

Shorts



Cinco de Mayo Street Festival is Friday in MV

MONTE VISTA — The 3rd annual Cinco de Mayo Street Festival is set for Friday, May 5, Downtown Monte Vista. The OptiMystics Citizens Action Network is again organizing the festival, complete with food trucks, a beer garden, craft vendors, a car show and much more.

For the past two years the Cinco De Mayo Street Festival has been held on Adams Street, with crowds of people gathering to enjoy the festivities.

New this year is the addition of live music. Starting around 5 p.m. the Moonshadow Marauders will begin their maraca-shaking music, and shortly after Mariachi San Luis will also be at the festival filling the air with traditional melodies until about 8 p.m.

Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862, victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. The day, which falls on Friday, May 5 in 2023, is also known as Battle of Puebla Day. While it is a relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with large Mexican-American populations.

This year, the celebration continues in Monte Vista, with the 100 and 200 blocks of Adams Street closed for the festivities. There will be a live deejay on site along with face painting for the kids, a bouncy house, belly dancers, and tons of kids crafts and activities.

Vendors will be set up by 11 a.m., and back by popular demand will also be a car show. People's Choice will again determine the winners of the car show, and tickets can be purchased for a tiny donation. First, second, and third place winners will receive a plaque plus a cash prize.

For more information, visit OptiMystics CAN online at optimystics.org.

Largest town in Saguache County pursues Urban Renewal Authority

BY PATRICK SHEA

CENTER — When President Lyndon Johnson delivered his "Crisis of the Cities" special message to Congress in 1968, he unveiled a tool that the town of Center can use for development.

Speaking from the White House, Johnson said, "Urban Renewal is the weapon that deals primarily with the physical side of removing blight. An essential component of the Model Cities Program, it is a major instrument of reform in its own right."

President Johnson might not have had Center in mind when he delivered his plan. In fact, his 5,855-word address did not include the words "rural, agriculture,

livestock, or crops." Yet the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 might make Center the 68th Urban Renewal Authority in Colorado.

Blight is a condition when a property exhibits at least four of 11 criteria defined by Colorado state statute. The majority of man-managed acreage in Saguache County is exempt because it

Please see CENTER on Page 7A

Center Town Attorney Mike Trujillo scrutinized Urban Renewal Authority details while seasoned URA attorney Paul Benedetti explained concepts via ZOOM.

Photo by Patrick Shea



Saguache community garden takes root again

BY PATRICK SHEA

SAGUACHE — Volunteers and gardeners converged on the Mountain Valley School campus April 29 to bring the Saguache Community Garden to life again. Tylor and Danielle Berreth agreed to manage the space and set up beds for planting.

Financial contributions for the garden peaked during the recent SLV Seed Exchange weekend at Joyful Journey when organizers gathered more than \$600 to help fund the project. High Ground Gardens out of Crestone donated a variety of seeds — Afghan peppers, turnips, radishes, arugula, oats, and a mix of beans.

Using town water, Saguache community gardeners follow the watering restrictions and schedules that govern residents. On planting day, 21 of 31 isolated beds appeared to have sow-ready soil. A secure storage shed provides

Please see GARDEN on Page 2A



Photo by Patrick Shea

Saguache Town Trustee Alex DeCarli talked with Shannon and family, who volunteered to help Danielle Berreth and son Bo sow seeds in the Saguache Community Garden.

Saguache Town Board discusses building codes

BY PATRICK SHEA

SAGUACHE — Across Colorado, municipalities and counties share concerns about pending requirements from a land-use bill under debate in the state capitol (Senate Bill 23-213). While legislators removed provisions to accommodate the Senate Appropriations Committee, the push to create a new board for managing land-use issues at the state level remains.

During the Saguache Town Board working meeting on May 1, trustees,

administrators, Zoom participants, and both audience members echoed lessons learned from educational meetings conducted across the San Luis Valley. The official public hearing on the topic for Saguache is scheduled for May 15.

Presenting text for Ordinance No. 2023-3, Town Attorney Gene Farish admitted that he had not read all the code documents, although he referenced key passages.

Representing Crestone and Moffat separately, Town Attorney Seth Walker

also said he had not thumbed through nearly 1,000 pages of documentation for code adoption, the International Building Code (IBC), International Residential Code (IRC), the International Mechanical Code (IMC), the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), International Existing Building Code (IEBC), and the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).

Saguache County is among a handful without building codes. Written from scratch or simply referenced, codes

are only as strong as the penalties and enforcement they define. Licensed inspectors, for example, are rare throughout the Valley and likely cost-prohibitive for towns and counties to hire using existing budgets.

During meetings in Alamosa, Del Norte, and other towns, the idea of sharing certified agents resonated, particularly because administrators without existing codes face a handful of choices. They can adopt the 2018

Please see CODES on Page 2A

Rep. Boebert in Monte Vista: 'A line in the sand'

She was the featured speaker at Lincoln Day Dinner on April 29

BY PRISCILLA WAGGONER

MONTE VISTA — Approximately 350 people gathered at the Outcalt Event and Conference at SLV Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista for the Republican Party's annual "Lincoln Day Dinner" fundraiser on Saturday night, April 29.

For \$50 a plate, attendees were treated to a hearty catered meal served by the Rainbow Girls Club. But at a partisan event in a political atmosphere that continues to be characterized by rancor and discord, talk of Congress working together was not on the menu for the evening.

Former Alamosa County Commissioner Darius Allen emceed the event, cracking a few good-natured jokes that elicited friendly laughter from the crowd.

Things took a turn when Dave Williams took the podium where, just minutes before, a video of former Fox News host Tucker Carlson, narrating an edited version of Jan. 6, 2021, events played on a large screen on the wall.

Williams is the Chairman of the State Republican

Please see BOEBERT on Page 7A

Republican Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO-3) discusses accomplishments in her second term with a crowd at a Republican Lincoln Day Dinner fundraiser in Monte Vista on April 29.

Photo by Priscilla Waggoner



DEL NORTE BANK

www.TrueLocalBank.com

Lock in these High Rates!

3.65% APY for 13 month effective rate

*Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is accurate as of 4/19/2023. Substantial penalty for early withdrawal. CD will automatically renew at the end of the term for 13 months. Fees on account may reduce earnings. Minimum balance to open is \$25,000. Minimum balance required to earn the APY is \$500.00.

OBITUARIES

John D. Velasquez

John Dale Velasquez passed away at the Washington Oddfellows Nursing Home in Walla Walla, Wash., on Jan. 8, 2023. He was one day shy of his 91st birthday.

John was born on Jan. 9, 1932, in Monte Vista, Colo., son of Guadalupe and Juanita Velasquez. He married Tillie Gonzales in Monte Vista on May 29, 1948. They were married 73 years.

They moved to Montrose, Colo., in 1958, where they made their home until 1970 when they moved to Madras, Ore. He was involved in farming and other outdoor work most of his life. While in Montrose, he worked for a sawmill, supervising all aspects of operations. They lived in Oregon until John retired from the North Unit Irrigation District in Madras, Ore. After retiring they moved back to Del Norte, Colo., until illness forced him into a nursing home in Walla Walla close to his son, Dale Velasquez.

He is survived by his four children, Cindy Byrd (Eric), Lorraine Grebb (Kelly), Dale Velasquez (Kathy), and Ben Velasquez (Elaine), as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also has a



surviving sister, Irene Thompson and brother, Ernie. Velasquez.

John was preceded in death by his wife Tillie, father Guadalupe, mother Juanita, sisters Eloisa, Celia, Julia, Urciñia, Edubijen and brothers Ben, Albert, Tony, and Milo.

A graveside service will be held at the Del Norte cemetery at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2023.

Sadie Marie Skeff

Longtime Center resident Sadie Marie Skeff passed away on April 28, 2023, in Center, Colo. She lived her life devoted to her church, her family and her community.

Sadie was born on June 20, 1936, in Trinidad, Colo., to Kelley H. and Margaret (Sawaya) Skeff. She graduated from Adams State College with a Bachelor's Degree in Music and went on to be a successful local businesswoman (Skeff's Food Center and local theaters), music teacher and spent many of her later years caring for family members.

She is survived by her brother Kelley Skeff and his family, sister-in-law Colette Skeff and the families of nieces and nephews.

Sadie was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Herbert Skeff, Roger Skeff, Joseph Skeff, George Skeff and Ray Skeff, her sister Betty Skeff and her nephew Douglas Skeff.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at St. Francis Jerome Catholic Church in Center. A Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 5,



2023, also at the church in Center. Interment will follow services in the Monte Vista Cemetery.

In honor of Sadie's love for the community of Center, the family has asked that contributions are made to the Center Police, Fire or Ambulance services and may be made in care of the funeral home office.

To express condolences, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com. Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista is in care of the arrangements.

OBITUARY POLICY

Valley Publishing charges a flat fee of \$75 for each obituary published. Pending arrangements or death notices run for no charge.

This charge affects funeral homes, as well as family or other representatives, that directly place obituaries. All paid obituaries will continue to be published on our website(s) for no additional fee.

In the event the newspaper errors in publishing an obit, corrections will be made and the obit will be rerun. If the errors are on the part of the submitting party, an additional fee will be assessed. Obituaries can be emailed to: bwilliams@valleypublishinginc.com or call 719-852-3531 for more information.

San Luis Valley Area Extension Office Offers Cottage Foods Course May 17

CONTRIBUTED

MONTE VISTA — The Colorado State University San Luis Valley Area Extension Office is offering a Cottage Foods Course from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, May 17. This is an intense 3-hour food safety training that provides a 3-year certification and meets the food safety training requirement for Colorado Cottage Foods Act

established and supported by the Colorado State Dept. of Health and Environment.

Participants can learn food safety guidelines and the specifics for operating a small home-based cottage food business from a home kitchen.

The main sections of the training cover food safety guidelines for preparing foods in a home

kitchen which is different from a food service site that would be inspected by the county and or state health departments.

The course is presented by CSU Extension Specialist Janae Naranjo. The cost is \$50. Register online at: <https://CFMay23.eventbrite.com>. A Zoom link for this online class will be emailed upon registration.

GARDEN

Continued from Page 1A

space for individual and communal tools and necessities.

Although the geodesic dome was not ready for planting, the space offers options for the future. Gardeners can start plants early and nurse survivors through the winter.

The garden sits near the MVS bus barn south of the football field and track. Although the plot had to be moved east to accommodate blacktop for the buses, it is roughly the same size as the previous garden.

By the end of planting day, many beds remained available for residents to claim and cultivate.



Photo by Patrick Shea

Volunteers and gardeners gathered on April 29 to kick-start the Saguache Community Garden for 2023.

CODES

Continued from Page 1A

codes, the 2021 codes, or proceed without codes. Consistency across the Valley, and the promise of lower restrictions, put 2018 high on the list of people considering adoption.

Continuing without codes, however, presents potential risks for governments and homeowners while adopting codes is also risky. Until the power of the state-level board that was formed before the end of 2022 becomes clear, "unknown" is the only term of consensus in the Valley at this point.

But as Saguache Trustee Alex DeCarli explained, property owners and builders already share an interest in building to a high standard that also

complies with codes. Builders want to enhance a positive reputation, and homeowners don't want their walls to fall down. When construction goes according to plan, codes are not an issue.

When problems arise, however, the conversation changes. Considering liability in Saguache, Town Attorney Farish noted that a hypothetical case in court might proceed in one of two directions. Operating without code restrictions, a client might enlist a structural engineer to give testimony. Despite expertise, the argument might not match the power of verified building inspector documentation.

Written under the assumption of

adopting the 2018 codes, Ordinance No. 2023-3 identifies amendments to specific codes. Town Clerk Iris Garcia noted, for example, that the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code might require installing an electric car charging station for the home. With a five-figure price tag, this requirement might be a project killer.

Farish noted how the Dangerous Buildings ordinance in Saguache overlaps with wording in the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). As uncertainty with the newly formed board at the state level remains, Saguache and other governments can still administrate land use issues. Saguache County has not moved to adopt the 2018 codes, although other boards might.

SAGUACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

SAGUACHE COUNTY — The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the period between April 24 and 29, 2023.

Staff made eight traffic stops and issued one citation. They managed an abandoned vehicle, assisted four motorists, inspected vehicle identification numbers, and transported inmates. Deputies conducted a welfare check in Saguache and responded to five reports of theft in Crestone, Saguache, and Moffat.

In addition to suspicious activity in Center and Crestone, staff investigated a sex offense in Hooper, criminal mischief in Moffat, and harassment in Saguache. Eleven controlled burns

and two fires required attention, and officers managed an animal problem in Saguache. They patrolled Saguache five times and addressed fraud in Crestone.

ARRESTS

• A 32-year-old Center man was arrested and detained for failure to appear in Saguache and Conejos County courts (held on a combined bond of \$13,000).

• A 31-year-old Center man was arrested and detained on \$200 bond for failure to appear in court.

• A 37-year-old Moffat man was arrested and detained on \$1,000 bond for failure to comply.

• A 47-year-old Center man was arrested and detained on \$5,000 bond for sexual assault.

San Luis Valley Federal Bank
COMMITTED TO YOUR SUCCESS

Spend more time together.
Open your account online today!

START TODAY
www.slvfed.bank

VALI3Theater
719-628-2015
139 Adams • Monte Vista
www.vali3theater.org

May 5-7

Fri. & Sat. 7 p.m.
Sunday 5 p.m.

Kids (6-16) \$4 • Adults \$6 • Seniors (65+) \$5

PG

OPINION & EDITORIAL

Walking to end hunger

Yes, we have no bananas

Once again Ol' Dutch comes to you with welcome relief from the boredom of everyday life. As usual, Dutch is being my normal bastion of relief from the humdrum life that all around me find themselves in.

Of late, Ol' Dutch has been on a banana eating kick of no small undertaking. Miss Trixie had to shop to keep me in the yellow yummys daily. I don't know if any of you eat these elongated, slimy, white, gooey gobs of slick sticks of fruit, but it's a definite learned taste, for sure. Most people probably develop an aversion to bananas early on due to caring mothers stuffing them full force in our faces as babies. Especially since "bananas" then meant pureed to the point of liquid nastiness coming from a little baby food jar.

