

## 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/>

### 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.

### Candlelight vigil for MV teen on Aug. 28

**MONTE VISTA** — There will be a candlelight vigil for Aaliyah, the recent victim of a shooting resulting in her death, at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 28, at Fulenwider Park in Monte Vista.

The community is invited to come join her family, classmates and friends as a show of support in their cry for justice, peace and in a night of remembrance.

### 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>.

## Great Sand Dunes to host dark sky celebration

**MOSCA** — Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve is hosting a dark sky celebration on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheater. Far from the light pollution of urban areas, Great Sand Dunes protects some of Colorado's darkest night skies. This free event will celebrate and educate visitors about the benefits of dark sky preservation.

The event begins with a 30-minute "Birds of Prey" presentation at 6:30 p.m. by the Nature and Wildlife Discovery Center in Pueblo. Shortly following the presentation, visitors will have the chance to meet owls rehabilitated at the Nature and Wildlife Discovery Center.

A kids' activity and information table will be set up at 7:30 p.m. for visitors of all ages to learn about reducing light pollution and appreciating the dark skies.

Staffed tables will provide astronomy information, handouts, and the Junior Ranger Night Explorer activity book. Upon completion of this activity book, kids can earn a special night sky patch.

A ranger-led program will begin at 8:30 p.m. followed by multiple telescope viewings of planets and deep sky objects. The event concludes at 11 p.m. but stargazers are encouraged to continue enjoying the dark skies after the event.

This event relies on good weather and dark conditions, so visitors are advised to bring red light flashlights and headlamps to protect their night vision and wear warm and layered clothing due to nighttime temperatures. The information table will provide red cellophane and rubber bands to convert white lights to

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## Fans, racers celebrate first drag races in Center



Photo by Patrick Shea

Unbeaten all afternoon, the blue Tesla reportedly hit 118 mph on every race at Leach Airfield on Aug. 20.

By PATRICK SHEA

**CENTER** — More than 24 racers registered for the inaugural "Center Drags" competition at Leach Airfield on Aug. 20.

Fans in the grandstands swelled to more than 200 throughout the afternoon, and as Center Mayor and starting gun official Tony Garcia said in passing between races, "It's going to be a long time before this smile leaves my face."

Airport Manager Jeb Ellithorpe deserves credit for Garcia's smile and the positive response from racers, fans.

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## Rio Grande County handles regular business at August meeting

By LYNSIE FERRELL

**RIO GRANDE COUNTY** — Rio Grande County Commissioners discussed several topics and worked through regular business with county officials during their meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 17.

First on the agenda was Rio Grande County Finance Director Amanda Klapperich, who announced that the Rio Grande County Victim Advocate, Courtney Arthur, received grant funding

through the Victims of Crime Act. The funding will pay for Arthur's services for the next two years. According to Klapperich, the funding awarded will cover 85 percent of Arthur's salary and fringe benefits.

In addition, Klapperich also spoke to the county about the use of the new Tyler Programming that was installed as a financial accounting system and the benefits of using the system to delegate accounts payable. Klapperich stated that by using the system to make

payments, there was potential to save the county an estimated \$6,000 a year in product, time and resources.

Next on the agenda was the renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office and the Sargent School District for a School Resource Officer. This IGA has been in place for several years and is renewed at the beginning of the school year. It provides law enforcement coverage for the school district.

The IGA states, "The purpose of the Agreement is for the Rio Grande County Sheriff to assign a deputy sheriff to provide law enforcement services as a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) at the Sargent School. The deputy will work with school personnel in presenting alcohol and other drug prevention education programs; maintaining a safe campus environment at each school; serving as a law enforcement

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## Mystery horse on display at UFO Watchtower

By PATRICK SHEA

**HOOPER** — Mysteriously mutilated at King Ranch near the foot of Mt. Blanca in 1967, the body of Snippy the horse has had a long journey over the decades, ultimately landing at the UFO Watchtower north of Hooper in 2021.

"I said all along that she belonged here because she was UFO-related," noted UFO Watchtower founder Judy Messoline. "And the families who owned the horse and ranch said that too."

Messoline spent the last eight years trying to corral Snippy, but tracking the Appaloosa was a challenge. The full mystery began on Sept. 7, 1967, when the 3-year-old did not show up for food and water. Two days later,

Snippy's owner and the King Ranch operator discovered what they said was "a murder by forces not of this world."

"She was totally stripped from the nose to the shoulder," Messoline said of the discovery. "All that was left were bones. There were no organs in the body cavity. They cut the skull open to get to the brain, but there was

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After she acquired Skippy in August 2021, UFO Watchtower owner Judy Messoline received help from Jay Young at Colorado Gators. Young built a museum structure for the horse, an addition to the original dome structure.

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# OBITUARY

## Robert 'Bob' Lewis

Gained his wings Aug. 14, 2022. Bob was born in Santa Ana, Calif., on Oct. 5, 1933, to Wilber and Bernice (Owens) Lewis.

He grew up in Tustin, Calif., where he graduated from high school. Bob and his friends built the first dragster car and were noted in the Hot Rod magazine.

Then he went off to the Army from 1953 to 1955, finishing his service time in the USAR.

Bob eventually moved to Texas, where he was in the Western wear business. He had his own store, Bob's Western Wear and boot and shoe repair for 35 years in Borger, Texas.

After selling the store and retiring, Bob and his wife, Yvonne, moved to Del Norte, to live their dream in their cabin in the mountains. Live the dream they did. Bob opened Bob's Boot and Shoe Repair in Del Norte, and Bob and Yvonne worked at the liquor store for quite a few years.

In 2019, they moved to

Hutchinson, Kan., to be near family for health reasons.

Bob was always willing to help others in times of need, was an avid fisherman, adventurous daredevil, whether it be on land or water. He was a huge NASCAR and Dale Earnhardt fan. He lived life to the fullest and had many accomplishments. No one could ever argue the love he had for animals, especially dogs.

A loving husband, father and granddad, he is survived by his wife of the home for 38 years, five children, Ryan (Jaime) Lewis, Nicole Lewis, Lesa (Tim) Edwards, Crystal Kelly and Julie Edwards, 10 grandchildren, Dylan, Ella, and Jase Lewis — Joshua, Jeremy, and Jennifer Taylor — Preston and Dalton Black — Stetson and Bailey Kelly, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Bob has asked in lieu of flowers, please donate to Conour Animal Shelter, 2825 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144.

# SNIPPY

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no brain.”

Investigators found no blood either. Snippy's nearest footprints were 100 feet away. According to Messoline, “The entire area around her was radioactive.”

During the investigation, United States Forest Service ranger Duane Martin checked the area with a Geiger counter, registering unusually high counts for a few hundred yards surrounding the corpse.

According to Snippy's owner Nellie Lewis at the time, when she touched a piece of horse flesh caught on a bush, it burned her hand. More than a dozen burn marks suggested landing spots for some kind of equipment not far from Snippy's body.

Following the investigation in 1967, Snippy's bones jumped between eight locations until 2021. First, she was on display at a museum in Alamosa.

Then Adams State College displayed her until staff put her in a boxcar for storage. Years later, when the school auctioned off the boxcar, Snippy was still in it. The man with the highest bid ran a motel on Highway 285, and she stayed in that boxcar for another 20 years.

When the motel owner died, Dells Insurance displayed Snippy before putting her on eBay for \$50,000. No one bought her.

Next, Snippy went to a storage unit in Alamosa for a few years. When the building owners put the facility up for sale, they transferred the horse skeleton to a small storage unit across the street. This was when the widow of the heir who had Snippy contacted Messoline with an offer.

“She and I came to an agreement on the price,” Messonline remembered. “So, I bought her. Snippy will never leave this place, period.”

