

Shorts

365 Health Fair returning to Creede on Sept. 24

CREEDE — It's time again for you to take advantage of many free and low-cost health screenings as Creede teams up with 365 Healt. The fair will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the public school located at 450 Corsair Dr., Creede.

Monte Vista Honors Society to host a community movie fun night

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista High School National Honors Society chapter is having a community movie fun night on Sept. 16.

The movie and games will be at the Monte Vista High School football field. It begins at 6 p.m. with games, and prizes, and the movie will start at 8 p.m. Concessions will be available at the event.

The cost is \$3 for kids, \$8 for adults, and \$6 for seniors citizens. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The movie is still being decided upon. They are choosing from four movies — "Luca," "Sing 2," "Spiderman," or Disney's "Lightyear."

Colorado Encyclopedia seeks public's help

The Colorado Encyclopedia (CE) is producing a virtual tour about the history and legacy of La Sociedad Protección Mutua de Trabajadores Unidos (S.P.M.D.T.U.)'s Concilio Superior.

With the help of S.P.M.D.T.U. members CE has found numerous archival images of La Sociedad. So far, however, they have been unable to find photographs of the following events that took place at the Concilio Superior: boxing matches, basketball games, roller skating, dances.

If you have any photographs of these events or posters advertising such events, or know where CE could find them, contact virtual tour creative director Erika O'Connor by email: erikaoconor@gmail.com or phone 310-425-2313.

Photos of San Antonio Feast Day sought

The Colorado Encyclopedia is producing a virtual tour about the history of the Las Sauces/Las Sauces community and the San Antonio de Padua Church.

If you have photos of San Antonio Feast Day celebrations in Las Sauces or of people at the dance halls that used to exist in town, contact virtual tour creative director Erika O'Connor by email: erikaoconor@gmail.com or phone 310-425-2313.

Multiple agencies conduct law enforcement operation in Saguache County

BY PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — In the early morning hours of Aug. 30, a major law enforcement operation was conducted in a housing development known as KV Estates, located in Moffat in rural Saguache County.

The operation was initiated at the property located on Tappero Road followed by, according to Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick, additional operations conducted at multiple locations throughout the day.

Warwick confirmed that multiple law enforcement agencies were involved in providing assistance to SCSO and included the use of helicopters and other "equipment people may not

have seen used in operations like this before," he said.

However, beyond that basic information, Warwick was not willing to elaborate.

"This is an ongoing investigation," he said, "We have no further comment at this time."

According to their HOA website, KV Estates is located on 1,100 acres subdivided into 779 lots of various sizes.

Photos posted on the K-V Estates Facebook page display a sprawling development with some residences appearing to be uninhabitable or abandoned and others constructed in a manner not typically found in areas described as housing developments.ç



Courtesy photo

Saguache County Sheriff's Office along with multiple law enforcement agencies conducted an operation on Aug. 30 at the development known as KV Estates in Moffat.



Photo by Patrick Shea

Fans posed for framed selfies at the Seven Peaks Music Festival outside Villa Grove on Labor Day Weekend.

Seven Peaks Music Festival creates its own town

BY PATRICK SHEA

VILLAGROVE — Fans flocked to the Seven Peaks Music Festival on private land outside of Villa Grove for three days of music, food, and fresh air. Festival founder and headliner Dierks Bentley routinely draws

massive crowds, thrilling the people with his music on the road.

But he doesn't throw in accommodations, security, food, and services like he did for his Labor Day party. With the help of Live Nation, multiple vendors, and San Luis Valley

agency cooperation, Bentley's event turned into a small city for a few days.

Representing the Saguache County Tourism Council at a booth between the two stages, Saguache Hotel owner Andy Hackbarth said, *Please see MUSIC on Page 8A*

Music festival reverberates for Commissioners

BY PATRICK SHEA

SAGUACHE/VILLAGROVE — The bulk of Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick's report to the county commissioners on Sept. 6 reflected his experience as Incident Commander for the Seven Peaks Music Festival over Labor Day Weekend.

"The event went overall very, very well," Warwick said.

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Echoing Django Reinhardt and traditional bluegrass, Rapidgrass ripped through a few songs with blazing mandolin (and a gospel tune song by Sarah, sister of band leader Mark Morris).

Photo by Patrick Shea



Baca Grande could become a town

BY PATRICK SHEA

BACAGRANDE SUBDIVISION

— Ahead of the Baca Grande Property Owners Association meeting on Sept. 8, the growing subdivision sits at a crossroads.

The Baca Grande POA Candidate Forum for potential board membership has been a long tradition for the unique covenant community south of Crestone. But this year marks a turn toward incorporation as a new town in Colorado, the town of Baca Grande.

Members will receive ballots in the mail before the annual Baca Grande POA meeting at 7 p.m. on Oct. 14 in the POA meeting hall.

Encouraged to return their ballots before the meeting, property owners will decide the future of their community. The process of incorporation has been under discussion for years — along with potential annexation with Crestone. But on Aug. 8, the process of becoming an incorporated town became official.

Volunteers submitted the petition to the District Court. With requirements met, the next step entailed appointing

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OBITUARIES

Mary Elizabeth (Hearn) Churchman

Mary Elizabeth (Hearn) Churchman passed from this life on Aug. 25, 2022, at UT Southwest in Dallas. She was a resident of Granbury, Texas.

Mary graduated from Adamson High School in Dallas, Texas, in 1957 and then from North Texas State College in Denton in 1961.

In 1961, she married Joe Churchman, and they had two sons, Edmond Joseph and David Shawn.

Mary taught art for 36 years in the DISD at Rosemont Elementary, TW Browne Junior High, and Kimball High School.

Post-retirement she and Joe opened Wild River Gallery in South Fork, Colo., and split their time between there and Granbury, Texas. She was preceded by her husband Joe and her son, Ed.

Mary is survived by her son Shawn and his husband Tom Spector; her brother Ronald Hearn,



her granddaughter Haleigh Lanae Churchman; great-granddaughter Kayden Sage Lamb; and her son's widow, Kimberly Clanton Churchman.

A Funeral Service for Mary will be 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, at the Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury, Texas.

Arrangements were made by Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury, Texas.

JoAnne Grace Medina

Longtime Monte Vista resident JoAnne Grace Medina passed away on Aug. 30, 2022, at UC Health Hospital in Colorado Springs surrounded by loved ones. She was born Sept. 2, 1948, in Alamosa, Colo., to Rose P. Martinez and Benito Martinez.

JoAnne was the truest matriarch of her family of which was her pride and joy. A true Christian and believer in God she led her life being selfless and loving without condition.

JoAnne was a woman of many talents and hobbies which included being an amazing cook and baker, novel reader, embroiderer, seamstress and crocheter. JoAnne loved to spend her time gardening during her summers and enjoying the outdoors.

Anyone that knew JoAnne knew that her home was always open for conversation and her fridge always full of meals to comfort you. A truer friend and kinder person could not exist.

JoAnne is survived by her devoted son Peter Medina (Robert Brown), daughter Stephanie Molina, sisters Loretta Pacheco and Leola (Anastacio) Lopez, and brothers Ricky (Stella) Martinez and Gabel Vigil, grandchildren Tobias (Toby) Medina, Cassandra



Medina (Paul Lince), Jennifer Delgado, Angelo Molina, Angelize Molina and great-grandchildren Elijah and JuliAnna Medina as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Tobias Medina, daughter Roseann Medina, mother Rose P. Martinez, father Benito Martinez, and brothers Leroy Martinez and Benito Martinez.

A private service has been selected to honor the final wishes of JoAnne. To express condolences to the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com.

Rogers Family mortuary in Monte Vista is in care of the arrangements.

Subway Sean walks across Valley

STAFF REPORT

MONTE VISTA — Subway Sean walked through Monte Vista on Friday, Sept. 1, one of many towns on his 3,044-mile trek from Massachusetts to California. Of course, as his name implies, he stopped at the Subway in Monte Vista for a bite to eat, and he knew there was another in Del Norte just up the highway if he wanted a snack.

Sean Clancy arrived in Alamosa on Wednesday, took Thursday off, and was back on the road Friday, planning to stop for the night just outside of Monte Vista. He averages walking 26 miles per day.

Clancy, 26, is using the walk to raise money and awareness for Big City Mountaineers, a Denver-based national nonprofit that provides camping and backpacking trips for disadvantaged youth.

And, he gave himself an extra challenge. He can only eat products sold at the fast-food chain Subway.

"I was looking into the trip, and I found out there's 47 other people that have done this trip before, so I wanted to find my own twist so when I finished, I could say I'm the only one that's done this type of trip," he said. "I did a little research into what food I could survive on, and I landed on Subway."

He began walking on May 1 and plans to finish the walk on the pier in Santa Monica, sometime in October.