My preference for bananas, though, came at an early age as my dad always had them and some Oreos to take on our hunting trips afield. Without anything else to eat, well, you ate what you had. "They" say that most people return to their place of birth when they approach death's door and I don't know about that, but I seem to have come full circle and become my yellow submarine, tuberous-looking, fruit eating father.

And his entire family were consumers of the fruit, and all seem to live into their 90's, so there must be something to that. Or maybe eating them just makes your life "seem" long?

But anyway, my desire for a daily one or two "nanners" has been quite the learning experience. I found out quickly that those same delectable long bullets are shipped green as a gourd and arrive at the store in massive boxes. Recent shopping for us has been to the local Aldi's store and they put their bananas right out as soon as they arrive and man, are they ever green. Supposedly you can select a bunch of those green goobers and take them home and they will ripen nicely for you.

But what Ol' Dutch has found out is there is a fine line between the time they ripen and the time they degrade into a mushy pile of blackened ugh. And yes, I know you can make banana bread from such things, but I want them fresh and sliding down my throat like corn down a goose's neck.

What this turns into is I have to eat them semi green to start and usually get about one day when



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

they are perfect. Since they soon turn the corner into grossness, Ol' Dutch is having to stuff them down my craw like a turkey on full feed before Thanksgiving.

Imagine my surprise the other day when perusing the shelves for a fresh supply of the yellowness, I found that they had no bananas. Panic set in but I then recalled an old song that carried the number one place in the charts called "Yes, we have no bananas."

Two men Frank Silver and Irving Cohn wrote this song way back in 1923 and it was about Frank's conversations with a street vendor who started every conversation with the word "yes." The song quickly became popular and later was part of every relief protest in Belfast as it was well known, and everyone could sing along. It also was used in signage during the shortages in the U.K. during WWII as bananas were forbidden to be imported during that time.

So, there you have it. A tasty tidbit of knowledge and unforgettable information as usual from my wandering mind. Feel free to share this important news and bit of trivia at your next BBQ or church social and you will find yourself the center of attention for sure.

"Yes, we have no bananas
We have no bananas today.
We've string beans, and onions
Cabbages, and scallions,
And all sorts of fruit and say
We have an old fashioned to-mah-to
A Long Island po-tah-to
But yes, we have no bananas.
We have no bananas today."

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

By AMY SCAVEZZE

CROP Walk was my introduction to the concept of solidarity. The idea that I could go on a walk and use that time to listen, learn, and reflect was somehow supporting people dealing daily with hunger didn't make sense to me until I did it. I remember my first CROP Walk, I learned that the average distance worldwide that people have to walk every day to get water was over three miles and that's why the walk's distance was a 5K. That fact echoed in me as I took my steps. I imagined what it would be like to be hauling my family's daily supply of water.

As a woman, I realized that would have been a task of mine throughout childhood and into my childbearing years, and probably even as I aged if I lived in an impoverished country. That realization and reflection has stayed with me and has influenced my actions in a couple of ways. It has given me the conviction to give generously to causes serving people living in poverty with both my time and my money.

I have read more about water

and hunger issues worldwide and I can confidently participate in conversations around such topics. News about water and food crises has more context. CROP Walk was also the place where I learned about food deserts and that a lot of people in the San Luis Valley live in them. Having grown up on Zapata Subdivision, I could reflect and remember the rare trip to town. The need to eat the fresh produce in the first few days and then go a while before the next batch. We were poor when I was a child, but I never had to endure the feeling of hunger in hope of a next meal.

The more I practice solidarity, the more I realize how much more I have to give than simply thoughts and prayers. Things get real. I have fasted to build my understanding of hunger. When I'm hungry I can stop and eat anytime, but I get irritable or impatient - we have the word hangry for that in our society. In my fasting I have learned that people dealing with hunger in a way that they're not sure how they'll get enough food, where their next meal

will come from, or when they'll get to eat again, these people aren't allowed to be hangry. They're supposed to be humble, polite, content in their long suffering, and always grateful.

Events like CROP Walk are an invitation for people to reflect, build understanding and to develop compassion. I go to CROP Walk every year and I bring my kids. My kids will grow knowing that they can make a difference in the issues they care about and that any impact they will have must begin with their learning and engaging. Do you care about poverty, hunger, or access to water in your community, country, or across the world? CROP Walk is a safe, fun, and impactful way to get started. Plus there's a feast of frito pie at the end!

Bring your walking shoes for this year's CROP Walk on May 7, starting at 1 p.m. outside the Senior Center! To register, visit <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/alamasaco>. For more information, visit La Puente's website at lapuentehome.org/cropwalk23.

I helped fix earmarks — now I'm fighting for new Colorado infrastructure projects

By LAUREN BOEBERT

For decades, Congress used earmarks to buy votes for midnight, trillion-dollar spending bills and other wasteful spending. Taxpayer dollars were wasted on things like the \$223 million Bridge to Nowhere and the \$50 million indoor rainforest. Several Members of Congress and dozens of lobbyists were even indicted and went to prison for earmark corruption in the early 2000's.

That's why Republicans banned earmarks for a decade. Unfortunately, Nancy Pelosi brought them back to buy votes and waste taxpayer money. We recently learned that even though Congress stripped out her \$200 million earmark for lavish hotels and a golf course in her San Francisco neighborhood, she convinced the Park Service to break their own rules and she got the \$200 million anyway. Last Congress, I refused to participate in this corrupt process, and I spent a considerable amount of time arguing against earmarks. It doesn't make sense to add fuel to out-of-control spending, further jack up our national debt, and send inflation skyrocketing.

These are some of the reasons a handful of my Republican colleagues and I took action this January to make historic changes to the House rules, including the earmark process.

As a result of our historic changes, I am now able to fight for important infrastructure projects for the Third District of Colorado. Specifically, I recently submitted Congressionally Directed Spending requests for constructing the I-70 Cottonwood Pass Blue Hill Project to help prevent lengthy and costly I-70 closures; building Glenwood Springs' South Bridge Project to provide critical evacuation access; extending Pueblo's Medal of Honor Boulevard to reduce commuter times and improve public

safety; building important water distribution infrastructure for the City of Craig; building Gunnison's water treatment plant to supply clean water; renovating Silt's water plant to improve drinking water; increasing water storage in Huerfano County; improving US Highway 160 in Bayfield; building a new interchange on I-70 at 29 Road in Grand Junction to improve mobility and public safety; and increasing water storage and constructing a critical water supply in Moffat County.

This is possible because I helped make important changes related to Congressionally Directed Spending ("earmarks"). These changes were made to strip out corrupt, vote-buying behavior. Moving forward, House earmarks are constrained by the following:

- Each project must have a federal nexus and be authorized by Congress.
 - Submissions for museums, memorials, and commemoratives—and projects like the "Michelle Obama trail"—are prohibited from project funding.
 - Accounts that were all significantly abused in the past, including the Financial Services and General Government, Defense, Health and Human Services, Education, and Labor accounts — are prohibited from project funding.
 - Priority funding will be used for real infrastructure, water and sewer improvements, rural and economic development, and public safety projects.
 - Earmarks will not exceed .5% of all discretionary spending.
 - Members must certify that they and their immediate families have no financial interest in projects.
 - For-profit entities are not eligible for project funding.
 - Requests must be publicly posted online for transparency.
- Other important rules changes made

in January include: Representatives now have at least 72 hours to read bills, we are only considering single subject legislation, we are set to fund the government as intended by passing 12 individual appropriations bills through regular order, and we are debating and allowing amendments from Members on all sides of the political spectrum. These changes are working — I have already passed 2 bills and 8 amendments through the House on a bipartisan basis.

Of equal importance, we can also use the new process to prevent the executive branch from manipulating the federal grant process. The Biden administration weaponized this process to steer grants to blue districts, to the detriment of rural America. They also demanded diversity, equity, and inclusion criteria for applicants.

Instead of playing this con game, the new Congressionally Directed Spending process allows Members of Congress to exercise their power of the purse and ensure that funding is instead directed to important projects. This cuts the bureaucratic middlemen and their woke requirements out of the process and instead directs funding to where it is needed most.

These infrastructure projects I'm pursuing will benefit rural Colorado by increasing our transportation resiliency and combatting western drought. They will also ensure we are not dependent on an unfair, political federal grant process.

I did not go to Washington to join their club. I went there to fix it. Tackling earmarks was an important step. I will continue working every day to help improve communities across Colorado's Third District and make it the best region of the country to live, work, and raise a family.

Lauren Boebert represents Colorado's Third Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

CENTER POST-DISPATCH

THE CENTER POST-DISPATCH (USPS 775-900) Published weekly (every Thursday) by Valley Publishing. (719) 852-3531 at 835 First Ave., Monte Vista, Colorado 81144-1423. Official newspaper of the Town of Center, and a legal newspaper in Saguache County.
Box 607, Monte Vista, Colo. 81144
Main office, Want ads and Subscriptions: (719) 852-3531
Periodical postage paid at Monte Vista, Colo., 81144
POSTMASTER: Send change of address to P.O. Box 607, Monte Vista, Colo. 81144
Subscriptions: \$45 one year in the San Luis Valley; \$40 one year seniors (65 and older) in the San Luis Valley; and \$55 one year out of the San Luis Valley. (719) 852-3531
News Media Corporation website: <http://www.newsmediacorporation.com>

- Brian Williams..... GM/Editor
- Marie Mccolm Monte Vista Journal Reporter
- Patrick Shea Center Reporter
- Lyndsie Ferrell South Fork/Creede Reporter
- Diane Drekman..... Conejos/Costilla Reporter
- Sandra Marquez Advertising Sales Associate
- Shasta Quintana Circulation
- Ellie Bone Composition
- Roxie Beutler Classified
- Richard R. Quintana Mailroom Supervisor/Press

www.centerpostdispatch.com



Photo courtesy Dean Miller, U.S. Air Force Academy

A dedication ceremony for the Spirit 03 Memorial will be held on May 5. Spirit 03 was commanded by Maj. Paul Weaver who was from Alamosa.

US Air Force Academy to recognize Alamosa veteran Weaver May 5

By JOHN WATERS

COLORADO SPRINGS — Lt. Gen. Richard M. Clark, Superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy, together with Alumni of the Class of 1979, will hold a dedication ceremony for the Spirit 03 Memorial at 10:30 a.m. May 5 on the Honor Court.

The memorial is a bronze statue of the AC-130H Spectre gunship, call sign Spirit 03, which was shot down on Jan. 31, 1991, during the Battle of Khafji during Operation Desert Storm. All 14 Air Force special operations aircrew members perished. Spirit 03 was commanded by Maj. Paul Weaver, a member of the United States Air Force Academy Class of 1979. Maj. Weaver was from Alamosa. As a cadet he was assigned to Cadet Squadron 11. The memorial is a gift from the Class of 1979.

The base of the statue includes a plaque that reads in part, "While performing an Operation Desert Storm AC-130H armed reconnaissance mission, Major Weaver was tasked to engage a free rocket over ground missile site, as the gunship aircraft

commander, Major Weaver led his aircrew to the position of the missile site and began firing 40 and 105-millimeter munitions at the target. While engaging the target, Major Weaver received heavy fire from numerous anti-aircraft artillery sites. His courageous and aggressive attack continued while under increasing anti-aircraft artillery fire preventing a missile attack on allied coalition forces.

"The actions of Major Weaver aided the allied forces in repelling the Iraqi army south into the Saudi Arabia border town of Kfajji. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Major Weaver in the dedication of this service to his country reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

The current commander of the 16th Special Operations Squadron, assigned to Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico, will attend along with current and past members of the Air Force Special Operations community. A modern AC-130J Ghost Rider is scheduled to fly over the event in salute.

Bennet, Marshall Introduce Legislation to Improve Flexibility of USDA Farmland Conservation Program

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In advance of a subcommittee hearing on the Conservation Title in the Farm Bill that was held on Thursday, Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet, Chair of the Senate Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation, Climate, Forestry, and Natural Resources, and U.S. Senator Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), the subcommittee's Ranking Member, introduced the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Improvement Act to provide the flexibility family farmers and ranchers need to conserve water on working lands, while fairly compensating them for retiring their water rights or limiting their water use.

"Colorado's family farmers and ranchers face a 1,200-year drought, a changing climate, and a future that's going to be a lot hotter and a lot drier," said Bennet. "They don't have any time to waste, and they need us to make USDA's conservation programs work to live up to their potential. With the CREP Improvement Act, we can give farmers the flexibility they need to conserve their water supply and pass their operations onto their kids and grandkids."

"As Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Conservation, Climate, Forestry, and Natural Resources, I'm proud to partner with Chairman Senator Bennet on this legislative solution to the water crisis we are facing in the west," said Marshall. "Time and time again, we hear USDA is being too rigid in their interpretation of good programs, and this bill will help provide the flexibility farmers and ranchers need to preserve our water supply for generations to come."

The U.S. Department of

Agriculture's (USDA) CREP program has provided farmers and ranchers with payments to voluntarily remove land from production in order to address specific conservation concerns, most notably the voluntary reduction of groundwater pumping to sustainably manage water in the aquifers of the San Luis Valley. But producers within the CREP program have sought more flexibility to achieve the program's goals.

While the 2018 Farm Bill included a provision to allow dryland farming on retired irrigated acres in CREP, USDA still has not fully implemented this provision. And payments on dryland farmed acres are insufficient to encourage participation in key regions where water conservation is a top concern.

Specifically, the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Improvement Act would improve the CREP program by:

- Explicitly directing USDA to allow dryland agricultural uses on CREP acreage where appropriate;
- Specifically adding dryland crop production and grazing to the list of appropriate conservation practices for the CREP program;
- Allowing continuous cropping systems, like alfalfa, to be eligible for drought and water conservation CREP agreements;
- Ensuring fairer payments to producers by stipulating that annual payments for drought and water conservation CREP agreements will be equal to the difference between the irrigated acre payment rates and the dryland acre payment rates, as determined by USDA. And ensuring that any drought and water conservation agreement that includes the permanent retirement of a water

right receives the full irrigated acre payment rate;

- Making the payment formula retroactive for existing drought and water conservation agreements;
- Letting producers choose their payment allocations under the program, instead of a fixed payment per year for the 10-15-year contract period; and
- Waiving CREP payments from the \$50,000 annual payment limitation under the Conservation Reserve Program.

