-three vendors were set up selling lowrider clothing, jewelry, homemade crafts, tasty treats, perfume, lotion, soap, and much more. This being an election year, people were set up requesting signatures for the upcoming elections.

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OBITUARIES

Loraine Kay (Rockey) (Johnson) Campbell

On Monday, July 24, 2023 at 3:25 a.m., Loraine Kay (Rockey) (Johnson) Campbell, loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed away at the age of 80 in Newberg, Ore.

She was born in Monte Vista, Colo., in January 1943 and grew up with her two brothers on the family potato farm (Rockey Farms) in Center, Colo., in the San Luis Valley. She graduated high school from Center Consolidated Schools (Center, Colo.) and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Psychology at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo. She then married Michael J. Johnson in 1964 and moved to Florence, Ore., in 1968, where they raised their two children, Edward Johnson and Lodell (Johnson) Halvorson.

She worked as a bookkeeper for their excavation and sanitation businesses (Siuslaw Sanitary Service) in Florence. After a divorce and sale of the businesses, she returned to Colorado in 1988 where she co-owned and ran a trucking company (Rocky Mountain Transportation) in Canon City, Colo. In 2003, Loraine moved back to Oregon to be near her children and grandchildren.

Loraine was a lifetime member of the Order of Eastern Star, a Masonic fraternal organization that her parents Floyd and Vera Rocky were also involved in. She was initiated in 1961 into the Golden Grain Chapter No. 80 in Colorado and belonged to the following Oregon chapters: Newberg No. 55, Home Star No. 187, Laurel No. 113, Vesta No. 73, Tigard Orenomah No. 174, and Gervais No.



118. She served as Worthy Matron for several terms. She was also involved with White Shrine, Daughters of the Nile, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Soroptimist clubs.

Throughout her life she enjoyed cooking, gardening, playing the piano and organ for various events, and spent numerous hours knitting, crocheting, working on assorted craft projects, or reading from her cherished collection of Reader's Digest Condensed Books. She was rarely without knitting needles in her hands and utilizing her large assortment of yarn and craft projects.

She is survived by her former spouse Michael J. Johnson, their children Edward (Julie) Johnson and Lodell (Allan) Halvorson, her grandchildren, Tyler Johnson, Emerald (Cody) Lowry, Tiffanie (Shane) Hartman, Kyle (Emily) Halvorson, Tanner Johnson, Hailey (Jacob) Sutton, Tess Johnson, Carter Halvorson, and her great-granddaughters Ripley Hartman, and Eliana Halvorson (due Sept. 30, 2023). Loraine is also



survived by her beloved Chihuahua King Arthur, her cousins, nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, R. Floyd and Vera, and her brothers, Warren and Verlin Rocky.

A memorial service will be held at Attrell's Funeral Chapel in Newberg, Ore., on Friday, Sept. 1, at 1 p.m.

A graveside service and interment of ashes will be held at a later date at the Monte Vista Cemetery in Monte Vista, Colo., where her cremains will be buried between her parents, as was her wish.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Loraine's name to the Order of Eastern Star, checks made out to: "Grand Chapter of Oregon".

Thank you to the staff at Brookdale Senior Living of Newberg, who poured out their love for our mother while caring for her, for setting up a memorial library in her name with her cherished book collection, and for making this process easier for her family.

Arrangements by Attrell's Funeral Chapels.

Alan Dean Moyer

Alan Dean Moyer's last at-bat was Aug. 10, 2023, at Atria Campana del Rio in Tucson, Ariz., after a year of declining health accompanied by Alzheimer's disease. Alan was born on Sept. 4, 1928, on the family farm near Galva, Iowa.

He grew up in New Jersey, graduating from Tenafly High School in 1946. In September of 1946, Alan began college at Pittsburg State Teacher's College in Kansas. The following fall, he transferred to the University of Iowa, where he served as sports editor of the student paper, The Daily Iowan, and graduated with a B.S. in Journalism in 1950. On July 15, 1950, Alan married Patricia Krecker in Madison, Wisc.

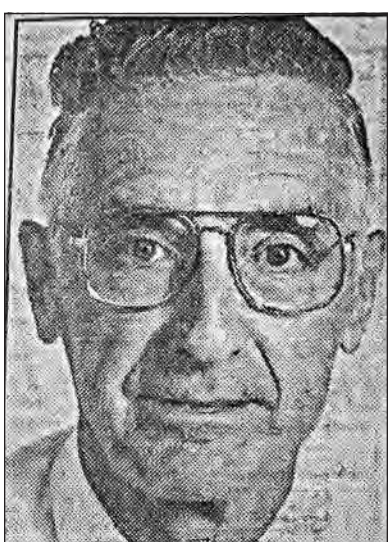
In 1950, Alan started his long career in professional journalism when he took a post as reporter and copy editor for the Wisconsin State Journal in Madison. Following that, he joined the Bartlesville, Oklahoma Examiner-Enterprise as a reporter and photographer, then the Abilene, Texas Reporter-News as telegraph editor and city editor. From 1955-1963 he served as makeup editor for the Cleveland Plain Dealer and from 1963-1973 he worked for the Wichita (Kansas) Eagle and Beacon, rising to the position of executive editor. Alan moved to Phoenix in

1973 to take the job of managing editor of the Phoenix Gazette. In 1982, he assumed managing editor responsibilities for the Arizona Republic, where he remained until his retirement in 1988.

Alan treasured his relationships with employees and colleagues. He was a member of the Society of Professional Journalists as well as the Associated Press Managing Editors Association (APME), where he served a term on the APME Board of Directors. He also served as a Pulitzer juror, served on the boards of the Wichita Chamber of Commerce, the Wichita Community Theater, and Wichita Baseball, Inc. and from 1973-1986 held a seat as a member of the Fiesta Bowl committee.

Alan was a fan of baseball at all levels. He led a group of investors to bring minor league baseball back to Wichita (the Triple-A Aeros), spent countless hours hitting baseballs and pitching batting practice with his sons Stan and Glenn, as well as his informal group of retired professional and recreational ballplayers, "The Sunday Hitters", and he had a clause in his contracts that he got time off whenever the St. Louis Cardinals were in the World Series.

Alan was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Harriet Moyer,



and survived by his brother Richard and wife Dianna, his wife Patricia (Pat), their daughter Virginia (Jim Tucker), their sons Stanley and Glenn (Johanna), grandchildren John, David, Leigh, Geoffrey, Ezra, and Asa, and great-grandchildren Tyla, Madeline, Isla, and Zoe.

Alan and Pat were married more than 73 years. In 1994, they started taking four-mile walks together, and by 2019, they had walked 30,828 miles. He had a keen interest in everyone he met, most especially fellow Iowa grads. His warm sense of humor and unflinching courtesy will live on in all who knew and loved him.

William Dean Philbern

On Aug. 19, 2023, William Dean Philbern, affectionately known as "Pops", went to be with the Lord. He passed in his favorite place in the world, his home, at Blue Creek Lodge.

He was born in Larned, Kan., on May 20, 1932. It was there he met his wife of 69 years and 8 months, Thressia Philbern, and brought into the world their three children; Bill Jr., Garel Wayne, and Susan.

Pops and his family moved to Colorado in 1976, purchasing Blue Creek Lodge and starting their new adventure.

Love and kindness were one of the biggest strengths of Pops. Loved by all, he was joyous when people came to visit him and the beautiful lodge he had created. He was a man who would give the shirt off his back and always put others before himself.

Pops will be dearly missed by all who knew him and loved him. We are grateful for his love of Christ, knowing he is now with the Lord.

Pop's legacy will be continued through his wife Thressia Philbern, children Bill Jr. (Cathy) Philbern, Garel Wayne (Dove) Philbern, and Susan Madrid, grandchildren Bubba (Sarah) Philbern, Nate Philbern, Kristen (Josh) Weger, Jessica (Cody) Douglas, Isabella (Philip) Addison, Johnny Brock, Olivia Madrid, and Fletcher Madrid, great-grandchildren Skylar, Isabella, Billie Dean, Ava, Samuel, Charlie, Allie, Lea, Ledger, Kinley, Jace, Addisyn, Aubrey, and great-great-grandchildren Noah and Scarlette.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, at the Creede Baptist Church.



Antonito Library seeking donations for annual yard sale

ANTONITO — The Antonito Library District is seeking donations for its annual Labor Day Yard Sale on Saturday, Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Any donations are appreciated, and all proceeds will go to the summer

reading program.

Drop off donations between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays between now and the sale day.

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

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Ready or not



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

I am sure if you ever played tag you have heard the phrase “ready or not.” The way it worked was all the players in the game would run away and hide somewhere and the person that was “it” would count to ten or whatever and then look up and say ready or not here I come. What followed was a hectic search for those who had hidden.

It’s a game best played outside and has been called “kick the can” or plain old hide and seek. Somewhere in the list of outside games of the sort a person could also holler “ollie, ollie oxen free.” I have no idea what that means but I think at that point everyone was safe from capture by the chaser. I have no idea what the oxen were all about or who even knew what an ox was but there you have it.

Ol’ Dutch of late has been in his own game of “ready or not” so to speak at least since hitching my wagon to Miss Trixie’s oxen. This is a different sort of game of course but it happens every time we are ready to do someplace.

Here is how our game works. Miss Trixie will appear suddenly in front of me partially clad and in a loud voice say “are you ready to go.” To which I say yes. Now understand, I am sitting in my chair with my computer on and in running shorts and no shirt at this point.

When we first began to cohabitate in harmonious union, this question from here would launch me into a furious course of action and I would quickly get my shirt on and be in the car waiting for her. But having been around that block a few thousand times, now I just sit in my chair and wait. For what transpires next is nothing short of amazing. Because as soon as Miss Trixie announces our pending departure for places yet unknown, she runs in the bedroom and strips down naked and gets in the shower.

Which I don’t mind of course and appreciate that she wants to arrive at said function as fresh as a daisy albeit a “late” daisy. This is due to the fact that said shower and subsequent change of clothes occurs normally at the time she has appointed us to leave the house. Of course this makes us late for most things including the last potluck we went to which means the green bean casserole that Mary brings and the Sweet Potato Pie that Clarice brings is all gone before we ever hit the door.

It’s not all bad as that means Miss Trxie’s food does not get gobbled up so fast and to be quite honest with you, she cooks better than either Mary or Clarice so it’s a win-win. I have of late been trying to do the dishes so she can’t blame our lateness on that but I love to see her look of disdain if she actually beats me to the car by a minute or two.

Of course you ladies do have a lot more to put on than men and most of the time simply putting on a ball cap suffices for hair combing for us anyway. And some women struggle into foundations which used to mean a girdle but now I think it’s called Spanx underwear. These squeeze and push all the unwanted parts of a woman’s lower extremities into a spandex material thereby allowing her to fit into a dress one size smaller than reality. Otherwise called “false advertising.”

Putting on their warpaint is another time consuming part of going out and Ol’ Dutch has to say that if done right it does add to the beauty of already beautiful women so I don’t mind one bit.

So it’s fast approaching noon here and soon I will have Miss Trixie busting in the door and asking “Are you ready?” I volunteered to take her afternoon rafting trip with Mountain Man rafting today and so she will come to take me there as Ol’ Dutch is not capable of finding that place on his own so it seems.

Ready or not I guess I am going to be going out the door and enjoying another day on the mighty Rio Grande River.

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.

Wildland firefighters need our support

At any given moment during this smoky summer of 2023, hundreds of wildfires were blazing in the United States — more than 850 as of late July, according to the nonprofit Fire, Weather & Avalanche Center. Most of those wildfires ignited in the forests of the American West.

Fires were also burning by the thousands in Canada, creating a pall of particulate-dense smoke that blotted out views of the Chicago skyline and the Washington Mall. Those fires are expected to burn well into fall.

This hellish aspect lends weight to historian Stephen Pyne’s conclusion that we live now in an age of fire called the “Pyrocene.”

Assembled to combat these blazes is a massive army of wildland firefighters. Some are volunteers, some are prison work crews earning time credited against their sentences. Some are municipal firefighters dispatched to the woods.

Some 11,300 of them are federal firefighters, called “forestry technicians,” who work under the aegis of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior.

For all of them, it’s exhausting work. Wildland firefighters typically log 16-hour days for weeks at a time, burning 4,000 to 6,000 calories a day while carrying heavy backpacks.

It’s punishing labor and always dangerous. Barely a year has gone by in the last quarter-century that has not seen at least 15 wildland firefighter deaths, the victims not just of flames and smoke but also of heat exhaustion, vehicle accidents, air crashes, falling trees and heart attacks.

Often, they don’t die alone. In June 2013, 19 “Hotshots” burned to death in a horrific Arizona wildfire, the third-greatest loss of wildland firefighters in U.S. history.

