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Video from the Mosca Pit Stop was used in a hit-and-run investigation from March 8.

Arrest made in Mosca hit-and-run of March 8

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA — Center resident Alon Avrahm-Debach, more commonly known as Alon Debach, was arrested by the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office on May 18 in connection with a March 8 hit-and-run accident that resulted in the death of Cyril Carragher, 34, of Mosca.

Debach was charged with

“Failure to Remain at the Scene After Accident Involving Death,” a class 3 felony, and “Failure to Notify Police of Accident,” a class 2 misdemeanor.

According to information in the affidavit obtained from the 12th Judicial District Attorney's Office, on March 8 at 6:51 p.m., Colorado State Patrol in Alamosa received information that a pedestrian was

hit on Highway 17 in Mosca near the Mosca Pit Stop.

Troopers were dispatched to the scene where the initial investigation revealed that the pedestrian, later identified as Carragher, was walking in the southbound lane of Highway 17 when he was struck by a vehicle traveling southbound. The vehicle failed to stop and continued

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Saguache County Sheriff's Office asks for public's help in locating missing woman

Edna Quintana last seen May 3 in Saguache

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

SAGUACHE COUNTY — It has been more than a month since Edna Quintana was last seen, and both the Saguache County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) are asking for the public's help in locating the woman.

Quintana, who is 55 years old, was last seen in the town of Saguache on May 3. CBI issued an endangered missing alert for Quintana on May 17.

An endangered missing alert is issued when a missing person is in danger of serious harm due to age, health, disability, environment, or the company of a potentially dangerous person.

At that time, Saguache County Search and Rescue stated Quintana may be missing in the mountains surrounding the town of Saguache.



Edna Quintana, 55, was last seen on May 3.

She is also known to have acquaintances in Center, a town 23 miles south of Saguache.

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Shorts

Episcopal Church Yard and Bake Sale is June 10

MONTE VISTA — The annual “Bane and Blessing” Yard and Bake Sale at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 10.

Sale items and baked goods will be on display in the parish hall located at 3rd and Washington streets in Monte Vista. There will be a variety of items to appeal to all ages.

The proceeds from the sale are specifically designated for community ministry and outreach.

Monte Vista Elks Bike Safety Rally set for June 10

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Elks Lodge No. 2456 in conjunction with the Monte Vista Police Department is having a free Bicycle Safety Rally from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, at Fullenweider Park in Monte Vista.

All children will be given a free small lunch and a drink. People will have the opportunity to win prizes, including a bicycle.

Baca National Wildlife Refuge welcomes new volunteer and new researcher



New visitor center open today and Saturday.

By JOHN WATERS

SAGUACHE COUNTY — Kevin Sloan, a veteran of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who is

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Kevin Sloan (left) will be volunteering at the new visitor center at the Baca National Wildlife Refuge and Valerie Tafoya (right) is a new wildlife researcher at the refuge.

Photo courtesy U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Seven Peaks music festival won't return to San Luis Valley

By JASON BLEVINS

Live Nation is not bringing its Seven Peaks festival back to the San Luis Valley, marking yet another move for the three-day country music concert.

The world's largest concert promoter got cross with Chaffee County commissioners over plans for the 2022 Seven Peaks festival at The Meadows in Buena Vista so the promoter moved the event to the San Luis Valley.

The Labor Day Weekend festival drew about 12,000 concertgoers for three nights of camping and music on a private parcel outside tiny Villa Grove. By all local accounts, the

gathering went smoothly.

“Very well, really. I personally think it went better than I expected,” Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick said.

So Saguache County officials were surprised when Live Nation told them last month that the event would not be returning to the San Luis Valley.

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Live Nation hosted the Seven Peaks festival in the San Luis Valley outside Villa Grove in September 2022.

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OBITUARIES

Ray Warren Berry

Longtime Monte Vista resident Ray Warren Berry, 85, died June 4, 2023, at the River Valley Inn Nursing Home in Del Norte, Colo.

Ray was born in Monte Vista, Colo., to Walter Berry and Vera Dunn Berry. He married the love of his life, Kay Scidmore on Nov. 3, 1958, at the Sargent Community Church in Sargent, Colo.

Ray worked for many years delivering fuel for the Monte Vista CO-OP. He loved to hunt and fish, and work in his yard. He spent many hours landscaping and keeping his yard in top shape, garnering many compliments. In his younger years, he enjoyed woodworking.

Ray is survived by his wife Kay Berry of Monte Vista; his children Keith (Robyn) Robinson of Gunnison, Colo., Barbara Berry of Pueblo, Colo., and Eugene (Melissa) Berry of Salem, Ind.; as well as six grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Elizabeth Johnson, Margaret Hart, and Opal McCarty, and his brother John Berry.

A Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, June 8, 2023, at the Rogers Family Mortuary,



404 Morris St. in Monte Vista. A Funeral Service will be held 10 a.m. Friday, June 9, 2023, at the Sargent Community Church. A private interment will take place Friday afternoon in the San Luis Valley Cemetery. Donations can be made to the Sargent Community Church 6985 North Count Road 2 East, Monte Vista, CO 81144.

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

MSGT (RET) Alejandro (Alex)

Antonio Martinez

MSGT (RET) Alejandro (Alex) Antonio Martinez, of Denver, Colo., passed away Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, at the age of 85 at Veterans Home Fitzsimons in Denver, Colo.

Husband of the late Matilda (Mattie) Martinez (Gonzales); son of the late Benecio and Antonette (Manzanares) Martinez; father of Brian (Laura) Martinez of Baltimore, Md., Monica (Jim) Henningsen of Loveland, Colo., Dianna (Ralph) Martinez-Datoc of Phoenix, Ariz., Elizabeth (Dave) Bode of Waterloo, Ill.; grandfather to Alexandra Martinez, Sterling Kelley, Conner Kelley, Tyler (Casey) Henningsen, Anthony Henningsen, and Mason Bode; and great-grandfather to Maja and Mikko Henningsen.

He was also preceded in death by his daughter Nadine (Martinez) Kelley.

Alex was born June 6, 1937, in Rio Grande County, Colo. He grew up in the farmlands of the San Luis Valley, picking potatoes and playing all sports. He graduated from Sargent High School in 1955 and was the first wrestler from Sargent High School to make it to the State tournament.

Alex, a proud Vietnam Veteran, serving his country for 20 years in



United States Air Force. Serving in multiple locations coast to coast of the United States, including a mechanic for the SR71 Blackbird, and retired as Master Sargent.

While serving, he continued his education by attending Yuma College in California, and graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a degree in History.

After his retirement in 1978, he moved his family back to his home state of Colorado. Alex had a passion for travel and was fortunate to have the opportunity to travel all over the world (over 30 countries), however, he often returned to "the Valley" to visit with distant cousins, old friends and to support local events; his favorite being The Stampede.

There will be a military burial at Fort Logan National Cemetery on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 12 p.m.

Celebrating our new headquarters

Wednesday dawned with an unseasonably gray sky. The threat of rain during a normally dry period cast doubt on my plans for an outside event. To top it off, I was nervous, which is pretty unusual for me. This is what I do. I'd finished my final personal preparations, gathered my things, and left the house early.