"The Rio Grande CREP has been a critical tool in supporting farmers in the San Luis Valley for over a decade as they voluntarily reduce groundwater pumping. These proposed changes will help bring additional farmers into the program and provide additional certainty for farmers facing an uncertain water future. We appreciate Senator Bennet's long-time support of this program," said Amber Pacheco, Deputy Manager, Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THE DISH ATVS **Let's Dish it Out!**

Looking for a way to make your community a better place? Join The Dish! The Dish is an up and coming community organization focused on event planning and bringing people together through great food. Sign up now and help us build a stronger, more vibrant town. Contact thedish@gmail.com to get involved today!



YOUR FUTURE BEGINS TODAY

with

START

RG BANK

BANKING SOLUTIONS FOR YOU

NMLS #421822 Equal Housing Lender Member FDIC

Safety Day

Photos by Jennifer Alonzo

The Monte Vista Coop and Progressive Agriculture Safety Day was held at Ski Hi Complex on Thursday, April 27. The educational program offers instruction on topics like grain safety, electrical safety, gun and firearm safety and more to all San Luis Valley third grade students.



Students were allowed to match liquid substances at the Mistaken Identity station.



Michelle Pastor of Tri-State, representing SLV Rural Electric Cooperative, used a plasma ball and other hands-on demonstrations to show how electricity gets from the power plant to homes.



Colorado State Patrol officers presented the rollover simulator with "Bob" onboard to demonstrate the dangers of not wearing a seatbelt.



Colorado Parks and Wildlife Officers Tyler Cerny and William Miedema discussed gun and firearm safety.



Students experimented with rubber gloves used by REC linemen to protect them from high voltage.

Fire Adapted Colorado (FACO) encourages residents to 'Live Wildfire Ready'

CONTRIBUTED

STATEWIDE — Colorado faces a "new normal" when it comes to wildfire. Ongoing drought and warmer temperatures elevate wildfire risk for Coloradans and wildfires now occur year-round in the state. To encourage more residents to prepare for wildfire, Fire Adapted Colorado is joining other organizations in Colorado in a campaign called Live Wildfire Ready.

The campaign will help residents in communities throughout Colorado, especially those who live in the wildland-urban interface, understand their wildfire risk and what they can do to mitigate that risk to their life, home, and property. More than half of all Coloradans live in the wildland-urban interface and are susceptible to wildfire, so it's important for people to act and be prepared for wildfire.

"During a wildfire, embers cause most home ignitions. Many homes are not directly impacted by the flames of a wildfire, but instead ignite due to embers landing on or near structures. That's why it's important to take steps now, to protect your home, by removing flammable materials, creating a defensible space, and having an evacuation plan."

Live Wildfire Ready shares simple, practical, relatively low-cost actions residents can take to prepare their homes and property for wildfire. These actions include the following:

- Regularly clear leaves, pine needles and other debris from your deck, roof and gutters.
- Rake and remove pine needles and leaves 5 feet from your home.
- Store firewood at least 30 feet from your home, preferably uphill, and

- never on or under your deck.
- Move items under your deck or porch to a storage area.
- Prune branches hanging over your roof and within 10 feet of your chimney.

- Remove flammable material within 6 vertical inches of your home's siding.
- Mow grasses to 4 inches or less within 30 feet of your home.
- Clear brush, shrubs and other plants within 10 feet of propane tanks and gas meters.
- Screen attic, roof, eaves and foundation vents and wall-in areas below decks and stilt foundations with 1/8-inch metal mesh.

In addition to preparing one's home, living wildfire ready means being ready to evacuate during a fire:

- Ensure home address signs are clearly visible from the street.
- Contact your local Office of Emergency Management to register for emergency notifications and encourage your friends, family and neighbors to do the same.
- Confirm at least one alternate path out of your neighborhood other than the one most commonly used and be prepared for potential evacuation requiring the alternative route.

For more info about the campaign, visit LiveWildfireReady.org, or search for #LiveWildfireReady on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

FireAdaptedColoradoisanindependent non-profit organization closely associated and born out of FireAdaptedCommunities Learning Network (FAC Net), a national network of people working to build wildfire resilience capacity in wildfire-prone communities.

The Antedote to Help You Quit Complaining

Complaining is dangerous business. It can damage or even destroy your relationship with God, your relationships with other people, and even your relationship with yourself.

It's easy to complain. We likely don't realize how much we do it, and I believe it's one of the most challenging things to overcome.

Philippians 2:14 (NKJV) says, "Do all things without complaining and disputing" (emphasis mine). That's a clear command, and not something anyone can do in their own strength.

Think about what you're talking about.

It's important to understand that every word you speak has some kind of effect. Proverbs 18:21 says that our words have the power of life or death in them. In other words, the way we speak really does matter. So it makes sense that we should avoid complaining at all cost.

I think of complaining as the enemy's language. When we do it, we open the door for him to come into a situation and cause trouble. On the other hand, praise and thanksgiving is God's language.

Like I said before, it's easy to complain. There are many things that happen every day that we could murmur about if we let ourselves go there. But they really aren't worth the effort it takes to get upset and gripe about it.

For example, we travel a lot and stay in a lot of hotels. I like to take a hot bath to relax before speaking at our conferences. Once when I went to fix my bath, I discovered there was no hot water. So I called the front desk to see about getting hot water, but they weren't able to fix the problem when I needed them to. And later, I learned that my room was the only room in the hotel that didn't have hot water!

Now, I could have gotten all upset about this at the time. But God helped

me to relax and resist the temptation to get upset. And the truth is, complaining wouldn't have changed anything – it would have just made the situation harder.

Check the attitude of your heart.

Complaining comes from an ungrateful, prideful attitude of the heart. It causes us to feel that we shouldn't be inconvenienced or have bad things happen to us.

It's easy for us to think, Why are you making such a big deal out of it? when someone else is inconvenienced or struggling. But when we have to deal with the pain ourselves, it's a different story. That's when we say, "Why is this happening to me?!"

Many people in the western world are spoiled by the conveniences of our culture. We're used to instant gratification, getting what we want when we want it. We don't like discomfort or sacrifice. We don't want anything to be hard. This causes us to have an immature, selfish perspective of difficult situations and say things we shouldn't say.

I've learned that there's a better approach: Look for the treasure in every trial.

The truth is, I've done most of my spiritual growing during the hardest and most painful times of my life. The trials of life have caused me to press in to God. And as I've done that, He's changed me. He's helped me to develop an attitude of gratitude and humility, which has brought real freedom into my life.

What's real freedom? Real freedom is being able to not have my way and still be just as happy as if I did.

Trust God throughout the process.

It's a difficult process getting to the point of having real freedom. But whatever it takes to get there, it's worth it! We just need to accept that gaining spiritual maturity is going to hurt. Growing up in God is not comfortable,



and there are times that sacrifice is required. There will be times when God will ask you to do things and you'll feel that you just don't have the strength to do them – but whatever God tells us to do, He always gives us the grace to do it!

Something else that helps me is meditating on scriptures about watching the words of my mouth. I like to pray Psalm 19:14 (NKJV): "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord..." There are many more, and I encourage you to find them and pray them over yourself often. Daily is a good idea!

Make it your goal to have a constant attitude of gratitude. Resist the temptation to complain and instead praise and thank God for who He is and all He's done for you. By God's grace and through His strength, you can overcome complaining and live each day with a thankful heart!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-part teaching resource The Power of Thoughts and Words. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

Joyce Meyer is a New York Times bestselling author and founder of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. She has authored more than 140 books, including BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND and THE ANSWER TO ANXIETY (FaithWords). She hosts the Enjoying Everyday Life radio and TV programs, which air on hundreds of stations worldwide. For more information, visit www.joycemeyer.org.

Please note: The views and opinions expressed throughout this publication and/or website are those of the respective authors and do not necessarily reflect those of Joyce Meyer Ministries.



Celebrate Mother's Day with your Trusted Family Owned Grocery Shop



K&J
THRIFTWAY
 345 S. Worth St.
 Center
 (719) 754-1937

Hearing to try juvenile as an adult in APD officer shooting postponed

District Attorney Kelly frustrated by delay

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — The hearing to determine if Daniel Brandt Jr., the 15-year-old arrested in alleged connection with the Oct. 27, 2022, shooting of Alamosa Police Department Officer Mollie Heeny and 43-year-old Ricardo Rangel, has been postponed until August.

The hearing was originally scheduled to begin on Tuesday of this week and last four days. The proceedings were to start with a preliminary hearing where, after listening to evidence and testimony presented by the prosecution, District Judge Crista Newmyer-Olsen would determine if there were enough evidence for Brandt to be charged in the crime.

Since 12th Judicial District Attorney Anne Kelly is requesting that Brandt Jr. be charged as an adult, if Newmyer-Olsen had determined there was “probable cause” for the case to continue, the court would have then heard expert testimony from both the prosecution and the defense on

whether or not the case should remain in juvenile court or be transferred to district court where Brandt Jr. would be tried as an adult with, if convicted, the possibility of serving a sentence in the Department of Corrections after turning 18 years old.

But that hearing is not happening this week and will not happen for another four months, as Newmyer-Olsen stated it was “not practical for the hearing to go forward.” At that point, she allowed both parties to “make a record” about the need to postpone the hearing.

Kelly was first to speak, expressing significant frustration with the defense counsel repeatedly “asking for continuance” and what she viewed as the defense counsel’s “blatant disregard for the court” in failing to meet deadlines the court had set. “It’s all there in the record, time after time,” she said.

Kelly specifically cited March 3 as one of those deadlines when the defense demonstrated a “lack of ability to supply expert material,” adding that she did not receive a large number of needed documents until last Friday evening, just three days before the hearing.

“It has been six months since Officer Heeny and Mr. Rangel

were shot,” she said, adding that Officer Heeny “has had a long period of recovery,” and it has “also been difficult” for the Alamosa Police Department.

Kelly stated that she has made “extensive motions to move forward,” and defense counsel had agreed to the April hearing. “They should have been prepared,” and she “must insist on some kind of sanction.”

Kelly also detailed information she had not been provided that she needed to present, including information from an expert witness that she received Friday night. The expert, she says, interviewed Brandt Jr. for four hours, and Kelly would like a copy of the interview. The expert also administered a test, and Kelly says she has no information on the test or Brandt’s responses.

“If experts are going to talk about what they did, I need access to all that information,” she said.

She also said she would file motions to strike some expert testimony.

When Cobeia Becker, lead counsel for the defense, addressed the court, she said she has been practicing law for 20 years, 15 of which have been involved in juvenile transfer cases. She said

she had never been unethical, had contacted the prosecution in emails but had not gotten a response, and “disagreed” with how Kelly was framing her conduct.

Becker then provided what appeared to be details to the court about the information Kelly said she was missing, suggesting that Kelly requesting not just reports but the information upon which the reports were based was something she “had not been asked by the court to provide before.”

However, she needed to directly address why deadlines set by the court were not met or why Kelly received many documents just three days before the hearing.

Kelly responded that she contacted the defense many times and got no response.

Newmyer-Olsen noted, “both counsels are saying that they’re trying to communicate.” She went on to say that she sees contention between counsels in other cases appearing in her courtroom, so her message was to all the attorneys. “It is not productive when counsel does not work well together.”

She then said there has only been one other case for a juvenile transfer in the last 10 years, which took a long time.

“This is a marathon, not a sprint,” she said.

She then said she was declining the sanctions, but any further late disclosures will be excluded without counsel citing a “good reason.”

At the beginning of the hearing, Newmyer-Olsen noted that Brandt’s father was not in the courtroom. When the respondent’s parent does not show up for court proceedings requires, she said the court is instructed to issue a warrant for the parent’s arrest. She acknowledged that she was not sure she had made that clear to Brandt’s father in previous proceedings, so would not be issuing a warrant, but when the defense requested that a guardian be appointed for the court proceedings, she agreed.

A few minutes later, Brandt’s father came into the courtroom and stayed for the entirety of the proceedings, but Newmyer-Olsen said she still plans to appoint a guardian.

A court date for the preliminary and transfer hearing was set for Aug. 21 to 24 and agreed to by both parties, four months from Tuesday’s hearing and just two months shy of a year since the shooting took place.

Subscribe Online! **CENTER POST-DISPATCH** www.centerpostdispatch.com

Colder climates can clash with your home's foundation.
Repair and protect your home today!

Groundworks

COMPLETE BASEMENT SYSTEMS **peak STRUCTURAL INC.**

STICKING DOORS BOWED WALLS DRYWALL CRACKS

EASY FINANCING OFFER!
NO PAYMENTS INTEREST (if paid in full within 12 months)

YOUR EXPERTS IN:
FOUNDATION REPAIR
BASEMENT WATERPROOFING
CRAWL SPACE REPAIR
CONCRETE LIFTING

OVER 60 YEARS OF COMBINED SERVICE
Angi **DAVE LOGAN**

Call for a **FREE INSPECTION**
(719) 626-4236

FREEDOM. TO BE YOU.

If you think oxygen therapy means slowing down, it's time for a welcome breath of fresh air.

Introducing the Inogen One family of portable oxygen systems. With no need for bulky tanks, each concentrator is designed to keep you active via Inogen's Intelligent Delivery Technology.® Hours of quiet and consistent oxygen flow on a long-lasting battery charge enabling freedom of movement, whether at home or on the road. Every Inogen One meets FAA requirements for travel ensuring the freedom to be you.

- No heavy oxygen tanks
- Ultra quiet operation
- Lightweight and easy to use
- Safe for car and air travel
- Full range of options and accessories
- FAA approved and clinically validated

Call 1-719-490-4844 for a free consultation.

inogen

MKT-P0240

BOEBERT

Continued from Page 1A

Party and 2020 election denier who tried unsuccessfully to have “Let’s Go Brandon” inserted into his name on the ballot.