Yet despite the hardships and the history, a mandated pay raise in

June 2021, spurred by President Joe Biden, brought the minimum wage for federal wildland firefighters up to a mere \$15 an hour.

Firefighters of my acquaintance seldom cite money as a motivator for their work. They fight fires in the spirit of public service, while in some rural communities, as a young Apache firefighter told me, “It gives us something to do.”

But firefighters, like everyone else, must shoulder rents and mortgages and groceries, and a paycheck of less than \$3,000 a month just doesn’t cut it.

Enter a temporary order from President Biden raising that base pay rate by 50 percent. Put in place in August 2022, and retroactive to the previous October as part of a hotly contested package of infrastructure-funding policies, the pay raise was funded only until September 30, 2023, after which pay for wildland firefighters drops back to 2020 levels.

Wildland firefighters lobbied for Biden’s pay raise to be made permanent but they made few inroads. That was until they finally found an ally in Arizona’s Sen. Kyrsten Sinema. Now an independent, Sinema allied with Republican Sens. John Barrasso of Wyoming and Steve Daines of Montana, and Democratic Sens. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Jon Tester of Montana, to introduce the bipartisan Wildland Firefighter Paycheck Protection Act. It would fund permanent pay increases.

By late June of 2023, their bill had passed out of committee by a vote of 10 to 1, the only no vote coming from Republican Sen. Rand Paul of

Kentucky. When it reaches the Senate floor, it will be open to debate and a full vote.



Writers on the Range
by Gregory McNamee

There, however, the politicians are likely to squabble, especially on the House side. Larger issues loom, too, such as the need to revise policy so that forests are better managed to improve the conditions that now foster massive wildfires. Those conditions are the product of a “wise use” regime that saw forests as profitable tree farms and not as living systems. The Forest Service also had a decades-long policy of dousing all wildfires as early as possible.

While Washington deliberates, and while a more comprehensive bill compensating wildland firefighters struggles to gain traction, fires continue to burn in the outback. Without a pay raise, federal officials fear, some firefighters will walk away from a risky and insultingly low-paying job.

Wildland firefighters are needed right now, and we need to pay them what they deserve through the Wildland Firefighter Paycheck Protection Act. They will be needed even more in a future of climbing temperatures and widespread drought causing even more massive wildfires.

We can only hope that we will have the firefighters to confront them.

Gregory McNamee is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He is an author and journalist in Tucson.

LETTER

Open letter to SLVRMC Orthopedics and Physical Therapy

Editor,
This is a letter of gratitude for the fantastic care I received at San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center (SLVRMC) after a horrific horse accident.

I retired from SLVRMC Oncology in October 2022 after a wonderful career. In March 2023, the horse accident occurred, causing a spiral fracture of my right femur. The ambulance brought me to SLVRMC. I was diagnosed and then went to surgery the same day. I am grateful that there was

an orthopedic surgeon there who was able to perform this difficult surgery. He was a locum doctor, so I did not know him previously.

Dr Trippi took over the next day. She confirmed that he did a great job. She enthusiastically told me in a very confident way that I would make a full recovery. This was very important to me. I knew I could work towards this goal and that it was realistic.

Trish Hollingsworth in clinic was helpful as my healing was documented with x-rays. I started physical therapy

first at home and quickly transitioned to outpatient physical therapy in Monte Vista under the terrific care of Ron Courtright. I have now completed my healing process. Ron

deserves special thanks as he gave me great encouragement and helped me improve my strength with coordination and range of motion.

I want to let the world know I am thankful for the great care right here in the San Luis Valley!

*Maureen (Penny) Cooper, MD
Monte Vista*

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Colorado Master Gardener Program application period open now to Sept. 15

By CSU EXTENSION

Whether you are a person doing your own backyard gardening or someone who does it for a living, the Colorado Master Gardener program may be for you. The Colorado Master Gardener program is a program where you learn about gardening in Colorado. The first step is to apply now, between Aug. 1 and Sept. 15, at ColoradoMasterGardener.org or go to <https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/about/become-a-colorado-master-gardener-2/>.



The 12 gardening classes include vegetable gardening, tree care, diagnosing problems, weed control, plant pathology, soils and some time spent on mountain gardening. This Colorado Master Gardener program will be taught online, starting Oct. 30, and going through March 31, 2024.

The two program tracts are No. 1 — the volunteer tract. If a person has time to volunteer to teach horticulture to others, they can take the class for a reduced fee. By agreeing to be a volunteer, the fee is reduced to \$200. With the reduced fee, the volunteer agrees to provide 50 hours of volunteer time back to Colorado State University and the San Luis Valley through the local extension office after they have completed the classes.

The second tract is the non-volun-

teer tract. It is called the Colorado Gardener Certificate. Those who chose this program will not provide the volunteer hours to Colorado State University and the San Luis Valley. Those following the Colorado Gardener Certificate tract will not become a Colorado Master Gardener. They are not eligible to call themselves a "Master Gardener". This tract pays the full fee of \$530. There are a limited number of scholarships available which cover half of the fee.

The application period opens Aug. 1 and closes Sept. 15, and the first step is to apply now. As all Colorado State University volunteers require, background checks and reference checks are required. After the background check is completed, you can register and pay for the course. Payment is due Oct. 25 and classes begin Oct. 30.

Learn more and apply online at ColoradoMasterGardener.org. You can also learn more from the SLV Area Extension Office by calling 719-852-7381, emailing Larry Brown at L.Brown@colostate.edu or Jennifer Norris at Jennifer.Norris@colostate.edu, or stopping in at 1899 East Highway 160, Monte Vista.

CSU Extension programs are available to everyone without discrimination.



Courtesy photo

Members of the Woman's Citizenship Club and the WSB team.

Cranes in Flight project receives donation

ALAMOSA — The Jocelyn Russell "Into Thin Air" Cranes in Flight Project recently received a donation of \$2,500 from Wall Smith & Bateman. Recently, members of the General Federation of Women's Club— Woman's Citizenship Club, Mary Russell, Theresa Rudder, Sandra Varner, Karla Willschau, and the WSB team, were on hand to acknowledge the donation.

The club has been working to secure funding for the Jocelyn Russell sculpture of Sandhill cranes in flight. The project is on its way with donations continuing from throughout the San Luis Valley. The goal is to install this monument at the Colorado Welcome Center in Alamosa in the fall of 2024.

Look for members of the club at First Fridays and other Valley

events. For more information regarding donating or scheduling a presentation, contact Russell at 719-580-4029 or email at mrussellco@msn.com.

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Sword fighters were in the middle of the park, doing various demonstrations throughout the day. There were two bouncy houses for the kids and children were seen laughing and screaming and enjoying them.

Gabe Duran was the DJ for the day. The Monte Vista Mini Cheerleaders performed. Academy of Performing Arts students also performed at the show and wowed the crowd with their dancing.

The Tacos Martinez Food Truck was set up along with the Suavecito Grill and there were big lines of people in front of both trucks.

Three live bands performed at the event, including Ruben Dominguez of the Sol Boys, the group Absolution, and Ol' Scratch. They kept the crowd rocking and cheering right after the car show awards were given out. Patrick Ortiz of SLVGO won the Air Guitar Contest.

Richard Garcia, founder and manager of the Poor Boy Car Club, spoke at the event and handed out the awards. The first trophy was given to Luciano Fernandez and his bicycle entry.

Best of Show went to Phinel Garcia. "The Poor Boys Car Show was an amazing, and Monte Vista is a beautiful place to have this event," Phinel Garcia said. "I have been blessed and I was very excited to win Best of Show with the Oldsmobile 442-W30 car. It brings me great joy to show my vehicles and visit with all the great people at the event. Thanks to the Poor Boys and all the wonderful people who put this event on, and thanks for picking the Oldsmobile 442-W30 car as the Best of Show."

First place in the Motorcycle category went to James Sanchez. In the Rat Rod Category, Tobias Archuleta took first. The Lowrider category was won by Abraham Romero. In Progress went to Don Sisneros. The top in the Truck category was Lori Sharp. A full list of awards will be available on the Poor Boy Facebook Page and Optimystics website.

Richard Garcia also gave out a beautiful picture to Emilio Lujan's daughter, Shannon. He always won the Early Bird award. The picture was signed in his memory. This year it was decided that in years to come the Early Bird Trophy would be renamed the Emilio Lujan Early Bird Trophy.

Richard Garcia said he was proud of the car show and even though he did not reach 100 cars this year he was so proud of the community and all the people who attended the show.

"To see everyone come together for this event was so inspiring," Richard Garcia said. "We enjoy doing this to see the sense of community every year. The OptiMystics are a great group, and we enjoy collaborating with them. We also love giving back to the community to people who are in need. We received a good amount of money this year, and we are looking forward to giving it out this year."

Richard Garcia thanked his family and the OptiMystics.

"We would love to keep doing this, we hope we can. Through God he makes all things possible. Thank you to everyone who comes out to the event, and to everyone who supports this, and drives from everywhere to be here. The community does this together and as long as people keep coming, we will keep doing this," he said.

OptiMystics president Adam Lock said, "At every event we host, something truly special about the day catches your attention. This year it was the sense of creating community. Watching hundreds of beaming faces, cameras



Photos by Marie Mccolm

More than 4,000 people took in the sights and sounds of the third annual SoCo Suds and Sounds and Poor Boy Car Club Car Show on Saturday in Monte Vista.



Nearly 100 entries were spread out on the lawn of Chapman Park at the Poor Boy Car Club Car Show on Saturday.

on while the locals performed, and cheering crowds was inspiring. You will definitely see more of this positive engagement in the future. Our non-profit is thankful to everyone involved,

the Poor Boy Car Club, Richard Garcia, all his crew, the sponsors, the vendors, performers, volunteers, attendees. Together we bring community-minded endeavors to life."

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trail work. The data is analyzed and distilled down to an A to F letter grade that is shared with land managers, hikers, and climbers. The 14ers in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, all are rated as an A. Sargent was assisting in the placement of an infrared trail counter on Challenger that enumerates the number of people — and sometimes lions, bears, and other large mammals — using the route to the top of this majestic peak.

CFI has trail counters on most of the 14ers — some are privately owned and not monitored — and recently released numbers from a state-wide count of traffic on Colorado's highest peaks that revealed a 33% decline in 2022 from the record 415,000 hiker days counted in 2020. In 2021, the count was 303,000 hiker days. The decrease may be attributable to a post-pandemic surge in outdoor activity.

Colorado's Fourteeners contain rare and fragile native alpine tundra ecosystems that are uniquely adapted to living on these high peaks. These tundra plants — some of which exist nowhere else on Earth — are ill-adapted to being trampled by the estimated 279,000 hiker days recorded in 2022 that occur on these peaks every year. In many places, resource damage is past the point of natural recovery. CFI works to protect these special and highly sensitive places.

"One of our projects is an infrared trail counter. A small device with a sensor about the size of a finger that is attached to a small battery pack that we discuss and keep hidden in a rock cairn, so folks don't see it. This sends an infrared thermal across the trail and senses any heat signature that passes in front of it and counts it. This is very non-invasive, does not take pictures, and gives us the most accurate depictions of how many people are climbing the 14ers each year. This is the basis for our annual hiker report. We have these on Challenger



Courtesy photo

Lloyd Athern is installing a low-impact trail use counter on Challenger Point for the non-profit Colorado Fourteeners Initiative. The counters are usually installed in July and then retrieved in late September or early October.

and on Blanca in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and are in non-wilderness areas where we are allowed to have these trail counters," said Sargent.

CFI has partnered with economists from Colorado State University to estimate the economic impacts that recreational users of 14ers have. Based on research compiled near Breckenridge, the average 14er user spends about \$271 a day on gas, food, and lodging. That statistic may be a bit high due to the high cost of necessities in that area.

"We take our hiking use data and pair it with that \$271 a day to get an estimate for economic impact. We can use those estimates in our grant writing with local governments.

CFI has produced several educational videos highlighting safety in the mountains, including Avoiding Navigational Problems on Challenger and Kit Carson. This is an excellent tool for climbers and non-climbers alike that brings viewers to the top of these magnificent peaks. Visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=XykmmW24Qns.

This article included a mention of the fragility of plants in the alpine tundra, the ecosystem above where trees can grow.

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Grand Junction attorney to challenge Boebert in primary

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — A Republican attorney from Grand Junction has announced his intention to run in the primary against incumbent Republican Congresswoman Lauren Boebert in 2024. Jeff Hurd made his candidacy official, filing his paperwork with the Federal Elections Commission on Friday.

In his statement released on Wednesday, Hurd said he was “running to represent the 3rd District, which covers Grand Junction, Durango, Aspen, Glenwood Springs, Ignacio, and Pueblo.” He made no mention of the San Luis Valley.

