

Shorts

SLVREC hosting Meet and Greet in San Luis

SAN LUIS — San Luis Valley REC will be hosting a Meet and Greet from 7-9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26, at the San Luis Coffee Company, 405 Main St., San Luis. REC CEO Eric Eriksen will be in attendance to answer member questions and discuss the current vacancy for the Costilla County director seat.

New Legacy Project at Center United Methodist July 21

CENTER — The New Legacy Project, of Nashville, will be performing at 7 p.m. on July 21 at the Center United Methodist Church.

Everyone is welcome to attend the free non-denominational event at the church, 387 S. Broadway, Center. There will be a free barbecue at 6 p.m. Organizers ask people to bring lawn chairs.

For more information, call 719-588-3568.

5K Color Run Aug. 5 at Cole Park

ALAMOSA — The annual 5K Color Run will take place on Aug. 5 at Cole Park.

The entry fee is \$20 per person. Packet pick-up is at 8:30 a.m. and the race begins at 10 a.m. with the kids race to follow.

There will also be vendors, games, food and face painting.

For questions, contact Wendy at AlamosaEvents@gmail.com.

Mosca-Hooper VFD annual barbecue is July 22

MOSCA — Mosca-Hooper Volunteer Fire Department is hosting its annual barbecue at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 22. It will be at the Mosca firehouse, 5320 Henry St., Mosca. No fee is required, but donations are welcomed.

Del Norte Food Bank's monthly distribution July 22

DEL NORTE — The Del Norte Food Bank will be open for its monthly food distribution from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 22.

The Del Norte food bank serves Del Norte and South Fork and is situated in the alley behind the Pioneer United Church, 630 Spruce St., Del Norte.

Anyone in need of food assistance is welcome. If you are unable to attend during distribution hours and need food assistance, call 719-850-2643.

Bennet, Heinrich, and Morrison introduce bill to create a new tool for producers in combatting drought

Simpson: 'It's in alignment with what we've been working on'

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — Earlier this week, Senator Michael Bennet partnered with Senator Martin Heinrich of New Mexico and their Republican colleague Senator Jerry Moran of Kansas in introducing

bipartisan legislation, the Voluntary Groundwater Conservation Act that gives family farmers and ranchers the flexibility to protect groundwater sources now and into the future while also keeping their agricultural lands in production.

Of all those whose job it is to monitor the impact of a climate that is growing increasingly hotter and drier, farmers and ranchers in the West are at the top. Most of the producers in the San Luis Valley have

been decades ahead of their time in focusing on declining levels of water in the Valley's aquifers and creating practices to manage it to sustainability.

A myriad of programs and practices have been put into place such as regenerative farming, concentrated efforts on improving soil health and, most noteworthy, the formation of subdistricts where producers agree to pay a fee for pumping water that their fathers and grandfathers pumped for free. In the case of Subdistrict No. 1,

producers pay a hefty fee for pumping more water out of the aquifer than they put back in.

State and federal programs have also been put into place to incentivize the conservation of water, such as the Conservation Resource Enhancement Program (CREP) where, for a period that's typically 10 to 15 years long, farmers and ranchers voluntarily agree to take land out of production and revegetate in exchange for an

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Murals of Colorado presentation in Center and Saguache

STAFF REPORT

CENTER and SAGUACHE — At 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, at the San Luis Valley American Indian Center in Center and at 4 p.m. on Friday July 21, at The Range in Saguache there will be special presentations by Lucha Martínez de Luna on the Chicano/a/x Murals of Colorado project.

The Chicano/a/x Murals of Colorado Project (CMCP) protects, promotes, and preserves the ongoing legacy of community murals within the state of Colorado.

The project is a grassroots community effort to preserve this critical component of Colorado's visual heritage in response to the threats presented by the murals' increasing age, as well as the ongoing development and gentrification in neighborhoods, towns, and cities tied to the history of Colorado's population.

The project offers opportunities for collaboration

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Carlos Sandoval, Sierras y Colores, 1986. Mural on building in San Luis.

Courtesy of Chicano/a/x Murals of Colorado



El Pomar Foundation awards \$62,500 to SLV organizations

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COLORADO SPRINGS — El Pomar Trustees approved \$62,500 allocated to 11 nonprofit organizations and government entities in the San Luis Valley at the Foundation's May Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant making process, the following entities were awarded grants:

- Care and Share, Inc. (Colorado Springs) — \$7,000 for San Luis Valley general operating support;



Trustee regional merit

- Center for Restorative Programs (Alamosa) — \$5,000 in general operating support; regional merit

- City of Alamosa — \$20,000 for the soup kitchen and emergency shelter; competitive

- Creede Musical Arts Collective, Inc. — \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit

- Creede Repertory Theatre, Inc. — \$2,500 for technology upgrades at Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre;

regional merit

- Equal Representation of Media Advocacy Corporation (Alamosa) — \$2,500 in general operating support; competitive

- San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society (Alamosa) — \$3,000 in general operating support; Trustee regional merit

- San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center (Alamosa) — \$5,000 in general operating support; regional merit

- The HadaNou Collective (Denver) — \$10,000 for Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center sup-

port in Alamosa; regional merit

- Upper Rio Grande Animal Society (Monte Vista) — \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit

- Valley Citizens Foundation for Health Care, Inc. (Del Norte) — \$2,500 in general operating support; regional merit

Founded by Spencer and Julie Penrose in 1937, El Pomar Foundation has an established legacy of general purpose grant making. The competitive process remains the Foundation's primary vehicle for organizations to receive funding. Additionally,

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Famous big band sound coming to SLV

ALMA bringing Glenn Miller Orchestra to ASU on Oct. 10

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ALAMOSA — Have you ever wanted to experience firsthand the magic and majesty of a universally beloved big band? Now's the chance for you and your family and friends to experience it live in Alamosa, when the Alamosa Live Music Association hosts the world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at Richardson Hall at Adams State University.

The rare opportunity for a full evening of big band music starts when the doors open at 6 p.m. The music will begin at 6:30 p.m. when the show opens with local favorites the SLV Big Band. General admission is \$25, with ALMA members and ASU AS&F having

the opportunity to purchase tickets for a discounted price of \$15. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at <https://buytickets.at/alamosalivemusicassociation/948581>. Call 719-937-1255, for more information.

The history of the Glenn Miller Orchestra goes back almost 100 years and took many different forms over the decades. The legendary Glenn Miller was one of the most successful of all dance bandleaders back in the Swing Era of the 1930s and 40s. But the first Glenn Miller Orchestra did not make it at all — it was a total and absolute economic failure.

But Miller knew what he wanted, held on to that dedication, and relentlessly worked

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Alamosa Live Music Association brings the world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra to Adams State University on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Courtesy photo



Wilkins bringing his soulful sound to Society Hall July 20

By DON RICHMOND
Society Hall

ALAMOSA — Society Hall is welcoming back one of the Valley's favorites, Austin's Walt Wilkins, accompanied by Don Richmond, in concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 20. The doors at 400 Ross Ave. in Alamosa will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door, and are available online at www.societyhall.org, or in Alamosa at the Green Spot at 711 State Ave.

One of the most beloved, poetic and widely known singer-songwriters from the great state of Texas is returning to Society Hall for a special show. Wilkins has played the hall several times as part

of the Red River Songwriters Festival traveling show, and once before as a solo, and "has always knocked everyone out with his voice, his performances, and especially his songs. A true troubadour, Walt's songs evoke the deep mystery and wonder of love and life and all it holds, and celebrate the things that make it worthwhile," organizers stated.

Society Hall board member Richmond says, "It's a mystery to me why certain songs and performers reach inside your being and wake things up and stir things around, but I don't know anyone who is a better practitioner of that art, and servant of that mystery, than Walt Wilkins. I'd drive a long way to see this man sing and play — don't miss this show." Richmond

will also accompany Wilkins. From Walt's website, "Songwriter, singer, traveler, troubadour — the calling I answered, the life I chose, the way I make my way. I chose to go full time on this road 25 years ago. It's been a spiritual quest, an amazing trip, at turns heartbreaking and transcendent. In that time, I've made 10 solo records, four records with The Mighty Mystiqueros, one with my wife Tina, and a live record with my friend Kevin Welch. I've had 100 or more songs recorded by other artists, traveled a fair part of the world, and had some very, very large times.

"I get to work with some inspiring artists on their records. I play all over Texas and as much as the US as we

can get to, and even in Europe, where our second home is the Netherlands. I know a wide, beautiful variety of mighty poets, pickers, philosophers, artists, and wild spirits. I am a most fortunate man. Mostly, I drive, play and sleep and dream.

It's a rich experience, a wild ride, and the way I make my way. I hope to meet you if I haven't. If I have, I hope to see you again soon on this path."
For more information, visit online www.societyhall.org.