“I’m going to give it to you straight,” Williams said, referring to the current state of the Republican Party. “We got our butts handed to us, and we’re in some tough terrain here. A lot of people have asked me what are we going to do to make sure we can get elected again?”

He said the answer is not easy, but it “involves some very simple things.”

He then laid out a plan, admitting it may take four to six years to produce results.

To start with, Republicans will “fire the left-wing strategists and consultants” who have been “bilking the party for years” and saying the party needs to be more centrist. “That is a lie from the pit of Hell,” Williams said. “We’re not going to apologize for being pro-life. We’re not going to be apologetic for defending the Second Amendment. We’re not going to apologize for electing Donald J. Trump.”

Republicans are going to go on the “offense, offense, offense,” and “attack the Democrats,” he said. “We’re at war, ladies and gentlemen. (They) know that, and it’s high time we understand that as we march to victory.”

Williams then displayed some of what might be in store, describing Democrats as “radical socialists.”

“They don’t care about what you care about. They have one mission, and that’s to destroy this country,” he added.

Williams shared one “really exciting” thing, “The state party is going to fight

back and start doing research to kick the bovine excrement out of the Democrats every chance we get,” he said. “We haven’t really done that in the past, but it’s a mission of mine that we find the dirt on these Democrats, expose who they are, and make sure that they no longer serve in any public position.”

Saying that it was “all hands on deck,” Williams asked that Republicans donate to the party, even if it was for a race outside of their district. He also encouraged people to contribute to the campaign of Rep. Lauren Boebert to make sure she is re-elected.

“She’s the best congressman [sic] in Colorado,” he said, adding the district was “lucky” to have her as representative.

Anne Kelly, District Attorney for the 12th Judicial District, was next to address the crowd and focused on the priorities and accomplishments of her office. Restoring victims’ rights is paramount to Kelly, as is rebuilding an infrastructure that was in shambles. Kelly also underscored the alarming escalation in crime, attributing it to non-prosecution.

“We need to talk about crime to beat the Democrats,” she said.

State Senator Cleave Simpson received a warm round of applause from the crowd, many of whom know him well. More bluntly than in other venues, Simpson spoke of the challenges of being one of only 12 Republicans in the Senate, and a House where Democrats hold a supermajority. He expressed frustration with additional legislation related to

reproductive rights — “I thought that issue was done,” he said — and more gun legislation when past legislation did not seem to have any impact on crime.

“We just don’t hold people accountable for bad behavior. Violence has become acceptable. Even when someone wins a game, the response turns violent,” he said.

Jeff Young, who has worked as director of data analytics for “Cause America,” the group founded by Mike Lindell, made a brief presentation claiming that “people are voting in the San Luis Valley who don’t live here.” He also suggested that some signatures on ballots are forged.

Rep. Boebert, the final speaker of the evening, began her speech by yelling, “Patriots!” as she walked onto the stage, praising the crowd for the “strength in their numbers.”

“You trusted me to be your voice in DC, and I hope that first week showed I’m not there to be a career politician,” Boebert told the crowd. “I’m not there to get along to go along. The ‘R’ behind my name does not stand for rollover.”

“There were many great victories that we got. But one thing that I saw was apathy among my colleagues.” She expressed frustration with fellow Republicans who privately agreed with the Freedom Caucus but refused to openly support their demands because of “excuses,” such as they wanted to be elected chair of a committee or they were worried about their next election.

“Now, when we say ‘we’re not moving forward unless...’, we’ve drawn that line in the sand and we’re taken seriously. Criticism from allies in the media or threats from leadership in the Congress don’t stop us,” she said.

She indicated that the same approach

was used in discussions about the debt ceiling, a high-stakes negotiation about federal money that has already been spent. If negotiations fail and the government defaults, Social Security checks are not issued; Veterans do not receive benefits; federal employees do not receive paychecks.

According to the non-partisan Congressional Research Service, Congress has acted 78 times to raise the ceiling since 1960 and did so, with bipartisan support, three times under former President Trump.

Republicans in the House insist the debt ceiling be tied to future spending, and the Freedom Caucus insists on specific cuts.

“I wouldn’t agree to just write a blank check,” Boebert said. “But I was not going to let our country default. But even in these cuts that we had, there were conversations in our party saying we can’t make this cut; what about our vulnerable members who won’t get re-elected if we cut this or that?”

Boebert listed off the group’s victories, including defunding the hiring of 87,000 IRS agents.

“Our leadership argued with us, and we said, then we won’t pass the debt ceiling,” she added.

Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen announced this week that the government may default on its debt by June 1 if Congress does not raise or suspend the nation’s borrowing authority; leaving just a few days to negotiate a bipartisan agreement. And Boebert acknowledges herself that their demands “won’t get past the Senate or the White House.”

Without naming the bill, Rep. Boebert also briefed the crowd on legislation she “was able to pass to improve energy so we’ll be energy secure again, energy

independent and can pursue energy dominance. If we had that, we wouldn’t see what’s going on between Russia and Ukraine,” she said, adding, “but maybe that’s part of their plan.”

The congresswoman addressed transgender individuals, saying she was “very inspired that the country would come back from this” because, in looking at the crowd, “there is not one man that I see whose lips are the same color of red as mine and wearing a dress and heels, and that must mean they are not serving Bud Light,” referencing the backlash against Bud Light for featuring Dylan Mulvaney, a transgender actress, and influencer in an ad on social media. That drew a big laugh from the crowd.

“We have folks who are trying to censor you, take away your free speech, and now we see Dylan Mulvaney saying it should be illegal to call him a man. Well, sir, your 5 o’clock shadow says otherwise,” she continued.

Rep. Boebert closed her speech by suggesting divine providence in the Republican battle to retake control and sharing a verse from the Bible where Mordecai is telling Esther that “perhaps she was brought to the kingdom for such a time as this.”

“God has placed a vision in our hearts,” Boebert said. “You were created for this moment. It’s not an accident that you are here right now. So, those frustrations and challenges that arise, take that, and see what you can do to be a part of the solution and what God is calling you to be in that moment. Because you are here, every one of you, with gifts and talents created by God himself, because you were created on purpose, and the purpose is now. I’m going to encourage every one of you to be involved because we are in this battle together.”

CENTER

Continued from Page 1A

is committed to agriculture. A row of five tractors might look like a row of five derelict cars in a residential backyard, but all five tractors still work. Farms and ranches are different.

In Center, the most populated town in Saguache County, town administrators and residents are taking a close look at the opportunities that forming a URA might create. Presenting for the second time in person, Andy Arnold travelled from Durango to provide his second overview of an extensive study about Center and URA designation.

Arnold has already worked with 14 different municipalities across Colorado, starting with a condition survey and helping guide town organizers to form a URA board and define planning areas.

The condition survey, also called a “blight study,” identified areas of town where conditions “arrest commercial development.” The study revealed nine

of the 11 factors in Center.

Saguache County Commissioner Lynne Thompson was one of the first to take a required seat on the URA board for Center. Representatives from the school district and the sanitation district, for example, will fill other positions. Once formed, the URA board can draft bylaws, receive certification from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), and begin negotiations with developers. They can also begin the funding process through a mechanism called, “Tax Increment Financing (TIF).” TIF allows planners to schedule payments over a 25-year period and access the money up front. Some municipalities wrap up funding within 25 years, yet URAs can exist indefinitely.

Center Town Attorney Mike Trujillo opened and closed the public hearing, and the board will proceed when they meet on May 9.

DISTRICT COURT, SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO Court Address: 501 4th Street Saguache, CO 81149 (719) 855-2522	
Plaintiff: BABYLON HOLDINGS LLC, a New York limited liability company	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
v.	
Defendants: ELVA ENDICOTT, DOUGLAS KOSS, and ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM UNDER OR THROUGH THE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION	
Attorneys for Plaintiffs: Zachary A. Grey, Atty. Reg. 49269 Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein P.C. 4750 Table Mesa Drive Boulder, CO 80305 Telephone: 303-494-3000 Facsimile: 303-494-6309 Email: zac@frascona.com	Case Number: 2022CV030034 Division: C Courtroom
SERVICE BY PUBLICATION	

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within **21** or **35** days after the service of this summons upon you. 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 **21** or **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.

Dated: April 6, 2023
Published in the Center Post Dispatch Newspaper.
First Publication: Thursday April 6, 2023
Last Publication: Thursday May 4, 2023

Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein, P.C.
/s/ Zachary A. Grey
Attorney for Plaintiff



Dental Insurance

Physicians Mutual Insurance Company

A less expensive way to help get the dental care you deserve!

- Get help paying dental bills and keep more money in your pocket
- This is real dental insurance — NOT just a discount plan
- Get affordable coverage before your next checkup

Don't wait!

Call now and we'll rush you a **FREE** Information Kit with all the details.

1-833-643-1677

dental50plus.com/monvis

Insurance Policy P150
6210 0519



MyStory at SLV Health — Jeffrey Leavitt

CONTRIBUTED

“‘Never give up’ is my unshakeable belief when it comes to tackling my recent medical diagnoses,” said Jeffrey Leavitt. “I found out my A1C was high and before I knew it, I was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes. Luckily, I looked for resources and found SLV Health’s Diabetes Clinic.”

Leavitt appreciated the knowledgeable and compassionate care he received from Dawn Arellano, RN, CDCES, in helping him with education, resources, and support. He nominated Dawn as a DAISY nurse because she changed his life. “She’s terrific. Diabetes is a confusing and complicated disease. I am six feet tall, and with Dawn’s help, I dropped my weight from 205 to under 175 pounds; my blood sugar went from 267 to 120; and my A1C from 7.8 to 6.2.”

Later, Leavitt was diagnosed with cancer. Not one but two different types. “I thought I was going to die a slow and painful death,” he commented. “I’ve been to the ER five times, lab, x-ray, oncology, urology, otolaryngology, cardiology, surgery three times, chemo infusion ten times, and radiation sessions 28 times (at Colorado Springs). There is a consistency of professional, positive patient care running through every unit at SLVH. I have experienced big city hospitals including Johns Hopkins, and SLVH has them beat, hands down, not even close.”

Leavitt is almost 80 years young, feels strong, and will not give up the fight. “Focus is important when we have major health issues. When I get overwhelmed, I break



Dawn Arellano

things down into smaller pieces, deal with one thing at a time, and have open communication with my caregivers.

“My advice to new patients is to leave your judgements at home and realize we are not the only ones dealing with stress. Many caregivers at SLVH have worked through the pandemic, risking their lives daily to save ours. Stress is a major part of their experiences also, yet they work through this for us. One time I asked a nurse how he felt after a shift full of patient interactions.”

He said, “Sometimes I just go home and cry. When we are faced with something difficult, like a scope or

surgery, it is important to remember that our caregivers are people too. They want us to win. Fear about our health can easily spiral into uncontrollable panic.”

“Sometimes as healthcare providers, we don’t recognize the impact we have on the patients we serve, and then along comes patients like Jeffrey who remind us that what we do matters,” says Arellano.

Arellano grew up in the San Luis Valley and completed college at Adams State University and worked in industries outside of the healthcare field before attending nursing school. Now an RN and CDCES (Certified Diabetes and Education Specialist),



Jeffrey Leavitt

she chose to specialize in the Diabetes field not only because of the prevalence in the SLV, but from personal experience.

The SLVH DEEP (Diabetes Education and Empowerment Program), is the only accredited Diabetes program in the SLV.

“We become part of the patient’s health care team, not only educating them on Diabetes, but also empowering persons living with Diabetes,” she said.

When she found out that Leavitt nominated her for the DAISY award, she remarked, “Oh, he is such a kind and thoughtful person.” She mentioned that Leavitt was a patient

with an open mind and was willing to learn and adapt his ways toward a healthier lifestyle.

Leavitt nominated several other nurses for the DAISY award.

“I am awed and humbled by the many SLVH staff members I have encountered, each dedicating themselves to my care,” he said. “SLV Health also has been supportive with a reasonable payment plan. We are given options in life, not the least of which is our own attitude. If we view the healing process as a team effort, it can truly be a win-win experience.”

We can find ways to work at being the healthiest person we can be. It’s our choice.”



Get it today. Protected for life.


LeafGuard has been awarded the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval for 18 straight years.

Say goodbye to gutter cleaning for good

No clogging, No cleaning
No leaking, No water damage
No ladder accidents



Call now for your free estimate! Financing available 719-493-9644

20% off total purchase* Does not include cost of material. Offer expires 3/31/23

Receive a \$50 Visa Gift Card with your free in-home estimate

 *All participants who attend an estimated 60-90-minute in-home product consultation will receive a \$50 Visa gift card. Retail value is \$50. Offer sponsored by LeafGuard Holdings Inc. Limit one per household. Company procures, sells, and installs seamless gutter protection. This offer is valid for homeowners over 18 years of age. If married or involved with a life partner, both cohabitating persons must attend and complete presentation together. Participants must have a photo ID and be legally able to enter into a contract. The following persons are not eligible for this offer: employees of Company or affiliated companies or entities, their immediate family members, previous participants in a Company in-home consultation within the past 12 months and all current and former Company customers. Gift may not be extended, transferred, or substituted except that Company may substitute a gift of equal or greater value if it deems it necessary. Gift card will be mailed to the participant via first class United States Mail within 10 days of receipt of the promotion form. Not valid in conjunction with any other promotion or discount of any kind. Offer not sponsored and is subject to change without notice prior to reservation. Offer not available in the states of CA, IN, PA and MI. Expires 3/31/23.

* Guaranteed no to clog for as long as you own your home, or we will clean your gutters for free.

Call to get an ADT Security System + Get a \$100 ADT Visa Reward Card FREE*

ADT's 24/7 monitoring plus top of the line security cameras help ensure your loved ones are safe – whether you're out and about or in the next room.