Although he did not mention Rep. Boebert, whom he will be running against in the primary, his statement included a thinly-veiled criticism of the congresswoman’s behavior contrasted with what he hopes to deliver.

“Colorado’s Third Congressional District needs a representative in Washington, DC, who is committed to consensus-building,” the statement read, “and has a

proven track record of being part of the solution, not creating more problems. I’m ready to provide serious leadership for rural Colorado.”

The “About Jeff” tab on his website describes Hurd as “someone focused on doing something instead of just being someone.”

A native of Colorado, Hurd grew up in Grand Junction. After graduating high school, he attended Notre Dame before graduating from the University of Denver’s Sturm College of Law, followed by earning an advanced degree from Columbia Law School. After Columbia, Hurd worked for an international law firm in New York City before returning to Colorado in 2014.

A former board chair for the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce, Hurd now specializes in commercial and regulatory law for the Grand Junction office of Ireland Stapleton Pryor and Pascoe.

Although there is no record of Hurd ever running for or holding office, he has brought on some well-known “establishment”

Republicans to support him in his effort. Specifically, his campaign is co-chaired by Hank Brown, who served as both a Congressman and Senator from Colorado, and Tim Foster, former Colorado House of Representatives Majority Leader and President Emeritus of Colorado Mesa University.

Adam Frisch, who narrowly lost to Boebert by 546 votes in 2022, has credited disenchanted Republicans who, tired of Boebert’s actions in

her first term, voted for him as a reasonable alternative as a notable factor in him almost defeating the first-term congresswoman. Should Hurd win, that case would be harder for Frisch to make.

Boebert is also a known name and growing even more so with her role as managing communications for the Freedom Caucus. And even with the backing of more moderate Republicans, primaries take money, and Boebert is sitting on more than

a million dollars.

It is also noteworthy that Hurd is a native of Grand Junction, one of the two most populated cities in Colorado’s Third Congressional District and located in Mesa County, considered one of the Republican Party’s strongholds in the district.

While it is not her hometown, Boebert handily carried the county in 2020 and 2022, defeating Democratic opponent Frisch by 15% in the last election.

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from farm to table and farm to school? How do we get fresh local food to the people in the community?

Sheldon Rockey of White Rock Specialties, a potato company in Mosca, donated space in his warehouse — formerly the Sangre de Cristo School — and from there, the Valley Roots Food Hub was formed, Stone explained.

Nick Chambers has been the general manager ever since. Rockey is one of the main suppliers of potatoes and quinoa. Stone has worked there since 2019.

Valley Roots Food Hub operates throughout Colorado and is under the umbrella of the San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition. The South Central area is based in Mosca. It is the link between farmers and the community, by buying, marketing, and distributing local produce, eggs, meat, cheese, dry goods like beans and grains, and oils and selling wholesale to grocery stores, restaurants, schools, colleges, food banks, caterers, buying clubs, and directly to the community through the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program.

Stone said, “People can pick up local food in Alamosa, Crestone, Del Norte, Salida, and Leadville.”

Valley Roots Food Hub also delivers to Walsenburg, Trinidad, Pueblo, Durango, Pagosa Springs, and Canon City. TapRoot is the companion group that services Denver, and Colorado Springs. The organization is for profit. It does not run on donations.

Stone said the COVID-19 pandemic impacted Valley Roots Food Hub. During the pandemic, although restaurants were closed, there was a huge increase in calls from independent grocers, people at home, CSAs and food banks who received grant money to buy local food.

Stone said this is continuing to this day, with help from grants like the Local Food Purchasing Agreement Grant. Restaurants have reopened but people have an increased interest in buying local and investing in their health and community.

Local schools benefit from the Valley Roots Food Hub. Stone said, “South Conejos, North Conejos, Alamosa, Sangre de Cristo, and Creede school districts buy from us

regularly during the school year... Prop. FF passed (healthy school meals for all public school students),” giving more children the opportunity to benefit from fresh, local food.

Valley Roots Food Hub has several upcoming events. They are offering two farm tours, giving people a chance to see where their food comes from and to support local producers — Aug. 21 and Sept. 29.

On Sept. 29, the tour is focusing on the “West Valley”. People can learn how sausage is made at Gosar Sausage, visit the Frontier Trout Farm and Mountain Mama Flours, all in Monte Vista, Rocky Farms in Center and the Laz Ewe 2 Bar Goat Dairy in Del Norte. The event is Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

A special event is set for Sept. 1-2 at the Dune Valley Distillery in Mosca. A five-course meal with locally sourced food will be prepared by chef Steven Rodriguez with the catering company Boriqua of Breckenridge. There will be three options — dinner on Sept. 1 or dinner or lunch on Sept. 2. For more information, visit www.valleyrootsfoodhub.com.



Photos by Marie McColm

Live music was performed on a stage in downtown Center for the Fabulous 50s celebration on Saturday, Aug. 19.



Food trucks were set up near Casa Blanca Park in Center for the Fabulous 50s event on Saturday, Aug. 19.

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town does this more. It’s nice.”

Resident Jasmine Pena said even though it was hot, people were still enjoying themselves.

“My two girls have had a lot of fun playing in the park today,” she said. “I bought them some water guns so they could beat the heat, but none of the kids at the park along with my girls were mad because of the hot

sun. They were just having fun and getting wet. I like the music, all of it has been different, some I know, some I don’t know but it’s all good. I would say people look happy like they like the music. The food is good, too. We had a nice day. The 50s theme I didn’t dress up but it’s too hot to dress up, better just to come as you are and have fun.”

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Frisch expects 'very good numbers' in soon-to-be-released polls

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — Adam Frisch, who is running for the Democratic nomination to challenge Republican incumbent U.S. Representative Lauren Boebert in November of 2024, was at the farmer's market in Alamosa over the weekend where he shared "very good news" with the Valley Courier.

Early Tuesday morning, the Frisch campaign will be releasing the results of a poll that was recently conducted by Keating Research, the only polling company in the last campaign cycle whose results indicated Frisch was within reach of defeating Rep. Boebert.

Frisch did not disclose specifics, preferring to wait for the official results to be released, but would say the "numbers are very good."

"Things are going well," he said. "We're doing really well. We have a lot of name recognition, and we continue to make good connections. Our fundraising is up. I think Boebert

has raised less than \$1 million."

Frisch then addressed a claim quoted in the Valley Courier and made by Rep. Boebert while she was recently in the San Luis Valley.

"Boebert said that she's brought \$303 million to the Valley, and I challenge that. Her record from the last Congress shows that she voted against pretty much everything. She's now talking about how she has fixed all these things and is starting to focus on Congressionally Directed Spending. Anything she's doing now she could have done in her first term, and she didn't. She didn't do anything for the district.

"She keeps saying proudly that she's zero for 39, and I'm not sure why she's doing that. Is she really saying that the only way she can work for our district is when her part is in power?"

"Majority parties change all the time. Is Boebert really saying that she can only help the district when Republicans are in control? A person in Congress has to work in a bi-partisan way to get things done,



Photo by Priscilla Waggoner

Democratic Congressional candidate for CD-3 Adam Frisch in Alamosa over the weekend.

and she doesn't do that. She's part of the Freedom Caucus and she doesn't even get along with her own party."

When asked about his approach to campaigning, he said, "We've been focusing on two things. People want the circus to stop. And she's not focused on the district, she's focused on herself. Both of those things are still true."

Frisch went on to discuss the upcoming budget negotiations.

"The last days of September, it's going to be sad for the country. (The Republicans in Congress) are going to have to come up with some kind of budget to keep the government from shutting down.

"I have a prediction. Boebert is going to have to be fundraising at the same time these negotiations are going on. She can't fundraise from the standard sources of fundraising because she's distanced herself from the moderates of the Republican Party, so I expect her to be one of the leaders of the whole shutdown conversation because it's all part of her angertainment fundraising

strategy.

"I think the Freedom Caucus is going to continue to cause a significant number of headaches for Kevin McCarthy because they continue to be a constant source of frustration. And since they've spent the majority of their time — not on constructive conversations about budgetary concerns — they're going to have to do these short fixes to keep the government going. That's no way to legislate.

"Boebert's supposed to be on the Budget Committee. Is she still on that committee? It's hard to know. The Budget Committee doesn't get the press that the Oversight Committee does.

"But she's been very visible as part of the Oversight Committee and they're fighting among themselves because they're focused on impeachments. She isn't talking about the farm bill. That's coming up and that's huge. There's this huge issue coming up with water, and she doesn't talk about that, either.

"Congress is in session for 150

days a year. I want to spend 90% of the 150 days that Congress is in session working on bills that will pass the House and have a good chance of passing in the Senate. That isn't happening right now. There's a segment of both parties that prefer to spend much of their time on position statements. Those have a place in Congress but not at the expense of getting things done, like the bills that determine where and how spending is going to be directed."

In April of this year, Global Strategy Group, in partnership with Progress Now Colorado for Mountaineer Research, released polling numbers that said Boebert and Frisch were tied with 45% of the vote. According to FiveThirtyEight, a pollster analysis website, Global Strategy Group scores a B/C rating.

In response to fundraising numbers from the Frisch campaign, the non-partisan Cook Report has changed the Third Congressional District from "leans Republican" to a "toss-up."

MVPD receives report of a mountain lion in Monte Vista

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MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Police Department recently reported receiving a citizen report of a mountain lion in the area of 3rd and Madison streets in Monte Vista. The sighting was forwarded to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Monte Vista office for further investigation. This is a public awareness notification by MVPD, as the presence of a lion has not yet been confirmed by CPW as of this press release.

To reduce the risk of problems with mountain lions on or near your property, CPW urges you to follow these simple precautions:

- Make lots of noise if you come and go during the times mountain lions are most active: dusk to dawn.
- Install outside lighting. Light areas where you walk so you could see a lion if one were present.
- Closely supervise children whenever they play outdoors. Make sure children are inside before dusk and not outside before dawn. Talk with children about lions and teach them what to do if they meet one.
- Landscape or remove vegetation to eliminate hiding places for lions, especially around children's play

areas. Make it difficult for lions to approach unseen.

- Planting non-native shrubs and plants that deer often prefer to eat encourages wildlife to come onto your property.

- Predators follow prey. Don't feed any wildlife!

- Keep your pet under control. Roaming pets are easy prey and can attract lions. Bring pets in at night. If you leave your pet outside, keep it in a kennel with a secure top. Don't feed pets outside; this can attract raccoons and other animals that are eaten by lions. Store all garbage securely.

- Place livestock in enclosed sheds or barns at night. Close doors to all outbuildings since inquisitive lions may go inside for a look.

- Encourage your neighbors to follow these simple precautions. Prevention is far better than a possible lion confrontation.

For more information on living with mountain lions, go to <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/LivingwithWildlifeLion1.aspx>

If you do see a mountain lion, do not approach it and report it to the CPW Monte Vista office at 719-587-6900 or Colorado State Patrol Dispatch at 719-852-5111.

Living in Peace with Prickly People

Have you ever had that *one* person in your life? You know, that one person who seems to be able to push all your wrong buttons at all the wrong times? We've all been there. And in our world today—with all the anger, hatred and violence—it's easy to feel overwhelmed.

Fortunately, people who have flaws and faults are nothing new. All you need to do is read Genesis—the first book of the Bible, often referred to as "The Book of Beginnings"—to realize that. One of the earliest recorded stories in Genesis is about Cain, who killed his brother, Abel, because he was jealous of him (see Genesis 4:8). As we read on, we see a number of broken people who do terrible things (see Genesis 16:1-6; 19:30-38; 27:1-35; 37:18-36). And yet, the people involved in these situations are people God used for His plans and purpose—so I guess this means there's hope for us too.

The truth is if we're going to love anyone—no matter who they are—we have to accept that they'll have flaws, because no one is perfect, including you and me. And if we're going to live in peace, we must learn to walk in love. This means we need to learn to love people who are hard to love.

Love is so much more than a feeling; it's how we treat people, and it changes everything. Just imagine how different our world would be today if people truly loved one another. So I have decided that I am going to love people, which *includes* those who are hard to love. And I'm asking you to make the same decision, because I believe if enough of us do it, we will impact the world in a very positive way.

Prickly, Porcupine People
In the animal kingdom, probably the most difficult animal to get close to is the porcupine. Porcupines are not usually considered loveable. Each one has about 30,000 sharp quills that can stick you and be very painful—even dangerous. These quills are their way of protecting themselves.

People also often develop ways of protecting themselves, especially if they have been hurt in the past. I say it like this, "Hurting people hurt people."

And sometimes, our methods of self-protection come across as very odd to the people who are dealing with us. For example, a person who has been hurt may be extremely defensive and think they are being rejected when that is not the case at all. Or, they may argue all the time, striving to be right in every situation because that is the only way they can feel good about themselves.