Clancy began training for the trip in September of 2021. He dubbed himself "Subway Sean" and built up a social media following by livestreaming his training sessions on the online video platform Twitch. He continues to livestream while on his journey across America.

He started the walk using a small backpack and a baby stroller. Two months into his walk, The Subway Corporation gave him a customized stroller and an electronic Subway gift card for as many subs as he wanted. The stroller has dual solar panels, a sandwich cooler, and other features.

In addition to the stroller, a \$10,000 donation was made by Subway to support Clancy's campaign to raise money for Big City Mountaineers. He has received \$3,000 in additional donations to date.

"When we learned about Sean's journey across America



Photos by Brian Williams

Subway Sean is walking from Massachusetts to California to raise money and awareness for Big City Mountaineers, a Denver-based national nonprofit that provides camping and backpacking trips for disadvantaged youth.

and his love for Subway sandwiches, we wanted to make his journey even better! Sean can fuel up with craveable sandwiches on us to make his food stops seamless as he journeys towards the West Coast," said a Subway Spokesperson. "3,000 miles is a long way to travel, and we recognize his equipment will start to feel the wear and tear of the road. That's why we'll be providing Sean with brand new equipment halfway along his journey."

There have been more changes for Clancy since starting the journey 125 days ago. He is letting his hair grow out and stopped shaving so he can get that "Forrest Gump" look. He has also dropped a few pounds — more than 50, Clancy admits.

"When I started, I weighed 215," Clancy said. "I think I'm at about 155 to 160 now."

His livestream can be watched at subwaysean on the Twitch platform.

SAGUACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

SAGUACHE COUNTY — The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the period between Aug. 29 and Sept. 5, 2022.

The Sheriff and deputies had a busy week with the Seven Peaks Music Festival in Villa Grove, a drug bust at KV Estates, and increased traffic for Labor Day. Assisting the Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED), staff participated in a thorough search for MED violations at KV Estates.

In addition to a weather evacuation and emergency medical attention for a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) crash at the music festival, two arrests and a rapid response at the gun checkpoint tested the department.

Throughout the week, staff made 11 traffic stops, monitored 13 controlled burns, and conducted two checks on suspicious activity. They conducted

three search and rescue operations, assisted citizens and other agencies, provided information, made two welfare checks, and arranged four ambulance rides.

Loose animals and livestock required attention, and deputies handled an intoxicated person, a protection order violation, child abuse, four assaults, and multiple traffic complaints.

ARRESTS

• A 38-year-old Florida man paid a \$100 bond after being picked up for a Failure to Appear charge from Las Animas County.

• A 45-year-old Monte Vista man was arrested for failing to appear in court.

• A 25-year-old Saguache man was arrested for failing to comply with officers.

• A 38-year-old Center woman who violated a protection order was

arrested on Sept. 1, paid the \$1,000 cash bond, was arrested again on Sept. 2, and her father bailed her out.

• A 35-year-old Center man was arrested for harassment, domestic violence, and violating a protection order.

• A 21-year-old Center man was arrested for failing to appear in court.

• A 28-year-old Arizona man was arrested for attempted murder in the first degree, menacing and assault with a deadly weapon, and driving under the influence.

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commissioners. Once established, the commissioners met to set a date and time for all the registered electors residing within the area to vote on incorporation. The Oct. 15 meeting

falls within the 90-day limit for seeking community consensus.

Spread over 10,500 acres, the Baca Grande population has grown to more than 1,200 people, roughly one-fifth

the population of Saguache County.

Instead of assessing flat fees for all Baca Grande property owners who own raw land or developed homes like they do today, an incorporated town taxes

owners according to the Saguache County Assessor's Office evaluations. The implications for increased revenue continue, but only if the POA members vote for incorporation.

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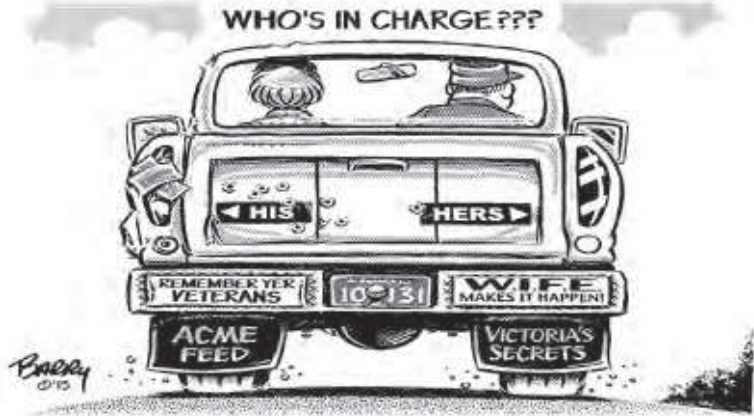
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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Hunting on the Rio Grande National Forest



Does a bear poop in the woods

I would imagine that everyone has heard that rhetorical question stated at one time or another when someone is asked something so blatantly obvious that a simple yes just will not do. Such as someone asking a doctor if he sees any sick people. To which he might answer “does a bear poop in the woods?” Which means of course he does. He’s a doctor for Pete’s sake. What other kind of people would he see?

That phrase has been used over and over so many times by people both famous and not so famous that it’s impossible to really pin down the origins. So, let’s just suffice to say it’s been around in one form or another for a long time and may have even been Eve’s answer to Adam when asked if she ate the darned apple.

Which kind of brings me around to the subject of today’s column which is Ol’ Dutch Goes Camping. And even though it’s obvious that I am going to have to use the restroom in the woods, that is not really the storyline here.

But it is convoluted and long so as usual I will give it my best shot.

Way back in the early days of romantic passion and pursuit of Miss Trixie when Ol’ Dutch took her to the circus and then bear hunting on our first two dates, something else occurred that made me realize that true love was a bloom.

We had gone on an ATV ride of considerable length and having found a suitable spot to have a picnic Miss Trixie proceeded to walk off in the forest and pee. Now for some of you that may not be too remarkable of a thing to witness but Ol’ Dutch had been married previously to a woman that had to come to town to take care of business no matter how far up in the forest we were.

This put a real downer on being able to stay up in the mountains for any length of time as we spent most of the day driving to and from a toilet.

Seeing Miss Trixie pee was like the straw that broke the camel’s back for me, and I fell in love on the spot. That last statement did not come out quite right but what I meant to say is “knowing” she could go in the woods and not actually “seeing” her go in the woods endeared her to my heart.

Of course, Trixie had managed an expedition to Mt. Everest and other such destinations and so she had the “going where life finds you” down pat.



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

Fast forward to this September and Ol’ Dutch is going to go camping for the first time since I was a kid. Yes, you got it. This mountain man just has not camped out and mainly due to the close association with an ex-wife who camped out only in a Holiday Inn.

So, it appears that I am going to get my taste of remote living and Miss Trixie has spent considerable time preparing me for just such an adventure. Bags are packed, food purchased and accounted for, gear checked, and double checked and medical equipment packaged in case of an emergency.

As luck would have it this is a men’s only campout, but Miss Trixie has her eye on all her gear in case we are delayed at which point she will come and camp with us.

Of course, this would happen after the other guys vacate camp as they don’t want a woman around as that is exactly what they are escaping from in the first place by going hunting.

If they only knew how handy she is at cooking, camping and packing out meat they would have her there the first day and she would truly shine.

So off into the wilds I go hoping to bag the elusive elk, eat canned beans and Ramen Noodles and we are gonna find out whether Ol’ Dutch joins the bear in the performance of his duties in the woods too.

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A twig snaps, sharply breaking the quiet, and I wince a little as I turn back around to pay attention to where I am walking in the wee hours of daylight. Otto snickers at me from behind. It’s his fault really. I was actually very quiet up until the point where he lightly tapped my shoulder with a stick to make me aware of the developing incredible sunrise on the skyline behind me. One of the best I have ever seen. Later that day and through the weekend, area social media pages lit up with hundreds of images of the same sunrise. We weren’t alone viewing nature’s splendor that early November morning, but we were alone, in that area of the Rio Grande National Forest.

When I am hunting, that is exactly how I prefer to be — alone in an area that I am hoping will have the animals I plan to harvest that year. Having hunted for most of my life, I am not surprised, however, when I happen upon or see other folks. Most often they are hunters too. But I occasionally run into a non-hunter enjoying the amazing scenery and recreational activities our public lands have to offer.

By now, most of us are well-aware that the national forest is a melting pot of users out there. Called multiple-use, the concept is the foundation of what makes our public lands wonderful. The lands are available for grazing, mining, logging and a multitude of various recreational uses. We visit knowing that we will sometimes encounter other users or livestock out there. That’s just fine by me.

