



## Shorts

### Nominate now for 'Best of SLV'

**VALLEY** — Nominations have opened for the 2022 "Best of the San Luis Valley" contest co-sponsored by the Valley Courier and Valley Publishing.

The nominations will continue through Sept. 9, but voting will begin on Sept. 1 through Sept. 28. Winners will be announced on Oct. 26.

To make nominations and vote, use the accompanying QR code or go to the Valley Courier website, or any of the six Valley Publishing websites, or <https://alamosavalleycourier.secondstreetapp.com/Best-of-the-San-Luis-Valley-2022/>



### McCarroll speaking at VIBE Meeting on Sept. 6

**MONTE VISTA** — The OptiMystics Citizens Action Network's next Very Important Business Engagement (VIBE) Meeting is at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at Rain Brews at Grammy's Kitchen in Downtown Monte Vista.

Tara McCarroll, a Master Tax Advisor with H&R Block, is the guest speaker and will be starting her discussion at 6:15 p.m. Door prizes will be given out. VIBE Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month.

For more information, visit <https://optimystics.org/vibe>.

### 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 p.m. It will be closed on Fridays. It is hoped that the extended hours will better serve the working public.

For more information, call 719-657-3334.

### Photos of San Antonio Feast Day sought

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'Conor by email: [erikaconor@gmail.com](mailto:erikaconor@gmail.com) or phone 310-425-2313.

## Planning commission OKs zone change

### Cell tower issue going back to county commissioners

**BY PATRICK SHEA**

**SAGUACHE** — A couple dozen people brought their concerns to the Saguache County Planning Commission meeting at the Road and Bridge building on Aug. 25.

With only one of the members absent from the 11-person board, they had a quorum for addressing nine applications. Following Roberts Rule of Law, the

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The Saguache County Planning Commission addressed nine applications during their meeting at the Road and Bridge building on Aug. 25.

Photo by Patrick Shea

## 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

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**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.**

Photo by Patrick Shea



## 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

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## Busy Labor Day weekend ahead for SLV

**BY KEITH R. CERNY**

*Regional Publisher*

**VALLEY** — Two events both expecting to draw 10,000 plus attendees, one in its 41st year and the other happening in the San Luis Valley for the first time, will headline a busy Labor Day weekend locally.

The Early Iron Festival will kick off Friday night in Cole Park celebrating more than 40 years of displaying hot rod and street car vehicles, while the tiny town of Villa Grove on the north end of the SLV will play host to the Seven Peaks Music Festival. The festival will be Sept. 2-4 just west of Villa Grove and will be presented by multi-platinum entertainer Dierks Bentley and Live Nation.

Both Creede and Antonito are prepped for a weekend of fun and festivities as well.

More than 600 rodder and street car enthusiasts are expected to pour into Cole Park Friday into Saturday morning for the 41st annual Early Iron Festival.

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Dierks Bentley



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A scene from the 40th annual Early Iron Festival from September 2021 shows a variety of street rods and other show vehicles with over 600 entries expected again this year.

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# Polis reads to Alamosa Elementary students



Photo by Priscilla Waggoner

After reading 'M is for Moose,' in homage to Alamosa's mascot, to students in AES Tammy Martinez's kindergarten class during their first full day of school, Governor Jared Polis describes where he works, 'an office in that big building with a gold roof in Denver,' and then listens as students tell him if their families have gone to Denver, as well. Following his announcement of the new DA in the 12th Judicial District, Governor Polis and staff made time to swing by the elementary school so he could spend time with kindergarten students on their first full day of school.

## Labor Day festival in Antonito on Saturday

ANTONITO — The annual Labor Day festival in Antonito is on Saturday, Sept. 3. This year, they are featuring a 5K walk/run at 7 a.m. called RUNTOWN USA, presented by Conejos Clean Water and the Mini Money Runners. It's being held at 515 River St. at Mansion Park in Antonito. People can register for \$35.

After the run, the Knights of Columbus is providing a free breakfast at the park. There is a parade down Main Street at 10 a.m. A car show is at the football field. There will be music, food, vendors selling goodies, and a dance at night. Local dance group Los Vecinos Baliadores will perform at 1 p.m.

## SAGUACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

SAGUACHE COUNTY — The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the period between Aug. 23 and Aug. 28, 2022. Sheriff personnel issued 10 traffic citations, one for passing through an unsafe zone and nine for speeding (\$1,445 in fines or \$1,830 with a mail-in surcharge). They addressed a hit-and-run crash and two REDDI Reports (Report Every Drunk Driver Immediately). Staff also managed 13 controlled burns across the county and one fire in Crestone. In addition to two thefts and a burglary, officers responded to trespassing, threatening, harassing phone calls, disorderly conduct, a

juvenile problem, a civil standby, four cases of suspicious activity, and four search and rescue operations. Staff issued two warrants. Deputies also conducted a welfare check, patrolled Crestone and Saguache, and assisted five citizens. Utility, animal, and juvenile problems also required attention. **ARRESTS** • A 30-year-old Crestone man who Failed to Appear for a charge in Adams County was arrested. • A 23-year-old man with no known residence was arrested for Failure to Comply and Failure to Appear and transferred to Department of Corrections.

## PROJECT

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 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

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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."

## OBITUARY

### Michael 'Mike' Muncy

Michael "Mike" Muncy was born Leadville, Colo., June 22, 1958, to Elsie and Harvey Muncy. Mike passed away Aug. 18, 2022, in Westminster, Colo. He was 64 years old. Mike enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping, welding, and arrowhead hunting. He was a man with a big heart and a bigger sense of humor.



He was preceded in death by his mother Elsie Jessop, his stepfather Bill Jessop, his brothers Hon and Roy Muncy, and his son Michael Muncy Jr. Mike is survived by his son Zacharri (Joylene) Muncy of Westminster, his daughter Candace (Jason) House of Westminster, his brothers Bob Muncy of Del Norte and Jim (Liv) Bliss of Lakeside, Ariz., his grandchildren Michael III, Robert, Max, Evelyn, Ethan, Evan and Emma. He had many nieces and nephews who he loved dearly. Mike was loved and will be missed by all who knew him. A celebration of Mike's life will be held at the Knights of Columbus in Del Norte on Sept. 2 at 11 a.m.

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## A hunting I will go



### YOUR NIGHT SKY

BY DARLENE DANKO

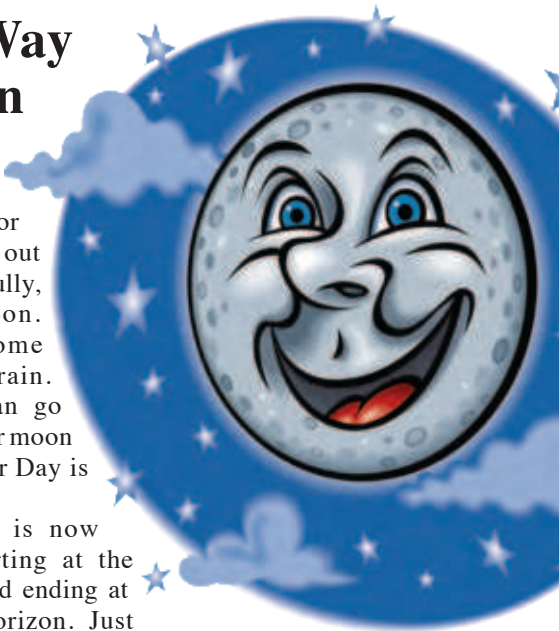
#### Milky Way Southern Galaxies

I'm still waiting for a clear night to take out my telescope. Hopefully, it will happen soon. Clouds are welcome when they bring rain. Otherwise, they can go away. The 1st quarter moon is Sept. 3, and Labor Day is the 5th.

The Milky Way is now high overhead starting at the southern horizon and ending at the northeastern horizon. Just above Sagittarius is Scutum the Shield. It's a small four-star kite shaped constellation that tilts to the left. Make a fist with your hand and hold it out in front of you to see its size in the sky. Like Sagittarius, it sits in front of a very bright part of our galaxy that contains rich star clouds. Scutum wasn't recognized as a constellation until the 17th century, so it's one of the "newer" constellations that we see. Its highlight is M11, the Wild Duck cluster, which is 5,600 light years from us. With the naked eye, it looks like a bright misty patch in the Milky Way. Binoculars will obviously show you more, and a telescope shows that its fan shaped. R. Scuti is a yellow supergiant variable star that changes its brightness considerably in a 144-day cycle.

Just above Scutum is Aquilla the Eagle which is also in the brightest area of the Milky Way. Aquilla is Arabic for "the bird". The eagle belonged to the Greek god Zeus and carried the god's thunderbolts for him. It contains 10 stars, and you know the brightest one. It's Altair which is part of the Summer Triangle.

So, find Altair, then stretch out your fingers and hold out your hand



in front of you. Now you know how big Aquilla is. Altair is either the head of the eagle or the tail, because the eagle has been identified as flying in two different directions. So, when you look at it, do you think it's flying down or to the left? The eagles' flight has been identified for at least 3,000 years making it one of the older constellations.

Near Altair are two stars that appear as twins. Also in the constellation is NGC 6700, which is an open star cluster 3,000 light years away that's visible with binoculars. Aquilla also contains a supergiant variable star Eta Aquilla that changes its brightness every 72 days, but not as dramatic as R. Scuti.

The third-smallest constellation in the sky is Sagitta the Arrow, which is just above Aquilla. It sits horizontally across the Summer Triangle line between Altair and Deneb and resembles an arrow with six stars. Its small size can be identified by holding your thumb out in front of you. This is an old constellation identified by Greeks, Romans, Persians, and Hebrews. Apollo used this arrow to slay Cyclops, and Cupid used it in the art of conjuring love.

This next week Miss Trixie and I will celebrate the anniversary of nabbing my first bear. It just so happens that was sometime in the beginning throes of Miss Trixie and Ol' Dutch's harmonious relationship, too.

In fact, it was date Number Two. Our first date, we went to the circus because Ol' Dutch had free tickets to the clown show and no other woman wanted to go along with me. And you wonder how I snagged Miss Trixie? Nothing like clowns, cover scent, a dead carcass and smelly bear for a romantic mood setting.

Since Ol' Dutch had always wanted to get a bear as he had been accused often of "being a bear," I finally drew a license that year and had spent anxious months waiting for opening day.

Like any great dream, though, daily life intruded.

When the season rolled around, my mother — choir director at our church — pleaded for my tenor voice on her planned anthem for Sunday. So rather than my going bear hunting at the crack of dawn, she reminded me of the Andy Griffith song about the preacher who went hunting on a Sunday morning instead of going to church. When he encountered a bear, the preacher found himself sitting in a Sycamore tree singing these words:

Oh lord, you delivered Daniel from the bottom of the lion's den

You delivered Jonah, from the belly of the whale and then,

Three Hebrew children from the fiery furnace so the good book do declare,

But Lord, if you can't help me, for goodness sakes don't ya help that bear

So, not wanting to tempt the Lord or feed a bear, I went to church and sang. I am not sure I made a joyful noise, however as my body may have been present in the building but absent mentally which in hindsight is pretty much normal for Ol' Dutch anyway.

Following church, other social commitments blocked my plans, and more delays were encountered, so it was about 3 p.m. before Miss

Trixie and I headed out for a nice evening hunt.

The weather was perfect and the wind a lazy breeze as we exited the truck near Del Norte Peak. We walked ever so quietly expecting to see a bear around every tree. Finally, we found the location of an old elk carcass left by some other neophyte and we sat down for what could be a long wait. They say silence is golden but what followed was anything but.

No more than one minute into our wait Ol' Dutch heard a chomping sound and thought for sure a bear was already feasting on the maggot-filled carcass. Slowly I rose from my seat in the aspens, but there was no bear. The chomping noise continued apace, so I turned to see Miss Trixie eating a bag of crunchy Cheetos.

One stern reprimanding look from Ol' Dutch to Miss Trixie and quiet once again settled down over the forest — almost.

Soon the sound of her opening her backpack resounded like thunder echoing across the canyon. Another look of total disbelief in her actions from me and she finally settled down and laid down on the forest floor to take a nap.

At this point I was sure that I would have some respite from her constant fidgeting and noise making but it wasn't long before glancing down at her to make sure she was still asleep, I saw her eyes pop open, and she signaled she could smell something — a bear. I motioned for her to be quiet but if you know Miss Trixie, quiet is just not in her vocabulary.