I happen to know a few people like this, and you probably know some too. I call them "porcupine people." They are difficult to be around because you are likely to get hurt. If you get close to them, you will see their flaws and quirks, and likely experience them. It would be so nice if we could just place an order for the kind of people we would like to have in our life, but people come "as is" and we either take them as they are or end up alone.

God takes us the way we are and helps us become all that we should be. The question is: Are we willing to do this for other people? My husband, Dave, did it for me, and had he not loved me unconditionally, I probably wouldn't be in ministry today. You see, when Dave prayed for a wife, he asked God to give him someone who needed help, and God certainly answered his prayer because I needed a lot of help.

Growing up, I experienced sexual abuse from my father. And because of that past abuse, I ended up becoming a porcupine person too. Dave said he knew the first night he met me that I was the girl for him. As it's turned out, he was right, but he had to be willing to love someone who was very hard to love for a very long time before he had a wife who was loveable.

Now I pray regularly to be good to people and make them feel good when they are around me. It's not always easy, and sometimes I still stick out my quills. But God is working with me, and I always want to be willing to work with the porcupine people He puts in my life too. We may sustain little wounds from time to time as we walk through life with other people, but we are much better off having relationships than living in isolation.

We All Need to Be Loved



Despite their prickles, I don't believe there is a person on the planet who doesn't want to be loved. As a matter of fact, most people who are hard to love are the way they are because they have never experienced real love. They are dissatisfied and looking for something to fill the emptiness they feel, but often they don't know what they are looking for, so they search for it in all the wrong places. Each time they think they find what they have been longing for, they end up disappointed, and it only makes their behavior more challenging for those around them.

But we can make a difference. When we have God's love in our hearts—His peace, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, joy, and many other blessings—we can let it flow through us to other people. Loving people who are hard to love will be difficult on most days, but God never asks us to do something without His help. And all things are possible with Him (Matthew 19:26). So don't listen to the lie that it is just too hard. You can do it because God is with you and He will love others through you. Even the prickly ones.

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Life in the Alpine Tundra

From the San Luis Valley Chapter of the Colorado Native Plant Society

COLORADO MOUNTAINS — Look east from the floor of the San Luis Valley and the stunning Sangre de Cristo Mountain range tower above us with incredible majesty. Further east are the Culebras and the Spanish Peaks. From a distance, you can see where the trees end, and the alpine tundra begins. From afar, it may look barren, yet living organisms of all kinds have found a way to flourish. It is August and the perfect time to head up into those mountains to explore, so let's journey up high.

As we move through the forest, the atmospheric pressure drops with less oxygen available to breathe, so we slow down and breathe faster. Extra jackets keep the shivers at bay as the temperatures drop, and the wind picks up. Sunglasses and hats reduce the increased light radiation.

Just as humans reach for jackets, hats, and sunglasses for protection, living wild organisms also adapt to the change. Plants become tiny and hug the ground to avoid the wind, leaves become waxy and succulent avoiding light radiation, and others grow hair for insulation.

The Alpine sunflower is a native here stems and leaves are covered with soft silvery-white woolly hairs. The short growing season that retards root growth will contribute to the 15-20 years it will take for this sunflower to bloom. Unlike many other sunflowers, the flower heads typically face east and do not turn with the sun; this may be an adaptation to avoiding damage from violent afternoon thunderstorms, from the west.

Roots become more robust to store nutrients, trees become gnarled and small from the extreme cold and wind, insects fly more slowly, many mammals hibernate for most of the year, and fur colors change for camouflage. And as we climb, the forest trees begin to change. The mighty Ponderosa Pine and stately blue spruce give way to better-adapted tree species living in even harsher conditions at higher elevations. Towering dense forests of Engelmann

spruce and subalpine fir trees create a feeling of mystery and hidden secrets. Gnarled old, twisted bristlecone and limber pines appear. These pines can grow to nearly 1,500 years old here in Colorado, and even twice that age in the high mountains of California. As we continue to walk higher, the temperature change and unavailable oxygen is noticeable; deep satisfying breaths are more difficult to acquire. Winter here is long and cold, and the snow can linger into the summer months. The chance of snow and frost is constant, and poses a continual challenge for plants, birds, mammals, and insects. Ocean spray, raspberry, wild rose, golden-banner, lupine, skunk cabbage, sugar-bowls, and tiny monkey flowers flourish within the forest and out among the grassy openings. Now, we step above the treeline and observe life exploding into a million tiny details of incredible adaptations within one of the harshest ecosystems on the planet — the alpine tundra.

In their classic book, "Life Above the Trees," Ann Zwinger and Beatrice Willard wrote this, "The alpine tundra is a land of contrast and incredible intensity, where the sky is the size of forever, and the flowers the size of a millisecond."

This is a place with even more intense wind, cold, ultraviolet radiation, and a growing season of only 6-10 weeks. That means nothing grows here for 80% of the entire year. Plants hug tight to the ground and grow only inches high to avoid the harsh conditions. Leaves are thick, waxy, and hairy with red or blue pigments called anthocyanins which convert light to heat. The robust roots are often the largest portion of alpine plants and can extend into the soil for several feet. Relative to lower elevations, life cycles and soil formation are extremely slow. Patience is truly a virtue here, as it takes one thousand years for a single inch of soil to form, and up to 10 years for certain plants to form flowers. Pick a flower and you have just destroyed years and years of seed development, trample on soil, and in an instant thousands of years of decomposition is gone. Move deliberately with slow defined steps, bend in close, and observe all the tiny cushion plants hugging the ground.

You will find Moss campion, Cushion phlox, Alpine Spring Beauty, Stonecrop, Alpine sunflower, Rocky Mountain lousewort-Rocky Mountain sky pilot, Rocky Mountain columbine, and many more.

The Alpine sunflower is a native here and stems and leaves are covered with soft silvery-white woolly hairs. The short growing season that retards root growth will be instrumental in the 15-20 years it will take for this sunflower to bloom. Unlike many other sunflowers, the flower heads typically face east and do not turn with the sun; this may be an adaptation to avoiding damage from violent afternoon thunderstorms, from the west.

When you stand and focus your view to the distance in the west toward the San Luis Valley, you breathe in and appreciate the alpine tundra in all of its glory. Experience the vastness of this place and all of the amazing adaptations that allow life here to survive.

The Colorado Rare Plant Symposium will be held on the campus of Adams State University in Alamosa on Sept. 22, and the Colorado Native Plant Society will have its annual meeting on the ASU campus on Sept. 23-24. For more information, visit www.conps.org.

Right: Unlike many other sunflowers, the flowers of the Alpine sunflower typically face east and do not turn with the sun; this is an adaptation to avoid damage from violent afternoon thunderstorms that often come from the west.



Courier photos by John Waters

This moss campion was nestled between rocks at an elevation of 12,010 feet on West Spanish Peak. This pin-cushion-like shape growth form is adapted to the harsh tundra environment. In summer, the short branches keep the leaves close to the ground surface where the wind is lower, and the air temperature is higher. National Park Service botanists estimate that a moss campion this size is about 200 years old.



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Approximately 150 people attended the Keeping the Dream Alive event put on by Rio Grande Hospital on Aug. 12 in Del Norte.



Rio Grande Hospital held its annual event on Aug. 12

By MARIE MCCOLM

DEL NORTE — Rio Grande Hospital hosted its 15th annual Keeping the Dream Alive event on Aug. 12 in Del Norte that benefited the hospital's new Wellness Center.

Construction of the Wellness Center is underway next to the hospital. Hospital Chief Executive Officer Arlene Harms talked about the importance of the center that will serve

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Courtesy photo

Creede Repertory Theatre will take its hit romantic comedy, Ken Ludwig's 'Dear Jack, Dear Louise,' to Alamosa this fall.

Creede Repertory Theatre heading to Alamosa

CRT to perform at Adams State University on Sept. 7

CONTRIBUTED

CREEDE — Creede Repertory Theatre (Creede Rep) will take its hit romantic comedy, Ken Ludwig's "Dear Jack, Dear Louise," to Alamosa this fall. Normally based in the mountains of Creede, the nationally recognized theatre heads to the SLV Federal Bank Main Stage Theatre for one night only — 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7.

Sparks fly and love blossoms from a world away when US Army doctor, Jack, begins a correspondence with aspiring actress Louise, during World War II. Based on the story of his parents' courtship during WWII, Tony Award-winning playwright Ludwig ("Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood," "Moon Over Buffalo,"

"Lend Me a Tenor") explores love, isolation, and hope over great distance.

Directed by Michael Perlman and starring Creede Rep favorites Caitlin Wise and Graham Ward, this exciting production will be performed on the Adams State University campus.

"We are so excited to be able to bring a little bit of Creede Repertory Theatre to our valley neighbors," says Producing Artistic Director John DiAntonio. "This is something we've been wanting to make happen for several years and it's exciting to see it finally come to fruition with the help of the Adams State Theatre Department."

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for ASU Faculty and Staff, and \$10 for ASU Students. The San Luis Valley Federal Bank Main Stage Theatre is located on campus at 208 Edgemont Blvd., Alamosa. For tickets, visit www.adams.edu/academics/undergraduate/theatre/purchase-tickets/.

Family Fun Fest features the diversity of the area

By DIANE DREKMANN

BLANCA-FORT GARLAND — The Blanca-Fort Garland Community Center hosted the Family Fun Fest on Aug. 12.

Now in its third year, the Sangre de Cristo Ranch Owners Association asks for food donations as an "entry fee" that benefits the local food bank.

One owner, Doug Anderson, says the event, "promotes the community center, non-profits and local businesses." A silent auction helped raise money for "the Costilla fire department for firefighter uniforms."

Local business owner Brandon Carlisle of SLV Septic Services gave a seminar on septic tanks.

Another local couple, Joshua and Elizabeth Webb, have a unique business. Elizabeth's passion is the harp. She teaches harp, has written five books in different levels so everyone can learn to play the harp, and has created a school curriculum for harp.

She and her husband also manufacture the smaller "lap harps" with an innovative adjustable stand

to rent or rent to own. They "provide everything (in their bag) for a person to be successful (extra strings, strap, and stand) Elizabeth wants to "take away barriers about the harp...to make it easier, more attainable and affordable...more common...easier for people." The Webbs travelled for a couple of months attending conferences and fairs across Texas, Kentucky, New Jersey, and Michigan.

"An inner-city performing arts school in the East Orange School District in New Jersey was the first to use the harp curriculum for their music program," Elizabeth said.

At the Family Fun Fest event, Elizabeth gave quick lessons using clear visual cues and descriptions. Call 719-298-6056 or go to harpli.com, to find out more.

The crowd at the Family Fun Fest was entertained by some "old-fashioned Texas-style fiddle music" by the Apache Creek Fiddlers, a family of fiddlers from Rye that perform throughout the San Luis Valley.

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Photo by Diane Drekmann

The Apache Creek Fiddlers performed at the Family Fun Fest on Aug. 12 at the Blanca-Fort Garland Community Center. The Ryan family of fiddlers is from Rye.



A bouncy castle and Costilla County first responders were at the Family Fun Fest on Aug. 12 at the Blanca-Fort Garland Community Center.

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Eighteen-year-old Charlotte Ryan is also in the band Westbrook. Sixteen-year-old Orly Ryan won first place in voice and third place in fiddling at the Rocky Mountain Fiddle Competition in Casper, Wyo. Brother Ian plays the upright bass. Max, although the youngest member of the family at 12, is an accomplished fiddle player, winning second place in fiddle playing and third place in voice in the Junior Junior division of the same competition.

The family also plays classical, western swing and Celtic music. Mother Joy said, "how the kids play together. They hear a song...and want to do it all together. Their grandad was a fiddle player with Red Folly in Missouri in the 1930s...the kids studied violin, viola, and cello...and really love fiddling."

The Family Fun Fest also featured horseback rides, hayrides, a jumpy



Photos by Diane Drekman

Elizabeth Webb gave harp lessons during the Family Fun Fest on Aug. 12 at the Blanca-Fort Garland Community Center.

castle, and Costilla County first responders. Attendees had the chance to see the amenities of the Blanca-Fort

Garland Community Center, like a pool, gym, the library, a pool table, conference room, and craft room.

Robert Hoag Rawlings Foundation opens grant funds application period

CONTRIBUTED

PUEBLO — The Robert Hoag Rawlings Foundation recently announced their fall grant application period is open for qualifying nonprofit organizations providing service in their 18-county service region in Southeastern Colorado and the San Luis Valley. Grants will only be made to organizations that are exempt from tax under Section 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The foundation is particularly interested in supporting programs and community-based projects that:

- Assist communities to provide improvements toward the betterment of the lives of their citizens;
- Help alleviate cycles of illiteracy, poverty and government dependency;
- Assist young people to broaden their horizons by exposing them to educational opportunities that they may otherwise not have the ability to enjoy.