Arriving early at the office I found a few more folks than normal already there. I noticed it immediately. There was a building energy and sense of excited anticipation in the room that made me feel better for what was waiting for me to complete today. I've been planning this for months and today was the day. The grand opening of the new headquarters of the Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF). My new office.

Coworkers volunteered eagerly to help with last-minute preparations. We laughed and joked as I lined out the details for tasks that I should have delegated weeks ago. The team was amazing and what I thought would be a couple of hours of work was done in less than one. We were ready.

Several of our guests, mostly from the Rocky Mountain Region of the Forest Service, arrived early. Thinking they were important to us, they tried to get an early glimpse of the building. Ok, so they ARE important to us, and they DID get their pre-ceremony tour. But these were the people that had played significant roles in the process of getting us to this meaningful occasion.

Almost freakishly, just as I announced that we'd get started in two minutes, the winds decided to up their game as well. Our light breeze increased to a more determined moderate breeze. I contemplated moving the event inside, but our nearly 50 guests looked comfortable, so we pressed on. At least the rain would hold off for a while.

Getting the party started, I

introduced Dan Dallas, the Forest Supervisor of the Rio Grande National Forest, who welcomed our guests and spoke of the many challenges we overcame along the way. He also gave heartfelt thanks to many key players both internally and externally.

We were honored to have the Regional Forester of the Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Region, Frank Beum, join us. Frank shared with the crowd that he began his career over 42 years ago, this week, in the Saguache Ranger District and that the RGNF still held a special place in his heart. Frank expressed his gratitude for all the folks involved in our cumbersome process and offered his best wishes as we integrated another office in the community of Del Norte.

Town of Del Norte Trustee, Marty Asplin, provided graciously welcoming remarks on behalf of Mayor Chris Trujillo, who was unable to attend at the last minute.

Our final speaker was Aaron Horrocks from the Upper Rio Grande School District. Aaron shared many anecdotes from the district's perspective that illustrated the tenacity of that organization and its commitment to bring this deal to fruition. We were pleased to have Aaron and other school board members attend our ceremony.

With a seemingly increased breeze blowing, we shifted positions for the ceremonial ribbon cutting to signify our new headquarters' opening. Dan cut the red ribbon with a pair of oversized scissors and proclaimed our official opening. With that symbolic cut, much of the unnecessary anxiety I had been harboring left me in a rush. Thankfully, I invited our guests inside, out of the insistent breeze, for refreshments and tours of the building. The lighthearted conversations and introductions were truly a trademark of the



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By Gregg Goodland

community of Del Norte. We are grateful for the warm welcome.

On behalf of Rio Grande National Forest Leadership, I'd like to thank everyone that played a role in our long and complicated journey that culminated in us moving into our new office earlier this year. I will not attempt to name individuals because I would assuredly omit someone.

A sincere thank you to everyone in these departments and organizations: the Upper Rio Grande School District; the Town of Del Norte; the Del Norte Fire Department; the Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region - Lands and Realty Program Area, Engineering Program Area and the Contracting Program Area; the Rio Grande National Forest - Lands and Realty Program Area, Engineering Program Area, and the several individuals that took on the heavy workload of managing our move. We are grateful to you all.

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.

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

TRACY (ROGERS) TROW
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A Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Tracy will take place on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at 1 p.m. at the Creede Community Church (4th and Main Streets) Creede, Colo. A time of gathering and light refreshments will follow.

HELP

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Quintana is described as a Hispanic female, about 5 feet and 4 inches tall, weighing around 110 to 120 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes.

"We encourage the use of the tipline to provide information about Edna Quintana," said Saguache County

Sheriff Dan Warwick. "Someone has that key piece of information that will help us locate Edna."

Anyone who might have information is asked to call the CBI tipline at 719-416-5815 or the Saguache County Sheriff's Office at 719-655-2525.

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A teenager who was killed should still be with us

If you think that race is only an issue in the country's biggest cities, consider a murder trial that recently concluded in the small town where I live, in the Rogue Valley of southern Oregon.

The defendant in this criminal case was Robert Paul Keegan, a 50-year-old white man. In November 2020, Keegan was staying at a motel in Ashland, a few miles from my home, because his house had burned down two months earlier in a wildfire.

Keegan, who had complained before about noise at the motel, testified that one night at around 4 a.m. he heard loud music and believed it was coming from the motel parking lot where a Black teenager, Aidan Ellison, was sitting in a parked car.

Ellison, 19, was staying at the motel because he'd also lost his home in the fire. A roommate told police that Ellison had trouble sleeping and had gone outside to sit in her car to avoid keeping her awake.

Keegan admitted that he used profane language in shouting at Ellison and claimed that Ellison responded in kind.

The motel clerk testified that after Keegan complained, he checked the parking lot, heard no music, and found Ellison to be "very chill" in his car.

Then, while Ellison and the clerk were talking, Keegan entered the parking lot with a gun and confronted Ellison. The clerk, the only eyewitness to these events, testified that he tried to break up their heated argument. The argument only lasted a few minutes because suddenly, Keegan fired, killing Ellison with a single gunshot to the chest.

Keegan at first claimed that Ellison hit him in the face, causing him to fear for his life and to fire in self-

defense. But photos taken that night by police showed no evidence of Keegan's face having been hit, and a medical examiner testified that an autopsy showed no evidence that Ellison had struck anyone.

Killing Ellison was "not a reasonable use of force in this situation," the prosecutor told the jury.

Faced with overwhelming evidence that a white man had killed a young and unarmed Black man, Keegan's lawyers crafted their case to appeal to the jury, which was composed only of white people.

Keegan claimed he was frightened by this tall Black person, and his lawyers told the jury that Keegan was being unfairly charged by authorities who felt pressure to be "hyper-vigilant" in a "post-George Floyd world." The reference was to nationwide protests that followed the police killing of a Black man in Minneapolis in 2020.

After hearing the arguments, the jury found Keegan not guilty of murder — a crime that would have resulted in a mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years. Instead, the jury found him guilty of manslaughter — a killing that is "committed recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life." That crime carries



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by Matt Witt

a minimum sentence of 10 years. The judge in the case applied the minimum sentence plus one additional year each for convictions of unlawful possession of a firearm and reckless endangerment of the motel clerk.

At a community meeting in Ashland last year, Black speakers put the killing of Aidan Ellison in a context they know well. They said that unlike most white people, many people of color live with the constant fear of harassment, discrimination, or even death.

"This is a story we've heard again and again, in community after community," said Nkenge Harmon Johnson, head of the Urban League of Portland.

"Something that should have been nothing at all turns into a deadly situation, and often it's for a Black or brown person. They are killed at the hand of someone who thinks they have the right to do it, perhaps very much because of the color of the skin of their victim."

After Keegan was acquitted of murder, speakers at a protest said that regardless of the trial's outcome, justice had never been possible for Aidan Ellison, a Black young man who many local residents believe would still be alive today if he'd been white.

"Aidan's mom will never see her son again," said Ashland City Councilor Gina DuQuenne. "Aidan will never be a dad. Aidan will never be able to be a grandfather.

"Aidan will never be able to experience life because he is gone, and he's never coming back."