She likes to communicate which she says we need to do more often especially when Ol' Dutch has made up his mind about something. Sitting up in all her blaze orange dressed best she started texting every new update to friends on Twitter and Facebook. The look on my face must have been priceless as I tried to comprehend all the busy work emitting from our blind and then at 5:31 p.m. she suddenly felt compelled to show me the texts and at that moment, you guessed it, a bear stepped out into her view.

It was at that point that Miss Trixie felt compelled to scream "Bear!



Trout Republic by Kevin Kirkpatrick

Bear! Bear!" and the poor creature — not conditioned to shouting from an Internet-connected, loud mouthed, orange clothing clad, wild eyed, social media-using-butterfly of a woman — took that as a cue to exit stage left.

Thankfully, Ol' Dutch had a lifetime of such unexpected antics from the female of the species and instinct took over. I made what was probably the shot of a lifetime through the aspens and that alone could only be attributed to God Himself honoring my singing choice that morning.

So, at 5:33 p.m. we had our bear and true to form she used those magic fingers to summon help up to the peak to get our bear down safely. Suddenly we were surrounded by 25 of her closest friends and family and Ol' Dutch was carried out on their shoulders like one of the Pharaohs of old. Well not quite that bad but a noisy celebration was held right there in the timber.

I guess this is proof that the Bible is true when it says, "God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." And I can use all the help I can get to which Miss Trixie adds, "Amen."

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

### LETTER

#### Not in favor of county clerk's new office hours

Editor,

I am writing this letter hoping to inform the electorate in Rio Grande County about plans for our unopposed, three-term Rio Grande County Clerk suddenly decided that her office need only be open four days per week.

It seems Cindy Hill's husband and two of her co-workers' husbands work for Rio Grande County Road and Bridge Department, which incidentally work four 10-hour days. I assume Mrs. Hill and her employees

think it will be great to have a three-day weekend. She has posted on Facebook that she intends to be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

My problem is forthcoming: the County Clerk's Office is directly tied to the state bureaucracy, which certainly is not at work at 7 a.m. Many times, the Clerk's Office computers are not working for 20 or more minutes after the 8 a.m. start time.

Of all the county offices, I believe the County Clerk's Office to be

the most important. I also believe that as an elected official your job is to satisfy your constituency. If Mrs. Hill does not want to work on Fridays, that is her choice, and it should not infringe on others' work schedules.

If any of you reading this agrees with me, please contact Mrs. Hill at the Rio Grande County Clerk's Office and let her know. Just do not do it on Friday.

*Robert Willschau  
Rio Grande County*

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# Del Norte adds new playground to Athletic Fields

By LYNDISIE 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 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,



Courtesy photos

**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.**

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!"



Courtesy photos

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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# Gov. Polis names Anne Kelly new DA

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

**ALAMOSA** — Surrounded by state elected officials, county commissioners and members of law enforcement agencies in the San Luis Valley, Governor Jared Polis announced his appointment of Anne Kelly, deputy district attorney for Boulder County, to serve as the new district attorney for the 12th Judicial District, which encompasses the San Luis Valley.

The announcement was made Monday morning, Aug. 29, in person in front of the Alamosa County Courthouse.

Polis described Kelly's 20-year legal experience as "extensive." During that time, she's worked in both the private and public sector and under both Republican and Democratic district attorneys, allowing her to see different aspects of prosecution and work with different teams.

"She's seen what's involved here firsthand when she spent two weeks in the valley prosecuting cases," Polis said.

Prior to starting as the new DA in the 12th Judicial District, Kelly told the Valley Courier she was working in the Boulder DA's office under Chief Trial Prosecutor Fred Johnson, special prosecutor assigned to the 12th district for prosecution of the four defendants accused of multiple murders in what is known as the "Los Sauces" case.

Polis described the process that led up to Kelly's appointment, which included creation of an ad hoc panel comprised of former district attorneys who selected the finalists for the governor's consideration. Former DA for the 12th district Eugene Farish was included on that panel.

In addition to expressing gratitude for the assistance provided by prosecutors from district attorney's offices in five different districts in the state, plus the AG's office and Colorado District Attorney's Council, Polis also acknowledged the staff at the DA's office in Alamosa who continued to serve throughout the previous months.

"What you've been through is hard, and I want to thank you," he said.

Then, addressing the situation at large, Polis said, "Colorado is about the opportunity to have voices heard and that's exactly what people of the San Luis Valley did when they felt they were not being treated with respect. Responsible government

takes concerns of the people and addresses them through problem solving. That's what we've done here today."

When Kelly took the podium, she echoed Polis' acknowledgement of all who have helped in the transition, describing the cadre of prosecutors as "an army assembled by the Colorado District Attorney's Council."

"Prosecutors came from across the state to the San Luis Valley to make sure victims were heard, cases were filed, and justice was done," Kelly said. "Prosecutors came here, some staying for several weeks while they handled cases, handled difficult investigations and made sure the victims of the valley were heard. It is a true testament to the passion of the state's prosecutors."

Kelly also thanked the AG's office for "stepping in and being willing to lead during this hard transition."

Kelly then specifically addressed the people who have been directly involved in both the challenges and victories of the last eighteen months.

"The Valley has endured a crisis of trust," she said. "But what is most extraordinary is what this valley did about it. You didn't just sit back and say, 'well, that's the way things go.' You came together. Your voices were loud and clear that you wanted change and weren't going to put up with what was going on."

"I want you to know your resilience and courage to change what was going on is what inspired me to come and work with you to make that change and to be a leader in that change."

Kelly described the Valley as deserving of a professional prosecutor who cares about the community, justice, victims and fills the office with professional attorneys who "know what they're doing."

"It's going to take time," she said, "but I'm committed to that effort."

Kelly described dignity and respect for victims as a "deeply held personal belief", adding that the Valley deserves a leader who will prioritize public safety and prosecution of public offenders but also has the wisdom, skill and experience to differentiate between those who need help and those who deserve to be held accountable.

"I have that experience," she said.

Kelly also addressed opioid addiction and drug related offenses, both of which are significant

problems in the region.

"This Valley has been devastated by effects of addiction and prevalence and availability of dangerous narcotics," Kelly said. "I'm committed to using the resources that we have and to find new resources to address the needs of addiction and don't criminalize addiction. At the same time, I'm equally committed to seeking out and aggressively prosecuting the individuals in this community who are providing position to our most vulnerable people."

She then issued a challenge: "If you are someone who is providing poison to our citizens, we are coming after you."

Kelly added she was committed to rebuilding the trust of the commissioners, which had been damaged under the former DA, and pledged her deep respect for and commitment to supporting "the brave men and women" in law enforcement, adding that she looks forward to working with them, asking for their feedback on what their priorities are for prosecution and an ongoing "open door policy" to those in law enforcement.

During the former DA's time in office, law enforcement was especially impacted in significant ways by some of the dynamics, practices and decisions that were ongoing.

When asked for comment on DA Kelly's appointment, Alamosa County Sheriff Jackson said, "We're very happy to have her here and have been very impressed in our conversations with her."

"This is a great day for the Valley, law enforcement and the whole community," Monte Vista Police Department Chief George Dingfelder said. "She's an experienced prosecutor who has the



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**Anne Kelly, newly appointed DA for the 12th Judicial District, addresses a crowd of community leaders. In the background, from left, Alamosa County Sheriff Robert Jackson, Monte Vista Police Chief George Dingfelder, Conejos County Sheriff Garth Crowther and Alamosa Police Chief Ken Anderson.**

full support of law enforcement."

Dingfelder added that a group of law enforcement officers met with Kelly two weeks ago and "everyone was impressed with her passion for fair prosecution and taking care of victims. We think she'll be exceptional."

Staff at the DA's office was also under enormous stress for a long stretch of time. Megan Martinez, one of the most tenured staff with the 12th district who has, in the past, been a cornerstone of its most successful programs, told the Courier,

"I'm very excited," Martinez said. "This is a very progressive move.

I'm very proud of our support staff holding us all together."

At the close of the announcement, the Valley Courier asked Polis about the amount of support the DA's office will continue to receive. Polis acknowledged that Kelly will have to recruit new attorneys, but he pledges whatever assistance is needed until that happens.

Kelly's closing remarks summed up her approach to her new position.

"I have no illusions this will be an easy job, but I look forward to working with, for and beside you," she said. "This is a new day in the Valley, and I can hardly wait to get started."

## Keys to Living in the Kingdom of God

During His ministry on Earth, Jesus' message was, "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 4:17 NIV). And throughout the New Testament, there are scriptures about the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven.

This kingdom isn't one that we see with our natural eyes, but it's more important than the physical world around us that we do see. That's why the apostle Paul prayed for the Ephesians "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" (Ephesians 1:18 NIV).

The eyes of our heart see things by faith in God as we begin believing His Word more than what we see and feel in the natural world around us. And as we believe what God says more strongly than anything else, we can experience the promises of God—Kingdom living.

### Kingdom Benefits

One of the most important things we need to believe by faith in God is that He loves us and wants to fill us with "all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:17-19). This truth is vital to understanding who we are in Christ and that as we grow in our personal relationship with Him, we become more like Him in our thoughts, attitudes, and behavior.

Another amazing promise we have from God is found in Romans 8:28 and 37, which says that "in all things God works for the good of those who love him" and "we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

Being "more than conquerors" means that we know we've won the battle before it even starts. And when we're walking through it, we have assurance that it's going to end well. When difficult times come in my life, I often say, "This

is going to end well." I believe I will know something I didn't know before and I'll be a better person than I was before.

We can encourage ourselves to stay in faith by realizing there is a lot going on in our lives that we can't see. I like to remind myself that just because I may not see anything happening in my life, it doesn't mean nothing is happening. God is always working as I put my faith in Him, and He does a lot before I actually see the results in my circumstances.

### Set Your Mind to Live by Faith

In order to stay in faith and live in the Kingdom of God, we need to keep it in mind more consistently. Colossians 3:2-3 says to "set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God."

Real life is found in Christ, by having a personal relationship with Him, receiving Him as Savior and trusting that as you confess your sin and give Him your heart, you are born again (2 Corinthians 5:17, 21). In Christ, you are a new creation and you have right standing with God. He is not mad at you, and He not only forgives your sins but He forgets them; He removes them from you "as far as the east is from the west" (Psalm 103:12).

When you really know this in your heart, you can live by faith and experience Kingdom living here on Earth! You can have God's peace that surpasses your understanding and be anxious for nothing in every situation (Philippians 4:6-7). You can be "filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy" (1 Peter 1:8).

You can know that "the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world" (1 John 4:4) and you can do everything He is calling you to do through Christ who strengthens you



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(Philippians 4:13).

### Living by Faith in God's Kingdom

Hebrews 11:1 says faith "is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Having faith is easy until you're tempted to give in to doubt and unbelief. A lot of doubt and unbelief comes by paying too much attention to what we see and feel, rather than believing what God says about who He is and what He wants to do in our lives.

I want to encourage you to stir up your faith! Spend time with God in prayer. Study the scriptures in this article and look up others that help you get a better perspective of the life God has planned for you.

Choose to believe that something good is going to happen to you and through you as God works in your life. This is the key to actually living in His Kingdom more than the world around you—by faith!

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# SoFAAR burro race hits South Fork

BY LYNDIE FERRELL

**SOUTH FORK** — It is hard to believe that Labor Day weekend is here but with it comes a wide range of activities all over the San Luis Valley.

One in particular is the first of its kind. The SoFAAR Burro Race in South Fork will begin on Saturday morning, Sept. 3, and take participants up along Alder Creek through obstacles, elevation changes and more.

The South Fork Friends Foundation has been planning this event for just about a year and in doing so, has generated general excitement around the event.

Burro racing has gained popularity in the San Luis Valley over the last several years beginning with the Creede Donkey Dash and others. This race will test the limits of runners and is bringing in some talent from the world of burro racing from around the state.

“There are over 50 burro teams registered to run the South Fork Alder Races on Saturday, Sept. 3. The races begin at 10 a.m. at Browns Park. In addition to seeing the world class athletes and their human counterparts in person, spectators can enter games to guess the winning times of each of the

three races (3-mile, 8 mile and 22 mile) and to guess where the first donkey droppings will appear after the starting line,” said South Fork Friends Foundation President Luke Brennan.

A tractor-drawn wagon ride courtesy of Aspen Ridge RV Park will provide shuttle service between the South Fork Community Center and Browns Park so that spectators can get back and forth.

