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Extended lunch closure for MV City Hall

MONTE VISTA — Monte Vista City Hall will be closed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13 for the annual Staff BBQ.

RGH Health Fair returning to Rio Grande County

DEL NORTE — Rio Grande Hospital (RGH) has scheduled a Health Fair for Sept. 30 in Del Norte. The last time RGH had one was before the COVID-19 pandemic.

This time will be a little different, says Eva Timberlake, Development and Communications Officer for RGH. The hospital is asking that people get their bloodwork done before the event. This way, the results will be available on the day of the Health Fair. Make an appointment for bloodwork by calling 719-657-4065 to schedule. "Your health is our priority," said Timberlake. "Getting our community partner — Public Health, our providers, and healthcare workers together for this event is an excellent opportunity for the community to get a synopsis of their health."

RGH's Health Fair will be at the Del Norte's School's old Field House at 955 French St. on Sept. 30 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, visit RGH's website, RioGrandeHospital.org, under the Program and Events tab or email WeCare@riograndehospital.net.

CAC's Music in the Park to feature classical musicians

CREEDE — Classically trained musicians will perform a family-friendly, outdoor concert in Creede's Basham Park from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 3. The free concert is sponsored by the Creede Arts Council in conjunction with the Creede Musical Arts Collective.

Performances will be by Denver's premiere Tango band Grande Orquesta Navarre (Evan Orman, Sara Parkinson, Susan Cahill, Tom Hagerman), collaborative pianist John Arida, soprano Emily Murdock and baritone Zachary Nelson.

In case of rainy weather, the Music in the Park on Sept. 3 will be held in the tent to the south of the Creede Hotel. Music in the Park is sponsored by the Creede Arts Council.

Saguache Library hosts Story Time on Tuesdays

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — On Tuesdays, the Saguache Public Library hosts Story Time, an event geared toward educating children through reading and other activities. All children are welcome to attend.

Program Director Eden Elderberry

spoke about Story Time.

"We started out with Story Time and activities, after COVID-19 dropped all the mask mandates and that made it a lot easier. We have gone back and forth between Story Time being library led and it being led by parents," Elderberry said. "It has just

been really great. The parents have been so supportive and helpful."

Elderberry spends time at the Baca Grande Library and the Saguache Library and was appreciative of the parents' support.

In Saguache, Story Time consists of usually reading about three stories

and then doing age-appropriate activities.

"We tend to get younger children at the library in Saguache, so we do activities that are appropriate for toddlers and up. The children really enjoy it," Elderberry said.

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Saguache County Flea Market benefits Saguache Public Library

By MARIE MCCOLM

SAGUACHE — The Saguache County Flea Market took place on Saturday, Aug. 26, in Otto Mears Park. Approximately 31 people were at the park when this reporter was there, but a few vendors stated there were at least 150 people that passed through the flea market earlier in the day.

Vendors were selling a variety of items at the park including clothing, heaters, vintage purses, furniture items, tables, chairs, racks, and swimming pool items. One vendor had baked oat bread with freshly harvested wildflower honey for sale.

The Saguache Flea Market is held at different times during the year and everyone in the community and surrounding areas is invited to attend. The Saguache Public Library provides volunteers to help the vendors at the flea market, offering tables to vendors for \$10 per table.

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The Saguache County Flea Market took place on Saturday, Aug. 26, in Otto Mears Park.

Photo by Marie Mccolm



Colorado Projectile Point Arrowhead Project presentation held at Saguache Museum

By MARIE MCCOLM

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

Hauser began this project to document arrowheads, also referred

to as points. Hauser uses both private and museum stock collections to aid in the research of exploring the prehistory of Colorado through these points.

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

to another? What are the dominant materials in an area? What non-local materials are in an area?

Hauser concluded that there are currently more arrowheads in private collections than excavated sites. Hauser has also concluded that arrowheads that have been privately collected are an important part of documented data and can help us in understanding historical

information. Hauser is also working on this project to provide images and associated information to the public as well as preserve the information for future age groups to examine and benefit from.

Currently, the database of arrowheads Hauser has created has a total of 9,002 points. It is expected to have at least 10,000 points by the end. Please see PROJECT on Page 4A

K-9 Samantha, trusted partner and valued member of APD, laid to rest



By KEITH R. CERNY AND PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — Law enforcement officers, both canine and human, from across the San Luis Valley gathered Saturday in a demonstration of honor and the deepest respect as Alamosa

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About 40 law enforcement officers saluted K-9 Samantha's flag-draped body at her passing Saturday at an Alamosa veterinary clinic. An 8-year officer of the Alamosa Police Department, Samantha and her partner, Sgt. Tate Kindschuh solved a number of drug-related and other crimes. She retired in December 2022, but soon came down with an incurable illness.

Photo by Keith R. Cerny

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OBITUARIES

Chris E Glunz

Long-time Monte Vista resident Chris E Glunz passed away peacefully in his home at 83 years old.

He was born at home in Elsie, Neb., on June 20, 1940, to John and Anna (Lovenburg) Glunz.

Chris graduated from Elsie High School in 1958 with a graduating class of nine seniors.

He made his way to Denver, Colo., where he met the mother of his children and they

married in 1960. They had three children, C.E., Gary, and Dawn.

Chris spent much of his time working and loved being an electrician until his retirement.

Chris was very involved with the Monte Vista Elks. He was a Charter member and was

the 3rd Exalted Ruler of the Lodge. He was proud to see

his children and grandchildren become members as well.

Other than the Elks, he enjoyed hunting and being in the mountains.

Chris is survived by son C.E. (Shari) Glunz of Monte Vista; his daughter Dawn Martin of

Alamosa; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren; his brother Jim Glunz of Madrid, Neb.; two

sisters-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his grandparents; his son Gary; his brothers Jack

Glunz and Conrad Glunz; and son-in-law Harold Martin.

A Celebration of Life and Elks Memorial Service will be held on Sept. 2, 2023, at 11 a.m. with lunch to follow at the Monte Vista Elks Lodge, 121 Washington St., Monte



Vista. Everyone is invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, please make any donations to the Monte Vista Elks Lodge #2456.

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

James Barnes

James (Jim) R. Barnes of Monte Vista, Colo., passed away Saturday evening Aug. 26, 2023, with members of his family surrounding him. He was born June 2, 1954, in Kenton, Ohio. He had returned to Kenton to be with his siblings and their families during his illness.

James was born to Charles G. and Elvena (Weaver) Barnes at the Kenton Hospital. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by a longtime companion, Janet Hendrix, she lives in Monte Vista. They were together for the past 15 years.

He is also survived by a daughter Andrea (Kenny) Seaver, of Zanesville and her five children; a brother Jeff (Merleen) Barnes; a sister Jane (Jerry) Temple all of Kenton; nieces and nephews: Dave (Shannon) Barnes, Laura (Brad) Wingfield, Elizabeth (Jason) Howe, Katie (Eric) Latimore all of Kenton and 12 great-nieces and nephews.

James was a graduate of Pratt, Kan., High School and attended Culver Military Academy in his high school years as well. He attended Kansas State University.

He worked for the Pratt Tribune, the St. John News in Kansas and was manager of the Valley Courier in Alamosa, Colo. He switched professions and became a meat cutter with the Kentucky Belle grocery in Creede, Colo., and later at the Rainbow Grocery in South Fork, Colo. He also spent many years involved in SCUBA diving and training other divers. He was a "master" diver.

He was an active outdoorsman,



enjoying fishing and enjoyed playing the lottery. He was an avid Jeeper. According to his companion, "he was a simple good man and a gentle soul to his many animals including his horses. He was always listening to music". He turned a few wrenches in the capacity as a shade tree mechanic.

A memorial service for Jim will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023, at The Price-McElroy Funeral Home in Kenton with the Rev. Randall Forester officiating. Friends and family may visit 1 hour prior to services at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Jim's honor may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be expressed at pricefh.net.

Ellen Rozelle Walker — Rose — Scanlon

Ellen Rozelle Walker — Rose — Scanlon, born May 22, 1921, slipped the mortal coil on Aug. 25 at 10:05 p.m. She enjoyed 102 years of this beautiful thing we humans call life.

Ellen, or as her closest family called her, Edie, passed peacefully as the skies of the San Luis Valley opened up with some much-needed rain. Having been born of tenant farmers, and having survived The Great Depression as a tenant farmer's daughter, she knew the importance of life-giving water — she waited for the rain; she passed peacefully as the sky wept and welcomed her home.

Ellen, the daughter of Tivis Aquilla Walker and his wife Ethelyn May Story greeted this world at high noon, according to her birth certificate, a document that has long since disintegrated, but her desire to write it all down and to never forget where she came from, preserved.

Ellen Rozelle Walker was born in Buffalo, Wilson County, Kan. Her siblings, twins, Almeda May and Tivis Dean, along with Tivis Sr.'s youngest brother, Charley Walker, 12 at the time, whose parents died of the Spanish Flu in 1918, made the long journey from Buffalo, Kan., a place that is barely on the map, to Olathe, Colo., in a model T Ford when she was 13 months old — another fact written down in her own hand because she believed that who we are is where we come from, and that is the most important thing of all.

Over the course of several years Ethelyn and Tivis welcomed the rest of Ellen's family into the world: Lydia Evelyn Walker (Bear), Imogene Ione Walker (Lewis), LaVeta Rose Walker (Moreland), John William Walker, and Betty Jayne Walker (White).

Their life was full of love and joy, but like so many of that era, it was fraught with hardship and sadness. Her brother John died in infancy, and when Ellen was nine years old, her sister Almeda died of scarlet fever. When Ellen was 12, her father died suddenly on Jan. 16, 1933, during the depths of The Great Depression. His total life savings was in his pocket in the form of two silver dollars. Her brother, Tivis Dean, went to work at 13 years old to help support the family, and Ethelyn used the majority of Tivis' \$2,000 Navy life insurance to buy a nice two-story house on 17 acres a mile from Olathe, Colo. Ethelyn leased out about 15 of the acres and the family farmed the rest, raised chickens, picked berries, canned everything they could get their hands on, mended and wore hand-me-down clothes from the church ladies, milked their own cow, and did just about anything else that would make or save a dime. Together the family survived the lean years by supporting and loving one another through thick and thin and by always sticking together.

In her older years, while watching



her great-grandsons, Jackson and Avery, she would recall how hard driving cross country with three children in diapers, without the disposable stuff we have now, and a 12-year-old boy, must have been, and reminisced on how it was a testament to the tenacity of folks "back" then, especially her "mama," Ethelyn. Her roots are what made her the person so many loved and relied on. She will be missed tremendously.

Ellen was always a warrior, and a truly positive force to be reckoned with. She joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in 1943 because she wanted to help — Ellen was the ultimate helper. Ellen made everything and everyone she touched better.

She married her first husband, Jack Harold Rose, on Oct. 9, 1943, when she was 22 years old. Together they *Please see SCANLON on Page 6A*

EARLY DEADLINES

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Frank Rogers

A memorial service for Frank Rogers is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 8, at 11 a.m. at Pioneer United Church, 630 Spruce St., Del Norte, Colo.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

4-H and community shine at Colorado State Fair

By **TONY FRANK AND KATHAY RENNELS**

In biblical times, cities were located far apart without the transportation systems we enjoy today. So, when people gathered for large religious events, there were also frequently large commercial gatherings focused on trading goods. This is where the tradition of community fairs began. Indeed, the Latin root of the word “fair” means “a holiday with feasting.” The first American state fair was held in 1841 in rural upstate New York — a showcase for recipes, agriculture, and the domestic arts. Three decades later, in 1872, the Colorado State Fair began in Pueblo.

We both grew up in small communities where state and county fairs were part of the rhythm of our years. To a kid who got excited when the vet truck rolled onto the farm (or the rendering truck), fairs were 100% pure magic. There was the arrival of the carnival and its set up, where this wonderland of rides and games literally exploded out of the prairie.

There was the load-in of the animals and exhibits — more traffic than most of us ever saw. We got to spend the night on folding cots in the livestock barns

— and generally nothing went wrong. Our parents gave us pocket money — unheard of! And packets of ride tickets. You could buy and consume soda pop — in the morning! As 4-H club members, we’d show livestock, display ribbons, wander the exhibits, climb on the displays of all the newest farm machinery.

There were tractors with cabs! And machines designed only for harvest — “combines,” they were called, and all our dads just stared at them. And all too soon... it was load-out day. And back on the farm the next day, everything seemed so quiet.

Today, many visitors to state and county fairs are not there to exhibit or judge or exchange agricultural practices — they come for the phenomenal entertainment. But even for those growing up in urban and suburban areas, fairs can still have a powerful impact. While people are at county and state fairs, they are exposed — all around them — to evidence that their food wasn’t born pre-packaged onto grocery store shelves.