EL POMAR

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over the last 85 years, El Pomar has either developed or been entrusted with the stewardship of a number of other funds, as well as presenting merit grants in each region recommended by Trustees and regional council members. Competitive applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

In an effort to increase impact and

establish connections across the entire state, the Regional Partnerships program was established in 2003. Each of the Foundation's eleven regional councils advises El Pomar Trustees and recommends grants to help support its communities. The San Luis Valley Regional Council recommends grants in Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral,

Rio Grande and Saguache Counties. Council members are regional leaders in the business, nonprofit, and public sectors and provide first-hand information about current needs in their own communities.

To view a full listing of El Pomar's funds and grant making areas, visit online www.elpomar.org/grant-making/.

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annual rental payment along with other state and federal incentives outlined in the agreement. State Senator Cleave Simpson also managed to get passed — by unanimous vote — SB22-028 which allocated about \$30 million of state funding to incentivize farmers in the San Luis Valley to sell their water rights and retire acreage from farming, another step in long-term conservation of groundwater to replenish the Valley's aquifers.

But those in agriculture who wish to take permanent steps to reduce groundwater usage have, in some cases, been reluctant to do so, sometimes because of the economic impact it would have on their families and sometimes because it meant they could no longer farm or ranch on land that had been in their family for generations.

The Voluntary Groundwater Conservation Act provides the path to accomplish both things — a financial incentive to permanently reduce dependence upon groundwater and help to assure the future of agriculture in the San Luis Valley in the future while also continuing to farm.

The legislation creates a new voluntary groundwater easement program at the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) within the Agricultural Conservation Easements Program (ACEP).

Each year, ACEP receives \$450 million in mandatory funding through USDA and benefits from the additional \$20 billion for conservation programs that Bennet fought to include in the Inflation Reduction Act. Passage of the legislation would give

the voluntary groundwater easement program access to that funding and ensure that farmers are fairly compensated using a payment based on the market value for the water right instead of a per-acre payment.

The easement program proposed at the federal level is modeled after the first-ever groundwater conservation easement in the nation that was signed into effect in the San Luis Valley in December of 2022.

Crafted by Colorado Open Lands with extensive input from the Rio Grande Headwaters Conservation Trust, state engineer Craig Cotton, Simpson and others, the agreement was signed with Gail and Ron Bowman, owners of the 1800-acre Peachwood Farms in the San Luis Valley.

In that instance, Colorado Open Lands secured over \$7 million in funding from the Colorado Water Conservation Board and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to fund groundwater focused conservation easements, together with new management practices to support reduced water use.

Sally Weir, Colorado Open Lands Groundwater Conservation Project Manager for the San Luis Valley, emphasizes the importance of flexibility in the easement.

"Most producers are already working very hard on their water conservation efforts," Weir said. "The bill guarantees long-term management flexibility for a producer to continue farming. They choose how they reduce their water use, as long as they conserve the amount they've committed to reducing each year. That's the biggest aspect of this

bill. Instead of dry-up and fallow, this focuses on reduction of water use and flexibility in how that's accomplished."

Sen. Simpson has expressed his support for the bill, stating, "It's in alignment with what we have been working on. Reducing our dependence on groundwater." He further describes it as a permanent solution to manage water shortages that "gives farmers and ranchers more options for making money off their water rights but keeping the water in the Valley."

"Conservation easements are a trusted permanent tool to protect farm and ranch land to secure our food production and rural economies for future generations. It was through discussions with Colorado irrigators and water managers that the idea emerged to apply this tool to support aquifer recovery. We applaud Senator Bennet for working toward solutions that keep working lands in working hands to the benefit of local economies and ecology while recognizing the urgency of our declining groundwater aquifers," said Sarah Parmar, Conservation Director, Colorado Open Lands.

"As a farmer and rancher in the San Luis Valley, I have seen firsthand the need for flexible and voluntary funding tools for farmers to conserve water while still being able to farm. This groundwater easement tool will allow farmers to be compensated for water reductions without having to completely retire acreage, ensuring the viability of agriculture and rural communities into the future," said James Henderson, a La Jara farmer and rancher and Vice President, Colorado Farm Bureau.

OBITUARY

Robert 'Bob' Kernen

Robert "Bob" Kernen, a longtime resident of Del Norte, Colo., peacefully passed away on his birthday, Wednesday, June 28, 2023. Bob was born on June 28, 1950, in Del Norte, Colo., to his parents, John and Betty Kernen.



Bob had a deep love for his ranch and his animals held a special place in his heart. However, as Bob's body grew weary, he wanted to spend his remaining days surrounded by his children and grandchildren. During this time, they shared stories about the animals, the ranch, the importance of hard work and resilience ("being a tough old bird"), and, of course, Bob's favorite basketball team, the Denver Nuggets.

Over the years, Bob's enduring fondness for animals, along with his appreciation for nature, proved to bring him solace and peace. He attended Colorado State University, completing his Bachelor's degree in Animal Science. He cultivated a deep love for the ranch life working as a Cattle Rancher for more than 50 years. His commitment to his animals and land was evident and will be cherished for many generations to come.

Bob is survived by his sister Jan (Dennis) Voth, his brother John "Jay" (Cathy) Kernen, his son, John (Katie) Kernen, his daughter Casey (Matthew) Trujillo, and six

grandchildren — Elizabeth, Ruthie, Gracie, and Miles Kernen, as well as Riley and Brynley Trujillo.

He will be reunited in Heaven with his parents, John and Betty, and his brother, Fred, who preceded him in death.

Bob will be remembered by family, friends, the countless animals he has cared for over the years, and, his faithful canine companion, Shiner.

John and Casey would like to thank the employees of the Rio Grande Hospital and the team at Sunny Vista Living Center for their support and loving care over the past few months.

To honor Bob's memory, we'd like to invite friends and family to join us at the Kernen Ranch for food and drinks on Sunday, Aug. 6, anytime after 1 p.m.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Tourism gone wild

From the title of this column, I know a lot of you think I am going to rant on the many visitors to Colorful Colorado. And I guess, while we are on the subject, we do get some doozies coming here and doing a lot of dumb stuff on vacation. I recall seeing a sign painted on an old bus in Florida that said, "Come on vacation and leave on probation." But in fact, we really don't have much of that going on here other than people getting lost, hurt, rescued and vehicles breaking down from foolish actions.

And who can blame anyone for not wanting to be in "normally" cool Colorado especially if you are from anywhere east of the front range. It's been a cooker all over that area and Texas hit some new highs on temperatures and new lows on having electricity provided to all the people there.

So, I do get wanting to be here and in fact Ol' Dutch and Miss Trixie follow the Sun south in the winter, so we are never really hot nor really cold year-round. And that all makes sense to me. What doesn't make sense is the wave of tourists that suddenly lost their ever-loving minds and decided to visit Death Valley this summer. Not only did they go there but they all made special plans to be there for the new record heat of 131° F.

People from all over crammed in their cars, trucks and planes and made a beeline for the lowest place on the Continental U.S. just so they could experience the new record high. Now I don't know about you, but Ol' Dutch has been outside in some pretty hot weather and let me tell you what, it's no fun. And most people with any kind of sense at all will try and avoid it if possible and we go to great lengths to ensure that we don't have to endure much of it even if it hits our area.

We have air conditioning in everything that stands still or moves, shade trees planted strategically to block Ol' Sol, schedule working outside to the cooler parts of the day and make sure we have plenty of ice cream on hand for emergency resuscitation.

In a time when people are dying from heat related illnesses it seems that there are those out there who want to test the limits of their bodies



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

and sanity by going where it's literally "hotter than hell." Actually, they are going to be somewhat disappointed if they think they will be there when a record is broken as actually it was 134° F in Death Valley way back in 1913. But they should get their belly full of heat and their skin sunburned. I have even heard that local evangelists have cashed in on the heat thereby offering a free ride to heaven for anyone who has found that heat unbearable instead of the eternal damnation with Satan and his cronies that awaits the truly damned.