Parking will be at both Browns Park and the Community Center.

Food, games, and vendors will be set up at the Community Center while the burros are out on the course and afterward. An awards ceremony will be held at the Community Center at 3:30 p.m.

The world famous and beloved racing pack burro, Buttercup, will be running the long course with her human, Marvin Sandoval. Buttercup is a three-time World Champion and a two-time Triple Crown winner and won 19 of 27 races she entered and was second or third in the rest. Buttercup will be available for photographs and autographs before and after the race.

Volunteers are needed. If interested, contact Brennan for details at 315-382-6200 or lukebrennan@att.net.

# HAIRVEST



## Proximity Malt hosted its 2022 Field Forward Day

**MONTE VISTA** — Led by Zach Gaines, Director of Procurement at Proximity Malt, dozens of growers, brewers and distillers from Colorado, Arizona, Kansas, Texas and Kentucky joined barley breeders in the all-day event.

Craig Stuart, Raw Materials Purchasing Manager at New Belgium Brewing, and Scott Dorsch, the agronomist from Odell Brewing were in attendance and agreed — a day in the barley fields was well worth the long drive from Fort Collins. This year’s Field Forward Day was an opportunity to meet colleagues from the beginning of the beer and spirits supply chain, to the end.

Participants gathered for the day to see the latest in barley breeding efforts in the Valley, to tour Proximity’s state-of-the-art malthouse and roaster facility, and to learn about the important environmental sustainability potential of barley grown in the Valley. Not least in importance, we took time to break bread and share a beer with colleagues both at Proximity Malt’s facility, and at Derek Heersink’s Square Peg Brew Pub in Alamosa.

Proximity Malt Field Forward attendees first visited the CSU San Luis Valley Research Center for an overview of Proximity’s barley variety evaluation program. The advanced experimental strip trial included 14 new US, European and Canadian two row malting barley varieties. 2022 is the first season that eight of these varieties have been planted on US soil.

Barley breeders Dr. Jamie Sherman from Montana State University, Dr. Blake Cooper from Limagrain and Commercial Manager Wayne Tallman from the KWS Group (Germany) were on hand to introduce their new varieties, and to answer questions about their breeding programs and the future of barley breeding in the San Luis Valley and North America.

Participants gathered at Heersink’s farm where Gaines spoke about Proximity’s

Climate Smart Regenerative Agriculture Program. The program, currently in its first year of data collection, provides resources and incentives for growers in both of Proximity’s locations — Colorado and Delaware — to embrace regenerative agriculture methods such as low or no-till farming, cover cropping and irrigation management to positively impact carbon emissions, soil health and water utilization.

Sustainable Environmental Consultants (SEC-Des Moines, IA) representatives, Anne Dinges and Emily Hutto were on hand to explain the program, its timeline, and methodologies to quantify the impact of regenerative farming practices.

The group visited two of Heersink’s 60-acre plant scale evaluations, both new elite German 2Row varieties with the potential to be on hundreds of San Luis Valley acres next spring.

Chuck Skypeck, Brewer’s Association’s Technical Brewing Projects Director summed up the importance of the day, saying, “A hands-on approach to linking growers to brewers and distillers goes beyond introducing new barley varieties, as important as that is. It is important to talk about the value malting barley can bring to reducing carbon output and water utilization and improving soil. I think consumers will care about that, too.”

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# VFW Post 8121 dedicates new flagpole



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On Aug. 12, the VFW Post 8121 of Del Norte and South Fork dedicated the new flagpole located at the Del Norte Cemetery to the Town of Del Norte. Members of the Town Board present were Town Administrator Bernadette Martinez, Pro-Tem Bob Muncy, Town Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato and Town Trustee Louie Velasquez. Members of VFW Post 8121 present were Commander Eric Pierce, Quartermaster Todd Davidson, Trustee Al Pierce and Trustee Eugene Gallegos. The new flagpole and flag will be maintained by VFW Post 8121.



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# SF Town Board continues discussions on workforce housing

**By LYNDISIE FERRELL**  
**SOUTHFORK** — During the Town of South Fork Board of Trustee meeting on Aug. 23, the public voiced continued concern about short-term rentals in South Fork. The town recently passed a moratorium prohibiting any new short-term rentals within the 81154-zip code and the community asked that the moratorium continue.

Several area lodge and RV park owners were present to thank the town for acting against the massive growth of the short-term rental market in South Fork, which, according to a recent study, makes up about 19 percent of the lodging in South Fork.

Prior to the start of the busy summer season, the town began having conversations on how they could help local lodge and RV park business owners.

Many lodge and RV park people at the recent meeting stated their nightly and summer rentals were still down, but they also stated that they had noticed a difference compared to previous years.

“First of all, thank you for getting together and doing the moratorium, for hiring a short-term rental code enforcement officer, for doing what you need to do to raise fees, these were all great steps in the right direction, but along with everyone else, we don’t stay full.

So, if we aren’t staying full, why would we need more short-term rentals? Why are we not taking care of the city people, the people that live here year-round, the guys who are paying the taxes, instead of letting people come in from outside, buy a house and turn around and rent it. This is our livelihood, this is how we make a living,” said local business owner Keith Johnson.

South Fork is one of many communities that is dealing with the recent growth of short-term rentals in the Valley. Several municipalities are struggling with the need for workforce housing, especially in the summer tourism driven communities that rely on summer workers like South Fork and Creede.

Though many of the Valley communities struggle with the lack of housing for employees, other issues have come from the increase in short-term rentals, including the impact the market has on established hotel, motel, lodge, and RV park businesses.

Because these comments were made during the public comment portion of the agenda no further action was taken by the board.

The board unanimously passed resolution 22-27 later in the meeting which made further steps toward resolving the workforce housing issue in town. In a previous meeting, the

town chose to hire a code enforcement officer who would also serve as a code enforcement officer for short-term rentals to ensure that those in South Fork were following all state and local regulations.

Resolution 22-27 states, “The board of trustees of the Town of South Fork recognizes an immediate and urgent need to support efforts in developing workforce and affordable housing in the Town of South Fork and Whereas, currently there are no houses for rent in the South Fork and the immediate area and the South Fork Housing Action Plan for August 2022 has determined the current urgency to build new rental and for sale housing to meet the housing goal of 20-30 new housing units by 2027. The Board of Trustees is determined to support the efforts to meet this goal for the Town of South Fork and San Luis Valley.”

According to the resolution, the town will create a program to subsidize or otherwise reduce local development review or fees, grant duplexes, triplexes, or other multi-family housing use by right to build in residential areas, allow planned unit developments and the development of small square footage homes and promote innovative or creative approaches to affordable housing to help solve the immediate need.

## PLANNING

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volunteer advisory board gave ample time for comments and questions from board members and residents.

The board recommended approving all the applications for the county commissioners, who will address issues starting at 2 p.m. on Sept. 20 in the courthouse. These applications included four consolidation requests, a change of ownership request, a subdivision exemption request, two conditional use modification requests, and under “Old Business” a zoning change request that in some ways has been in the works for 25 years.

The week before the planning commission meeting, dozens of residents from the Crestone area packed the county commissioner meeting on Aug. 16 with concerns about the zoning change request, particularly the plans for a cell tower proposed as part of the Community Resource Center application from Elaine Johnson and Steven McDowell. The commissioners recommended running the application through the planning commission one more time to give residents a chance to respond to the cell tower erection in the Elk Park subdivision.

At the start of the meeting on Aug. 25, planning commission member Steve Carlson said, “I feel that my voice was heard at the last meeting, and nothing

has changed. I have nothing to make me feel like I should change the vote that I voted for last time.”

Although the text of the application had not changed, the opposition in the audience the second time around changed the tone of the discussion. In defense of her request, Johnson addressed false allegations she had heard and provided decades of history behind the project. Opposing the cell tower, residents cited language in the county’s codes that appeared to disqualify the application.

Two board members abstained from the vote on the zoning change request, one voted against it, and five members voted in favor of approving the application and sending it to the commissioners for a final decision. Along with the eight other applications recommended for approval, the zoning change request will be part of the Land Use discussion during the commissioners meeting on Sept. 20.

Johnson noted how cell service in Crestone declined to spotty at best after the Spring Creek Fire in 2018 took out the Verizon tower on La Veta Pass. Although some residents expressed concern about dropped calls and communication during emergency situations, one Crestone resident said she and her family have always worked around these issues.

The cell tower proposal is a key part

of funding the Community Resource Center development. In addition to providing connectivity for the center, it would help fund the venture. The Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) encourages cooperation between groups submitting grants.

Commission member Kairina Danforth abstained from the vote. She said a collection of nonprofit organizations agreed to work on the grant application for the Community Resource Center together, but most of those organizations have since withdrawn their support.

As Johnson noted, the delay jeopardizes the project because of the sequence of requirements. Like the opposition, the delay is not new. As commission member Bill McClure noted, when Johnson and McDowell first proposed a community center with gas service and more during the 1990s, residents rallied in opposition. The application was denied.

At a table next to the board members, former Rio Grande County Sheriff Don McDonald sat with his new Saguache County Code Enforcement teammate Doug Chacon. McDonald and undersheriff Chris Crown resigned from Rio Grande County in early July, and McDonald started with Saguache in August.

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# Los Vecinos Baliadores keeps traditions alive

By DIANE DREKMANN

**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.



Photo by Diane Drekman

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.

## San Luis Valley Scoreboard 2022 -2023

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# Team rescues men near La Jara Reservoir

**STAFF REPORT**  
**CONEJOS COUNTY** – Two men were found safe after sending a distress signal near the La Jara Reservoir on Friday.

Charles Ewing, 76, of Antonito, and Keith Goddard, 53, were found safe and were flown out of a canyon located near the reservoir via Flight For Life. Neither man was injured.

On Friday at approximately 7:45 p.m., the Conejos County Sheriff's Office was notified of an emergency alert in the La Jara Reservoir area.

Conejos County Search and Rescue began searching Friday

night and moved into the canyon Saturday morning, where they made contact with Ewing and Goddard. The two men told rescue workers that they misjudged the rugged canyon terrain and the distance they had to travel to get out of it.

The two men spent the night in the canyon waiting for help.

Flight For Life flew out the two men and the rescue team.

The Conejos County Sheriff's Office stated that people hiking should always carry a coat, survival gear and extra food and water. Survival gear should include equipment to start a fire.

# Inmate escapes from Costilla County Jail

**BY PRISCILLA WAGGONER**

**ALAMOSA** – An inmate held at the Costilla County Jail on multiple charges escaped Saturday after being arrested last Thursday for allegedly stealing diesel fuel from an area south of Fort Garland.

According to Costilla County Sheriff Danny Sanchez, at 4:08 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, Johnathan Medina "buzzed" the jail's detention officer and reportedly said he needed to make a "legal call" in reference to making bond.

The detention officer led Medina from his jail cell to the area where he could place a phone call.

Medina then asked the officer if he could get a glass of water. According to Sanchez, the detention officer stepped into the next room when he heard a "crashing sound." When the officer returned to where Medina was located, he saw Medina going through the window.

"He'd pushed out the screen and

the window where he got out has bars," Sanchez said. "I'm told he's very, very skinny."

Medina was being held on outstanding warrants, mainly for Failure to Comply in Costilla County and Failure to Appear in Alamosa, as well as new charges of second-degree criminal trespassing, possession of a weapon by a previous offender and theft of \$750 to \$2,000 related to his recent arrest.

Sanchez said documents have been submitted to the judge to also charge Medina with escaping from jail, a class-4 felony, and criminal mischief, a class-3 misdemeanor.

Law enforcement officials believe he is no longer in the area and may have traveled to northern New Mexico where he has ties in the area.

According to law enforcement, Medina is not considered to pose a significant threat to the public.



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**Johnathan Medina**

Anyone who sees him is advised not to approach or attempt to make contact but, instead, to call the Costilla County Sheriff's Office at 719-589-5807.

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

# 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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Participants will again be arriving from across Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Utah and Kansas.

The Early Iron Festival is a three-day event starting on Friday, Sept 2 and ending on Sunday, offering good food, private events, music, slow cruising, and of course, awesome hot rods. A used book sale will also be available behind the Alamosa Public Library.

Cole Park opens at 7 a.m. Saturday when registration continues. The Alamosa Senior Citizens Center, adjacent to the park, will again offer the Early Iron breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m. featuring biscuits and sausage gravy, scrambled eggs and hash browns with juice, milk, coffee and tea.