Maybe they’re there for the great music performances or the rides, but they also stroll past exhibits and demonstrations that remind them, possibly subconsciously, that the BBQ

they’re enjoying was once on the hoof. In an important way, our fairs can, at a minimum, stimulate curiosity that can lead to improvements in agricultural literacy.

And still today, the Colorado State Fair is the ultimate showcase for our 4-H youth — the 110,000 kids from across Colorado who work hard all year long to build their skills in leadership, citizenship, and life by participating in 4-H. 4-H remains the largest youth-development organization in the country, and in Colorado — as in every state — it’s powered by a network of more than 10,000 adult volunteers and almost 100 professionals and staff.

4-H is delivered by Colorado State University Extension — part of our land-grant university commitment to help young people learn by doing hands-on projects in areas including health, science, agriculture and citizenship. We both believe that if you want to feel more optimistic about the future, you should spend time with a 4-H kid. (Doctors should prescribe that.)

The Colorado State Fair gives us all a chance to enjoy that optimistic spirit as part of the great fair tradition — to join with people who are actively involved in raising and growing our food as they

demonstrate the fruit of their labor, to learn what’s new, and to celebrate with others in a tradition dating back millennia. We encourage everyone in Colorado to visit the State Fair, learn more about what our 4-H youth are up to, grab some of your favorite fair food,

and enjoy this once-a-year “holiday with feasting.”

Tony Frank is Chancellor, Colorado State University System and Kathay Rennels is Interim VP for Engagement and Extension, Colorado State University.

Wilderness Tribute

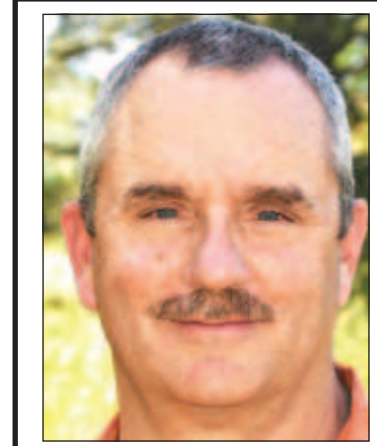
We left the trailhead with fully loaded backpacks for several days of camping in the Wilderness. Just two miles from the trailhead, we crossed the imaginary line into the South San Juan Wilderness Area. Another mile up and that familiar sprinkle that would eventually develop into a full blown, monsoon-driven thunderstorm prompted us to don raingear for both us and our backpacks. The marble-sized hail soon had us hunkering under the trees with the widest canopy we could find. As the ground turned white and lightning blasted around us, we did venture to wonder why these two soaked humans were even in that area under those less-than-friendly conditions. As the rain subsided and we pressed on, the reason became increasingly clear with each step towards our high lake destination — Blue lake.

Four miles into the Wilderness area lies one of the most serene lakes I have ever been to. This was definitely the reason I chose this location for my daughter and I to spend some quality together time. The rest of our trip was wonderful, albeit fairly wet. This was her first backpacking trip into a Wilderness area and she truly loved the experience, especially after the two groups of “others” left that next day and we had the place to ourselves for the following two days.

We’ve all heard and probably used the term “wilderness,” but what does it actually mean? And why did I not capitalize it this last time? Oxford Languages defines it relatively bluntly as “an uncultivated, uninhabited, and inhospitable region.” Meriam Webster more softly states “a tract or region uncultivated and uninhabited by human beings” and “an area essentially undisturbed by human activity together with its naturally developed life community.” Most of us simply say “the middle of nowhere.” But you get the point; wilderness is not the populated areas where things are developed for human use. They are mostly all about nature.

Then there are designated Wilderness Areas. These are the congressionally designated areas of federal lands that are set aside for nature to be natural. The capitalization comes from the reference to an actual named Wilderness Area such as the South San Juan, Sangre De Cristo, Weminuche, and La Garita Wilderness Areas, of which the Rio Grande National Forest has a portion of within its boundaries.

The 1964 Wilderness Act, written by The Wilderness Society’s Executive Director, Howard Zahniser, created the National Wilderness Preservation



Land Water and People
By Gregg Goodland

System, which protects nearly 112 (now 118) million acres of wilderness areas from coast to coast. With the first draft of the bill birthed in 1956, it was designed to protect some of the nation’s last remaining wilderness. After eight years and 66 revisions, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Wilderness Act into law on Sept. 3, 1964. Sadly, Zahniser had passed away only four months earlier.

The foundation of the act is that it is “an area where the earth and community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain.” While we had a great time and truly felt a connection with the amazing landscape, my daughter and I certainly FELT like visitors on that trip. Like we didn’t belong. But yes, we CAN visit areas like this. If for no other reason than to understand the grandeur of our natural world and how we can, and should, treat it with respect.

Since the Act ago was signed nearly 60 years, there have been numerous additions of large tracts of land to the System, including the 1980 act in which the South San Juan Wilderness was designated. For this 59th anniversary of the Wilderness Act on September 3, please join me in a personal reflection on what these true conservation visionaries gifted us. I would hope that these wild lands will remain forever available for all people to view from afar and even visit occasionally, but to leave without impact and allow that land to remain constantly changing, only through natural processes.

Gregg Goodland is the Public Affairs Officer for the Rio Grande National Forest. An avid outdoor enthusiast, he promotes the responsible and safe use of our public lands.

Post-summer doldrums

Anyone that knows anything about Miss Trixie can tell you that she is a whirlwind of activity all year long. I guarantee you, the grass never grows under her feet for very long if she can help it.

And I guess that is only fitting since she drags Ol’ Dutch along as she hitched her wagon to this old mule some ten years ago and if I don’t go along the wagon may stall out if she hits an uphill jaunt. Every summer she promises me that “this year will be different” and “we are going to take time for ourselves this summer” which is not just wishful thinking but just plain old bald-faced lies.

For as soon as we hit the border of Colorado, she has an itinerary lined out that would make a wedding planner’s preparations look like mere scratchings on a Post-it note pad. It’s not that Ol’ Dutch doesn’t enjoy some activities and seeing old friends, but I am more along the lines of waking up, having coffee and seeing what the day brings to me instead of having a minute-by-minute schedule to adhere to every day.

Since we both worked this summer driving the vans for Mountain Man Rafting, time was even shorter as every day we had to haul people up the river to have fun. And Ol’ Dutch kept up his share of the driving, but it was the after-hours activities that about did me in this summer.

For as soon as we hit the door to the camper Miss Trixie would start barking out orders about who, what, when and where we were

next involved with. That is who we are going to see, when we are going (immediately), what we were going to do and where it was going to be located. This all meant that Ol’ Dutch was to get in the shower, grab some semblance of food and get in the Jeep ready to shine at some social event that we just could not miss.

Some of them, like the Silver Threaders Monthly meeting meant at least there would be food as it’s a pot-luck type affair. And even though I can’t hear what is being said, I do get to sit down for a meal at the least.

The same thing with the Monday night bingo at Creede as a late-night hot dog from their concessions is at least offered as some kind of nourishment for supper. But it’s such a rush sometimes that I have to check and make sure I got shorts on over my boxers.

This week has dawned no differently as I was just informed that “someone” needs to take a raft trip up the river this afternoon. I had already told everyone that would listen that I was done with that job as I wanted to focus on elk season which is just around the corner. This week is what is known as the doldrums for Miss Trixie as she cannot imagine letting me do what I wanted to do for the week. Which means that I will have to rush home after the raft trip and repeat the rushed process to get to the free hamburger at the Creede Bingo end of the year party.

Yesterday while we were climbing a mine dump pile looking for rocks and some people came past her, I realized



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

finally that she has a card attached to her forehead that says, “talk to me.” But of late I have begun to feel sorry for the men in those groups as I have realized that she fills in all the ladies about all the activities available in the area throughout the summer. This means that they too will show up dragging Harry or William along and the poor men folk will get no rest until they hurriedly return to wherever they came from at the beginning of the summer season.

So, if you are wanting a nice relaxing vacation in Colorful Colorado, avoid Miss Trixie like the plague. Because she has plans for you yet unknown.

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.troutpublic.com.

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Carina Tracy picking apricots in Antonito.

CSU SLV Extension, Conejos Clean Water promote healthy eating

By DIANE DREKMANN

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

Gurule partnered with Antonette Trujillo, Garden Educator for

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

Several homeowners gave permission to gather their apricots. One homeowner mentioned it was a poor crop this year and shared that

the apricots taste different although grown on the same property.

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

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

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of the year. All arrowhead points are from the Paleo, Archaic, Formative, and post contact time periods.

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

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

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

Hauser explained in his talk that the database will continue to add

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

Hauser stated that he feels the project will leave a legacy for generations to come, without losing control of any of the collections.

The current database collection and full website is available at coalcreekresearch.org. The Hausers have information on other projects that they are working on their website.

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Elderberry said that even though it is a smaller area in Saguache, and they do not get as much participation as they would if the school was bringing them, the number of children is welcomed and appreciated.

Elderberry said that there are usually a consistent five children that show up for the event weekly.

The Baca Grande Library has Story Time on Wednesdays, but it is only through the school year.

"We have lots of school visits to the Baca Grande Library," Elderberry said. "The Crestone Charter School brings over classes to the library for this event. So, at times we will have the whole second and third grade come over or the whole fourth and fifth grade come over, or the whole high school will come over. At the Baca Grande Library it's usually just me reading stories to the kids."

Elderberry said there is no registration required for Story Time in Saguache. Elderberry stated that during the summer in the Saguache Library they give out prizes, sometimes donated by local businesses, to the top readers.

Elderberry said the library welcomes donations for prizes from businesses or anyone else that can donate.

Nearly 5,000 fentanyl pills seized during search of Lariat home by MVPD

CONTRIBUTED

MONTE VISTA — Nearly 5,000 fentanyl pills were seized when the Monte Vista Police Department executed a search warrant at a home in the Lariat area of Monte Vista on Monday, Aug. 28.

On Aug. 28, detectives with the Monte Vista Police Department executed a search warrant for a residence in the 600 block of Morton Street in Monte Vista. They had obtained an arrest warrant for Blas Villa, 39, Monte Vista for second-degree assault and menacing from an incident on July 31, according to MVPD.

During the course of the investigation into the assault, detectives learned that Villa and Aleta Molash, 42, were possibly distributing drugs out of a residence in the Lariat area. Detectives were obtained a search warrant for the aforementioned residence for drugs along with the arrest of Villa.

Upon executing the search warrant, detectives seized fentanyl, methamphetamine, cash and a gun. Villa was arrested on the outstanding assault warrant and booked into the Rio Grande County Jail.



Courtesy photo

Drugs, a gun and cash was found by Monte Vista Police Department detectives during the search of a Lariat area home on Monday, Aug. 28.

Molash was charged with distribution of a controlled substance, special offender because of the quantity of drugs and also booked into the Rio Grande County Jail.

Detectives seized approximately 4,700 pills of fentanyl (1.12 pounds), 9 ounces of methamphetamine, several thousand dollars in cash and a handgun.

The MVPD was assisted by detectives from the Alamosa Police Department and investigators from the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office. No further information will be released as this is an ongoing investigation.

Man's body found Aug. 25 in Del Norte

CONTRIBUTED

DEL NORTE — Foul play is not suspected after a man's body was found in trees on 2nd Street on Friday, the Del Norte Police Department reported.

At approximately 7:55 p.m. on Aug. 25, the Del Norte Police Department, with assistance from the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office, responded to a call made by a person who reported an individual located in the trees within the 500 block of 2nd Street whom they believed to be unresponsive and possibly deceased.

When officers and EMTs arrived

on scene, they found a deceased male. The Rio Grande County Coroner was called a pronounced the male individual deceased.

It's too early in the investigation to determine cause and manner of death. The identity of the deceased will be released later along with the information on the cause of death once it is determined by Rio Grande County Coroner and the El Paso County Medical Examiner's Office.

Foul play is not suspected, and no further information is available due to the ongoing investigation, DNP reported.



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

Scrumpy Moos hosts grand opening

By MARIE MCCOLM

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

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

Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Manager Heather Hillin and board president Linda Burnett were at the ribbon cutting ceremony with Optimystics Citizen's Action Network president Adam Lock. The two groups collaborated on the ceremony.

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

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

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

"I have had tears in my eyes since this morning," Wendy said. "I told my husband, Tim, when we were driving this morning, did you ever think we would get to this point. We had always talked about the pipe dream of opening a restaurant and being in such a great community. Well, here we are living our dream. I can't believe how this community has been just so amazing."

