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Annual Veterans Big Band Concert is Nov. 4

ALAMOSA — The annual Veterans Big Band Concert is at 7 p.m. on Nov. 4 inside the Ortega Middle School Auditorium. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. The concert is put each year to show support for veterans.

Flu and COVID vaccines available at Alamosa County Public Health

ALAMOSA — Alamosa County Public Health Department has flu vaccine for all ages of the general public, both insured and uninsured.

It is recommended that all persons ages 6 months and over get an annual flu vaccine, preferably in the fall. Walk-in vaccine clinic is every Tuesday afternoon 1 to 4:30 p.m..

COVID vaccines are available by walk-in Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Please call Alamosa County Public Health Department at 719-589-6639 for more information.

Virtual Continental Divide Summit is Nov. 15-16

The 2022 virtual Continental Divide Trail Gateway Community Summit is on Nov. 15-16. This free virtual event, hosted by the Continental Divide Trail Coalition, will gather communities across the Rocky Mountain West to share, learn, and contribute to the completion, promotion and protection of the Continental Divide Trail (CDT).

Topics of exploration include: connecting across communities, the Gateway Community Program, who uses the CDT, trail stewardship, and more. For additional info and registration options for this free event, visit <https://continentaldivide.org/event/gateway-community-summit-2022/>.

Center waiting on report from MASS

By PATRICK SHEA

CENTER — Following a two-day study session on Oct. 18 and 19, the next step for Center town officials to advance the North 90 Project hinges on a report due soon from the MASS Design Group (Model of Architecture Serving Society).

During their stay for the better part of a week, MASS staff toured sites in town, met with Center residents, and gathered input.

According to Town Manager Brian Lujan, “We expect the report to show the most effective way to put out the

plan and develop the land.”

In the meantime, Lujan said, “We need to put out calls for a planning commission that represents the community, not just a select few. We’re talking about three or four kids, elderly people, people who live on Highway 112, people who live up against the North 90... the whole gamut. This will affect people as a whole, so you want different ideas and viewpoints.”

In addition to seeking diversity, Lujan said, “We’re coming up with an application process and the best

way of establishing a planning commission.”

After two days of meetings on the heels of years of preparation, Lujan said, “the biggest takeaway for me was knowing that there is a housing need, first and foremost. This is data built on data. We had a housing needs assessment done by the San Luis Valley Housing Coalition.”

Lujan added how town officials agreed to pay extra for intensive housing needs research for the Center community.

Assessing the potential of the North

90 acreage, Lujan said, “This is the bloodline to preserving the town of Center. We need housing, and we need attainable houses that people can buy.”

Lujan echoed resident sentiment from the MASS meeting on Oct. 18, a hope for workforce housing and multi-family units as well as single-family homes.

The MASS report will likely include multiple options for designs that accommodate the diversity throughout Center and address business and residential needs.

Center trustees select Fresquez to run CPD

By PATRICK SHEA

CENTER — The journey for Aaron Fresquez to become the new Police Chief in Center officially concluded on Oct. 25 when the town trustees announced their decision to choose Fresquez over other candidates for the job.

As Fresquez noted on the Center Police Department Facebook page, “I am excited for this new adventure. I will continue to do my best and work just as hard in keeping the community safe, and leading my troops to do the same.”

When former Police Chief Dale Meek took a different job in Alaska, Fresquez assumed the interim police chief position immediately. At the same time, city officials conducted the hiring practice from scratch, according to Town Manager Brian Lujan. “We went through the whole process for the position,” Lujan said. “We got a number of applications and resumes, and then we had a work session where the board rated the resumes.”

They narrowed it down to four applicants — five including Fresquez. Lujan sent a request



File photo

The Center Town Board designated a new Police Chief when they announced their selection of Interim Police Chief Aaron Fresquez on Oct. 25.

for information form to the four prospects, the first step in running background checks, contacting employers, and learning more about the candidates.

“Out of the four,” Lujan explained, “only two returned that request for information form back to me with their signature.”

Lujan and town officials

conducted two interviews in one evening and interviewed Fresquez. On Oct. 25, according to Lujan, “the board felt comfortable enough to make the decision based on his qualifications, his longevity with the department, and his ability to keep continuity with what Chief Meek was progressing toward.”

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Victim Response Unit seeks volunteers in Saguache County

By PATRICK SHEA

SAGUACHE COUNTY — Domestic Violence Awareness Month ended on Halloween, but victimization doesn’t take a holiday.

The Saguache County Sheriff’s Office Victim Response Unit and the Center Police Department are recruiting volunteers to help crime victims throughout the county navigate court proceedings and leverage their rights.

Assisting Ellen Cox, who is the county’s Advocate Coordinator from the Saguache County Sheriff’s Office, Beatrice Casados has been advocating for crime victims since she was victimized herself more than 20 years ago.

Casados said, “I cover the Center area, and I cover most of our Spanish-speaking victims. We do need help. We need some volunteers, big time.”

Casados said she has worked with the sheriff’s office for almost six years, in addition to her job with the Center Police Department. Recalling a few volunteers, she said, “We had one in Crestone, and we had one that was based in the Moffat area.” She also said she had occasional help from a woman in Center.

Casados said volunteers receive extensive training. When law

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Moffat may be headed for hot water

By PATRICK SHEA

MOFFAT — Trustees received water updates and a geothermal partnership proposal during their special session at Moffat Town Hall on Nov. 1.

Following trustee and clerk reports, Ann Bunting addressed the first order of old business with her water report. The Request for Information partnership proposal from Mt. Princeton Geothermal was the first order of new business. The meeting ended with plans to address

communication with two property owners near one of the town’s wells.

Bunting explained how the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) needs a response to the department’s list of concerns before Nov. 22. Mayor Cassandra Foxx confirmed Bunting’s request to contact plumbers, attorneys, and surveyors to gather information and address CDPHE questions.

John Held, the Principal of Mt. Princeton Geothermal, did not

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The Moffat Town Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Nov. 1 to discuss a variety of water issues.

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Saguache County annual online tax lien sale begins

BY PATRICK SHEA
SAGUACHE — The annual Saguache County Tax Lien Sale will be held Nov. 14-16, an online-only auction for mineral interests and property across the county. The auction website has already opened, and the window for bidders to register on www.zeusauction.com ends Nov. 11.

The bidding and research begin at 8 a.m. Nov. 14, and the auction closes starting at noon on Nov. 16. Administered by Synergetic Resources Integration Inc., the online auction closing will occur in three segments. An \$8 auction fee will be added to each item.

Property and mineral interest researchers can study the listings on the Saguache County website. In accordance with longtime Colorado law, County Treasurer and Public

Trustee Regina Swartz published the list for three consecutive weeks in the county's chosen publication of record.

The annual tax lien sale is one strategy for the county to recoup delinquent taxes and secure future revenue. For the first time this year, according to Swartz, the mineral interest auction will be conducted along with the property sale.

In Colorado, mineral rights and surface land ownership are not the same. A mineral estate may be separated from the surface estate, even though it's the same parcel of land. A severed mineral interest is considered real property.

When the auction concludes, purchasers do not own the property. By owning the lien, they receive a certificate that pays nine points over the Federal Reserve Discount

Rate as of Sept. 1 — 12 percent this year. After three years, if the lien remains unredeemed, the owner can apply for a Treasurer's Deed. If the property owner does not pay taxes during the three years following the lien auction sale, the lien holder can pay the tax and the payment will be endorsed on the tax lien certificate — also earning 12 percent.

Saguache County employees, family members, and their agents are not allowed to bid for property or mineral rights.

Holiday Bake Sale and Bazaar is Nov. 11

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Christian Reformed Church will be having its Holiday Bake Sale and Bazaar a week earlier this year. It will be on Friday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cinnamon rolls, coffee and cider will be served, and there will be

a wide assortment of gift items for Christmas and baked goods to freeze for Thanksgiving.

The bazaar will be held in the Waverly Youth and Community Center, 1836 County Road 10 South, in Alamosa County. For directions or information, call 719-589-2072 or 719-589-2001.

Monte Vista City Council two-day retreat is November 4-5

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista City Council will meet for a two-day retreat on Nov. 4-5 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. and from 7:30 a.m.

to noon, respectively, at the Ski-Hi Complex, 2335 Sherman Ave. Public work sessions are open to the public, but no comments will be taken.

SAGUACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

SAGUACHE COUNTY — The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the period between Oct. 24 and Oct. 30, 2022.

Staff responded to four animal problems in Moffat, Crestone, and Saguache. They monitored five controlled burns, two reports of suspicious activity, and criminal mischief on County Road EE. They patrolled Saguache seven times,

engaged in two civil standbys, addressed one suicidal subject, provided citizen assistance and information, and assisted with five ambulance rides.

In addition to one case of harassment in Crestone and assaults in Moffat and Saguache, deputies followed up on a warrant in Saguache. One stolen vehicle, lost property in Moffat, four cases of theft, and two crashes required attention too. Nine traffic

stops yielded five citations. One driver was under the influence of alcohol and drove without an interlock device. Another motorist failed to drive in a single lane, and the other three exceeded the speed limits on Highways 17 and 285.

ARRESTS

• A 39-year-old Saguache woman was arrested and released on bail for failing to appear in court in Saguache.

OBITUARY

Eodofredo (Fred) Levi Benavides

Eodofredo (Fred) Levi Benavides of Del Norte, Colo., went with the Lord on Oct. 27, 2022. He was born on Feb. 14, 1946, in Del Norte, Colo.

Fred grew up in Del Norte and worked in the potato fields, at the Ford Garage changing oil and tires, and the sawmill in South Fork. He ended up at Rio Grande County working with heavy equipment for 30 years.

After he retired from the county, he drove a potato truck during harvest and later drove as a courier for Rio Grande Hospital. Fred was a Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus, currently known as Del Norte Christian Association, and he retired from the Del Norte Volunteer Fire Department. He loved people, and people loved his light and friendly spirit.

Fred spent his entire life loving and helping his family. He was so proud of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He spent his time enjoying the mountains while camping with his wife and his grandkids, and fishing and hunting with his sons. He had a strong faith and dedicated much of his time to the church and helping others. He was always joking and having a good time wherever he was.

Fred is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Frances Benavides, his sons Larry (Denise) Benavides, Freddie Glen (Theresa) Benavides, daughter-in-law Desiree Benavides, his grandchildren, Dana (Dwight) Barlow, Khrystynn (Matthew)



Cano, Kaleigh (Matthew) White, Alexander Benavides, Brett (Maxine) Benavides, Natalie Benavides, Tomas Benavides, Jesse James Benavides, and his great-grandchildren, Zoey, Camrey and Kenzey Barlow, Miles Cano, Madilynn, Phoenix, Xander Benavides, and his brother Donald Benavidez.

He was preceded in death by his son Lawrence Benavides, his brother Eli Benavides, his sister Debbie Quintana, his parents John Pete Benavidez and Esther Quintana, and several aunts and uncles.

A rosary will be held Friday, Nov. 4, 2022, at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church in Del Norte at 6 p.m. Services will be at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at 10 a.m., followed by a procession to the cemetery.