A flag raising ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m. with the “show ‘n shine” festivities beginning at 10 a.m. Nitro carburns are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The annual pin strippers auction is set for 1 p.m. with a ladies tea and vintage fashion show set for 1-2:45 p.m., followed by the announcement of “show ‘n shine” winners from 3-4 p.m. when door prizes and cash awards will be presented.

Participants will attend the annual banquet at the Alamosa Recreation Center at 5:30 p.m. when the “rodders’ choice” and “ladies’ choice” winners will be announced, as well as the winners of an engine, transmission and \$1,000 cash prize will be revealed.

Saturday night features the annual “slow cruise” through downtown Alamosa, drawing hundreds of onlookers.

Many show participants will participate in the annual poker run beginning at 9:15 a.m. Sunday in Cole Park to cap the 2022 event.

Seven Peaks features headlines Bentley and Morgan Wallen, with

additional main stage performances by Boy Named Banjo, Ashley Cooke, Jordan Davis, Jackson Dean, Travis Denning, Hardu, Kendell Marvel, Ashley McBride, Old Crow Medicine Show, Caitlyn Smith, Rapidgrass, Alana Springsteen and Lainey Wilson.

The Colorado Department of Transportation has issued a notice about traffic issues expected on Highway 17 and will be reducing speed limits and flag persons will be on site.

For tickets and more information, go to [sevenpeaksfestival.com](http://sevenpeaksfestival.com).

Tentative opening day events for Friday in Creede include the Farmers Market and performances by the Creede Repertory Theatre (CRT).

Saturday opens with the annual Creede Mountain Run with a starting line behind Kentucky Belle Market, offering a 50k, 22-mile and 12-mile run/walk events. The Salsa Fiesta begins at 11 a.m. with more CRT performances to follow. Several locations plan to offer live music as well.

More CRT performances continue Sunday. For the current schedule of plays, go to [creederep.org](http://creederep.org).

Antonito’s sixth annual Labor Day celebration will be held Saturday and Sunday and offers a multitude of activities opening with a 5k walk/run at 7 a.m. and a free breakfast from 7:30-10 a.m. Saturday. The parade will kick-off at 10 a.m. on main street and various vendors will open at 10 a.m. at town hall and continue through 9 p.m.

Live music, activities for kids, a beer garden and street dance are also on tap for Saturday, as well as Salida Circus acts and an Antonito Community history collection at town hall.

Sunday’s fun will be highlighted by a car show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the old football field.

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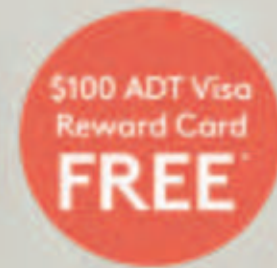


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Instructors and students from Enshin-Karate taught techniques at the Wellness Village in Creekside Park during the Crestone Energy Fair on Aug. 28.

# FAIR

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Fashion Show. Ringing 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 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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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 — Coyle Solar, Elephant Cloud Market, Shakti Sharanam, Darlene Yarbrough Real Estate, Oppenheimer Ranch Project, San Luis Valley Seed Exchange, Rainbow Lightning, 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.

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The Adams State Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math and Science grants were renewed by the Department of Education. Pictured, Upward Bound summer program students take classes, engage in group activities as they experience the college campus environment.

## Upward Bound welcomes new director, receives grant renewals

**SUBMITTED ARTICLE**  
**ALAMOSA** — Amanda Atencio's passion for education and serving students throughout her professional career began when she was a student at Adams State University.  
 "My experiences as an undergrad and graduate student and working within the TRiO programs (Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, and Student Support Services) shaped my love for students and supporting them. The people, el gente, in the valley are the primary reason I

returned, back to my roots," she said. Atencio, Class of 2005, recently accepted the position as director of Upward Bound/Upward Bound Math and Science programs at Adams State.  
 "I plan to continue providing quality services and opportunities for students in the program," she said. The Adams State Upward Bound program is in its 50th year.  
 "We are the heart of pre-collegiate services for students in the SLV," Atencio said. "My staff and I will continue

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## Colorado Master Gardener program application period opens September 1

**Submitted Article**  
**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — Whether you are a person doing your own back yard gardening or someone who does it for a living, the Colorado Master Gardener program may be for you. The Colorado Master Gardener program is a program where you learn about gardening in Colorado. The first step is to apply between Sept. 1 and Oct. 16, at ColoradoMasterGardener.org.

Those who chose this program will not provide the volunteer hours to Colorado State University and the San Luis Valley. Those following the Colorado Gardener Certificate tract are also not a Colorado Master Gardener. They are not eligible to call themselves a "Master Gardener." This tract pays the full fee of \$530. There are a limited number of scholarships available which cover half of the fee.

The 15 gardening classes include vegetable gardening, tree care, diagnosing problems, weed control, plant pathology, soils and some time spent on mountain gardening. This Colorado Master Gardener program will be taught online, starting in January 2023, and going through April 2023.

The application period opens Sept. 1 and closes Oct. 16, and the first step is to apply. As is required of all Colorado State University volunteers, a background check and reference checks are required. After the background check is completed, you will be able to register and pay for the course in December and start the classes in January 2023.

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You can learn more and apply online at ColoradoMasterGardener.org. You can also learn more from the SLV Area Extension Office by calling, emailing, or stopping in at 1899 East Hwy. 160, Monte Vista. Phone 719-852-7381. Email Larry Brown at L.Brown@colostate.edu or Jennifer Norris at Jennifer.Norris@colostate.edu

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## SLV Health celebrates nurse's 40 years of service

**BY DONNA WEHE**  
*San Luis Valley Health*  
**ALAMOSA** — In August, many employees will celebrate their Years of Service 5-year milestones, but one celebration is especially unique, as Kathy Hostetter, LPN, is celebrating her 40th year of nursing at San Luis Valley Health. Hostetter took a minute from her busy schedule to sit down with the Communications Director, Donna Wehe, as she reflected on her 40-year tenure.  
 "I gave my youth to the hospital," laughs Kathy. She started out as a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) when she was only 17 years old.  
 She recalled how the hospital has evolved through the years.  
 "We had so much fun back then, but we

did it all," she said.  
 She remembers when the very old OB wing (structure has been torn down) where the ramp was out back and people would drive right up and walk in saying, "I'm having my baby now."  
 "Sometimes we would have four women all laboring in the same room. Then we would wheel them into the delivery room. We took pictures of the babies and made their own little ID bracelets with their name on them," Hostetter said.  
 The Labor and Delivery was moved into a former wing, now housing administration, while the second floor of the Regional Medical Center was renovated to where it is housed today.

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# HOSTETTER

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Hostetter remembers working on third floor, or the med/surg where the hospital patients are. She recalls using glass IV bottles, which have really changed through the years. They took care of everyone, from patients needing a safe place to sober up to patients recovering from surgery. Through the years, needles became safer and more items moved to individual disposable uses.

"We had a lot of traveling nurses, I remember, and they were fun to get to know, too," Hostetter said.

The basic nursing duties have not changed all that much, such as performing assessments, taking vitals, giving medications, and overall patient care.

"But what has really improved has been having more help and lower nurse ratios. That has really evolved," she said.

Hostetter majored in her other

love at Adams State, getting her art degree.

"But I stayed working on weekends at the hospital, since my art couldn't pay the bills," she laughed.

Eventually, she received her LPN from Trinidad State Junior College and later her IV certification. One of the overlaps with art was that Mrs. Velasquez, her nurse supervisor, recognized that she was really good at developing films.

"I think I developed x-ray films for at least three years," she said.

When Deb Tringham was the OB Director, she hired Hostetter, where she worked for 12 years. The new Professional Services clinic had been built and she recalls working for Drs. Hickock, Karabin, and Trousdale, focusing on women's health, for 10 more years. After Dr. Karabin quit, she got called by Lauriann Blakeman to help in the

outpatient surgery unit at the PS clinic. When the Regional Medical Center merged with the PS under the new umbrella of SLV Health, she got recruited back to OB by Jodi Garcia and Hostetter told her when she accepted the position, "I am done working nights."

Thinking of other ways healthcare has evolved through the years brought Hostetter to discussing how babies being born to drug-addicted mothers are more common now, insurance and payors influence access to healthcare delivery, the traveling nurse culture is not the same as it used to be, and the high-risk status of babies staying in the nursery.

"Back then we took care of a lot of babies and moms. Dr. Kelly tended to deliver a lot of babies, and he would just hand them over to us. Babies back then didn't get flown out for higher levels of care,"

Hostetter said. "We had an incubator, and we just took care of them until the doctor thought they could go home."

She also commented that completing continuing education has evolved for the better.

"We used to spend a lot of time in classrooms, but now we can take many of these classes online," she said.

One time she remembers walking into the old laboring room and the newborn was not waiting one minute longer. She helped that mother deliver the baby right there on the floor, cut the cord, and everyone was healthy.

"A lot of people still remember me as their nurse and they will say, 'Hey, you delivered my baby!' And I look at them and can't believe it because I can't be that old, haha," Hostetter said.

Hostetter was born and raised in Alamosa and her maiden name is

Yohn. She attended Alamosa High School and met her husband Steve while motorcycling. She still loves riding, along with barrel racing horses and water skiing. They have three children and seven grandchildren, one being a very recent arrival.

Hostetter reflected on living in Alamosa and the San Luis Valley, saying, "We have everything people need here to make a decent living and a comfortable lifestyle."

Jennifer Pacheco, RN, SLVH Case Manager in the Women's Clinic commented on working with Hostetter.

"She goes above and beyond for her patients and coworkers," Pacheco said. "She provides excellent nursing care to the patients and always puts them first. Kathy is always willing to step in and help wherever she is needed. I am fortunate I have gotten to know and work with her. Thank you, Kathy, for making our team great!"

# ASU

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the strong rapport with schools and communities throughout the SLV."

The U.S. Department of Education most recently renewed the Upward Bound Math and Science grant as well as renewing the Upward Bound grant for another five years, beginning in 2023, which makes an excellent launch for Atencio's leadership role.

"We received a perfect score on the Upward Bound grant," Atencio added. She is grateful to Angelica Valdez, former UB director, Tawney Becker, Adams State grant specialist, and the entire Upward Bound staff that "poured their hearts and souls into the grant proposal."

There are nine high schools participating in the grant including Alamosa, Antonito, Centauri, Centennial, Center, Del Norte, Monte Vista, Sangre de Cristo, and Sierra Grande.

In the future, Atencio would like to expand community and outreach for students' health and well-being.

"We can't get to the core of academic needs or grow if a student is not emotionally, mentally or physically healthy," she said.

Atencio worked with Student Support Services soon after graduating and is excited to be back assisting students succeed through her alma mater.

"I am back home. After 10 years it is great to reconnect with my Adams

State family. This is where I built a desire to become the next leader of Upward Bound," Atencio said.

A typical day at the office always means students first, regardless of schedules or advanced planning.

"The students are at the heart of our decision making," Atencio said. "Despite best efforts to plan the day, especially during summer programming, life happens and situations arise. We have to address the moment."

Atencio received certification in elementary education from the University of Colorado Denver in 2017; and a master's and bachelor's, in 2013 and 2005, respectively, from Adams State University. She worked for six years as an elementary teacher in Pueblo prior to accepting the position as director of the Adams State Upward Bound programs.

She served as the TRiO Upward Bound director for Colorado State University-Pueblo; and started her professional career at Adams State in 2005 with the Student Support Services/Talent Search and as a TRiO, Upward Bound counselor and academic skills coordinator.

"It is the relationships with people throughout my career that built my foundation at Adams State and my love for education," Atencio added. "I have learned, iron sharpens iron and I have not gotten here, alone. There have been so many mentors,

coworkers, and professors who have helped me develop into the professional I am today. The experiences I had as an undergraduate, graduate and employee with Adams State TRiO programs and teaching, molded my love for students and I am excited to begin the next chapter of my story with Adams State and lead the Upward Bound program into the next fifty years."

Federal TRiO programs include Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science, Veteran's Upward Bound, Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers, and the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program. The programs are designed to assist students overcome economic, social, academic, and cultural barriers to higher education.



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San Luis Valley Great Outdoors and the City of Monte Vista partnered to create the Ray and Colette Skeff Natural Trail on the west side of town. The two entities will again be working together to bring more outdoor opportunities to the area after Monte Vista was chosen to be part of the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities program.