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

"We have been eating in this Valley

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

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

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

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

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



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

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The \$10 goes to help with library costs. Matt Pettigrew of the Saguache Public Library spoke about the Flea Market. "We do this at the end of the month, end of May through September. We show up at 8:30 a.m. to help folks get set up as vendors, but the times are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.," he said. "People can just sell whatever normal stuff they would sell at a garage sale or at a flea market. We just charge \$10 per booth space. We have like a sign-up sheet. Some folks bring their own tables, but we do have tables available. Some people have certain spots that they want. This is our third year here. Sometimes we have good showing, but some days it's slim. Today, it was OK, kind of slim. We don't really make any money but what we make goes back into the library. We enjoy doing this for the

community. It's a fun community event that allows the community to engage and hang out and sell things." Two beekeepers who were at the event as vendors stated that it was a great flea market despite being a little slow due to the weather. The beekeepers spoke about how they harvest their own honey. They also make bread and use the honey in the bread. Erika Davey was at the flea market as a vendor and stated that her grandmother, Gene Davey, used to work at the library and so everything her and her husband were selling for the day would be donated to the library in honor of her grandmother. "It's our first time at the flea market as vendors, we have always attended though," Erika said. "We have had such

a great experience today despite the forecast for the weather. There were at least 150 people when we were busy, but it has been a slower day. We are excited to donate what we make in memory of my Grandmother Gene Davey who used to work here. This is a great event, and we are happy to be here today." Saguache resident Lucky Minter said she always enjoys the flea market. "I come when it's here and it's such a joy to attend," Minter said. "Whether there are a lot of people or just a few, you never know what you might find. One man's junk is another man's treasure. Great event for the community." The Saguache Flea Market takes place from May through September. For more information, contact the Saguache Public Library at 719-655-2551.

REST

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Police Department's K-9 Samantha was laid to rest. More than 40 law enforcement officers and other supporters saluted Samantha's appropriately flag-draped body as she was carried to her handler's vehicle from a local veterinary clinic to be transported for cremation in Monte Vista. A procession of more than 20 law enforcement vehicles accompanied the honored K-9 officer there. Samantha was a trusted partner and beloved friend of Sgt. Tate Kindschuh, as an APD ambassador to local schools and highly valued member of the Alamosa Police Department for eight years. "K-9 Samantha served the community with the Alamosa Police Department and her partner, Sgt. Tate Kindschuh, since 2014," APD Chief Ken Anderson said in a statement. "She served her role in narcotics detection, including numerous operations as well as community and school events, with courage and valor. Due to an unforeseen illness, her retirement was short, but beautiful as

she spent time with her partner and best friend Tate Kindschuh. She will be greatly missed." "There aren't enough good things I can say about the last 8 years I had with Sammy," Sgt. Kindschuh told the Valley Courier. "I remember bringing her home and thinking probably what every K-9 handler thinks. What did I get myself into? She was so high drive and active. But the more time we spent together, the closer we got. "She was so loveable to everyone she encountered. I took her to visit children at schools and she would let the kids pet her and crawl all over her. "She was also an amazing narcotics detection K-9. She made her presence known on her very first day on duty, as she assisted in a narcotics operation

where we recovered a large quantity of heroin. Due to that case, we were able to seize a large quantity of money and a vehicle. "She retired in December of 2022. It breaks my heart that she didn't get to enjoy a long retirement, but she had a very fulfilling life, and she was truly loved by everyone that was in her life." Officers and deputies from APD, Alamosa County Sheriff's Office, Alamosa County EMS, Conejos County Sheriff's Office, Monte Vista Police Department, Center Police Department, Blanca Police Department and others were in attendance as well as K-9 Goose (APD), K-9 Blitz (ACSO) and K-9s Argo and Tequila (CPD) as Samantha was laid to rest on Saturday, Aug. 26.



OBITUARY

SCANLON

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had three children: Jacquie Ellen Rose (Dick Petrino) on July 6, 1944, Gregory Dean Rose on May 9, 1948 (Susan Williams (mother of his children) / Karen Lyons), and Debra Ann Rose (Billy Joe Dilley) on Feb. 1, 1956. Ellen was ever the rebel in more ways than one. In 1962, against the wishes of society, she decided she wanted to have a job. Like other strong women, she strove to break the mold of what women "should" do, so, she went to work at the Federal Center in Denver. She practiced and practiced to pass the typing test and became an entry level typist. Over the years, she moved up the ranks to work in the GSA building at the Federal Center as a contract specialist. When asked about that time and why she did it, she would say, "so I could be independent if the time came that I might find myself alone." Come it did. Just like her own father, Tivis, her first husband, Jack Rose, passed unexpectedly on Dec. 23, 1975; they were married 32 years. Ellen continued working at the Federal Center, which is where she met her second husband Robert Scanlon. They were married in Las Vegas and spent their retirement years traveling the United States and the world. He passed in February of 2005, which is when Ellen left the big city of Denver to live in Monte Vista, Colo. Ellen was the strongest of women. She loved hiking, gardening, and all the shades of pink. She loved sunshine, mountains, roses, and the sound of rain falling on a tin roof. She was a fierce advocate of animals, especially cats. Partly out of necessity and partly out of

joy, Ellen was a remarkable seamstress and quilter. She sewed everything from elaborate Halloween costumes to Christmas dresses, doll clothes, bandana shirts, and prom dresses complete with 20 yards of pink chiffon. Her quilts were one of a kind and won many awards. She was a member of too many clubs to list and was forever the social butterfly. She never had a bad word to say about anyone, and her perspective was always welcome and spot on. She believed her health was her wealth and continued to walk long after the best of us would have given up due the pain of arthritis. She simply refused to go to chair. In fact, at the age of 78 she walked over 10 miles into the Weminuche Wilderness above Creede, Colo., a trip she reminisced about often. Over the years, Ellen welcomed many grandchildren into her arms: Travis Anthony Petrino (Oneida Vaca) and Prentice Rose Petrino, Abigail Ellen Rose and Jason Dean Rose (Emily Hall), Ashley Rose Dilley (Jarrod Dalton) and Chelsea Rose Dilley (Jason Lindsay). As time went on, she welcomed numerous great-grandchildren into her loving embrace and surrounded them with her special kind of wisdom: Isabella Rose Petrino, Jackson Daniel Dalton, Zoe Alice Rose, Luca Simon Petrino, and Avery Jay Lindsay. In addition to her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her nieces and nephews would visit as often as they could and always stayed in touch with cards, flowers, and phone calls. She was incredibly proud of her family and

their accomplishments. At the age of 97, she begrudgingly moved into The Legacy Assisted Living Center. Her daughter-in-law, Susan Williams, graciously became the guardian of her two beloved cats, Arlo and Kit, for which she was forever grateful. She laughed and called herself and everyone in there "the inmates." But, just like she always did, she made the best of the situation and bloomed where she was planted. She brightened The Legacy with her can-do attitude and positivity. She made numerous friends, enjoyed bingo, and especially loved her nurses. She always wanted to be remembered for her timeless grace and would remind her family often that if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all. She impressed upon all of us that life is a gift and to put your best foot forward always. Ellen was the best of us, and she will be missed, but her memory and her life lessons will never be forgotten. She used to say, "Love will keep you alive, even when you're gone," and if that is true, Gram will certainly live forever. Services will be held at The Legacy, 100 Chico Camino Dr., in Monte Vista, Colo., at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 1. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to Conour Animal Shelter, 2825 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144. The following weekend, on Sept. 9, the family will gather graveside in the evening to lay Ellen to rest in Olathe, Colo., alongside Mama, Tivis Sr., Almeda, Imogene, LeVeta, Eveyln, John William, and her first husband, Jack Rose.

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DNFD completes training at Kent Rominger Airport

By LYNDIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE — The Del Norte Fire Department, in partnership with the Kent Rominger Airport Supervisory Board and Airport Manager Brian Burrell, began a series of training last week that will familiarize the department with the airport in case of an emergency.

“We had some really great participation during Sunday’s training exercise, and we are looking forward to having the Del Norte fire Department back out for more emergency training in the near future,” said Burrell.

The idea to begin training started with the Del Norte Fire Department reaching out and requesting a tour of the airport from the advisory board. Once Burrell was notified of the interest, he and Assistant Manager Dillion Palmgren created a PowerPoint training to introduce the fire department volunteers to the airport and all the equipment, buildings and hazards housed on the airport’s site.

“The Del Norte Fire Department wanted to familiarize themselves with the changes that are occurring at the airport. We have new buildings, new fuel tanks, electrical systems and more that they need to know about in case of

an emergency. We have been working to create an airport emergency plan for the past few months and this was a great opportunity to not only add to that plan but to partner with our first responders in preparation of an emergency,” explained Burrell.

Over the last several years, the Del Norte community has changed exponentially and with that comes the need to strengthen partnerships and have cooperation with other agencies to best serve the communities within the district as well as the region and surrounding areas.

“The more our first responders know the better prepared we all are in the event of an emergency,” said Burrell.

Part of the training included making the attending fire department volunteers aware of potential hazards, hanger addresses, runway layouts, potential risks, electrical and weather operating systems as well as where the safety areas were around certain aircrafts should the department need to respond to an incident.

“This is something we want to grow upon. This was the initial training and next we will go into more depth. For the last several months I have been working with Rio Grande Hospital, the Rio Grande County Sheriff’s Office,

ambulance service and EMTs and now the Del Norte Fire Department. If we were to have, say a mass casualty event, we need all of these key people ready to respond. The airport is a great location to exercise this training as it is more likely the location of such an event is it were to occur,” stated Burrell.

Over the course of the summer, it became clear to Burrell and his Assistant Palmgren that the airport business has been increasing month to month and having an emergency plan in place was more important now than ever. The two agencies will continue training and working on the emergency plan in the months and years to come, creating a living document that can be added to or changed as needed.



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The Del Norte Fire Department participated in a training in partnership with Kent Rominger Airport Director Brian Burrell and Assistant Manager Dillion Palmgren. Volunteers with the fire department learned the layout of the airport, learned about hazard areas and how to respond to events in case of an emergency on Sunday, Aug. 27.



Grazing Monitoring and Weed Control Workshop is set for Sept. 7

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

Roy Roath, professor emeritus, CSU

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

monitoring principles and techniques.

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

Leave Your Worries Behind

In today’s society, worry is truly an epidemic. Maybe even worse is that many people don’t really see it as a problem. It’s become normal for us to worry about the future, our children, our jobs, or even world events—it’s kind of a sign that we care. But what so many people don’t know about worry is that it’s a form of fear.

Regardless of the situation—whether it’s something we view as “big” or “small”—God doesn’t want us to worry. He wants us to place our trust in Him.

In fact, not trusting God to take care of the various situations in our lives is the cause of worry. Faith and trust are the exact opposite of worry and fear. Too often we trust our own abilities, believing that we can figure out how to take care of our own problems. However, we eventually learn one way or another that trying to take care of everything ourselves is too big of a task!

I want to share a scripture that has been life-changing for me. Look at Proverbs 3:5-6 (AMP):

“Trust in and rely confidently on the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know and acknowledge and recognize Him, and He will make your paths straight and smooth [removing obstacles that block your way].”

I used to really be a “thinker.” If there was a problem to be solved, I could think about it over and over and try to find a solution until I had myself worried, confused, and worn-out. I was leaning on my “own insight and understanding”—I was worrying about my problems instead of trusting God to take care of them.

I can tell you from experience that we won’t have all of the answers to life’s problems. Truthfully, God never meant for us to carry the burden!

So, what do we do when we’re worried, frustrated, stressed-out, and don’t know what to do? God’s Word tells us:

“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God [set aside self-righteous pride], so that He may exalt you [to a place of honor in His service] at the appropriate time, casting all your cares [all your anxieties, all your worries,

and all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares about you [with deepest affection, and watches over you very carefully]” (1 Peter 5:6-7 AMP).

We should “cast our cares” on Him...because He cares for us! In the dictionary, the word cast means “to pitch or to throw.” God wants us to pitch or throw our cares and worries onto Him and allow Him to carry the weight of them.

You should have seen me in the early years of my marriage to Dave. I not only worried a lot, but I was good at it. I wasn’t used to living in God’s peace like I do now. For me, “normal” was always being upset or worried. If there wasn’t a problem, I could find a problem.

I can vividly picture myself sitting at my kitchen table, pouring over our bills again and again. Meanwhile, Dave was on the living room floor, playing with the kids and allowing them to put curlers in his hair.

Id yell, “Dave, how can you be goofing around at a time like this? Why don’t you come and help me with these bills?”

Dave would respond, “Joyce, we’ve been over those bills a thousand times. We’re doing our part—we’re being responsible, we’ve prayed, and we’re being a blessing by giving to others. Now we just need to cast our care and trust God. I refuse to sit there and worry with you.”

Well, I didn’t like that at all—I wanted Dave to worry and agonize with me! However, Dave was doing what the Bible tells us to do. He was casting his care on the Lord and releasing the weight of the burden onto Him.

You see, I always wanted to “know.” If I didn’t, I felt unsettled and upset. However, we don’t always have to know what God is going to do or when He’s going to do it. All we really need to know is that God has a plan and He is in control. We can rest in the truth that at the right time, God will execute His plan.