Matt Witt is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring conversation about the West. He is a writer and photographer in Talent, Oregon.

The right answer

I know it will come as no surprise to my male readers out there just how important it is to have what is known as the "right answer" when dealing with partners of the female persuasion.

I mentioned some weeks ago that Miss Trixie and I are celebrating seven great years together. She just rolled her eyes at that statement — a medical condition I am trying to get fixed — and reminded me it is ten. But like I said, seven great years of joint habitation together.

And in that time Ol' Dutch has learned a thing or two mainly due to the fact that Miss Trixie knows "everything."

And to give credit where credit is due, she has a plethora of knowledge to draw from and I have learned that I really do not have to remember much if I just tell her.

But there are other conversations that come up daily that I am getting more skilled at also when dealing with Her Highness. For instance, yesterday we were slated to have a cookout with Uncle Si and his wife Miss Candy and Ol' Dutch was slated to be the cook.

For those of you unaccustomed to the English language, that means I had to grill the ribs.

Now Ol' Dutch has cooked enough pork ribs to have been the Prodigal son, but to Miss Trixie, this gave us an opportunity to "communicate."

And here is how that went. She asked me simply if I was going to put the BBQ sauce on first or after the ribs cooked a little while. Now for most of you this may seem like a straightforward question but Ol' Dutch has been in more rodeos like this than can be counted so I gave the safe answer of "I don't care," hoping she would tell me her preference.

But for you unattached bachelors out there, that is not how this works. Because she didn't want me to answer but wanted to have a conversation about it before coming to her choice.

So back and forth we went with Miss Trixie stating the pros and cons of putting the sauce on first or later and at the presentation of each choice, Ol' Dutch wisely answered, "I don't care."

Finally, she got to the point and told me that the last time I cooked ribs, I put the BBQ sauce on later in the cooking process and they were especially yummy. And at that point I saw the exit lane coming up like a welcome relief on a busy highway and Ol' Dutch took it.

Knowing that I had been led to where she wanted me to go, finally, I said that is how I would do it. This resulted in her leaving me alone to look for a new rifle online



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by Kevin Kirkpatrick

for my birthday, which is exactly what I had been doing before "we" decided to "have a talk."

I have to say that getting older does have some downsides, but it also has certain perks if a man will only pay attention and learn from past mistakes. For in failing thousands of times to provide what we believe is the right answer, we finally learn what to say and just when to say it.

Early on, Ol' Dutch made the mistake of actually stating my preference when asked by a partner of what I wanted to eat, what to do, where to go or color to paint the living room.

After about 20 years of providing what I found out was the "wrong answer," I then tried another approach when under interrogation by the Gestapo.

I would try and think about what I was supposed to say and then repeat that to my Beloved. She would then say, "you are just saying that to shut me up."

Well yea! And then the fight began.

After 40-plus years it has finally come to me that what women want is for us to "communicate." That means listen.

So, Ol' Dutch finally was able to decipher how Miss Trixie wanted her ribs without a fight about it one way or the other as I could care less how they are cooked as long as I can get the meat off the bones and into my mouth in a timely fashion.

That about ended our week, and another Monday has rolled around, and I cannot wait to meet all the people coming to raft with Mountain Man Rafting/Narrow Ridge Outdoors in South Fork. Here's to high water and fun times ahead.

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 or on Twitter at TroutRepublic.

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Skeff Scholarships were awarded to Center High School seniors, from left to right, Arleth Villabobos, Joaquin Moreno, Daniela Gonzalez, Alexia Badachi, and Kamryn Garcia, on May 16.

2023 Ray and Colette Skeff Scholarship awarded

CENTER — A Skeff Scholarship was awarded in the amount of \$1,300 to Laisha Arroyo at the Monte Vista Awards Night. She plans to attend Adams State University to major in graphic design.

Skeff Scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$500 each to Alexia Badachi, Joaquin Moreno, Daniela Gonzalez, Kamryn Garcia and Arleth Villalobos at the Center Awards Night on May 16. Badachi plans to attend Colorado State University in Pueblo, Colorado to major in nursing, Gonzalez plans to attend Adams

State University to study psychology, Moreno plans to attend Adams State to study history, Garcia plans to attend Adams State to study nursing and Villalobos plans to attend Trinidad State to study nursing.

An annuity was purchased for the Monte Vista School District and the Center School District in 2003. Each year a check is sent from Kansas City Life Insurance Company for the interest on the funds to be given as a scholarship to students selected by the schools. The annuity is good for a minimum of 20 years. Ray Skeff

passed away April 7, 2022, but will be remembered each year as the scholarship will continue for as long as Colette is living.

This is the 20th year of the Skeff Scholarship for both schools and a total has been awarded in the amount of \$62,410.

The Skeff's wanted to give the scholarships to express their support for deserving students who want an education. Ray Skeff was a graduate from Center High School and Colette Skeff was a graduate from Monte Vista High School.

Silver Thread Studio Tour seeking participants

CONTRIBUTED

CREEDE — The Creede Arts Council is proud to be hosting the annual Silver Thread Studio Tour on Saturday, Aug. 12, and is seeking artists within South Fork and Creede to participate. The Studio Tour showcases artists in the area — from emerging artists to those with national recognition. Previous venues have included private homes, studios, and art galleries where artists may exhibit their work.

Artists will share ideas, answer questions, and or perform demonstrations to the public. Artwork will be showcased and available for purchase. All types of artists across mediums are encouraged to apply including painting, jewelry,

pottery, glass blowing, stained glass, photography, wood carving, papermaking, sculpture, wind chimes, metal arts, deer skin, rocks, furniture, ceramics; and fiber arts such as quilting, weaving, spinning yarn, knitting, felting and various surface design techniques.

Artist locations must be along the Silver Thread Scenic Byway, Highway 149, beginning in South Fork, through Creede and ending at The Studios at Bristol. Full or part time residents in these areas are eligible. To download an application visit www.creedeartscouncil.com/silver-thread-studio-tour.

For questions or more information, e-mail creedearts@outlook.com or call CAC at 719-658-0312. The application deadline is Friday, June 23.

Ribbon cutting for Ice Hunters



Courtesy photo

The Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Ice Hunters recently. The business was started by David Elwart and John Barndt. A grand opening was held on Saturday, May 27, at the Water Works car wash at 418 Main St., Alamosa. Ice Hunters has ice and water vending machines at two locations in Alamosa and one in Monte Vista.

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Spring emerging in the SLV



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell

Spring is just beginning to break in the high country above South Fork. Animals are emerging from their wintery slumber and coming out to snack on the fresh grass, flowers and Aspen leaves. Lots of snow remains in the high elevations.

CPW: Fishing at Home Lake State Wildlife Area closed through at least June 16

CONTRIBUTED

MONTE VISTA — Colorado Parks and Wildlife implemented a mandatory closure to fishing at Home Lake State Wildlife Area effective June 2-16.

The closure was authorized Friday afternoon, June 2, after testing the lake water due to chemical exposure. The closure was recommended by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The direct cause of the chemical exposure is being investigated by multiple agencies, including CPW and the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

“Our early sampling has indicated that two herbicides used for agriculture have made their way onto the vegetation on the south end of the property and into the water,” said CPW Area Wildlife Manager Rick Basagoitia. “Out of an abundance of caution, we will halt fishing for a couple of weeks as we determine the appropriate course of action and monitor the affected areas.”