\$100 ADT Visa
Reward Card
FREE

*With 36-month monitoring contract. Early termination and installation fees apply. Reward card issued by MetaBank®, N.A., Member FDIC. Card terms and expiration apply. For full terms, see below.



\$100 value

BONUS[†]

ADT Visa Reward Card

Choose ADT today and receive a \$100 Visa Reward Card to spend on anything you want!

Call today to speak with a home security expert

1-719-628-5729



†\$100 ADT Visa Reward Card: Requires 36-month monitoring contract starting at \$28.99/mo. (24-month monitoring contract in California, total fees from \$495.76), and enrollment in ADT EasyPay. Requires minimum purchase price of \$449. One (1) Visa Reward Card valued at \$100 is redeemable seven (7) days after system is installed, wherein an email is sent to the customer's email address associated with their account with a promo code. The customer must validate the promo code on the website provided in the email and a physical card will be sent in the mail. Installation must occur within 60 days of offer expiration date to receive card. Applicable to new and resale sale types only. Card is issued by MetaBank®, N.A., Member FDIC, pursuant to a license from Visa U.S.A. Inc. No cash access or recurring payments. Can be used everywhere Visa debit cards are accepted. Card valid for up to 6 months; unused funds will forfeit after the valid thru date. Card terms and conditions apply.

Interactive Services: ADT Command Interactive Solutions Services ("ADT Command") helps you manage your home environment and family lifestyle. Requires purchase of an ADT alarm system with 36-month monitoring contract ranging from \$45.99-\$59.99/mo. with GSP (24-month monitoring contract in California, total fees ranging \$1,103.76-\$1,439.76), enrollment in ADT EasyPay, and a compatible device with Internet and email access. These interactive services do not cover the operation or maintenance of any household equipment/systems that are connected to the ADT Command equipment. All ADT Command services are not available with all interactive service levels. All ADT Command services may not be available in all geographic areas. You may be required to pay additional charges to purchase equipment required to utilize the interactive service features you desire.

General: Additional charges may apply in areas that require guard response service for municipal alarm verification. System remains property of ADT. Local permit fees may be required. Prices and offers subject to change and may vary by market. Additional taxes and fees may apply. Satisfactory credit required. A security deposit may be required. Simulated screen images and photos are for illustrative purposes only.

©2021 ADT LLC dba ADT Security Services. All rights reserved. ADT, the ADT logo, 800.ADT.ASAP and the product/service names listed in this document are marks and/or registered marks. Unauthorized use is strictly prohibited. Third-party marks are the property of their respective owners. License information available at www.ADT.com/legal or by calling 800.ADT.ASAP. Licenses: AL 233, 234, 458, 506, 1519; CA ACC07155, 974443, PPO120284; FL EF000112; LA F1639, F1640, F1643, F1654; MA 172C; NC Licensed by the Alarm System Licensing Board of the State of North Carolina; 2738-CSA, 2397-CSA, 2381-CSA; NJ Burg & Fire Business Lic. #34BF0048300, 200 East Park, Ste. 200, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054; NY 12000305615; PA 090797; MS 1501951.

DF-CD-NP-G421

Lifestyles

Serving the entire San Luis Valley

Supplement to The Monte Vista Journal, Center Post-Dispatch, The Conejos County Citizen, The Mineral County Miner, The South Fork Times, and The Del Norte Prospector.

BOXHOLDER LOCAL-RURAL CAR-RT SORT STANDARD MAIL RATE U.S. Postage PAID Permit No. 70 Alamosa, CO 81101

Saguache County celebrates on Earth Day

By PATRICK SHEA

SAGUACHE COUNTY — Residents and town officials across Saguache County pitched in for Earth Day spring cleaning on April 22. The cleaning fever hit households and neighborhoods too with people hauling trash and debris to landfills.

Center Police Department Officer Kendra Adolph gathered early in Center Community Park along with town board members and other residents. In Moffat, crews gathered around noon. In the Baca Grande Property Owners Association, residents dropped loads at two sites across the five subdivisions.

Providing a festive ending to Baca Grande cleanup efforts, the Friends of Casita Park hosted a post-scrubbing celebration with food and live music. The newly formed nonprofit had already orchestrated cleanup days in

the past and is currently raising funds to plant new trees. Nick Nevares from Mountainside Realty sponsored the picnic. Residents sampled from tables full of food and two smoking grills, as well as a performance by a band called The Audience.

More than 30 volunteers helped gather at least 70 loads of trash across the Baca Grande subdivisions. They filled four industrial dumpsters from Conley Waste Management, and Nevares had help picking up trash along two highway miles between Casita Park and Crestone.

Helping Officer Adolph in Center, members of the fire department and town board met at Center Community Park along with residents and volunteers from Alamosa. They picked the park clean and tidied up the streets around downtown. Moffat officials left the town park spotless too.



Photo by Patrick Shea

On Earth Day, volunteers and residents gathered trash, enjoyed live music, and shared a meal in Casita Park, a subdivision of the Baca Grande Property Owners Association.

Respect nature, leave young wildlife in the wild

CONTRIBUTED

DENVER — As trees and flowers begin to bloom, Colorado's wildlife is experiencing new life and growth as well. Bears are coming out of their winter dens to find food, and the next generation of young wildlife is being born.

Through the end of June, wildlife will become more visible in backyards, open spaces and on trails. Some young wildlife you may see include deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, rabbits, foxes, skunks, raccoons, bats and birds. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) reminds the public to respect wildlife and their space, especially this time of the year.

Every spring, CPW and local parks receive an increase in office visits and calls from people that report they "rescued" young wildlife. Many people wrongly believe they are "helping" young animals by picking them up, bringing them to a CPW office or even taking them home to feed them. People routinely orphan young wildlife by essentially kidnapping them from their natural environment.

The best practice is to leave young wildlife untouched in their natural habitat so they can grow and thrive in the wild.

How can humans help young wildlife?

- Do not approach, touch or feed wild animals.
- Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance.
- Keep your dog on a leash on trails.
- If you find a wild animal that appears sick or injured, leave it alone. Call your local Colorado Parks and Wildlife office and consult a trained wildlife officer for guidance.

"If you see a newborn fawn without its mother nearby, that is normal," said CPW Area Wildlife Manager Jason Duetsch. "Deer, elk and pronghorn mothers hide their young for long periods of time while foraging. Young that have been removed cannot be successfully returned to the wild, as the mother will not continue searching for a missing baby or reject it because it was handled by humans and may no longer smell like her fawn. We have a human responsibility to keep wild animals wild and leave young wildlife alone to support their natural growth in the wilderness."

CPW also urges the public to refrain from feeding wildlife on trails, in backyards or on decks. Under Colorado law, feeding wildlife is illegal because it puts wildlife's health and safety at risk. Those in violation are subject to fines, and even worse, can cause the animal to become sick and die.

In addition to humans causing harm to wildlife, wildlife can also pose physical danger to humans. Wildlife is just that, wild, and can act in unpredictable ways. Animals such as elk, moose and deer with newborn calves and fawns can become aggressive to defend their young.

"Wildlife will be exhibiting normal protective behavior of their young," said Duetsch. "Give wildlife extra space



Courtesy photo

Each Spring, Colorado welcomes an abundance of young wildlife across the state. Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds people to help keep wild animals wild and leave young wildlife alone.

this time of year. Be sure to keep dogs on leashes. Dogs can trigger aggressive behavior and both moose and elk will chase a dog right back to their owner, presenting a dangerous situation."

Other dangers of approaching and feeding young wildlife include exposure to rabies, Salmonella, fleas, ticks and other parasites, bacteria or viruses that may be present in or on the animal. Likewise, humans can also inadvertently expose diseases carried by people to baby wildlife.

What should you do if you see a baby bird out of a nest?

• Every year, baby birds are picked up by people, but the animal's best chance of survival is to be raised by its parents. Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is a major concern for wild birds, especially waterfowl and scavenging birds, and also carries a possible risk to human health. Although rare, some strains of HPAI can infect people.

• If a nestling baby bird (eyes closed and featherless) has fallen from a nest that you can easily see and safely reach, it is ok to put that bird back into the nest but wear gloves and a mask to prevent transmission of diseases between you and the bird.

• If you find a fledgling bird (eyes open, feathered, can hop around but cannot fly) on the ground, do not pick up that bird. The parents will continue to care for it on the ground and it will soon be able to fly. Keep cats inside to prevent them from killing birds.

• If you find a sick or dead bird, do not touch the bird. Contact CPW to report the sick or dead bird.

Colorado has a robust wildlife ecosystem; a valuable reminder that we are just a part of the animal world around us. If you see unsafe human behavior such as feeding or harassing wildlife, report it to the local CPW wildlife officer.



The Rio Trio adventure triathlon is set for Memorial Day weekend in Alamosa. Registration is up 25 percent from this time a year ago, according to organizers.

Courtesy photos



Third Annual Rio Trio triathlon fast approaching

CONTRIBUTED

ALAMOSA — With signs of Spring in the air and runoff picking up in the Rio Grande basin, the 3rd Annual Rio Trio adventure triathlon is fast approaching. The unique Alamosa event which features trail running (5k), paddling the Rio Grande (3 miles), and biking City trails (8 miles) is set for Saturday, May 27.

The event is becoming a community tradition thanks to Alamosa Parks and Recreation and San Luis Valley Great Outdoors — the two organizations that put on the event. The race has seen

growth year over year — 140 people competed in 2022, but 2023 is expected to be the biggest yet. Registration is up 25% from where it was last year with a month to go, according to the City of Alamosa. The Rio Trio is popular with locals and attracts outdoor adventurers from all over Colorado.

The Rio Trio is an event with broad appeal — from the hardcore endurance athlete to the leisurely participant to the youngsters competing in the kid's race. This year, families with children will get the extra treat of getting **Please see RIO TRIO on Page 2**

El Pomar awards \$35,000 in the San Luis Valley

CONTRIBUTED VALLEY— Three San Luis Valley entities are sharing in \$35,000 in grants awarded by the El Pomar Foundation recently.

High Valley Community Center, Inc. in Del Norte is receiving \$15,000 in general operating support through the foundation's competitive grant process.

Both the City of Monte Vista and the SLV Habitat for Humanity are receiving \$10,000 each.

Monte Vista's grant through the SLV Council for El Pomar will assist with Ski-Hi Complex upgrades while Habitat's competitive grant will support an affordable housing project.

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

To increase impact and establish connections across the entire state, the Regional Partnerships program was established in 2003. Each of the Foundation's 11 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.



RIO TRIO

Continued from Page 1

to meet Wilder, the 7-foot-tall half mountain goat half yeti "spokescreature" of Great Outdoor Colorado's Generation Wild initiative.

After the race, eventgoers will get local food from the San Luis Valley Food Company, drink beer from Spare Keg Brewerks, enjoy live music, and witness an awards ceremony for the top racers in various categories.

With roughly 50% of attendees expected to be coming in from outside of Alamosa, there will be primitive camping options for out of towners on the City Ranch next to the Alamosa Disc Golf Course.

Prices for registration increase May 1. To register and to find more information, visit rioraces.com or call the Alamosa Family Recreation Center at 719-589-2105.



Courtesy photo

2023 EARTH KNACK Experiences for the 21st Century



Independent Living Skills....
More Important Now Than Ever
Hands-On, In-Person Instruction...
More Important Now Than Ever
Lighthearted Positive Teachings...
More Important Now Than Ever
Top Quality Instruction....
Our Specialty Since 1990!

earthknackschool@gmail.com for full descriptions, dates and pricing
www.earthknack.com

- Traditional Hide Tanning** MAY 18 - 23
- Buffalo Hide / Willow Frame "Bull Boat"** JUNE 16 - 20
- Ancestral and Survival Fishing** JUNE 23 - 25
- Fibers Fantastic! Felting - Spinning - Weaving - Dyes - Leather Strap Braiding** JULY 7 - 10
- Survival, Edible & Medicinal Rocky Mountain Plants** JULY 15
- Primitive Arrows** JULY 21-24
- AtAtl and Darts** JULY 28-31
- Fire! Fiber! Flint! Survival Basics** AUG. 12- 13
- Homestead, Blacksmith & Butcher Tools Repair and Maintenance** OCT. (dba)
- Earth Knack Outdoor Living Immersion** 3 options:
 JUNE 5 - 30 * JULY 1 - 31 * AUGUST 8 - 24

DNHS Theatre presents 'The Play That Goes Wrong'

DEL NORTE — Del Norte High School's Theatre Company is performing "The Play That Goes Wrong" at 7 p.m. on May 5 and 6 inside the high school auditorium. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

"Break a leg" takes on a whole new meaning for a misguided troupe of players at the Cornley University Society's opening night performance of "The Murder at Haversham Manor". An unconscious leading lady, a corpse who can't play dead, a ruffled detective, and a word-mangling butler (among others) must battle against technical gaffes, forgotten lines and sabotaging scenery in a quest to arrive all in one piece at the final curtain call. Part Monty Python, part Sherlock Holmes and total mayhem, this 1920's whodunit is disastrously delightful.



<https://www.facebook.com/ValleyPublishing>

Business Showcase

Celebrate Mom
Mothers Day is Sunday, May 14th
Shop with us for a Special Gift to Honor Her

The Holy Moses
 Mon.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 658-2848
 121 N. Main Creede

This Week's Feature



THE HOLY MOSES

An enchanting Collection of Cabin Decor, Colorado Pottery, Quilts, Linens & Specialty Foods!

It's Worth The Drive

Mon.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Nick & Vicki Kulyk
 121 N. Main • 658-2848 • Creede

Colorado State Troopers want you to drive with focus

There is no lane reserved for distracted drivers

CONTRIBUTED
STATEWIDE — No one starts their vehicle thinking that they are going to injure or kill someone, yet Colorado State Troopers investigated 600 crashes across the state in 2022 where the at-fault driver was cited for being inattentive to driving. Distracted driving can come in

many forms such as texting, dealing with a fussy child, eating, or fiddling with dashboard technology, but studies indicate that a person's lack of focus may linger beyond the completion of one of these tasks.