When Otto and I headed down for lunch that warm fall day, we ran into some hikers heading for one of the peaks in the area. Our meeting was friendly and comfortable. To make it so, we both stood with our firearms slung on our backs and slightly turned away and on the opposite side of our body from the visitors. We made a conscious effort to be friendly and were



met with the same attitude. We spoke for a few minutes and went our separate ways. We had no idea of whether those folks supported hunting or not and it really doesn’t matter. Each party was respectful of the other’s chosen activity for the day. You hear that an increasing amount of non-like activity meetings are going like that. And that is refreshing.

I’d like to offer a few tips on how to make any potential meetings in the forest during hunting season more pleasant.

For the non-hunter, the first thing I recommend is to know when hunting seasons are going. There are many days in the fall when seasons are not on. If you want, you can limit your activities to those days. The second thing is to wear bright colored clothing when you do venture out during a designated hunting season. Try not to choose earth tones as they still can blend in during various light situations. Get an orange vest for your pets too. Third, choose trails and areas that are less likely to have hunters. Finally, it doesn’t hurt to make some noises when walking through the woods, to let hunters

know you are there. If you do hear shooting close by, raise your voice and make your presence known.

For hunters, my first tip is to be familiar with your hunt area. It is highly unlikely that animals will stay for long in high use areas, especially during that time of year. Second, stay alert at all times. Sounds you hear may be a hiker and not the animal you are hoping for. If you hear other voices, try to respond so that they know you are in the area. Third, and the most basic of shooting rules, clearly identify your target and what is behind it, before shooting. This is sure to prevent unfortunate accidents or fatalities. Finally, be open and friendly when meeting other users on the trails. You might even meet someone that will become a good friend.

I often talk about how all users of our public lands have responsibilities to the land, themselves and other users. A little extra awareness during the fall hunting seasons will go a long way in creating a world where we can all enjoy our desired activities as those around us enjoy theirs.

Gregg Goodland is the Public Affairs Officer for the Rio Grande National Forest. An avid outdoor enthusiast, you’ll find him enjoying all public lands as often as possible.



Land Water and People
By Gregg Goodland

YOUR NIGHT SKY

BY DARLENE DANKO

Planets over the sky this month

Since the full moon is on the 10th, a lot of stars won’t be visible. But the Planets will be visible. Jupiter is highly visible this month. The Zodiacal light will also be visible this month in the Eastern horizon.

Mercury hugs the western horizon during the first two weeks of September. Because we live in the south, we will be able to see it. Mercury will be easier to

find since it hugs the western horizon during the first two weeks of September. It sets about 50 minutes after the Sun.

The early evening is dominated by Saturn’s appearance in the SE sky as darkness appears. It’s 20 inches high in the sky by 9 p.m. in early September. As evening progresses Saturn rises higher in the sky.

Jupiter reaches opposition on the 26th in southern Pisces, and it’s the brightest object in the night sky after the moon. You can see it in the southern

sky. It rotates in 10 hours, so its atmosphere features move quickly. Sometimes you can even see its moons.

Mars brightens by the end of this month. It joins Aldebaran in Taurus the Bull. Mars gets brighter by Sept. 30. Venus shines as a brilliant morning star. I see it a lot when I get up and look out. You can see it in the SE sky. So, have fun viewing the planets.



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Early Iron Festival celebrates classic cars for 41st year

By LUKE LYONS

ALAMOSA — Under a bright September sun, with birds circling above, Alamosa welcomed 455 classic cars and hot rods this weekend for the 41st annual Early Iron Festival.

Car enthusiasts of all ages and walks of life descended upon Cole Park to celebrate nearly 100 years' worth of fully restored, somewhat restored and not-quite-yet restored cars.

The big winner of the weekend's Show N Shine event was Bobby Mayoros. The Aurora resident won Rodders' Choice for his 1969 Chevy Camaro.

Mayoros has attended the festival around 10 times. He's owned his beloved Camaro for almost 30 years.

This is the first time the car has won. "I actually built this car 28 years ago," Mayoros said. "I've had the car a long time. So this is pretty special."

Mayoros received a plaque at a banquet held at Alamosa Family Recreation Center Saturday evening.

The Chevy enthusiast belongs to a car club called Hoodlums Car Club. It's based in Aurora but has branches throughout the state.

"We have the whole crew here," he said. "Hoodlums Car Club is the group's name and we have branches in Aurora, here (Alamosa), Pueblo and we just voted in Canon City."

Mayoros has friends in Sanford and has made friends at various trips to



Robert Sanchez and Isabella Vanderburg shine the tires on their 1942 Dodge Powervan that was once a World War II ambulance at the 41st annual Early Iron Festival held at Cole Park in Alamosa on Saturday, Sept. 3.

Alamosa throughout the years. He uses the time, not just to show off his car, but to reconnect with friends.

"We got in Thursday because we have friends in Sanford," he said. "So it was nice to come and see some old friends, too."

Another award given this weekend was the Alamosa Police Department's Pick.

The winners were Robert Sanchez and Isabella Vanderburg from Albuquerque, N.M.

Sanchez and his late father rebuilt a 1942 Dodge Powervan more than a decade ago.

He shows the van to honor his father. "I just know that's what he would want," Sanchez said. "He'd want me

to keep the tradition going. You know, he used to go to shows all the time. We took it to California one time.

"So, I just want to keep it going, you know; keep his memory alive and it shows people what he could do ... what both of us did."

The two began building the van more than a decade ago. Sanchez's father died in December 2020.

When they first bought the van, it was a yellow school bus.

However, the 1942 Dodge had an even more interesting past — it used to be a World War II ambulance.

That inspired them to rebuild the van as a World War II ambulance. They decked it out in Army green, painted a cross on its side and even kept an IV attached to the



Photos by Luke Lyons

Bobby Mayoros' 1969 Chevrolet Camaro was selected Rodders' Choice at the 41st annual Early Iron Festival held at Cole Park in Alamosa.

inside (though now it holds a Jack Daniels bottle rather than IV fluids).

There's also a mural on the passenger side of the van that depicts a scene from D-Day.

"We started just looking up World War II ambulance," Sanchez said. "It had the original shovels still mounted on the side to hold all their different tools but it didn't have the Jerry cans mounted. We had to take the big barn doors off the back."

The ambulance is often met with curiosity and excitement.

Even those who aren't fans of classic cars, appreciate the story behind the 1942 Dodge.

"People are definitely excited," he said. "You get a lot of smiles. Just driving

down the road, you get a lot of smiles and thumbs up because people don't usually see this at a car show."

Another entrant brought his 1955 Chevy Bel Air from Amarillo, Texas.

John Romero has participated in the Early Iron Festival before, but this is the first time he brought the Bel Air.

Romero, a former Marine and retired government worker bought the Chevy in 2017. He and his lifelong friend rebuilt most of the engine, however, the interior and exterior were in great shape.

For Romero, driving the classic car is the best part of taking it to shows around the country.

"This car is a driver," he said. "I love driving it. Me and my wife love going for drives. To me, that's the thrill of it."

Potato Festival set for Sept. 10 at Chapman Park

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

MONTE VISTA — The San Luis Valley Potato Festival is set to return for its 14th edition on Saturday, Sept. 10. There will be plenty of opportunities for a day filled with fun at Chapman Park.

The day will begin with the 4th Annual Tater Trot 5K. Proceeds from the race will support pediatric diabetes patients throughout the whole valley. The cost to participate is \$25, early registrants get a free T-shirt.

There will also be an opportunity to join CPAC Executive Director Jim Ehrlich on a free Agricultural Tour. People who would like to attend can sign up to ride a bus from the festival site to visit the SLV-Research Center and see a field being harvested.

The tour is free and provides the chance to learn about the breeding, seeding, growing and harvesting of Colorado's finest potatoes, right here in the San Luis Valley.

Festivities will continue throughout the day and will include free kid's games, the famous mashed potato dunk tank, a professional chef demo by Chef Jason Morse of 5280 Culinary, bouncy houses, and a trampoline quad jumper. There will also be food and craft vendors, live animals and much more.

The day will conclude with a live performance in Chapman Park by the Circus Foundry. This exciting entertainment for all ages will showcase high flying aerialists, daring acrobats, incredible jugglers full of amazing tricks and silly

storytelling. This free, fun, family-friendly show is not to be missed.

There is something for everyone at the 2022 edition of the San Luis Valley Potato Festival.

For more information or to sign up for any of these events, visit coloradopotato.org/potatofestival or call 719-852-3322.

SLVAAA providing meal vouchers to seniors

ALAMOSA — South Central Colorado Seniors-Area Agency on Aging is partnering with Moki Mobile Kitchen and Butterball Association, to provide meal vouchers "grocery coupons" with proof of a COVID-19 vaccination cards to those aged 60 and over.