CPW will continue to sample the water and determine impacts in the reservoir. The herbicides detected can be toxic to aquatic life.

“We haven’t seen stressed fish or a die off so far, just the dead snails along the shore,” said CPW Aquatic Biologist Estevan Vigil. “But we want to warn the public not to consume any fish from this lake at this time.”



Photo by Brian Williams

Nearly a half-dozen signs are posted at the Home Lake State Wildlife Area alerting the public to a mandatory closure to fishing at the lake through June 16.

Home Lake State Wildlife Area is located approximately 1½ miles east of Monte Vista and shares a boundary with Shriver & Wright State Wildlife Area and Rio Grande State Wildlife Area. It offers fishing for rainbow trout, channel catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill, and grass carp.

“Thankfully, this does not appear to have impacted those other two properties,” Basagoitia said. “The swath is approximately a mile but doesn’t seem to have extended to

other properties. As part of the investigation, we will continue to monitor how far this does extend.”

CPW has limited the amount of water exiting Home Lake to prevent any further impacts downstream.

The lake will be marked with closure signs. The two-week closure will allow CPW and partnering agencies to monitor and sample the water to determine the extent of the exposure. It is possible the closure will be extended.

Low Rider Show planned for July 22 in San Luis

SAN LUIS — A few weeks ago, Aaron Hernandez sponsored a basketball tournament. Despite the weather, there was a good turnout. There were five teams. Everyone was a winner that day and all got a special t-shirt with the Stations of the Cross and San Luis Oldest Town on it.

Hernandez is now gearing up for the 2023 Low Rider Show

from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 22 during the Festival of Santiago y Santa Ana.

All years of vehicles are welcome. There is a \$25 entry fee for vehicles and \$15 for fancy bikes and motorcycles. The last day to register is by 3 p.m. on July 21. First prize is \$500 and \$250 for second place.

For a \$10 raffle ticket, a person

has a chance to go to Las Vegas. A couple of live bands will perform. Food will be available, as well as additional cash prizes and games. There is a parade at 10 a.m. that morning.

Hernandez hopes to raise \$10,000 “to be able to have more cars and more music.” For more information and to register, call Hernandez at 719-232-2140.

Rio Grande Hospital to host groundbreaking for wellness center

By LYNSIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE — For the past three years, Rio Grande Hospital has been working to finalize plans for a wellness center near the hospital in Del Norte and recently announced that it will officially break ground on the project before the end of the month.

The conversation first started when Rio Grande Hospital CEO Arlene Harms held a presentation for the Upper Rio Grande Economic Development members in 2020, first announcing the plans for the wellness center along with the construction of a new clinic in South Fork. Harms stated that the hospital had been donated land located to the southwest of the main hospital grounds just outside of Del Norte and that they hoped to see the project begin after the new clinic was completed.

The project plans include four homes and a communal building that could be accessed by the public for many different reasons. The homes would be placed on a portion of land near the hospital donated by the Off family and used to house people in need of temporary homes while dealing with the hospital as a patient, a student, or a medical professional.

Now that the clinic in South Fork is working on celebrating its first year in the small mountain town, the hospital has announced that they will be breaking ground on the wellness center at 11 a.m. on June 15 and invites the public to come join them in celebrating this milestone accomplishment. The ceremony will include details about the wellness center

and a chance to see what the final product will eventually look like.

During the initial presentation hosted by Upper Rio Grande economic Development three years ago, Harms explained that the goal was to provide a place for recovery and to provide housing for visiting hospital staff and family members. The wellness center would also be a place to host educational programs for the public such as healthy cooking classes, yoga and more.

Plans for the center took a screeching halt right before the COVID-19 pandemic shut things down in 2020 but have since been perfected and designed to fit all the needs of the hospital and the community. Designs for the model were made with the help of Colorado State University and several other members of the community and hospital board.



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Run Off Run Off beats rain, has successful turnout

By LYNSIE FERRELL

CREEDE — Even with the promise of rain in the forecast, about 100 runners hit the pavement on Saturday, June 3, in various locations outside of Creede as they set out on the day's journey while participating in this year's Run Off Run Off event.

As the participants headed out on their designated route, several volunteers showed up at Hargraves Park south of town to set up the welcome home party at the finish line. The Creede and Mineral County Chamber as well as members of the Headwaters Alliance set up booths for snacks and refreshing beverages while local musicians played tunes to the sound of approaching feet hitting the bike trail coming from the flood plain.

The Run Off Run Off began in 2010 as a way of raising awareness about the importance of water and what people can do to help ensure clean water is available to everyone. What started as an educational project by Willow Creek Reclamation Committee and now the newly formed Headwaters Alliance, this race has brought people from all over the country and from all levels of athletics to the small mountain town.

The event began as a way to educate the public on the importance of preserving the nation's headwater rivers like the Rio Grande. In the early days, when Forrest Getz and Heather Dutton began the event, it was known to locals as the High Country Hustle and was the only fundraising event for the Willow Creek Reclamation Committee for the year. The funds went directly to WCRC projects for the coming year and usually took place in April.

For the past 13 years, minus one that



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell

Hargraves Park was the place to be on Saturday to welcome participants of the annual Run Off Run Off race and marathon.

was delayed due to COVID in 2020, this race has helped raise funding for reclamation and water preservation projects throughout the Creede area. Not much has changed since those

early days but now the race includes a 6.6 K, half marathon and marathon options as well as a new racecourse that takes participants along the Rio Grande and through some of the most

beautiful country surrounding Creede.

Those that participated this year were once again thrilled with the new course route, stating that being off the highway and away from traffic

really added to the ambiance of the event and made the experience even more special.

This year's winners will be announced as soon as names are released.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Saguache County Land Use Office will be holding a series of education / outreach for the public on the passage of the Saguache County Nuisance Ordinance that was recently passed by the Board of County Commissioners. Dates, time, and location will be as follows:
June 20, 2023 – 5:00PM Center Kiwanis Club of Center – 510 S Broadway St., Center, CO 81125
June 21, 2023 – 5:00PM KV Homeowners Association – 26415 Woodward Ave., Moffat, CO 81143
June 26, 2023 – 5:00PM Tomichi Creek Trading Post – 71420 US-50, Sargents, CO 81248
June 27, 2023 – 5:00PM Baca Grande Property Owners Association – 68575 Co. Rd. T, Crestone, CO 81131
June 28, 2023 – 5:00PM Saguache County Road and Bridge – 305 3rd Street, Saguache, CO 81149
To view the Saguache County Nuisance Ordinance that was passed, you can go on the Saguache County Website at www.saguachecounty-co.gov or pick up a copy at the Saguache County Land Use Office, 505 3rd Street, Saguache, CO 81149.
No. 1668 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, May 18 and 25 and June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2023.

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of the Center Consolidated School Joint District Number 26 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 and has been filed in the Office of the Superintendent located at 550 South Sylvester Avenue, Center, CO 81125 where it is available for public inspection. This budget is also available on the District's Website at: www.center.k12.co.us within the Financial Transparency module. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a Regular or Special meeting of the Board of Education of said District on or before June 30, 2023.
Any person paying taxes in said District may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget may file or register his/her objections hereto.