"If your focus is on something else outside of the road in front of you, chances are you are not taking in all the potential cues and hazards on that road," stated Col. Matthew Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "Inattention blindness is the failure to notice a visible hazard because your attention is focused elsewhere. We see this phenomenon

frequently when a driver is cognitively distracted when driving."

In fact, in 2022, when Colorado State Troopers were able to determine a human factor for an injury or fatal crash caused by distraction, the second largest human factor was "looked but did not see" or a person's mind is elsewhere.

Driving while daydreaming is like driving with a blindfold on. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 5 seconds a vehicle going 55 mph can travel the length of a football field. In these moments of cognitive distraction, drivers can miss

road signs, pedestrians, curves, or obstacles in the road and even emergency vehicles with activated lights.

This April for Distracted Driving Awareness Month, Colorado State Patrol will remind drivers to stay focused behind the wheel. There is no lane reserved for those who choose to drive in a distracted and hazardous manner. Listen for the Patrol's radio PSAs during traffic reports and remember that other motorists are counting on you to make the task of driving your sole priority when you

get behind the wheel.

Troopers continue to take a low tolerance approach to lane violations while launching a yearlong campaign called "Stay in Your Lane."

This campaign is designed to remind people to control their lane position based on their current driving environment. This campaign also aims to bring attention to three of the most common and avoidable behaviors that contribute to lane violations — driving aggressively, driving distracted or driving while impaired.

Rhythms on the Rio announces rockin' lineup for 2023 festival

BY LYNSIE FERRELL
DEL NORTE — For the second year in a row, Rhythms on the Rio is coming back to Del Norte and with it comes a lineup that is sure to please the music loving masses. The South Fork Music Association recently announced this year's lineup that features some top names coming to rock the socks off the music scene and jam for a wonderful cause.

For the past several years, Rhythms on the Rio graced the South Fork community with a festival in August, bringing crowds of music lovers from near and far to raise money for local musical programs in schools around the Valley and though the festival had to change locations, the tune still plays the same and helps to keep musical programs in school.

The festival kicks off on Thursday with a special concert in the Del Norte Town Park to close out the summer music program. The Town of Del Norte in partnership with Rhythms on the Rio brought one of the bands from the concert to play for the residents for free and to celebrate the beginning of the weekend-long festival which runs Aug. 4-6.

Friday night gets funky with a touch of good jiving soul with headliners The Motet. According to their bio, "Forming over two decades ago, the funk five-piece The Motet have learned to work as an interlocking unit, with each member bolstering one another towards the best creative output. This symbiosis has led to a unique style and cohesive musical chemistry, as seen in the band's immaculate live performances and seamless blend of

funk, soul, jazz, and rock."

The festival grounds located just north of Del Norte will be packed with food vendors, craft vendors and even the tie-dye tent will be back. South Fork Music Association coordinator Scott Stecken also confirmed that the morning yoga classes, and other activities will be available throughout the weekend. Stecken is also looking for volunteers to help with the festival which would come with admission to the concerts after a two-to-three-hour shift. Those interested can sign up on the website at <https://rhythmsontherio.com>.

Saturday night is all about bluegrass and folk music! Headliners for Saturday night are The Kitchen Dwellers and according to their bio, they are full of colorful tunes that will please crowds of all ages. "Kitchen Dwellers twist bluegrass, folk, and rock through a kaleidoscope of homegrown stories, rich mythology, American west wanderlust, and psychedelic hues."

Sunday closes out with the award-winning Infamous String Dusters. "The Grammy Award-winning quintet — Andy Falco [guitar], Chris Pandolfi [banjo], Andy Hall [dobro], Jeremy Garrett [fiddle], and Travis Book [double bass] — have musical influences that truly run the gamut, but their common denominator is certainly bluegrass — the sound that has in essence defined the course of their career. The Infamous String Dusters stand out as the rare group who can team up with contemporary artists on late night television one night and headline the legendary Red Rocks Amphitheatre or perform alongside The Grateful Dead's Phil Lesh the next, and have

recently emerged as proprietors behind their newly found independent record label, Americana Vibes."

Other bands that will play throughout the weekend and bring flare and good vibes wherever they go include Cabinet with Larry Keel, The Brothers Comatose, Lindsay Lou, Shinyribs, The Hip Abduction, T-K and the Holy-Know-Nothings and so much more.

For the full lineup and

Monte Vista Chiropractic & Wellness, LLC
L. Blair Nielsen DC • (719) 849-8091

Monday through Friday by appointment with Chiropractic and Wellness Care - \$40
*Pain Relief *Movement and Function Restoration
*Nutritional Guidance *Multiple Treatment Approaches

Puzzle Sponsored by MDS Waste & Recycle



RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL • TRASH REMOVAL
RECYCLING • DUMPSTERS • ROLL-OFFS
CREEDE • SOUTH FORK • DEL NORTE • MONTE VISTA
(719)658-3060 • www.MDSWasteAndRecycle.com

SUDOKU

		2				6		
6							7	
				5		9	8	3
5	6		7		8			
		1			3			
9								7
					2	3		
					5		9	1
4			8	1			5	2

Level: Advanced

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Solution to last week's puzzle

H	A	S	H		U	S	E	R	S		H	U	M	S	
I	N	C	A		C	O	X	E	S		A	R	A	K	
G	O	A	D		A	N	I	L	E		K	I	S	I	
H	A	R	S	H		A	L	I			H	I	C	K	S
					T	O	T	T	E	N	H	A	M		
S	H	I			F	A	A		I	A	N		S	H	P
C	O	B	W	E	B		L	N	G		O	P	A	L	
A	S	S	A	I		M	A	G		S	C	A	L	E	
L	E	E	S		M	A	C		R	M	I	A	S	M	A
D	Y	N			H	A	T		R	A	D		M	S	T
					S	E	R	E	N	A	D	E	S		
H	A	V	E	L		R	O	T		S	A	B	E	R	
A	G	O	G		M	I	R	I	D		B	A	R	I	
R	I	C	O		R	A	S	T	A		I	B	I	S	
D	O	E	S		S	L	E	E	P		N	E	C	K	

"Fantastic Pizza! They all tasted amazing! If you are in the area and looking for good food and good vibes definitely check this place out! Thank you for making our experience amazing Uncle Scott! #Scottywithay" ~ Victoria, Google Reviews

May is Pasta Month!

Pesto Pasta or Fettuccine With 2 Homemade Garlic Knots For \$12 for the month of May.

Must Use PASTA as the code for the special

Law Enforcement, Firefighters, EMTs and our Veterans always receive 20% off!

30483 Highway 160, South Fork
11 a.m. to 8 p.m. DAILY

Easy Online To-Go Orders:
MountainPizzaTapRoom.com

San Luis Valley Area Real Estate

FOR SALE!



Must See Custom-Built 5,350 sq. ft. Commercial Property in Fabulous South Fork, CO. Great Highway 160 exposure!! This building is extremely well built. The building was built for retail with many amenities.

The environment is warm and welcoming. The 3,000 sq. ft. main floor consist of large receiving office, full kitchen and bath and several large open spaces and two additional design show rooms and large 1,000 sq. ft. heated warehouse with plenty of shelves for storage and 12-foot overhead door. Lovely concrete outdoor patio with new vinyl fencing wired for low voltage lights this property sits on two lots with wiring running outside for lighting off outside signage. 1,350 sq. ft. Spacious upstairs with large open space, several large storage closets two additional offices, New 3/4 custom tile bathroom and large storage over warehouse. This well-built property has radiant floor heating downstairs and upstairs baseboard hot water heat. Property is wired for Cat 5 telephone jack in all offices, design rooms, kitchen bar, receiving office - etc. Cable tv jack, upstairs big room. There are 3 gas fireplaces, 2 wall thermostats with remote control. Wired for speakers though out the building for music. Swamp cooler and wired for electric dryer, set up for washer and has a Propane fired boiler and propane hot water heater. This property is a blank canvas with so much POTENTIAL for the right builder or person. Because there is no existing business at the present time, this makes this building available for a variety of Business opportunities: Professional Work Environment for Professionals, Restaurant, Brew Pub, Events Center, Lodge or Cottage hotel, Retail etc. Come Paint your Canvas and start Your Business Adventure. Call and schedule your personal showing today! **\$1,250,000** MLS #794078

173 W Frontage Road • South Fork

Bernadette Gingrass • Steffens & CO. Realty
(719)850-1993 • bernadette@steffenscorealty.com

FARM REDUCED!



Check out this small diverse farm. The home is a 2bed/2bath, 1703.2 sq foot, historic adobe that has been fully and beautifully restored. Enjoy Colorado from the large (768 sq ft) open porch. This home sits on 126.06 deeded acres of land

situated in the bottoms of the old Culebra River Drainage. The soil is sandy and loamy and has been used for vegetable crop production in the past w/o the use of pesticides or herbicides. It is watered by the San Acacia acequia with an early decree for 1.62 CFS. There is a domestic house well permit number 284703. The property also has a holding pond for irrigation water. The owner is installing a new side roll sprinkler, which will irrigate up to 80+ acres M/L. The new side roll irrigation system will be installed before closing and will increase production. There are several outbuildings useful for storage and/or animals. The farm is located in Costilla County, Colorado just north of the New Mexico state line. It is about one hour to Taos. The Rio Grande River is about 12 miles away. Red River Ski area and Rio Grande del Norte National Monument are near Questa, New Mexico about 40 minutes away. The Sand Dunes National Park is about 45 minutes north. **\$550,000** MLS #797313

12272 County Road R5 • San Luis

Bernadette Gingrass • Steffens & CO. Realty
(719)850-1993 • bernadette@steffenscorealty.com

FOR SALE!

Darling authentic 1,232 Sq. Ft. 2-bedroom 2 bath log cabin with upgrades galore!

Located in Log Haven. Tucked along the mountain side backing up to national forest with beautiful views of the surrounding cliffs. Open living room, dining, kitchen area with new propane Vermont Casting stove to keep you cozy and warm all winter long. Kitchen is quaint and bright with custom granite countertops. This cabin has a covered front porch and wonderful back deck. The perfect place to enjoy the wildlife, peace and quiet and that first hot cup of morning coffee. Nice fence back yard with gate opening to the national forest. Hike for miles out your own back door. Downstairs has a master bedroom and a full bath. Upstairs additional bedroom, bathroom and nice size sitting nook, great space to enjoy that best-selling book or use for your office den. This cabin comes complete with one car garage, storage shed, central well and town sewer. Cabin can be used as a full-time residence, or home-away-from-home winter or summer get-a-way! Rentals are not allowed in this subdivision. Don't wait! Start your adventure today! Only a short 17-mile drive from Wolf Creek Ski area. The mighty South Fork and Rio Grande River, Beaver Mountain reservoir & Million reservoir are just moments away. Bring your fishing pole and enjoy hours of world class fishing. Ski Wolf Creek, go 4 wheeling, hike, camp, hunt, Enjoying everything outdoors! Let's get started call /text and schedule your showing today! **\$345,000** MLS #800364

31517 Us Highway 160 • South Fork

Bernadette Gingrass • Steffens & CO. Realty
(719)850-1993 • bernadette@steffenscorealty.com

UNDER CONTRACT



Majestic Custom-Built Log Home! Fabulous 7 bed, 5 bath 4,619 Sq. Ft. Home with attached garage on 9.04 acres in Beautiful gated Bear Creek.

This Home has several outdoor entertainment areas with wrap around decks too enjoy the 360 views of the San Juan Mountains. The main level has an open floor plan with great room and grand fireplace with vaulted ceiling opening into the dining and kitchen area. Entertain in this beautiful large kitchen with large island, custom cabinetry, granite countertops and state of the art stainless steel appliances. The Master bedroom suite is located on main floor with walk out patio, your perfect place to enjoy that hot cup of morning coffee. From here you can access your private boardwalk leading to your entertainment area with fire ring and Jacuzzi. Upstairs beautiful reading sitting loft with additional guest bedrooms, bath and great bunk room for additional family and guest. Lower level of this home includes a large family room with fireplace and pool table. Great for all your entertainment needs, additional bedrooms, and office. Beautiful furniture, furnishings and accessories are all included with this home.

Bear Creek also offers a wonderful river adventure for rafting, gold medal fly fishing with a 20-acre area on the Rio Grande River exclusive to Bear Creek property owners. Minutes away from everything outdoors - gold medal fly fishing, hunting, four wheeling and thousands of acres of public land. Start your Adventure! Don't wait, Call, and schedule your showing today! **\$1,650,000** MLS #792162

2951 Bear Creek Circle • South Fork

Bernadette Gingrass • Steffens & CO. Realty
(719)850-1993 • bernadette@steffenscorealty.com

Thinking of Selling Your Home? If so, I can help!
Residential/Commercial/Ranch
Call 719-850-1993

We work hard for you!

FROM FOR SALE TO SOLD!

Call Bernadette today!

Steffens & Company Realty, INC
719-850-1993
Bernadette Gingrass, Broker Associate
30635 US Hwy 160 • South Fork
www.bernadettegingrassrealestate.com

FOR SALE!