## MV chosen to be part of RERC program

### STAFF REPORT

**MONTE VISTA** — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), and the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) to announce assistance for 25 small and rural communities from across the country, including Monte Vista, to identify strategies to grow their outdoor recreation economies and revitalize main streets through the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC) program.

Monte Vista was the only city in Colorado chosen for the program this year. San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!) and the City of Monte Vista will be key partners in this process.

“SLV GO! is excited to work with the community of Monte Vista to envision what the outdoor recreation economy can do to help Monte Vista businesses and develop outdoor recreation opportunities for the community,” said Mick Daniel, SLV GO! Executive Director. “With the development of the Ray and Colette Skeff Nature Trail last year, the City of Monte Vista and SLV GO! sees a great opportunity for the community to build upon outdoor opportunities for the community.”

Daniels said the RERC program assists mainly with planning, and they will need the community to be part of the process.

“We hope to bring the community together to envision what Monte Vista could be with some addition of open space and trails,” Daniel said. “From there SLV GO! can assist in partnership with the City of Monte Vista to apply for funding for those ideas that were generated by the community.”

RERC is jointly administered by the EPA, the USDA Forest Service, NBRC, and ARC that helps rural communities leverage outdoor recreation to revitalize their Main Streets, leading to improved environmental protection and public health outcomes.

“This planning assistance will make it easier for people to get outside, boost their appreciation for the outdoors, improve their health and quality of life, create jobs, and strengthen our rural communities,” said EPA Regional Administrator KC Becker.

Communities are encouraged to pursue activities that foster environmentally friendly community development and revitalization through the conservation and sustainable use of public or private forests or other natural resources.

“The economic impact of outdoor recreation near our national forests and grasslands is vital to support health and prosperity in rural America,” said Forest Service Chief Randy Moore. “Efforts to reinvigorate main streets through the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities program is an important step to help

communities realize all the benefits that adjacent national forests and grasslands make possible.”

SLV GO!, the City of Monte Vista, and partners would like to boost equitable access to outdoor recreation for residents, increase tourism opportunities that tie into local assets like the annual Sandhill Crane Festival, and strengthen main street revitalization and small business development efforts in Downtown Monte Vista.

The local steering committee would like to connect the community to local recreation opportunities in nearby parks and trails as well as on surrounding public lands for the Monte Vista community, improving public health by getting people outside and active.

A federal planning team will work with each community over the course of four to six months, with a two-day facilitated community workshop as the focal point.

Participants will work together to develop strategies and an action plan to grow their local outdoor recreation economies. Some workshops are currently underway.

Communities were chosen following a comprehensive interagency review process from a pool of more than 100 applicants.

Over 160 million Americans over the age of 6 participated in outdoor recreation in 2020, according to the 2021 Outdoor Participation Trends Report, and sales figures across the industry broke records as Americans flocked to the outdoors in search of safe, family-friendly opportunities during the pandemic.

These activities — which include camping, fishing, hunting, hiking, RVing, boating, running, swimming, baseball, winter sports, and many others — can bring new investment and jobs to local economies, benefit health and wellness, raise awareness in conservation of forests and other natural resources, and improve the quality of life for residents and visitors.

In 2020, outdoor recreation activities generated 4.3 million quality, high paying jobs across a wide variety of industries, accounting for 3% of all employment in the United States.

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis calculated the economic output of outdoor recreation in 2020 to be \$689 billion, surpassing industries such as mining, utilities, farming and ranching, and chemical products manufacturing.

The EPA Office of Community Revitalization supports locally led, community-driven efforts to expand economic opportunity, protect human health and the environment, and create and enhance the places that people love through technical assistance, publications, research, tools, and grants.

The USDA Forest Service develops and implements place-based recreation planning using collaborative processes with communities and outdoor recreation and tourism providers within regional destination areas.

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		8/28	8/27	8/26	8/25	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
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Early Wheat	05/05	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.11	0.17	0.24	0.34	0.51
White Wheat	04/05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07
White Wheat	05/05	0.08	0.11	0.09	0.10	0.19	0.27	0.37	0.51	0.75
WinterWheat	10/01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Norkotah	05/05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.29
Centennial	05/05	0.12	0.17	0.13	0.15	0.29	0.42	0.57	0.78	1.11
Nugget	05/05	0.13	0.17	0.14	0.16	0.31	0.44	0.60	0.81	1.15
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**Contractor wanted to remodel bathroom in Creede Haven.** Call Steve or Cynthia Haynes 785-475-8576 or 785-475-7416 or steve.haynes@nwkansas.com. (9/21)

**FOR SALE: Fresh Tomatoes, Place your order NOW!** 1<sup>st</sup> Come 1<sup>st</sup> serve. Call 719-851-0926. (9/21)

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** The Antonito Community History Collection is a project to interpret, preserve and share Antonito's history and culture. We are kicking off this project with an afternoon of fellowship and visual storytelling on September 3, 2022. Where: 515 River St. Antonito, CO When: 11:00am-4:00pm Who: Current and former residents of Antonito Organizers:

Antonito Together and History Colorado. (8/31)

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### 07 Help Wanted

**Rio Grande County Department of Social Services is accepting applications for a Child Protection Caseworker.** Full time position with County benefits. Pre-employment drug screening, including testing for marijuana,

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# Valley Wide Classifieds

**Wolf Creek Ski Area is in need of an Accounting Assistant/Accounting Clerk.** Duties include clerical tasks, processing reports, recording transactions and typical Accounts Payable and Payroll duties. Experience with Microsoft Office products is required. Attention to detail and organizational skills are important. **Those with bookkeeping, human resources, or administrative assistance experience are encouraged to apply.** Compensation is hourly and negotiable based on skill set. Reliable transportation and ability to commute to/from Wolf Creek Ski Area throughout the Winter is required. **Year-round position with longer hours during the ski season, and a shorter workweek in the off-season.** Would report to Accounting Supervisor as well as CEO/President. Please email resume to AP@WOLFCREEK-SKI.COM or call 970-264-5487. (8/31)

**Wolf Creek Ski Area is accepting applications for all departments: accounting (assistant), lifts, ski school, food and beverage, base operations, rental, retail, ticket office, ski patrol, vehicle maintenance, snow removal, snow reporting and a freelance photographer.** To download an application and see job descriptions please visit the employment page of Wolf-CreekSki.com. Send resumes and applications to wolfcreekski@wolfcreekski.com or P.O. Box 2800, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. All jobs are winter seasonal (November - April) with competitive wages. (9/29)

**RGB BANK** is now accepting applications for the position of **FULL TIME TELLER.** The job is primarily in Monte Vista, but work in Alamosa is also required at times. Interested parties can see more and download an application at: <https://rgbank.bank/contact-us/#employment> (8/31)

**The Upper Rio Grande School District is accepting applications for the position of Community Liaison.** Applicants need to have strong networking skills, be able to develop relationships with students, and partner with multiple agencies to support families in the school district. Please send a cover letter and resume to Aaron Horrocks at ahorrocks@urtigers.co or mail to 950 French Street, Del Norte CO 81332. Please call (719) 657-4040 if you have any questions. (9/7)

**South Central Colorado Seniors, Inc. the Local Area Agency on Aging is looking for a Meal Server in Saguache.** MUST HAVE training and experience in food preparation and nutrition. 3 hours per day, Monday through Friday. This position is responsible for Food Preparation according to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and must be familiar with Colorado Retail Food Establishments Rules and Regulations and certification Food Safety and Handling. Ideal Candidates: Must maintain meal-site according to Food Safety Regulations and be

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**17 Real Estate For Sale**  
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### Fun By The Numbers

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

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### Here's How It Works:

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Solution to last week's puzzle

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## Link between volunteering and academic performance

There are many reasons for parents to encourage children who express an interest in volunteering. Volunteering is a social activity that can help children develop their social and networking skills, and many parents credit volunteering with instilling a sense of perspective in their children that they might not have gained had they not been exposed to people from different backgrounds. Volunteering also has been linked to stronger academic performance. The Corporation for National and Community Service reports that students who indicate they're doing better in school are more likely to be volunteers than students who report doing less well. The broadened exposure to people and places that students may otherwise not encounter without volunteering also can benefit them in the classroom, helping them more readily identify with cultures and societies they're studying. College applicants with volunteering experience also may set themselves apart in the increasingly competitive application process. Though a 2019 Pew Research study reported that most schools admit more than two-thirds of their applicants, that figure is significantly lower at many of the more highly rated institutions in the United States. For example, Stanford University (4.3 percent) and Harvard University (4.9 percent) recently reported acceptance rates below 5 percent. Though volunteering alone won't help applicants gain acceptance to such competitive institutions, it can serve as a strong résumé builder and be even more effective if it also produces the previously noted improvements in academic performance.

## HVCC gearing up for Fall semester

### SUBMITTED ARTICLE

**DELNORTE** — Hi, all! School's back in session and that means our program is gearing back up as well. Our staff is working diligently to make sure that our Fall semester is the best yet! HVCC is a little too quiet these days without the kiddos' energy and we can't wait to see everyone again. We will re-open Tuesday, Sept. 6, for regular programming.

HVCC flag football and volleyball have officially begun.

Volleyball games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays (6:30 and 7:30 p.m.) beginning Monday, Aug. 22. Volleyball game schedules will be posted on our website as soon as they are finalized.

Flag football games will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning the week of Aug. 22 as well. To be eligible for HVCC sports, children must also be registered with HVCC.

On the topic of registration, we accept registrations year-round. Registrations are available on our website, [www.TheHVCC.org](http://www.TheHVCC.org) under the "Registration" heading. If you prefer the old-fashioned way, you are welcome to give us a call at 719-657-2172 or stop by our office at 595 Grand Ave. We welcome kiddos going into kindergarten onward. If you would like to acquaint yourself with our mission, activities, weekly schedule, sports, and more, our website is a great resource. Our staff is also happy to answer any questions so please don't hesitate to reach out.

Our Encore Program is still going strong. For those of you who aren't familiar, Encore is an HVCC program specifically for community members 50 years and older. Benefits of the program include Zumba and fitness classes, arts and crafts, field trips, and more! Encore is free to eligible members. If you or someone you know is interested in participating, give us a call or sign up on our website; [www.thehvcc.org/encore](http://www.thehvcc.org/encore).

In closing, we want to thank all of our community members who supported our End of Summer Carnival celebration. We had a great attendance and had a wonderful time interacting with everyone. It was the perfect way to end the summer. Have a great week everyone!

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### Monte Vista School District

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Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Zario Acosta</b>	Market Goats		8	
	Market Goats		9	
	Showmanship		2	Reserve Champion Junior Showman
<b>Reese Anderson</b>	Market Goats		2	
	Market Goats		1	Grand Champion Meat Goat
	Market Goats		2	
	Showmanship		1	Grand Champion Senior Showman
<b>Ryker Anderson</b>	Showmanship		3	
	Market Goats		3	
	Market Goats		3	
<b>Lazarus Archuleta</b>	Market Goats		7	
	Cake Decorating			State Fair Delegate
<b>Paradise Archuleta</b>	Cake Decorating			Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Market Goats		1	
	Market Goats		5	
	Market Goats		4	
<b>Devin Armenta</b>	Market Sheep		3	
	Market Sheep		4	
<b>Bailey Armstrong</b>	Market Swine		6	
<b>Harper Armstrong</b>	Market Swine		4	
<b>KyMBER Armstrong</b>	Market Swine		3	
<b>Bailey Asbell</b>	Market Swine		3	
<b>Ely Ballard</b>	Market Goats		7	
	Market Goats		6	
<b>Braydyn Barela</b>	Showmanship		2	
	Market Sheep		1	
<b>Hailey Black</b>	Market Swine		2	
	Market Swine		3	
<b>Emma Booth</b>	Food Preservation			
	Market Goats		8	
	Food Preservation	Division Grand Champion		
	Market Goats		10	
<b>Ryan Booth</b>	Market Goats		4	
	Metalworking			
	Working Ranch Horse		3	
	Market Beef		4	
	Working Ranch Horse		1	
	Showmanship		5	
	Market Beef		7	
<b>Raelynn Bouet</b>	Working Ranch Horse		7	
	English Events		2	
	Gymkhana		2	
	Western Events		3	
	Written Test		2	
	Gymkhana		1	
	English Events		5	
	Working Ranch Horse		8	
	Western Events		4	
	Gymkhana		1	
	Working Ranch Horse		6	
	Gymkhana	Gymkhana Intermediate Reserve Champion	1	
	Cake Decorating			State Fair Delegate
	Western Events		4	
	English Events		5	
	English Events		4	
	Western Events		9	
	Gymkhana		3	

Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Lucy Brittain</b>	Veterinary Science			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Dog Obedience		2	
	English Events		1	
	Showmanship	Overall Intermediate High Point Rider	9	
	Working Ranch Horse		5	
	Dog Obedience		1	
	English Events		4	
	Gymkhana		6	
	Western Events		1	
	Dog Showmanship		1	
	Written Test	SLV Fair Overall Intermediate High Point Rider	1	1
	Dog Rally		1	
	Dog Agility		3	
	Western Events		3	
	Working Ranch Horse		4	
	Dog Rally		4	
	Gymkhana		9	
	English Events		1	
	Gymkhana		3	
	Working Ranch Horse		3	
	Dog Rally		2	
	Dog Obedience		1	
	English Events		3	
	English Events	English Intermediate Reserve Champion	3	
	Western Events	Western Intermediate Reserve Champion	3	
	Gymkhana		2	
	Western Events		3	
	Dog Agility		4	
<b>Ryker Buhr</b>	Cake Decorating			
	Market Sheep		7	
	Market Sheep		3	
	Market Sheep		2	
	Breeding Sheep		3	
	Breeding Sheep		5	



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Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Tynnley Buhr</b>	Breeding Sheep		2	
	Breeding Sheep		3	
	Market Sheep		2	
	Market Sheep		1	
	Market Sheep		1	Reserve Champion Bred and Fed
	Breeding Beef		1	
	Market Swine		2	
	Market Sheep		4	
	Showmanship		4	
	Market Swine		1	
	Breeding Sheep		3	
<b>Weston Burkhart</b>	Market Sheep		5	
	Market Sheep		5	
	Market Sheep		7	
	Market Swine		4	
	Market Swine		1	
	Market Sheep		6	
	Market Sheep		6	
	Market Sheep		6	
<b>Jazmine Burrola</b>	Market Sheep		2	
<b>Joshua Burrola</b>	Market Sheep		4	
<b>Annika Butero</b>	Dog Agility		3	
	Dog Showmanship		2	
	Dog Rally		1	
	Cake Decorating		2	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Dog Agility		2	
	Dog Obedience		2	
<b>Zane Butero</b>	Metalworking			
<b>Jewel Caldon</b>	Market Swine		7	
<b>Journey Caldon</b>	Market Swine		8	
<b>Riley Canty</b>	Market Swine		1	
	Market Swine		1	
	Showmanship		3	
	Market Goats		6	
	Breeding Swine		4	
	Market Sheep		1	
	Showmanship		1	
<b>Tucker Canty</b>	Gymkhana		2	
	Breeding Swine		5	
	Working Ranch Horse		1	
	Gymkhana		1	
	Written Test		3	
	Western Events		2	
	Showmanship		4	
	Gymkhana		2	
	Working Ranch Horse	Working Ranch Horse Senior Reserve Champion		1
	Western Events		1	
	Gymkhana		1	
	Western Events	Western Senior Reserve Champion		1
	Western Events		2	
	Market Swine		4	
	Market Swine		5	
	Gymkhana	Gymkhana Senior Reserve Champion		4
<b>Kaden Cary</b>	Showmanship		4	
	Market Beef		3	
<b>Skyler Cerny</b>	Market Swine		2	
<b>Samantha Cerny</b>	Market Swine		4	
<b>Tir'za Chacon</b>	Written Test		4	
	Western Events		1	
	Western Events		2	
	Gymkhana		4	
	Working Ranch Horse		2	
	Working Ranch Horse		3	
	Western Events	Western Junior Reserve Champion		2
	Gymkhana		5	
	Gymkhana		6	
	Showmanship		1	Showmanship Grand Champion
	Gymkhana		1	
<b>Cysco Claunch</b>	Market Sheep		2	
	Cake Decorating			
	Market Sheep		2	
<b>Elly Cobb</b>	Cats			State Fair Delegate
<b>Elaina Consaul</b>	Market Swine		1	Breed Reserve Champion
	Market Swine		1	Breed Champion, Grand Champion Market Hog
	Showmanship		1	Grand Champion Junior Showman

Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Makenzie Consaul</b>	Market Swine		1	Breed Champion
	Market Swine		2	Breed Reserve Champion
	Showmanship		1	Grand Champion Intermediate Showman
	Market Swine		1	Breed Reserve Champion
	Market Swine		1	
<b>Claire Cook</b>	Gymkhana		4	
	English Events	English Senior Reserve Champion	2	
	Showmanship		6	
	Western Events		4	
	Western Events		3	
	Gymkhana		3	
	English Events		2	
	English Events	English Senior Reserve Champion	1	
	Gymkhana		4	
	Written Test		1	
	Western Events		5	
<b>Carmen Cortez</b>	Market Swine		6	
	Cake Decorating			State Fair Delegate
<b>Diego Cortez</b>	Market Swine		1	
	Market Beef		6	
	Market Beef		5	
	Market Beef		5	
	Market Beef		6	
	Market Swine		5	
<b>Caitlin Creel</b>	Market Goats		3	
<b>Madison Creel</b>	Market Goats		7	
<b>Claire Crowther</b>	Market Swine		3	
<b>Jaren Crowther</b>	Market Sheep		2	
<b>Kaisley Crowther</b>	Market Swine		5	
<b>Kamry Crowther</b>	Market Swine		9	
<b>Kannin Crowther</b>	Market Sheep		5	



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<b>Kaylan Crowther</b>	Market Sheep		4	
	Breeding Poultry		1	Best of Variety, Class Champion
	Production Class (3 pullets or hens of same breed)		1	
	Showmanship		2	Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman
	Breeding Poultry		1	Best of Breed, Best of Variety, Class Champion
	Heritage Arts			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
<b>William Crowther</b>	Market Swine		4	
<b>Kenna Culver</b>	Shooting Sports			
	Market Swine		6	
	Market Swine		6	
	Market Swine		3	
<b>Emma Curtis</b>	Cake Decorating			
<b>Kyla Davis</b>	Home Design and Decor			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
<b>Lyza Davis</b>	Foods and Nutrition	Division Grand Champion		
<b>Catie Deacon</b>	Market Swine		3	
<b>Kaighon Decker</b>	Market Swine		2	
	Market Swine		6	
<b>Creedence Dick</b>	Shooting Sports			
<b>Avery Duran</b>	Western Events		4	
	Written Test		6	
	Showmanship		6	
	Gymkhana		1	
<b>Roman Edgar</b>	Market Beef		5	
<b>Ashley Entz</b>	Market Sheep		7	
	Market Sheep		5	
<b>Elly Entz</b>	Market Swine		3	
	Market Swine		2	Herdsmen
<b>Elena Escobedo</b>	Market Sheep		3	
	Market Swine		3	
<b>Samuel Escobedo</b>	Market Swine		4	
	Market Sheep		4	
<b>Zaine Eskew</b>	Market Swine		5	
	Market Swine		5	
	Market Swine		1	
	Shooting Sports	Division Reserve Champion		
	Market Swine		2	
<b>Jaycee Francis</b>	Showmanship		2	Showmanship Reserve Champion
	English Events		1	
	Gymkhana		1	
	Gymkhana		4	
	Working Ranch Horse		4	
	Western Events	Western Junior Grand Champion	1	
	Gymkhana		2	
	Gymkhana	Gymkhana Junior Grand Champion	2	
	Western Events		1	
	Western Events		2	
	Written Test	SLV Fair Overall Junior High Point Rider	1	
	Gymkhana		1	
	English Events		1	
	Working Ranch Horse		1	
	English Events	English Junior Grand Champion	1	
	Working Ranch Horse	Working Ranch Horse Junior Reserve Champion	4	
<b>Lucius Gallegos</b>	Robotics and Engineering			
	Gardening			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Model Rocketry			
<b>Erik Garcia</b>	Market Sheep		4	
<b>Brandi Garrison</b>	Dog Rally		1	
	Dog Agility		1	
	Dog Obedience		2	
	Dog Rally		2	
	Dog Agility		1	
	Market Sheep		4	
	Dog Showmanship		2	
	Dog Obedience		3	
	Market Sheep		4	



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Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Lyla Gesink</b>	English Events		3	
	Working Ranch Horse		6	
	Showmanship		2	Showmanship Reserve Champion
	Gymkhana		4	
	Gymkhana		9	
	Western Events		4	
	English Events		2	
	Written Test		8	
	Working Ranch Horse		5	
	Working Ranch Horse		5	
	Western Events		2	
	Gymkhana		2	
	Gymkhana		2	
	Western Events		5	
	English Events		1	
	Western Events		2	
	English Events		5	
<b>Dempsey Gibbs</b>	Market Sheep		3	
<b>Jayir Gonzalez</b>	Market Goats		4	
<b>Samuel Gonzalez</b>	Market Goats		4	
<b>Callie Griffin</b>	Heritage Arts			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Cake Decorating			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
<b>Kyra Griffin</b>	Foods and Nutrition	Division Grand Champion		
	Cake Decorating			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
<b>Liam Griffin</b>	Cake Decorating			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
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<b>Stefan Guillen</b>	Photography			
	Market Goats		3	
<b>Kynzleigh Hanel</b>	Western Events	Western Novice Grand Champion	2	
	Showmanship		4	
	Written Test		1	
	Western Events		2	
	Market Beef		2	
<b>Peyton Harmon</b>	Showmanship		5	
	Cake Decorating			State Fair Delegate
	Western Events		4	
	Western Events		7	
	Written Test		5	
<b>Braxdyn Harmon</b>	Market Swine		3	
	Showmanship		3	
	Market Swine		6	
<b>Rylie Harmon</b>	Market Swine		3	
	Showmanship		2	Reserve Champion Junior Showman
	Market Swine		1	
	Market Swine		3	
	Shooting Sports	Division Grand Champion		

# San Luis Valley Fair Results

Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Kinleigh Hathorn</b>	Horseless Horse			
<b>Haven Heredia</b>	Market Swine		7	
	Market Swine		6	
<b>Annaise Herrera</b>	Showmanship		3	
	Market Rabbit		4	
	Market Rabbit	Reserve Champion Market Rabbit	2	
<b>Landon Hostetter</b>	Market Goats		7	
	Market Goats		6	
<b>Lilian Hostetter</b>	Market Goats		4	
	Market Goats		6	
<b>Saige Hostetter- Asbell</b>	Market Swine		3	
	Market Swine		3	
<b>Zane Howard</b>	Written Test		10	
	Gymkhana		3	
	Gymkhana		6	
	Western Events		11	
	Showmanship		7	
	Gymkhana		7	
	Gymkhana		4	
<b>Carson Huffaker</b>	Market Goats		7	
	Market Goats		5	
<b>Chloe Huffake</b>	Market Swine		2	
<b>Keegan Huffaker</b>	Market Swine		6	
<b>Makenzie Huffaker</b>	Written Test		6	
	Showmanship		3	
	Market Goats		6	
	Western Events		4	
	Western Events		5	
<b>Russell Huffaker</b>	Market Goats		5	
	Market Goats		8	
<b>Zane Huffaker</b>	Western Events		9	
	Gymkhana		1	
	Gymkhana		5	
	Showmanship		4	
	Working Ranch Horse		8	
	Gymkhana		2	
	Gymkhana		1	
	Western Events		7	
	Market Swine		4	
	Western Events		7	
	Working Ranch Horse		7	
	Gymkhana	Gymkhana Intermediate Grand Champion	4	
	Gymkhana		4	
	Working Ranch Horse		8	
<b>Anahi Jabalera-Palacios</b>	Market Swine		7	
<b>Brant Jackson</b>	Market Beef		1	
	Market Sheep		3	
<b>Sydney Jackson</b>	Market Sheep		3	
	Market Sheep		1	
	Showmanship		5	
	Market Beef		3	
	Market Beef		2	
	Showmanship		4	
	Breeding Beef	Supreme Overall Female	1	
<b>Cody Jackson</b>	Market Swine		6	
	Market Beef		3	
	Market Beef		4	
<b>Jessica Jackson</b>	Market Swine		5	
	Market Goats		5	
	Market Sheep		7	
	Foods and Nutrition	Division Reserve Champion		
	Self Determined			
	Market Goats		8	
<b>Alec Jacquez</b>	Dog Obedience		1	
	Market Sheep		5	
	Market Sheep		6	
	Dog Rally		4	
	Dog Agility		2	
	Visual Arts			
	Dog Showmanship		3	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate

Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Courtney Jacquez</b>	Market Beef		2	
	Scrapbooking			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Market Sheep		6	
	Market Sheep		3	
<b>Jaelie Jaminet</b>	Showmanship		3	
	Breeding Rabbit		1	Best of Breed
	Breeding Rabbit		2	
	Gymkhana	Gymkhana Junior Reserve Champion	2	
	Gymkhana		2	
	Clothing Construction			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Working Ranch Horse		2	
	Written Test		8	
	Gymkhana		2	
	Market Swine		4	
	Western Events		3	
	Gymkhana		3	
	Western Events		6	
	Showmanship		1	Grand Champion Showman
	Working Ranch Horse		1	
	Market Swine		1	
<b>Jayden Jaramillo</b>	Market Sheep		3	
<b>Blake Johnson</b>	Market Beef		5	
<b>Kaysen Johnson</b>	Market Beef		1	
	Market Beef		1	Grand Champion Beef
	Showmanship		1	
<b>Kolten Johnson</b>	Showmanship		4	
	Market Beef		1	
	Market Beef		6	
	Breeding Beef		4	
<b>Kortney Johnson</b>	Market Beef		3	
	Showmanship		4	
<b>Lacey Johnson</b>	Market Beef		1	
<b>Marissa Johnson</b>	Market Beef		3	

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Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Trace Johnson</b>				
	Western Events		6	
	Working Ranch Horse		6	
	Market Beef		1	Reserve Champion Beef
	Market Beef		1	
	Working Ranch Horse		2	
	Gymkhana		5	
	Western Events		6	
	Gymkhana		1	
	Gymkhana		4	
	Western Events		5	
	Gymkhana		2	
	Western Events		6	
	Gymkhana		3	
	Showmanship		1	Grand Champion Intermediate Showmanship
	Working Ranch Horse	Working Ranch Horse Intermediate	Reserve Champion	2
	Showmanship		10	
<b>Tyson Johnson</b>				
	Showmanship		2	Reserve Champion Intermediate Showmanship
	Market Beef		3	
	Market Beef		2	
<b>Madilyn Johnston</b>				
	Working Ranch Horse		3	
	Gymkhana		6	
	Showmanship		4	
	Working Ranch Horse		3	
	Working Ranch Horse	Working Ranch Horse Junior Grand	Champion	2
	Written Test		2	
	Western Events		5	
	Gymkhana		1	
<b>Elyan Juarez</b>				
	Market Swine		8	
	Market Swine		5	
	Market Swine		2	
<b>Syrenna Keeling</b>				
	Dog Agility		1	
	Dog Obedience		1	
	Dog Agility		1	
	Dog Showmanship		1	
	Dog Rally		2	
<b>Isaiah Kelley</b>				
	Breeding Swine	Reserve Champion	2	
	Bred & Fed		2	
	Bred & Fed		3	
	Market Goats		4	
	Market Goats		3	
	Market Swine		4	
	Market Swine		4	
	Market Swine		5	
<b>Jaycee Keys</b>				
	Market Swine		8	
	Market Swine		2	
<b>Cody Kreps</b>				
	Showmanship		2	Reserve Champion Senior Showman
	SLV Best Photo Contest			
	Market Goats		1	
	Market Goats		1	
	Market Goats		1	Reserve Champion Meat Goat
<b>Trista Kreps</b>				
	Market Goats		1	
	SLV Best Photo Contest			
<b>Hadley Larsen</b>				
	Foods and Nutrition	Division Grand Champion		
	Showmanship		2	Reserve Champion Showman
	Cake Decorating			
<b>Camdon Larsen</b>				
	Market Swine		6	
	Western Events		7	
	Gymkhana		7	
	Gymkhana		6	
	Written Test		10	
	Working Ranch Horse		9	
	Showmanship		8	
	Working Ranch Horse		7	
	Gymkhana		5	
	Gymkhana		7	
	Working Ranch Horse		9	
	Gymkhana		6	
<b>Maggie Larsen</b>				
	Market Swine		2	
<b>Raelan Larsen</b>				
	Market Swine		10	
<b>Logan Larsen</b>				
	Market Swine		6	
<b>Pepper Larson</b>				
	Food Preservation			
	Showmanship		1	Grand Champion Intermediate Showman
	Breeding Poultry		1	Best of Breed, Best of Variety, Class Champion
	Scrapbooking			

Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Sedona Larson</b>				
	Showmanship		1	Grand Champion Senior Showman
<b>Sedona Larson</b>				
	Breeding Poultry		1	Best of Breed, Best of Variety, Class Champion
<b>Wheeler Larson</b>				
	Leathercraft			
	Showmanship		2	Reserve Champion Senior Showman
	Breeding Poultry		1	Best of Breed, Best of Variety, Class Champion
	Shooting Sports			
<b>Tiffany LePlatt</b>				
	Market Swine		1	
	Market Swine		7	
	Market Swine		1	
<b>Tyler LePlatt</b>				
	Shooting Sports			
<b>Kyler Liddell</b>				
	Market Sheep		3	
	Market Sheep		2	
	Market Sheep		5	
	Market Sheep		4	
	Breeding Sheep		1	
	Breeding Sheep		2	
	Showmanship		1	Grand Champion Senior Showman
	Market Sheep		2	
	Market Sheep		3	
	Market Sheep		2	
	Market Swine		5	
	Market Swine		1	Breed Champion, Reserve Champion Market Hog, Herdsmen
	Breeding Sheep	Reserve Champion Ram	2	
	Showmanship		3	
<b>Faith Livingstone</b>				
	Breeding Rabbit		1	
	Showmanship		2	Reserve Champion Showman
	Market Goats		6	
	Market Goats		7	
	Market Goats		7	
	Breeding Meat Goat		4	
	Breeding Rabbit		1	
	Breeding Meat Goat		2	
	Market Goats		6	
	Market Goats		5	
	Market Swine		10	
<b>Isaiah Livingstone</b>				
	Market Swine		7	
	Showmanship		4	
	Market Goats		3	
	Breeding Rabbit		2	
	Breeding Rabbit		3	
	Breeding Rabbit		4	
	Market Swine		7	
	Market Goats		2	
	Breeding Rabbit		6	
<b>Jaelynn Mahan</b>				
	Market Goats		4	

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Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Adilynn Malouff</b>				
	Gymkhana		3	
	Gymkhana		1	
	Western Events		3	
	Written Test		5	
	Gymkhana		1	
	Gymkhana		1	
	Showmanship		3	
	Gymkhana	Gymkhana Senior Grand Champion	1	
<b>Baylee Malouff</b>				
	Western Events		8	
	Showmanship		9	
<b>Dillon Malouff</b>				
	Market Goats		4	
	Market Goats		5	
	SLV Best Photo Contest			
	Breeding Meat Goat	Reserve Champion Meat Buck	2	
	Market Goats		4	
	Market Goats		3	
	Breeding Meat Goat		3	
	Breeding Meat Goat		1	
<b>Jessilynn Malouff</b>				
	SLV Best Photo Contest			
	Breeding Meat Goat		2	
	Breeding Meat Goat	Grand Champion Meat Buck	1	
	Breeding Meat Goat		2	
	Market Goats		1	Reserve Champion Bred & Fed
	Market Goats		1	Champion Bred & Fed
	Market Goats		2	
	Breeding Meat Goat		1	
	Breeding Meat Goat		2	
	Market Goats		3	
	Market Goats		1	Herdsman
	Market Goats		5	
	Breeding Meat Goat		2	
<b>Jocelynn Malouff</b>				
	Market Goats		5	
	Market Goats		5	
	Showmanship		1	Grand Champion Intermediate Showman
	Breeding Meat Goat		1	
	Breeding Meat Goat		2	
	Market Goats		3	
	Market Goats		3	
	Breeding Meat Goat		5	
	Breeding Meat Goat		3	
	SLV Best Photo Contest			
<b>Samuel Malouff</b>				
	Breeding Meat Goat		1	
	Market Goats		8	
	Market Goats		7	
<b>Kelcey Martin</b>				
	Written Test		4	
	Western Events		6	
	Showmanship		1	Showmanship Grand Champion
	Market Swine		5	
<b>Kendrick Martin</b>				
	Market Beef		5	
	Showmanship		5	
	Western Events		3	
	Western Events		4	
	Written Test		6	
	Market Swine		5	
	Market Beef		5	
<b>Lee Martinez</b>				
	Market Swine		7	
	Market Swine		5	
<b>KayleAnn Martinez</b>				
	Market Swine		3	
	Market Swine		9	
	Breeding Rabbit	Herdsman	3	
	Showmanship			Grand Champion Showman
<b>Jaron Mason</b>				
	Shooting Sports			
<b>Kyan Mason</b>				
	Shooting Sports			
<b>Sydney Mason</b>				
	Shooting Sports			
<b>Jordyn Matt</b>				
	Market Sheep		1	
	Showmanship		3	
<b>Justin Matt</b>				
	Market Goats		5	
	Market Goats		5	
	Showmanship		4	

Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Jacey Matt</b>				
	Market Sheep		2	
	Showmanship		2	
	Market Goats		2	
	Market Goats		3	
	Breeding Sheep	Grand Champion Ram	1	
	Breeding Sheep		3	
	Breeding Sheep		4	
	Market Sheep		1	
	Market Sheep		1	
	Market Sheep		1	
<b>Cason Mattive</b>				
	Woodworking	Division Reserve Champion		
	Showmanship		1	Grand Champion Junior Showman
	Market Sheep		1	Reserve Champion
	Market Sheep		2	
<b>Lane Mattive</b>				
	Market Sheep		4	
	Sportfishing			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
<b>Johnathon Maxwell</b>				
	Breeding Rabbit		2	
	Showmanship		5	
<b>Averie McBartlett</b>				
	Market Swine		7	
	Market Swine		4	
	Cake Decorating			
<b>Kollyns McCullough</b>				
	Gymkhana		6	
	Gymkhana		3	
	English Events		4	
	Working Ranch Horse		2	
	Working Ranch Horse		4	
	Western Events		1	
	Gymkhana		8	
	English Events		1	
	English Events		4	
	Showmanship		7	
	English Events		4	
	Working Ranch Horse		4	
	Western Events		5	
	Written Test		7	
	English Events		3	

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Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Kamrin McGraw</b>	Market Goats		10	
	Market Goats		5	
<b>Kenley Mitchell</b>	Veterinary Science			Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Artistic Clothing			
	Woodworking			
<b>Madeline Mitchell</b>	Entomology			State Fair Delegate
	Woodworking			
<b>Parker Mitchell</b>	Woodworking	Division Grand Champion		
	Outdoor Adventure			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Metalworking	Division Reserve Champion		
	Sportfishing			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Self Determined			Unit Champion
<b>Sophia Mitchell</b>	Artistic Clothing			
	Cake Decorating			
<b>Skylar Montague</b>	Market Sheep		4	
	Market Swine		2	
	Market Sheep		3	
	Breeding Swine		6	
	Market Swine		2	
	Bred & Fed		1	
<b>Sydney Montague</b>	Bred & Fed		4	
	Market Swine		2	
	Breeding Sheep		5	
	Breeding Swine	Grand Champion	1	
	Market Sheep		5	
	Market Sheep		4	
	Market Swine		3	
<b>Tyson Montague</b>	Market Sheep		3	
	Market Sheep		4	
	Market Swine		2	
	Market Swine		7	
	Breeding Swine		3	
<b>Violet Morgan</b>	Cake Decorating			Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate
<b>Sophy Mortensen</b>	Market Swine		6	
	Market Swine		4	
	Market Swine		5	
	Showmanship		4	
<b>Jaxon Mortensen</b>	Western Events		9	
	Written Test		7	
	Market Swine		5	
	Leathercraft			
	Gymkhana		5	
	Gymkhana		3	
	Showmanship		10	
	Gymkhana		4	
	Working Ranch Horse		1	
	Western Events		3	
<b>Corbin Myers</b>	Market Sheep		1	Grand Champion
	Showmanship			Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman
	Foods and Nutrition			
	Foods and Nutrition			
<b>Coulter Myers</b>	Showmanship		5	
	Market Sheep		2	
<b>Aubrey Naranjo</b>	Market Swine		1	
	Market Swine		4	
	Market Swine		6	
<b>Durae Naranjo</b>	Market Swine		2	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Artistic Clothing			
	Market Swine		1	
	Market Swine		1	Grand Champion Market Hog
	Showmanship		4	
<b>Brayden Norris</b>	Shooting Sports			
<b>Amelia Olsen</b>	Leadership			
	Western Events		5	
	Written Test		4	
	Showmanship		5	
	English Events		3	
	Veterinary Science			
<b>Jonathan Olsen</b>	Gymkhana		7	
	Western Events		10	
	Shooting Sports			
	4-H Filmmaking			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Leadership			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Showmanship		6	
	Western Events		11	
	Gymkhana		8	