Beginning Sep. 6, anyone aged 60 and over can provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination by taking a vaccine card to the Area Agency

on Aging office of SLV, located at 1116 3rd St., Alamosa, and receive both a Moki Meal Voucher, eligible for one meal provided by the Moki at the various farmers markets and events they attend, as well as a Butterball voucher that can be used at Butterball approved grocery stores.

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Homelake residents enjoy annual Rock Creek Breakfast

By **MARIE MCCOLM**

MONTE VISTA — Once a year, Homelake veterans are honored with a special breakfast at the picnic grounds in Rock Creek.

Staff members get up before sunrise and begin cooking at the picnic grounds. The Colorado Veterans Community Center of Homelake residents ride in multiple buses to the breakfast. This year's event was on Aug. 31.

Admissions and Marketing Director Pam Self talked about the breakfast and how it was such a neat event to be a part of.

"This is an annual event that we do," Self said. "I have been here for 15 years now, and the only year we did not do this was that first year that COVID hit, summer of 2020. The residents and staff get so excited. This has been a tradition for a long time, and from what I have heard from others, it's probably been a tradition for 35 years or more. We call it the Rock Creek Breakfast. We go up to the group Campsite. We have a fire in the fire pit. In the old days, we did the cooking over the fire. We also still make cowboy coffee on the campfire."

Self also spoke about how many of the Homelake residents have been going for a number of years to the breakfast. She was excited that there were new residents who had gone up for the first time this year.

"We were excited to have new residents come up. We are also amazed by the amount that everyone eats," Self said. "Our residents get those good appetites, with the air up there, the smell of the food, it just makes you hungry. One of our new residents this year, that lives in the cottages,

commented that he was amazed to see so many people from every different department there. All the cooks were actually from other departments this year, as we didn't have anyone go up from our culinary department at all this year. The resident stated how he was amazed at how good the food was, and how well the staff worked together to put on this wonderful breakfast for the residents."

Self also spoke about how the center does lots of things for the residents every year, but this by far is one of her favorites for the residents.

"It's just a great event. We had about 26 residents total attend the breakfast," Self said. "We brought our handicap accessible busses, and you know many of the residents who attended were in wheelchairs, but the fact that they still get to go up into the National Forest and have a great morning and breakfast and visit with friends. It's really wonderful."

Self said that it's nice to be in the forest, with nobody in a rush to leave and all the veterans sharing stories of when they went camping, or fishing. Self said that three buses went up, along with a pickup truck to help carry wheelchairs or other items that any of the veterans needed.

"My favorite part of the breakfast though, is seeing the smiles on the veterans faces, and seeing how well the residents eat," Self said. "I also love to hear the residents share their reminiscing memories, and stories from when they got to camp, or their favorite things to eat while camping too. All the pictures that we take, and they take up there. These things are my favorite part of the breakfast."



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Willett to run for SLV district attorney in November

BY PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — Robert Willett has announced his candidacy for the office of district attorney for the San Luis Valley. The former district attorney will be on the ballot in November, two years after vacating the position when unseated by challenger Alonzo Payne in the 2020 Democratic primary held at the height of the pandemic.

The announcement was made official on Friday, but over those two years that have passed, Willett has never truly wavered in his intention to return. Even before he left office, he privately expressed to the *Valley Courier* his plan to run for district attorney in 2024, inspired in part by concern that his successor would be unprepared for working in the office that was heavy on workload and light on resources.

But, more than that, Willett was committed to the job of public safety in the valley. It was all he wanted to do. And, having spent the better part of the seven years from 2013 to 2020 moving up from deputy to senior deputy district attorney to, ultimately, district attorney, Willett said he felt this was where he was supposed to be.

This is not the first time he has made public his aspiration. When it became apparent that the city was spearheading a campaign to recall the former district attorney, Willett geared up to run for the office, assembling a team for his campaign and meeting with local political leaders.

But no sooner had the Alamosa City Council voted to commit to the recall when Willett was blindsided by a felony charge of embezzlement, allegedly related to an event back in 2019 and filed by his former opponent via a felony summons that skirted a judge's approval and went straight to court.

On Aug. 25 — a week before his announcement — Willett learned that the special prosecutor planned to dismiss the case with prejudice, putting the charges (of which Willett maintained innocence from day one) finally and officially to rest.

With the case closed, Willett is now free to discuss what happened, something “voters have the right to know”.

“Before I left office, I gave Christmas bonuses to the staff and a \$1,500 bonus to myself,” Willett said. “It was done every year by the DA who hired me and the DA before her. By state statute, a DA is supposed to make \$130,000 a year.

“Alonzo filed embezzlement charges, saying that fifteen hundred dollars was illegal. But my W-2 showed I earned \$126,000 — less than what I was supposed to earn, by statute. I was factually innocent. The evidence bore that out. But the case was assigned to a special prosecutor and another one after that, and no DA is going to just dismiss a case filed by another DA without investigating it.

“Those investigations take time.”

When Willett learned of the pending dismissal, his reaction was different than expected.

“I'd been going different ways with this,” he said.

When Governor Jared Polis put out a call for applications, Willett applied but only received a form letter in return and nothing else.

“I still had that charge hanging over my head, so when I didn't hear anything, I was resolving to just accept it and move on,” he said.

The plan was to return to his position as deputy district attorney for the 4th Judicial District where he had been prosecuting cases since leaving office in the San Luis Valley.

Then, last Sunday, he and his wife did something they hadn't done in a while. They went to church.

“This is probably going to sound a little weird and I'm not trying to get all ... religious ... here, but the sermon that day was about how trials make a person stronger,” he said. “That resonated with me. When I got home, I saw I missed a phone call from area code 303. It was Morgan Carroll.

“She said they wanted me to run. That call was ... fortuitous.”

Morgan Carroll is Chairwoman of the Colorado Democratic Party.

In the days since, Willett has been contacted the team he assembled to run against Payne in the recall election as well as a few prosecutors he knows to see if — providing he is successful in November — they would be interested in joining his staff.

On Thursday, the door to the last two years was permanently closed when the case against him was dismissed. Ironically, it happened in the same courtroom where, less than a few hours before, the newly appointed district attorney, Anne Kelly, was sworn in.

That doesn't appear to phase Bob Willett in the least. “I'm not looking back,” he said. “I'm looking forward.”

His focus is firmly fixed on returning to the San Luis Valley as district attorney, a place that, in his words, he never truly left.

Willett will oppose Kelly on the November ballot. Kelly told the *Valley Courier* she intends to run on the ballot as a Republican.

The election is Nov. 8.



Courtesy photo

Robert Willett

See the Unseen with the Eyes of Your Heart

Is it hard for you to trust that God is working on your problem because you can't see everything He's doing? I know that having faith is easy until the devil assaults you with doubt and unbelief. But no matter how hopeless your situation looks or feels, God wants you to know that you can trust Him to do something great. You just have to walk by faith in order to see with your spiritual eyes what you can't see in the natural.

Paul said in Ephesians 1:18-19, “I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe” (NIV).

As long as we believe, God keeps working. So, when we feel discouraged, we need to encourage ourselves that He is doing good things behind the scenes.

In the last couple of years, I've formed a habit of saying, “This is going to end well.” No matter what I am feeling, I'll say, “God is good and He's going to work this out for my good. He's going to teach me something new and I'm going to be a better person than I was before.”

I think consistency should be one of our greatest goals as believers — continuously filling our minds with God's Word, thinking positively, being prayerful at all times...obedient, peaceful, joyful. Jesus said, “In this world you will have trouble” (John 16:33 NIV). But we can be glad anyway because we know how the story ends. Jesus continued, saying, “But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

A Look into the Unseen

“The kingdom of heaven” is referenced throughout the New Testament. When Jesus began His public ministry, he said, “Repent,

for the kingdom of heaven has come near” (Matthew 4:17 NIV). Like most people would, Jesus' disciples presumed that He was going to set up an earthly kingdom with a palace and a throne. But He rules over an *invisible kingdom*, in the spiritual realm.

For example, did you know there are angels with us right now? Many of us don't really think about that because we can't see them with our natural eyes. But just because we can't see them doesn't mean they aren't there. God is a mighty God and He rules over a mighty kingdom.

Psalm 91:11 (AMPC) says, “For He will give His angels [special] charge over you to accompany and defend and preserve you in all your ways [of obedience and service].”

As we become more conscious of the fact that God is always with us and He's assigned His angels to defend and protect us, it should make us feel safer, more empowered to do what He's called us to do, and less likely to give up when things get hard. But here's what we have to remember: No matter what kind of support He gives us, if we don't believe that we have it, then to us, it's as if we don't have it.

Faith Is the Key to Victory

First John 5:4 (NIV) says, “This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.”