Arrangements in care of Strohmayer's Funeral Home in Monte Vista, Colo.

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In addition to cooperating with other agencies during emergencies and large events like the Seven Peaks Music Festival in Villa Grove last Labor Day Weekend, Fresquez has engaged with the community with new ideas that follow the path Chief Meek paved.

The Coffee with the Chief tradition continues. Guest speakers touch on topics, and other members of the department participate as well. The Center Drag Races drew residents together for a fun

afternoon focused on fixing the problem of street racing.

Similarly, the K-9 Unit is expanding successfully. Leveraging his expertise and background, Officer Adam Fresquez spearheads training. The dogs ultimately become part of the department's staff or are sold to other agencies. Beyond the town of Center, other police departments have requested more information and training for dogs.

Looking ahead, the new police

chief invited other local law enforcement professionals to come to 500 S. Broadway St. for a two-day training session Dec. 12-13. The "Advanced Criminal Enforcement Interdiction Tactics" class costs \$279 per student. For more information, the website for Advanced Criminal Enforcement Interdiction Tactics is aceinterdiction.com.

Interested law enforcement professionals can also contact the Center Police Department to learn more about the training.

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ask for financial assistance or any commitment beyond adding the town of Moffat as a partner in their Request for Information submission to the Department of the Interior.

Held said his company is already working on a project for Buena Vista, and much of their methodology involves leveraging partners like the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) and the Colorado School of Mines.

According to Held's plan, students from the Colorado School of Mines and Colorado Mountain College would help collect the data from drilling test wells for a year in different areas around Moffat. If they find hot water at a reasonably accessible depth, they can include this information in the RFI and receive funding. Held also

noted how "government wants to see community involvement."

Unlike other states, Colorado has no geothermal development, even though it has the fourth-highest geothermal potential in the United States. Colorado water law conflicts with federal law, which classifies a geothermal resource as a mineral.

At the close of the meeting, trustees discussed communicating with two property owners whose flowing wells require attention to avoid contaminating the nearby town well. Mayor Foxx advised seeking water attorney input before drafting the letter. Private funds and project management from Area 420 have addressed many other issues with the same well.

As Bunting noted earlier in the

meeting, they are making progress with the list of concerns from CDPHE.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Trunk-or-Treat

By the time you read this, Halloween will be done and gone, but hopefully the leftover candy will still be hanging around. And if not, now is the time to visit the big box stores and get the candy that wasn't sold as it goes on sale. This is what is known as "getting diabetes sales" in the marketplace and those tiny candy bars are calling Ol' Dutch's name for sure.

Those big packs of candy which are meant to satisfy some dressed up kids now reside in homes across America all intent on making them last until Christmas. But we all know that they won't even last until next week, let alone Thanksgiving.

I can recall the days before people put poison and needles in candy to give out to little kids that we would roam far and wide collecting a bag of candy on Halloween night. And no one got snatched or kidnapped which tells you just how long ago that may have been with Ol' Dutch. Times have changed and now parents must walk around with their kids to ensure safety but even that does not preclude getting some bad candy somewhere, so they now do what is called "trunk-or-treat."

Miss Trixie and my handsome self participated in just such an event at my son's church which was a joy to behold, let me tell you. If you are not familiar with these types of gatherings, the parents of the church set up a booth with a theme so kids can win some candy. The games are all rigged of course as the idea is to give out more candy than your neighbor thereby winning the church prize of false pride. Which is kind of strange as pride is supposed to be bad in a church setting, but at this one, the competition is fierce let me tell you.

My son Bubs and his wife Tinkerbell had their own booth with a "Top Gun" theme and kids had to throw a paper airplane they made through a hole in a board. The kids seemed to like it and Ol' Dutch and Miss Trixie even dressed for the occasion hoping to get more votes for first place. Grands #1 and #2 roamed the grounds and could be depended on to get Grandpa some good chocolate treats. All was going well until the kids went to a booth at



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by Kevin Kirkpatrick

the end of the parking lot. For it seems that those folks went all out vying for first place — and maybe their entry into Heaven — as they were giving out large stuffed animals on a dice roll. My grands soon had two cuddly prizes to their credit. I knew right then and there we had no chance at winning the Trunk-or-Treat competition, although Heaven may still be a possibility if Ol' Dutch changes his ways. Not to be totally defeated, however, I began to scheme (is that a good godly church thing to do?) about next year and how we can win the coveted first place.

Toward the end of the night, Grand #2 showed up with a snow cone and I found out that it came at a cost of \$4. Yep, for a cup of ice. Which meant some little kids didn't get one, of course. Ol' Dutch was taken back to the days when I was young and what we all wanted at such gatherings and could not have due to cost. And what I recall most of all was cotton candy. Oh, how those tall swirly air-filled beehive shaped concoctions called our names, but they cost money which we did not have.

And for all of you out there in reader's land, go ahead and have a few of the candy bars from the cupboard. No use of them hanging around taking up space and giving your spouse diabetes.

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YOUR NIGHT SKY

BY DARLENE DANKO

Fall

Fall is in the air! The aspens are starting to change color, and the days are getting shorter. September-November are the best times to view the night sky because it's getting dark earlier, yet the temperatures are relatively mild. Since the full moon is on Nov. 8, and the last quarter moon is on the 16th, and the new moon is on the Nov. 23, the sky is getting better to look at.

The changing season can be seen predawn in the southeast sky as the constellation Orion, the hunter, and the star Sirius become visible. We won't be able to see them in the evening sky for another month or 2 when Earth's orbit changes its position. So, for now you'll have to get up early!

Orion is named after the hero of Greek mythology who was killed by Scorpius, the scorpion. The gods felt sorry for Orion, so they put him and his dogs in the sky, along with the animals they hunted.

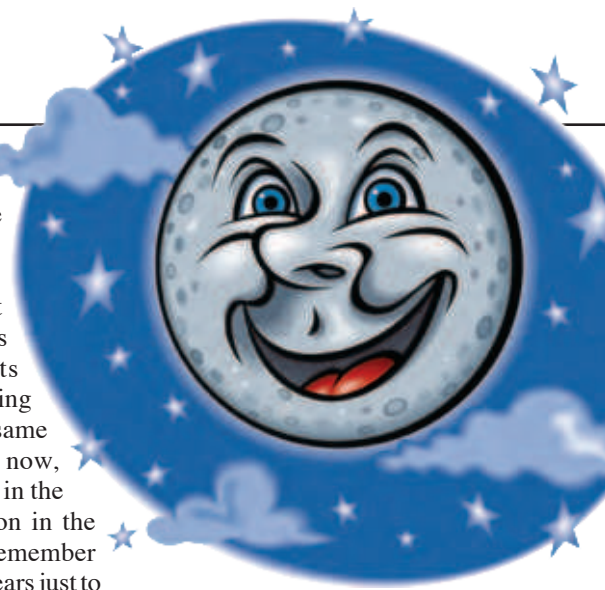
Scorpius was placed on the opposite side of the sky so Orion would never be hurt by it again. This position prevents them from appearing in the sky at the same time. So right now, Scorpius appears in the evening and Orion in the morning. You'll remember that Scorpius appears just to the right of the Teapot in the eastern evening sky.

I love Orion! This beautiful constellation is easily identifiable by the bright stars that make up his belt. His sword contains the famous Orion Nebula which is bright enough to be viewed with the naked eye. Without binoculars it just appears as a fuzzy blob.

What is a nebula? It's a cloud of interstellar dust or gas that is illuminated by the stars within it. Nebulae are often colorful and named

for the shapes they resemble. The Orion nebula has a greenish glow. Also in Orion is the bright orange star, Betelgeuse. It's an M-class red supergiant, which means it's massive with great luminosity.

Sirius, also known as the Dog Star, is part of the constellation, Canis Major. It's one of Orion's hunting dogs and sits just below and to the left of him in the sky. So, get up in the morning before it gets light and look in the South for this constellation.



LETTER

Center Sanitation District will be reviewing rate study

Editor,
In the coming weeks, the Center Sanitation District will be reviewing a rate study and making decisions related to a possible service rate increase for customers. This is related to the recent completion of our new wastewater processing facility. As a reminder to patrons, the

Center Sanitation District needed to upgrade its facility after the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment notified us we should have been operating under a surface water recharge permit for the past four decades, despite recharging to ground water through a permit issued by CDPHE.

To shift our processing capabilities, a complete redesign of the facility made the most sense. In support of this, the Center Sanitation District secured USDA grants for most of the \$11 million project, and a low-interest loan for the rest.

The end result is a facility that should serve the community of Center

for the next 50 years. Unfortunately, this comes with more expenses, and because of this we need to carefully consider our rate structure.

So, on Thursday, Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m. and again on Monday, Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m. the Center Sanitation Board will be reviewing the rate study and making

a decision about future rates. Both meetings will take place at the Center School District Administration Building.

If you are interested in learning more about this, I encourage you to attend.

*George Welsh
Center Sanitation District Board
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SLV school district receives EPA Clean School Bus Program funding

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DENVER — The Biden-Harris Administration announced Wednesday, Oct. 26, the Fiscal Year 2022 recipients of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean School Bus Program rebate competition, awarding \$2,890,000 from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to school districts serving the Colorado communities of Granby, Mosca, Simla and Weston.

The grants will help school districts purchase eight electric clean school buses that will accelerate the transition to zero-emissions vehicles and produce cleaner air in and around schools and communities.



an unprecedented investment in our children's health, especially those in communities overburdened by air pollution. This is just the beginning of our work to build a healthier future, reduce climate pollution, and ensure the clean, breathable air that all our children deserve."

"Thanks to the Infrastructure Law, communities across Colorado are receiving well-deserved funding to replace their school buses with zero-emission and low-emission models," said Senator Michael Bennet. "Deploying more electric school buses is a critical part of keeping our air clean for our kids, and I'm glad to see this funding coming to our state."

The announcement included funding for zero-emission electric buses for the following Colorado communities and school districts:

- Granby: East Grand School District No. 2, \$790,000, 2 buses
- Mosca: Sangre de Cristo School District No. Re-22J, \$700,000, 2 buses
- Simla: Big Sandy School District No. 100J, \$1,095,000, 3 buses
- Weston: Primero Reorganized School District No. 2, \$305,000, 1 bus

In May, EPA announced the availability of \$500 million for its Clean School Bus Program. Given overwhelming demand from school districts across the country, including in low-income communities, Tribal nations, and territories, EPA nearly doubled the amount of funding that will be awarded to \$965 million. The rebate application period closed in August with an outstanding response from school districts seeking to purchase electric and low-emission school buses across the country.

At this time, the agency has selected 389 applications totaling \$913 million to support the purchase of 2,463 buses, 95% of which will be electric. EPA will distribute awards to school districts in all 50 states, Washington D.C., along with several federally recognized Tribes and U.S. territories. School districts identified as priority areas serving low-income, rural, and, or Tribal students make up 99% of the projects that were selected. More applications are under review, and the agency plans to select more to reach the full \$965 million in the coming weeks.