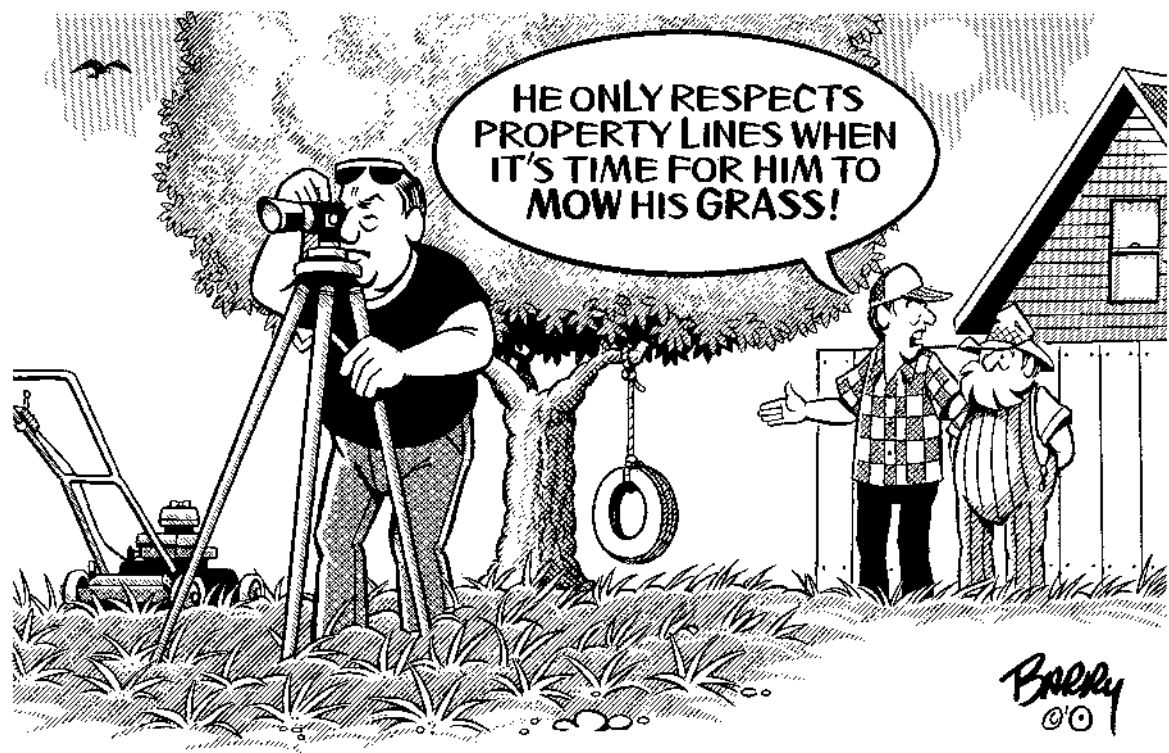
And it seems that most people, once exposed to the extremes found in Death Valley, do decide that caution is the better part of valor and reconsider turning from their evil ways to avoid the brimstone to come.

So, maybe some good will come from this awful heat wave and church attendance will soar as sinners decide enough is enough and want to avoid any worse heat ever again.

I do have to tell you we are suffering along at 85° here in the mountains and Ol' Dutch has already had his fill of that. And Miss Trixie has more than had her fill of me complaining about it.

But what kind of a man would I be if not complaining about something and at least with the weather if you wait awhile it will change to something else giving Ol' Dutch one more thing to belly ache about.

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



Missing the monsoon

It happens normally without fail. We endure the late May-early June dryness as the Spring winds finally subside and begin to give us a break from their relentless quest to transport all the residents, and perhaps our belongings, out of the San Luis Valley to the Front Range. We endure the mid-June to early-July summer heat as that age-old phenomenon begins its annual development into what we think only happens in exotic rain forests or the bone-dry deserts of Africa. Thought to be only regional in scope for many years the once termed "Southwest Monsoon," the midsummer weather pattern that brings daily thunderstorms to much of Colorado, has now been determined to be an "important component of the large-scale global circulation."

Generally, a monsoon refers to the seasonal reversal in atmospheric low-level circulations, particularly the surface winds and associated precipitation. What we experience here is now named the North American Monsoon System (NAMS). So, what is NAMS and what does that mean for our little corner of southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico? With the typical large High-Pressure System over New Mexico, the circulation of the upper-level winds draws moisture from the large plume in the Gulf that has been developing for months. The result is commonly a strong and consistent southwest flow that passes over our area for a couple of months. Each day typically starts calm, dry and often stunningly clear. But as the midday heat increases, it takes its inevitable journey into the sky, bringing with it the abundant moisture thus developing thunderstorms. Some of which can become severe and extremely violent.

The Colorado front range acts like

a thunderstorm factory by drawing the heat from the plains and moisture from the mountains. My brother in Oklahoma used to call me regularly to thank me for the "gifts" of golf ball sized hail, 60 mph winds, and tornadoes, all packaged up in a severe thunderstorm developed right here in Colorado. He quit calling years ago when I'd merely say, "you're welcome."

Many, if not most, wildland firefighters become some form of self-proclaimed amateur weather forecaster. I'm no different. It is prudent to learn the weather patterns of your area so you can make educated decisions on how to engage a wildfire. Knowing daily limitations of available prime firefighting conditions will serve crews well and keep them safe. It may not be prudent to hike up a high ridge just to get run off by lightning or torrential rain.

So where is that monsoon we speak of? We should already be in that daily pattern of beautiful mornings and rainy afternoons that give way to clear evenings, just to repeat the process again in a few hours. The Predictive Services branch of the National Interagency Fire Center issues a monthly outlook for the significant wildland fire potential across the nation. In the Rocky Mountain geographical area July report, they predict a "normal" condition for the four-month outlook period. That means they think we could have large wildfires, but it won't be at a level out of the ordinary.

The outlook is developed based on information ranging from on the ground observations to national drought monitors and climatological predictions. Obviously, there is much attention paid to current weather forecasts and expected trends. The unusual thing about this July's outlook



Land Water and People
By Gregg Goodland
Rio Grande National Forest

is that there is little discussion of the monsoon developing. A "late or limited monsoon" is expected to keep southwestern Colorado dry into the fall.

What that means to me is that our mid to late summer weather patterns are uncertain. We could dry out rapidly with the help of these unusually strong summer winds. Or we could see that limited monsoon bring us copious amounts of moisture in an unforeseen weather anomaly. Just as folks have asked me about my predictions of how fire season will be for decades, I'll say this about our monsoon, "ask me in November, and I'll tell you how it went."

A great introduction to the monsoon can be found on a National Weather Service webpage www.weather.gov/abq/northamericanmonsoon-intro.

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.

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Creede's Woodcarvers Rendezvous wrapped up another successful year in the Underground Community Center with plenty of classes that taught the art of wood carving.

Woodcarvers Rendezvous continues to draw interest

By LYNSIE FERRELL

CREEDE — The Creede Underground Community Center was transformed into a woodcarver's dream this past week and everyone who came to the event had a wonderful time.

A table with freshly carved wooden busts met guests as they wandered into the community center as participants carved faces from the roughly shorn wood and by the time the week had ended, each person taking that class walked away with a new work of art to show off to family and friends.

Artist Vic Hood taught the realistic human bust class for the entire week this year at the Woodcarvers Rendezvous and had several students sign up.

Hood is an award winning realistic human bust carver. He has won awards in various competitions throughout the country including Best of Show at the largest competitions in the United States. He is the author of three books on carving and was Woodcarving Illustrator's Carver of the Year in 2011.

Though this event has seen an

attendance dip in the last few years, it is still one several members of the Creede Woodcarvers Rendezvous look forward to every summer and each participant who signs up is never disappointed in the event.

"We may be a small group now compared to previous years, but the love of the art is still there, and we will come every year," said participant Nancy Shrode. "It's something we really look forward to."

The entire week beginning on July 7 was packed with classes like those taught by Hood.

Participants could sign up for everything from learning to carve walking sticks, create and paint carved scenery pictures made from wood, gourd decorating, wood burning and so much more. The resulting artwork and sculptures were a sight to be seen by the time classes ended the following Friday, July 14.

Next year's event is already in the works with even more teachers and hopes for more participants. For more information or to sign up for the 2024 event, visit www.creedewoodcarvers.com.

Manassa set to celebrate Pioneer Days July 20-22

STAFF REPORT

MANASSA — Manassa's annual Pioneer Days celebration is July 20-22. Families plan reunions to coincide with the annual celebration as kinfolks gravitate toward their hometown for a celebration of history, legacy and family.

Manassa Pioneer Days is one of the oldest festivals in the state of Colorado, tracing its history back to the founding of Manassa in 1879 by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The celebration packs the town with carnival rides, fair food, Miss Pioneer princesses, and the event's crown jewel, the parade — a parade so spectacular, it runs up and down main street twice on Friday and Saturday mornings.

Following is the celebration schedule:

Thursday, July 20

Miss Pioneer and her court will be crowned during a dinner and auction at the Opera House. Doors to the silent and live auction open at 5 p.m. followed by the announcement of the queen and her court. "The Princess Bride" will be shown for free in Jack Dempsey Park at 9 p.m. The carnival

opens at 7 p.m.

Friday, July 21

Featuring elegant floats and entries, the parade will run at 10 a.m. up and down Main Street. The carnival will run from 10 a.m. to just before midnight. Long awaited for its food, the Hamburger Stand will be open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. at its usual spot next to Town Hall.

Live entertainment will be offered following the parade at Dempsey Park.

Mutton Bustin' will be at 5:30 p.m., followed by the rodeo at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds east of Manassa.

Saturday, July 22

The carnival will run from 10 a.m. to just before midnight live music is planned to follow the parade at Jack Dempsey Park and at the Opera House.

The parade will be at 10 a.m.