Stately 2,818 Sq Ft. Mountain Home with Stunning Natural Light on 3.19 acres. This beautiful 3 bed 4 bath home is your perfect retreat. Open Split floor plan with beautiful cathedral ceiling and fireplace, large windows taking in the breath-taking outdoor sunlight and mountain views. Complete



with beautiful furnishing, accessories and decor. The kitchen with eat in counter, gorgeous custom cabinetry, granite countertops and butler pantry is your dream kitchen for entertaining your family and friends. Separate office space off the dining area with patio door leads out to the great outdoors. There are two guest rooms one with private bath could be considered a separate master bedroom. Large master bedroom with large walk-in closet, fireplace gorgeous walk-in shower and access to deck with hot tub. Take in the stunning views from the main floor outdoor balcony. Your perfect place for that hot morning cup of coffee or relaxing evening glass of wine. This is a luxurious home located with private access to the national forest in The Timbers subdivision of South Fork Ranches. All this, just moments from Rio Grande Golf Club, Rio Grande River gold medal fishing and world class skiing at Wolf Creek Ski area. Don't wait call and schedule your private showing today! **\$1,250,000** MLS #798101

497 Timberline Drive • South Fork

Bernadette Gingrass • Steffens & CO. Realty
(719)850-1993 • bernadette@steffenscorealty.com

122 Pinon Circle -
3 bedroom
2 bath on
3.5 acres
in South
Fork. Great
for horses,
borders
public
lands.
\$425,000



Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com

175 Bear Cub Hollow
5.8 acres
with two
creeks in
the gated
Bear Creek
community
in South
Fork
Borders
National
Forest
\$158,600



Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com

242 Landen Drive
1 acre of
land in
South
Fork - all
utilities
at the
lot line.
VRBO
OK
\$58,500

Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com



810 Grand Ave, Del Norte
Prime business location, 3,000 sq ft. BUSHY CORNER LOT Text 134436 to 25678 for more info- Can become any business! MLS#779889 Call for price

Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com

0 Old Homestead Road, Del Norte
48 acres bordering National Forest. Easy, year-round access, both Forest Service Road AND a county-maintained road to the lot line. Ride out and enjoy without trailering your ATV or snowmobile. **\$425,000** MLS#796222 Text 134434 to 25678 for more info



Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com

Rito Hondo Estates - 18 Rural Mountain Lots Available
West of Antonito in the Conejos Canyon OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE **\$85,000-\$400,000** 35 acre lots, 17 acre lots, 6 acre lots Power to lot line, great roads, gated community. Email Dee for an interactive document with photos, videos and descriptions of each lot.



Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com

Charming Restaurant in Fort Garland
703 4th Ave
All equipment included - even a smoker!
CLEAN and READY TO GO!
Perfect for a coffee shop or Restaurant
MLS# 801021



UNDER CONTRACT

Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com



Steffens & Company Realty
719-873-5605
30635 US HWY 160
South Fork

dee@steffenscorealty.com

Dee - formerly known as Diane Chapman - is a 4th generation South Fork Native and 1994 graduate of Del Norte High School. Licensed in 2011, Dee knows the area and knows local real estate.

All Dee's properties are detailed in her blog.



3D Virtual Tours • Prompt, Easy Communication
Video Walkthroughs
Residential Photographer
Licensed and Insured Drone Pilot

Valley-Wide Classified **FREE!** ON LINE! MARKETPLACE

Sell your household items for FREE. Total value of items must be \$50 or less. See details below.



CLASSIFIED INDEX

ANNOUNCEMENTS
01 TICKETS
02 CARD OF THANKS
03 MEMORIALS
04 LOST & FOUND
05 NOTICES/BAZAARS
06 PERSONALS
EMPLOYMENT
07 HELP WANTED
08 WORK WANTED
09 EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
FOR RENT
10 APARTMENTS
11 ROOMS
12 HOUSES
13 MOBILE HOMES
14 BUSINESS PROPERTY
15 WANTED TO RENT
16 VACATION
REAL ESTATE
17 REAL ESTATE
18 LOTS & ACREAGE
19 FARM & FARMLAND
20 BUSINESS PROPERTY
21 MOBILE HOMES
22 PROPERTY WANTED

MERCHANDISE
23 LAWN & GARDEN
24 GARAGE SALES
25 AUCTIONS
26 ANTIQUES
27 APPLIANCES
28 HOUSEHOLD GOODS
29 MUSICAL ITEMS
30 ELECTRONICS/COMPUTERS
31 HEALTH
32 FUEL & HEATING
33 BUILDING MATERIALS
34 OFFICE EQUIPMENT
35 HEAVY EQUIPMENT
36 MISCELLANEOUS
37 WANTED
38 MACHINERY, TOOLS & EQUIPMENT
39 SPORTING GOODS
40 AUTO PARTS
FARMER MARKET
41 FARM EQUIPMENT
42 FEED & SEED
43 FARM PRODUCTS
44 FARM SERVICES

ANIMALS
45 ANIMAL BREEDING
46 PASTURE FOR RENT
47 HORSES & CATTLE
48 PETS & SUPPLIES
49 ANIMAL CARE
50 LIVESTOCK
RECREATIONAL
51 BOATS & EQUIPMENT
52 CAMPING EQUIPMENT
53 TRAILERS
54 SNOWMOBILES/ATV'S
55 R.V.'S/CAMPERS
FINANCIAL
56 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
57 INVESTMENTS
TRANSPORTATION
58 MOTORCYCLES
59 VEHICLES WANTED
60 CLASSIC CARS
61 4X4'S
62 VANS
63 TRUCKS
64 AUTOS FOR SALE
SERVICES
65 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
66 CHILD CARE

RATES

15 Words or less for 4 weeks - 4 publications
\$19.50 + 95¢ each additional word.

Garage Sale Ads: 15 Words or less for 1 week
\$12 + 35¢ each additional word.

Free ads: Lost & Found • Non Commercial items Sold for \$50 or less • Any Item or Animal being given away. (Limited to private party only, 2 ads per person, 4 weeks.)

Convenient ad placement:

To place your ad in person come to the office at 835 First Ave. in Monte Vista, or call (719) 852-3531. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You may also fax your classified to (719) 852-3387 or email at montevistaclass@gmail.com

Check your ad the first day:

To ensure your ad is correct, check it the first day it appears in the paper. If there is an error in your ad, call us right away so we can correct it. If an error appears in your ad, Valley Publishing will credit you with one additional day of advertising.

Our ad policy: Valley Publishing accepts all classified advertising except that which it deems objectionable to its readers. Credit or replacement ads will not be given for early ad cancellation.

DEADLINE

Thursday 5:00 pm

Call 719-852-3531
or email: awelch@valleypublishinginc.com

Easy Payment Options

We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, Discover, Checks, Money Orders & Cash



04 Lost & Found

Lost, 2 tool tubs, black and grey with misc. tools and hardware on Hwy 112 between 285 and Del Norte, Tim 719-221-3228 cash reward. (5-10)

05 Notices

WE BUY ANTLER: Spring Prices! Use code "ELK18" and you will get \$18/lb for Elk Grade A and \$13/lb for Deer Grade A. 5 miles west of Del Norte on Hwy 160. 719-657-0942 (TFN)

For information on meetings for ALANON NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS AND ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Please visit slvaa.org or call 719-937-5083.

07 Help Wanted

The Del Norte Fire Protection District has an opening for Board Secretary. Duties are as follows: Monthly bookkeeping, Bank Rec, Yearly Audit & Budget prep, Elections, and getting all these to the State and County Depts., Required

to attend monthly meeting (Every 3rd Thursday @ 7pm) and take minutes, responsible for getting those and the meeting agenda for each meeting to the board members each month, Paying Retiree's each month, Preparing monthly accounts payable and printing checks for each meeting, picking up mail from post office, any banking that needs done, filing, and any other needs the board may have. Approx. 5-8 hrs. per month. Knowledge of Quickbooks and Bookkeeping background will be helpful. Pay will depend on experience. Position will open in May. Please contact Claude Trujillo at 719-850-9974 or Terry Haynie at 719-850-1728. (5-24)

Seeking an Executive driver for my old grandfather on a part-time basis (e.g. Wednesdays and Fridays) weekly salary very attractive, \$410 weekly must have a valid state-issued driver's license. Must be professional, safe, patient and an attentive chauffeur at all

times. Contact dw786875@gmail.com (5-24)

Del Norte High School is seeking a qualified Boys' JV Head / Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach for next season. If interested, please email Gilbert (Gibbs) Sanchez, Del Norte Jr/Sr. High School Athletic Director at gsanchez@urtigers.co or call him at 719-657-4020. (5-24)

Center School District is now accepting applications for the positions of Elementary Teacher, Elementary Physical Education Teacher, Elementary CLD Teacher, Anticipated Middle School Language Arts Teacher, High School Math Teacher, Foreign Language Teacher and 9th-10th Grade Social Studies Teacher for the 2023-2024 School Year. Center Consolidated School District 26Jt is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Qualifications; Must hold a valid State of Colorado Teacher's License or, such alternative as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable.

GENERAC

Prepare for power outages today

WITH A HOME STANDBY GENERATOR

SO MONEY DOWN • LOW MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTIONS

REQUEST A FREE QUOTE

CALL NOW BEFORE THE NEXT POWER OUTAGE

(844) 482-0444



FREE 7-Year Extended Warranty* - A \$695 Value!

*To qualify, generator must be used as a standby generator and not used for other purposes. See dealer for details.

San Luis Valley Area Real Estate

SHAY REALTY, INC. **COLO. - KAN. - NEB.**
Farm & Ranch Real Estate Professionals!




320± AC. SAN LUIS VALLEY PASTURE / DEVELOPMENT LAND! Native grass with a lot of potential and excellent location. 15-gpm solar well with catch pond and water piped to fire tank. Additional flood water from old Lateral 10 and Carnero Creek run-off crosses the pasture. There is a mile of U.S. Hwy 285 & ½ mile of County Road J frontage. Located 1.5 mi. W & 7 mi. N of Center; 15 mi. S of Saguache; T42N-R7E; Sec. 25: E/2. **CALL REESE FOR MORE INFO!**

Reese W. Shay 970-630-5006
or email Reese@ShayRealty.com




www.ShayRealty.com

SHAY REALTY, INC. **COLO. - KAN. - NEB.**
Farm & Ranch Real Estate Professionals!



600± AC. GRASS WITH RIO GRANDE CANAL STOCK! Quality native grassland with 10 shares Rio Grande Canal, irrigation well, 2 solar wells, & all of Seller's rights to Rocky Hills Ditch. The pasture gets additional water from run-off ditches & La Garita Creek run-off. There is a mile of U.S. Hwy 285 & mile of La Garita Road frontage. Located 1.5 mi. W & 6 mi. N of Center; 16 mi. S of Saguache; T42N-R7E; Sec. 36: All except NE/NE/4. **CALL REESE FOR MORE INFO!**

Reese W. Shay 970-630-5006
or email Reese@ShayRealty.com



www.ShayRealty.com

Your Real Estate Listings could reach over 18,000 prospective buyers!

Get in on this Great Deal and see the results.

Reserve space for a minimum of twelve (12) weeks for ...

3.4" wide x 2" tall -----\$35 per week

3.4" wide x 4" tall -----\$70 per week

3.4" wide x 6" -----\$105 per week

7" wide x 2" tall -----\$70 per week



CALL TODAY!
719-852-3531

Sandra Marquez — smarquez@valleypublishinginc.com
Brian Williams — bwilliams@valleypublishinginc.com

Valley Wide Classifieds

Applications can be found on the District Website <https://www.center.k12.co.us/page/employment-opportunities> or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE (5-24)

Rio Grande County is soliciting bids from qualified contractors for the construction of additions to the McMullen Building Pavilion located at the Monte Vista Ski-Hi Complex beginning late spring or no later than early summer 2023. Sealed proposals will be received at the Rio Grande County Administration office until 9:00 am (MT), Wednesday, May 17, 2023. Contact the Rio Grande County Administrator at (719) 657-2744 or email rgadministrator@riogrande-county.org for additional Request For Proposals (RFP) details. (5-10)

CSU Extension and Rio Grande County are hiring a part time 4-H youth program coordinator to assist members with their projects and to deliver life and leadership skills curriculum to other students. This is a 9-month pilot program. Hours are variable and flexible, up to 30 hours per week. \$16-\$18 per hour depending on experience. Call Larry Brown 719-852-7381. CSU is an equal opportunity employer. (5-17)

Bus Drivers needed for the Upper Rio Grande School District, CDL and Non-CDL drivers. Will pay for CDL license and training with contract. Must be able to pass a background and pre employment drug test. If interested, please contact Demo Trujillo, 719-657-4040 x4007, dtrujillo@urtigers.co. Applications can be retrieved online at: www.urtigers.co. (5-17)

Cafeteria Cooks needed at Upper Rio Grande School District for the 2023-2024 school year. Must have a high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or email her at lmartinez@urtigers.co. (5-17)

PART-TIME SALES

Valley Publishing has an immediate need in advertising sales (part-time). Any sales experience is appreciated but will train. Email resume to General Manager Brian Williams at bwilliams@valleypublishinginc.com

Del Norte Elementary School is seeking an energetic, caring candidate to serve as a ParaEducator. Applicants must have a high school diploma. Please submit your application to Amy Duda, DNES Principal at 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO 81132; aduda@urtigers.co; or call at 719-657-4050. The position will be open until filled. You can pick up an application at the District Office or online at urtigers.co. (5-17)

Del Norte High School is seeking an Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2023 volleyball season. The individual would be responsible for developing the junior varsity program and assisting the varsity coach in all aspects of the high school volleyball program. If interested, please email Gilbert (Gibbs) Sanchez, Del Norte Jr/Sr High School Athletic Director at gsanchez@urtigers.co or contact him at 719-657-4020. (5-17)

Creede Family Practice of Rio Grande Hospital has a full-time Creede receptionist available. Full Benefits Job includes Answer phones, schedule appointments for patients, notify patients of their appointments the following day, scan reports into patient charts, medical records requests, collect copays, insurance eligibility, daily reconciliation, other duties as assigned. Please apply online at riograndehospital.org or contact Jennelle Gallegos at jennelleg@riograndehospital.net 719-657-4114 RGH is an EOE (5-10)

Ecodynamics Inc is hiring a general shop and field worker. Tasks include inventory, loading customer orders, shop cleaning,



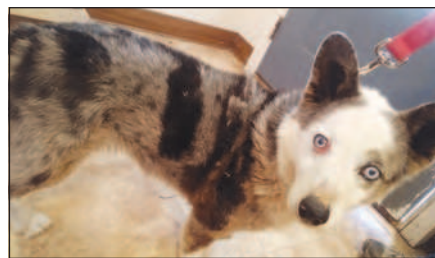
Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyPublishing>

Conour *Managed by Upper Rio Grande Animal Society*
www.urgasconouranimalshelter.org
 If you are interested in adopting, call 852-3366
 Open Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. & Sat. & Sun. 1:30 - 5 p.m.
 Monday & non-business hours by appointment only
 2825 Sherman Ave. • Monte Vista

Visit Our Facebook Page

We would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who have contributed to the success of the Upper Rio Grande Animal Society by contributions, donations, volunteering and general support at Conour Animal Shelter.