Those school districts who received an award can now proceed with purchasing new buses and eligible infrastructure. Selectees will need to submit Payment Request Forms with

purchase orders demonstrating they have ordered new buses and eligible infrastructure. EPA is also partnering with the U.S. Department of Energy and Department of Transportation to provide school districts with robust technical assistance to ensure effective implementation.

These awards are the first \$1 billion of a five-year, \$5 billion program created by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. EPA is also designing the next rounds of program funding to launch in the coming months, which will include an ambitious grant competition.

Through future rounds of funding, EPA will make available another \$1 billion for clean school buses in Fiscal Year 2023. EPA encourages school districts not selected in the first round of rebates – and those that did not apply this funding cycle – to participate in future rounds.

"I am focused on saving people money and protecting our air so we are pleased that these federal grants will help to free up resources for our rural schools which can be used to increase teacher pay or decrease class sizes. This first round of funding scratches the surface of the opportunity in Colorado and next year we will launch Colorado's electric bus grant program — the highest per capita investment in clean buses by any state in the country — and we look forward to continuing to work with our schools to apply for this state funding as well as the remaining \$4 billion of federal funding in the years ahead. Congratulations to East Grand School District No. 2, Big Sandy School District No. 100J, Primero Reorganized School District No. 2, and Sangre de Cristo School District No. Re 22J for this exciting grant," said Colorado Governor Jared Polis.

Vice President Kamala Harris and EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan will join schoolchildren, district leaders and community members in Seattle, Washington, later Wednesday to make the announcement and highlight how it will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save schools money, and better protect children's health. The investment will also drive demand for American-made batteries and vehicles, boost domestic manufacturing, and create good-paying jobs.

"President Biden's historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is accelerating our nation's transition to electric and low-emission school buses while ensuring a brighter, healthier future for our children," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "As many as 25 million children rely on the bus to get to school each day. Thanks to the Biden-Harris Administration, we are making

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Shooting victims ID'd, suspects remain in custody

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Police Officer and adult male shooting victim from Thursday's shooting near the 1200 block of Denver Avenue have been identified per a press release issued by the City of Alamosa on Monday.

Mollee Heeney, 25, is a two-year veteran of the Alamosa Police Department. She underwent surgery and is expected to make a full recovery.

Ricardo Rangel, 41, also underwent surgery and is in stable condition.

Two juvenile suspects were arrested at the time of the incident and they remain in custody.

The investigation is ongoing and is being conducted by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and the Alamosa Police Department.

Alamosa Police Department Chief Ken Anderson held a press conference Friday morning, Oct. 28, to provide updates on the shooting of an Alamosa police officer and adult male on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 27.

According to Anderson, at 4:10 p.m., officers responded to the report of a fight in progress in the 1200 block of Denver. Upon arriving on the scene, officers encountered a juvenile suspect who produced a handgun and shot one of the officers, striking twice. The officer was immediately transferred to San Luis Valley Health Regional Medical Center.

Officers also found a second victim in the same vicinity as where the officer had been shot. That victim was immediately transferred to SLVH Regional Medical Center

where he underwent surgery.

Both victims were then subsequently flown to a hospital along the Front Range.

Anderson said multiple agencies were on the scene, including the 12th Judicial District Attorney Anne Kelly, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Alamosa Sheriff's Office, Conejos County Sheriff's Office, Monte Vista Police Department, Colorado Division of Wildlife and the Colorado State Patrol.

Kelly praised the highly professional response by local law enforcement and expressed gratitude for the "outpouring of support by other law enforcement agencies in the Valley."

Anderson said that anyone who witnessed the incident or has any pertinent information is encouraged to call 719-589-2548.



Photo by Priscilla Waggoner

District Attorney Anne Kelly and Alamosa Police Department Chief Ken Anderson brief the press on Friday morning following the shooting of an APD officer and male adult on Thursday.

FSWB announces appointment of Lobato as COO

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DURANGO — First Southwest Bank (FSWB), a locally owned, independent community bank, and one of two Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) banks in Colorado, announced Wednesday, Oct. 26, the appointment of Manuel "Mark" Lobato as Chief Operations Officer.

Lobato will be responsible for working closely with the CEO and the executive management officers to establish long-range goals, strategies, plans and policies that support the accomplishment of FSWB's strategic plan. Lobato will also provide information and recommendations that support the board's policymaking

and oversight role.

"I'm thrilled to join the FSWB team as Chief Operations Officer," said Lobato. "First Southwest Bank has established itself as Southern Colorado's community bank and I look forward to working with the leadership team to set and implement strategic goals and manage operations to effectively ensure the long-term success of the bank, foster a positive culture for employees and provide the best products and services for customers."

For nearly 30 years, Lobato has been a leader in the banking industry in the Washington, DC area. His leadership roles in private banking,

business banking and legislative experience led him to his most recent role as Service & Solutions Executive at Congressional Federal Credit Union on Capitol Hill. There, he transformed the culture and grew deposits from \$700M to over \$1 Billion while overseeing a major overhaul of their core operating system.

Kent Curtis, FSWB's President and CEO, said, "Mark is an exceptional bank leader with a proven track record of exceeding business goals. As Chief Operations Officer, he will work with our leadership team on the execution of strategic goals and operational improvements that will increase the

effectiveness of our business."

Lobato grew up in Durango as the youngest of 10 children and graduated from Fort Lewis College in 1987 before heading to Washington, DC to work for one of Colorado's US Senators. He has always possessed a strong commitment to his community and has served on boards related to cancer wellness, not-for-profit development and Hispanic scholarships. Additionally, he has a passion for coaching youth sports, especially football, baseball and boys lacrosse.

Lobato is married with three boys and is thrilled to have returned to his roots in Durango. He looks forward



to becoming involved in the Southern and rural Colorado communities FSWB serves.

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Lantzy appreciates his educational foundation from Adams State

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ALAMOSA — Michael Lantzy, Class of 1964 and 1965, remains passionate about his alma mater and the foundation it provided for his professional and personal success. He is a Willis Fassett Jr Award recipient for 2022.

"I am humbled to be considered and receive this honor," Lantzy said. "When you look at past recipients it puts me in a pretty good category."

The award is named in honor of the late Willis Fassett Jr., a long-time president of the Adams State University Foundation Board of Directors. Lantzy was recognized at the Annual Donor and Student Recognition Banquet, on Nov. 1.

"Supporting Adams State seems like the right thing to do. It is not an overstatement that I would not have had the success in my career without Adams State," Lantzy said. "Especially appreciated the personal attention, from then President Fred Plachy, coaches, professors, staff, and boosters. They took a real interest in me. They mentored me and by following their advice I received two degrees and entered my professional career with the skills needed to succeed."

Lantzy established the Loren & Alice Shipp Scholarship in 2000.

"While I was a student, Alice worked in the public affairs office and she and her husband, Loren, opened their home and made me feel very welcome," he said.

The Shipp's were athletic boosters at the time, and the young football player from Detroit appreciated their generosity of spirit.

In 2009, Lantzy amended the scholarship and increased the value; a year later, with encouragement from his family, he changed the name of the scholarship to the Michael and Diana Lantzy Scholarship. The scholarship supports a member of an athletic team with a 2.5 GPA with 30 earned credit hours.

Lantzy played football for Adams State and has empathy for student-athletes who maintain a high academic standard and are also committed to their sport.

"I know how much time and effort it takes. Student-athletes need to be physically prepared during the season and often work through the off-season all while taking a full academic load. If I can help another athlete, I am very

willing to do so," he said.

After earning his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Adams State, Lantzy taught high school and coached after graduating. He continues to speak passionately about education. "Education provides a viable opportunity for those who want to follow that path. I appreciate Billy Adams' vision and hope that Adams State continues to reach students where they are and guide them to meet their full potential."

Lantzy encourages students to seize the moment and take advantage of the opportunities at Adams State.

"When you get to be 80, you realize the special things in your life. Adams State was there for me, and I will continue to support it," Lantzy said.

He hopes alumni who have Adams State to thank for their career consider making a donation.

"Students work hard and need financial assistance," Lantzy said. "Someone has to meet that need. I encourage everyone to think about it and start out small and contribute whatever you want to after that."



Courtesy photo

Pictured, Diana and Michael Lantzy. Michael Lantzy is a 2022 Willis Fassett Jr. Award recipient.

Lantzy retired from Oakland Community College in 1992, after 25 years serving the college as department head and in his last year as assistant professor of accountancy. He and Diana have been married for almost 54 years.

Diana is also a retired educator. They have two sons, Michael and Brian (Marcy) and two amazing grandchildren.

Lantzy was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013 with the 1962 football team.

Annual Holiday Bazaar is Dec. 2-3

Santa Claus expected to be in town for event

CONTRIBUTED

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce would like to invite community members to attend the Holiday Bazaar, Dec. 2 and 3.

This traditional event has been held in Monte Vista for many years, organized by the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce in an effort to provide an opportunity for local businesses and organizations to promote their business-organizations and their unique products and services.

What better way than to come together as a community than to support our small businesses and organizations during the holidays! With the completion of the Outcalt Event and Conference at SLV Ski Hi Complex, the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce has decided to host the event at the new complex, providing a comfortable and large space for

all who attend.

Be good for goodness sake and shop the booths at the Holiday Bazaar, eat some delicious food and refreshments, and bundle up for outdoor carriage rides!

You better not pout because the Monte Vista Chamber has been contacted by Santa! He wants to visit all the children while he's in town and will be available for visits Dec 2 and 3, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.!

Santa not only loves to visit children and families, but furry friends too! You can bring your pets to visit Santa Friday, Dec. 2, 3 to 4 p.m. (all pets must be leashed or in a pet carrier to enter)! Professional photography packages will be available for purchase for all children, families, and pets!

If you would like to be a vendor or become a sponsor for Santa's Visit, please visit the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce website, montevistachamber.org to register-sponsor! You can also scan the QR code that will link you to the website! Please contact the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce for more information, 719-852-2731 or email chamber@montevistachamber.org.

SLVH participating in DAISY Award program

CONTRIBUTED

ALAMOSA — Nurses at San Luis Valley Health are being honored with The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's mission to recognize the extraordinary, compassionate nursing care they provide patients and families every day.

The DAISY Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, by members of his family. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little-known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System. The care Patrick

and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

Nurses may be nominated by patients, families, and colleagues. The award recipient is chosen by a committee at SLV Health to receive The DAISY Award. Awards are presented throughout the year at celebrations attended by the Honoree's colleagues, patients, and visitors. Each Honoree receives a certificate commending her or him as an "Extraordinary Nurse."

The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of

so many people." Nurses can be nominated by completing a card located in the hospital or online at www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org/about-slvh/daisy-nursing-excellence.

Said Bonnie Barnes, FAAN, President and Co-Founder of The DAISY Foundation, "When Patrick was critically ill, our family experienced first-hand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the super-human, extraordinary, compassionate work they do. The kind of work the nurses at SLV Health are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of The DAISY Award."

More information is available at <http://DAISYfoundation.org>.