Hebrews 11:1 tells us how it works: “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (KJV). Faith is a real thing; it has *substance*. In other words, faith is firmly committed. It refuses to be swayed by our ever-changing emotions or our current circumstances.

For example, if you wake up in the morning and your back is aching, you can't stand your job, and your house is a mess, faith says, “Yes! I'm ready to face this day because I can do whatever I need to do through Christ”

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(see Philippians 4:13).

If you're in a tough place in your marriage, or your children have drifted away from God, or you have a lifelong dream that is yet to be fulfilled, faith says, “God is working, and this is going to end well.”

It won't always be easy, but God will always be with you to help you. And by faith, you can keep believing even before you see the result of what God has been doing all along.

Mark 11:24 (NIV) says, “Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

Whatever you're going through, I encourage you to live with the positive expectation that something good is going to happen to you. Keep an “I can” mindset, and stir up your faith, believing God for greater things. And remember, no matter what you see or don't see, *God is working in your life.*

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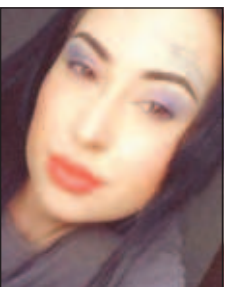
Goins case proceeds to district court

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — A preliminary hearing was held on Monday, Aug. 29, for two defendants charged in connection with the murder of Cheyenne Goins, resulting in the case being bound over by Alamosa

County Judge Daniel Walzl to district court where, at this point, the case is on track to go to trial.

At the time of her death, Goins was 21 years old and, as stated in an investigator's report, the mother of a "toddler son."



Cheyenne Goins

According to court documents obtained from the Alamosa County Clerk of the Court, Elisa Salas, 29, and Sasha Chacon, 32, were charged with suspicions of tampering with a deceased human body (class-3 felony), tampering with physical evidence (class-6 felony), abuse of a corpse (class six felony) and accessory to a crime (class-4 felony).

Previous charges of first-degree murder and aggravated robbery were dismissed by the office of the district attorney.

The preliminary hearings for both defendants were set for 10 a.m. on Monday morning with evidence presented first in the case of Salas, which was initially investigated by the Alamosa Police Department. Once it was determined that the crime took place within county jurisdiction, Alamosa County Sheriff's Office took over the investigation with

assistance from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

According to court documents, six separate victim statements were presented to the court during the preliminary hearing, including a letter from Goins' mother and a letter from her grandmother, who, along with Cheyenne's grandfather, is the primary caretaker for Goins' son.

Chacon waived her right to a preliminary hearing.

At the conclusion of the preliminary, Walzl ruled there was sufficient evidence to proceed and bound all four counts over to district court.

Bond was subsequently set for Salas at \$100,000 while bond for Chacon was set at \$75,000. Both women were prohibited from contact with the victim's family.

The defendants were scheduled for

their first appearance in district court on Sept. 20.

According to the probable-cause document, also obtained from the Alamosa County Clerk's office, Goins was last seen in the early morning hours of Aug. 8, 2021, at Bank Shots Bar, located on Eighth Street in Alamosa.

On Aug. 12, 2021, she was reported missing to the Alamosa Police Department (APD) by her grandparents, Jonathan and Mary Sandoval. The Sandovals told APD that it was the

longest period they had gone without contact from their granddaughter.

An intensive search was immediately initiated along with investigators interviewing those who might have knowledge of Goins' whereabouts.

Goins' body was discovered on Aug. 25 in a hidden grave near Mount Blanca. The El Paso County Coroner ruled her death a homicide as a result of multiple stab wounds, excessive loss of blood and a collapsed lung.

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FESTIVAL

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The Sheriff said they didn't have any trespassing in Villa Grove, "and I think the businesses received added business from the event. That's always a good sight."

In addition to making two arrests, Warwick noted one odd issue. "We had a guy come in with a weapon and blew through the security stop point. But there was enough of a response that he turned around and ran right away. He left the scene very quickly. Security teams and law enforcement went in that direction. Within minutes, the guy went back through the security gate and was flying down the highway as quick as he could go."

Warwick continued, "We had an evacuation that same day because of weather. We had a little crash that same day. So, we were put to the test."

The crash on Friday night sent three people to the hospital. A 27-year-old Denver man rolled his Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) several times and was ejected along with his three passengers. Event and county medical crews responded quickly and transported them to San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center in Alamosa and The Heart of The Rockies in Salida to treat minor and serious injuries.

As Jail Commander Ken Wilson noted, "We have these kinds of crashes

every Labor Day Weekend. This one happened to be at the festival."

From the community perspective, business owner Kelly Marshall printed debrief sheets for residents to fill out. Marshall runs Kelly's Barber Shop in Villa Grove and spearheaded an information gathering meeting with officials and residents a month before the festival.

Piled at the post office and delivered around Villa Grove, Marshall's one-page survey requested compliments, concerns, and incidents. Like the meeting Sheriff Warwick scheduled for Sept. 15 with Colorado State Patrol, firefighters, and other active participants, Marshall's information gathering will accommodate a deep debrief and guidance for future events.

At the close of Warwick's report, commissioner Tom McCracken thanked the Sheriff for his help with the Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) raid at the KV Estates last week.

Before Warwick and other department heads gave their reports, a group of citizens from Crestone spoke against a cell tower erection during the public comment period. Commissioners welcomed more input and urged residents to send information in advance of a special

meeting to address issues prior to the regular board meeting on Sept. 20 when the Land Use application will come up again for discussion and approval or denial.

During the extensive exchange live and via ZOOM, County Attorney Brad Crowell asked to make a statement at the end of the discussion. Commissioner Chairperson Lynne Thompson gave people time to speak with the understanding of an isolation discussion during another meeting next week with the residents.

"Here's government at work," Crowell explained at the end of the public comment period. "What can we do to try to find a compromise and do what's best with our heart in the right place to be educated so the board can make the best decision? I hope the conversation can shift toward that because we've got to live together. Or, we can continue to rattle the sabers and threaten the board that everyone is going to get sued. I'm getting that from both sides."

County Administrator Wendi Maes worked with the board to gather information for commissioners and schedule another meeting with Crestone-area residents before they vote on the Conditional Use application on Sept. 20.



Photos by Patrick Shea

Between the main stage and the Whiskey Row stage, circus performers from Tennessee, Kentucky, and Salida demonstrated skills and taught visitors basic moves, much like the Kids Music Camp in the tent next door.



In the heat of the afternoon on Saturday during the Seven Peaks Music Festival outside Villa Grove, Travis Denning rocked his own songs and played a tribute to the Allman Brothers.



Without skipping a beat, performers and DJs kept the music alive between acts on the main stage and the smaller Whiskey Row stage during the Seven Peaks Music Festival.

MUSIC

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"This crowd is a lot like cruise ship crowds." Hackbarth performs on ships through the winter and recognized a discriminating group.

With weekend passes running \$250 apiece, the fans showed they will pay top dollar for music. Considering travel costs, food on-site or cooked in camp, and other expenses, the holiday adventure in the northern San Luis Valley came with a price.

The headliners and other performers command a respectable ticket price on their own, but Bentley's event crew produced an infrastructure that could rival small towns and stadium concert venues across the country.

The showers and personal toilets were spacious and clean. Toilets flushed, and hand washing stations were stocked with paper and soap. Crews in trucks circulated constantly through the campgrounds to clear away mounds of trash bags. On Saturday, two of the eight enormous bins brimmed, and the huge recycling container was filling up as well. Car traffic from day visitors and campers kicked up dust, mitigated by a roving water truck. Water stations positioned throughout the venue delivered plenty of hydration.

Food vendors and other booths ringed the open space between stages. Fans



Photo by Patrick Shea

Only a drone camera could capture the magnitude of the crowd camping in tents, RVs, and luxury yurts at the Seven Peaks Music Festival.

who positioned their chairs far from the main stage had screens to watch on both sides of the performers. Footage from multiple camera operators captured views on-stage and into the crowd. Behind the fans in lawn chairs, the Whiskey Row stage filled with dozens of other fans, but the music from both stages didn't crash together.

While performers and DJs kept the music going nonstop, circus performers from Kentucky, Tennessee, and Salida conducted demonstrations and provided instruction in an area next to the Kids Music Camp tent where children and adults had a chance to

play acoustic instruments and learn from musicians.

When the party was over, crews started a deep-clean of the site. The permitted leach field designed to accommodate the septic from the weekend will take nearly nine months to drain away underground. The community response and interagency debrief meeting are also still in progress. On Sept. 15, event Incident Commander and Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick will meet with Colorado State Patrol, firefighters, and other active participants for a thorough review of the weekend.