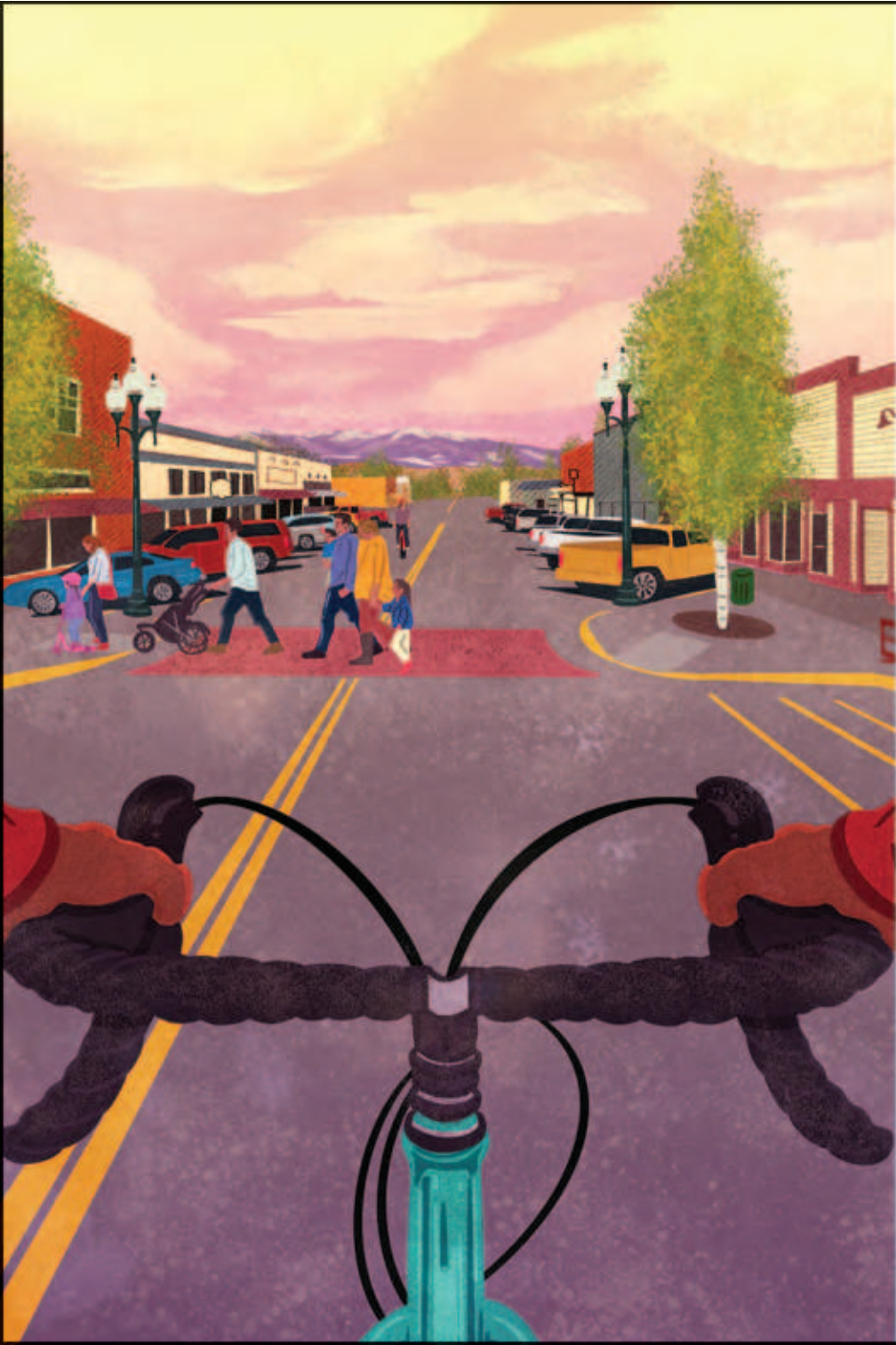
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Prior to submitting a formal grant request to the RHR Foundation, organizations are asked to submit

an intent to apply inquiry no later than Sept. 1. Once the foundation reviews the email of intent to apply, they will be informed if the inquiry is a potential fit for a formal request. The deadline for full grant submissions is Sept. 11, 2023. Grant dollars will be available in early November. For more information, visit www.RHRfoundation.com/grants/requests.

The RHR Foundation recently approved over \$643,000 in funding via its latest grant cycle to over 40 different nonprofit organizations in over 13 different communities in the areas of arts-culture, civic-community, education-youth and human services. Scholarships were awarded to Colorado State University Pueblo, Pueblo Community College, Lamar Community College, Otero Junior College, Trinidad State College and Adams State University.

The Robert Hoag Rawlings Foundation is a private family foundation with a mission to improve the lives of residents in Southeastern Colorado and the San Luis Valley. The Rawlings Foundation was created in 1988 by Robert Hoag Rawlings, Sr. to find ways to give help in the communities in Southeastern Colorado whose citizens were loyal subscribers to The Pueblo Chieftain/Star-Journal Publishing Corporation, which was owned by the family for over 100 years.



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more than just its patients and staff. The Wellness Center is going to be a large community building that is centered around some things called blue zones, Harms said. Blue zones are five places in the world that people live, and they live healthfully. According to Bluezones.com, blue zones are areas in the world where people live the longest, consistently reaching age 100.

"We have been studying these things for quite a few years. So, we are going to base this wellness center on how to live longer and how to be less sick and healthier," Harms said.

The center will have a big community meeting room "so our community can use it for anything and everything they may need. We will have another smaller meeting room, one where there will be games in there, you can listen to music in there, computers, that will be open to anybody that wants to come in," Harms added.

There will also be an exercise room where people can experience things like Yoga or learn where to go for Yoga, Harms said.

Approximately 150 people attended the event. Members of the Keeping the Dream Alive team were dressed in matching light blue T-shirts.

There were long tables set out for people to sit and eat dinner. The beef brisket and pulled pork dinner with or without green chili, potato salad, rancho baked beans, and a tortilla was prepared by the Mountain View Restaurant. On every table, there were also plates of cookies and brownies made by the Rio Grande Hospital, that attendees could eat.

Mountain View owners Ronnie and Glenda Martinez were thanked and honored with a gift and flowers from Harms.

The center will have small houses for staff and other people needing to stay close to the hospital, Harms said.

"We will use these for people who must have some kind of treatment that they need daily such as hyperbaric, but they have a hard time driving every day, so they can just stay there. We will use them for people who are not quite ready to go into hospice or the hospital. We can use the houses for this for a short time," she said.

Harms explained that the houses would also be built on wellness, so they would be solar. The windows would be architecturally built for maximum light, explaining that maximum light is extremely healthy. Harms explained that each home would also be equipped with a ramp in case it is needed. She also stated that all homes would be lit at night but not super bright, but enough to see.

Harms said there will be a greenhouse, where food could be grown, and walking paths.

The Wellness Center will have

teaching rooms, and a commercial kitchen where people will teach about nutrition and diabetic dieting. The community room could be used for family reunions, "you just need to ask. This is all about the community and being well," Harms said.

For staff there will be massage chairs, a place to just get away.

"We didn't have all of that for COVID and I think this is really important, to have a place to just get away. A room for meditation. We have seen that people live longer when they can de-stress and think more clearly," Harms said. "It's just been our desire to do something for the community."

Harms said the facility will be about 7,800 square feet. Harms stated that although they have done wellness things before, this will be a totally different concept.

"We want to move from treating sickness to teaching health. We want to keep people out of the hospitals. It's the right thing to do to transition

and help people stay learn to stay healthy," she said.

Harms said to date they have raised about \$2.6 million. Harms said it was probably going to take about \$7 million to complete the building.

"We were right on track for the building, but COVID set us back a little bit. COVID was not good for us, not going out, not being able to socialize, those things were not good for our health. This will get us all back on track from that too," Harms said.

Harms said that whatever donations were collected at the dinner the Rio Grande Hospital board was going to match those donations.

"All of this is coming together. The board is totally with it, our foundation is totally with it. We have a lot of people here tonight. It's very exciting," she said.

The Wellness Center's projected date of completion will be in 2024. For more information or to donate, contact the Rio Grande Hospital at 719-657-3266.

Lowrider bike show part of Antonito Labor Day celebration

By DIANE DREKMANN

ANTONITO — A lowrider bike show has been added to the Antonito Labor Day celebration, Sept. 1-3.

Roberto Ruybal is excited to share his passion with the youth of Antonito. He "wants to help the youth carry on the building of low rider bikes."

The show will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 2 at the Steam Train Hotel in Antonito. A car show is scheduled for Sept. 3 with a silent auction at the Antonito Branch Library.

Ruybal said he and his mother "have been going to lowrider bike and car shows since (he) was 10 years old." He built his first bike when he was 12 years old.

"Some friends in Espanola built him a 1958 Schwinn Orange Krate with homemade hydraulics," and Ruybal has been building and

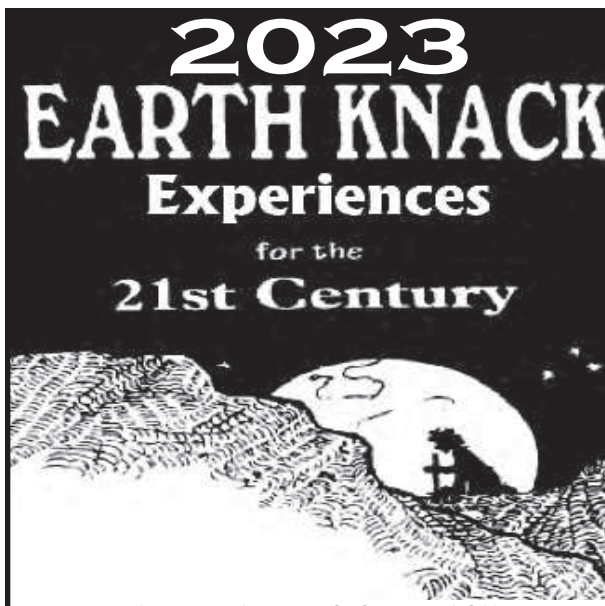
enjoying lowrider bikes ever since.

His pride and joy is a 1962 Schwinn Stingray, named Azulita — a total rebuild with added lowrider parts painted with three colors. It took him two years to build. Both bikes will be featured at the bike show.

He and his mother also own classic cars. Ruybal had a violet-purple Mitsubishi Eclipse and his mother's car, an orange Nissan 350Z NISMO was featured on the cover of the Conejos County Citizen newspaper article on the La Jara Glory Days Art Lopez Memorial Car Show.

The lowrider show will have first, second and third place awards in different categories, one of which is a free night's stay at the Steam Train Hotel. It is a \$20 entry fee, \$10 for additional entries.

Labor Day in Antonito is expected to be a fun-filled weekend, starting with the parade at 10 a.m. on Sept. 2.



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| Nugget | 05/05 | 0.27 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.16 | 0.51 | 0.73 | 0.89 | 1.07 | 1.46 |
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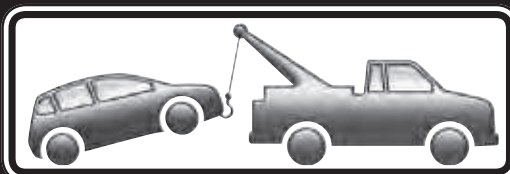


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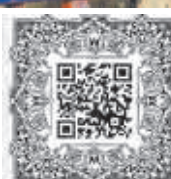
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Community supports Parish Fiesta in La Jara

Fiesta Queen is Angel Romero

By DIANE DREKMANN

LA JARA — Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in La Jara held its annual Parish Fiesta on Aug. 12-13. Though always held in La Jara, the fiesta benefits the surrounding Catholic mission churches — St. Joseph Parish in Capulin, the Immaculate Conception in Romeo, San Antonio in Los Sauces, and St. Therese of Lisieux in Manassa.

Armando Valdez, Our Lady of the Valley Parish finance council president, says the event "...is community enhancement. It brings the mission churches together and is also a fundraiser."

Money raised through donations and a silent auction is used to pay for the insurance on the churches. Items at the silent auction included a piano, China cabinet, and ornate headboard.

The Fiesta Queen of 2023 was Angel Romero. She

is from Capulin and will be a freshman at Centauri High School. Romero explained that to be nominated for Fiesta Queen, they raise donations for the church. She hopes to run for Fiesta Queen next year.

Laurie Quintana added, the church advertises early for those wanting to be Fiesta Queen or King. Candidates campaign to see who can get the most donations. There is usually a Fiesta King and Queen but this year there was only a Fiesta Queen.