Know God, Know Peace

People look for happiness in a lot of places. Many chase after a bigger house, a nicer car or a better paying job, while others seek education, marriage or other achievements with great passion.

While it's certainly not wrong to desire these things, there is only one thing in life that can give us true peace, joy and fulfillment—God.

Matthew 6:33 is truly a scripture to live by. Jesus says, "But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides" (AMPC).

Seeking the kingdom includes seeking God Himself and craving an intimate relationship with Him. It's about wanting to know Him and not just what He can do for you. There is quite a difference between seeking possessions and seeking God.

I can still remember a time years ago when I had a lot of the "things" I wanted, but I still wasn't a very happy person. The truth is, no matter what you have, if you don't have the peace, joy and fulfillment that only God can give, then you really don't have anything at all!

Romans 14:17 sums this up perfectly. It says, "The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (NIV).

True satisfaction doesn't come from the outside—from all of the things we can do or buy—but it comes from within. God wants us to live with His righteousness, peace and joy. They are Kingdom benefits, and they are part of our inheritance as God's children.

The "Right" Way to Live
So many people—and even many Christians—walk around feeling vaguely guilty most of the time. They feel like they've made too many mistakes and can never quite measure up. But that's not what God wants for us.

Second Corinthians 5:21 says, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for

us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (NIV).

As we begin to truly understand our righteousness "in Christ"—or being right with God—we will no longer wallow in guilt and condemnation or feel like we have to earn God's forgiveness. Instead, we can live with the confidence and security that God knows us better than anyone, and He loves and approves of us.

Supernatural Peace
I once heard a very famous actor being interviewed about his life and career.

"I'll never forget one of his responses. He was asked, 'Is there anything in life you haven't achieved...something you still want?' He simply answered, 'Inner peace.'"

You see, true peace only comes through a relationship with Jesus Christ. God offers us His peace that "transcends all understanding" (Philippians 4:7 NIV). It doesn't come from our circumstances, and it's not something we can buy.

God's peace is vital to us because life is unpredictable. When the storms of life come, there is only one Person who can give us peace in the midst of the storm.

Jesus is the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6), and as you spend time with Him in prayer and by studying His Word, you will sense His supernatural peace that transcends all understanding.

Joy for the Journey
John 10:10 says, "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)" (AMPC).

God wants us to enjoy our lives! That used to be a big problem for me because of the sexual, physical and emotional abuse I endured growing up. As a result, I never really got to be a kid, and I never truly understood what it meant to enjoy my life.

However, joy is part of God's kingdom package (see Psalm 16:11 and Romans 14:17). Like His peace, we



can receive and live with God's joy in every circumstance, regardless of what is going on around us.

The dictionary partially defines joy as "a calm delight" and "extreme merriment." I particularly like "a calm delight" because even when we're not doing something we consider exciting, we can still have the joy of the Lord deep inside of our soul.

God wants us to experience His joy and satisfaction every single day. In fact, Nehemiah 8:10 says, "...The joy of the Lord is your strength" (NIV). Through the ups and downs of everyday life, God wants to strengthen us for the journey and experience His delight in everything we do.

I encourage you to put God first in your life. Develop a relationship with Him and ask for His guidance and direction. Because there is a way to truly enjoy your life, and it's all found "in Him."

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-teaching resource *Keeping God First*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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Christmas Tree Permits go on sale early November

Rio Grande National Forest offers early online permits

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MONTE VISTA — Christmas tree permits for the Rio Grande National Forest will become available to purchase online beginning Nov. 1 and will go through this holiday season. Permits can be found at recreation.gov by searching "Rio Grande Christmas Tree."
This early season option offers

an easy alternative to the in-person sales that are scheduled to begin in late November.

"We are pleased to offer this early option for our forest users that are eager to get their Christmas tree permits and begin planning their outing," said Carlos Gonzales, Recreation Program Manager for the Rio Grande National Forest. "Each year, hundreds of families harvest a tree from the forest, and we want encourage early trip planning with this online permit option."

Users must have a permit with them to harvest a Christmas tree.

Several rules apply to this activity and can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/Rio_Grande_Christmas_Tree.

The permits cost \$8 per tree and there will be a small transaction fee charged by Recreation.gov. More information about Christmas tree harvesting on the RGNF will be available when we announce in-person sales at our offices and with our vendors later this season.

"The RGNF recognizes that many visitors love to come into our offices to get their annual permit and we will welcome them soon," Gonzales added.

VICTIM

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enforcement handles a situation, they work with the Victim Response Unit immediately. Volunteers arrive at the scene and begin the long relationship with victims facing multiple challenges.

For training, Casados said, "they will go on calls with us. They would learn about victim's rights, sexual assaults, and unattended grief."

Colorado is one of 37 states with a Victim Rights Law. In addition to a promise to treat victims with fairness, respect, and dignity, Colorado's law aims to make sure victims "are free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse."

According to the Victim Rights Act, victims can be notified automatically when courtroom dates are scheduled, for example. Some victims attend sessions in the courtroom, others listen anonymously, and Casados said some prefer to be debriefed by a volunteer after each hearing or important change in the process.

With time and venue changes for multiple appearances, court dates require tracking. Victim advocates communicate calendar changes and other updates.

Also, a victim can sign up to receive notification when an offender goes on probation. This requires paperwork, but the one-page form from the Colorado Probation Victim Notification Program includes fewer than 10 items.

When victims take time off work for court dates or meetings with justice officials, they have a right to work out agreements with employers to ensure continued employment. They also have the right to be informed of potential financial assistance, as well as protection if they are being harassed or intimidated.

For children who are victims of crime, victim response units use simple language to communicate the process, intercede in court if a young victim needs help, and advise district

attorneys before they ask the child to be a witness.

Casados said all victims are offered services, and she estimated that roughly 85 percent of them accept the offer. She also explained how victim advocates from Saguache County hand off cases to District Attorney

staff when proceedings move to the 12th Judicial District courtroom.

For more information about volunteering, call Cox at 719-655-2544. You can also ask to contact her at the Saguache County Sheriff's Office. You can contact Casados in the Center Police Department — 719-754-3141.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 23rd day of October 2022 at 5:30 PM, final settlement with Moltz Construction Inc, 8807 Co Rd 175, Salida, CO 81201, will be made by the Center Sanitation District, 294 Worth Street, P.O. Box 400, Center, CO 81125, for all services rendered, materials furnished and labor performed in the installation of the district's Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project.

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All of the above is pursuant to §38-26-107, C.R.S.

Center Sanitation District
By: George Welsh
Board Chair

No. 1653 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, November 3, 2022.

Saguache County Commissioners are accepting Bids for the delivery of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for the Saguache County Road and Bridge Department. The delivery locations will be the Saguache Main Shop, Center County Shop, Cochetope House -Hwy 114, Moffat Shop, Villa Grove Shop and Saguache County Landfill.

For bid specifications contact Wendi Maez at wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov or Joe Gilbert at jgilbert@saguachecounty-co.gov.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with "Road and Bridge Gasoline and Fuel Bid" written on the front of the envelope which contains the sealed bid.

Bids must be submitted to Wendi Maez at Saguache County Administration, 505 3rd Street, OR mailed to PO Box 100, Saguache, CO 81149 and must be submitted by November 30, 2022 at 3pm.

For further information you can also call Wendi Maez at 719-655-2231 or Joe Gilbert at 719-655-2554.

No. 1651 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, October 27 and November 3, 10,17 and 23, 2022.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the San Luis Valley Irrigation District for the ensuing year of 2023; that a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the San Luis Valley Irrigation District where same is open for public inspection; and that such proposed budget will be considered at a Regular Meeting of the San Luis Valley Irrigation District Board of Directors to be held at 296 Miles Street, Center, Colorado, on November 16th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Any interested elector of the San Luis Valley Irrigation District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the Budget.

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SLV Rattlers End Mountain Bike Season at State Championships in Glenwood Springs

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GLENWOOD SPRINGS — The San Luis Valley Rattlers Mountain Biking Team ended the 2022 season at the Colorado High School Cycling League's State Championships on Saturday, Oct. 24, in Glenwood Springs. Posting their best performance in the team's seven years of competition, the Rattlers placed 13th among 40 overall points among the Division 3 teams — teams with fewest number of riders.

"An incredible showing by a small but mighty team of MTB racers from the San Luis Valley," SL Rattlers officials stated.

With bad weather moving into the Glenwood area on Sunday, all races for the weekend were compressed into Saturday, making for a hectic but fun day for race league officials, coaches and athletes. Racers and their families, however, made sure to cheer on Rattlers and all riders who raced in the State Meet, the culmination of a season of hard work.

Seven SLV students took to a relatively new trail system at the Colorado Mountain College campus to pit their skills against the best riders from across the state. Each racer gave it their all and posted remarkable results for the race and ended their season with four racers increasing their state standing in their division. Individual race results are as follows:

Starting with the chilly early race, Chevy Kincannon, blasted out of the start chute from the 117th position, overcame a crash and dropped chain to finish his season as the 102 placed Freshman Boy in the state.

The JV Boys division was next with Tyler Roberts and Caleb Henson pitted against a fast and hungry field of high school boys. Both racers dug deep for energy and finished 94th and 114th respectively. Quite the accomplishment for the largest field of racers and on the shortest course of the season!

Following the JV Boys, Valerie Goodland faced several incredibly fast JV Girls and posted a very respectable

27th place finish among the field of 119 racers. A small crash and dropped chain did little to slow Goodland down.

In the Sophomore Girls division, the determined Sydney Woodke started in 50th, pushed hard around the 2-lap course to post her 49th place finish. Best of all, Woodke said she "loved the course!"

Tyler Dokson shot out of the start chute in 57th position of Sophomore Boys. Logging the best course time of the team (only 16 seconds in front of Tyler Roberts), Dokson pushed hard and passed his way to finish 47th.

Ending the Rattlers appearances for the day, first-year Sophomore racer, Summit Mashburn, faced numerous second-year racers in his field, worked hard and despite a small crash, gained two places, finishing in 134th for the year.

Despite not qualifying for State, Tim Malueg and Payton Daniel, both first year racers, narrowly missed qualifying, but showed impressive improvement throughout the year to move up from near last in their

respective packs (due to no prior race results) to nearly the upper one-third of the field. While Malueg will be graduating and moving on to open-age group mountain bike racing, Daniel will, hopefully, be back next year to represent the Rattlers at State in 2023.

The Rattlers participate in the Piedra Division of the Colorado High School Cycling League. The league reported a whopping 847 racers for the 2022 state competition.

Many teams from across the league are funded through their high schools, but the Valley team is funded through local sponsorships and grants.

A unique aspect of the Rattlers is that they maintain a fleet of team-owned, competitive bicycles that were purchased with grant funds and donations. These bikes are provided to the riders at no cost and are aging and in need of upgrades to drivetrains, tires and wheels in order to continue offering the quality bikes to riders that cannot afford a race-caliber mountain bike. Visit the team's website at www.slvmbt.com.



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Worship service, prayer event at Society Hall Nov. 6

CONTRIBUTED

ALAMOSA — A special worship service and prayer event is set for 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Society Hall in Alamosa.