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- 8 A.M. - 4 P.M. Potato Festival
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- 11:30 A.M. - Circus Foundry Performance
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Headwaters Music Festival ends in white

By LYNSIE FERRELL

CREEDE — The weekend was just about perfect for the 6th Annual Headwaters Music Festival in Creede with bright blue skies on Saturday and a cool Sunday morning that greeted visitors along with musical talent that brought people to their feet to dance.

Hargraves Field just south of town was packed full of festivalgoers as early as 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, and the first band to hit the stage was the 4th Infantry Division from Colorado Springs. It took organizers three years to bring this ensemble to the Headwaters stage.

The attending crowd danced and

cheered as the musical talents kicked off the only music festival in Creede and set the stage for the coming two days full of talent.

“I will always say that we really are the music capital of Colorado. Between the low population and the high number of local musicians we have here in Creede, I would defend that title to anyone,” laughed Headwaters Music Festival Coordinator Bob Holt. “We have something special that happens only here in Creede.”

As the day wore on and the crowd grew, the musical talent kept on coming. The weather was in perfect

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Photo by Lyndsie Ferrell

Audiences at the Headwaters Music Festival in Creede this past weekend showed up in style to enjoy local and visiting talent from across the US. Tents were set up throughout the baseball field south of town.



Courtesy photo

Volunteers gathered at the Del Norte Athletic Fields this past week to build a new playground thanks to grant funding from KABOOM! The new playground is expected to be ready for children by Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Del Norte adds new playground to Athletic Fields

By LYNSIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE — A group of volunteers came out, rain or shine, the past week in Del Norte and through

their combined efforts and hard work, completed the construction of a new playground in the Del Norte Athletic Fields.

Though adverse weather throughout the last part of the week made for some excellent mud and not-so-perfect working conditions, it did not slow the progress of the volunteers that had set out to finish the project by the weekend's end.

According to a statement from project volunteer Karie Lichtenfeld, there were so many people to thank, and the entire project showed how much Del Norte wants to see the Athletic Fields thrive in the community.

Lichtenfeld wrote, “We have a new playground Del Norte! It will be ready to play on officially Wednesday, the concrete needs to set before we play. When the fence comes down it's ready! “What a team we had! Rio Grande

County and Gene Glover for being a part of making this happen. Gene was there mixing concrete, moving dirt and wood chips along with his sweet wife Sue. Seeing the County Land come to life is so awesome!

“The Town of Del Norte and the group was amazing! They worked so hard getting the space ready to put our playground on. They supplied tools and machinery as well. We had Del Norte works, Town Staff and Town board members shoveling, building and so much more. This was a big group it would not have been done in time without them.

“A huge thanks goes out to the High Valley Community Center for bringing the food. It was amazing every day!! They gave us fuel to get through our day. They also volunteered to help do all the tasks to complete this

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Photo by Patrick Shea

Seeking donations and providing entertainment, models strutted in front of the Elephant Cloud Market during the Crestone Freebox Fashion Show at the Crestone Energy Fair on Aug. 28.

Crestone Energy Fair mixes expertise and energy

By PATRICK SHEA

CRESTONE — The 33rd Annual Crestone Energy Fair spread across town Aug. 27-28 with multiple performers, presentations, and demonstrations for home-building and personal energy management. From solar power to food vendors, energy and education fed minds and bodies all weekend.

Three stages scattered blocks apart showcased music and presentations. The Regenerative Stage in the heart of town park featured musical acts, the Shumei Hikari Taiko drummers, panels on wellness, natural building, local food, and water and sanitation. The Cloud Stage outside the Elephant

Cloud Market featured music and the Freebox Fashion Show.

Ring the Wellness Village at Creekside Park, vendors performed massage and other healing while demonstrators explained Earthship building, led yoga sessions, taught karate, and performed belly dances. A couple dozen instructors and students from Enshin-Karate paired up adults and children to learn controlled movements and techniques.

Home tours in Crestone and Baca Grande gave attendees a glimpse of buildings under construction and finished homes built with alternative forms of energy and construction. Throughout the

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Crop yields remain volatile this year

Harvest seasons vary depending on the crop that was planted, but late summer and fall are busy times of year for farmers. And since the pandemic began, farmers have been working overtime to ensure that their goods make it to market on time.

The agricultural sector is affected by a number of variables, including the weather and pests. The pandemic is yet another of those variables, and consumers may want to know how the many factors that affect the agricultural sector could affect what is and isn't in the grocery store in the months to come.

Wheat products

A variety of factors have affected the availability of wheat-based products. Earlier this year, exceptional drought levels in the midwest — areas with high production of wheat products — coupled with concern about spring rainfall amounts being enough for summer crops to thrive may continue to adversely affect the availability of breads, pastas and other items made from wheat.

Things are not looking better regarding imported wheat. The ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, where wheat crops are grown in abundance, is impacting the global wheat market. Russia, the United States, Canada, France, and Ukraine were the world's top wheat exporters in 2020, according to Statista. The United Nations reported that 30 to 40 percent of the fall 2022 harvest in Ukraine is at risk, as farmers have been unable to plant crops. This could result in a potential loss of 19 to 34 million tons of exported wheat this year.

Grass seed

The abundance of spring rain in the Pacific Northwest, as well as areas of Minnesota and Canada, contributed to an expected above-average crop of grass seed. However, the upper midwest crop was forecasted to be a week to two weeks late due to cooler than average temperatures.

Despite an abundance, the Oregon Grass Seed Bargaining Association



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expected that growers will ask for higher prices on seed throughout 2022 for perennial ryegrass and tall fescue due to greater input costs and land rent increases, among other factors.

Corn products

Later planting dates of corn across the United States corn belt has led to stalled development of the crop in 2022. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Crop Watch anticipated near-average levels of corn on irrigated fields. Across rainfed locations, predictions are more uncertain due to weather throughout July and August (which had yet to be documented at press time). While most sites are expected to see near-average corn crops, a high probability of below-average yield may occur in Iowa, southwest Nebraska and southern Kansas. Above-average yield may occur in northwest Missouri and south-central Illinois. Despite more normalized yields, operating costs have climbed, including the costs of nitrogen fertilizer used in corn production, so store prices of corn, corn oil and other corn products may remain high.

The agricultural sector continues to make strides to provide products people need. However, various factors have affected the cost and availability of a number of products.

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The Colorado Encyclopedia (CE) is producing a virtual tour about the history and legacy of La Sociedad Protección Mutua de Trabajadores Unidos (S.P.M.D.T.U.)'s Concilio Superior.

With the help of S.P.M.D.T.U.

members CE has found numerous archival images of La Sociedad. So far, however, they have been unable to find photographs of the following events that took place at the Concilio Superior: boxing matches, basketball games, roller skating, dances.

If you have any photographs of these events or posters advertising such events, or know where CE could find them, contact virtual tour creative director Erika O'Connor by email: erikaoconor@gmail.com or phone 310-425-2313.



Photo by Patrick Shea

Instructors and students from Enshin-Karate taught techniques at the Wellness Village in Creekside Park during the Crestone Energy Fair on Aug. 28.

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Energy Fair, demonstrators showed how to pound tires, create a miniature Earthship, and compare the insulation and construction properties of Earthships, AirCrete, PaperCrete, HempCrete, and straw bales.

New at the Energy Fair this year, the Rock n Block Yard showcased Compressed Earth Blocks under development in Moffat. When Ken Skoglund kicked off production at the Rock n Block Yard, he determined the right screen size and Portland cement mix. Each block is 3.5 X 10 X 14 inches, stacked using standard masonry techniques. The Rock n Block Yard equipment mechanically presses the earthen blend at approximately 2,000 Pounds per Square Inch, more than twice the PSI of adobe brick construction.

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Giving money or in-kind trade, sponsors support free admission to the annual Energy Fair. One of eight sponsors at the Cultivator Level this year, Skoglund Excavating donated \$250, and Skoglund ran the Rock n Block Yard booth with Johnny Kunkler. At the Harvester Level, Valley Roots Food Hub, the Crestone Eagle, the Saguache County Tourism Council, Beyond Organica, Crestone Mercantile, KTAOS radio, T-Road Brewing Company, and Spore donated \$500.

Sponsors at the Community Builder level gave \$1,000 apiece — CoyleSolar, Elephant Cloud Mar-

ket, Shakti Sharanam, Darlene Yarbrough Real Estate, Oppenheimer Ranch Project, San Luis Valley Seed Exchange, RainbowLightning, and TerraMedia. The Town of Crestone pitched in \$2,500. Valued at \$5,000, Visionary Sponsors this year included Saguache County, Mountainside Realty, ScSeed, and The Off Grid Guru.

Photos of San Antonio Feast Day sought

The Colorado Encyclopedia is producing a virtual tour about the history of the Las Sauces/Las Sauces community and the San Antonio de Padua Church.