Now, this doesn’t mean we don’t take care of our responsibility and do what we can. My husband often says, “Cast your care but not your responsibility.” We each have a part: Our part is to do our best—to do everything we can do.



But then God’s part is to make up the difference and do what we can’t do. God can’t do our part, and we can’t do His part!

As long as we try to do everything ourselves, God will let us. He won’t take care of our problems and worries until we choose to give them to Him. Either we’re going to do it or God’s going to do it—but both of us aren’t going to do it!

I want you to take a moment and think. Is there a situation you are “working on” right now? Is there a person you’re trying to change? Are you anxious about the unknowns of next week or next year? Are you upset and worried about things you can’t do anything about?

If so, remember that instead of making yourself miserable trying to figure everything out on your own, God wants you to place your trust in Him and enter into His rest, totally abandoning yourself to His care.

After all, He knew about your problems before they ever existed, and He already has a plan to help you as you place your trust in Him.

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

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Advancements in livestock technology

Consumer demand drives changes in industry, and the agricultural sector is no exception. Consumer demands for improved animal welfare have led to changes in the livestock sector, and various technologies have been developed and are in development to help this particular segment of the agricultural industry thrive.

According to the Animal AgTech Innovation Summit, various startups have developed technologies that can make the livestock industry more sustainable and efficient.

Treatment

The Israeli firm Armenta has developed a non-antibiotic treatment for bovine mastitis that utilizes acoustic pulse technology. The treatment has a 70 percent cure rate.

Another firm working to treat livestock is the United States-based General Probiotics. Animal AgTech reports that General Probiotics

develops cellbots and antimicrobial probiotics that eliminate harmful pathogens in livestock. That can reduce dependency on antibiotics and make food production safer.

Welfare

Faromatics, a firm based in Spain, has combined robotics, artificial intelligence and big data to improve animal welfare and farm productivity. One Faromatics product utilizes a robot suspended from a ceiling to monitor certain variables, including equipment function and health and welfare, that affect broiler chickens.

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Operations

Based in Uganda, Jaguza Tech has developed a livestock management system that utilizes sensors, data science and machine learning to improve the efficiency, productivity and sustainability of modern farm operations. Farmers can utilize Jaguza to perform a host of functions, including monitoring their animals' health and identifying their livestock.

The Netherlands-based H2Oalert is a water control management system that checks the quality and quantity of cattle drinking water in real time. The management system also checks for pollution and malfunctions in the water supply.

Livestock technology continues to advance, and firms across the globe are developing new products and platforms to help livestock farmers make their operations more efficient, sustainable and productive.



Dig into tasty, nutritious potatoes

Potatoes are a staple of many people's diets. Versatile, affordable and tasty, potatoes are, not surprisingly, included in myriad recipes.

Potatoes are underground tubers that grow on the roots of the potato plant. Potatoes are from the nightshade family, which means they're related to tobacco and tomatoes. Potatoes are native to South America, and were likely brought to Europe, and later North America, by immigrants and tradespeople.

In addition to their versatility and flavor, potatoes happen to be nutritional powerhouses. Potatoes are one of the "good" carbohydrates because they are whole and complex. Whole carbs like potatoes are minimally processed and contain fiber found naturally, according to the health and wellness site Healthline. Carbohydrates are important for mental and physical performance because they provide the body with energy.

Here's a deep look at what a serving of one potato provides in terms of nutritional benefits, courtesy of Potatoes USA.

- Moderate caloric content: The average potato contains just 110 calories. That makes potatoes part of a healthy, low-calorie eating plan.
- Vitamin C: Potatoes are very good sources of vitamin C, although people might not think of potatoes as a major source of this essential nutrient. One potato provides around 30 percent of the recommended daily value of vitamin C.
- Potassium: Each potato contains about 620 mg of potassium, which is more of this valuable nutrient than one gets from a banana.



- No cholesterol: Potatoes are cholesterol- and fat-free when boiled or baked. There are many ways to prepare and serve potatoes so they remain low in fat and cholesterol-free.
- Vitamin B and Iron: One potato provides 10 percent DV of vitamin B and 6 percent DV of iron.
- Fiber: The highest level of fiber in potatoes is found in the skin. Dried skins are about 52 percent fiber. If you don't eat the skin, one potato will offer around 7 percent DV of fiber.
- Sodium-free: Potatoes are a smart choice for those watching

- their sodium intake.
 - Gluten-free: People with Celiac disease or those who have gluten intolerances can turn to potatoes to include starchy carbohydrates in their diets. They're perfect as side dishes or dressed up with other ingredients to make a main course.
- Potatoes come in many different forms and sizes, so they can be integrated into any meal. Because they can be cooked in various ways, potatoes also can be matched to particular diets and eating plans. Potatoes are a delicious, versatile and healthy option any time of the day.

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Labor Day weekend in Creede will spice up the end of summer

By LYNDSIE FERRELL

CREEDE — Beginning with the Creede Farmer's Market on Friday, Sept. 1, Labor Day weekend kicks off with tons of fun for the entire family.

Several vendors gather near Basham Park on Main Street to offer their fresh fruits, vegetables, and homemade wares to wandering guests coming to help celebrate summer in the San Juan Mountains. The market runs from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 2, kicks off with the annual Mountain Run. The Mountain Run features a 50k, 22-mile, 12-mile and 2-mile race to the finish line that starts at 7:30 a.m. on Loma Street. Some runners spend the entire year preparing for the annual event and it brings participants from all over the U.S. This race tests the endurance of seasoned runners and offers a chance for participants of all ages to enjoy the beautiful backdrop of the historical

Creede Mining District.

Racers follow Willow Creek as it weaves through old mining towns and through Creede's unique history. Open registration is Saturday, Sept. 4, and is open to all ages and abilities.

As the town wakes up Saturday morning and the Mountain Run participants hit the road running, people are encouraged to wander the many shops and restaurants along Main Street. While they are there, they can participate in the annual Salsa Fiesta and taste homemade salsa created by local chefs and business owners.

In previous years, there have been upward of 15 participating salsas that range from spicy fruit medleys to green salsa that can knock the socks off any spicy food fanatic to red salsa that awakens the senses with its fresh ingredients. Contest participants in the freestyle category

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File photos Labor Day weekend and the annual Salsa Fiesta

in Creede is set for the first weekend in September. Come and bid goodbye to summer with what is expected to be a spicy good time. The annual Mountain Run kicks off Saturday morning, Sept. 2, on Loma Street in Creede and the Salsa Fiesta starts shortly after. Salsa Fiesta tickets can sell out quickly.

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.



Polis, CPW Outdoor Equity Grant Program will distribute \$2M for youth outdoor programs this fall

CONTRIBUTED

DENVER — From Aug. 21 to Sept. 29, organizations helping instill a sense of wonder, excitement, and responsibility for the environment in Colorado youth can apply for financial support from the Colorado Outdoor Equity Grant Program (OEGP), which will award \$2 million in Outdoor Equity Grants this December.

"Colorado is home to world-class outdoors areas, and we are making outdoor experiences more accessible for every Coloradan," said Governor Polis. "By helping more Coloradans spend healthy time outside, explore new interests, and learn about the outdoors, more children will thrive and access the fun and bright future they deserve."

The OEGP was created through HB21-1318 sponsored by Representatives Leslie Herod and David Ortiz and Senators Leroy Garcia and Sonya Jaquez Lewis, and works to increase access to outdoor opportunities for all Coloradans. Through funding from the Colorado Lottery, the OEGP has invested over \$3.1 million in grants supporting environmental learning opportunities, outdoor education, exposure to career pathways, public health, and outdoor fun for underserved youth and families.

"Colorado Parks and Wildlife is enthusiastic about supporting organizations across the state who are inspiring the next generation

of outdoor stewards," said CPW Director Jeff Davis. "We've received a tremendous response to this program since it began, and are excited to continue to invest in youth education and outdoor experiences through Outdoor Equity Grants."

Nonprofits, government entities, school districts, for-profits, and federally recognized tribes that wish to increase outdoor access for traditionally excluded youth (including youth from low-income and communities of color, LGBTQ+ youth, youth who are members of Tribal Nations with historical ties to Colorado, and youth with disabilities) can apply for grants up to \$100,000.

In order to continue to support quality outdoor experiences for youth, organizations who have previously received Outdoor Equity Grant funding may reapply this year. Organizations who have spent more than half of their previously-awarded funds, or who plan to do so by Sept. 29, are eligible to apply.

"Though Colorado is known as a hub for outdoor experiences, our recreation and conservation spaces do not yet reflect our

state's population," said Benilda Samuels, Outdoor Equity Grant Board member. "Positive experiences in the outdoors are paramount to building a sense of belonging and responsibility for the environment in youth who have never been introduced to these opportunities.

Outdoor Equity Grants support healing, health, and learning in the outdoors for a diverse group of tomorrow's conservation leaders, so that they can fully engage in the stewardship of our state's lands, waters, and wildlife."

"We encourage all organizations whose mission includes increasing access to the outdoors for youth to apply and help Colorado continue to build a welcoming, inclusive, and accessible outdoors for all," said Colorado Department of Natural Resources Executive Director Dan Gibbs.

OEGP Board members, who were appointed for their experience with outdoor recreation, equity, and engaging the communities served with grant funds, will accept and review grant proposals from organizations that support outdoor activities and learning for Colorado

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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 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



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.

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 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 50's 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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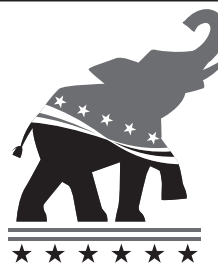
have, in the past, produced some unique concoctions that have pleased the crowds.

Tickets for the Salsa Fiesta are limited and must be purchased at the Creede and Mineral County Chamber of Commerce before the event.

In addition to the Mountain Run and Salsa Fiesta, people coming to Creede can also take in a play at the Creede Repertory Theatre, enjoy fun activities at Basham Park which will include a bounce house for children. The shops and restaurants are

expected to roll out the red carpet on both Saturday and Sunday for people and music will be played throughout the day.

For more information on Labor Day weekend in Creede, visit www.creede.com.



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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 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



Photo by Brian Williams

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.

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youth; show cultural competence in working with a target population of the OEGP; demonstrate a commitment to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion; and propose to increase the capacity of the communities they serve in the outdoors and conservation. Organizations who show a deep commitment to and understanding of the youth they serve and who will help cultivate in youth a responsibility for the outdoors will be awarded grants on a competitive basis.

The OEGP Board is committed to providing funding to organizations that have traditionally been unable to apply for grant programs due to organizational barriers, and encourages organizations of all sizes and with diverse missions to apply. The board will provide applicant guidance through a virtual Q&A session for applicants on Thursday, Aug. 31 at 10 a.m. The link to register for the Q&A session can be found on the OEGP website.

The Outdoor Equity Grant Program accepts applications for grants each fall. Last year, it distributed \$3.1 million in funding to 69 organizations across the state. This year, the program will award approximately \$2 million in grants. Beginning in 2024, the program will distribute approximately \$2.75 million annually in Outdoor Equity Grants.

Groups can apply from Aug. 21-Sept. 29. Find out more on the Outdoor Equity Grant Program website <https://cpw.info/outdoorequitygrant>.

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		8/17	8/16	8/15	8/14	From 8/17 (inches)				
						2day	3day	4day	5day	7day
Moravian 69	04/05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Moravian 69	05/05	0.15	0.13	0.13	0.10	0.27	0.41	0.50	0.62	0.88
Early Wheat	04/05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Early Wheat	05/05	0.18	0.16	0.16	0.12	0.34	0.50	0.61	0.76	1.07
White Wheat	04/05	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.17	0.25	0.32	0.39	0.56
White Wheat	05/05	0.23	0.20	0.20	0.14	0.43	0.63	0.77	0.94	1.31
WinterWheat	10/01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Potatoes										
Norkotah	05/05	0.19	0.17	0.17	0.12	0.36	0.53	0.66	0.81	1.14
Centennial	05/05	0.29	0.24	0.24	0.17	0.53	0.77	0.93	1.13	1.53
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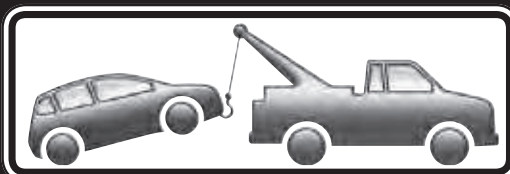


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SFFF continues work on basketball court and ice-skating rink

By LYNDISIE FERRELL
SOUTH FORK — For the past year, South Fork Friends Foundation (SFFF) has been working to raise funding to install a 108-foot-by-115-foot poured concrete-rebar pad that will be a multi-functional platform for a basketball court and skateboarding pad in the summer and an ice rink in the winter.