Rodeo slack events will take place at the fairgrounds at 8 a.m. The rodeo is at 12:30 p.m.

The Hamburger Stand will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The roaring, crashing fan favorite demolition derby will roll out at 6 p.m., followed at 9 p.m. by the lighting of the M Mountain and a fireworks display.

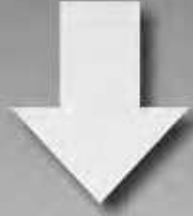
SLV Fast Friends presents check to SLV 4-H



Photo by Marie McColm

Recently, SLV Fast Friends presented a check to the SLV 4-H Scholar Support program for \$3,000. Present at the presentation were representatives from SLV Fast Friends, Garner, the OptiMystics Citizens Action Network, Adam Lock, the LOR Foundation, Ivette Atencio, the Best Western Movie Manor Manager Will Patel, the City of Monte Vista City Manager Gigi Dennis, Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Manager Heather Hillin, Rio Grande County Tourism Board, Linda Burnett, and the SLV 4-H Community, including SLV Scholar Support board members Russell Pratt and James Fischer and Colorado State University SLV Area Extension Office Director Larry Brown and 4-H Youth Development Specialist Morgan Young. SLV Fast Friends thanked the sponsors and supporters who made the Draggin' Main event possible.

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Logger Days chops down fun in South Fork over weekend

By LYNDISIE FERRELL
SOUTH FORK — Though temperatures in South Fork reached the upper 80s, spectators still lined the bleachers of Greaser Field throughout the weekend under huge tents to enjoy this year's Logger Days Festival. The sound of chainsaws revving their engines and cutting through massive logs of wood greeted people on Saturday, July 15, as the competition got underway.

The parking lot outside the South Fork Community Center was packed with vendors selling their goods. Everything from Native American flute music to handmade jewelry graced the tables of hundreds of vendors, both locally sourced and from all over southwestern Colorado and beyond. The inside of the community center was also packed.

Friday morning began with an ax-throwing clinic hosted by the South Fork Friends Foundation (SFFF) which was well attended. Weeks before the event, members of the organization cut large slabs of wood for the class. Participating youth along with adults had a great time learning the art of throwing a tomahawk.

"Everyone had a really great time. We had more girls participate than boys this year and that was really fun," said SFFF President Luke Brennan.

The fun didn't stop there, Friday also hosted a new category of logging events for collegiate competitors, and later in the afternoon, the band

Hip Hop is Dead hit the stage and entertained the crowd. Saturday morning logging competitions were off and running by 9 a.m. with the crowd already in place to watch youth and adult ax-throwing competitions, men and woman's crosscut, speed cutting and team events. The arena was in constant change as Logger Days staff moved from one event to the next, placing timber poles, moving cut slabs of wood, and helping keep the fun going for everyone.

Saturday ended with a pie-eating competition as participants donned trash bags which helped keep their arms at their sides as they dug in face first to the delicious baked pies.

A brain was set up by Rio Grande Hospital for youth to walk through and learn about the importance of wearing a helmet when riding a bike. Free bike helmets were passed out throughout the weekend.

"This year was so much fun even though it was hot. There was great food, entertainment, and vendors. You can tell the town loves to put this on. We come every year," said Mark Dixon from Texas.

Saturday evening closed the day's activities with a performance by Salida Din Band and Sunday morning featured the annual Logger Days 5k.

Next up for South Fork will be the 2nd annual fall Colorfest and pig roast. More details will be announced as they become available.



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell

The annual Logger Days Festival was a timbering success this weekend in South Fork. Logging competitors from around the country gathered at Greaser Field near the community center for a weekend packed with logging events, vendors, food and entertainment.

Rattlers Mountain Bike Team recruiting student riders

SAN LUIS VALLEY — The San Luis Valley Rattlers Mountain Biking Team is gearing up to start the 2023 mountain bike race season. Practices started on July 18.

"Student athletes can join a hardworking, dynamic, and fun team that can help you reach your potential," organizers stated.

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New restaurant to hit South Fork with year-round service

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

SOUTH FORK—Newstravels fast in the small mountain town of South Fork and a new restaurant has been the topic of discussion for several weeks now.

Robin Chadwick, owner of the fairly new Bini's Boutique located on the frontage road between the carwash and Basecamp Sweets, is ready to set out on her newest adventure — The Holy Grill. The restaurant is south of the Rio Grande Hospital Clinic and next to True Grit Excavating.

Chadwick comes to Colorado from Texas but was born in Africa. After moving back to the United States when she was 5 years old, she later delved into the hospitality industry and decided that she wanted to start her own business.

"We were looking at Trinidad but just by happenstance, I booked an Air B&B in the Valley," Chadwick said. "We realized that Trinidad was two hours away, so we decided to stay. Some friends suggested we visit South Fork, and honestly, we fell in love."

Armed with about 20 years in the hospitality business, Chadwick set her sights on her new venture earlier this year when she realized that South Fork needed a restaurant that would serve up fresh and daily food and be open year-round with the convenience of a drive-thru.

"We wanted to keep things simple

and so we will start out with a menu of burger combos that come with crispy fries and a drink, but we may decide to expand as we move forward," said Chadwick.

Chadwick has spent the first part of the spring and summer working with her partner Don Burwell, owner of True Grit Excavating, to get a new restaurant built pretty much from scratch. The new establishment is housed in a small shed that has been streamlined and transformed into a state-of-the-art professional grill.

"We wanted it to be set up so that I can work the grill alone if I need to. I am hoping to hire at least two employees to help but the way we have it built, I am confident I can run it alone," continued Chadwick.

Chadwick's idea of good food is fresh and never frozen top-grade meat as well as fresh produce.

"As long as people understand the wait is about 10 minutes per order, they will get elevated burgers and high-quality food from us. We will also have steak fries, gourmet grilled cheese and grilled peanut butter and jelly for those, who like me, love it," Chadwick said with a laugh.

The Holy Grill will be a year-round establishment that offers to-go orders and a drive-thru pickup window option that will be open seven days a week from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. They will have a grand opening on July 29.



Photo by Lyndsie Ferrell

Robin Chadwick and her partner Don Burwell are ready to open their new restaurant, The Holy Grill, next weekend in South Fork.

USDA Rural Development announces availability of technical assistance grant funding

Purpose: to lower energy costs for rural business owners, ag producers

By **PRISCILLA WAGGONER**

WASHINGTON D.C. — U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Business-Cooperative Service Administrator, Dr. Karama Neal has announced that USDA is making \$21 million in technical assistance grants available to provide "hands-on" assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses in accessing federal funds for renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements.

A "technical assistance grant" is generally described as funding made available to organizations, agencies, and both for-profit and non-profit groups to help communities in accessing funding that's available to further needed projects and improvements.

In the case of this grant from the USDA, tribal or local governments, colleges and universities, electric cooperatives and utility companies, and for-profit and nonprofit organizations are invited to apply.

Grants will be awarded to recipients who will use the funding to provide information on how business owners and agricultural producers can improve the energy efficiency of their operations and use renewable energy technologies and resources. "Hands-on" assistance can also include conducting required energy assessments and audits or helping agricultural producers and small business owners plan, build or develop renewable energy or energy efficiency projects.

Equally important, funding can be used to help rural agricultural producers and small business owners apply for REAP funding.

REAP, administered through USDA's Rural Development, was created by the

USDA to encourage the development of renewable energy in rural areas, and help reduce energy costs for agricultural producers and rural small businesses.

"USDA Rural Development offers these technical assistance grants to ensure fair opportunities for rural businesses, farmers, and ranchers to access the Rural Energy for America Program," says Armando Valdez, USDA Rural Development Colorado State Director, adding that this "unique option empowers rural Colorado to make climate-smart investments in rural infrastructure to help Colorado, and America, build back better and stronger."

"This funding greatly enhances the ability of smaller projects to participate in REAP. All of these investments and resources are targeting economic prosperity for rural America and are made possible through the landmark Inflation Reduction Act. This investment is great for Colorado and great for a robust future in rural communities."

USDA will give funding priority to applicants proposing to assist disadvantaged communities, applicants pursuing projects using underutilized technologies, and applicants seeking grants under \$20,000.

For program inquiries in Colorado, email SM.CO.REAP@usda.gov. For additional information, see the July 13 Federal Register which can be found by going to <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2023-14832.pdf>.

As stated in the Federal Register, paper submissions must be received by the Agency no later than 4 p.m. local time on Aug. 15, 2023, in the USDA RD State Office (RDSO) of the State where the project is located to be eligible for funding under this grant opportunity.

Paper submissions from the San Luis Valley can be sent to Armando Valdez, State Director, Denver Federal Center Building 56, Room 2300 PO Box 25426 Denver, CO 80225-0426.