By:
Enrique R. Aguilar, Board Secretary/Treasurer

No. 1670 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, June 1 and 8, 2023.

ANTHONY PECHENIK and SHERRY MIELING ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint in this action by filing with the District Court Clerk, Saguache County, an answer or other response to the following civil action.

This summons is in regard to Civil Action No. 2023CV30005, District Court, Saguache County, State of Colorado, Plaintiff Doree Newbery V. Defendants Anthony Pechenik and Sherry Mieling; and all unknown persons who may claim any interest in the subject matter of this action.

You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an action in which the Plaintiff is seeking reversal of the fraudulent transfer of real property in her favor and against the named defendants. The property at issue is known as 2202 Spanish Creek Road, Crestone, CO 81131.

Plaintiff's attorney-of-record is Gerald L. Jorgensen, Atty. Reg. No. 18855, 8001 Arista Pl., Suite 415, Broomfield, CO 80021.

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BACA

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now retired, will be offering his expertise as a volunteer, staffing the new visitor center at the Baca National Wildlife Refuge. Also new to the refuge, is wildlife researcher Valerie Tafoya.

In an interview with the Valley Courier, Sloan said he was excited to be at the refuge and in the area.

“What really drew us to the area is the fact that it [The San Luis Valley] is totally supported by public lands, refuge on the west side, forest on the east side, national park to the south, forest on the west. All of that is very attractive,” he said.

“Primarily, I will be working in the visitor center to help the public understand what the national wildlife system is all about, and the allowable activities on refuges. The national wildlife refuges and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the only federal agency with the primary mission is the conservation of wildlife and fish for the American people.”

Sloan said he will be volunteering wherever the refuge needs him and

that he recently took photographs for the wildlife management study area.

Sloan added he was optimistic that he may assist in offering guided interpretative tours of the refuge, “as a good and compatible way to use the national wildlife refuge. The proposed guided tours are in the very early planning stages.”

As previously reported, the refuge has a new one-mile hiking trail that will eventually extend an additional mile to the Crestone Kiosk and is part of a plan the Eastern San Luis Valley Trail Coalition is working on. Ideally, an unbroken trail will connect the Baca National Wildlife Refuge, Colorado College Baca Campus, Crestone Charter School, Baca Grande Subdivision, and the Town of Crestone. The trail will offer non-motorized, multi-use recreation opportunities.

The 93,000-acre Baca National Wildlife Refuge was established in 2004 on the Baca Grant Ranch and is a highly diverse combination of shrublands, grasslands, wet meadows, playa wetlands, and

riparian areas. The refuge was established as a haven for migratory and resident wildlife, and also as an important piece in a broader conservation effort to protect the wildlife, habitat, and water of the north and eastern portions of the San Luis Valley. The refuge is a great place for visitors to view elk and for scientists to study them.

New to the refuge is researcher Tafoya, a graduate intern who will be working through the Directorate Fellow Program, a hiring program to engage college students in natural resource management at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The program is a paid, 11-week summer fellowship administered through a Hispanic Access Foundation. Tafoya will monitor the elk population on both the refuge and Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. She will develop and report on elk distribution across these public lands. Tafoya told the Valley Courier she was looking forward to studying the intersection of elk migration between public and private lands.

Tafoya will return to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor to complete her graduate studies.

For people interested in volunteering on the Baca National Wildlife Refuge, contact Manager Ty Benally at ty_benally@fws.gov.

Starting June 2, the visitor center at Baca National Wildlife Refuge will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Friday and Saturday, except

for Saturday, June 10, when the center will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Refuge management asks that due to prairie dog activity in nearby habitat, follow the 15 mph speed limit while driving on the gravel road that is between the visitor center and County Road T.

For more information, visit www.fws.gov/refuge/baca.

FESTIVAL

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“For no expressed reason,” Saguache County Commissioner Tom McCracken said.

Live Nation promised officials the event would not burden local law enforcement. The promoter worked with the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Colorado State Patrol along with local businesses and law enforcement to make sure the event did not overwhelm the rural valley.

“Live Nation did everything I asked. There was never any issues with them at all,” Warwick said. “I don’t think there was a negative impact, that I could see, to any local businesses or resources. Everything went very well.”

Calls and emails to Live Nation representatives were not returned. It is unclear if the festival will happen this year in another location.

Last go-round, ticket sales for the Sept. 2-4 event began in the spring, before Live Nation had secured all the required permits from Chaffee County. The county’s commissioners and health officials wanted to limit attendance as a pandemic-related precaution and that was an issue. Live Nation officials told Chaffee County commissioners it needed to begin marketing the 2022 concert in the spring to make sure it could sell enough tickets.

Eventually the company left Buena Vista for Villa Grove.

“I think it’s horrible they are not coming back,” Warwick said. “I really enjoyed it and I think it was good for the valley as a whole to bring something like that. It was something we don’t see in the valley very often.”

None of event’s social media channels have mentioned a 2023 concert or lineup and comments on the festival’s latest posts from February are heavy with concerns about June 8s, ticket sales and the potential of the event not happening.

Seven Peaks Festival founder Dierks Bentley in early May told the “Taste of Country” podcast that the festival he started in 2019 in Buena Vista was a challenge in the San Luis Valley.

“There was no electricity out there and not very good cell service and not many amenities. It was kind of a hard place to do it,” Bentley said in the May 3 podcast. “We didn’t make any money. We lost millions of dollars. And I think Live Nation was like ‘we need to find a way to make money.’”

Bentley said “there’s a possibility” of the event moving to Red Rocks this year.

“After five years it might be nice to see how it works in a place near civilization,” he said.

ARREST

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southbound.

When the troopers arrived, they determined there was a camera at the Mosca Pit Stop that could have footage of the incident and then examined the scene and collected evidence.

On March 10, CSP received an anonymous tip stating that an individual who lived in the caller’s vicinity had “hit a deer a few days ago.” The individual was identified as Debach.

The trooper investigating the incident was unable to obtain any contact information for Debach but obtained his full name and June 8 of birth from the Saguache County Sheriff’s Office. Several hours later, the trooper received a call from Debach who told him that his neighbor told him he had not struck a deer but a person.

Debach explained he was on his way to work and was not speeding when he struck what he thought

was a deer. He said, “his radiator was not damaged, and he did not want to be late for work,” which is why he did not stop to see what he had hit.

Debach agreed to meet the trooper at the Colorado State Patrol Alamosa Office and brought the vehicle that was involved in the incident.

Upon arriving at the CSP Alamosa office, Debach stated “it was extremely dark, his headlights are not the brightest, and when the impact occurred, the only thing going through his mind was fixing the truck.”

Debach said that he later called a friend because he did not know how to work on vehicles and was upset that he had hit a deer.

Debach’s truck was examined, and photographs sent to other troopers investigating the case showed the damage was consistent with the crash and the paint chips

that were found at the scene.

DNA evidence was also collected from the truck and was sent to the state lab for testing.