Messoline grew up in Wheat Ridge and moved from Golden to her property north of Hooper in 1995. She and her husband had cattle and horses, but they had to sell them eventually. More than 20 years later, she now has nine cows and calves that stress her budget.

Messoline's 600 acres don't offer much for cattle to eat. Although summer rains have helped douse the San Luis Valley this year, “The weeds only started to show up three weeks ago,” Messonline said.

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less harmful red ones. In case of inclement weather, the event may be canceled.

On a clear, moonless night one can see thousands of stars, including the Milky Way, stretching across the sky. Whether attendees want to see the Milky Way, planets, and nebulae for the first time or simply desire a



Photo by Patrick Shea

People visit the 'Healing Garden' outside the UFO Watchtower to drop off memorable items and see what others have left behind.

“From the time I moved here, all I heard were UFO stories from the locals. I just giggled and said, ‘we need a UFO watchtower,’ never thinking I would ever do it. I was working at the gas station in Hooper,” Messoline recounted, “and one of the local farmers told me, ‘We need a UFO watchtower, and you would have fun doing it,’ So I did. And I have had a lot of fun.”

For the most part, the 77-year-old Messoline runs the attraction by herself. But after she broke her leg in 2016, a woman named Annie has been returning to help during the summer months when the facility is open seven days a week. When winter hits, it's only open on weekends between October and the end of March.

“I've had all these psychics come in, and they've said that there are two large vortexes out front. They described a vortex as a portal to a parallel universe. The other thing they said is that there are two large beings here to protect the entrances to the vortex, but they are also here to help. We had one girl who had been trying for like eight years to get pregnant,” Messoline said. “She came to the garden here and asked for help. Then she showed up a year later to show me her baby.”

Messoline maintains a guest book and reported more than 10,000 visitors a year in 2020 and 2021. As of August,



the numbers indicate fewer visits this year, perhaps 5,000.

Messoline has confirmed 29 UFO visits over the Valley herself, and reports of strange light in the skies over the Valley date back to the 1500s. As of August 2022, she has 290 documented sightings from the UFO Watchtower.

Messoline hosted an annual conference for years, drawing UFO enthusiasts from around the world. Although she hasn't had an official gathering for a long time, the Watchtower is a safe haven for people who want to share their observations free of ridicule.

The museum housing Snippy at the Watchtower today is filling up with more artifacts and improvements. As part of the agreement, Messoline will install a plexiglass enclosure to protect Snippy's fragile bone structure. As history passes, she will add more information and continue to provide a venue for sharing UFO observations.

# Sundays at Six concluding with Elder Grown

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Live Music Association's Sundays at Six concludes on Aug. 28 with the funkacious rockin-roots from Elder Grown at 6 p.m. at Cole Park. Check them out at <https://eldergrownmusic.com/>.

The MOKI food truck will be on site selling some local dinner items. Visit [www.almaonline.org/](http://www.almaonline.org/), for more information. People are asked to bring non-perishable items for the food drive to benefit the Alamosa Food Pantry.

# SAGUACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

SAGUACHE COUNTY — The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the period between Aug. 15 and Aug. 22, 2022.

Sheriff personnel handled people, property, and traffic. In addition to two abandoned vehicles, deputies dealt with one theft and one case of property damage. They also monitored 14 controlled burns and responded to one structure fire.

Assisting citizens and other agencies, staff provided information, helped with five ambulance rides,

assisted with two search and rescue operations, and conducted two welfare checks. They also addressed four civil disputes, one protection order violation, harassing phone calls, an animal problem, criminal mischief, and suspicious activity. On the roads, the department made 16 traffic stops.

## ARRESTS

• A 48-year-old Canon City man who posted a \$50,000 bond for attempted murder at KV Estates in July 2021 failed to appear on his court date and was arrested on Aug. 19, 2022. Bail is set for \$75,000.

# MEETING

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problem-solving resource person and in providing appropriate response to any on-campus or school related criminal activity.”

Rio Grande County Sheriff Anne Robinson explained the reason for the IGA and said the sheriff's office would

be re-evaluating the agreement soon to account for the pay increase that was issued earlier this year. Robinson said she would be speaking with the Sargent School District before the next renewal period to negotiate the cost split in the IGA.



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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Amazon'ed

It's unlikely there is anyone around here that has not used Amazon to order stuff, or at least has heard of it. It's the Sears catalog of the modern age and those of you old enough to recall such a book know how many hours we all spent perusing the pages of wishes. And no matter how much was in those old catalogs, Amazon and the internet have made them pale in comparison as now the choices are endless and the delivery almost flawless. And having said that, regardless of the times my packages somehow do not arrive, Ol' Dutch has had pretty good luck so far. Well, until last week.

Son #1 let me know early this summer that he won a trip to New Mexico with a bunch of professional elk callers called Elkbros.com. Yah. Look it up. These guys don't guide you to elk, but they coach you how to call and what the elk are saying, particularly the females. If only there was someone like that for us humans so that we could learn what the female of our species is saying, the world would line right up for that knowledge.

In the ensuing conversations with these boys, I soon found out that I, too, am invited along on said trip as a caller and I think even more so as a pack mule when they are successful. They suggested that I bring the ATV and so a quick inspection of said scooter showed that new tires were in order so as to not have a flat in some far away foreign land across the border. Lucky for me Miss Trixie had been ordering tires like that for friends here in South Fork and so a simple click of a button got them on the way here from Ching Chong somewhere.

Ol' Dutch waited with bated breath (Miss Trixie said it smelled like that too) for the arrival of said rubbers and when they came, only two showed up. Long conversations ensued with the phone support team in New Delhi, India and soon a new set was on the way...they said. Again, only two arrived and since they were the same two front tires as before, I could not combine them for a set of four. At which point I had to bring in the big guns of the return world and get Miss Trixie involved. I don't know if you know her but when she gets on a mission it's like a bulldog who won't let go and what ensued was some very direct and sharp conversations



**Trout Republic**  
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

with the folks at Amazon to get this corrected.

From the other room, I could hear telling the folks what was acceptable to her and, by extension "us," I guess. Resolution was soon at hand.

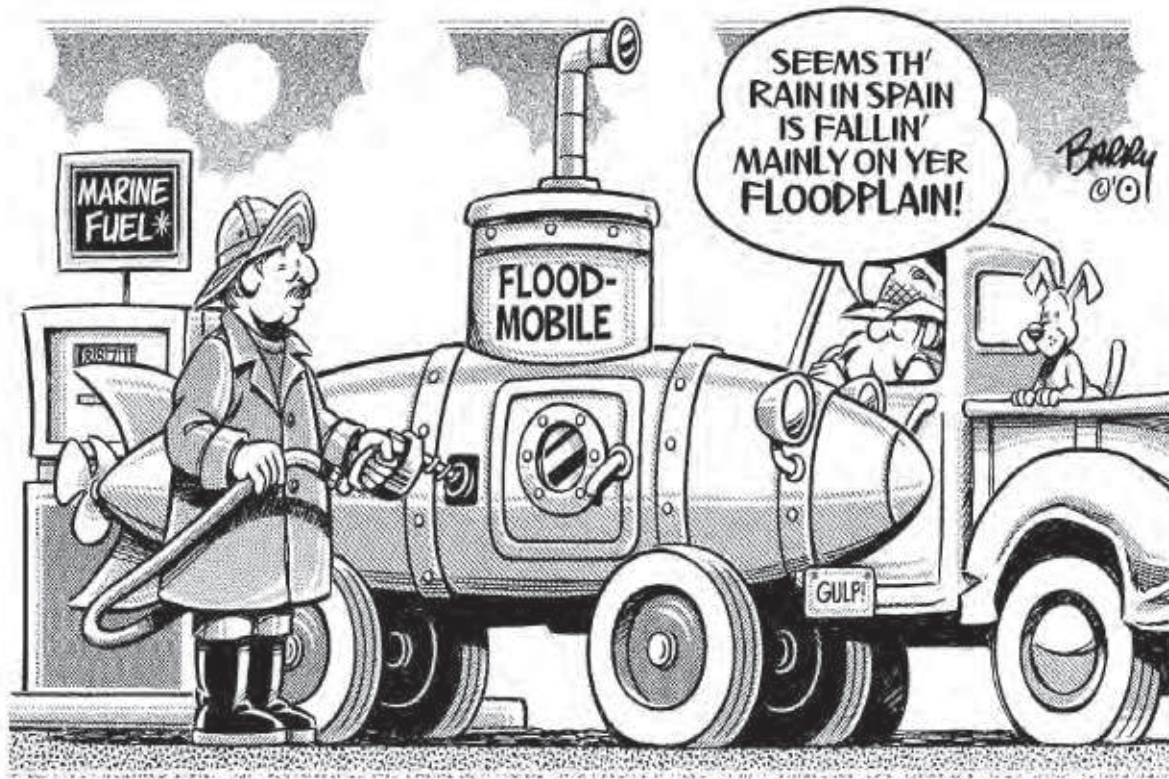
Which got me to thinking — a dangerous situation for Ol' Dutch according to Miss Trixie — that as long as she is yelling at them, she is leaving me alone and so I am going to be ordering a lot more hunting and fishing gear just to keep the peace in our family.