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Rescue helipad proves its worth

SAR annual fundraiser set for Aug. 19 in Alamosa

By JOHN WATERS

ALAMOSA COUNTY — A new helipad, located off the Lake

Como-Blanca Peak Road, that is a collaborative effort of Alamosa County, Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue (AVSAR), and the Bureau of Land Management, was barely finished when it was pulled into action, not once, but twice in June.

On June 18, the pad was used by a Colorado Department of

Fire Prevention and Control helicopter to assist in the rescue of two climbers who needed emergency rescue while attempting the traverse between Little Bear and Blanca on the Blanca Massif.

Emergency crews again used the helipad on June 24, when a hiker became lost on his descent of Little Bear. That hiker needed medical assistance due to a lack of needed gear and water. At the time, AVSAR issued this statement, “AVSAR reminds everyone, this is a great example of why the 10 essentials are critically important to have. The hiker quickly deteriorated because he did not have access to water and extra layers beyond what he had on him. His headlight was dying and had no additional light source.”

The 10 essentials generally include: Navigation tools such as map, compass, GPS devices. Headlamp with extra batteries. Sun protection. First aid gear. Knife. Fire starter. Shelter. Extra food and water. Extra clothes.

On Aug. 19 from 3 to 10 p.m., Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue will hold its annual fundraiser (SUDS for SAR) with a block party on San Juan Avenue in Alamosa that includes a silent auction and music by Blue Sky, and Company of Friends.



Photo by John Waters

The helipad as seen in this early July photo, has assisted in two rescue missions in the last month.

A 2022 Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) study estimates each search and rescue volunteer spends \$1,587 of their own money, or \$4.4 million statewide annually in addition to their free labor to fulfill the missions they provide. The study concludes that the value of their out-of-pocket expenses and labor is about \$21 million annually statewide.

Each year, search and rescue

teams respond to 3,600 calls in Colorado, more than any other state in the country, according to CPW.

For a \$12 donation, anyone can obtain a Colorado Search and Rescue Card that helps reimburse the expenses of search and rescue missions, by funding the Colorado Search and Rescue Reimbursement Fund. The cards are available from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs at: www.dola.colorado.gov.



MURALS

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between artists, archivists, activists, students, and community members, as well as the broader population across the state.

Lucha Martínez de Luna was born and raised in Colorado. She is director of the Chicano/a/x Murals of Colorado Project. She actively advocates for cultural inclusivity in scientific and cultural facilities and conducts research of the Hispano-

Chicano people and arts in the American West and Southwest.

She has served as associate curator of Latino heritage at History Colorado, curatorial assistant and research associate at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Museo de las Americas, the Regional Museum of Guadalajara, and division director for the State Council of Culture and Arts in Chiapas, Mexico.

She is an archaeologist and has worked on numerous archaeological projects in the American West and Southwest, as well as in central and southern Mexico. She is a visiting professor at Universidad de las Ciencias y Artes de Chiapas where she directs an archaeological field school at the Zoque site of O'na Tök, Mexico.

The San Luis Valley American Indian Center is located at 240 East

5th St. in Center. The Range is located at 307 4th St. in Saguache. Lucha Martínez de Luna's presentations will correspond to the opening of Somos Agua, an intergenerational silk painting mural to educate communities on the importance of clean water.

This Chicano/Chicano Murals of Colorado (chicanomuralsofcolorado.com) presentation is organized

through a partnership of three Saguache County organizations: HEART of Saguache (heartofsaguache.org), San Luis Valley American Indian Center (a SLV AHEC project, slahec.org), and The Range (therangeontheinternet.com). Funding for this program is provided through a Saguache County Sales Tax Grant.

BIG BAND

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to succeed. He launched his second band — the one that lives on today — in March of 1938. This Glenn Miller Orchestra has been a “hit” ever since. A matchless string of hit records, the constant impact of radio broadcasts and the drawing power at theaters, hotels and dance pavilions built and sustained the momentum of popularity.

Miller disbanded his musical organization in 1942 at the height of its popularity to volunteer for the Army. There, he organized and led the famous Glenn Miller Army Air Force Band. It went to Europe to entertain servicemen performing numerous live and radio shows.

On Dec. 15, 1944, Maj. Miller took off in a single engine plane from Europe to precede his band to France, disappearing over the English Channel, never to be seen again. The Army declared him officially dead a year later. With the release of the major motion movie “The Glenn Miller Story” featuring Jimmy Stewart and June Allyson in 1954, interest and popular demand led the Miller

Estate to authorize the formation of the present Glenn Miller Orchestra.

On June 6, 1956, and under the direction of drummer Ray McKinley who had become the unofficial leader of the Army Air Force Band after Miller's disappearance, the reformed Glenn Miller Orchestra performed its first concert and has been on the road ever since.

Other leaders have followed Ray, including clarinetists Buddy DeFranco and Peanuts Hucko, trombonists Buddy Morrow, Jimmy Henderson, Larry O'Brien and Gary Tole, and tenor saxophonist Dick Gerhart. Since January 2012, vocalist Nick Hilscher has led the band.

Today, the 18-member ensemble continues to play many of the original Miller arrangements, both from the civilian band and the AAFB libraries. Additionally, it also plays some more modern selections arranged and performed in the Miller style and sound. Just as it was in Miller's day, the Glenn Miller Orchestra today is still the most sought-after big band in the world.

Discover True Happiness in Your Life

There's a story about a little boy who was very poor and needed shoes. He was standing in front of a shoe store, barefoot and shivering with cold. A woman approached him and asked him why he was standing there, looking through the window. He told her, “Well, ma'am, I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes.”

The woman took the boy into the store, washed his dirty, bare feet and put new socks and shoes on them. The boy was so touched by her compassion that he asked her, “Ma'am, are you God's wife?” He assumed if she showed him that kind of love, she must be related to God.

This story is one of the best examples of what it means to walk in love. And our goal as believers in Christ is to show God's love so people see Him shining through us.

It Starts with Communion

Matthew 26:26 (NIV) says, “While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, ‘Take and eat; this is my body.’” It's interesting to see here that Jesus blessed the bread, broke it, and then gave it to the disciples.

We usually refer to this scripture when we have communion to remind us of the sacrifice He made for us. And just as Jesus gave His life and was broken for us, we must be broken so we can live for Him.

We don't like to think about God breaking us, but it's really a wonderful thing. Because when we're born again, the seed of God's nature—all that He is—is planted in our spirits.

First Peter 1:23 says, “For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.” And 1 John 3:9 tells us that as believers, “God's seed [His principle of life, the

essence of His righteous character] remains [permanently]” in us (AMP).

This means we have what it takes to be like Jesus and love others the way He loves us. We already have His love in us, but we all need God to do a work in our souls for us to be able to walk in love. We have to grow spiritually for our soul—mind, will and emotions—to be molded into the image of Christ.

We need to pray for Him to show us how to walk in love...for God to do whatever He needs to do in our lives so His love can flow through us to others. When we do, He will deal with whatever is in us that is standing in the way: pride, unforgiveness, selfishness, insecurity, fear or any other ungodly attitude or behavior.

The Beauty of Brokenness

Isaiah 64:8 says, “O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our Potter, and we all are the work of Your hand” (AMP). I know what it's like to be broken and molded by God. I used to have so many problems; I was hard to get along with and harsh. There were a lot of things I didn't understand because I had been mistreated, and I thought it was good to be hard and not let anyone push me around, because everyone else had a problem, not me.

I remember praying so diligently for God to change my husband, Dave, because if he would just be the way I wanted him to be, then I would be happy. But one day God spoke to my heart so strongly and said, “Dave is not the problem.” My response was, “Well, who is? It's just me and him. What do You mean Dave is not the problem?”

It was devastating to realize I was really the problem, but it was also the beginning of a beautiful work God wanted to do in me.

Even though I was a mess, I really loved God and wanted to live for Him, but I had to give Him control so He



could mold me into His image. I began to pray things like, “God, do whatever You need to do in my life to change me. I'm the clay and You are the Potter. Romans 8:29 says you foreordained me to be molded into the image of Jesus, and I want to be everything You created me to be.”

The journey hasn't been easy, but I can honestly say that the hardest times in my life have become blessings because God has used them to bring me close to Him so I can grow spiritually. That's His plan for all of His children.

I want to encourage you to spend time with God and search out the promises He has for you in His Word. Trust His wisdom and do what He shows you to do. As you put your faith in God to break you, mold you and make you what He's created you to be, the Potter will make you an amazing work of His hand!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-part teaching resource **What Is Love?** 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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Dr. Mikaila Pence cuts the ribbon during a ceremony on July 5 at the Children's Specialty Clinic of the San Luis Valley in Monte Vista. The clinic has been open since January, but officially held their ribbon cutting on July 5 with help from the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce.