"We will be coming together as a community to lift songs of praise and to pray for our nation and the upcoming elections," organizers stated.

Harvey Smalley and his daughter Tandi Bolt will begin the show with older hymns and gospel music.

There will then be a short break where folks can get coffee, cocoa or apple cider courtesy of the Green Spot.

People can bring cookies and bars to share — only finger-type desserts, nothing that needs a fork.

After a short break, Lorraine McClure and Amy Dean, from Del Norte, will perform their original music and more. They will be joined, for at least one tune, by Ron McClure — on banjo, no less. McClure and Dean will have CDs for sale.

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Book author writes about off-grid residents in the San Luis Valley

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ALAMOSA — Adams State University presents a special guest lecture by Pulitzer Prize finalist Ted Conover, “Cheap Land Colorado: Off-Gridders at America’s Edge,” at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, in Leon Memorial Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Conover’s new book, “Cheap Land Colorado: Off-Gridders at America’s Edge,” is about life off-grid in the San Luis Valley.

“I am super excited about my new book, which describes the unusual people who choose to live on that beautiful, lonely prairie and my life among them — first as a volunteer for a group trying to prevent homelessness, and then as a neighbor, after I bought my own five acres,” Conover said.

Conover is the author of several books, including “Newjack: Guarding Sing Sing,” which won the National Book Critics Award for nonfiction and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. His writing has appeared in The New York Times



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Pulitzer Prize finalist Ted Conover will discuss his book about off-grid SLV residents. The free event begins at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, in Leon Memorial Hall, located off Second Street on the Adams State University campus.

Magazine, The Atlantic, The New Yorker, Harper’s Magazine, and National Geographic. He is a professor and former director of New York University’s Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute.

Del Norte Public Library begins construction on new roof

By LYNSIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE — Big things are happening at the Del Norte Public Library this week as construction on the 1980 addition of the roof is being replaced with new materials.

Over the last several months, library personnel worked with the Rio Grande County Library District to see that a promissory note in the amount of \$20,000 that was issued years ago was paid.

“We were able to look through the minutes and find this funding and we decided to use it to pay for the roof,” said Del Norte Public Library Director Susan Williams.

The library was originally built in 1905 through several local donations. Before the building was in place, the King’s Daughters, a local organization began collecting books for the purpose of a library and housed the donated books in the front room of an individual’s home. Later, when a local resident decided it was time to build a library, the King’s Daughters were able to bring all their collected books to the new building and thus began the King’s Daughters Library.

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Photo by Lyndsie Ferrell

The Del Norte Public Library is getting a new roof this week. Funding for the project came through the Rio Grande County Library District. The roof was one of the main capital projects for the library.

Former Creede resident Cochran-Hager publishes book

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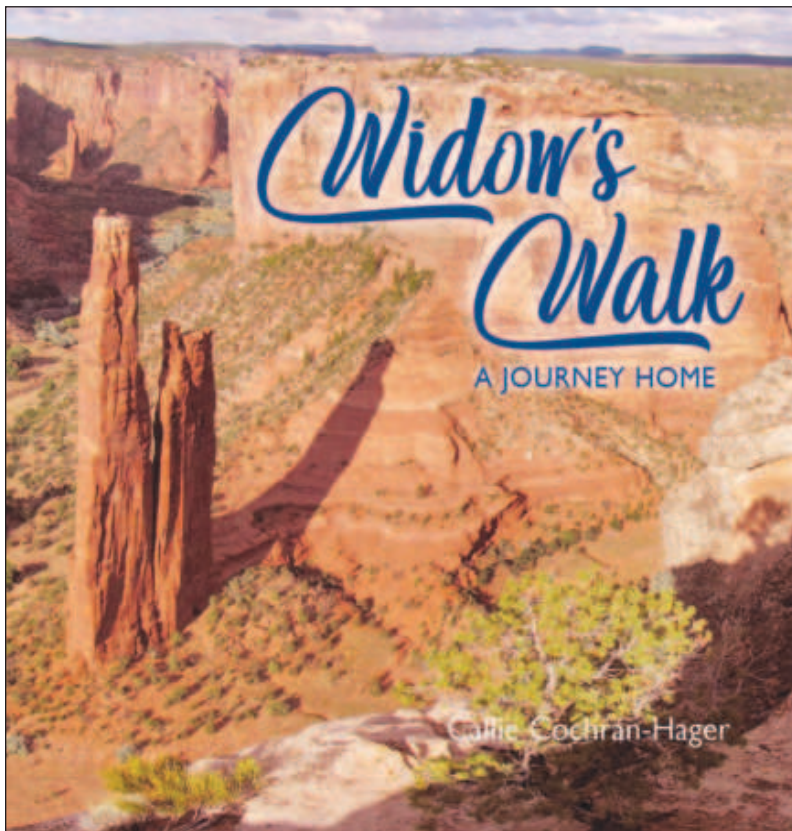
PUEBLO — When former Adams State College alumnus and Creede resident Callie Cochran-Hager lost her husband of 31-plus years to cancer, she found writing about it to be cathartic, and her journal eventually evolved into a personal memoir that chronicles an ongoing grief journey.

The book, entitled “Widow’s Walk: A Journey Home,” is available for sale at Narrow Gauge Bookstore in Alamosa and in softcover and kindle forms through Amazon.

Cochran-Hager and her late husband, Kent Hager, met in Alamosa in the early 1980s when she was a student at the college, and he worked as a planner for the San Luis Valley Council of Governments.

Hager obtained a seven-year grant to serve as a circuit rider city manager for Center, Saguache, Manassa and Creede. In 1985 he assumed the role of the city/county/land use administrator for Mineral County and served for 10 years.

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Courtesy photo

Hope in the Valley signs contract to purchase Rite of Passage property

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — Last week, the non-profit Hope in the Valley signed a contract with the Alamosa County Commissioners to purchase property to serve as the future site of a 30-bed residential treatment and recovery center. The 6,700 square foot building, locally known as the Rite of Passage, is located behind the Alamosa County Sheriff’s Office on 17th Street.

According to Alamosa County Administrator Roni Wisdom, the property was sold for \$700,000 and the hope is “to close before the end of the year.”

A Thursday afternoon conversation with Justin Luke Riley, partner and co-founder of Hope in the Valley, revealed that the plans for the facility go far and above the renovation of the property, including creation of a “community led treatment and recovery

center plus.” That language is used deliberately by Riley, “not for marketing purposes” but because it is an accurate description of the non-profit’s plans for the facility now and in the future, driven by a philosophy of “giving back” to the community and collaboration with community partners including local municipalities, non-profits, law enforcement, the district attorney’s office, the court system, health care systems and veterans’ organizations.

Riley has garnered a national reputation for, among other things, having worked with what he said are hundreds of treatment centers and starting Young People in Recovery which is described by Forbes magazine in 2017 and other publications as “changing the narrative around addiction recovery and fueling a new, energy led treatment and recovery

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genetic movement across the nation.” However, Riley is quick to sidestep being the focus of conversation, instead directing attention to the

deep commitment of his partners and fellow co-founders, Kim and Paul Reed, as well as the “incredible partnership” they have already

experienced in working with the Alamosa County Commissioners and, specifically, Wisdom, toward creation of the facility they envision.

Reynolds — nurse, resident of the valley and Paul Reed’s sister — who first alerted them to the property being available.

the first (center) of its kind — definitely in Alamosa but also the state,” Riley said. “We hope to show the rest of the country how successful our model can be at multiple levels.”



File photo

Hope in the Valley signed a contract with the Alamosa County Commissioners to purchase the Rite of Passage property to serve as the future site of a 30-bed residential treatment and recovery center.

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The couple married in Creede in 1988 and later moved to Leadville where he was hired as the Lake County Administrator.

In 1999, they moved to Wisconsin with their two young daughters. Hager served as the New London city administrator and was set to retire after 20 years.

Two weeks before he retired, he received a cancer diagnosis and succumbed five months later. His cancer, cholangiocarcinoma, also known as bile duct cancer, had spread to his liver and was incurable. He met his fate with quiet courage and grace, she said.

“We were shocked,” she admitted. “Kent worked so hard and looked forward to retirement. We had planned to eventually return to Colorado and resume our life in the high country, travel and play. We dreamed of returning to Creede and reuniting with our friends after so many years of living apart.”

Following his death and the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Cochran-Hager finished her 19th year of teaching English/Language Arts at New London High School. She retired in June of 2020. Her final year brought no closure, she recalled.

When schools closed in March and did not resume, she was not able to say good-bye to her students or colleagues. Working from the home she shared with her late husband felt awkward and lonely as well, and the decision to move came easy.

“My heart pulled me back to Colorado,” she said. “After losing Kent, I wanted to live near my mom and brother, so I found a house in my hometown of Pueblo and purchased it virtually, which was risky.”

She was joined by the couple’s two adult daughters, Erin and Quinn and Quinn’s husband, Joshua. They all live and work in Pueblo and find comfort in one another and the memories of husband and father.

All this time she continued to write.

“The book is made up of snippets of the grieving process,” she said. “I was able to be creative with a variety of narratives. I used vocabulary lists, letters, stream-of-conscious musings, and pictures to tell the story. As it progressed, I thought the book might provide an opportunity to share my story of loss and to validate others’ journeys. What people often don’t understand, unless they personally experience profound loss, is that



grief is not linear. You don’t start at Point A and move to Point Z. Grief is circular. It has no beginning or end. Folks unrealistically expect the grief stricken to get over it and move forward. There’s no getting over it. Our lives are forever changed. We are forever changed.”

She said after completing the manuscript, she noticed that it was not only a love letter to her late husband but a celebration of their time in the San Luis Valley.

“I will always regard the Valley as a magical place. I found my intellectual home at Adams State, met the love of my life, and celebrate lifelong friendships. I lived in Alamosa, South Fork and Creede and student taught at Del Norte Middle School and am grateful for the lessons and opportunities. Kent treasured his professional and personal relationships with people all over the Valley. I return as often as possible,” she said. “It feels like coming home.”

Assisted by editor and layout designer Phyllis Peterson of Magnolia Studio in New London, Wis., Cochran-Hager launched the book in late August. The memoir has received positive reviews, and she is scheduled to participate as a reader with local grief groups at churches and bookstores in Colorado.

Cochran-Hager, who taught creative writing to her students, said it’s important to “write what you know.” She did not, however, dream she would write a memoir about death and survival.

“I always dreamed of writing the great American novel. I guess nothing is stopping me now. This book is essentially my love letter to Kent, but it’s more than that. It’s a validation of grief. I hope it shares our story and offers grace and hope to others,” she said.

“Widow’s Walk: A Journey Home” is available through Amazon at <https://amzn.to/3ASK75S>.

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Wasinger named Broncos Coach of the Week

By **KEN HAMRICK**

MONTE VISTA — Monte Vista High School head football coach Manny Wasinger earned another accolade on Wednesday, Oct. 19, as he was named the Denver Broncos High School Football Coach of the Week.

The announcement was posted on the CHSAANow.com website.

Wasinger heaped the praise for winning the award upon his players.