The foundation has had a successful year and announced earlier this spring that they had been awarded two grants to help pay for the project in Rickel Park. The ice-skating rink is one of the main attractions in South

Fork during the winter months and though it has been available for public use for several years, having it placed on a permanent foundation when it is set up will help with the quality of the ice.

According to the foundation, other uses can be pickleball, roller blading, roller skating, ice hockey, bicycling, for example. The foundation has been working with the Town of South Fork and True Grit Excavation to get this project started and expect it to be done mid-to-late fall of 2023. One grant for \$20,000 is from the Robert Hoag

Rawlings Foundation in Pueblo and the other is for \$30,000 from Rio Grande County. The cost of the project is \$98,560 for phase one.

Three years ago, a new shed was built near the rink and thanks to the many generous donations from local businesses like 8200 Sports and others, the warming hut was filled with ice skates that can be accessed by the public for free. SFFF is accepting donations which help fund the project as it moves forward.

With fall on the horizon and the project well on its way to being finished for the coming winter

season, the foundation will focus their sights on the Alder Ass Race which expects more than 50 contestants to test their abilities in pack burro racing along Alder Creek near South Fork.

The Second Annual South Fork Alder Ass Race will be at Browns Park at 86 County Route 15 in South Fork on Saturday, Sept. 2.

“For 2023, we will have more racers, spectators, volunteers, and vendors. There is a pre-race party the night before (Friday, Sept. 1) at the new Wolf Creek LOGE for racers, volunteers, sponsors, and it

is open to the public. There will be several famous burros present for petting, photo opportunities, and autographs,” said SFFF officials. The pre-race party begins at 5:30 p.m.

Last year’s race was a success with just shy of 60 competitors.

Between burro races, arts and craft fairs and helping provide for the community of South Fork, the SFFF is also working to bring an even bigger and brighter Yuletide Celebration to the town this winter. For more information, visit the South Fork Friends Foundation on Facebook.


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Rio Grande County BOCC hears presentation on Heart of the Valley Trail Project

BY LYNDIE FERRELL

RIO GRANDE COUNTY — SLV GO! Heart of the Valley Trail Project Manager Annie Altwarg met with Rio Grande County Commissioners during their meeting on Aug. 16 to introduce the board to the project itself and seek support for it as the organization moves it forward. “I represent the Heart of the Valley Trail, which is really just a vision of a multi-mobile network. Originally when it was mapped out, we had it connecting five of the six counties of the San Luis Valley and we are still holding on to that vision but we’re really just understanding where our corridors and route are and how we can connect destinations to homes,” stated Altwarg.

The plan consists of trail systems that would connect communities, homes to stores, homes to other trail systems or access to wildlife refuges. San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!) was awarded funding from a Colorado State Outdoor Recreation grant in the amount of \$100,000 to help with costs associated with creating a trail project master plan. In addition to the grant from the state, the National Park Service-Rivers, Trails, Conservation Assistance Program also awarded aid with technical assistance.

The benefits of having this trail system throughout the Valley reach much farther than just having access to outdoor recreation. The master plan has health and wellness as the focus and includes safer infrastructure for all road users. Outdoor recreationalists could access trails that bring them to their destinations without using main thoroughfares.

Altwarg explained that at this point, the organization is applying for any type of grant funding that would help them with their project with an end goal in mind to connect as much of the San Luis Valley as possible. Altwarg said that they are seeking funding from organizations like Colorado Department of Transportation, Rails to Trails Conservancy and more.

“Right now, we are still in the planning process and receiving funds for concept planning, working with landscape architects to plan out ability studies and working with facility owners on where we can put trails,” said Altwarg. “We have had initial

conversations with the railroad, Xcel Energy, the City of Monte Vista, as well as Alamosa County.”

Altwarg said that as a non-profit they are running into issues being approved for federal funding.

“The grant I am working on right now is called Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods. This one is actually unique because we are eligible for federal funding, however, it is strongly encouraged that we work with our local governments,” she said.

Altwarg told commissioners that soon the group will be seeking funding to help with a feasibility study and may return with a partnership agreement for the county to consider.

“We really just wanted to engage you in this process and get your initial feedback,” she said.

Commissioner Gene Glover asked if the trail system would be located in railroad, utility and CDOT rights-of-way and Altwarg said that it would be a combination of all of the above and that SLV GO! is having conversations with all the entities involved to work out details and alleviate any concerns.

Altwarg concluded by asking commissioners to consider nominating the Heart of the Valley Trail Project as the 2025 TPR Plan and to continue to engage as the project process moves forward.



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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 and 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



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.



Left: 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. Right: 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 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. 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.

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.

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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.



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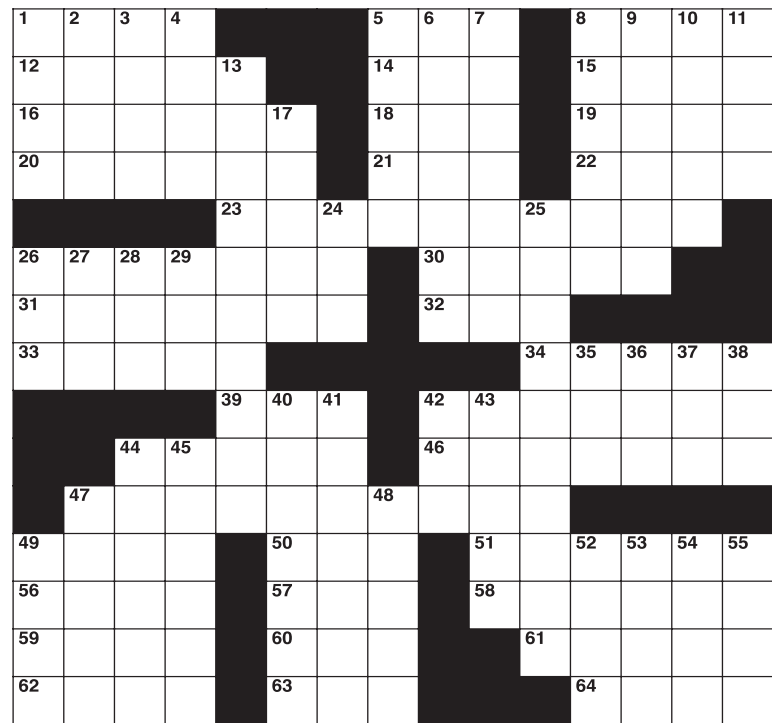
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12. African antelope
14. Indigenous Thai person
15. Monetary unit of Angola
16. Becomes less intense
18. Insurance mascot
19. Tech hub ___ Alto
20. Actress Tomei
21. Airborne (abbr.)
22. Type of smart watch
23. Natives
26. Incompetent person
30. Rare Hawaiian geese
31. Unspoken relationships
32. Passports and licenses are two
33. Claw
34. Status quo
39. Mimic
42. Fur-lined cloak
44. Ancient foreigner
46. In an angry way
47. Ill-intentioned
49. Monetary unit of Serbia
50. S. American plant
51. One or the other
56. An alias for Thor
57. Gratuity
58. In a painful way
59. French commune
60. Promotional materials

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61. Greek city
62. Assistant
63. Confederate general
64. Former NJ governor
27. Southwestern Russian city
28. Pro sports league
29. Congress investigative body (abbr.)
35. Stop standing
36. Utilize
37. Sign language
38. Famed ESPN broadcaster Bob
40. Being of central importance
41. Ruin environment
42. Dessert dish
43. Sea eagles
44. Fertilized
45. Jerry's friend Benes
47. Indian river
48. Pass into a specified state or condition
49. Nocturnal rodent
52. A way to travel
53. Iron-containing compound
54. Ancient Greek City
55. NFL signal caller Matt

CLUES DOWN

1. Used by gymnasts
2. "Luther" actor Idris
3. Broad volcanic crater
4. Not for
5. Blur
6. Tots
7. Acted leisurely
8. About the Alps
9. Gets out of bed
10. Town in "The Iliad"
11. Welsh given name
13. Remove salt
17. Calvary sword
24. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
25. Keeps a house cozy
26. Ballplayer's accessory



Photo by Priscilla Waggoner

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

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, 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."

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Musicians performing at Michael Hearne's Big Barn Dance Festival.

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Michael Hearne's Big Barn Dance Festival is Sept. 7-9

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — To music lovers in Alamosa, throughout northern New Mexico, deep into the heart of Texas and beyond, Michael Hearne is a well-known and much-loved name.

In the course of his career so far, the award-winning singer, songwriter, and highly-gifted “picker” has amassed a stunning collection of recordings — both with his band South X Southwest and as a solo artist. He has toured with Michael Martin Murphy as his lead guitarist, written songs for Jerry Jeff Walker, Gary P. Nunn, and moved countless listeners with his heartfelt homage to the landscape he loves with the song, “New Mexico Rain.”

Despite such widespread success, Hearne still makes a point of returning to those places and people he loves, most notably Alamosa's Society Hall where, for coming up on 10 years, he's continued to forge a strong bond with a growing base of loyal followers who just can't get enough of his distinctive lived-in, velvety voice and “danceable” music that inspires even the most reluctant two-stepper. The announcements of his upcoming performances in Alamosa are even punctuated with an exclamation point, as if to say, “Our good friend is coming back!”

What many may not know is that Hearne is also the founder of an annual music festival unlike any other and held in his chosen hometown of Taos, N.M. Going into its 21st year, the Big Barn Dance Festival, held Sept. 7-9, is going to be a real beauty.

The history of the festival is as organic as it gets.

It started out as a once-a-month informal Saturday night dance held in a beautiful old barn outside of Taos where \$5 at the door got a person inside where they could dance to Hearne and his band and maybe stop for a few minutes for a beer drawn from one of the two kegs the band had bought.

As good usually begets better,

the crowd quickly grew from 50 to 100 to 300 people. Then, as he describes it to the Valley Courier, in September of 2002, the genesis of the Big Barn Dance was born with a lineup of performers “at the Old Blinking Light Restaurant, mile marker one, on the Ski Valley Road” outside of Taos.

“I wanted to bring some good music to Taos, so I invited some of my singer-songwriter friends I've known over the years,” he says. “I wanted to introduce them to northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado. They all came and they played danceable music — just real good music that people could dance to.”

The event was a hit, and, while still staying true to its roots, has only grown better and deeper and richer with time, garnering numerous local awards as well, including, in February of this year, the prestigious Ameripolitan national award for Best Festival. Over those years, the Big Barn Dance has become a labor of love that Hearne and his daughter, Sarah Hearne Naftis, produce together.

The 3-day Big Barn Dance is now held in Kit Carson Park in downtown Taos. Beneath the canopy of a big tent over a space large enough to hold 1,200 people, some of the most talented singer-songwriter musicians will be performing the best of Americana, country, folk, and bluegrass music heard today.

But those three days are actually the culmination of nine days of music.

On Sept. 1 and 2, Hearne's event will be the site of the first-ever She Rises Festival that will feature a lineup of powerful women performers, including phenomenal musicians such as Grammy-award-winning Shawn Colvin, KT Tunstall, Andrea MaGee and others.

On Labor Day, Sept. 3, there will be a “free concert for the world” featuring The Manzanares, Felix y Los Gatos, Mezcal, and Hearne with Jimmy Stadler.

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, Hearne organized the Art Stroll. Five different art galleries, each equipped with its own PA system and some of Hearne's favorite singer-songwriters playing in each place. Mike McClure, Pat Byrne, Rebecca Folsom, Freebo and Alice Howe — who played on Bonnie Raitt's first 10 albums — and Chris Arellano. Free of charge, the Art

Stroll is “a gift to the people of Taos and the people who have come to the festival early.” It's a marriage Hearne has always celebrated — the union of art and music.

The next day, Wednesday, Sept. 7, the Big Barn Dance begins.

“We're going to have about 30 acts. I've always wanted to get the songwriters that wrote the hit songs, and we've got a bunch of those this year. People will hear music they never would have heard otherwise,” Hearne said.

The audience is one aspect of the Big Barn Dance that Hearne believes makes it special.

“The Barn Dance draws people from Texas, Colorado, New Mexico and, really, all over,” Hearne said. “It's just spread by word of mouth, and it's all just about the music, the people who love good music, and the friends people have made.”

“I mean, I have people who started doing house concerts because [they] wanted some of the acts they've heard at the Barn Dance to come play at their house. They want to introduce their friends to those people. It's turned into this big kind of circle of things. The same thing happens at Society Hall. A lot of people who have played at the Barn Dance play at Society Hall,” Hearne said.

Although there will be a “satellite” dance floor set up to the side, Thursday, Sept. 7, will be an all-day listening event as will Friday and Saturday during the day. But Friday and Saturday night, the chairs will be moved to the side and the floor will be opened for dancing, just as the Big Barn Dance has always been.

And the list of performers is beyond impressive, including Asleep at the Wheel, Balsam Range, Beat Root Festival, Bill Hearne, Michael Martin Murphy, Rick Trevino, Rosie Flores, Shake Russell, The Riffers (of course), and many others.