A subsequent review of video footage obtained from the Mosca Pit Stop shows a vehicle that behaves in a manner similar to what was described by Debach at a time consistent with when the incident occurred.

Following an arrest warrant being issued, Debach was taken into custody and transported to the Alamosa County Jail on May 18. He posted a bond of \$50,000 and was released the same day.

Debach is scheduled for a preliminary hearing in the incident on July 27.

The Ultimate Key to Peaceful Relationships

Relationships are an important part of life. Healthy relationships have the ability to bring us great joy and satisfaction; however, *unhealthy* ones have the power to make life miserable!

Throughout my life, God’s Word has taught me so many great lessons about how to get along with people—something I wasn’t very good at. But I think the greatest lesson was this: *Choose to live in peace with others.*

Simply put, it’s God’s will for us to live in peace and harmony with one another, and His Word offers clear instructions on how to get along with people in our daily lives.

First Peter 3:11 (AMPC) says, “Let him search for peace (harmony; undisturbedness from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts) and seek it eagerly. [Do not merely desire peaceful relations with God, with your fellowmen, and with yourself, but pursue, go after them!]”

Notice how this verse says we can’t merely *desire* peaceful relationships—we have to *pursue* them. Now, this doesn’t mean we won’t ever disagree. People are naturally going to have disagreements, and it’s okay to disagree if we can do it respectfully. But we must avoid *strife*!

The dictionary defines *strife* as “bickering, arguing, a heated disagreement, or an angry undercurrent.” *Strife* is one of the greatest threats to the body of Christ; it has the ability to destroy marriages, personal relationships and even churches. Like a seed, *strife* can get planted through something we say or do, then eventually grow to become a major problem.

God’s Word tells us that it’s the “little foxes” that sneak into the vineyard and spoil all the grapes (Song of Solomon 2:15). I believe this is true when it comes to *strife*. Left unchecked, even minor disagreements or frustrations can eventually destroy a relationship.

So, how do we keep *strife* out of our relationships? Here are a couple practical tips:

Maintain a Humble Heart

Where there is contention and *strife*, there is also pride. That’s why it is so important for us to practice humility. We all like to be right—whether it’s an argument about a major issue or something trivial. However, humility insists that we give up our “right to be right.”

I can’t tell you how many times my husband, Dave, and I went round after round, arguing about the same thing. But even when I “won,” I still really lost, because I damaged our relationship and gave up my peace in the process.

I challenge you to adopt an attitude of humility. If you’re having an argument, be the first to make peace or apologize... even if you know you are right! It may be painful in the moment, but you will reap the rewards long after it’s all over.

Let Love Be Your Guide
Strife isn’t just a 21st century problem. In fact, the apostle Paul wrote to the early Church, encouraging them to avoid *strife* and stay away from petty arguments.

In Philippians 2:2 (AMPC), he writes, “Fill up and complete my joy by living in harmony and being of the same mind and one in purpose, having the same love, being in full accord and of one harmonious mind and intention.”

Where there is unity, God gives His blessing (Psalm 133). And Matthew 18:19 tells us there is power in agreement. However, we can’t truly agree and walk in unity if there is bitterness, offense, or unforgiveness in our hearts.

I can put a big smile on my face and say all the right things, but if I’m still choosing to focus on negative thoughts and feelings about someone, I’m not really walking in love or unity. It’s not just my outward appearance that matters—even more important is what’s going on *inside*.

First Corinthians 13:5 (AMPC) tells us that love “is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it has no account of the evil done to it.” Verse 7 goes on to tell us that love believes the best of every person.

Can you imagine what would happen in our relationships if we simply



followed these two verses?

I encourage you to truly love the people in your life. Make a decision to be peaceful and unified no matter what tries to get between you and others. And remember that “love never fails” (1 Corinthians 13:8).

Seek the Prince of Peace
The very best relationship advice I can give you is to develop a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, the *Prince of Peace*. I encourage you to spend regular time with Him through prayer and by reading and studying His Word.

As you do, He will literally change you from the inside out, causing you to think differently and act differently. It is only when we receive His peace and His love that we can truly give it away to others!

I am so grateful for the peace of God in my life. The Lord has not only changed my relationships, but He has changed me. And He will do the same for you. *It all begins with a simple decision to pursue peace.*

For more on this topic, order Joyce’s three-part teaching resource *Recognizing and Dealing with Strife*. 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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RGNF hosts grand opening of new headquarters in Del Norte

By LYNSIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE — Rio Grande National Forest leaders, community members, local officials and visiting supervisors gathered Wednesday morning in front of the old Del Norte High School building that has now been transformed into the new headquarters-supervisor office for the forest service.

RGNF Public Relations Officer Gregg Goodland welcomed guests to the event as people gathered around the front of the building that also housed the Del Norte School District office. Since the residents of Del Norte passed the bond for its new campus, the district has worked closely with forest officials to save the old building and repurpose it.

“I am excited for you to see what we have done in the building and on the property. We are going to have some fun today and we are so glad you could join us to mark this special occasion. This is a neat, and amazing feat in my eyes, we have come a long way and we are glad to be here. I think it’s important that we recognize that the Rio Grande National Forest would like to acknowledge and share our pride in the fact that our forest and indeed this building here in Del Norte is situated within ancestral lands of the Ute, Navajo, Apache, and multiple Pueblo Nations. It is an honor to be here,” said Goodland.

Goodland introduced Rio Grande Forest Supervisor Dan Dallas who spoke to the crowd about the work that went into moving the office from Monte Vista to Del Norte.

“We had some bumps and hurdles along the way, but we are happy to welcome you to the new Rio Grande National Forest Headquarters. We spent over 50 years in the Monte Vista office and though it has been a long process to get to this historic occasion, it was due to the perseverance of so many,” said Dallas.

Dallas thanked everyone in the audience including the Upper Rio Grande School District for the donation of the building, Rio Grande County Commissioners for their support, Andrew Perterson, Patricia Hesch, Fancina Martinez, Tom Malecek and Shoshana Cooper for their work to complete the property transfer, Meg Sullivan, Doug Wise, Todd Michael, Roger Pritchett, and Christina Schofield for their tireless work to get the new facility planned and finally to people who worked to complete the construction which included Meg Sullivan again, Jason Davis, Andy Kelher, Tanya Spanfeller, Kelly Shaw, Sheila Cross, and Kim Wheller.

“And last but not least, a big thanks to the citizens of Del Norte and Rio Grande County. The citizens and those who attended school here said they wanted to see the buildings repurposed and it’s because of them that we were able to be here today,” finished Dallas.

Dallas then introduced Regional Forester Frank Beum.

“I don’t think I would have had a career with the forest service if it wasn’t for the Rio Grande National Forest. I started as a seasonal worker 42 years ago. I came out here for spring break to see if I could get a job and it worked out,” he said.

Beum talked about his work with local forest officials and how important it was to have a good working environment.

“I welcome all of you who will be working from this office and hope it serves you well,” Beum said.



Photo by Lyndsie Ferrell

The Rio Grande National Forest hosted a grand opening event at its new headquarters in Del Norte on Wednesday, May 31. The newly refurbished building was once home to Del Norte High School but was transformed into a new work environment for the forest Service.