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Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Amelie Pacheco</b>	Market Goats		1	
	Market Sheep		1	
	Breeding Meat Goat	Grand Champion Meat Doe	1	
	Market Sheep		2	
	Breeding Sheep		2	
	Market Beef		2	
	Market Beef		3	
	Showmanship		5	
	Market Goats		3	
	Market Goats		1	
<b>Jessamy Pacheco</b>	Market Goats		6	
	Written Test		8	
	Western Events		10	
<b>Kandace Pargin</b>	Showmanship		5	
	Market Beef		4	
	Market Beef		3	
	Market Beef		2	
	Market Beef		4	
	Artistic Clothing			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
<b>Kimberly Pargin</b>	Market Beef		4	
	Market Beef		1	
	Market Beef		1	
	Market Beef		3	
	Heritage Arts			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
<b>Ada Pence</b>	Showmanship		3	
	Scrapbooking			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Market Beef		3	
	Market Beef		1	Herdsmen
<b>Bristol Pence</b>	Market Swine		3	
	Market Swine		8	
	Photography			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
<b>Belle Pescatore</b>	English Events	English Intermediate Grand Champion	1	
	Written Test		4	
	Gymkhana		5	
	Western Events		2	
	Western Events		2	
	Showmanship		1	Showmanship Grand Champion
	Working Ranch Horse		3	
	English Events		5	
	Working Ranch Horse		1	
	Western Events		1	
	Working Ranch Horse	Working Ranch Horse Intermediate Grand Champion	1	1
	Gymkhana		8	
	English Events		3	
	English Events	English Novice Grand Champion	2	
	Western Events	Western Intermediate Grand Champion	1	
	English Events		2	



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Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Hayden Peterson</b>	Market Swine		3	
<b>Isabella Peterson</b>	Market Swine		3	
<b>Jeffrey Peterson</b>	Market Swine		5	
<b>Jelissa Peterson</b>	Market Swine		5	
<b>Michael Peterson</b>	Market Swine		3	
<b>Thor Peterson</b>	Market Swine		1	Breed Reserve Champion
<b>Joshua Polkowske</b>	Market Swine		4	
<b>Rachel Polkowske</b>	Market Swine		6	
<b>Rylun Polkowske</b>	Market Swine		1	
<b>Kailyn Polzin</b>	Gymkhana		2	
	English Events		2	
	English Senior Grand Champion		1	
	Showmanship	Overall Senior High Point Rider	2	Showmanship Reserve Champion
	English Events		1	
	Gymkhana		3	
	Western Events		1	
	Western Events		1	
	Working Ranch Horse	Working Ranch Horse Senior Grand Champion	1	
	Western Events	Western Senior Grand Champion	2	
	Working Ranch Horse		2	
	Written Test	SLV Fair Overall Senior High Point Rider	2	
	Gymkhana		2	
	Western Events		1	
	Working Ranch Horse		2	
	Gymkhana		2	
	Gymkhana		3	
<b>Kinsley Price</b>	Cake Decorating			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
<b>Brooklynn Reynolds</b>	Market Beef		4	
<b>Clara Reynolds</b>	Market Beef		1	
	Breeding Beef	Reserve Supreme Overall Female	2	
	Showmanship		1	Grand Champion Junior Showmanship
	Market Swine		10	
	Market Beef		2	
	Market Swine		3	
<b>Colton Reynolds</b>	Market Beef		3	
<b>Nahli Reynolds</b>	Market Beef		2	
	Breeding Beef		5	
	Market Beef		1	Reserve Champion Bred & amp; Fed
	Market Swine		1	
	Showmanship		2	Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship
<b>Khaleesi Reynolds</b>	Showmanship		1	Showmanship Grand Champion
	Written Test		2	
	Western Events	Western Novice Reserve Champion	1	
	English Events	English Novice Grand Champion	1	
	Showmanship		1	Grand Champion Junior Showman
	Market Goats		6	
	Market Goats		2	
	Western Events	Western Novice Reserve Champion	3	
<b>Cody Richardson</b>	Shooting Sports			
<b>Serenity Richardson</b>	Cake Decorating			
<b>Ellie Rilling</b>	Market Goats		8	
	Market Goats		9	
<b>Kix Rizzi</b>	Market Goats		6	
	Market Goats		5	
<b>Shooter Rizzi</b>	Market Goats		6	
	Market Goats		6	
<b>Andrew Robinson</b>	Market Sheep		5	
	Market Sheep		8	
	Market Goats		8	
	Cake Decorating			Unit Reserve Champion
<b>Toby Robinson</b>	Market Sheep		7	
	Market Sheep		5	
	Market Sheep		6	
	Market Sheep		7	

Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Ellaree Rocky</b>	Market Swine		3	
	Market Swine		9	
	Market Swine		2	
	Ag Production			Unit Champion
	Showmanship		2	Reserve Champion Senior Showman
<b>Johnny Ruybal</b>	Market Swine		6	
<b>Adysen Ruybal</b>	Market Swine		4	
<b>Aden Salazar</b>	Market Sheep		6	
	Showmanship		5	
	Market Sheep		5	
<b>Katelynn Salazar</b>	Market Sheep		4	
	Showmanship		3	
	Breeding Sheep		4	
	Breeding Sheep		4	
	Market Sheep		3	
	Market Beef		2	
<b>Elijah Sanchez</b>	Market Goats		2	
	Market Goats		8	
	Market Goats		8	
<b>Joshua Sanchez</b>	Shooting Sports			
	Photography			
<b>Michelle Schaefer</b>	Clothing Construction			
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Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Savannah Schaefer</b>	Foods and Nutrition			
	Clothing Construction			
	Market Swine		3	
<b>Zane Schmidt</b>	Outdoor Adventure			State Fair Delegate
<b>Brooklyn Schneider</b>	Market Goats		2	
<b>Bryson Schneider</b>	Market Goats		4	
	Leathercraft			
<b>McKenzie Schneider</b>	Market Goats		1	
	Showmanship		4	
<b>Emily Seger</b>	Breeding Sheep	Reserve Champion Ewe	1	
	Market Sheep		1	
	Market Sheep		6	
	Market Sheep		2	
	Market Sheep		5	
	Market Sheep		1	Grand Champion Bred and Fed
	Market Sheep		2	
	Veterinary Science			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Market Swine	Breed Champion	1	
	Metalworking			
	Showmanship			Grand Champion Intermediate Showman
<b>Hannah Seger</b>	Showmanship		3	
	Showmanship		2	Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman
	Metalworking			
	Market Sheep		3	
	Market Swine		5	
	Market Sheep		1	Grand Champion Ewe
	Breeding Sheep		1	
	Market Swine		2	
<b>Trinity Shawcroft</b>	Market Goats		3	
	Market Goats		9	
<b>Ryan Shirley</b>	Market Swine		6	
	Market Swine		4	
<b>Rylee Shirley</b>	Market Swine		5	
	Photography			
	Market Swine		6	
	Showmanship		3	
<b>Malachi Shown</b>	Market Beef		6	
	Market Beef		4	
<b>Anya Sickmiller</b>	Photography			
	Photography			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
<b>Trista Simmons</b>	Market Goats		6	
<b>Braylyn Sims</b>	Market Beef		2	
	Market Beef		2	
	Showmanship		3	
	Market Beef		5	
	Market Beef		4	

Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Leah Sirochman</b>	Breeding Poultry		1	Best of Breed, Best of Variety, Class Reserve Champion
	Dog Rally		3	
	Dog Agility		2	
	Dog Showmanship		4	
	Breeding Rabbit	Best of Show	1	Best of Breed
	Breeding Rabbit		2	
	Dog Agility		2	
	Market Rabbit	Grand Champion Market Rabbit	1	
	Dog Obedience		3	
	Showmanship		1	Grand Champion Showman
	Breeding Poultry		1	Best of Breed, Best of Variety, Class Champion
	Market Rabbit	Reserve Champion Market Rabbit	2	
	Market Rabbit	Grand Champion Market Rabbit	1	
	Breeding Poultry		1	Best of Breed, Best of Variety, Class Champion, Class Reserve Champion
	Breeding Rabbit		1	
	Breeding Rabbit		2	
<b>Weston Sirochman</b>	Showmanship		1	Grand Champion Junior Showman
<b>Alexander Sittler</b>	Market Swine		2	
	Market Swine		9	
<b>Benjamin Sittler</b>	Showmanship		5	
	Market Goats		1	
	Market Goats		3	
<b>Brooke Sliwowski</b>	Market Swine		4	
	Cake Decorating			
<b>Tyler Sliwowski</b>	Photography			
	Market Swine		5	
<b>Dakota Smith</b>	Showmanship		5	
	Market Goats		1	
	Market Goats		2	
	Market Goats		2	
<b>Ethan Smith</b>	Market Goats		7	
<b>Olivia Smith</b>	Market Goats		5	
<b>Austin Stockebrand</b>	Leathercraft			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Metalworking	Division Grand Champion		
	Woodworking			

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<b>Kaden Valdez</b>	Market Sheep		6	
	Market Sheep		7	
<b>Kyler Valdez</b>	Market Sheep		5	
	Market Sheep		6	
<b>Uriah Valdez</b>	Showmanship		4	
	Breeding Rabbit		1	Best of Opposite
	Robotics and Engineering			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Model Rocketry			
<b>Darian Vance</b>	Market Swine		2	
	Market Swine		1	
<b>Jayden Vance</b>	Market Swine		5	
	Market Swine		2	
	Showmanship		5	
<b>Paisley Vandiver</b>	Western Events		1	
	Showmanship		3	
	Western Events		3	
	Written Test		3	
	Leathercraft			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
<b>Emily Vannoy</b>	Market Goats		2	
	Market Goats		4	
	Market Goats		4	
	Market Goats		1	
	Showmanship		6	
	Photography			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Market Goats		5	
	Market Goats		8	
	Market Goats		2	
<b>Jaxon Vannoy</b>	Market Goats		4	
	Market Goats		6	
	Market Goats		9	
<b>Jaxon Vannoy</b>	Market Goats		9	
<b>Parker Vannoy</b>	Market Goats		2	
	Market Goats		3	
	Market Goats		4	
	Market Goats		8	
	Market Goats		7	
	Market Goats		2	
	Market Goats		4	
	Heritage Arts			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
<b>Payson Vannoy</b>	Market Goats		7	
	Market Goats		1	
	Market Goats		2	
	Market Goats		8	
	Market Goats		8	
	Market Goats		2	
<b>Janayah Villasenor</b>	Market Goats		7	
<b>Alyssa Voss</b>	Working Ranch Horse		5	
	Showmanship		2	
	Western Events		6	
	Western Events		10	
	Written Test		9	
	Showmanship		11	
	Market Rabbit		6	
	Breeding Rabbit		5	Reserve Champion Showman

Exhibitor	Division	Division Awards	Class Placing	Class Awards
<b>Kaylee Voss</b>	Breeding Rabbit		3	
	Breeding Rabbit		4	
	Western Events		8	
	Working Ranch Horse		10	
	Gymkhana		10	
	Working Ranch Horse		9	
	Market Rabbit		3	
	Gymkhana		9	
	Western Events		8	
	Written Test		5	
	Gymkhana		10	
	Western Events		8	
	Showmanship		3	
	Showmanship		12	
<b>Toni Wells</b>	Market Rabbit		5	
	Foods and Nutrition			
	Veterinary Science			
<b>Ryder Whitehorn</b>	Self Determined			Unit Champion
	Photography			
<b>Ashley Williams</b>	Market Sheep		7	
	Market Sheep		7	
<b>Alia Yund</b>	English Events		2	
	English Events	English Junior Reserve Champion	2	
	Western Events		5	
	Gymkhana		5	
	Western Events		3	
	Written Test		3	
	Gymkhana		8	
	Gymkhana		8	
	Showmanship		2	
	English Events		2	
	Gymkhana		3	
	Cake Decorating		3	

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