“It’s a reflection on having coached a bunch of great kids,” Wasinger said prior to a 62-19 win over Center on Oct. 21. “They focus week by week and take care of the opponent in front of them. We got a good win last Friday night and those things are the result of the effort.”

It was also a milestone win for Wasinger as he earned his 250th career victory. He has a career record of 250-113, which includes 190 wins and 78 wins while at Alamosa High School, and he has 60 wins and 35 losses at Monte Vista.

“It was a good milestone, but it’s not something that was really on my radar,” Wasinger said. “It just kind of happened. This team included I’ve been blessed to coach a lot of great kids for a long time. They all have a lot of input in that. Also, a lot of great assistant coaches that

have put me in a position to be successful. I just reap the rewards of their hard work.”

The Pirates have had a great season in 2022 as they are undefeated in eight games.

“We’re trying to play one game at a time,” Wasinger said. “We know we can get better every Monday when we come back and work on mistakes. When you watch the film, you realize that you’re not as good as what the score reflects. So, there’s always room for improvement.”

Center is coached by one of Wasinger’s former players in Rodney Mondragon, who is one of several of his former athletes who have entered the coaching ranks.

“Henry Castillo up at Del Norte is a former player of mine,” Wasinger said. “Rodney of course coached last year in an interim position. Luis Corona out at Sierra Grande is doing a great job and he’s one of my former players at Alamosa. They’re around, but we don’t cross paths all the time, but it’s always fun to go against them.”

Monte Vista (8-0) will close out the regular season at home against Centauri (6-2) on Oct. 28 in what will decide the Southern Peaks League championship. Both teams are 4-0 in league play.

Wasinger did not speculate on

what will happen in the postseason.

“We know those things take care of themselves with RPI and Max-Preps,” Wasinger said. “Our job is to focus on getting a win this week and those things will play themselves out. However the playoffs play out, we’ll play who they tell us to play.”

This is the second time Wasinger has been named the Denver Broncos Coach of the Week — in 2014 after his 200th win in Monte Vista.

He was the Coach of the Year in 2001 after Alamosa won the state championship.

The Denver Broncos Coach of the Week also runs in his family as his son, Lane, won the same honors in 2017 at Roosevelt High School in Johnstown.

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The addition that is being re-roofed was built onto the library in the early 1980s and the building has remained the same since. Layers of shingles have been added to the roof over the years and it was time the issue was resolved.

“We are just so grateful to have the means to be able to do this. We have such a wonderful library in Del Norte, and it comes with a rich history. It is our job to see that it stays intact,” said Del Norte Public Library Board President Glynnis Williams.

As the new roof is installed, the library will keep to their regular business hours and programs. Over the last year, the library has started two new programs that have become popular.

“Our story time on Wednesdays has become very popular and we hope to continue to welcome children through the rest of the year and next summer as well. We have really enjoyed spending Wednesday mornings with parents and local children, so we hope to keep the program going,” said Williams.

The Story Time Program is hosted every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m.

The other program that is gaining popularity is the new Adventure Walk in Del Norte Town Park. This month’s book is titled “The Kissing Hand” and was sponsored by the Del Norte Head Start program.

“We are scheduling for sponsors for future books so if anyone wants to be a sponsor just call and we can get you set up,” said Williams. “Sponsors can be individuals, organizations, families or businesses. They just call, choose a book and we can get everything scheduled.”

The library purchased a new laminating machine and now offers this service.

“We recently purchased a large laminating machine for the Adventure Walk Program and can now offer laminating services to patrons. We also have a smaller machine to

do smaller projects which is nice,” Williams said.

Williams also stated that the library is currently trying to start a puzzle exchange program and would like anyone willing to bring in puzzles for all ages and abilities to help get the program going. The rules are simple — bring a puzzle, take a puzzle. The library is looking to increase their inventory of youth puzzles and preschooler age puzzles.

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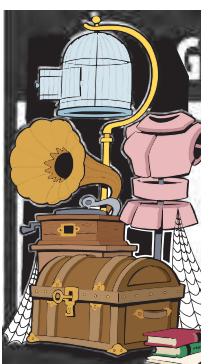
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Silver Sage 4-H Club sets fundraiser for Nov. 7

BY DIANE DREKMANN
BLANCA — The Silver Sage 4-H club in Costilla County is holding its second fundraiser Nov. 7. They are selling tickets for a chance to win a semi-truck load of wood logs. The drawing will be held at the Blanca-Fort Garland Community Center. The 4-H club is a national organization for children 5-18 years old. Best known for raising farm animals, the 4-H is so much more. Ted Cordova, of the Silver Sage chapter, shares the purpose of 4-H.

“...to teach them responsibility, how to manage things, do better in life, learning life skills and becoming successful adults,” Cordova said. Children in 4-H have the opportunity to learn cooking, gardening, photography, knitting, metal work, woodworking and leatherwork. The children are also taught to give back to the community. The 4-H donates toys for Toys for Tots and helps a local Blanca daycare, Tiny Hands. Last year, Ted Cordova and Amanda Wakasugi took over the reins from Wendy Fisher of the Costilla chapter of 4-H, Silver Sage, the only 4-H in Costilla County.

The children are taught how to take care of their animals, clip them properly, and learn about the world around them.

By planting a potato seed and seeing it through to harvest, children learn skills useful for the future and one of the main industries in the San Luis Valley.

Children go on nature hikes, catch and learn about different insects.

There are about 20 children involved with Silver Sage 4-H. Meetings are held at the Blanca-Fort Garland Community Center the first Monday of each month. There is a board with president, vice president, etc. comprised of the children so they can learn office procedures, how to conduct a business meeting, all useful skills.

Money from fundraisers pay for expensive equipment and the high costs associated with raising animals

which allow the children and their families to focus on caring for the animals.

Trinchera Ranch has been a generous supporter of Silver Sage 4-H, as well as All-Gon Restaurant in Fort Garland.

Last year, Trinchera Ranch donated Christmas trees for sale. This year, Trinchera Ranch is donating a semi-truckload of wood logs-delivered free of charge locally. The drawing will be held at the Blanca-

Fort Garland Community Center on Nov. 7 at 6:45 p.m. The winner will be notified by phone. Tickets are \$10 each or \$80 for 10 tickets. Call Cordova at 719-496-6282 or Wagasugi at 719-588-1023, for tickets and information.

Cordova is also on the board of the Blanca-Fort Garland Community Center and a major sponsor of the Halloween Maze and event Oct. 30. He wants to “...revitalize the youth and provide opportunities for

the children to be involved,” like building mazes or decorating cars. The Silver Sage 4-H club will have a booth at the Trunk or Treat event with information about 4-H.

The Blanca-Fort Garland Community Center provides a safe fun environment with many activities like a basketball court, swimming, fitness center, library, and craft room for children and adults. Call 719-379-3450, for information on times and programs.

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Moki Mobile Kitchen fundraiser set for Nov. 4

Staff Report
ALAMOSA — A fundraiser for Moki Mobile Kitchen is set for Nov. 4 at Milagros Coffeehouse in Alamosa from 4 to 9 p.m. They are raising money for the Moki Restoration Project Fund to build a new kitchen space at 1617 State Ave. in Alamosa. Moki Mobile Kitchen, a part of San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition, is a food truck that uses ingredients from the local farmer’s market. With the new kitchen, Moki Mobile Kitchen can continue providing healthy local food and other locally-produced items for the community. The fundraiser is also a chance for MMK to partner with local businesses like Milagros, Los Promotores, and RMSER.

People can sample local food and drink and enjoy the free entertainment at the fundraiser. Local businesses in the San Luis Valley have generously donated items for a silent auction. If unable to make it to the fundraiser, people can still contribute online at chuffed.org/project/reinvent-the-moki.

MV City Council two-day retreat is Nov. 4-5

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista City Council will meet for a two-day retreat on Nov. 4-5 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. and from 7:30 a.m. to noon, respectively, at the Ski-Hi Complex, 2335 Sherman Ave. Public work sessions are open to the public, but no comments will be taken.

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SLV Health receives HCI grant



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Health Colorado Inc. (HCI) is a system of integrated healthcare providers. They are Colorado's Region 4's organization helping healthcare systems improve health, wellness, and life outcomes. One of their tools to help SLV Health achieve solutions to improve health outcomes was to award a community reinvestment grant to offset the costs associated with improving access to employee housing. SLV Health is thankful to HCI for this award as well as the ongoing working relationship to address the social determinants of patients and the community. Left to right are Lori Roberts, CEO and Program Officer; Christina Brown, Director of Community Engagement and Transformation; Audrey Reich Loy, SLVH Director of Program Operations; Betty Nufer, CHI Board member and Community Engagement Chair.

Veterans Day Parade set for Monte Vista

By LYNSIE FERRELL

MONTE VISTA — For the first time in several years, Monte Vista will have a Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 12 at 10 a.m.

Though details for the event are still underway, Rio Grande County Commissioner Scott Deacon is thrilled to be a part of the planning process and is looking for additional help to get the event off the ground.

"I am really happy to be planning this event. I was never a veteran, but I think this is something our community needs. I am looking for

some help with planning though, so anyone who has ideas can reach out to me," said Deacon. "We just really want participants for the parade so we aren't doing entry forms but will have waivers for participants to sign."

Deacon was approached by a local veteran and asked if he would be willing to coordinate the event and Deacon immediately jumped on the opportunity.

"So far, we are hoping to have local school bands from Monte Vista and Del Norte, a local car club, the tractor club and hopefully the Honor Guard and a military fly

over, though all of this is still in the works. Any help anyone can offer would be greatly appreciated," said Deacon.

Deacon will also be reaching out to Homelake Veteran Center to see about working with them.

"I just think it is really important that we recognize and celebrate our local veterans. This is something we should do every year and hopefully will be able to moving forward," he said.

For more information or to help with the event, contact Deacon at 719-850-1180.

CAC presents Jamboree Nov. 12

CONTRIBUTED

CREEDE — Join Rally 'Round, Caldera, and the Creede Arts Council at the Creede Elks Lodge on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 6 p.m. for the second-ever Jamboree. A Jamboree, according to Merriam-Webster, is a large festive gathering or a long, mixed program of entertainment.

Dancing will be encouraged at the Jamboree. Rally 'Round is a reggae band featuring Malcolm Snead, Joe Baker, and Steve Reynolds. Caldera, a Creede-based quartet, melds Americana and Rock sounds to create a blend of insightful originals and distinct covers.

The Jamboree proceeds will bene-

fit the nonprofit mission of the Creede Arts Council to cultivate the arts in the community. A free-will donation will be accepted at the door and the Elks will offer a cash bar. The Creede Arts Council will provide snacks.

For more information, contact the CAC at 719-658-0312 or creedearts@outlook.com.

South Fork Chamber offering Holiday Blackout Bingo

CONTRIBUTED

SOUTH FORK — The South Fork Chamber of Commerce is launching its first-ever Holiday Blackout Bingo in November, with the grand prize of a 75-inch Smart TV.