"The candidates go to members of the community for donations and support," Quintana said.

The fiesta had vendors selling items like quilts. Besides the silent auction, there was bingo and raffles. A person could feast on hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, cotton candy or ice cream.

Angel Romero is the Parish Fiesta Queen. She is going to be a freshman at Centauri High School.

Photo by Diane Drekmann



Duane Bussey



LeRoy Salazar

ASU Board of Trustees chair is Duane Bussey

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA — The Adams State University Board of Trustees (BOT) unanimously selected Duane Bussey, Class of 1982, as chair at its August meeting. He assumed responsibilities during the session.

San Luis Valley native LeRoy Salazar was elected vice chair for the board. His duties also began Aug. 11.

Michele Lueck completed her service as BOT chair but will remain with the Board through Dec. 31, when her term ends.

"Adams State is fortunate to have so many dedicated professionals serve on our Board of Trustees," President David Tandberg said. "Chair Bussey and Vice Chair Salazar continue to dedicate

their expertise for the university, and we are all extremely grateful for their commitment."

Bussey worked at San Luis Valley Federal Bank for 39 years, retiring in 2021 as president-CEO. He has been involved with Adams State in a variety of ways over the years. He served as president of the Alumni Association, the Grizzly Club Board, and the Adams State Foundation. He resigned his position on the Foundation after 20-plus years of service upon his appointment as a trustee.

A fifth-generation farmer, Salazar currently manages the family farm which raises seed potatoes, barley, and other crops. This is his third term on the board of trustees. He served from 2003 for three years and again from

2010 until 2016. Salazar received his bachelor's and master's in agricultural engineering from Colorado State University. He co-founded and served as president and CEO of Agro Engineering, Inc., from 1982 to 2000.

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Creede Rep's 11th annual Headwaters New Play Festival is Aug. 25-27

This year's featured staged reading based in the San Luis Valley

By CREEDE REPERTORY THEATRE

CREEDE — Creede Repertory Theatre (Creede Rep) recently announced its 11th annual Headwaters New Play Festival will be Aug. 25-27. This year's festival features a staged reading of "Prima's Guide to Funerals" set in the San Luis Valley, by New Mexico-based playwright, Leonard Madrid.

Festival passes are \$40 and include tickets to "Prima's Guide," both world premiere performances of the "Young Audience Outreach Tour: The City Dog & The Prairie Dog," and the staged reading of "CRT's 2024 Tiny Tour: Roy G Biv" which will tour to pre-schools and early learning centers around the state next spring.

Readings and performances take place in both the Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre and the Virginia Christensen Multi-Use Facility. A festival pass also includes entrance to the Headwaters Brunch on Cliffside Patio just north of the Mainstage Theatre building, where attendees can eat, drink, and talk about the weekend's plays during a facilitated discussion.

'Prima's Guide to Funerals'

Three cousins, an urn, and one really long day. A comedy set along the Rio Grande river in the San Luis Valley of Southern Colorado, "Prima's Guide to Funerals" tells the story of love, grief, and laughter that can only exist in tight relationships among cousins. "Prima's Guide" is directed by Denver actor-director Rodney

Lizcano and features 2023 acting company member Savanna Padilla, with new-to-CRT actors Robert Quintanilla and Katie Rodriguez.

Madrid is currently the Artistic Director of Blackout Theatre in Albuquerque, N.M. His plays have received the Kennedy Center's award for Latinx playwrights three times. He has also participated in the Ignition Festival at Victory Gardens in Chicago, The Ground Floor at Berkeley Rep, and the Colorado New Play Summit at the Denver Center for Performing Arts. Leonard is currently a theatre professor at Eastern New Mexico University.

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CRT's flagship program, the Young Audience Outreach Tour, now in its 40th season, is staging the world premiere of "The City Dog and The Prairie Dog" by Diana Grisanti, Aug. 25 and Aug. 26, at the Virginia Christensen Multi Use Facility. Featuring the creative team of "Casa Alfonso" and "El Guayabo/The Guava Tree," "The City Dog and The Prairie Dog" is a bilingual musical for grades K-6, exploring themes of community and belonging.

Paloma is a prairie dog pup in a prairie dog town. She's not a huge fan of prairie living, though—the boring cuisine, the terrifying predators, the annoying owls. So, when her cousin from the city comes to visit, Paloma jumps at the chance to leave the open plain behind. Will Paloma adjust to life in a metropolis of 22 million people (and who knows how many rodents)? Will she survive without her dog town behind her? Will they survive without her? Featuring lots

of singing, dancing, and audience participation, "The City Dog and The Prairie Dog" is a story about exploring the world, learning new things, and maybe, just maybe, coming home again. "The City Dog and The Prairie Dog" is directed by actor-director Matt Zambrano, a member of Creede Rep's 2022 acting company.

Creede Rep's Headwaters Program exists to foster the development of new plays for the CRT stage and beyond. The unique and remote location, high in the San Juan Mountains of southwestern Colorado, cultivates artistic growth, focus, and inspiration for new work. Since its inception in 2012, the Headwaters New Play Festival is a week-long workshop where new plays are developed with a team of professional theatre artists and receive public readings. Like its name suggests, Headwaters aspires to be a source of new American plays, constantly evolving.

The staged reading of "Prima's Guide to Funerals" will perform at the Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre at 120 S. Main St., Creede. "The City Dog and The Prairie Dog" and "Roy G Biv" will perform at the Virginia Christensen Multi-Use Facility at 408 La Garita Ave., Creede.

For festival passes and information about the Headwaters program,

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This year's Headwaters New Play Festival features a staged reading of 'Prima's Guide to Funerals' by playwright Leonard Madrid, pictured.

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Crestone Needle rescue ends well

By JOHN WATERS

SAGUACHE COUNTY — On Aug. 12, Custer County Search and Rescue responded to climbers who were cliffed-out at 13,800 feet on the Crestone Needle in the Sangre de Cristo mountain range.

Cliffed-out is a climbing term for the untenable, and sometimes fatal quandary of being unable to ascend or descend a mountain.

The Crestone Needle is considered to be one of Colorado's most dangerous peaks, especially near the 14,197-foot summit.

The two climbers rescued on Saturday were safely extracted by Custer County SAR with the assistance of the Colorado Search and Rescue Association, Saguache County Search and Rescue, and Canon Helitack.

According to Custer County SAR, the climbers were prepared to spend over six hours at high elevations with proper food, water, clothing, and communication devices that aided in their survival.

A 2021 analysis by the Rocky Mountain Field Institute of climbing incidents found that between 2015 and 2020, seven people died in the Crestone Group consisting of the Crestone Needle, Crestone Peak, Kit Carson Mountain, Challenger Point, and Humboldt Peak. The study also concluded that of the 19 search and rescue missions Custer County SAR responded to during the study period, 46.3% were on Crestone Needle.

That study included building a story map, Rescue Patterns in the Crestones, that continues to assist in rescue operations.



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Custer County SAR crews during a rescue mission on the Crestone Needle.

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Narrow Gauge Book Coop celebrating fifth anniversary

BY NARROW GAUGE BOOK COOPERATIVE

ALAMOSA — “This is such a great bookstore.” “I love your bookstore.” “We just had to stop at your bookstore, and we’re so glad we did.” “I could spend hours in here.”

Staff and volunteers at the Narrow Gauge Book Cooperative hear similar phrases every time they work a shift. Sometimes, the words are from San Luis Valley locals, and sometimes they are from visitors just passing through.

Whoever says it, the staff and volunteers agree: the NGBC is a great bookstore. They all spend time beyond their scheduled shifts browsing the selection of new and used books, attending author events, and enjoying the featured artist of the month. Most of all, they enjoy each other’s talents, knowledge, and their shared commitment to the cooperative’s mission.

In February of 2018, the Narrow Gauge Newsstand announced its closing after 40 years of selling magazines, newspapers, books, and providing freshly popped popcorn. Jan Oen, a current volunteer, recalls being in the car with Julie Mordecai when the “closing” banner went up.

“Julie slammed on her breaks and said, ‘We can’t lose our only bookstore!’” Oen recalled.

Many in the community agreed, and the community held meetings, beginning on Feb. 27, 2018, to brainstorm ways to reopen the doors and keep the shelves full. Julie Mordecai suggested a cooperative model as a way to accomplish this feat, and the Narrow Gauge Book Cooperative was born. Community members wanted their bookstore, and they were given a direct way to get it back: donations of money, donations of used books, and the option to become partial owners,

board members, and volunteer staff.

The rest is history, as the NGBC celebrates its fifth anniversary this month. The going has not always been easy, but those involved in the cooperative believe that the collaborative nature of the store — the way that that the community came together and used their talents and continues to do so — makes the cooperative model a success.

Marlena Antonucci and Cathy Morin shared in an interview that part of launching the bookstore was letting people run with their ideas and use their talents. Antonucci was completing her year with AmeriCorps and had a great passion to do community organization work, so she became the ideas person, while others like Morin and Oen brought their previous experience in public health (Morin) and retail and

community work (Oen) to help with carrying out those ideas.

It really did take a Valley to fundraise and then reopen the store. There were open houses at the Main and State location, where volunteers, owners, and members brought food and local talent played music, and people cheered and rang bells any time someone became a member or owner or donated. There was an Indiegogo campaign, a Call-A-Thon, and an event at the Colorado Farm Brewery. The community pulled together, and the grand opening happened on Aug. 11, 2018, just over 5 months after the Newsstand closed its doors.

Louisa Cheslock, an owner and board member, volunteer, and now staff member, lights up any time people come into the store looking for a new read and

always has a few options ready to share.

Delilah Aratani, the current floor manager, has an uncanny ability to remember customer preferences: this one likes to have a bookmark in each of his books when he comes through, that one is sure to want the newest sci fi novel, and that box of books that just came in is full of special orders and she knows exactly who ordered each one.

Allison Cruse, the current general manager, can tell you about the types of books published by different small presses, and gasps with excitement as she unpacks orders, lovingly stroking

the covers as she receives and shelves each one.

Each time the bell on the door rings, the person who walks through, whether a regular customer or a friend waiting to be made, is sure to be welcomed with helpfulness and enthusiasm for the written word. When you come into the coop, you know it is a place for booklovers, and for community.

Be sure to check the NGBC Facebook, Instagram, and newsletter for fifth anniversary activities, the week of Aug. 21. The Narrow Gauge Book Cooperative is located at 602 Main St., Alamosa.



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The Narrow Gauge Book Cooperative is celebrating its fifth anniversary this month. Allison Cruse and Delilah Aratani are the current management team.

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People lineup to see free 'Sound of Freedom' showing

Valley Church of Nazarene covers cost of the movie

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — People were lined up outside the Vali 3 Theater in downtown Monte Vista for the chance to see a free showing of the "Sound of Freedom" on Aug. 6. Due to the turnout, a second free showing was added on Aug. 7.

The free showings were covered by the Valley Church of the Nazarene. Theater operator Bob Richards sold concessions and promoted the movie showings.

"It was actually brought to me by the Valley Church of the Nazarene, it was their idea. They agreed to pay for the cost of the film," Richards said. "The deal with Angel Studios is it was a per head cost. We figured that we might be sold out. We didn't figure that people would show up and line up two hours before the film started and be lined up around the block. We filled up by 2:30 and that's exactly what happened. We thanked the Valley Church of the Nazarene for paying for it, and they agreed to pay for another night, so Monday night we had another showing, and we had another 150 people or so in there again on Monday night. It was really great that we were all able to provide that for the community with the church."

The movie "Sound of Freedom" is based on a true story about child trafficking. According to tributemovies.com, the synopsis reads that a federal agent rescues a boy from child traffickers,



Courtesy photo

The movie 'Sound of Freedom' was shown for free at the Vali 3 Theater thanks to the Valley Church of the Nazarene. People were lined up around the corner for the chance to see the movie.

and then learns that the boy's sister is still being held captive. The agent races against time to save the boy's sister by embarking on a dangerous mission. The agent quits his job and travels deep into the Columbian Jungle, risking his life and his freedom to save the girl from being trafficked.

Barb Sears of the Valley Church of the Nazarene was happy with the turnout. The Nazarene Thrift Store and its offshoots Finer Blessings and Kids Store are affiliated with the Valley Church of the Nazarene.

"It went better than expected," Sears said. "We added the second night last minute and still had 148 people attend. Bob did an awesome job for us with advertising and letting people know that Valley Church of the Nazarene along with the stores funded the movie. We are looking forward to collaborating on many more movies with him. I think it was a win-win for Vali 3 and for Monte Vista. We loved seeing our community

come together."

The church and Richards made good on their collaboration talk when each made their proposal for the theater space earlier this year. The city awarded the contract to Richards, who began operating it this summer.