If you have photos of San Antonio

Feast Day celebrations in Las Sauces or of people at the dance halls that used to exist in town, contact virtual tour creative director Erika O'Connor by email: erikaoconor@gmail.com or phone 310-425-2313.

RG County Clerk's Office has new business hours

RIO GRANDE COUNTY — The Rio Grande County Clerk's Office has announced new business hours. Beginning Aug. 22, the Clerk's office will be open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5

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		9/1	8/31	8/30	8/29	2day	3day	4day	5day	7day
Moravian 69	04/05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Moravian 69	05/05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.08	0.15
Early Wheat	04/05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Early Wheat	05/05	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.15	0.22	0.27	0.38
White Wheat	04/05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
White Wheat	05/05	0.09	0.09	0.11	0.11	0.18	0.29	0.40	0.49	0.67
WinterWheat	10/01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Potatoes										
Norkotah	05/05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Centennial	05/05	0.16	0.16	0.19	0.18	0.32	0.50	0.69	0.83	1.10
Nugget	05/05	0.17	0.17	0.20	0.20	0.34	0.54	0.74	0.89	1.17
Alfalfa	Est.	0.21	0.21	0.24	0.23	0.42	0.66	0.90	1.08	1.41
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form and though clouds threatened, the sun kept shining and the music kept playing.

“They say that music is the sound of emotions and I believe that. Our venue is always personal, everything from the enthusiasm that goes into planning it to picking the musical talent to how the bands interact with the crowds. I just don’t think you get that anywhere else,” continued Holt. “The ambiance of the festival Saturday and well into Sunday was full of excitement and everyone just expressed how happy they were to be out and enjoying the last days of summer. Security guards had an easy job all weekend with no stress or problems, and we just couldn’t have asked for better.”

Sunday ended with a show from Verlon Thompson and Shawn Camp who changed the stage to look like a comfortable sitting room and that is exactly what the two did. They sat down, the crowd moved closer to the stage, and they told stories, shared memories and played music.

Some people in the crowd let their emotions flow and cried as the day wore on into night and though an hour-long hail and snowstorm closed out the afternoon festival, those that stayed made the most of it by creating small snowmen.

“It wouldn’t be a music festival in the Colorado mountains without a little weather,” laughed Holt.

Holt gave huge thanks to all the volunteers and guests that made this year’s festival a success. Excitement was already building for the next year when the 4th Infantry Division may be back again with all the local and visiting talent.



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell

The 4th Infantry Division kicked off the two-day festival. The weekend was packed with local and visiting talent.

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Los Vecinos Baliadores keeps traditions alive

BY DIANE DREKMAN
ANTONITO — Dan and Joyce Lopez are the founding members of Los Vecinos Baliadores, a dance group that performs and teaches traditional Spanish waltzes. It all started with Joyce's brother, Chuck. He was in a mariachi group at Adams State University. One of the members was the director of a traditional dance class in Taos, N.M. Chuck took the class, really liked it, and told his sister Joyce about it.

Dan and Joyce took the 20-week course and enjoyed it so much they decided to bring traditional dance to the San Luis Valley. The class in Taos was funded by a Healy STM Foundation grant with the original intent of getting children interested in traditional dances. The class was also offered to adults and was more popular with them.

Los Vecinos Baliadores started about five years ago. "Vecinos" translates to neighbors. People come from all over to be part of the group, from Antonito where

Dan and Joyce live, to Conejos, San Antonio, and Taos to learn "the dances of the past."

Dan explains the group "focuses on the slow Spanish waltzes that originated in Spain and was passed down from the Spanish people who settled in New Mexico. The waltzes were played at social gatherings like weddings or just a way to relax after a hard work week." Local musicians brought their violins and guitars.

Joyce said, "We want to keep the tradition alive." Through the years, neighbors and friends have become like family.

Los Vecinos Baliadores teaches traditional dance for free Monday nights from 6 to 7 p.m. in Antonito. The Dutch Mill Cafe and Bar on Main Street graciously donates space. Everyone is welcome.

As well as preserving traditional dance and music, Los Vecinos Baliadores feels it is important to wear traditional clothing.

Men wear black pants and vest. The ladies wear long skirts

displaying their beautiful turquoise jewelry.

During World WarII, there were few men, and women danced together. Now, everyone dances with whomever they like.

A seventh-grader dances with his grandma. Friends dance together.

From high schoolers to seniors, everyone can enjoy the benefits of dancing. It is a fun activity and a great way to make new friends and keep tradition alive, the Lopezes said.

Los Vecinos Baliadores is keeping busy. They will make an appearance at the RUNTOWN USA

event Sept. 3, in Antonito.

The group will perform Oct. 1 at the Armory in Alamosa for the dedication of a statue commemorating civil rights.

Look for Los Vecinos Baliadores on YouTube. You can find Los Vecinos Baliadores on Facebook.



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Los Vecinos Baliadores is a local group that teaches traditional Spanish waltzes. The group performs at various events, including La Jara Glory Days on Aug. 20.

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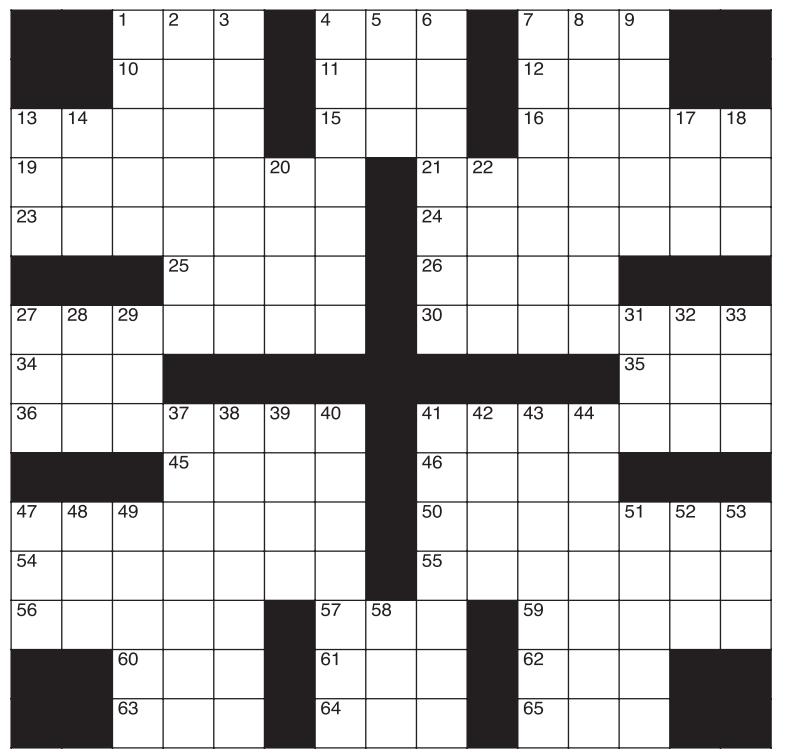
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- 1. Central mail bureau
- 4. Member of the family
- 7. Partner to flow
- 10. __ Angeles
- 11. Military mailbox
- 12. Patriotic women
- 13. Shallow lake
- 15. Tear apart
- 16. Middle Easterner
- 19. Eat to excess
- 21. Stained
- 23. Certain peoples of equatorial Africa
- 24. 1st day of month
- 25. Skin disease
- 26. Skating figure
- 27. Annelids
- 30. Gracefully slender
- 34. Kids need it
- 35. Swiss river
- 36. Indents
- 41. A sheer fabric of silk or nylon
- 45. Belgian River
- 46. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 47. Originate from
- 50. Rugged mountain ranges
- 54. Made less clean
- 55. Professions
- 56. 3s
- 57. Scarf
- 59. Yellow light
- 60. Bird noise
- 61. Opposite of start

Solution to last week's puzzle

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- 62. Bar bill
- 63. Northeastern Mass. cape
- 64. American rocker Snider
- 65. Midway between northeast and east
- 28. Drugmaker __ Lilly
- 29. Electronic countermeasures
- 31. Klutz
- 32. Chinese statesman
- 33. Stir with emotion
- 37. Flat-bottomed boat
- 38. Go-between
- 39. This (Spanish)
- 40. A plot of ground where seedlings are grown before transplanting
- 41. Small waterfall
- 42. Modern tech necessity (abbr.)
- 43. Utter repeatedly
- 44. One of the bravest
- 47. Sun up in New York
- 48. Space station
- 49. Chilean seaport
- 51. Hasidic spiritual leader
- 52. They __
- 53. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 58. Single unit

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Scandinavian drink
- 2. Washington river
- 3. Fast-running flightless bird
- 4. Nerve conditions
- 5. Indicates near
- 6. Immediate relevance
- 7. Things you can eat
- 8. Receptacles
- 9. Retired Brewers great
- 13. Month
- 14. Happy New Year!
- 17. Exclamation to convey truth
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- 20. Ebert's partner Siskel
- 22. Long skirt
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North 90 project to help housing beyond Center

By PATRICK SHEA
CENTER — When Brian Lujan took the Center Town Manager position in 2018, affordable housing — and the infrastructure to support it — topped his list of concerns. He was not alone. Rather than tackle the housing crisis in isolation, Lujan worked with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to create a Regional Resiliency Roadmap with leaders in Del Norte, La Jara, and Saguache. Combining efforts across four towns allows for stronger grant-writing and vendor management. Although each community faces challenges, the housing crises crosses all borders. Workers commute as far as necessary according to work status and available housing inventory.