Miss Trixie is my own Amazonian woman both in stature and in deed; I do love that woman. I can recall when first meeting her that, unlike some little stick figure of a woman who sat at home knitting doilies, Miss Trixie would be a great help in hauling out elk, bear and deer from the forest. So, I quickly tricked her into coming along on the journey with me, which has worked out just right so far.

She'll be missed on the hunt in New Mexico, but it's a men-only trip as the other guys just don't know a good pack mule when they see one. Did that come out right?

If you are wanting to get some excellent advice and coaching on elk hunting in the West, look up elkbros.com and join up to learn all you can about finding elk. It's well worth the \$50 and their calls are the easiest to use I have ever found and only \$8.60 each. Tell Ole Joe, I sent you.

*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.*



## YOUR NIGHT SKY

BY DARLENE DANKO

### Clear Sky

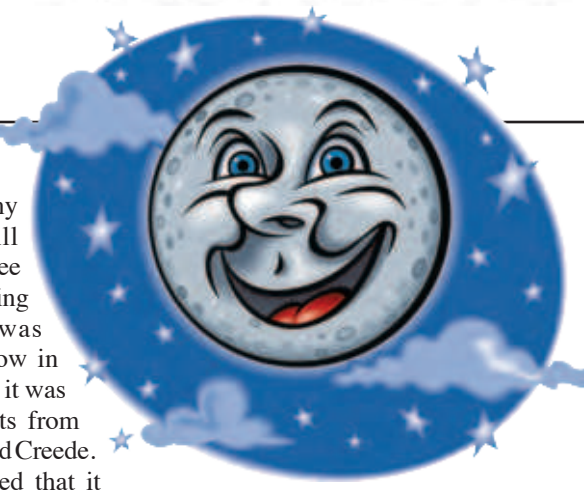
Last night, Aug. 14, it was 9:10 and I went to close the front door. But when I looked outside first, the sky was clear, and I could see stars. We had rain in the afternoon and usually the sky stays cloudy. So, I went out the backdoor and looked all over the sky. There weren't clouds anywhere!

So, I put on a jacket and stayed out for almost 30 minutes. The moon wasn't up yet, so the sky was dark and clear, and full of stars. It took about 10 minutes for my eyes to adjust to the dark sky, and the stars kept picking up. Of course, I kept seeing the Milky Way and all the stars around it.

I looked for meteor showers, but I didn't see any since it was still early. But I did see a few airplanes flying around. What was interesting was low in the north. At first, it was just flashing lights from lightning up toward Creede. But then I realized that it happened frequently, and I thought that maybe it was Perseid Meteor Shower up north. We'll never really know, but it happened so fast that I thought it was the meteor shower up north.

The new moon is on Aug. 27, but

the sky will be dark a few days before and after that. So, hopefully the sky will be clear so we can look at all the stars. If that happens, I will take out my telescope. It's been so cloudy this summer that I haven't had my telescope out at all.



## LETTER

# Center Kiwanis thankful for Livestock Sale Fund support

Editor,

Thank you for your generous donation to our 4-H FFA Livestock Sale Fund and making this investment in support of the youth of our community — local donors include: Beiriger and Sons, RG Bank, Miller Coors, Ramstetter Farms, Farm Service Center, Compost Tech, Biel Crop Consulting, Price Farms, Gerald and Vicki Myers, Brian Roberts, DDS, Mac and Bailey Mondragon, Richard and Marilyn Eagles, David and Linda Warsh, Tyler and Kaylene Keffen, Russell Brown, J&J Circles/Janet Myers, Lars Worker, Ponderosa Partnership, Skip and Sue McClure, Mt. Valley Logistics, Ponderosa Partnership, Aspen Produce, Lee A. Consaul Co. Inc., Eric Ellithorpe, Ken

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As a result of your generosity, we were able to reward the efforts of 11 of our San Luis Valley youth by purchasing five lambs and six goats for a total of \$14,134.30. Due to the great support of several Valley businesses, individuals and other purchasing groups like ours most of the livestock had a return of \$1,100 or more. Rest assured any money left in the Center Kiwanis 4-H FFA Livestock Sale Fund will be held until

next year's Junior Livestock Auction.

We, and the youth of the Valley, thank you. It is only through your support that we are able to do projects of this type. Or any project for that matter. We are always seeking new members, who would like to assist the furtherance of our local youth and community. If you would like to visit and see what else we do, please feel free to drop in at the Center Kiwanis Hall any Monday evening and join us for one of our meetings. We will even feed you.

We invite you to join us for an open house from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 29. We will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs.

*Kenneth Bartee  
Center Kiwanis Club 4-H  
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# Preliminary hearing scheduled in Goins' murder case

**By PRISCILLA WAGGONER**  
**ALAMOSA** — Two defendants arrested for their alleged involvement in the death of Cheyenne Goins are scheduled for a preliminary hearing on Aug. 29.

Alamosa residents Sasha Chacon, 32, and Elisa Salas, 29, face four felony charges in the case, including suspicion of murder in the first degree, aggravated robbery, tampering with a deceased human body and tampering with physical evidence.

A third resident of Alamosa, Lucas Antonio Salas, 34, was also considered a person of interest in the crime but was killed in an officer-involved shooting in Northglenn on Aug. 18, 2021, prior to an arrest warrant being issued.

According to court documents obtained from the Alamosa County Clerk of Courts office, Goins, 21, of Alamosa was last seen by her

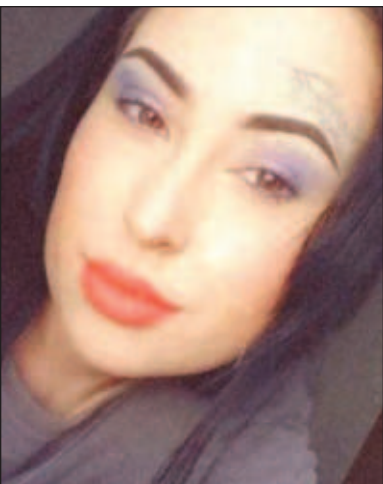
family on Aug. 7, 2021, at a family celebration for her son's birthday.