Richards, who also owns and operates local radio stations, said the theater is going well for him, and he was planning to bring other events to the theater, such as Denver Broncos games and live concerts. He was looking into collaborating with the Creede Repertory Theatre during its offseason.

Richards was happy to work with the Valley Church of the Nazarene.

"I am looking forward to working with them more in the future. Barb is just great," he said. "I appreciate that they paid for this event for our community and really that's what it's all about, community. It was great to see our community come together for this. Looking forward to more in the future."

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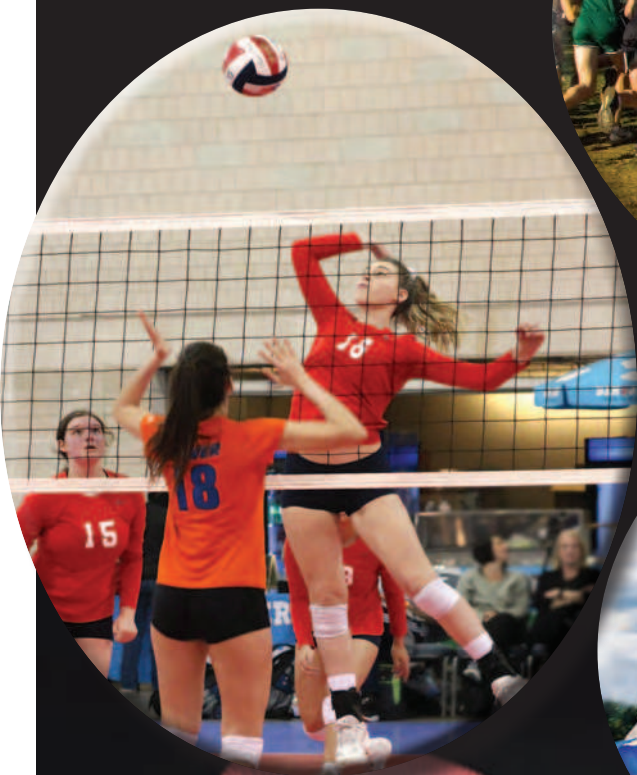
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ANTONITO TROJANS

Football

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Saturday, Sept. 16 | SANFORD JV | 1 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 22 | At Primero | 1 p.m. |
| Saturday, Oct. 7 | At Manzanola | 1 p.m. |
| Saturday, Oct. 28 | MOUNTAIN VALLEY | 1 p.m. |

Antonito is playing a JV schedule this year.

Cross Country

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Saturday, Sept. 2 | At Lake County Invitational |
| Saturday, Sept. 9 | At Joe I. Vigil Invitational (at Cattails) |
| Friday, Sept. 15 | GERALD ARCHULETA INVITIATIONAL |
| Friday, Sept. 22 | At Lake City Invitational |
| Saturday, Sept. 30 | At Salida InvitationL |
| Saturday, Oct. 7 | At Centauri Invitational (at Cole Park, Alamosa) |
| Friday, Oct. 13 | At Erick Wolff Invitational (at Monte Vista) |
| Friday, Oct. 20 | At Class 2A Regional Meet (at Rocky Ford) |
| Saturday, Oct. 28 | At Class 2A State Meet (at Colorado Springs) |



Volleyball

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Friday, Aug. 18 | At Cotopaxi | 1 p.m. |
| Saturday, Aug. 19 | At Hanover Invitational | TBA |
| Thursday, Aug. 24 | CENTER | 5 p.m. |
| Saturday, Aug. 26 | At Primero Invitational | TBA |
| Tuesday, Sept. 5 | At Sangre de Cristo* | 5:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 9 | CREEDE, PRIMERO | 10 a.m. |
| Thursday, Sept. 14 | MOUNTAIN VALLEY* | 5 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 16 | QUESTA (N.M.) | 1 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 22 | At Primero | 4 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 23 | At Sargent w/Creede | 11 a.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 7 | At Manzanola | 4 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 13 | At Sierra Grande* | 5 p.m. |
| Saturday, Oct. 14 | At Centennial* | 11 a.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 20 | At Center | 5 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 27 | COTOPAXI | 1 p.m. |

*Southern Peaks League games

CENTENNIAL RAMS

Cross Country

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Saturday, Aug. 26 | At Pete Felleta Invitational (at Pueblo Central) |
| Friday, Sept. 15 | At Gerald Archuleta Invitational (at Antonito) |
| Thursday, Sept. 28 | At Canon City Invitational |
| Saturday, Sept. 30 | At Salida Invitational |
| Saturday, Oct. 7 | At Centauri Invitational (at Cole Park, Alamosa) |
| Friday, Oct. 13 | At Eric Wolff Invitational (at Monte Vista) |
| Friday, Oct. 20 | At Class 2A Regional Meet |
| Saturday, Oct. 28 | At Class 2A State Meet (at Colorado Springs) |



Volleyball

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Saturday, Aug. 19 | At Hanover Invitational | TBA |
| Thursday, Sept. 7 | SIERRA GRANDE* | TBA |
| Saturday, Sept. 16 | CRIPPLE CREEK-VICTOR | 1 p.m. |
| Monday, Sept. 25 | At Custer County | 4 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Sept. 26 | SANGRE DE CRISTO* | 6 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 29 | At Manzanola | TBA |
| Friday, Oct. 6 | At Creede* | 3 p.m. (2 games) |
| Friday, Oct. 13 | MOUNTAIN VALLEY* | |
| 11 a.m. (2 games) | | |
| Saturday, Oct. 14 | ANTONITO* | 11 a.m. |

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CENTAURI FALCONS

Football

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Friday, Aug. 25 | At Pagosa Springs | 7 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 1 | FLORENCE | 7 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 8 | BUENA VISTA | 7 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 22 | At Bayfield | 7 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 29 | CENTER* | 7 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 6 | At Del Norte* | 7 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 13 | TRINIDAD* | 7 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 20 | At Ignacio* | 7 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 27 | MONTE VISTA* | 6 p.m. |

*South Central League games

Cross Country

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Friday, Aug. 25 | At Cheyenne Mountain Pre-State Meet |
| Friday, Sept. 1 | At Rocky Ford Invitational |
| Saturday, Sept. 9 | At Joe I. Vigil Invitational (at Cattails) |
| Saturday, Sept. 16 | At Bayfield Invitational |
| Saturday, Sept. 23 | At Pagosa Springs Invitational |
| Saturday, Sept. 30 | At Salida Invitational |
| Saturday, Oct. 7 | CENTAURI INVITATIONAL (at Cole Park, Alamosa) |
| Friday, Oct. 13 | At Eric Wolff Invitational (at Monte Vista) |
| Friday, Oct. 20 | At Class 2A Regional Meet (at Buena Vista) |
| Saturday, Oct. 28 | At Class 2A State Meet (at Colorado Springs) |



Volleyball

| | | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Thursday, Aug. 17 | SARGENT | 6 p.m. |
| Saturday, Aug. 19 | At La Junta | 3 p.m. |
| Saturday, Aug. 26 | LAMAR | TBA |
| Tuesday, Aug. 29 | SANGRE DE CRISTO | 6 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 2 | DELTA | 2 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 9 | At Lewis-Palmer Invitational | TBA |
| Tuesday, Sept. 12 | At Alamosa* | 6:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 16 | PAGOSA SPRINGS* | 1 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 22 | Ay Bayfield* | 6 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 23 | At Montezuma-Cortez* | 1 p.m. |
| Thursday, Sept. 28 | SANFORD | 6 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Oct. 3 | ALAMOSA* | 6:30 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 6 | MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ* | 4 p.m. |
| Saturday, Oct. 7 | BAYFIELD* | 1 p.m. |
| Saturday, Oct. 14 | At Pagosa Springs* | 1 p.m. |
| Saturday, Oct. 28 | At Buena Vista Invitational | TBA |

*Southern Peaks League games

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CENTER VIKINGS

Football

| | | |
|------------------|---------------|--------|
| Friday, Aug. 25 | PLATTE CANYON | 7 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 1 | At Olathe | 7 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 8 | At Peyton | 7 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 15 | RYE | 7 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 29 | At Centauri* | 7 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 6 | IGNACIO* | 7 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 13 | At Del Norte* | 7 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 20 | MONTE VISTA* | 6 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 27 | At Trinidad* | 7 p.m. |

*South Central League games

Volleyball

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Thursday, Aug. 24 | At Antonito | 5 p.m. |
| Saturday, Aug. 26 | At Primero Invitational | 10 a.m. |
| Thursday, Aug. 31 | At Crested Butte* | 4 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 1 | CALHAN | 5 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 2 | At Las Animas | 1 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 9 | SARGENT* | 11 a.m. |
| Thursday, Sept. 14 | BUENA VISTA* | 4:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, Sept. 21 | At Salida | 4:30 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 22 | SANFORD* | 4:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, Sept. 28 | DEL NORTE* | 4:30 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 29 | DOVE CREEK | 1 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 30 | GUNNISON | 1 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 6 | CUSTER COUNTY* | 4 p.m. |
| Thursday, Oct. 12 | TRINIDAD | 4:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, Oct. 14 | At Monte Vista* | 4 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 20 | ANTONITO | 4 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 21 | SANGRE DE CRISTO | 4 p.m. |
| Saturday, Oct. 22 | At Creede | 11 a.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 27 | SOUTH PARK* | 4 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 28 | At Sierra Grande | 11 a.m. |

*Southern Peaks League games

Cross Country

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Friday, Sept. 1 | At Rocky Ford Invitational |
| Saturday, Sept. 9 | At Joe I. Vigil Invitational (at Cattails) |
| Friday, Sept. 15 | At Gerald Archuleta Invitational (at Antonito) |
| Saturday, Sept. 23 | At Pagosa Springs Invitational |
| Saturday, Sept. 30 | At Salida Invitational |
| Saturday, Oct. 7 | At Centauri Invitational (at Cole Park, Alamosa) |
| Friday, Oct. 13 | At Eric Wolff Invitational (at Monte Vista) |
| Friday, Oct. 22 | At Class 2A Regional Meet (at Rocky Ford) |
| Saturday, Oct. 28 | At Class 2A State Meet (at Colorado Springs) |



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DEL NORTE TIGERS

Football

Friday, Aug. 25
 Friday, Sept. 1
 Friday, Sept. 8
 Friday, Sept. 22
 Friday, Sept. 29
 Friday, Oct. 6
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 Saturday, Oct. 21
 Friday, Oct. 27

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 ROCKY FORD
 At Cedaredge
 At Salida
 at Monte Vista*
 CENTAURI*
 CENTER*
 At Trinidad*
 IGNACIO*

*South Central League games

Cross Country

Saturday, Aug. 26 At Ignacio Invitational
 Saturday, Sept. 9 At Joe I Vigil Invitational (at Cattails)
 Friday, Sept. 15 At Gerald Archuleta Invitational (at Antonito)
 Saturday, Sept. 16 At Bayfield Invitational
 Friday, Sept. 22 At Lake City Invitational
 Saturday, Sept. 23 At Pagosa Springs Invitational
 Saturday, Oct. 30 At Salida Invitational
 Tuesday, Oct. 3 DEL NORTE INVITATIONAL (at South Fork)
 Saturday, Oct. 7 At Centauri Invitational (at Cole Park, Alamosa)
 Friday, Oct. 13 At Eric Wolff Invitational (at Monte Vista)
 Friday, Oct. 20 At Class 2A Regional Meet (at Buena Vista)
 Saturday, Oct. 28 At Class 2A State Meet (at Colorado Springs)



Boys Golf

Friday, Oct. 18 At Alamosa Invitational (at Cattails)
 Friday, Sept. 1 At Rye Invitational
 Tuesday, Sept. 5 At Gunnison Invitational
 Friday, Sept. 8 At La Junta Invitational
 Wednesday, Sept. 13 At Pagosa Springs Invitational
 Tuesday, Sept. 19 At Class 3A Regional Tournament (at Cattails)
 Oct. 2-3 At Class 3A State Tournament (at Windsor)

Volleyball

Friday, Aug. 18 At Hoehne noon
 Thursday, Aug. 24 At Ignacio 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Aug. 26 SANGRE DE CRISTO, LA VETA 9 a.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 2 At Gunnison Invitational TBA
 Friday, Sept. 8 SWALLOWS CHARTER 1 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 9 At Buena Vista* 4 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 15 At South Park* 5 p.m.
 Monday, Sept. 18 CUSTER COUNTY* noon
 Friday, Sept. 22 At Pagosa Springs 4 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 23 TRINIDAD* 1 p.m.
 Tuesday, Sept. 26 SARGENT* 5 p.m.
 Thursday, Sept. 28 CENTER* 4:30 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 29 At Crested Butte* 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Oct. 3 At Monte Vista* 4 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 7 At Fountain Valley 11 a.m.
 Tuesday, Oct. 10 At Sanford* 5 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 14 RYE noon
 Friday, Oct. 20 At Swink 3 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 28 JOHN MALL noon