Ribbon cutting held for Children's Specialty Clinic of the San Luis Valley

BY MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — On Wednesday, July 5, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the new Children's Specialty Clinic of the San Luis Valley that opened at 10 Rupert St. in Monte Vista. The clinic has been open since January, but officially held their ribbon cutting on July 5 with help from the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Mikaila Pence is proud to open this specialty clinic to aid in helping children with special needs all over the Valley.

"The Children's Specialty Clinic is a brand-new non-profit," she said. "There is a group of volunteers sitting on the board to hear the Valley's needs and work to fulfill those needs. I think one of our biggest gaps in services for our

families, for our kids, is our kids with neurodiversity. Children with autism, ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, and utero substance exposure. Right now, we have behavioral therapy and Applied Behavioral Analysis therapy. We also have Children's Hospital bringing specialty clinics here. We are also partnering with the San Luis Valley

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First-ever Alamosa Veterans Car and Motorcycle Show a success

BY KEN HAMRICK

ALAMOSA — Despite having to end early because of windy conditions, the first-ever Alamosa Veterans Memorial Park Car and Motorcycle Show went off without a hitch on Saturday.

"I think the show went well," said Janey Yohn, vice-chair of the memorial committee. The plan is to have the event every year. "We made some mistakes, but the one thing I want to say about the monument is that it's for Veterans and for their families. I'm very excited about it. I can't say how many hours we put into it. We made a few errors, but I think it went off pretty good. My husband and his family are all car people and we thought the show was a pretty good idea."

The show, which was the idea of Jamie Dominguez, benefitted the building of the Alamosa Veterans Memorial Park which will be built just south of the Alamosa County Complex.

"The monument is going to be right in front of the county annex," Yohn said. "It's on Airport Road and there's an orange cone sitting right where it's going to be. It will be visible from Highway 285."

The Best in Show Award went to Yohn Brothers and the Emilio Lujan Memorial. Other awards saw Johnny Marlin/Clive win the best Chevy, Jim and Linda Montoya win the best Ford and Ben Martinez win the best Mopar. Joe Aguilar won Ladies Choice, Pat Mascarenas won Veterans Choice, and Doug Hollar win Com-



A small replica of the statue that will be the centerpiece of the Alamosa Veterans Memorial Park was on display during the car and motorcycle show on Saturday.

missioners Choice.

The Top 15 cars in order went to Carlos Large, Brad Atencio, Orlando Archuleta, Moses Garcia, Lori Sharp, Ray Garcia, Lance O'Dowd, Sid and Charlie, Claudio Sanchez, Joe Griego, Pat Mascarenas, Larry Richardson, Joe Aguilar, Richard Garcia, and Julian Espinoza.

The Top 3 motorcycles in order went to David Farley, Jeff Maestas and Doug Hollar.

There was also recognition of Veterans from around all six counties in the San Luis Valley. The list included Robert Demick, an Army Veteran from Costilla County, Monte Collins, an Army Veteran from Alamosa

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Creede Repertory Theatre's 'The Royale' opens July 15

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CREEDE — On July 15, Creede Repertory Theatre (Creede Rep) will open "The Royale" by Marco Ramirez, a fast-paced sports drama based on the life of Black heavyweight boxer, Jack Johnson, at the turn of the 20th century.

"Originally slated for our 2022 season, we could not be more excited to finally share this phenomenal production with our audience. The entire production team as well as the cast have returned to give this story its due," says Creede Rep Producing Artistic Director John DiAntonio.

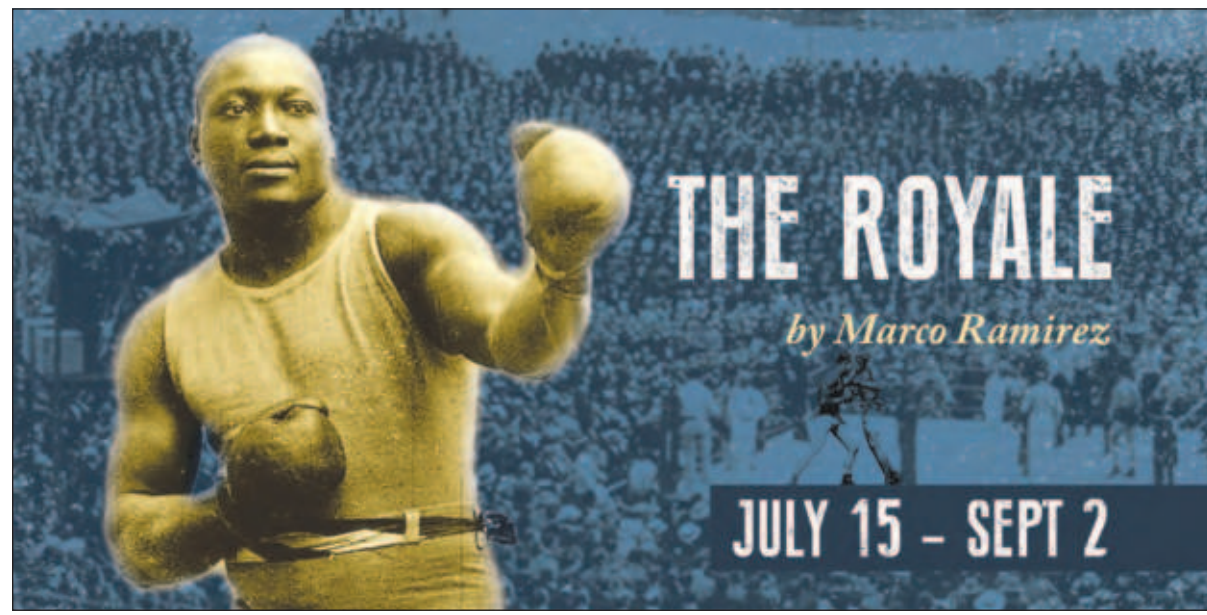
"Marco Ramirez's play about Jay 'The Sport' Jackson gives us a peek at what obstacles Jack Johnson faced on his way to becoming the heavyweight champion of the world and how he might have dealt with them," says returning director, Kyle Haden. "As we move further into the twenty-first century and watch our latest generation of athletic heroes start to ride

off into the sunset or edge toward the exit, I think about: What do we ask of our heroes? What did we ask of Jack Johnson?"

The San Luis Valley and Creede also share a rich history with the sport of boxing. Jack Dempsey also known as the "The Manassa Mauler" became the heavyweight champion of the world in 1919. Dempsey was born in Manassa, just south of Alamosa in the San Luis Valley, and grew up in Lower Creede (Jintown) around the turn of the century.

The production runs July 15 to Sept. 2 in Creede Rep's intimate Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre, 120 S. Main St., with evening performances beginning at 7 p.m. and 1 p.m. for matinees. Tickets start at \$38.

July also features two special events. For fans of the legendary songwriting duo Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, don't miss "A Celebration of Rodgers & Hammerstein" which will feature a collaboration



between Creede Rep and the Creede Musical Arts Collective (CMAC) and showcases Creede Rep's musical talent alongside CMAC's world-class singers as they explore the works of

the famous duo. The host for the evening is Creede Rep alumnus Ted Chapin, who served as the president of the Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization for 40 years.

"Ted is a legend and one of the foremost experts on Rodgers and Hammerstein," DiAntonio says. "We can't wait to have him back on our stage." *Please see ROYALE on Page 8*

Bullfighters Only gets Ski-Hi Stampede celebration going

Ballard of Nevada wins event in Monte Vista

BY MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — The kickoff to the 101st Ski-Hi Stampede celebration began with Bullfighters Only taking Monte Vista by storm on Saturday, July

8, at the Ski Hi Park Arena. The Bullfighters Only event started with a tailgate party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with cold drinks and socializing for all in attendance. There was also a dance after the event.

There was a total of nine bullfighters that competed in the Colorado Championship with Luke Ballard of Haviland, Nev., winning the overall title. Also competing were Colt Carlisle

of San Saba, Texas, Conner Larrivee of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Colton Orcutt of Kersey, Tucker Lane of Oak Grove, Mo., Cole Bates of Sky Valley, Calif, Alex McWilliams of Paso Robles, Texas, Weston Rutkowski of Haskell, Texas, and Tyler Mansell of Caldwell, Idaho.

Each bullfighter worked the bull in arena, with nothing between them except the bullfighters' clothes and his ability to jump onto steel fence around the ring.

Many of the bullfighters also had to whoop and holler to lure the bull toward them, and once the bull advanced it was all about getting out of the bull's way to avoid the horns, body, and bucking head of the powerful animal, by maneuvering and jumping.

The Bullfighters Only event featured three pools of three bullfighters with the victor of each pool advancing to the championship round. The bullfighters were graded on a scale of 1-25 points, with 60 seconds for each competitor in the ring. The bull's performance was also a key component of the fight, and the bull was also graded on the same scale. There was a total of two judges.

The bulls that were used in the event were all of one Spanish bloodline, Toro de Lidia is an exceptional breed of bull known for its aggression and attractiveness, and their lively way of moving.