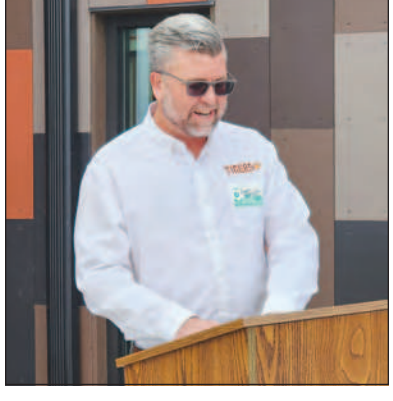
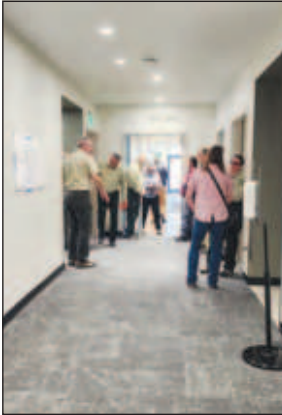


The last speaker for the day was Upper Rio Grande School District Superintendent Aaron Horrocks who has been involved in the process since it began in 2019. Horrocks took over for previous

Superintendent Chris Burr, who with the help of many community and school board members made it possible for the buildings from the old school district to be repurposed. “I have hopes and I have goals,”

Horrocks said. “I hope this building serves you well and you find that it is a productive and positive environment. I hope that the school district through the forest service continues to foster a productive and

positive relationship that supports learning in this community, and I hope the forest service has a good experience with the community of Del Norte and that their presence in town helps support the town.”



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Keynote speakers for the grand opening included Rio Grande National Forest Supervisor Dan Dallas, Forest Public Relations Officer Gregg Goodland, Regional Forester Frank Beum and Upper Rio Grande School District Superintendent Aaron Horrocks.

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Proposed trail network in Saguache County gets a boost with a new path on national wildlife refuge

By JOHN WATERS

SAGUACHE COUNTY — A new one-mile hiking trail at the Baca National Wildlife Refuge is now open. The trail can be accessed from the Colorado College Road near Crestone and when the wildlife refuge road to the visitor center is open from that area as well.

During June, the Baca Refuge Visitor Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. On June 10, the visitor center will close at noon.

The visitor center has interactive displays that detail the recovery efforts the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has implemented for the Rio Grande sucker and the Gunnison's prairie dog that reside on the refuge.

Dani Robben with San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!), who led a hike along the

Baca Nature and Heritage Trail on May 13 as part of an open house on the refuge told the Valley Courier the trail has been in the planning stages for several years and is part of a larger trail.

"In 2016 the Crestone Trails and Outdoor Open Space recreation plan was developed by the City of Crestone and that is when SLV Go! became involved and we convened the San Luis Valley Trails Coalition," she said.

The trail will eventually extend an additional mile to the Crestone Kiosk and is part of a plan the

Please see TRAIL on Page 2

Dani Robben with San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!) leads a hike on the new Baca Nature and Heritage Trail during an open house on the refuge on May 13.

Photo by John Waters



Forest Service appreciates volunteer trail work



By JOHN WATERS

SAGUACHE COUNTY — The Rio Grande National Forest, Saguache Ranger District, extends its thanks to all the volunteers that helped conduct needed trail work on the Willow Lake Trail on Saturday, May 20. The volunteers spent six hours on National Public Lands Day, making the trail better for all.

Over the last decade, thousands of hours of volunteer trail work have been completed on the forest, contributing hundreds of thousands of dollars in labor.

The trail crew volunteers completed close to a mile of the trail, installing water bars and checking dams. The water bars are an essential component in preventing trail erosion and maintaining trail integrity.

The Willow Lake Trail is a 5-mile-long trail that begins at Forest Service Road 949 and ends at Upper Willow Lake. The trail is popular with climbers enroute to Challenger, Crestone, and Kit Carson peaks.

Trail crew volunteers work on May 20 along the Willow Lake Trail.

Photo courtesy Rio Grande National Forest

CSU Extension hosts Aging Mastery Program graduation

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — Janae Naranjo of Colorado State University Extension San Luis Valley Area office hosted a graduation for her Aging Mastery Program on Thursday, May 25, at the Alamosa Senior Citizen Center.

The Aging Mastery Program consisted of a series of 10 classes, with multiple topics on aging including:

- Longevity as a gift: understanding the realities of aging.
- Exercise and you: understanding how aging relates to fitness.
- Healthy eating and hydration: understanding the importance of good nutrition and the warning signs of dehydration.
- Social connection and healthy relationships: understanding the benefits of staying social, and the risk of isolation.
- Financial fitness: understanding personal finances.
- Advance planning: understanding

the importance of having a plan to manage your health care.

- Sleep: understanding the importance of sleeping well.
- Medication management: understanding the importance of managing medication.
- Falls prevention: recognizing that most falls can be prevented.
- Community engagement: understanding the benefits of helping others.

Each class was targeted to helping people learn how to age gracefully. The topics included in the class targeted specific areas of aging and gave advice and relevant information on each topic. At the end of the program, students in the class graduate and talk about what their favorite part of the classes were, and what they learned.

Executive Director of South-Central Seniors and Housing and Director for the Area Aging Agency, Monica Wolfe was

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Janae Naranjo of Colorado State University Extension San Luis Valley Area office speaks during the graduation for her Aging Mastery Program on Thursday, May 25, at the Alamosa Senior Citizen Center.



Monica Wolfe speaks at the graduation for the Aging Mastery Program hosted by the CSU Extension office in Monte Vista.

Photos by Marie Mccolm

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the guest speaker of the graduation and spoke about her position and gave some insight on aging to everyone.

“As the Area Agency on Aging, I am not sure if all of you know what the Area Agency is,” Wolfe said. “We are a government entity. There are 60 of these triple A agencies as we call ourselves, in the state of Colorado. Our agency is a little bit different than other agencies. We do serve the entire San Luis Valley. We are a standalone agency for aging though. What that means is that we provide our own direct services. We hire our own providers. We hire our own nutrition, regular employees, and drivers. We supervise them, instead of the council of government supervising them, we do it. There is only one other agency in Colorado like this, and that is in Pagosa Springs. It’s good and it’s bad because we have to rely on a lot of funding to make this happen. We do get state and federal dollars, but sometimes as the needs grow it’s hard for us to be able to meet those needs.”

Wolfe said that as an Area Aging Agency their role and mission is to advocate for older adults. The agency works to keep older adults in their homes, as long as possible. Wolfe explained that if some residents are already in a long-term facility and want to go home, the agency’s goal is to assess the residents and make sure they can go home safely. The agency also offers nutrition, delivering meals to residents’ homes. There are currently 10 meal sites that residents can also eat at throughout the San Luis Valley.

“We do employ over 40 employees to help with our different services,” said Wolfe.

Wolfe also explained that the agency also offers respite services, to give caregivers of older adults at home a break. The agency also offers legal services for older adults. In the instance that someone has a small case that needs to be handled, and Colorado Legal Services picks this up, the agency would then cover the cost.

There is also help available to aid with different types of insurance needs for older adults through the agency, as well as help with transportation for older adults who need transportation to doctors’ visits.