*Southern Peaks League games

MOUNTAIN VALLEY WOLVES

Football

Saturday, Aug. 26 HANOVER 1 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 1 WALSH 1 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 8 At La Veta* 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 23 SIERRA GRANDE* 1 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 29 At Miami-Yoder 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 7 SANGRE DE CRISTO* 1 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 14 At Branson/Kim* 1 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 20 At Primero* 1 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 28 At Antonito TBA

*Southwest League games

Volleyball

Saturday, Aug. 19 At Crested Butte Invitational 9 a.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 26 At Primero Invitational 9 a.m.
 Friday, Sept. 1 MOUNTAIN VALLEY CLASSIC 9 a.m.
 Thursday, Sept. 14 ANTONITO* 5:30 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 15 At Cotopaxi 4 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 23 SIERRA GRANDE* 10 a.m.
 Friday, Sept. 29 At Miami-Yoder 4:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Oct. 5 SANGRE DE CRISTO* 5:30 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 6 South Park (at Moffat) 11 a.m.
 Friday, Oct. 13 At Centennial* 11 a.m. (2 games)
 Saturday, Oct. 14 Creede* (at Moffat) 11 a.m. (2 games)
 Friday, Oct. 20 At Primero 1:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 21 CRESTED BUTTE 11 a.m.
 *Southern Peaks League games



CREEDE MINERS



Volleyball

7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19 9 a.m.
 7 p.m. At Crested Butte Invitational
 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 2 p.m.
 7 p.m. At Cotopaxi
 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1 TBA
 7 p.m. At Mountain Valley Invitational
 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 10 a.m.
 1 p.m. At Antonito* w/Primero
 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 11 a.m.
 SIERRA GRANDE*
 Saturday, Sept. 23 11 a.m.
 At Sargent w/Antonito
 Thursday, Sept. 28 6 p.m.
 At Sangre de Cristo*
 Friday, Oct. 6 CENTENNIAL* 3 p.m. (2 games)
 Saturday, Oct. 7 At Dolores 1 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 14 At Mountain Valley* noon
 Saturday, Oct. 21 CENTER 5 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 27 CRIPPLE CREEK-VICTOR 3 p.m. (2 games)

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MONTE VISTA PIRATES

Football

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Thursday, Aug. 24 | At Rocky Ford |
| Friday, Sept. 1 | At Colorado Springs Christian |
| Friday, Oct. 8 | GUNNISON |
| Friday, Oct. 22 | PEYTON |
| Friday, Oct. 29 | DEL NORTE* |
| Friday, Oct. 6 | At Trinidad* |
| Friday, Oct. 13 | IGNACIO* |
| Friday, Oct. 20 | At Center* |
| Friday, Oct. 27 | At Centauri* |

*South Central League games



Cross Country

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1 | At Rocky Ford Invitational |
| 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 | At Joe I. Vigil Invitational (at Alamosa) |
| 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15 | At Gerald Archuleta Invitational (at Antonito) |
| 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 | At Pagosa Springs Invitational |
| 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 | At Salida Invitational |
| 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 | At Centauri Invitational (at Cole Park, Alamosa) |
| 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13 | ERIC WOLFF INVITATIONAL (at Monte Vista Golf Course) |
| 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20 | At Class 2A Regional Meet (at Buena Vista) |
| 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 | At Class 2A State Meet (at Colorado Springs) |

Volleyball

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Saturday, Aug. 26 | At John Mall Invitational |
| Tuesday, Aug. 29 | TRINIDAD* |
| Friday, Sept. 8 | At Jefferson Academy Invitational |
| Saturday, Sept. 9 | At Jefferson Academy Invitational |
| Tuesday, Sept. 12 | At Buena Vista* |
| Friday, Sept. 15 | CUSTER COUNTY* |
| Thursday, Sept. 21 | CRESTED BUTTE* |
| Thursday, Oct. 5 | At Sanford* |
| Saturday, Oct. 7 | DOVE CREEK, SANGRE DE CRISTO |
| Saturday, Oct. 14 | CENTER* |
| Thursday, Oct. 19 | SARGENT* |
| Friday, Oct. 20 | At South Park* |
| Tuesday, Oct. 24 | PAGOSA SPRINGS |
| Saturday, Oct. 28 | At Mitchell Invitational |

*Southern Peaks League games

Boys Golf

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|----------------------------|---|
| Friday, Aug. 4 | At Swink Invitational (at La Junta) |
| 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8 | At Montezuma-Cortez Invitational |
| 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8 | At Fowler Invitational |
| TBA Thursday, Aug. 17 | At Canon City Invitational |
| TBA Friday, Aug. 18 | At Alamosa Invitational (at Cattails) |
| 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23 | At Pagosa Springs Invitational |
| 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25 | At Pueblo County Invitational (at Hollydot) |
| 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1 | At Rye Invitational (at Hollydot) |
| 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5 | At Gunnison Invitational |
| 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 7 | At Salida Invitational |
| 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 | MONTE VISTA INVITATIONAL (at Monte Vista Golf Course) |
| 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11 | At Pueblo West Invitational |
| 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19 | At Class 3A Regional Tournament (at Cattails) |
| TBA Oct. 2-3 | At Class 3A State Tournament (at Windsor) |

SANFORD MUSTANGS

Football

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|-------------------|-------------|--------|
| Friday, Sept. 1 | SWINK | 7 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 9 | At Simla | 1 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 15 | At Fowler | 6 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 22 | At Wiley | 6 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 29 | DOVE CREEK* | 6 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 6 | NORWOOD | 6 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 13 | At Sargent* | 6 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 20 | At Mancos* | 6 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 27 | DOLORES* | 6 p.m. |

*Mountain League games

Volleyball

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Friday, Aug. 18 | LA VETA | 2 p.m. |
| Saturday, Aug. 19 | At Gunnison | 11 a.m. |
| Saturday, Aug. 26 | SWINK | 11 a.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 1 | At West Grand Invitational | TBA |
| Saturday, Sept. 2 | At West Grand Invitational | TBA |
| Friday, Sept. 8 | CRESTED BUTTE* | 4 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 9 | At South Park* | 2 p.m. |
| Thursday, Sept. 14 | At Trinidad* | 4:30 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 22 | At Center* | 4:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 23 | At Custer County* | 4 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Sept. 26 | BUENA VISTA* | 4 p.m. |
| Thursday, Sept. 28 | At Centauri | 5 p.m. |
| Saturday, Sept. 30 | At Sangre de Cristo | 4 p.m. |
| Thursday, Oct. 5 | MONTE VISTA* | 4:30 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 6 | ESCALANTE (N.M.) | 1 p.m. |
| Thursday, Oct. 12 | DEL NORTE* | 5 p.m. |
| Saturday, Oct. 14 | At Sargent* | 4 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 20 | At Mancos | 2 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 27 | At Rye Invitational | TBA |
| Saturday, Oct. 28 | At Rye Invitational | TBA |

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SARGENT FARMERS

Football

Saturday, Aug. 26
 Friday, Sept. 1
 Friday, Sept. 8
 Friday, Sept. 15
 Friday, Sept. 29
 Friday, Oct. 6
 Friday, Oct. 13
 Saturday, Oct. 21
 Friday, Oct. 27

At South Park
 SPRINGFIELD
 HOEHNE
 At Custer County
 MANCOS*
 At Dolores*
 SANFORD*
 At Hayden
 At Dove Creek*

*Mountain League games

Volleyball

1 p.m.
 6 p.m.
 7 p.m.
 7 p.m.
 6 p.m.
 6 p.m.
 7 p.m.
 1 p.m.
 6 p.m.
 Thursday, Aug. 17 At Centauri 5 p.m.
 Tuesday, Aug. 22 At Crested Butte* 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Aug. 26 At Del Norte w/Sangre de Cristo 9 a.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 2 At Gunnison Invitational 9 a.m.
 Friday, Sept. 8 CENTER* 11 a.m.
 Thursday, Sept. 14 At Custer County* 5 p.m.
 Thursday, Sept. 21 SANGRE DE CRISTO 5 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 23 ANTONITO, CREEDE 5 p.m.
 Tuesday, Sept. 26 At Del Norte* 5 p.m.
 Thursday, Sept. 28 At South Park* 5 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 30 At Evangel Christian w/Sierra Grande 9 a.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 7 COTOPAXI 1 p.m.
 Tuesday, Oct. 10 At Buena Vista* 5 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 14 SANFORD* 4 p.m.
 Thursday, Oct. 19 At Monte Vista* 5 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 21 TRINIDAD* 1 p.m.
 Tuesday, Oct. 24 HOEHNE 4:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Oct. 26 IGNACIO 5 p.m.

*Southern Peaks League games

Cross Country

Friday, Aug. 25 At Cheyenne Mountain Pre-State Meet
 Friday, Sept. 1 At Rocky Ford Invitational
 Saturday, Sept. 9 At Joe I. Vigil Invitational (at Cattails)
 Saturday, Sept. 16 At Gunnison Invitational
 Thursday, Sept. 28 At Canon City Invitational
 Saturday, Oct. 7 At Centauri Invitational (at Cole Park, Alamosa)
 Friday, Oct. 13 At Eric Wolff Invitational (at Monte Vista)
 Friday, Oct. 20 At Class 2A Regional Meet (at Buena Vista)
 Saturday, Oct. 28 At Class 3A State Meet (at Colorado Springs)



SANGRE DE CRISTO THUNDERBIRDS

Football

Thursday, Aug. 24
 Saturday, Sept. 2
 Friday, Sept. 15
 Saturday, Sept. 23
 Friday, Sept. 29
 Saturday, Oct. 7
 Friday, Oct. 13
 Friday, Oct. 20
 Friday, Oct. 27

PRIMERO*
 KIOWA
 KIM/BRANSON*
 Idalia (at Cheraw)
 SIERRA GRANDE*
 At Mountain Valley*
 At La Veta*
 MANZANOLA
 At Miami-Yoder

*Southwest League games

Volleyball

Saturday, Aug. 19
 Thursday, Aug. 24
 Friday, Aug. 25
 Saturday, Aug. 26
 Tuesday, Aug. 29
 Tuesday, Sept. 5
 Friday, Sept. 8
 Saturday, Sept. 16
 Thursday, Sept. 21
 Saturday, Sept. 23
 Tuesday, Sept. 26
 Thursday, Sept. 28
 Friday, Sept. 29
 Saturday, Sept. 30
 Thursday, Oct. 5
 Saturday, Oct. 7
 Tuesday, Oct. 17
 Saturday, Oct. 21
 Friday, Oct. 27
 Saturday, Oct. 28

At Cheraw
 PRIMERO
 WILEY
 At Del Norte w/Sargent
 At Centauri
 ANTONITO*
 At Cotopaxi
 At La Veta w/Evangel Christian
 At Sargent
 SWINK
 CENTENNIAL*
 CREEDE*
 SIERRA GRANDE*
 SANFORD
 At Mountain Valley*
 At Monte Vista w/Dove Creek
 At Hoehne
 MANZANOLA
 CENTER
 CUSTER COUNTY

*Southern Peaks League games

SIERRA GRANDE PANTHERS

Football

Friday, Aug. 25
 Friday, Sept. 1
 Saturday, Sept. 9
 Friday, Sept. 15
 Saturday, Sept. 23
 Friday, Sept. 29
 Friday, Oct. 6
 Thursday, Oct. 12
 Saturday, Oct. 14
 Friday, Oct. 27

MANZANOLA
 EADS
 At Branson/Kim*
 HANOVER
 At Mountain Valley*
 At Sangre de Cristo*
 LA VETA*
 At Primero*
 ANTONITO
 At Granada

*Southwest League games

Volleyball

Friday, Aug. 25
 Saturday, Aug. 26
 Friday, Sept. 1
 Friday, Sept. 8
 Saturday, Sept. 9
 Friday, Sept. 15
 Saturday, Sept. 16
 Friday, Sept. 22
 Friday, Sept. 29
 Saturday, Sept. 30
 Friday, Oct. 6
 Thursday, Oct. 12
 Friday, Oct. 13
 Friday, Oct. 20
 Saturday, Oct. 21
 Saturday, Oct. 28

MANZANOLA
 At Primero Invitational
 EADS
 At Centennial*
 At Kim/Branson
 HANOVER
 At Creede*
 TRINIDAD
 At Sangre de Cristo*
 At Evangel Christian w/Sargent
 LA VETA
 At Primero
 ANTONITO*
 At Cotopaxi
 At Las Animas
 CENTER

*Southern Peaks League games



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