Each bullfighter took their turn in the ring. The bleachers on each side of the rodeo arena was full, with the crowds cheering each bullfighter as they took on the bulls.

In between the fights a long-haired blonde named Jessica, was also present and wowed the crowd with her ability to ride two white horses at once, standing up, with each foot on one of the horses. She also danced a third horse in a circle with the other two, and the crowd oohed and awed as she controlled all three and rode them

around the ring.

Ballard ultimately took home the Colorado Championship moving to the number 1 spot in the BFO title ranks and he was awarded a \$10,000 check and a trophy by Eric Kimberling, the Secretary of the Ski-Hi Stampede Committee.

The Ski-Hi Stampede begins on Jan. 27 with a concert by Carly Pearce, followed by parades on Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29, in Downtown Monte Vista, and PRCA action on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 28-30



Photo by Marie Mccolm

Bullfighters Only returned to Monte Vista for the second year in a row on Saturday, July 8, at the Ski Hi Park Arena.

It's almost carnival time

MONTE VISTA — The 101st Ski-Hi Stampede carnival opens on Wednesday, July 26, in Monte Vista. And once again Wright's Amusements will have a food drive for the Monte Vista Emer-

gency Food Bank that evening. Bring two cans of food and an all-you-can-ride band will cost only \$25. Look for the trailer at the entrance, drop off your cans, and you'll get a

ticket to get your band. Offer good for Wednesday, July 26, only.

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Behavioral health group to bring in or to find funding to hire and specifically train a person to be an Autism Specialist, in the realm of mental health for those kids. We are also partnering with SLV AHEC to bring development within our community for behavioral therapists, medical therapy people, OT, speech, and feeding therapy. These kids deserve good care, and I feel as if they have really been abandoned with this type of care. You find this stuff available in the Metro area, but we are working to bring it all here locally."

In addition to the therapies that Dr. Pence listed, the clinic also offers Home Health and CNA Family training to initiate locally based pediatric home health nursing services as well as offer CNA training for families of children with medical conditions.

Local mother Kelly George, spoke of how the clinic is going to help her son Riley with his autism spectrum disorder.

"This means a lot to us because Riley is currently staying in a residential facility in Colorado Springs, because we didn't have access to ABA therapy here," George said. "We also didn't have access to this support. So, having this here will mean he can potentially have more support in the school system, he can be home more. We probably wouldn't have had to look elsewhere if we had such a thing here before. One of the first recommendations we got when he was initially diagnosed was ABA Therapy, and that would have meant a trip from here where we currently live in Del Norte, all the way to Pueblo every single day. I love my job, I have bought my home here, I am raising my kids here, to pack up and move my entire family of six would have been so hard, to access those services. We just did the best we could, but now having this here will give us so much more of the help that we needed. We are now working on a way to bring Riley back home."

Christina Welden of Monte Vista spoke about how the clinic has already benefitted her two autistic children.

"Small towns are great. My kids have been here for a year. My boys are on the more severe end of the autism spectrum, they will need total care for the rest of their lives," Welden said. "What a difference this place has made for my kids. I have been advocating to parents, telling them all about his clinic and how wonderful it is. I cannot say enough about how great this clinic is. I try to hold random get togethers for people with children with special needs. I have told other parents to reach out to me on social media, and I try to help them with resources. I find out what people are lacking,

and I try to help them as much as I can. This place is a great place for parents and children with special needs. It has helped my kids so much. I highly recommend it yes."

Heather Hillin, manager of the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce, said, "I am so excited that we now have this in our town, it will benefit so many kiddos here and we are proud to be a part of it all."

The LOR Foundation also donated money to the clinic to help fund an ABA therapy outdoor safe space.

LOR Officer Ivette Atencio said she was happy to see the clinic, and feels it is a welcome addition to the town.

"Any time LOR can help the community, we are happy to help. We were proud to donate to a clinic that will help so many children that need the help here in the Valley," Atencio said.

For more information on the Children's Specialty Clinic of the San Luis Valley, call 719-852-3742.



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Dr. Mikaila Pence is proud to open the Children's Specialty Clinic of the San Luis Valley to aid in helping children with special needs. In addition to behavioral therapies, the clinic also offers Home Health and CNA Family training to initiate locally based pediatric home health nursing services as well as offer CNA training for families of children with medical conditions.

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		7/13	7/12	7/11	7/10	2day	3day	4day	5day	7day
Moravian 69	04/05	0.21	0.18	0.22	0.18	0.39	0.61	0.79	1.00	1.57
Moravian 69	05/05	0.28	0.22	0.27	0.21	0.50	0.77	0.98	1.23	1.86
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South Fork Friends Foundation to host 2nd annual Arts, Crafts Fair

BY LYNSIE FERRELL

SOUTH FORK — With the Third of July Celebration over, the South Fork Friends Foundation will be hosting its second annual Arts and Crafts Fair at the South Fork Visitor Center on July 19.

According to South Fork Friends Foundation President Luke Brennan, this year's Arts and Crafts Fair will be bigger and better than last year.

"We have some really great artists coming this year who joined us last year and we also have some new ones bringing in some great stuff. This is a great way to come out and support local and visiting artists and a great way to enjoy a day in South Fork," said Brennan.

This unique event will feature over 40 artists from around the region who are coming to share their talents with the public. The show will be on July 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the visitor center in South Fork.

According to the South Fork Friends Foundation the day will be filled with artists from all over Colorado and five other states who are bringing unique, handmade art.

In addition to the artists, there will be several local food vendors. There will also be an opportunity to learn how to create tie-dyed T-shirts with onsite lessons for people of all ages.

"It will be twice as large as last year's event with over 40 vendors from six states displaying original works of art and crafts. In addition to the vendors, there will be Gosar's Sausage food truck, the Polar Express ice cream truck with frozen-dipped bananas and other cold treats, and kettle corn stand. This event is also free," explained Brennan.

For more information, call the South Fork Visitor Center at 719-873-5512.

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stage for one night only." This once-in-a-lifetime event takes place Thursday, July 13, at 7 p.m. in the Mainstage Theatre, 124 N. Main St. Tickets are \$50.

On July 25, country swing duo, Poi Rogers, will perform a benefit concert for Creede Rep under the tent at the historic Creede Hotel and Restaurant. Somewhere in-between the tropical lounges of 1930s Los Angeles and the honky tonk beer joints of rural 1950s California, you'll find Poi Rogers. Hailing from Santa Cruz, Calif., the duo performs original and vintage country and western swing, Hawaiian steel guitar ballads, and cowboy tunes. Gerard Egan and Carolyn Sills are both inductees into the Sacramento Western Swing Hall of Fame. Carolyn was named the Academy of Western Artists' 2021 Western Swing Female Vocalist of the Year, and was nominated for a 2023 Ameripolitan Award for the same. Poi Rogers features Gerard doubling on acoustic guitar and his 1954 Fender triple neck steel guitar with Carolyn on standup bass, their timeless harmonies anchoring the show. Tickets are \$30 and attendees may purchase dinner and drinks through the Creede Hotel and Restaurant. The performance begins at 5 p.m.

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Photos by Ken Hamrick

Several Veterans from across the San Luis Valley were honored at the conclusion of the first-ever Alamosa Veterans Memorial Park Car and Motorcycle Show. From Left, Alfred Weiss, an Army Veteran from Saguache County, Lyle Dye, a Marine Veteran from Rio Grande County, Monte Collins, an Army Veteran from Alamosa County, Steve Salazar, an Army Veteran from Conejos County, Jim Van Ry, a Navy Veteran from Mineral County, and Frank Muniz from Alamosa County who received a special award. Not pictured, Robert Demick, an Army Veteran from Costilla County.

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County, Jim Van Ry, a Navy Veteran from Mineral County, Lyle Dye, a Marine Veteran from Rio Grande County, Steve Salazar, an Army Veteran from Conejos County, and Alfred Weiss, an Army Veteran from

Saguache County. Demick served in Afghanistan and Iraq, and Collins, Van Rye, Dye, Salazar, and Weiss all in Vietnam. The amount raised by the car and motorcycle show was not available.



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- Site 1 — approximately one-third of a mile north of the CO-NM state line at Mile Point 0.3
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Travelers should also be aware of the newly decreased speed limits of 25 mph as they approach light

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Festival season underway in south San Luis Valley

BY DIANE DREKMANN
SAN LUIS — It is festival season in the southern San Luis Valley. Communities in Conejos and Costilla counties are celebrating this month. The most important festival in San Luis is right around the corner, the Fiesta de Santiago y Santa Ana, honoring the patron saints of San Luis. The festival starts Friday, July 21 with the crowning of the Santa Ana queen, and new this year, the crowning of the duchess at the Mass of Santiago at the Immaculate Conception Church in Chama at 5 p.m. Festivities continue until Sunday, July 23. People can listen to a different musical group each night. There will be a lowrider show on Saturday, July 22. The Salida Circus will perform.