The bingo will not be a sit-down event, but rather free bingo cards that can be picked up at the South Fork Visitor's Center.

"Basically, each square on the card represents a South Fork retail business or restaurant," said South Fork Chamber of Commerce president Joe Ford. "Participants just need to make a purchase from each of the businesses represented on the bingo card."

Here's the event in a nutshell: fill up the card, support the local community, get some Christmas shopping done early and be in the running for a big-screen television.

"We intentionally did not add a

minimum purchase, so participants can spend a little or a lot," Ford said. "The idea is to get folks shopping in our local businesses during a typically slow time of year and visiting stores they don't know much about."

Bingo cards can be picked up at the South Fork Visitor's Center beginning on Nov. 1. Rules will be on the back of each bingo card. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. Filled out cards and receipts must be returned to the Visitor's Center by noon on Nov. 23.

The Chamber's Big Screen Smart TV drawing will be held during the annual Yuletide lighting on Nov. 25 at the Visitor's Center. Participants need not be present.

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4. Celebrations
9. Pulpits
14. Pin
15. Rare laughing
16. Parts of the circulatory system
17. Financial term
18. Pearl Jam frontman
20. Cores of vascular plants
22. Strong sharp smell or taste
23. City in S. Korea
24. One from Damascus
28. Short message at the end of an email
29. It cools your home
30. Towards the mouth or oral region
31. Intestinal pouches
33. Boys and men
37. The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
38. Former CIA
39. A way to arrange
41. Body cavity
42. The Great Lake State
43. A type of seal
44. Stop for a moment
46. Ancient kingdom
49. Of I
50. White clerical vestment
51. Songs to a lover
55. Prices
58. Sun-dried brick
59. Where to park a boat
60. One who values reason and knowledge

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65. Sailboats
66. Actress Zellweger
67. Type of screen
68. Country singer Haggard
69. Puts together in time
70. When you hope to arrive

CLUES DOWN

1. An involuntary muscular contraction
2. PA transit system
3. Leaves a place
4. Sweet greenish fruit
5. Lends support to
6. Chap
7. Singer Di Franco
8. Water at boiling temperature diffused in the atmosphere
9. Asserts to be the case
10. Doctor (Spanish)
11. Auction attendee
12. Characterized by unity
13. Soviet Socialist Republic
19. Way to analyze video (abbr.)
21. Nonclerical

24. Tree resin
25. The academic world
26. Khoikhoi peoples
27. Infer from data
31. Arrives
32. Apart
34. Takes on cargo
35. Beloved Hollywood alien
36. Takes apart
40. Dorm official
41. Secondary or explanatory descriptor
45. Relating to wings
47. Speaker
48. Situated in the middle
52. Loop with a running knot
53. Alaska nursing group (abbr.)
54. Beloveds
56. Establish by law or with authority
57. Border river between India and Nepal
59. Millisecond
60. Revolutions per minute
61. They ___
62. ESPN broadcaster Bob
63. A place to stay

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Did you know?

According to the Pew Research Center, Christians were the largest religious group in the world in 2015. In the 2017 report, "The Changing Global Religious Landscape," the Pew Research Center states that there

are roughly 2.3 billion Christians in the world. That figure translates to slightly more than 31 percent of the world's population. Muslims (1.8 billion) make up the world's second largest religious group in 2015, account-

ing for nearly one-quarter of the world's overall population of 7.3 billion. Pew researchers project that Muslims will be the fastest-growing major religious group between 2015 and 2060, followed by Christians, Hindus and

Jews, respectively. That might be because so many subscribers to the Muslim faith are young. In fact, Muslims have the youngest median age (24) of any of the world's major religions, meaning many Muslims have their child-

bearing years ahead of them. The median age for Christians is 30, which could be why the Christian population is not expected to grow as significantly in the coming decades as the Muslim population.

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What to expect at a religious wedding ceremony

Weddings can be as unique and varied as the couples tying the knot. Quite often couples like to include certain twists on the ceremony and celebration to personalize their big days. But just as there are surprises at weddings, there also are many traditions that will be adhered to during ceremonies.

Couples who opt for religious wedding ceremonies often adhere to certain rules and traditions fostered by their faiths. Guests who may be unfamiliar with traditions outside of their own beliefs may not know what to expect during certain ceremonies.

Jewish celebrations

The world's Jewish population is divided among many distinctive denominations and further classifications. Although there may be subtle differences in wedding ceremonies between the sects, Jewish wedding traditions tend to be consistent across the groups.

Conservative and Orthodox Jews may not hold weddings on the Sabbath or other holidays. Couples will sign the Ketuba, which is a marriage document affirming their connection to each other and to God.

The ceremony starts with grandparents seated first, followed by a procession of the rabbi, cantor and groomsmen. The groom and bride will be

escorted by their parents. The wedding party will gather beneath the chuppah, which is a canopy that signifies a house and represents the couple's future together. A solid gold ring is given only to the bride according to Jewish law, although more liberal rabbis may allow a ring for the groom as a gift. The bridegroom smashes a wineglass with his foot after the vows have been exchanged.

Christian celebrations

Christian celebrations are similar among the various denominations. Such ceremonies typically involve a processional, though the groom is typically not included, instead standing at the altar. Christians typically hear various scripture readings, and the officiant will explain the significance of marriage in this faith. Many Catholic weddings feature a full Mass during wedding ceremonies, and this Mass includes the transubstantiation of the Holy Eucharist.

After vows and rings are exchanged, the couple kisses and is pronounced husband and wife in the eyes of God. The bride and groom will go on to sign the marriage document with two witnesses on hand.

Hindu celebrations

A Hindu wedding celebration is an elaborate affair that includes extended family and



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Wedding ceremonies commonly include scripture readings, vows, rituals, and other religious traditions specified by the faith.

community members. The wedding ceremony is called vivaah sanskar and can be a very colorful celebration that lasts for days. The couple and guests will be wearing traditional dress. The bride usually wears body art produced with a mixture of henna and turmeric.

Hindu rituals may vary widely,

but some key things are shared. According to the "Encyclopedia of Hinduism," many will include the Kanyadaan, or giving away of the daughter by her father; Pani-grahana, or holding one's hands by a fire to signify the union; and Saptapadi, which is taking seven steps and making seven promises to each other before the fire. The

couple may have their clothing tied together during the seven promises ritual to represent their lifelong bond.

Wedding ceremonies may vary depending on culture and religion, but they all share the joy of two people pledging their love and devotion to each other. BR161765

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Sunday Worship and Wednesday Bible Study streamed Live at [Facebook.com/David.Gale.142](https://www.facebook.com/David.Gale.142)

Creede Baptist Church is located in the historic mining town of Creede. It is nestled between South Fork to the east and Lake City to the west on Highway 149. If you are ever in Creede, we would love to have you stop in and worship with us.

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11 a.m. Nursery, Children's Church and Worship Service

Wednesday Evening:

6 p.m. Bring and Share Pot Luck Dinner

7 p.m. Children/Youth Group
Adult Bible Study

Sunday Evening:

6 p.m. Bible Study



Religious giving and tithing today

Nonprofit organizations rely on the generosity of donors to help them meet their mission statements. Billions of dollars are donated to charities each year, but few people may know that religious organizations are among the biggest beneficiaries of Americans' charitable largesse.

According to data from the National Study of American Religious Giving and the National Study of American Jewish Giving, American households donated a median of \$375 to congregations, \$150 to religiously identified nonprofit organizations and \$250 to secular charities in 2012. Various sources repeatedly state that those who identify as religious people are more likely to be philanthropic. That likelihood may be a byproduct of the tradition of tithing.

Instituted in ancient times, tithing is a concept of giving 10 percent of one's personal income to a religious organization. Because donors' income was unlike it is today, centuries ago tithes often came as donations of produce and livestock. Tithing was compulsory within traditional Jewish law and practice, and Christians adopted the practice through Old Testament teachings. Tithing is mentioned in Leviticus 27:30, Numbers 18:26, Deuteronomy 14:24, and 2 Chronicles 31:5. While the New Testament does not recommend or demand tithing and only mentions that gifts should be "in keeping with income," some religious groups continue to embrace tithing.

Depending on the religious organization, adherents to a particular faith may be encouraged to tithe. But many religious groups now leave it up to donors' discretion



with regard to how much to give.

Givers are encouraged to see where their donations go, and it's not without reason to ask for accounting from a church, synagogue or mosque to understand how donations are attributed. Many religious groups voluntarily publish this information

in weekly bulletins.

Individuals who plan to give to religious organizations can determine a donation figure that is within their means and adjust it accordingly through the years — giving out of feelings of purpose and not obligation. GB15B638

Incense is a common component of religious ceremonies

Religious ceremonies are rife with various traditions. Candles and oil are just two of the many symbols commonly found during weekly services and holy days of obligation. During special ceremonies and sacraments, church officials also may use incense.

At some liturgical services, priests, deacons or altar servers may swing censers that send plumes of perfumed smoke into the house of worship. Individuals may not know why incense is used in certain religious ceremonies. Many religions once burned incense as an offering to a deity or to use as an aid in prayer. According to the book, "Ancient Egyptian Materials and Industries," by A. Lucas, the first recorded use of incense was by the Egyptians during the fifth dynasty. The use of incense also was commonplace in Eastern religions.

In Western churches, particularly Roman Catholic churches, incense is housed in a thurible, which is a metal censer suspended from chains. The Christian practice of using incense is rooted in the earlier traditions of Judaism.

The word "incense" is derived from the Latin *incendere*, which means "to burn." In the Old Testament, God commanded His people to burn incense in various passages. He commanded Moses to make an altar of incense for

worship in Exodus 30:1-10:

You shall make an altar to burn incense upon; of acacia wood shall you make it . . . And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it; every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it, and when Aaron sets up the lamps in the evening, he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations.

God even specifies the recipe for incense, blended with spices and frankincense.

Incense has not only represented gifts to God, but also has been used to sanctify and purify an area. The smoke symbolically purifies all that it touches. Hands and liturgical vessels, such as chalices, may be inverted over the burning incense to be cleansed in the fragrant smoke. Often a priest will swing the thurible over the altar, the Book of the Gospels, the paschal candle, the altar cross, and even himself and his parishioners. The censer may be swung between one and three times depending on the object or person being honored, according to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), a detailed document that governs celebration of the Mass.

Incense is an integral part of many religious services. It may be used in weekly masses or reserved for ceremonies celebrating sacraments or High Holy Days. TF175999

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The church on the hill



Patron saints of some popular professions

Some Roman Catholic churches require parishioners hoping to receive the sacrament of confirmation to choose confirmation names. In such instances, prospective confirmands are asked to choose a saint who inspires them or one with whom they identify. Some would-be confirmands may identify with the patron saints of professions they hope to one day pursue. The following is a list of the patron saints of some popular professions.