At its heart, the Big Barn Dance is what Hearne has envisioned it to be.

“It's folky and it can be country and it's lively and it's danceable,” he said.

Perhaps, most of all, it's deeply heartfelt and original and born of the heart of the musician who made it all happen.

For more information, including ticket prices and a more detailed schedule of events, go to bigbardance.com. For similar information on the She Rises Festival, sherisesfest.com.

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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 active 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 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



Courtesy photo

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

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 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 a 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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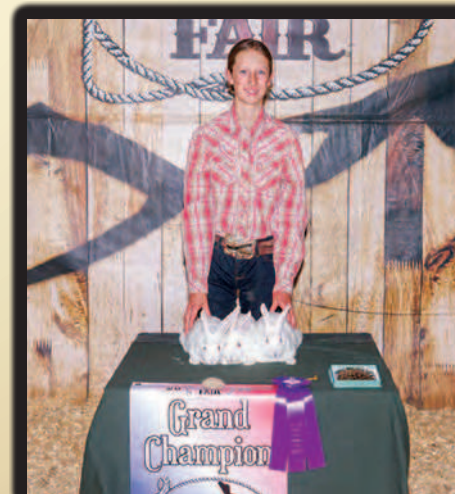
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	Market Goats			
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Reese Anderson	Showmanship		Grand Champion Senior Showman	
	Breeding Meat Goat			
	Market Goats		Reserve Champion Market Goat	
	Market Goats			
Ryker Anderson	Showmanship		Reserve Champion Senior Showman	
	Market Goats		Herdsman	
Lazarus Archuleta	Market Goats			
	Cake Decorating		Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Showmanship			
Paradise Archuleta	Cake Decorating		Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Market Goats			
	Market Goats			
	Showmanship		Grand Champion Showman	
	Breeding Rabbit			
Axel Averette	Electricity			
	Shooting Sports			
Maddie Averette	Shooting Sports			
	Cake Decorating Contest			
Celia Baldwin	Cake Decorating			
James Baldwin	Robotics and Engineering	Division Reserve Champion	Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Woodworking		Unit Reserve Champion	
Ely Ballard	Market Goats			
	Market Goats			
Aspen Barela	Market Sheep			
Braydyn Barela	Market Sheep			
Brigston Barr	Market Sheep			
Kolby Bartee	Model Rocketry	Division Grand Champion	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
Tyler Bartee	Ag Production			
Avery Beckner	Written Test			
	Western Events			
	Western Events			
	Showmanship			
Hailey Black	Breeding Rabbit		Best of Opposite	
	Showmanship			
	Breeding Rabbit	Best of Show	Best of Breed	
Emma Booth	Western Events			
	Showmanship		Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship	
	Showmanship			
	Market Beef			
	Food Preservation	Division Grand Champion	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Food Preservation		Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Market Goats			
	Market Goats			
	Market Goats			
	Market Beef			
	Western Events			
	Written Test			
Ryan Booth	Market Beef			
	Market Beef			
	Market Goats			
	Gymkhana			
	Western Events			
	Western Events			
	Market Goats			
	Western Events			
	Working Ranch Horse			
	Market Beef			
	Showmanship			
	Working Ranch Horse			
	Working Ranch Horse			
	Written Test			
	Metalworking		Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Gymkhana			
	Western Events			

Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
Lucy Brittain	Western Events			
	Showmanship			
	Working Ranch Horse			
	Gymkhana			
	English Events			
	Western Events			
	Western Events			
	Gymkhana			
	English Events			
	Working Ranch Horse			
	English Events			
	Western Events	Western Intermediate Grand Champion		
	Gymkhana			
	English Events			
	English Events	English Intermediate Reserve Champion		
	Gymkhana			
	Written Test			
Elijah Brown	Robotics and Engineering			
	Model Rocketry	Division Grand Champion	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
Ryker Buhr	Market Swine			
Tynnley Buhr	Breeding Sheep	Reserve Champion Ram		
	Market Swine		Grand Champion Bred and Fed	
	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
	Market Swine			
	Breeding Sheep	Reserve Champion Ewe		
	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
	Market Beef			Herdsman
	Showmanship			
Westen Burkhart	Market Sheep			Herdsman
	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
	Breeding Sheep			
	Market Swine			
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Jazmine Burrola Market Sheep			
Annika Butero Dog Agility Dog Rally Dog Obedience Dog Agility Dog Agility Dog Showmanship Cake Decorating			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
Cheylynn Buxman Gymkhana Gymkhana			
Jewel Caldon Market Swine			
Journey Caldon Market Swine			
Stockton Caldon Market Swine			
Tucker Canty Written Test Gymkhana Gymkhana Gymkhana Working Ranch Horse Showmanship Showmanship Working Ranch Horse Gymkhana Western Events Western Events Gymkhana Working Ranch Horse Market Swine Western Events		Gymkhana Senior Reserve Champion	Working Ranch Horse Senior Grand Champion
Samantha Cerney Market Swine Market Swine			
Tir'za Chacon Western Events Working Ranch Horse Gymkhana Gymkhana Veterinary Science Gymkhana Working Ranch Horse Western Events Written Test Gymkhana Photography			
Xander Chacon Robotics and Engineering Model Rocketry			
Anastasia Chavez Photography			
Anastasia Chavez Scrapbooking		Division Grand Champion	
Cysco Claunch Market Swine Market Swine Market Swine Cake Decorating			
Elly Cobb Cats Cake Decorating Clothing Construction		Division Grand Champion	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
Elaina Consaul Market Swine			Breed Champion, Grand Champion Market Hog
Makenzie Consaul Showmanship Market Swine			Grand Champion Senior Showman Breed Champion
Carmen Cortez Market Swine			
Diego Cortez Market Beef Market Beef Market Swine			
Caitlin Creel Market Goats			
Faith Crowder Showmanship Gymkhana Written Test			
Claire Crowther Market Swine			
Harper Crowther Market Swine			
Jaren Crowther Market Sheep			

Exhibitor Division Division Awards Class Placing Class Awards

Kaisley Crowther Market Swine			
Kamry Crowther Market Swine			
Kannin Crowther Market Sheep			
Kaylan Crowther Market Sheep Heritage Arts Breeding Poultry Production Class (3 pullets or hens of same breed)			Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate Best of Variety
William Crowther Market Swine			
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Samuel Escobedo			
Market Sheep			
Zaine Eskew			
Market Swine			
Market Swine			Breed Reserve Champion
Shooting Sports	Division Reserve Champion		Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate
Market Swine			Breed Reserve Champion
Siena Flores			
Cake Decorating			
Brecklyn Fobert			
Showmanship			
Market Sheep			
Kelby Fobert			
Market Sheep			
Jaycee Francis			
Western Events			
Gymkhana			
English Events	English Junior Grand Champion		
Western Events			
English Events			
Working Ranch Horse	Working Ranch Horse Junior Grand Champion		
Working Ranch Horse			
Gymkhana			
Gymkhana			
Western Events	Western Junior Reserve Champion		
English Events			
Showmanship	Overall Junior High Point Rider		
Working Ranch Horse			
Gymkhana			
Gymkhana	Gymkhana Junior Grand Champion		
Written Test			
Lucius Gallegos			
Leadership			
Dairy Goat			
Gardening			Grand Champion
Dairy Goat			
Photography			
Showmanship			
Model Rocketry			
Robotics and Engineering			
Dairy Goat			Reserve Champion
Dairy Goat			Reserve Champion
Dairy Goat			Grand Champion
Dairy Goat			Reserve Champion
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Erik Garcia			
Market Sheep			
Adlai Gardner			
Shooting Sports			
Lena Gariner			
Breeding Rabbit	Best of Breed	Best of Breed	
Showmanship			
Showmanship			Grand Champion Showman
Dairy Goat			Grand Champion
Brandi Garrison			
Market Sheep			
Breeding Rabbit			
Showmanship			
Kristin Garrison			
Entomology	Division Grand Champion		Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
Showmanship			
Market Sheep			
Lyla Gesink			
Gymkhana			
Written Test			
Gymkhana			
English Events			
English Events			
English Events			
Working Ranch Horse			
English Events			
Gymkhana			
Western Events			
Western Events			
English Events	English Intermediate Grand Champion		
Gymkhana			
Working Ranch Horse			
Western Events			
Showmanship			Showmanship Grand Champion
Addison Gilbert			
Veterinary Science			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
Jayir Gonzalez			
Market Goats			

Exhibitor Division Division Awards Class Placing Class Awards

Samuel Gonzalez			
Market Goats			
Caleb Gregory			
Dairy Goat			
Dairy Goat			
Showmanship			Reserve Champion Senior Showman
Dairy Goat			
Dairy Goat			
Dairy Goat			
Dairy Goat			
Callie Griffin			
Heritage Arts			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
Cake Decorating			Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate
Kyra Griffin			
Creative Cooks Contest			
Foods and Nutrition	Division Grand Champion		Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
Liam Griffin			
Cake Decorating			Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate
Jase Grover			
Market Swine			
Rory Grover			
Market Swine			
Kynzleigh Hanel			
Western Events			
Working Ranch Horse			
Western Events			
Working Ranch Horse			
Western Events	Western Junior Grand Champion		
Written Test			
Market Beef			
Showmanship			Showmanship Grand Champion
Working Ranch Horse			
Braxdyn Harmon			
Market Swine			
Market Swine			
Market Swine			
Peyton Harmon			
Western Events			
Cake Decorating			State Fair Delegate
Western Events			
Showmanship			
Rylie Harmon			
Market Swine			
Market Beef			
Market Beef			
Showmanship			
Market Swine			
Niko Hayden			
Legos			
Michaela Hazlett			
Showmanship			
Lilli Heminger			
Western Events			
Western Events			
Written Test			
Showmanship			
Annaise Herrera			
Breeding Rabbit			
Landon Hostetter			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Lilian Hostetter			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Showmanship			
Mary Ann Hostetter			
Market Goats			
Showmanship			
Market Goats			
Saige Hostetter- Asbell			
Showmanship			
Market Swine			
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Carson Huffaker			
Market Goats			
Chloe Huffaker			
Showmanship			
Market Swine			
Logan Huffaker			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Makenzie Huffaker			
Market Goats			
Western Events			
Western Events			
Showmanship			
Market Goats			
Written Test			
Showmanship			Showmanship Reserve Champion
Western Events			

San Luis Valley Fair Results

Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
Russell Huffaker	Showmanship Western Events Market Goats Written Test Market Goats Western Events			Showmanship Grand Champion Western Novice Reserve Champion
Zane Huffaker	Western Events Gymkhana Gymkhana Gymkhana Working Ranch Horse Working Ranch Horse Market Swine Western Events Showmanship Gymkhana Western Events Working Ranch Horse Gymkhana			Working Ranch Horse Intermediate Reserve Champion Gymkhana Intermediate Reserve Champion
Finley Hutchinson	Legos			Division Grand Champion
Brant Jackson	Market Beef Market Beef Market Beef			Reserve Champion Market Beef
Jessica Jackson	Market Sheep Market Sheep Leathercraft Market Beef Self Determined Foods and Nutrition Market Beef Breeding Sheep Breeding Sheep			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate

Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
Alec Jacquez	Market Sheep Market Sheep Dog Rally Horseless Horse Dog Showmanship Dog Obedience			
Jaelie Jaminet	Market Swine Western Events Gymkhana Written Test Breeding Rabbit Breeding Rabbit Gymkhana Showmanship Gymkhana Western Events Working Ranch Horse Gymkhana Western Events Market Swine Clothing Construction		Best of Opposite Best of Opposite	Western Intermediate Reserve Champion Division Reserve Champion Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate
Jaxon Jaramillo	Market Goats Market Goats Showmanship			
Jayden Jaramillo	Market Sheep Market Sheep Market Sheep			
Ada Johnson	Showmanship Market Sheep			
Hoyt Johnson	Shooting Sports Metalworking			Unit Reserve Champion Division Reserve Champion Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate



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Exhibitor Division Division Awards Class Placing Class Awards