SPRING IS HERE, though with that random snow you'd barely know it! We're in cleaning, repair, and training mode here at Conour and would appreciate any donations to help! Cleaning and laundry supplies, training treats and accessories, enrichment items like puzzle toys and long lasting treats, trash bags and items of the like would be a tremendous help! Thank you all for your support!



Meet Pepper the 7 year old Aussie and Corgi mix. She's super sweet, just a bit nervous at first and doesn't really appreciate being picked up. Pepper is dog friendly and seems to like most people she meets. Stop by and see if your home is the home for her!



Shaggy is 5 years old and we're still unsure of what he is, but a trip to the groomers will have that shortly figured out! He came in with Pepper, and seems dog friendly as well, and great with everyone he's met so far! Stop by and meet Shaggy today!

Meet Eddie he's about 8 months old and we believe he is a Boxer mix, the mix part we're still a bit unsure of. He's got a ton of energy and personality and will keep you entertained. Eddie is still figuring out his leash training but he's progressing with leaps and bounds. Come to the shelter and see if Eddie is the pup for you!



Shirley is the sweetest Red Hound and Retriever mix you'll ever meet. She's about 3 years old and seems to love everyone and everything she meets. Shirley has just about got her leash walking skills down, now she's just looking for a loving home to keep her safe. Come see Shirley today!



Please note adoptions go in order of contact made.

All breeds & ages of animals are a "best guess" and are not guaranteed to be accurate. Adoption fee includes: neuter/spay, vaccinations, de-worming and micro-chipping. *This ad space donated by Valley Publishing Inc.*

New Teeth in Just One Day No More Dentures!

No Cost Consultation: Know what's possible for You! Includes preliminary evaluation and CBCT image. \$500 value. Expires: 5/31/2023.



Dr. Thornell helped save my life. I was having constant health problems that were getting worse every day. My diseased teeth and gums were draining me of my energy and it was impossible to stay healthy. After removing all of my bad teeth, Dr. Thornell placed dental implants and I got a new set of teeth in just one day. I am now healthier and feel better than I have in a long time. I also have a great smile. Dr. Thornell you are a life saver! I can't thank you enough.
~ B.Gullette

Medicare will help pay: Save Thousands!

Medicare
Certified Provider

Convenient payment plans and financing options available.

Credit Cards Accepted



Pagosa dental implant Center

William F. Thornell
DDS, MAGD, DICOI
35 years implant and oral surgery experience

Medicare
Certified Provider



pagosadentalimplantcenter.com

189 Talisman Dr., Suite E • Located above Higher Grounds Coffee • 970-444-1298



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning on May 1st, all calls and scheduling for San Luis Health Center will be routed through our Call Center.

Call Center Phone Number:
1-833-350-1113

The current San Luis Health Center phone number (719-672-3352) will now be redirected to the Call Center.



Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc.
valley-widehealth.org

Valley Wide Classifieds

pump tech. assistant in the field. Please drop off resume in person at 5492 US Hwy 160 E, M.V. For more info, call 719-852-2662 (5-3)

The Upper Rio Grande School District has received a grant for a full-time 7th-12th grade School Counselor - for the next 3 years, starting in the 2023-2024 school year. Applicants must have a Master's Degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain an appropriate Colorado school counselor license. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Annie Hardy, DN Jr. / Sr. High Principal at ahardy@urtigers.co or contact Annie at 719-657-4020. Applications for certified staff positions can be picked up at the District Office or online at www.urtigers.co. (5-3)

Del Norte Elementary School Teacher needed at the URGSD. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team for the 2023-2024 school year. 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. (5-3)

12 Houses for Rent
Beautiful fairly new 3-bedroom 2-bath home on the river partly furnished \$875 plus deposit ready by May 1 719-672-3146 (5-10)

17 Real Estate For Sale
House for sale: 2 1/2 acres, 5bdrm, 2 bath, 4 car garage in Alamosa \$275,000 OBO 2 1/2 Miles West Walnut Hwy 160 720-217-7886 (6-14)

FARM FOR SALE in Waverly Area Sub-district #6, 1 1/2 center pivots in grass and alfalfa, large hay shed, 2 bedroom home, 3 steel grainers, numerous out buildings on 8 Mile Road. Ready to farm 2023 season. Call Bruce at Steffens & Company Realty, Inc 719-580-0770. TFN

35-80-plus acres parcels with good grass on County Line Road north of Hwy 160. Fully surveyed and ready to build on. Perfect location between Alamosa and Monte Vista. Call Bruce at Steffens & Company Realty, Inc. 719-580-0770. TFN

DISCLAIMER

Please read your ad on the first day of publication. If there are mistakes notify us **IMMEDIATELY**. We will make changes for errors and adjust your credit **but only if we receive notice on the first day the ad is published.** We limit our liability to you in this way and we do not accept liability for any other damages which may result from an error or omission in an ad. All ad copy must be approved by the newspaper which reserves the right to request changes, reject or properly classify an ad. The advertiser and not the newspaper is responsible for the truthful content of the ad. All classified advertising must be pre-paid.

SAN LUIS VALLEY SERVICE DIRECTORY

ROOFING BUILDINGS

Metal Roofing Panels & Trims • Garages, Horse Barns, Hay Sheds
Complete Building packages • 26/29 Gauge, 20 Colors, Numerous Profiles
Let us find your contractor! • Free Estimates/Quick Turnaround
Your Local Metal Roofing Manufacturer!
SKYLINE METAL
(719)852-0113 M-F 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

A&M
WINDOWS &
DOORS L.L.C.

~VINYL WINDOWS~
NEW CONSTRUCTION OR REPLACEMENT
CUSTOM MADE TO YOUR SIZE.
MANUFACTURED RIGHT HERE IN THE VALLEY
ALL TYPES OF DOORS & DOOR HARDWARE
AVAILABLE
(719) 589-9952

Quality Spray Foam Insulation LLC

Let us fill your needs with **SPRAY FOAM** insulation!
Alvin • (719) 849-5233 catpower@ibyfax.com
7268 S. County Road 4 E • Monte Vista
Call us for all your **LOOSE-FILL & BLOW** in Attic Insulation needs!

Mystik
LUBRICANTS
PREMIUM OILS & GREASES
DIAMOND OIL CO. LLC
Agricultural • Industrial • Oilfield
Commercial • Automotive • Irrigation
Peter Koehn (719) 250-5143 Myron Koehn (970) 209-1142
DIVERSE INVENTORY!

Sheri Bongers
Independent Broker Agent
720-543-2188
Sheri@DenverInsuranceTeam.com
Tom Bongers
Independent Broker Agent
720-543-2189
Tom@DenverInsuranceTeam.com



Auto | Home | Life | Commercial | Workers Comp

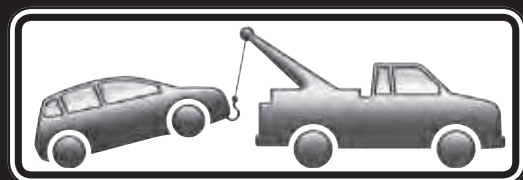
Your Great Outdoors Specializing in Vinyl Fencing

Wood, Barbed Wire and All Types of Residential & Commercial Fencing
Serving the SLV-Free Estimates
Good Fences Make Good Neighbors!*
(719) 849-1568
* We make no guarantees of your neighbor quality, just high quality fences.

Shopping That's Just Your Style The Rena Marie Boutique

Specializing in memorial, holiday, any occasion t-shirts, apparel, tumblers, coffee mugs, keychains, car and big vehicle vinyl and decals, business cards, and much more.
Call Marie at 719-937-9629 to place your order today or email mariemedina30@hotmail.com

Cash for Junk Unwanted Cars & Trucks



No Tittle
No Keys
No Worries!

719 937 7935
719-849-8491 or Text

Sanchez Plastering & Masonry

Synthetic Traditional Patches Interior/Exterior Paint Fully Insured & Bonded Fully Licensed Work Guaranteed
Owners: David D. Sanchez Jr. & Brandon Sanchez
Call Today (719) 486-6781



CUSTOM MARBLE DESIGN

Call for Free Estimate! Solid Surface Countertops Kitchen Countertops Vanity & Table Tops Window Sills and More
719-849-3990
E-MAIL: cmd@ibyfax.com

AFFORDABLE MOBILE RV REPAIRS

Jason | RV Repair Specialist
Affordablervrepair@yahoo.com
(719) 936-0592
Electrical Plumbing Heating and Air Conditioning Slide Motors • Winterizing Custom RV Skirting Tankless Water Heaters Everything from A-Z

5+ Years of Experience **20% OFF** with this ad

16th Annual CONSIGNMENT ACTION in July

10725 Hwy285 • Antonito
Deadline May 15th
Call us with items to Consign and Advertise
Edward 719.992.8334
Mose 719.982.8900
Freddy 719.588.9558
Benefit for the La Jara Amish School

Your ad could be here for only \$22/week!
Call 852-3531

Custom Meat Processing

COWS • PIGS • LAMBS
316 Main St. • San Luis
719-492-0765
kuhnsmeatingcutting@gmail.com



Valley Wide Classifieds

35-80-plus acre parcels on San Francisco Creek south of Del Norte. Very private, views, 3 miles from town, electric and phone. Call Bruce at Steffens & Company Realty, Inc. 719-580-0770. TFN

23 Lawn and Garden

Sprinkler repair. Done at reasonable rates. Quick Service. Call anytime, weekdays, weekends, evenings. 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593. TFN

32 Fuel & Heating

NEED FIREWOOD? Call Elam at Cozy Glo LLC. 719-480-5047. \$190 per cord. Delivery available. TFN

36 Miscellaneous

GUN/KNIFE/COIN SHOW PAGOZA SPRINGS: Tables \$60, Food Trucks \$80. Archuleta County Fairgrounds. June 16-18th. Mike 970-946-2841 (6-14)

WANTED: vintage license plates; cash paid based on age, rarity, condition. Call/text Colin: 970-367-7594 (5/24)

Propane Refrigerators Sold Here. Call For Options and Prices. We Also Stock Solar Powered Refrigerators and Freezers. Bontrager's Variety Store, 9726 S. County Road 3E, Monte Vista. (719) 852-0500 TFN

STEEL STORAGE CONTAINERS – Sales, Rentals & Modifi-

cations! Containers are water & rodent proof. 8' wide, 8'-53' in length. Call for more information and pricing. **Healdworks, Inc. – Your Total Storage Solution!** 719-850-0346 TFN

SOLAR PANELS! 355 Watt and Smaller, We Stock Inverters, Charge Controllers, and Batteries in Brand Names of Outback, Magnum, Aims, Rolls, and More. Custom Cables and PV Wire. Bontrager's Variety Store. 9726 S. CR 3E Monte Vista. 719-852-0500. TFN

44 Farm Services

Attention Farmer and Ranches: Seal your leaking livestock tanks, ponds & reservoirs with bentonite Spring Special 10% OFF. Rio Grande Bentonite. 719-580-6652 (5-3)

65 Professional Services

RELIABLE CARPENTRY 40-plus years-experience in carpentry, painting, stucco, tile, drywall, roofing, etc. Drug/Alcohol free. Free Estimates 719-496-7630. (5-10)

Squeegee Luigi's Washing Services: Window Washing, Concrete Cleaning, Exterior Washing - FREE ESTIMATE: (719) 490-9047 TFN

LICENSED PLUMBER does all types of plumbing repairs and plumbing remodels at reasonable rates. Quick service. Call anytime, available weekends and evenings.

719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593. TFN

Need beautiful window blinds at the best prices? Call THE BLIND GUY at 970-799-0388 for a free estimate. (TFN)

4-Ever-Cleaning Homes, Air B&B And More Call Rene 719-480-4273 For More Info. (5-3)

GOT CLUTTER?
CLEAN UP WITH
THE CLASSIFIEDS.



You'll find yourself with
money in your pocket and
room in your garage when
you sell your stuff in the
SLV Lifestyles Classifieds.

Advertise in our **SPECIAL GARAGE SALE SECTION** of SLV Lifestyles for **ONLY \$12 per week** (15 words or less - 35¢ per word over 15)

Call Today!
719-852-3531

BASE CAMP FOR ALL OF YOUR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

FOR SALE

Situated on 1 acre in peaceful La Garita, CO
One of a kind custom home with breathtaking views



At the base of the San Juan and La Garita mountains and on the doorstep of Frontiers Canyon, home to world class technical rock climbing and trail soon hiking. Close to all things outdoor, hiking, hunting, ATVing or just sitting on the porch listening to the birds. Make this your year round residence or vacation get away. Home has potential for off grid living and has lots more to see.

Price Improvement

\$369,000

- 3 bedrooms
- 2 full baths
- 2,968 sq ft.

MLS # 20224563 / 797709





CONTACT LOIRLONG • 970-380-6161

BRAY REAL ESTATE COMMERCIAL

FREEDOM. TO BE YOU.

If you think oxygen therapy means slowing down, it's time for a welcome breath of fresh air.

Introducing the Inogen One family of portable oxygen systems. With no need for bulky tanks, each concentrator is designed to keep you active via Inogen's Intelligent Delivery Technology.® Hours of quiet and consistent oxygen flow on a long-lasting battery charge enabling freedom of movement, whether at home or on the road. Every Inogen One meets FAA requirements for travel ensuring the freedom to be you.



- No heavy oxygen tanks
- Ultra quiet operation
- Lightweight and easy to use
- Safe for car and air travel
- Full range of options and accessories
- FAA approved and clinically validated



Call 1-719-490-4844 for a free consultation.



MKT-P0240

\$500

CASH BACK

\$1000

TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE

\$39.99

OIL CHANGE





Fastest Growing Dealer In Colorado



PUEBLO

2828 Highway 50 West Pueblo, CO 81008 • AlpineFord.com

Sales: (719) 319-3576 Service: (719) 319-3576 Parts: (719) 319-3576