Sanford has its Pioneer Day on July 19. Manassa celebrates its Pioneer Days on July 20-22. Miss Pioneer will be crowned on July 20 at the Manassa Opera house at 5 p.m. There will be live music, storytellers, and various activities through July 22.

Local resident Dana Maestas will be signing her book about the history of San Luis at 1 p.m. People have a chance to see the parade 10 a.m. on July 22 and 23. For sports-minded folks, there will be a 10K run at Stations of the Cross, starting at the San Luis Town Hall at 7 a.m. It is not too late to have a float in the parade or to run in the 10K. Call the San Luis Town Hall at 719-672-3321 or stop by 408 Main St. to get an application to be in the parade. Cost is \$10. One can register there for the 10K run.

MORE FESTIVALS
 La Jara has its Glory Days celebration on July 15, with annual favorites, the traditional dance group Los Vecinos Baliadores coming from Antonito.

CAC to host Educational Printmaking Workshop on July 17

CONTRIBUTED
CREEDE — The Creede Arts Council is hosting an educational event on July 17 centered on the process of creating a woodcut to be a print-press. Participants will have the opportunity to learn how to create and carve wooden boards with their own original designs. Local artists Colleen DeSanto, Jody Stroh, Amanda Charlton, and Fred McLeRoy will be teaching their techniques for this process.

This workshop will be perfect preparation for those interested in participating in the 4th Annual Steamroller Printmaking Event on Sept. 16. No experience is required to participate in this class.

This special educational event will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. on July 17 at the Virginia Christensen Rec Center. If you are interested in attending, RSVP to creedearts@outlook.com.

To learn more about the Steamroller Printmaking Event, follow CAC on Facebook or visit the website at www.creedeartscouncil.com/steamroller-printmaking.



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Rito Hondo Reservoir to be treated ahead of native Rio Grande cutthroat trout restoration

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CREEDE — Presented with a unique opportunity, Colorado Parks and Wildlife will undergo a project to establish a population of native Rio Grande cutthroat trout in Rito Hondo Reservoir west of Creede.

Rito Hondo Reservoir has been lowered for dam repair work. With the water level lowered, CPW will do a rotenone treatment on the reservoir to remove non-native brook trout with the objective of stocking native Rio Grande cutthroats in the summer of 2024. CPW aquatic biologist Estevan Vigil said the lake is highly productive and can grow large fish.

“The reservoir being drained for repairs gives us the opportunity to reclaim the lake itself and the stream above it without having to treat the whole lake,” Vigil said. “The coolest thing about this project is that it’s popping up out of nowhere and providing another lake that can grow really good trout.”

CPW aims to conduct the treatment project beginning the week of July 24. The lake will remain fishless through the winter. When dam repairs are complete, the lake will begin to refill

following spring runoff in 2024. Then, it will be stocked with the native fish.

“We anticipate this being a great conservation success,” Vigil said. “We hope to establish this as a broodstock lake to get more Rio Grande cutthroat eggs for stocking out across the San Luis Valley.”

CPW is conducting this project in coordination with partners at the U.S. Forest Service and the San Luis Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited. To provide for public safety during the construction process, the Divide Ranger District has closed the roads and area around the dam.

To establish native cutthroat trout habitat in suitable streams, removal of non-native trout is essential. Non-native trout compete, prey on and/or readily hybridize with cutthroat trout. Successfully establishing a Rio Grande cutthroat trout population requires removing all the non-native trout before Rio Grande cutthroats can be stocked.

The removal of non-native fish is done with the use of the EPA-registered piscicide rotenone, an organic chemical that comes from a tropical legume (pea family) root that has been



used by indigenous peoples to capture fish and has been used throughout the world for fish management projects. Rotenone only affects gill breathing animals and invertebrates when used properly. CPW and other state fish and game agencies have used rotenone for over 80 years to remove fish in controlled and targeted reaches of lakes and streams.

Once the Rio Grande cutthroat trout is re-established, anglers will have the unique opportunity to catch this native fish. Vigil said it could take three to five years for Rito Hondo to produce large, catchable fish that anglers are accustomed to reeling in on the lake.



Photos courtesy of CPW

CPW aims to restore Rito Hondo Reservoir into a Rio Grande cutthroat broodstock lake in the coming years following a treatment project of the reservoir this summer.

The Rio Grande cutthroat is one of three native trout indigenous to Colorado. The Colorado River cutthroat is found on Colorado’s Western Slope, and the Greenback cutthroat is found on the Front Range. CPW is

also working on a variety of projects to restore those populations.

For more information on Rio Grande cutthroat trout, go to <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/ResearchRioGrandeCutthroatTrout.aspx>

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Hillsides
6. A way to ingest
9. Large number
13. Southeastern Minnesota city
14. Cronies
15. Having sufficient skill, knowledge
16. Supplements with difficulty
17. Former VP nominee Palin
18. Cambodian monetary unit
19. Where coaches work
21. Secret political clique
22. A type of lute
23. Tan
24. Empire State
25. Where golfers begin
28. For each
29. Muslim inhabitants of the Philippines
31. Bird genus
33. Popular Dave Matthews Band song
36. Domesticates
38. “Boardwalk Empire” actress Gretchen
39. Asian antelope
41. One who takes apart
44. Kin
45. Dresses
46. Says something about you (abbr.)
48. Doctor of Education
49. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
51. Overcharge
52. Sailboats
54. Indian musical patterns
56. Predisposition to a condition
60. Share a common boundary with

Solution to last week’s puzzle

1	6	8	9	3	2	5	4	7
5	3	9	6	4	7	1	8	2
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61. Wide
62. Skin disease
63. Monetary unit of Samoa
64. Source of the Blue Nile
65. Instrument
66. Red deer
67. Unidentified flying object
68. Bar or preclude

CLUES DOWN

1. Flying insects
2. Strong alcoholic spirit
3. Old
4. Moves in slowly
5. Symbol for tin
6. Having certain appendages
7. Expression of sorrow or pity
8. Type of hormone (abbr.)
9. One with an unjustified mistrust
10. Hebrew calendar month
11. Pure
12. LSU football coach
14. Unbroken views
17. Fathers
20. Part of a race
21. Hairstyle

23. Fifth note of a major scale
25. Body art
26. Amounts of time
27. Designed chairs
29. Sensational dramatic piece
30. Arrangement of steps
32. Classifies
34. Young child
35. Oh, no!
37. Astronomical period of about 18 years
40. Not or
42. Poke fun at
43. Consisting of roots
47. “__ Humbug!”
49. A way to remove
50. A confusion of voices and other sounds
52. Keyed instrument
53. Varnishes
55. Unpleasantly sticky substance
56. Unable to hear
57. A short erect tail
58. Indicates interest
59. Flow or leak through
61. British thermal unit
65. Iron

Rio Grande County Museum Quilt Show is Aug. 4-5

CONTRIBUTED

DEL NORTE — The Rio Grande County Museum and the San Luis Valley Quilt Guild will partner once again to provide a stunning quilt show in conjunction with the Del Norte Covered Wagon Days on Aug. 4-5.

The show will honor the theme of this year's festivities, "Ode to Patriotism", with a splash of colorful quilts celebrating the history and culture of our nation. As always, an array of quilt designs, techniques and styles will be on display.

The show will be available during museum hours, which are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday,

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

SLV Quilt Guild members will curate the show on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 4-5. The museum gift shop has a wide inventory of books and novelties which focus on local history and the SLV Quilt Guild will have quilted \$10 items for purchase.

All sales of this event support local educational programs and charity projects. There will be an Ice Cream Social at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5 at the Rio Grande County Museum at 580 Oak St., Del Norte.

For more information, contact the museum at 719-657-2847.



Lewis & Clark Quilt by Janet Davis: The center of the quilt displays the American flag along with blocks denoting transcribed passages from Lewis & Clark's journals and appliqued flowers they cataloged along their journey through the West. The border is a pattern often used in Native American quilts and crafts.

Courtesy photo

CPAC to elect a Potatoes USA Board Member

MONTE VISTA — The Colorado Potato Administrative Committee has the opportunity to elect one Potatoes USA Board Member this year. The vote on this position will be on Thursday, July 20, at CPAC's monthly meeting.

Anyone interested in this board member position, is asked to contact the CPAC office prior to the meeting on July 20 by calling 719-852-3322.

Habitat for Humanity Bike 2 Build event Sept. 9

ALAMOSA — SLV Habitat for Humanity is hosting Bike 2 Build, the San Luis Valley Century on Saturday, Sept. 9. Embraced by the dramatic 14,000-foot peaks of the Sangre de Cristo and San Juan mountains, come pedal a Metric Century or a 35-mile loop.

For more information, visit online www.slvhabitat.org/bike-2-build or email bikes@slvhabitat.org. Experience the great expanse of the San Luis Valley and support the work of Habitat for Humanity.

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