On Aug. 12, 2021, Goins was reported missing to the Alamosa Police Department (APD) by her grandparents, Jonathan and Mary Sandoval. The Sandovals, who were the primary caretakers of Goins' toddler son, told APD that it was the longest period they had gone without contact from their granddaughter.

An investigation was launched and APD was informed by Goins' younger sister, Alanna, that she had received a text message from Cheyenne at 11 p.m. on Aug. 7, stating that Goins was getting a ride to the Bank Shot bar.

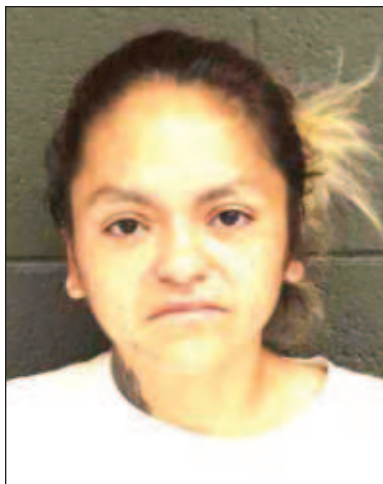
APD then learned that Goins was at the Bank Shot in the company of Chacon and Salas at 1 a.m. on Aug. 8.

Although Chacon, who cooperated with APD, had allegedly told people that Goins left the bar with three men



**Cheyenne Goins, 21, was allegedly murdered in Alamosa County.**

and she did not see her again, it was later discovered that Goins, Chacon and Salas allegedly left the Bank Shot together in a car driven by a friend of Goins' who took them to the Loaf 'n Jug at Highway 17 and Highway 160.



**Elisa Salas, 29, is accused of murder in the first degree.**

Once there, the four waited for Elias Salas, Lucas Salas' niece, to arrive. In an interview with law enforcement, the friend said after Elisa Salas arrived, Goins, Chacon and Lucas got into Elisa's car. He told investigators he left at that time and did not see Goins again.

Two interviews were conducted with Chacon, the first by APD just a day after Goins was reported missing and the second by ACSO a day before law enforcement officials obtained legal access to excavate the grave where they were told Goins was buried.

Elisa Salas was interviewed by law enforcement after Lucas was killed in a shoot-out with Northglenn police and was taken into custody at the scene.

Although the accounts of both defendants are conflicting on several points, both Chacon and Elisa Salas told law enforcement that Chacon, Elisa and Lucas Salas had driven with Goins to a place near the "wetlands" of Mount Blanca in the early morning hours of Aug. 8 when Lucas had allegedly murdered Goins.

Goins' body was then moved to the site where she was discovered by law enforcement officials.



**Sasha Chacon, 32, is accused of murder in the first degree.**

Neither woman admitted to participating in the murder, only assisting — in conflicting ways — with moving Goins' body.

It was subsequently learned, through an interview conducted by law enforcement with an individual who had spoken with Lucas Salas after the murder, that he murdered Goins for difficulties she had previously had with both Chacon and Elisa Salas. Lucas Salas also told the man that both women had participated in the murder.

Multiple law enforcement agencies were involved in the investigation, including Alamosa Police Department, Alamosa County Sheriff's Office, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, and several other assisting agencies.

Goins' death was ruled a homicide by the El Paso County Coroner who stated her death was the result of multiple stab wounds, excessive loss of blood and a collapsed lung.

Chacon and Elisa Salas are scheduled for a preliminary hearing in the case on Aug. 29. Should the judge rule that there is enough evidence to charge both defendants in the crime, the case will be bound over to district court where it will begin proceedings.

## Greeley man arrested after deadly shooting in Costilla County

**STAFF REPORT**

**GREELEY** — The Costilla County Sheriff's Office recently announced that a 25-year-old Greeley man was arrested in connection with a shooting in Costilla County on Aug. 13.

Following a week-long investigation, a warrant was issued for Rondell W. Brown. Brown was arrested at his home in the evening hours of Friday, Aug. 19, CCSO reported.

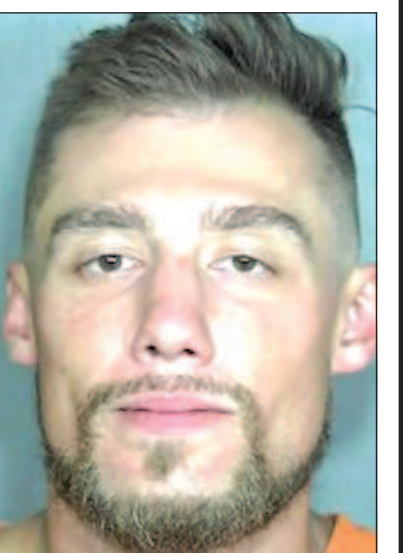
Brown was taken to the Weld County Jail where he was being held on \$150,000 bond and faces charges of suspicion of second-degree murder and three counts of

felony menacing.

Jesus Lozano, 51, was shot at a rural property owned by his fiancé in the 900 block of Wilking Way on Saturday, Aug. 13. He was later pronounced dead at an Alamosa hospital, CCSO reported.

Preliminary information is that there may have been a disturbance at the residence leading up to the shooting, CCSO reported. It's believed that Brown was a family acquaintance.

Deputies with the Costilla County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, continue to investigate the incident.



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# CRT's annual Headwaters New Play Festival is Aug. 26-27

## SUBMITTED ARTICLE

**CREEDE** — For two days only, on Aug. 26 and 27, Creede Repertory Theatre (CRT) will present its 10th Annual Headwaters New Play Festival, welcoming audiences back for live, in-person staged readings after last season's virtual presentations.

The new Mainstage/Ruth Commissions process allows CRT to support the work of new and returning playwrights by collaborating through a series of workshops and staged readings of never-produced plays. This process brings diverse voices to CRT stages, and that work often results in a full-scale production.

This year's selections include "A Better Place" by Michael Perlman, "Mountain Octopus" by Beth Kander and the World Premiere of CRT's 2022 Young Audience Outreach Tour production, "Casa Alfonsa," with book and lyrics by Diana Grisanti and music by Emiliano Messiez.

"One third of CRT's productions over the past 20 years have been World Premieres," said Producing Artistic Director John DiAntonio, who was fundamental in the creation and development of the festival. "New works allow us to see beyond ourselves, delving into stories of expansive human experience. That is something we are excited to share with our audiences."

A \$40 festival pass includes two brand-new readings, the World Premiere of the 39th Annual Young Audience Outreach Tour production of "Casa Alfonsa" and a catered brunch with the artists on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 10 a.m., at the new Cliffside Patio. To



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reserve a pass or for more information about any of the shows, visit [www.creederep.org](http://www.creederep.org), call the box office at 719-658-2540 (Option 1) or email [boxoffice@creederep.com](mailto:boxoffice@creederep.com).

### More About the Plays

Perlman's "A Better Place" is a heartfelt and funny play that encourages us to discover how families are built, broken and created anew. Featuring an all-star cast including Christy Brandt, Anne Faith Butler, Tony King and Caitlin Wise, this reading is directed by Christopher Windom. Irene and Deb live a quiet life in a remote mountain town, far away from the troubles of the world. What happens when cousin Lily and her boyfriend Curtis arrive with unexpected news that brings troubles for all four to face together? Find out Friday, Aug. 26 at 10:30 a.m., in the Ruth Theatre.

In "Mountain Octopus," Henry-award-winning playwright Kander explores the dynamics in a small town full of quirky characters who gather to

patch up what's broken one year after a tragic loss. Nothing goes quite as planned. Directed by Minita Gandhi, this poignant and funny play with a touch of magical realism features Kate Berry, Diana Dresser, Graham Ward, Teonna Wesley and other CRT favorites. Join us as "Mountain Octopus" reminds you of the simple power of a good story. Saturday, Aug. 27 at 10:30 a.m., in the Ruth Theatre.