Jayce Johnson		Unit Reserve Champion	
Shooting Sports			
Market Swine			
Kaysen Johnson	Reserve Champion	Market Beef	
Market Beef			
Showmanship		Reserve Champion	Senior Beef Showmanship
Kolten Johnson			
Market Beef			
Market Beef			
Showmanship			
Trace Johnson			
Showmanship			
Gymkhana			
Market Beef			
Western Events			
Western Events			
Gymkhana			
Western Events		Western Senior Reserve Champion	
Working Ranch Horse			
Working Ranch Horse			
Showmanship			
Working Ranch Horse			
Written Test			
Gymkhana			
Gymkhana			
Gymkhana			
Western Events			
Tyson Johnson			
Showmanship		Grand Champion	Intermediate Showmanship
Market Beef			
Elyas Juarez			
Market Swine			
Syrenna Keeling			
Dog Agility			
Dog Agility		Reserve Champion	
Dog Obedience		Grand Champion	
Isaiah Kelley			
Market Swine			
Market Swine			
Bred & Fed			
Bred & Fed			
Market Swine			
Forrest Keys			
Market Swine			
Jaycee Keys			
Market Swine			
Market Swine			
Cody Kreps			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Trista Kreps			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Showmanship			
Camdon Larsen			
Market Swine			
Conner Larsen			
Market Swine			
Hadley Larsen			
Showmanship			
Breeding Rabbit			
Foods and Nutrition		Unit Champion	
Market Swine			
Tiffany LePlatt			
Veterinary Science		Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate	
Market Beef			
Market Beef			
Market Swine			
Market Swine			
Tyler LePlatt			
Market Swine		Breed Champion	
Market Swine			
Faith Livingstone			
Breeding Meat Goat		Best of Opposite Breed	
Breeding Rabbit			
Breeding Meat Goat			
Veterinary Science			
Breeding Rabbit			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Showmanship			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Showmanship			
Market Goats			
Showmanship			

Exhibitor Division Division Awards Class Placing Class Awards

Isaiah Livingstone			
Showmanship			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Breeding Rabbit		Best of Breed	
Breeding Rabbit			
Shooting Sports			
Market Swine			
Julian Maez			
Market Sheep			
Market Sheep			
Jaelynn Mahan			
Market Goats			
Adilynn Malouff			
Working Ranch Horse			
Gymkhana			
Gymkhana			
Gymkhana			
Gymkhana		Gymkhana Senior Grand Champion	
Gymkhana			
Gymkhana			
Written Test			
Working Ranch Horse			
Working Ranch Horse			
Baylee Malouff			
Gymkhana			
Gymkhana			
Gymkhana			
Gymkhana		Gymkhana Junior Reserve Champion	
Written Test			
Dillon Malouff			
Showmanship		Grand Champion	Junior Showman
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Woodworking			State Fair Delegate
Woodworking			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Breeding Meat Goat			
Breeding Meat Goat			
Jessilynn Malouff			
Breeding Meat Goat			
Breeding Meat Goat			
Breeding Meat Goat			
Breeding Meat Goat			
Breeding Meat Goat			
Market Goats			
Market Goats		Grand Champion	Market Goat
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Market Goats		Grand Champion	Bred and Fed
Market Goats			
Jocelynn Malouff			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Breeding Meat Goat			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Showmanship		Grand Champion	Intermediate Showman
Breeding Rabbit		Best of Opposite Breed	Best of Opposite
Breeding Meat Goat			
Food Preservation			Unit Champion
Breeding Meat Goat			
Showmanship			
Breeding Meat Goat			



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Samuel Malouff	Breeding Meat Goat Breeding Meat Goat Market Goats Market Goats Breeding Meat Goat Market Goats Market Goats Breeding Meat Goat	Grand Champion Meat Buck	
Kendrick Martin	Western Events Western Events Market Beef Written Test Metalworking Showmanship Market Beef Market Swine	Showmanship Grand Champion	
KayleAnn Martinez	Market Swine Market Swine Market Swine Breeding Rabbit Showmanship	Reserve Champion Showman	
Jaron Mason	Shooting Sports Shooting Sports		
Kyan Mason	Shooting Sports		
Jacey Matt-Mondragon	Market Sheep Market Sheep Market Sheep Market Sheep Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship Breeding Meat Goat	Grand Champion Senior Showman	
Jordyn Matt-Mondragon	Breeding Sheep Market Sheep		
Justin Matt-Mondragon	Market Sheep Market Sheep Breeding Meat Goat		
Cason Mattive	Market Sheep Market Sheep Woodworking		
Lane Mattive	Market Sheep Market Sheep Showmanship Sportfishing	Division Grand Champion Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate	
Johnathon Maxwell	Market Swine Market Swine Market Swine		
Averie McBartlett	Market Swine		
Colter McCullough	Legos	Division Grand Champion Unit Champion	
Kollyns McCullough	English Events Working Ranch Horse Working Ranch Horse English Events Gymkhana English Events Gymkhana Gymkhana Working Ranch Horse Western Events Showmanship English Events English Events Gymkhana Western Events Gymkhana Written Test	Working Ranch Horse Intermediate Grand Champion Gymkhana Intermediate Grand Champion Overall Intermediate High Point Rider Showmanship Reserve Champion	
Micah McGee	Production Class (3 pullets or hens of same breed) Breeding Poultry Breeding Poultry	Best of Variety, Class Reserve Champion, Reserve of Breed Class Champion	
Kamrin McGraw	Market Goats Showmanship	Market Goats	
Karsin McGraw	Market Goats		
Mary Millard	Cake Decorating		

Exhibitor Division Division Awards Class Placing Class Awards

Blake Miller	Market Swine		
Clara Miller	Showmanship Written Test Gymkhana Gymkhana Western Events Western Events Gymkhana Western Events		
Cody Miller	Market Swine		
Wyatt Miller	Market Goats Market Goats Robotics and Engineering Model Rocketry Legos	Division Grand Champion Unit Reserve Champion	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
Kenley Mitchell	Artistic Clothing Fashion Revue Veterinary Science	Division Reserve Champion	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
Parker Mitchell	Metalworking Sportfishing Self Determined	Division Grand Champion Division Reserve Champion Division Reserve Champion	Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate Unit Reserve Champion
Sophia Mitchell	Fashion Revue Artistic Clothing	Fashion Revue Grand Champion Division Grand Champion	Junior Grand Champion
Joslyn Mix	Cake Decorating		
Skylar Montague	Market Sheep Market Sheep Showmanship Market Beef Showmanship Market Swine Market Sheep Market Sheep Bred & Fed Market Beef Market Beef Market Swine		

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Exhibitor Division Division Awards Class Placing Class Awards

Sydney Montague			
Market Swine			
Market Beef			
Bred & Fed			
Market Sheep			
Market Sheep			
Market Swine			
Market Swine			
Cake Decorating			
Breeding Sheep			
Showmanship			
Market Sheep			
Market Sheep			
Tyson Montague			
Market Sheep			
Market Sheep			
Market Swine			
Market Sheep			
Market Sheep			
Market Beef			
Market Swine		Breed Champion	
Market Swine			
Pearl Morgan			
Showmanship			
Market Goats			
Cake Decorating			
Violet Morgan			
Cake Decorating			
Easton Mortensen			
Market Swine			
Sophy Mortensen			
Market Swine			
Market Swine			
Market Swine			
Jaxon Mortensen			
Market Swine			
Corbin Myers			
Market Sheep			
Showmanship	Division Grand Champion	Unit Reserve Champion	
Ag Production		Unit Reserve Champion	
Metalworking			
Coulter Myers			
Showmanship		Reserve Champion Senior Showman	
Ag Production	Division Reserve Champion	Unit Champion	
Metalworking		Unit Reserve Champion	
Market Sheep		Reserve Champion Lamb	
Aubrey Naranjo			
Market Swine			
Market Swine		Reserve Champion Market Hog, Breed Reserve Champion	
Durae Naranjo			
Market Swine			
Showmanship		Reserve Champion Senior Showman	
Market Swine			
Market Swine			
Jonathan Olsen			
Dairy Goat		Grand Champion	
Dairy Goat			
Visual Arts	Division Reserve Champion		
Written Test			
Home Design and Decor	Division Grand Champion	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
Dairy Goat			
Dairy Goat		Grand Champion	
Outdoor Adventure	Division Reserve Champion	Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate	
Showmanship		Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman	
4-H Filmmaking	Division Grand Champion	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
Photography	Division Reserve Champion	Unit Reserve Champion	
Dairy Goat			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Global Citizenship		Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
Leadership	Division Grand Champion	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
Dairy Goat			
Dairy Goat			
Dairy Goat	Division Reserve Champion	Grand Champion	
Scrapbooking			
Dairy Goat		Grand Champion	
Dairy Goat		Grand Champion	
Dairy Goat		Reserve Champion	
Dairy Goat			
Shooting Sports		Grand Champion	
Dairy Goat			
Jessamy Pacheco			
Breeding Sheep			
Breeding Meat Goat	Reserve Champion Meat Doe		
Breeding Meat Goat			
Market Sheep			
Showmanship			
Showmanship			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Written Test			
Market Sheep			
Market Sheep			
Breeding Meat Goat	Grand Champion Meat Doe		
Market Goats	Reserve Champion Bred and Fed		
Market Goats			



Exhibitor Division Division Awards Class Placing Class Awards

Kandace Pargin			
Fashion Revue	Fashion Revue Reserve Champion		
Market Beef			
Market Beef			
Clothing Construction	Division Grand Champion	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
Market Beef			
Showmanship			
Kimberly Pargin			
Market Beef			
Market Beef			
Market Beef			
Heritage Arts		Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
Bryson Paulson			
Market Beef			
Market Beef			
Market Beef			
Elizabeth Paulson			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Ada Pence			
Market Beef			
Market Beef			
Breeding Beef			
Breeding Beef			
Bristol Pence			
Market Swine			
Market Swine			
Hayden Peterson			
Market Swine			
Michael Peterson			
Market Swine			
Market Swine			
Thor Peterson			
Market Swine			
Market Swine			
Broly Plane			
Shooting Sports		Unit Champion	
Kailyn Polzin			
Western Events			
English Events	English Senior Grand Champion		
Written Test			
English Events			
Gymkhana			
Gymkhana			
Showmanship	Overall Senior High Point Rider		
English Events			
Working Ranch Horse			
Working Ranch Horse	Working Ranch Horse Senior Reserve Champion		
Gymkhana			
Western Events			
Western Events			
Gymkhana			
Western Events	Western Senior Grand Champion		
English Events			
Working Ranch Horse			
English Events			
Kinsley Price			
Cake Decorating	Division Reserve Champion		
Helen Pulkrabek			
Photography			
Brooklynn Reynolds			
Market Beef			
Clara Reynolds			
Market Beef			
Market Beef			
Colton Reynolds			
Market Beef			
Showmanship	Reserve Champion Intermediate Showmanship		
Breeding Beef			
Market Beef			
Breeding Beef	Reserve Supreme Overall Female		

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Exhibitor Division Division Awards Class Placing Class Awards

Julia Reynolds			
Gymkhana			
Written Test			
Gymkhana			
Gymkhana			
Gymkhana			
Working Ranch Horse			
Western Events			
Showmanship			
Khaleesi Reynolds			
Showmanship			
Working Ranch Horse			
Gymkhana			
Written Test			
Showmanship	Reserve Champion Junior Showman		
Gymkhana			
Gymkhana			
Western Events			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
English Events			
Western Events			
English Events	English Junior Reserve Champion		
English Events			
Western Events			
Gymkhana			
Working Ranch Horse			
Breeding Meat Goat			
Nahli Reynolds			
Showmanship	Grand Champion Junior Showmanship		
Market Beef			
Market Beef			
Riley Reynolds			
Market Beef			
Ellie Rilling			
Showmanship			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Kix Rizzi			
Showmanship			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Shooter Rizzi			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Showmanship			
Andrew Robinson			
Market Sheep	Division Grand Champion Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Cake Decorating			
Showmanship			
Market Goats			
Market Sheep			
Toby Robinson			
Market Sheep			
Market Sheep			
Market Sheep			
Ellaree Rocky			
Ag Production	Unit Champion		
Market Swine	Breed Champion		
Showmanship			
Market Swine	Herdsman		
Market Swine			
Kiko Ruybal			
Market Swine			
Rhex Ruybal			
Market Swine			
Aden Salazar			
Market Swine			
Katelynn Salazar			
Breeding Sheep			
Market Beef			
Market Sheep			
Market Sheep			
Elijah Sanchez			
Market Goats			
Joshua Sanchez			
Market Goats			
Showmanship	Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Shooting Sports			
Brooklyn Sandoval			
Photography	State Fair Delegate		
Veterinary Science			
Michelle Schaefer			
Market Swine			
Market Swine			
Cake Decorating	State Fair Delegate		
Zane Schmidt			
Outdoor Adventure	Division Grand Champion Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate		

Exhibitor Division Division Awards Class Placing Class Awards

Brooklyn Schneider			
Written Test			
Market Goats			
Showmanship			
Bryson Schneider			
Market Goats			
Leathercraft	Division Grand Champion Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate		
McKenzie Schneider			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Emily Seger			
Market Sheep	Grand Champion Market Sheep		
Market Sheep	Grand Champion Lamb		
Market Sheep			
Breeding Sheep	Grand Champion Ewe		
Showmanship	Grand Champion Intermediate Showman		
Market Swine	Breed Reserve Champion		
Breeding Sheep	Grand Champion Ram		
Self Determined	Division Grand Champion Unit Champion		
Veterinary Science	Division Grand Champion Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Breeding Sheep			
Metalworking			
Hannah Seger			
Metalworking	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Market Swine			
Breeding Sheep			
Market Swine			
Showmanship	Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman		
Market Swine			
Market Sheep			
Rachel Seger			
Market Sheep			
Market Sheep			
Showmanship			
Market Swine			
Breeding Sheep			
Market Sheep			
Market Sheep	Reserve Champion Bred and Fed		
Trinity Shawcroft			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Market Goats			
Self Determined	Unit Champion		