Wolfe explained that if any older adults need any of the services that the agency offers, there must be an initial screening done to see if the adult would qualify. Wolfe said that despite the screening, the agency is non-income based and qualifies adults on a needs-only basis.

The residents who took the class and successfully passed it were Helen Taylor, Erma Defee, Jim Defee, Tamra Garner, Jean Maddex, Margaret Jones, Emily Sandoval, Naomi Salazar, Donna Theimer, Sheryl Farley, and Maria Ulloa. Erma and Jim Defee received their diplomas at the ceremony and Jim said, “I would say that my wife has some very critical health issues, and you think you have it all together. You plan well, you have a good retirement. We have a good home. We came here and heard people talk about aging and how unexpected health conditions can occur, that information was very beneficial. We needed that information, like you wouldn’t believe.”

Taylor received her diploma and said, “This course gave me a lot of information about how to live longer. My aunt is still taking care of herself at age 94, and one of my biggest goals is to be the same way and live independently at that age.”

Naranjo congratulated the graduates and took pictures with them. The Aging Mastery Program will be available in different areas of the Valley. For more information, contact Naranjo at 719-852-7381.



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Eastern San Luis Valley Trail Coalition is working on. Ideally, an unbroken trail will connect the Baca National Wildlife Refuge, Colorado College Baca Campus, Crestone Charter School, Baca Grande Subdivision, and the Town of Crestone. The trail will offer non-motorized, multi-use recreation opportunities, according to Robben.

The 93,000-acre Baca National Wildlife Refuge was established in 2004 on what was the Baca Grant Ranch and is a diverse combination of shrublands, grasslands, wet meadows, playa wetlands, and riparian areas. The refuge was set aside as a haven for migratory and resident wildlife, and also as an important piece in a broader conservation effort to protect the wildlife, habitat, and water of the north and eastern portions of the San Luis Valley. The refuge is a great place to view elk in the fall.

In describing the enthusiasm, the proposed network of trails has garnered, Robben said, “That is a special and unique characteristic of the Crestone community.”

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Public Hearing Notice - The Rio Grande County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing at a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 9:00 am at 925 6th Street, Del Norte, CO 81132 for the designation of activities and areas of state interest. The County will consider designating the following areas and activities of state interest which apply to the entire unincorporated area of Rio Grande County: A. Site selection and construction of major new domestic water systems and major extension of existing domestic water systems. B. Efficient utilization of municipal and industrial water projects. For inquires or to review materials regarding this designation, please contact the Rio Grande County Land Use Office at 925 6th Street, Del Norte, CO 81132, or call 719-657-4003. Interested persons may also submit public comments to rgclanduse@riograndecounty.org.

Rio Grande County is soliciting design and bid proposals from qualified contractors for the construction of additions to the McMullen Building Pavilion located at the Monte Vista Ski-Hi Complex beginning summer 2023. Sealed proposals will be received at the Rio Grande County Administration office until 4:00pm (MT), Tuesday, June 27, 2023. Contact the Rio Grande County Administrator at (719) 657-2744 or email rgadministrator@riograndecounty.org for additional Request For Proposals (RFP) details. (6-21)

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9. S. China seaport
14. Former OSS
15. Early English printer
16. Aphid genus
17. General's assistant (abbr.)
18. Aussies
20. Dissuades
22. Make law
23. Drench
24. Soak in a liquid
28. Male child
29. It cools your home
30. Small constellation
31. To call (archaic)
33. Explores beneath the Earth
37. Commercial
38. W. hemisphere organization
39. You can find it in a can
41. "Land of the free"
- 42 36 inches
43. Footwear
44. Challenges
46. They hold things together
49. Of I
50. Partner to flow
51. Not connected by kinship
55. Worries
58. Garlic mayonnaise
59. A way to take by force
60. Legendary English rockers
64. Your consciousness of your own identity

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65. Fencing swords
66. Silly
67. Actor DiCaprio
68. Encircles with a belt
69. Mails a message
70. Longing

CLUES DOWN

1. Horse mackerels
2. It can be viral
3. Prickly plants
4. Consciousness
5. Type of sarcoma
6. Tax collector
7. Sun up in New York
8. One who scorches
9. Influential psychotherapist
10. Situated at an apex
11. Communicative
12. Forearm nerve
13. Former CIA
19. Folk singer DiFranco
21. Employee stock ownership plan
24. Large-scale

25. School environment
26. Remove
27. Male parents
31. Large rodent
32. Weighed down
34. Held tightly
35. __ route: going there
36. Explains again
40. Exclamation of surprise
41. Courteously
45. Lying down
47. Judge
48. Forcefully took
52. Loosely compacted sediment
53. High mountain
54. Portable conical tents
56. Cereal grass
57. Dining utensil
59. Thoughtful
60. Helps you walk
61. Indicates near
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Weather Data from SLV Research Center located on the 9N and Hwy 285

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		6/1	5/31	5/30	5/29	From 6/1 (inches)				
						2day	3day	4day	5day	7day
Moravian 69	04/05	0.15	0.12	0.20	0.20	0.27	0.47	0.68	0.90	1.33
Moravian 69	05/05	0.10	0.07	0.12	0.12	0.17	0.29	0.41	0.53	0.75
Early Wheat	04/05	0.15	0.12	0.20	0.20	0.27	0.47	0.68	0.90	1.33
Early Wheat	05/05	0.10	0.07	0.12	0.11	0.17	0.28	0.39	0.51	0.71
White Wheat	04/05	0.15	0.12	0.20	0.20	0.27	0.47	0.68	0.90	1.33
White Wheat	05/05	0.10	0.07	0.12	0.11	0.17	0.28	0.39	0.51	0.71
WinterWheat	10/01	0.15	0.12	0.20	0.20	0.27	0.47	0.68	0.90	1.33
Potatoes										
Norkotah	05/05	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.09	0.13	0.17	0.25
Centennial	05/05	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.09	0.13	0.17	0.25
Nugget	05/05	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.09	0.13	0.17	0.25
Alfalfa	Est.	0.18	0.13	0.23	0.23	0.31	0.54	0.77	1.03	1.52
Lawngress	Est.	0.15	0.11	0.19	0.19	0.26	0.45	0.64	0.86	1.27

For the latest ET information, call 754-3494 extension x40 for Center, x36 for Center #2, and x38 for La Jara. Use the crop maturity and planting data and weather station closest to your own. Find this up June 8d table each day at this web address: <http://aes-slvrc.agsci.colostate.edu/daily-crop-water-use-report/>

This information is provided by the SLV Research Center (Colorado State University) and the Colorado Potato Certification Service. For info, call 754-3494 x26 or e-mail: andrew.houser@colostate.edu

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Elementary Teacher needed at Del Norte Elementary School. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at aduda@urtigers.co or contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co. (6-14)

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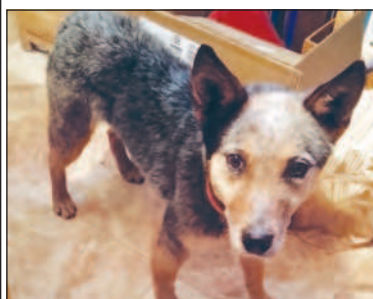
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