CRT's flagship program, the Young Audience Outreach Tour, now in its 39th season, is staging the World Premiere of "Casa Alfonsa," with book and lyrics by Grisanti and music by Messiez. "Casa Alfonsa" is an upbeat bilingual musical following cousins as they help their family navigate grief and regulate emotions, while keeping their restaurant afloat. See "Casa Alfonsa" on Aug. 26 or Aug. 27 at 9 a.m., at the Virginia Christensen Multi-Use Facility, before it begins touring, bringing high-quality, bilingual musical theatre to 40,000 rural and historically neglected communities.

# Colorado Master Gardener program application period opens Sept. 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](http://ColoradoMasterGardener.org).

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 program has two tracts — volunteer and non-volunteer.

• **Volunteer tract** — If a person has time to volunteer to teach horticulture to others, they can take the class for a reduced fee. By agreeing to be a volunteer the fee is reduced to \$200. With the reduced fee the volunteer agrees to provide 50 hours of volunteer time back to Colorado State University and the San Luis Valley through the local Extension Office after they have completed the classes.

• **Non-volunteer tract** — It is called the Colorado Gardener Certificate. 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 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.

You can learn more and apply online at [ColoradoMasterGardener.org](http://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](mailto:L.Brown@colostate.edu) or Jennifer Norris at [Jennifer.Norris@colostate.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Norris@colostate.edu)

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# SLVH 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.

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!"

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## Saguache Sheriff's deputy involved in crash on CR U60

**STAFF REPORT**  
**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — A Saguache County Sheriff's Office deputy and a Colorado Springs man were injured Thursday afternoon, Aug. 18, in a two-vehicle crash on Saguache County Road U60 at Shakedown Street near the town of Moffat, the Colorado State Patrol reported.

At approximately 1:17 p.m., a Saguache County Sheriff's Office deputy was responding to a call travelling eastbound on Saguache County Road U60, CSP reported. The deputy was driving a 2019 Ram 1500 patrol truck with emergency lights and sirens activated. The second vehicle was a 2018 Toyota 4Runner driven by Erik Martinez from Colorado Springs.

Both vehicles were eastbound on Saguache County Road U60 with the

Toyota 4Runner in front of the Ram patrol truck, CSP reported. The Toyota slowed as the Ram approached from the rear. The Ram then went into the left lane to pass the Toyota.

The Toyota then turned left in front of the Ram causing the vehicles to collide, CSP reported. After impact both vehicles continued off the left side of the roadway and the Toyota rolled ½ times coming to rest on its top. Both vehicles were heavily damaged because of the crash and both drivers were transported to the San Luis Valley Health Regional Medical Center in Alamosa for injuries.

The deputy was treated for minor injuries and released. Martinez sustained life-threatening injuries but refused the doctor's order for ICU treatment and left the hospital.

## God Has More for You Than Meets the Eye

Being a Christian and following God is a great adventure. It's also challenging because, to people who don't believe in Christ, we seem a bit odd in our way of thinking and doing things, like we're upside down compared to how the world generally operates. But the truth is, we're part of "the upside-down kingdom that is right-side up."

During His ministry on Earth, Jesus' message was, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 4:17 NIV). His disciples believed Jesus had come to set up an earthly kingdom and rule the world, but that isn't what He was talking about at all.

The disciples didn't get it. They were thinking in physical terms, not spiritual ones.

As believers in Jesus who are born again, we are new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17); we belong to God and are part of His kingdom (Colossians 1:12-14). The kingdom of God is unseen to the natural eye, and it is eternal.

**Developing Spiritual Vision**  
The apostle Paul talked about seeing the unseen. In 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, he said, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (NIV).

Paul had been beaten, shipwrecked, imprisoned, and gone hungry many times, yet he considered these experiences to be "light and momentary troubles." He believed this because the kingdom of God—what is eternal—was more real to him than this earthly realm—what is temporary.

This is hard for us because we are so accustomed to only believing what

we can see with our natural eyes, and if we don't see God doing something, we assume He isn't doing anything. But instead of just looking at the world around us and our problems, we can learn to think about and see with spiritual eyes what God is in the process of doing in the midst of it all.

I've discovered that when I'm feeling discouraged because I've been praying for something a long time and I'm weary of waiting for breakthrough, instead of getting down in the dumps, I can stir up my faith and say, "God is working!"

If you want to have a steady flow of joy in your life and "the peace of God, which transcends all understanding" (Philippians 4:7 NIV), learn how to believe what you can't see more than what you can see.

**Open the Eyes of My Heart**  
In Ephesians 1:18, Paul prayed "that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you" (NIV). The eyes of your heart can see the unseen realm of the spirit and give you hope—a confident expectation of God's goodness in your life—in every situation.

With this kind of hope, when hard times come, we can look beyond what we see in the world around us and realize that there are good things going on. God has done, and He's doing, so many things in our lives! For example...

He loves us and has good plans for us to give us hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

He's always with us and will never leave us or forsake us. (Deuteronomy 31:6; Hebrews 13:5)

Jesus paid the price to heal and restore every kind of brokenness in our lives. (Isaiah 53 and 61)

And He's preparing a place for us so we can be with Him throughout eternity! (John 14:2-3)



THIS is the truth we need to live by. **Refuse to Give Up!**

I wonder what God is up to in your life. I know it's easy to get discouraged and fearful when hard times come and it seems things will never change. But if you're a believer in Christ and you're praying according to the truth in God's Word, then you can be assured He is working. So don't stop believing when the answer doesn't come as quickly as you'd like.

Keep believing no matter how long it takes. And remember that just because you haven't seen the final outcome yet, it doesn't mean God isn't doing something. Make a determined decision to trust Him and believe what He says no matter what you think or feel or how things look. And pray for God to enlighten the eyes of your heart so you "know the hope to which he has called you" in His kingdom.

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# Monte Vista 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.”

Daniel 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.

Forest Service recreation programs support over 205,000 jobs, the majority of which are in rural gateway communities near national forests. The agency partners with states, tribes,

local communities, and landowners public and privately-owned forests and to promote shared stewardship of grasslands.

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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.



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# RACES

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and volunteers who spent more than eight hours setting up and celebrating. Ellithorpe worked with the Federal Aviation Administration to gain permission, and he was already working with the Center Police Department to keep people from sneaking on the runways to race illegally.

As Center Police Department Officer Adam Fresquez explained during the pre-race meeting with drivers, "We're under federal regulations right now. We only have from 2 to 6. Another thing we'll let you guys know is we have a federal radio, so if something is an emergency, we have to stop and pull everyone off so they can land. We can resume after, but we have to let them land first."

"Don't try to race them back," Garcia quipped. The racers laughed. As it turned out, one of the variations later in the afternoon involved racing the REACH AirMedCare Network helicopter. Although it was hard to time the start, Garcia released the cars as the chopper flew overhead. Also, police cars lined up with registered racers, and then they faced each other. Center's ambulance beat the fire truck.

The entry fee for adults to watch was \$5; free admission for children under 12. Funds raised from selling lunch and concessions went to the Center Police Department, along with more money from a private auction for a shotgun.

The racers generated even more money through registration and "buy-back" fees. Some paid to race against police cars, and others paid to get back into the competition after losing a race.

The winning car for the day was an unbeaten blue Tesla. According to the owner, he said the car ran like clockwork, hitting 118 mph every time.

The other electric entrant in the field was a Rivian truck. The Tesla won every race between the two vehicles, and when asked how far the Rivian was behind the Tesla, the winner said, "I don't know. I kept my eye on the odometer."

Old and new muscle cars and trucks screeched to heat up their tires at the starting line and deafened the crowd as they roared down the track spewing clouds of exhaust. But before the first race between the two electric vehicles, fans could only hear "Jump" by Van Halen coming from the Tesla.