The first step for Center entailed annexing land. Called the “North 90,” the patch of raw land north of town is just shy of 90 acres. Lujan said they can extend Center infrastructure, once they plan accordingly. Adding a lift station for extended sewer service, for example, requires advance preparation. But before workers can start digging, Lujan said he wants to refine the plan for not only utilities but zoning. Part of this refinement includes updating codes.

In addition to the four principal towns, the Regional Resiliency Roadmap group also includes Saguache County, Marty and Bonnie Asplin — formerly with Upper Rio Grande Economic Development — and ActionLab 360. DOLA accepted the application and awarded the group regional status. With funding established, DOLA offered a pool of consultants for planning. Lujan said they selected a person from the

Adams State receives state funds for Educator Stipend Program

SUBMITTED ARTICLE
ALAMOSA — Adams State University School of Education and School of Counselor Education will receive \$1,211,613 to implement the Educator Stipend Program and the Student Educator Test Stipend Program. The amount includes \$59,838 to be used by the program or institution for program administration, \$1,089,000 for educator stipends, and \$62,775 for test stipends.

School of Education Director Curtis Garcia will attend a webinar for more information about the program on Aug. 18.

The appropriations are provided directly by the state through the recent passage of HB 22-1220 Removing Barriers to Educator Preparation Act. The bill will help address the current Colorado teacher shortage by providing financial assistance to qualified educators.

“This is great news for students and recent graduates who are interested in pursuing a career in education,” Garcia said. “Here in our community and across the state public institutions are in dire need of qualified teachers and counselors. Now with financial incentive our Adams State University can attract, retain and graduate outstanding educators to inspire future generations.”

For more information regarding HB 22-1220, visit cde.state.co.us/educatoralent/hb22-1220updates.

list, and the next step is to gather all four municipalities for discussion and planning.

Lujan explained that part of the resources — roughly \$150,000 — will be directed to code language updates for all four municipalities in the Regional Resiliency group. Lujan said they hope to strengthen the codes in two areas. First, they want to refine procedures for rehabilitation and reconstruction of unoccupied homes. The updates will also address new construction codes.

“I feel like we’re almost to the starting

block,” Lujan said. “We’re still working with Downtown Colorado, Inc. We also had the American Planning Association come up with a report that would facilitate design for that land as well.”

Lujan described another Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section Four grant to work with MASS Design [Model of Architecture Serving Society], an international business that works for community engagement. The MASS Design scope of proposal submitted to Center reflects the company’s philosophy, which Lujan

said includes making sure “it’s what the community wants and won’t displace anyone.”

Lujan noted how Center is collecting names of interested people who can help create a planning commission. The town board already meets twice a month, and it would be a burden to take on the detailed duties of an advisory planning commission.

“You need a planning commission to do all the vetting of material,” Lujan said.

“We’re also looking to establish

an Urban Renewal Authority,” Lujan continued. “We want to take advantage of any future development of projects out there that will give us tax-incremented financing for future taxes. Right now, it’s nothing. You still get your two years of assessment on the property.” Tax-incremented financing allows access to future revenue through taxes estimated on the completed project.

“The beauty about owning that land,” Lujan said, “is that we control the narrative.”

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Two more bike racks installed in Monte Vista

STAFF REPORT

MONTE VISTA — Two more artisan bicycle racks were installed on Wednesday, Aug. 24, one on Adams Street in front of Rainbow's End Thrift Store, and one at the skate park in Monte Vista.

The racks were sponsored by Tara McCarroll, who has H&R Block offices in Monte Vista and Alamosa, and Mike and Marie Mccolm of Monte Vista.

There are now four artisan bike racks in Monte Vista.

"It looks really good in front of Rainbow's End," McCarroll said, "and I like the idea of it helping to promote healthy living for people. Any way I can help the community, it makes me feel good. If this can affect one person in the community that would be great. Something great in my eyes."

Mike Mccolm was excited about the bike rack.

"The bike rack that my wife and I sponsored is being placed at the skate park," he said. "Kids go there all the

time. My wife is all about children and helping make things easy and safe for them. We love our kids and want to help the kids where we live also. Our community can benefit from these bike racks. It's a really great idea."

The idea for the sponsored racks originated with Laura Conchelos and Jennifer Nearing. The women presented it to the OptiMystics Citizens Action Network with the belief that it would be a way to encourage residents of Monte Vista

to ride their bikes more and become more active in their community. Nearing is a bike enthusiast who loves to ride her bike everywhere, and Conchelos also liked the idea of the bike racks.

The OptiMystics proposed the idea to the City of Monte Vista in December of 2021. The idea that they presented to the city council was that the bike racks would benefit residents and make them more active and also help businesses by giving residents

who rode bikes or had motorized devices place to put their bicycles.

Each of the racks is unique, no rack is alike. Artist John Patterson creates the racks, and the sponsors choose how to have the racks decorated, painted, or displayed. Each rack is to be placed at a business or park in Monte Vista.

There is talk that a fourth and fifth Artisan bike rack will be installed soon. For more information on the project, visit OptiMystics.org.



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An artisan bicycle rack is installed in front of Rainbow's End Thrift Store in Monte Vista on Aug. 24. The rack was sponsored by businesswoman Tara McCarroll.

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Left to right are Merissa Vigil, Amber Maestas, Nazaray Albert. They helped organize the Stations of Suicide Awareness event scheduled for Sept. 10 in San Luis.

Stations of Suicide Awareness event

By DIANE DREKMANN

SAN LUIS — Suicide has touched the lives of many here in the San Luis Valley.

Classmates and friends Amber Maestas, Nazaray Albert, and Merissa Vigil were deeply affected by the loss of their friends and neighbors. All three work in the public health field, Maestas for Costilla County Public Health, Vigil at DHS-social services, and Albert works in Behavioral Health.

Maestas explains, "When we began discussing doing something for the community, we realized we all have access to finding and providing resources, based on our field of work... our hope was to bring awareness to the community, while also providing resources."

Thus, the Stations of Suicide Awareness event was born in September 2021. Valley-Wide Health Systems, the

Costilla County Sheriff's Department, public health, and social services all came together to host this event. There was a 5k walk, and informational booths. Last year, people released balloons in honor of loved ones lost.

The Second Stations of Suicide Awareness event is Sept. 10. It will be held in San Luis in the Costilla County Public Health parking lot on Main Street.

The event starts at 8:30 a.m. with presentations followed by a 5k walk. There will be speakers and informational booths.

This year, because of donations and contributions, people can have fruit trees planted in the park in San Luis and have plaques honoring loved ones. County Commissioner Robert Espinoza is donating T-shirts. Maestas, Albert, and Vigil hope this event brings awareness and understanding of the issue.



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playground. What a great group of people! Adrienne Atencio and Adam thank you!!

“Del Norte Bank was a fun group! They showed up and spent hours moving mulch and helping with anything and everything needed. Stacy was serious about her Mulch distribution, and it shows! Del Norte Rotary were hard working people willing to help! They also brought coolers to keep our beverages cold.

What a great group!

“Del Norte Headstart ladies and gentlemen worked hard putting together playground equipment and moving mulch what a fun group! D Mountain Park and Recreation, Patti and I really enjoyed being a part of this project!

“Del Norte Police Department, thank you for helping out! Colorado Health foundation sent people here from Denver both Wednesday and Thursday. It was great meeting new people, and they were so helpful! Civic Canopy Alice and Kale. Hard working ladies! We appreciated their help so much!

“Our Project Manager Bicky was amazing she showed up at 7 every morning and left last. She was energetic kept our spirits up! Community volunteers were the highlight of my week. Seeing these people come together for our community and work so hard!! I am grateful to be a part of this group of special people. They brought concrete machines, tools and their awesome personalities!!

“A special shout out to Mr. Lloyd Wright, this man is one of the hardest working people I have ever met! Thank you to everyone who made this project fun!”



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The new playground at the Del Norte Athletic Fields is only the beginning of what is planned. Hopes are to have the walking path restored and the potential growth of the area is still on the top of the list of projects in Del Norte.

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