- Accountants: St. Matthew
- Artists: St. Luke
- Athletes: St. Sebastian
- Authors: St. Francis de Sales
- Carpenters: St. Joseph
- Comedians: St. Vitus
- Dietitians: St. Martha
- Engineers: St. Ferdinand III
- Firemen: St. Florian
- Hotel keepers: St. Amand
- Lawyers: St. Thomas More, St. Yves
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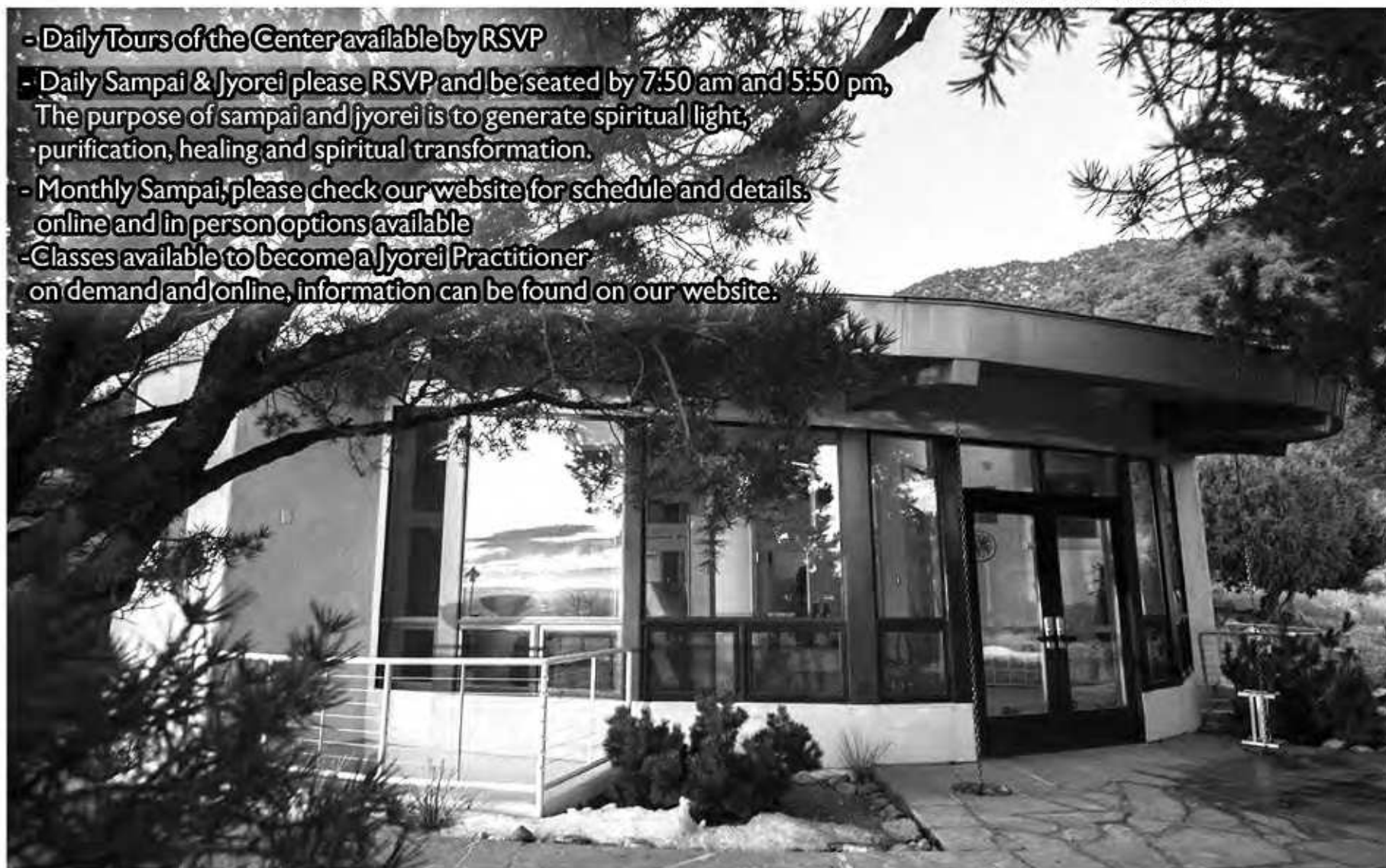


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am from Labor Day – Memorial
Day and worship at 11:00 am

The wind blows, picking up handfuls of freshly fallen snow and swirling it across the open fields and meadows laid bare to winter. It's hard to imagine what those first pioneers were thinking as they looked across the San Luis Valley for the first time in the spring of 1874. This small band of pioneers who had a solid faith in Christ braved the ice, snow and bad weather to find a better way of life "out west". They first moved their wagons, families, belongings and stock to Rock Creek where they filed for homesteads all along the upper and lower Rock Creek area.

As soon as the homes were established, they began having religious services in their homes. Next, they built a school house which was also used for religious services. The building burned but these determined, devoted Presbyterians, along with some Dunkards in the group got busy and built another church across the road...this church being the Rock Creek Union Church.

The next few years were hard for this little church. The winters were very severe and cold with deep snow. A Scarlet Fever epidemic took the lives of many of the children. Not long after that, a Smallpox epidemic took its toll. Some of the families moved away because of the hardships here. However, records were faithfully kept and these show that church meetings were held regularly and church kept going. The church sat close to the Rock Creek Cemetery where many of these pioneers are buried.

On October 30, 1881 a committee of church people met and sent a petition to the Presbytery of Pueblo asking they be permitted to organize a Presbyterian Church on Rock Creek. Presbytery granted this as many newcomers of the Presbyterian faith were coming to town. By this time, the town of Monte Vista was growing so it was decided to build a church in town.

The first church in town was built at 2nd and Washington. This was sold and a new and bigger church was built in the current location of 2nd and Broadway in 1898. The bell, which has called people to church for the past 142 years, was originally in the bell tower of the first church. The bell was moved to the stone church and continues to ring every Sunday.

In the church's safe deposit box there is a contract dated September, 1898 to purchase 69 pews at a cost of \$435. Other beautiful carvings and the wood interior were completed by Andrew Edstrom, the Stephens brothers, Charles Ydren, and the Andersons – all wood workers and cabinet makers from Sweden and homesteading on Swede Lane north of town. Our church has been blessed through the years with wood workers Roland Martin and Rod Paulson keeping our interior hand crafted wood in top shape.

All through the years, music has been a major part of our church service. The organ that gave so much service in the beginning years of the church on Rock Creek was moved to and used in the frame church built in town. It was a pump organ pumped by boys of the congregation and concealed by a screen behind the organ. These boys would be seen sleeping during the sermon at times. The pump organ still has a home in the church although it is never used. It was indeed a great day when the electric pipe organ was installed in the stone church in 1915. The session authorized Charles Edmond to use his knowledge to search in Chicago to find just the right instrument. It is only one of four pipe organs in the entire San Luis Valley. There have been numerous school concerts, recitals and musical events performed in our church. We are one of the few churches with a choir today and duets, using the pipe organ and piano, are played on a regular weekly basis.

Our manse is a small mansion. The new yellow brick residence of the minister was built next to the church in 1906. It has two full stories with three bedrooms, bath and a half, and a room for a study upstairs. It has a beautiful sunroom upstairs and a nice 'southern' porch around the front downstairs. The main floor has oak woodwork and floors, a large foyer, living room, dining room, small parlor, and kitchen. Many of the same wood crafters that lovingly crafted the wood in the church also hand crafted the wood work in the manse. The ladies of the church usually met in the manse for their meetings and teas. Many pastors and their wives would host Christmas open house at the manse offering delicious food and welcoming fellowship.

Our church has continued on with pastors coming and going. Some years were good, some not so good. One story stands out beginning in October, 1929 when Rev. Henry McKenzie began his service as pastor. The church experienced revitalization under his leadership and celebrated its 50th anniversary for two days. But the Depression wrought havoc with church funds and the church could not support the pastor's salary. The pastor was owed over \$1,714 besides other debts. The minister, having to eat, resigned and went to Ohio. The resolving of the church debt was taken over by church officers. They managed to collect the salary owed the pastor and later liquidated the whole church debt.

World War I and World War II both took church members away to war. One minister, Rev. Clare Tallman, answered the call to serve as a chaplain with the Armed Forces in 1939. The church held his position open for his return, his mother remained in the manse during that time. The events of 9/11 called another pastor, Maurie Campbell. As an Army reserve Chaplain, he was called to active duty to the Pentagon. Several other pastors and church members served our country including Faith Hinkley, who gave the ultimate sacrifice of her life.

Our church has celebrated milestones along the way, most recently our 140th anniversary. Our church has been and continues to be the cornerstone of the community. There were hard times but there were good times, too. The doors have remained opened – never closing to the needs of the community – even during the recent pandemic. It is the good-hearted, faithful, and caring believers that continue to keep our church alive. Let us be reminded that it is not the building that makes one a Christian but it is by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Savior, to whom this building is dedicated.

1st Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista is a member of the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians also known by the acronym ECO. The word Presbyterian comes from the Greek word *πρεσβυτέρους* (*presbuterous*) in Titus 1:5 which translated is "elder." In other words, we are a church governed by elders.

The mission of ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians is to build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ.

How ECO Began

In the summer of 2010, seven pastors from the Presbyterian Church (USA) spoke of finding new ways to encourage each other in faith, ministry, and mission. They were concerned by the declining membership within their denomination (from four million to two million in 40 years). And they worried that growing denominational disputes over theology and bureaucracy stole focus from their pastoral calling of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and equipping a new generation to lead. These pastors dreamed of reclaiming a sense of covenanted community among leaders from a Presbyterian and Reformed heritage, and to find new ways for churches to connect, grow, and multiply.

In January 2011, these pastors sent out a letter to PC(USA)

pastors around the country, asking if others wanted to join in crafting a new way forward. The response was overwhelming: just seven months later, in August 2011, nearly 2,000 men and women gathered in Minneapolis to dream and pray. This became the birth of The Fellowship of Presbyterians, a ministry association that seeks to equip and connect those in various Presbyterian denominations including the PC(USA). But some pastors and congregations felt God calling them to leave the PC(USA), and many young seminarians were looking for a different context for ordination. As a result, in January 2012, at a conference in Orlando with more than 2,200 in attendance, a new denomination was formed: ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

Our Name

The name ECO is not an acronym. It reinforces our passion for strengthening the ecosystems of local churches. We believe that the Church is a living organism that needs life-giving resources to help it grow, thrive, and multiply. ECO is committed to cultivating a healthy, diverse, resource-rich ecosystem where pastors and congregations can flourish

As part of the ECO denomination the denomination and church focus on:

Covenant life in the church.

- In Christ, we are adopted into the family of God and find our new identity as brothers and sisters of one another, since we now share one Father.

- Within the covenant community of the church, God's grace is extended through the preaching of the Word, the administration of the Sacraments, and the faithful practice of mutual discipline.

Faithful stewardship of all of life.

- The ministries of the church reflect the three-fold office of Christ as prophet, priest, and king – reflected in the church's ordered ministries of teaching elders, deacons, and ruling elders.

- Jesus teaches us that we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind. There is no part of human life that is off limits to the sanctifying claims of God.

Living in obedience to the Word of God

- Progress in holiness is an expected response of gratitude to the grace of God, which is initiated, sustained, and fulfilled by the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