Garcia Bro's Racing deployed a half-dozen crew members to set up the track, work with the racers, and clean up after the fans went home.



Photos by Patrick Shea

**For safety at Leach Airfield, race organizers positioned the grandstands near the starting line, and the audience focused on the umbrella near the finish line cones one-eighth of a mile down the runway track.**



**More than 200 people came out to Leach Airfield on Aug. 20 to watch cars and trucks race 660 yards down the runway.**



**Center mayor and start official Tony Garcia demonstrated the starting line procedure before the inaugural 'Center Drags' drag-racing event at Leach Airfield on Aug. 20.**

Brown's Septic Service donated four portable toilets.

Vendors donated merchandise for the silent auction fundraiser.

Saguache County Sheriff staff and County Commissioner Lynne Thompson joined the crowd, and Center EMS and firefighters managed safety while police officers orchestrated the afternoon of racing.

Fans, racers, and organizers echoed hopes of repeating the event in 2023.



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## High school students earn college credits during Adams State Summer Academy

ALAMOSA — Alamosa High School student Jaymi Gile hasn't narrowed her choice of major or college yet but begins her junior year at Alamosa High School a step ahead in that direction after taking two courses through the Adams State University Summer Academy.

Twenty-two concurrent enrollment students, from the San Luis Valley, attended the academy in June and earned college credits at no cost. "The entire experience was cool," Gile added. "All the professors had a good attitude and really cared about our success."

Academy students took a class in the morning and another in the afternoon. The courses were specially

built for the high school students, grades 9 through 12, and were taught by full-time Adams State professors. Classes included geoscience, theatre, business, computer programming, history, and media communications.

"I really liked the three dynamic earth fieldtrips," Gile said.

Summer Academy students received free tuition, books, and lunch in the cafeteria. AHS incoming senior Abby Wubben appreciated the extra perks. "I have not decided where I will attend college but want to major in either chemistry or biology."

Michael Mumper, Ph.D., received a grant from the Colorado Department of Education for the Summer Academy.



Courtesy photo

Summer Academy students appreciate the opportunity to earn college credits, at no cost to them. Pictured, political science class taught by Mari Centeno, Ph.D., professor of political science.

## Creede to bid goodbye to summer with Labor Day festivities



Labor Day weekend is set to bring some spice to the last days of summer with their annual Salsa Fiesta and Mountain Run marathon. These two events have been an area favorite for several years and guests are set to enjoy the fiery end of summer on Sept. 3.

File photo by Lyndsie Ferrell

BY LYNDSIE FERRELL

CREEDE — Creede is getting ready for its end-of-summer celebrations. The past few months have gone by in a whirlwind of summer fun and now with fall sneaking up on the horizon it is time to bid those warm sunny days goodbye and welcome the shades of the coming autumn light. Labor Day in Creede is the perfect way to finish summer and the list of activities this year is sure to bring a huge crowd to town.

With the Labor Day weekend

greeting the first days of September, Creede's annual Mountain Run is one way to test a runner's endurance and enjoy the last remnants of summer throughout the Bachelor Loop and Creede's Historical Mining District. The Mountain Run kicks off Sept. 3 with registration at 7:15 a.m. and a start time at 7:30 a.m. This race started in 1987 and has become one of the biggest races in Creede, outside of the Run Off Run Off that happens in the spring.

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## Was Smokey Bear wrong all these years Land, Water and People

BY GREGG GOODLAND

A question that many of us in the Forest Service and, indeed, wildland fire management positions across the country, have been hearing more frequently over the past few years is often perceived as surprising, shocking, and to some of us, offensive. "Was Smokey Bear wrong all these years?" When you first hear those words, especially if you work for the agency that I do, you might have a tendency to get defensive. I mean, who dares question the validity of the great and mighty Smokey Bear? He's been doing this longer than any of us in the agency so he MUST be right. Right? If we take a step back and see a more comprehensive view of the current national wildfire situation and how prevention fits in, you can clearly see how folks today can quickly arrive at the question.

I've written before how I feel that an increasing amount of people in the United States have become more educated about wildfires and the role they play in the natural processes. I believe that trend is continuing and with those folks learning that wildfires provide ecological benefits to the landscapes around us, I can see how a person might question the validity of an

aggressive wildfire prevention program. After all, if fire is needed to act as a natural change agent in the vegetation and provide vital nutrients to the ground, who are we to prevent those wildfires from doing just that? The answer lies within the scope of how a fire is started.

I'll key in on the word "natural" here for a moment. Lightning has been causing wildfires for thousands of years and the frequency of those lightning-caused fires is what shaped many of the vegetative landscapes into the diverse ecosystems around us. Plants and trees have adapted to fire at various intervals and now very much depend on fires to maintain their species in a healthy cycle. Those naturally ignited wildfires remain important to us today.

The Smokey Bear campaign was created during WWII when it was determined that the loss of the natural resources AND the manpower to fight those fires was detrimental to the war effort. The thought was that if we prevent folks from causing wildfires due to their carelessness, we save critical resources, including manpower and we can concentrate on the war effort. The same principle has applied

long after that war ended.

Most folks know that we are seeing more frequent and larger wildfires than in the past, generally speaking. There are many historical accounts of extremely large wildfires in our nation's past. However, with over 85% of the wildfires in the US being caused by human activity, we can easily conclude that many of the losses of values, including homes and other infrastructure, can be attributed to those human-caused fires. I could argue that all those wildfires were preventable.

Wildland fires must continue to help us manage the vegetation into the future. At the right time and in the right place, fires help us achieve sustainable ecosystems. However, the notion that the prevention of MOST wildlands fires is not needed is, simply put, ludicrous. The opposite is truly what is needed. Aggressive fire prevention campaigns can provide

accurate messaging on what actions cause fires and the potential consequences of those fires. Messaging on how to prevent wildland fires from starting has been in place for a long time. We only need to keep it current and relevant.

We just celebrated Smokey Bear's 78th birthday on August 9. I will stand firm in my conviction that Smokey has never been wrong. In fact, I'll plant my feet deeper and suggest that Smokey's message applies as much today as it ever did, if not more. We live in a world that has a large amount of infrastructure at risk from wildfire. If we can truly prevent those unwanted, human-caused fires, we'll only have to worry about those natural, lightning caused starts.

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

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# ASU NextFifty free workshops continue this fall

## SUBMITTED ARTICLE

**ALAMOSA** — The Adams State University NextFifty Initiative for adults over 50 has the largest selection of free classes to date.

Oneyda Maestas, Class of 1993 and 2006; and Yula Cisneros Montoya, have scheduled a series of workshops, which build on skills from one class to the next.

Montoya has classes throughout the semester geared towards Latin dance instruction and strengthening core muscles in Pilates. Maestas has several courses geared towards essential oils, Latin dance rhythms and American Sign Language.

Learn how to make traditional favorites like tamales, tortillas, and biscochitos with Sandra Ortega, Class of 1974. Barbara Kruse, Class of 2004; has a two-part class on aging wellness scheduled and one-time offerings on diffusion and osmosis; the human problem, parasites in the area, and Colorado trees and shrubs.

Take advantage of experts in the field of geology. Chayan Lahiri, Ph.D., assistant professor of geoscience, has planned fieldtrips and Andrew Valdez, Class of 1991 and Great Sand Dunes National Park geologist will tell the story behind

SLV scenery in a November lecture.

Adams State Master in Arts alumni Coni Grant, Class of 2006; and Robin Wolfe, Class of 2001; will share their skills in a variety of art media. Woodworker Jim Relyea will help participants in his class build a house for birds or bats or construct a step stool; as well as learn about picture framing.