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Ryan Shirley	Market Swine			
	Market Swine			
	Market Swine			
Rylee Shirley	Market Swine			
	Market Swine			
Malachi Shown	Market Beef		Herdsman	
Tynlee Simmons	Showmanship			
	Market Goats			
Braylyn Sims	Showmanship			
	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
Macklie Sims	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
	English Events	English Novice	Grand Champion	
	Written Test			
	Western Events			
	Showmanship	Reserve Champion	Junior Showman	
	Western Events	Western Novice	Grand Champion	
	Showmanship		Showmanship Reserve Champion	
Leah Sirochman	Showmanship		Grand Champion	Showman
	Market Rabbit			
	Market Rabbit	Grand Champion		Market Rabbit
	Breeding Rabbit			
	Breeding Rabbit	Best of Breed, Reserve	Best of Show	Best of Breed
	Breeding Rabbit			
	Breeding Rabbit			
	Market Rabbit	Grand Champion	Market Rabbit, Herdsmen	
	Market Rabbit	Reserve Champion	Market Rabbit	
Weston Sirochman	Breeding Poultry		Best of Breed, Best of Variety, Class Champion	
	Breeding Poultry	Best of Show, Grand Champion	Large Breed	Best of Breed, Best of Variety, Class Champion
	Market Poultry			
	Market Poultry	Herdsman		
	Breeding Poultry		Best of Breed, Best of Variety, Class Champion	
	Production Class (3 pullets or hens of same breed)			
	Production Class (3 pullets or hens of same breed)			
Clarissa Sisneros	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
Alexander Sittler	Market Goats			
	Market Goats			
	Market Swine			
Benjamin Sittler	Market Goats			
	Market Goats			
Brooke Sliwkowski	Market Swine			
	Market Swine			
Tyler Sliwkowski	Market Swine			
	Market Swine			
Dakota Smith	Market Goats			
	Market Goats			
	Market Goats			
Ethan Smith	Photography			
	Market Goats			
Olivia Smith	Market Goats			
	Photography		State Fair Delegate	
	Cake Decorating			
Rebekah Stockebrand	Cake Decorating			
	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
Lucy Story	Photography		State Fair Delegate	
	Gardening	Division Grand Champion	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
Forrest Tedford	Market Swine			
	Shooting Sports	Division Grand Champion	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Market Swine			
	Market Swine			
Burke Temple	Breeding Beef	Supreme Overall Female		
	Market Beef	Grand Champion	Bred & Fed Beef	
	Showmanship		Grand Champion Senior Beef Showmanship	
	Market Beef	Grand Champion	Market Beef	
	Market Beef			

Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
Kade Temple	Market Beef			
	Market Beef			
	Showmanship			
Ayden Tighe	Market Goats			
	Market Goats			
	Showmanship			
Rorie Tillman	Market Sheep			
	Cake Decorating		State Fair Delegate	
	Shooting Sports	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate		
	Breeding Sheep			
	Market Swine			
	Market Swine		Breed Reserve Champion	
	Market Swine			
Syrie Tillman	Cake Decorating		State Fair Delegate	
	Showmanship	Grand Champion	Junior Showman	
	Breeding Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
	Market Swine			
	Market Swine			
	Market Swine			
Westlea Tipsword	Dairy Goat			
	Foods and Nutrition			
	Dairy Goat		Class Reserve Champion	
	Breeding Poultry	Division Grand Champion	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Beekeeping			
	Gymkhana	Division Grand Champion	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Foods and Nutrition			
	Dairy Goat		Best of Breed, Best of Variety, Class Reserve Champion	
	Breeding Poultry		Best of Variety	
	Breeding Poultry			
	English Events			
	Gardening			
	Breeding Poultry		Best of Breed, Class Reserve Champion	
	Breeding Poultry		Best of Breed	
	Breeding Poultry		Reserve of Breed	
	Breeding Poultry		Best of Breed, Class Champion	
	Heritage Arts			
	Woodworking			
	Breeding Poultry	Reserve Champion	Large Breed	Best of Breed, Best of Variety, Class Champion
	Dairy Goat			
	Dairy Goat			
	Showmanship		Grand Champion	Intermediate Showman
	Dairy Goat			
	Dairy Goat			
	Gymkhana			
	Photography			
	Cats	Division Reserve Champion	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Wildlife			
	Food Preservation			
	Dairy Goat		Reserve Champion	
	Gymkhana			
	Working Ranch Horse			
	Foods and Nutrition		Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Outdoor Adventure		Unit Champion	
	Gymkhana			
	Dairy Goat			
	Foods and Nutrition		Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	English Events			
	Dairy Goat			
	Dairy Goat			
	Dairy Goat	Division Reserve Champion	Unit Reserve Champion	
	Leadership			
	Electricity			
	Creative Cooks Contest			
	Market Goats			
	Market Goats			
	Showmanship			
	Western Events			
	Dairy Goat			
	Breeding Poultry		Reserve of Breed	
	Breeding Poultry	Reserve Champion	Goose	Best of Breed, Reserve of Variety
	Breeding Poultry	Grand Champion	Goose, Reserve Champion	Water Fowl, Best of Breed, Class Champion
	Breeding Poultry	Grand Champion	Water Fowl, Reserve of Show	
	Best of Breed, Best of Variety, Class Champion			
	Breeding Poultry		Best of Breed, Class Champion	
	Breeding Poultry	Reserve Champion	Duck	Best of Breed, Class Reserve Champion
	Dairy Goat		Reserve Champion	
	Working Ranch Horse			
	Foods and Nutrition			
	Robotics and Engineering		State Fair Delegate	
	Dairy Goat			
	Dairy Goat			
	Dairy Goat		Reserve Champion	
	Dairy Goat			
	English Events			
	Dairy Goat			
	Shooting Sports		Unit Champion	
	Model Rocketry			
	Dairy Goat			
	Dairy Goat		Grand Champion	
	Dairy Goat		Reserve Champion	
	Food Preservation			
	Gymkhana			
	Veterinary Science		Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Dairy Goat			
	Food Preservation			
	English Events			

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Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
Oliver Torres	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
Abigail Urrutia	Showmanship		Showmanship Reserve Champion	
	Working Ranch Horse			
	Gymkhana			
	Written Test			
	Gymkhana			
	Working Ranch Horse			
	Western Events			
	Gymkhana			
	Western Events			
	Gymkhana			
	Gymkhana			
	English Events			
	Western Events			
	English Events			
	Working Ranch Horse	Working Ranch Horse Junior Reserve Champion		
Anicia Valdez	Breeding Meat Goat	Reserve Champion Meat Buck		
	Market Swine			
	Breeding Meat Goat			
	Market Goats			
	Market Beef			
	Breeding Meat Goat			
	Breeding Meat Goat			
	Breeding Meat Goat			
	Market Goats			
Ayanah Lynn Valdez	Breeding Meat Goat		Unit Champion	
	Shooting Sports			
	Breeding Meat Goat			
	Breeding Meat Goat			
	Breeding Meat Goat			
	Market Sheep			
	Breeding Meat Goat			
	Cake Decorating			
	Market Swine			
Kaden Valdez	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
Kyler Valdez	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
Rudolfo Valdez	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
Ryan Valdez	Market Beef			
	Market Beef			
Uriah Valdez	Market Goats			
	Showmanship		Reserve Champion Showman	
	Showmanship			
	Breeding Rabbit			
	Model Rocketry		Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Market Goats			
	Robotics and Engineering		Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Breeding Rabbit			
	Breeding Rabbit	Best of Breed	Best of Breed	
	Market Swine			
Antonio Valdez-Reyes	Market Goats			
	Market Sheep			
	Market Sheep			
	Metalworking		Unit Champion	
	Robotics and Engineering			
Darian Vance	Market Swine			
	Market Sheep			
	Market Swine			
Jayden Vance	Market Swine			
	Market Swine			
	Market Swine			
	Market Sheep			
Paisley Vandiver	Written Test		Division Grand Champion	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Photography			
	Western Events			
	Gymkhana			
	Showmanship		Horse Sportsman Award	
	Western Events			
	Leathercraft			
	Gymkhana			

Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
Emily Vannoy	Market Goats			
	Market Goats			
	Market Goats			
	Dairy Goat			
	Showmanship		Grand Champion Senior Showman	
	Written Test			
	Western Events			
	Market Goats			
	Market Goats			
	Market Goats			
	Photography		Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Showmanship			
	Dairy Goat			
Jaxon Vannoy	Showmanship			Reserve Champion Junior Showman
	Western Events			
	Showmanship			
	Dairy Goat			
	Market Goats			
	Market Goats			
	Written Test			
	Showmanship			
	Dairy Goat			
	Market Goats			
	Market Goats			
Payson Vannoy	Market Goats			Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman
	Market Goats			
	Showmanship			
	Market Goats			
	Market Goats			
Janayah Villaseñor	Legos			
	Foods and Nutrition Division	Reserve Champion	Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Photography			
Alyssa Voss	Working Ranch Horse			
	Gymkhana			
	Western Events			
	Gymkhana			
	Western Events			
	Gymkhana			
	Dog Showmanship			
	Western Events			
	Dog Obedience			
	Gymkhana			
	Written Test			
	Showmanship			
	Dog Rally			
	Working Ranch Horse			

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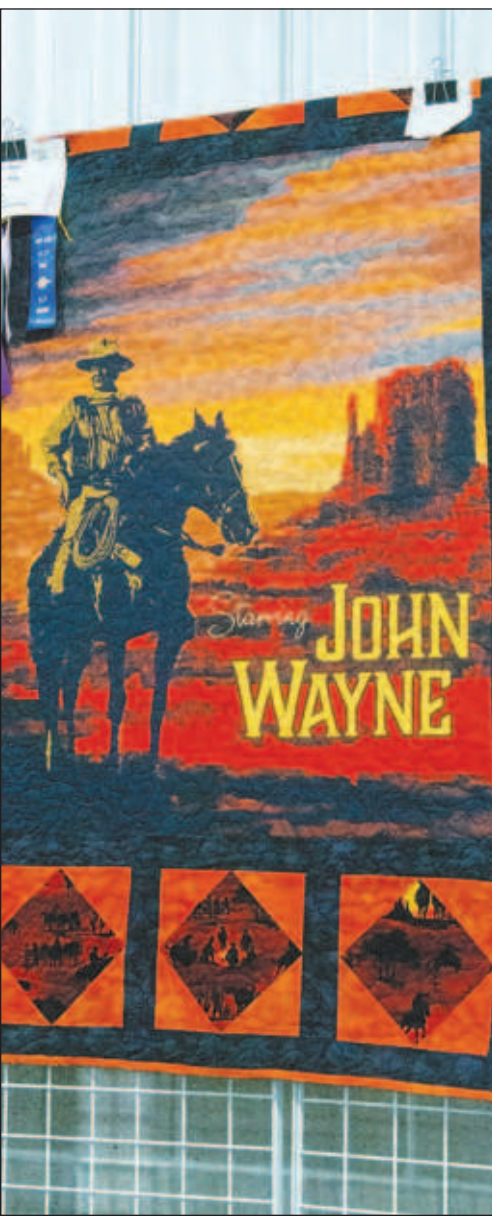
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Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
Kaylee Voss	Gymkhana Breeding Rabbit Breeding Rabbit Breeding Rabbit Market Rabbit Market Rabbit Showmanship Cake Decorating	Reserve Champion Market Rabbit Reserve Champion Showman Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Toni Wells	Dairy Goat Dairy Goat Foods and Nutrition Leadership Dairy Goat Veterinary Science Dairy Goat Written Test Market Rabbit Dairy Goat Creative Cooks Contest Photography Showmanship Dairy Goat Dairy Goat Dairy Goat Market Goats Metalworking Showmanship Dairy Goat Dairy Goat		Reserve Champion	Grand Champion Junior Showman Grand Champion

Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
Ashley Williams	Market Sheep Market Sheep Showmanship			
Alyson Wilt	Dog Showmanship Cake Decorating Veterinary Science Dog Obedience Dog Agility Dog Rally	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Rylin Wilt	Horseless Horse	Division Grand Champion	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
Alia Yund	English Events English Events Gymkhana English Events Market Poultry Market Poultry Gymkhana Showmanship Western Events Written Test Gymkhana Western Events Cake Decorating English Events English Events		Grand Champion Pen of 3 Reserve Champion Pen of 3	State Fair Delegate



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