“Dreamwork,” by Cindy Medina; “Introduction to Acoustic Jamming,” by Susan Coulter and “Español del Valle de San Luis,” by Maria Morales, Class of 2000, round out the offerings.

To register for a workshop or for more information, please visit [adams.edu/academics](http://adams.edu/academics) and click on the professional and continuing education link and select Next Fifty from the green bar menu.

If you are interested in hosting a workshop or need assistance with registration, contact Savannah Torres, NextFifty Initiative activity coordinator, at [storres@adams.edu](mailto:storres@adams.edu) or 719-587-7686.

The program is funded with a \$129,959 grant from NextFifty Initiative, a private Colorado-based foundation that supports projects benefiting people 50-years-old and older.



Photo courtesy of Adams State University  
Participants learn the process to make tamales in the spring 2022 course.

## CREEDE

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The Mountain Run features a 50k, 22-mile, 12-mile and 2-mile race to the finish line that starts at 7:30 on Loma Street. Runners spend the entire year preparing for the annual event and bring participants to the small mountain town from all over the US.

This race tests the endurance of seasoned runners as well as offering a chance for participants of all ages to enjoy the beautiful backdrop of the historical Creede Mining District. Racers follow Willow Creek as it weaves through old mining towns and through Creede’s unique history. Open registration is Saturday, Sept. 3 and is open to all ages and abilities so walk, jog or run full speed through history.

Saturday morning will also feature the annual Salsa Fiesta which brings its own set of fans to town. To end summer with a fiery splash,

local businesses head to their kitchens to concoct homemade salsas that are sure to bring the heat.

In previous years, there have been upward of 15 salsas that range from spicy fruit medleys to green salsa that can knock off the socks of any spicy food fanatic and red salsa that awakens the senses with fresh ingredients. Participants of the contest can also add their own personal touch to the freestyle category and have, in the past, produced unique recipes that have pleased crowds over the years.

Tickets for the Salsa Fiesta are limited and must be purchased online or at Basham Park on the day of the event. Guests who participate in the Salsa Fiesta will be asked to vote for their favorites in each category and pick one overall winner who will get a trophy and bragging rights for the rest of the

year.

The weekend will also be packed full of plays at the Creede Repertory theatre, plenty of places to shop and eat along the historic Main Street and activities throughout town. For a full schedule of events, visit [www.creede.com](http://www.creede.com).

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# Fort Garland Revitalization Committee plans for 2023

By DIANE DREKMANN

FORT GARLAND — The Fort Garland Revitalization Committee is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the beauty of Fort Garland through programs and actions that benefit the community now and for future generations.

Their name may not be familiar, but evidence of their work is seen throughout Fort Garland. From lilac bushes in the cemetery to the flower boxes in town, the Fort Garland Revitalization Committee is responsible for that as well as providing water and the sprinkler system for the cemetery.

Their volunteers run the visitor center. Repainting and repairing signs are other examples of what the Fort Garland Committee does.

The non-profit organization was formed in 1989. The committee consists of residents, volunteers, and neighbors of the Fort Garland area. They only meet in summer — from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The committee had a meeting on Aug. 11. Their final meeting of the year is Sept. 8, at the Fort Garland/Blanca Community Center at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting on Aug. 11, discussed mainly items for next year. They hope to have more regular hours at the visitor center.

Grants through the Colorado Garden Foundation help fund the maintenance of the cemetery and the park. A drip sprinkler system was installed for greater water efficiency.

The Fort Garland Revitalization Committee also collaborates with the San Luis Valley Tourism Board. They hope to create a memorabilia book that people can get stamped at different locales. They also want to create postcards. The Fort Garland Revitaliza-



Photo by Diane Drekmann

**The Fort Garland Revitalization Committee is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the beauty of Fort Garland through programs and actions that benefit the community now and for future generations. Picture left to right are Marguerite Hoaglund, Vice President; Lisa Gonzales, Treasurer; Aleysha Williams, CIO; Sharon Gibson, President; and Nadine Barron. Not pictured is Pam Thompson, new Secretary.**

tion Committee also supports the Suicide Awareness and Prevention community walk in San Luis on Sept. 10. The committee supplies food and drinks which are provided by the Fort Garland farmer's market, creating a solution where everyone benefits.

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Moravian 69	05/05	0.06	0.08	0.11	0.06	0.14	0.25	0.31	0.40	0.66
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Norkotah	05/05	0.08	0.11	0.14	0.08	0.19	0.33	0.41	0.54	0.87
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**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@WOLFCREEKSKI.COM](mailto:AP@WOLFCREEKSKI.COM) or call 970-264-5487. (8/31)

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**This 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom single level home is located in town of Monte Vista, close to the Park and other amenities.** The home is towards the back of the lot giving it great privacy and a nice sized front yard. It has a large living room with fireplace making it very cozy. It has an open concept from Kitchen to the living room. New flooring and other upgrades. Inquire today. **PRICE REDUCED - \$155,000** MLS#794510

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**The historic Stoddart Ranch is a rare mountain property that hasn't been offered for purchase in the last 48 years.** It is a tract of fertile meadow land outlined by an upland bench. San Luis Creek flows through the lush fields of native grass for over 1.75 miles. Spring Creek from the West and Decker Creek from the East flow through the property to confluence at San Luis Creek. The waterways have an abundant population of Brook Trout and are natural habitat and water source for many wildlife species. The rare Gunnison Sage Grouse along with bird species such as Mallard Ducks, Canadian Geese, Red Tailed Hawks are found here. Antelope, Elk, and wiley Coyote are frequent visitors. The mountain ranch located in the headwaters of Colorado's San Luis Valley, is 20 minutes from the bustling town of Salida and the Arkansas River. The ranch has been owned and operated as a working cattle and hay ranch by the same family for the last 48 years. The first private ownership of this ranch was in 1876, the year that Colorado became a state. Deeded water rights were established in 1880. Diversions from spring Creek, Decker Creek, and San Luis Creek are established through water rights known as the Means #1 which is diverted from Alder Cr., Means #2, Richards #1 and Richard #2. The property is rich with history. Arrowheads, Spearheads and other Native Indian artifacts have been found over the years. A Silver Spur from the Spanish Conquistadors was found in a prairie dog hole. Captain John Gunnison chronicles his journey in 1853 across these lands where he camped and even made note of Sage Grouse that would one day bear his name. There is convenient access to the property from Highway 285 and electric power is nearby. The majestic Collegiate Peaks can be viewed to the North and the beautiful Sangre De Cristo mountain range tower above the ranch to the east. **\$2,800,000** MLS#790744

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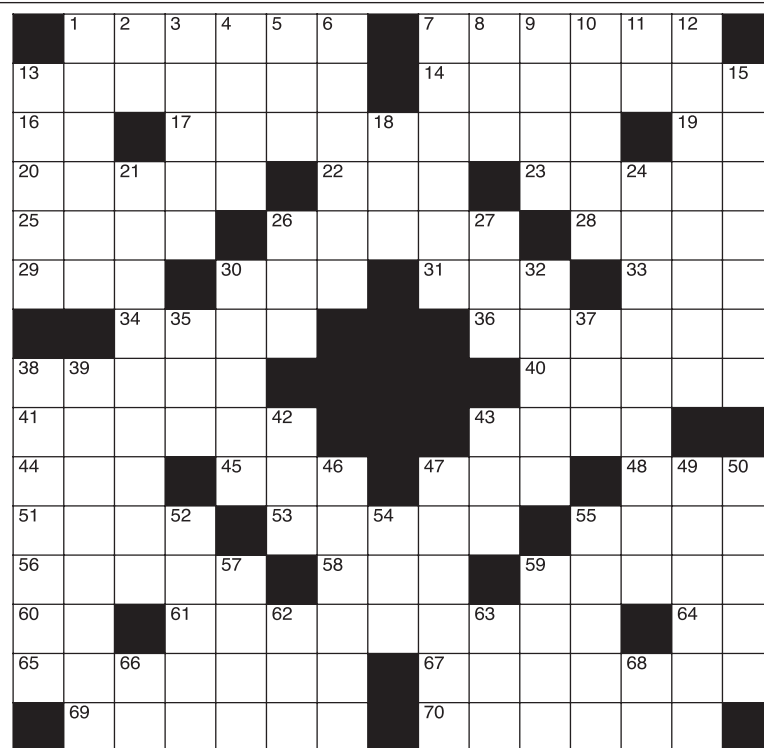
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1. Neckwear
7. Fish parts
13. Cooking
14. Quality
16. Rural delivery
17. Popular superhero
19. Partner to Pa
20. Shivering fits
22. Wrath
23. Linguistics pioneer
25. Large integers
26. A way to prepare food
28. Group of badgers
29. Peyton's little brother
30. Rock out
31. Danish krone
33. Take from with force
34. Baroque musical instrument
36. Zodiac sign
38. Hebrew alphabet letter
40. Independent member of a clone
41. Type of garment
43. Satisfy
44. One point south of due east
45. A way to wipe out
47. Moved quickly on foot
48. Bar bill
51. An idiot
53. Performed with the voice silent
55. Body fluids
56. Rhythmic patterns
58. " \_ my i's"
59. Type of wrap
60. It shows who you are

### Solution to last week's puzzle

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



61. Carousel
64. Type of college degree
65. Molding
67. Closes again
69. Verses
70. Surface
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Short, thick stick
2. Rhode Island
3. Animals of the horse family
4. Very important persons
5. Folk singer Di Franco
6. Boredom
7. Long speech
8. Footballer Newton
9. Expression of sorrow or pity
10. Linear accelerator
11. One quintillion bytes
12. Smallest interval in Western music
13. Box
15. Cheese dish
18. Make a mistake
21. Done by all people or things
24. Circumference
26. Chum
27. Electrocardiogram
30. Sandwich chain Jimmy \_
32. Showed old movie
35. Important event on Wall St.
37. Where wrestlers work
38. Free from contamination
39. Eastern Canada coastal region
42. Slang for gun
43. High schoolers' test
46. Fathers
47. Call it a career
49. Productive
50. Musical groups
52. Yellowish-brown
54. Lowest point of a ridge
55. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
57. Fill up
59. Cardinal number that's the sum of 5 and 1
62. Frost
63. Jewel
66. Atomic #45
68. Top lawyer

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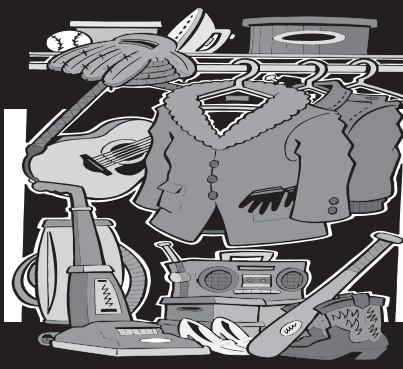
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# Headwaters Music Festival brings talent to local stage

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

**CREEDE** — There are two things that make a great music festival according to Headwaters Music Festival planner Bob Holt — bring in some great talent and thank the community for all the support.

With those two things in hand, Holt and his group have been putting on a successful festival for the past six years and according to him, there is only one way to go, and that is up.

This year's Headwater Music Festival will be held on Aug. 27 and 28 and will feature some long-awaited talent. The weekend kicks off on Saturday with a special band, The 4th Infantry Division, also known as Ivy.

Holt and his crew have been working for the past two years to get approval to host The 4th Infantry Division and are excited to finally have them on the schedule.

"We have been waiting for approval from the military to host this band and we are really excited to be able to welcome them to Creede," Holt said.

The weekend is the perfect time to head to the Creede area and enjoy the surrounding mountains and public lands while enjoying a one-of-a-kind music festival. There will be plenty of food and craft vendors as well as plenty to do in town, including catching a play at the Creede Repertory Theatre or exploring the historic mining district along the Bachelor Loop just above Creede.

According to their bio, The 4th Infantry Division is a division of the United States Army based at Fort Carson, Colo. It is composed of a Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, three brigade combat teams (1st Stryker BCT, 2nd Infantry BCT, and 3rd Armored BCT),



Courtesy photos

**The annual Headwaters Music Festival in Creede is ready to hit the stage on Aug. 27 and will be welcoming special guest band The 4th Infantry Division.**

a Combat Aviation Brigade, the 4th Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, and a Division Artillery.

The 4th Infantry Division's official nickname, "Ivy," is a play on words of the Roman numeral IV or 4. Ivy leaves symbolize tenacity and fidelity which is the basis of the division's motto: "Steadfast and Loyal." The second nickname, "Iron Horse," has been adopted to underscore the speed and power of the division and its soldiers.

The band will also be playing a special concert for the patrons of Mountain View RV Park and resort on Friday, Aug. 26, to say "thank you" for all the support of the local community.

Saturday features talent from local and visiting bands that have come to grace the stage at the Headwaters Music Festival.

"We try every year to get one big band. We are successful in doing this because we have such great support from the community and we wouldn't be the festival we are without our local talent," said Holt.

Saturday will welcome Caldera, Rally Round, Dave Becker Band, Bo Depena and finally Verlon Thompson and Shawn Camp. Each of these bands bring unique and eclectic sounds that are

sure to get the attending crowd up on their feet and the party started, according to organizers.

On Sunday, the day will begin with Kundalini Yoga and Gong bath with the music starting immediately after. First on stage will be Stoney Gabel, Trouble Bound, McLeod Nine and finally The Rifiers from Alamosa will once again close out the weekend.

The full schedule and prepurchase tickets are available online at [www.headwatersmusicfestival.com](http://www.headwatersmusicfestival.com).

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# BACK TO SCHOOL

## How parents can pitch in at their children's schools

Giving back to one's community can take many forms. Some may give back by supporting legislature to make communities more inclusive, while others may volunteer with their local fire departments. Parents of school-aged youngsters can typically find many opportunities to give back through their children's schools.

Parents who volunteer with their children's schools often get a unique glimpse into their children's life at school. Such parents may see how their children interact with educators and classmates and gain greater insight into the school community where kids spend so much of their time. Volunteering at school also can benefit kids, who may recognize the importance of education more readily if mom and/or dad are spending their free time on campus. That recognition can leave to improved performance in the classroom.

Parent-teacher associations can be great resources for parents who want to volunteer with their children's schools. Each year, students graduate and move on to new schools or colleges, and that means schools are in fresh need of parent volunteers each school year. Though each school has its own unique needs, the following are some roles parent volunteers may be able to play at their children's schools.

- Tutor
- Mentor
- IT support: Parents with significant experience in tech or information technology can offer to lend a hand or provide advice or insight in support of a school's IT staff
- Organizer: Schools host many functions in a typical school year, and officials typically ask parents to pitch in so such events can be successful. For example, parents can help organize school fundraisers, dances and holiday bazaars.
- Chaperone on field trips
- Assistant coach: Many schools pay stipends to the head coaches of their athletic teams, but parents can serve as unpaid assistants or support staff during the season. For example, parents can volunteer to work as gameday staff, taking tickets at the gate or directing ticket holders where to park.
- Club official: Extracurricular clubs also can benefit from parents willing to work as volunteers. Parents can help students who want to start new clubs or serve as moderators or helpers in existing clubs.
- Administrative support: Parents also can pitch to help with behind-the-scenes administrative duties like letter-writing, grant proposals and other projects that play a vital role in securing funding for school programs and other services.

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