

Shorts

Center United Methodist church to host singer-songwriter Brent Vernon

CENTER — Starting at 7 p.m. on July 21 at the Center United Methodist Church, singer-songwriter ventriloquist Brent Vernon will perform live with his sidekick Sam. Admission is free of charge and appropriate for families.

Vernon combines stories and songs while bantering with Sam at the church, 387 S. Broadway in Center. For details, call 719-754-2243. Visit www.brentvernon.com, for more information about Vernon's live performances and illustrated literature.

ALMA Sunday's at Six continues with Riffers

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Live Music Association's Sundays at Six continues at 6 p.m. on July 17 with local favorite, The Riffers, at Cole Park in Alamosa. A food drive to benefit the Alamosa Food Pantry is also part of the event. The MOKI food truck will be on site. Visit www.almaonline.org, for the complete summer lineup.

Emmanuel Chapel VBS is July 11-15

SOUTH FORK — Emmanuel Chapel in South Fork is having vacation Bible school from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 11-15 for ages 3 to 13. For more information or to pre-register, call 719-850-2634.

MV Farmers Market opens for the season

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Farmers Market will be open every Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Sept. 16.

The MV Farmers Market will be in the parking lot at First Avenue and Jefferson Street in Monte Vista, across from the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce.



Arts Walk and Hollyhock Festival set

BY PATRICK SHEA
SAGUACHE — The Saguache Arts Walk and Hollyhock Festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 30. For more than a decade, the Arts Walk and Hollyhock Festival drew
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Photo by Patrick Shea
'Fairy Houses' hidden around town are one of many attractions traditionally marked on the 2022 Saguache Arts Walk and Hollyhock Festival map.

SLV Dish Cook Off spices up Frontier Drive-Inn public preview

BY PATRICK SHEA
CENTER — The SLV Dish Cook Off celebration during the Frontier Drive-Inn public preview on July 9 added spice to the free event. Hundreds came to tour the renovated facility, sample competitive chili, patronize vendors, and settle in at sunset to watch "The Wizard of Oz."

Built in 1955, the Frontier Drive-Inn reopened with a new focus. Now it's the Frontier Drive-Inn with an extra "n" to focus on "hospitality and art with an outdoor theater and projected sound."

Instead of parking in rows and hanging speakers on car windows or tuning car radios to the right frequency, spectators today sit in the grassy viewing area and hear the movie from concert-style speakers.

As the added "n" implies, guests can stay overnight. Plans to add RV campsite hookups will increase accommodation from rooms in four Quonset huts and 10 yurts. The preview on July 9 was open to the public free of charge, but most
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Photos by Patrick Shea
Winning a truly grand Grand Prize for her chili, Erica Enriquez won \$1,000 at the SLV Dish Cook Off during the Frontier Drive-Inn public preview on July 9.

Center approves interim police chief, audit results

BY PATRICK SHEA
CENTER — The Center trustees approved appointing veteran Sgt. Aaron Fresquez to the interim police chief position of the Center Police Department at the Town Board meeting on July 12.

The meeting started 45 minutes later than scheduled because the trustees devoted extra time with auditors to scrutinize the town's finances.

The budget for mending roads, for example, calculated costs in 2021 before hyperinflation and supply chain issues drastically changed calculations worldwide. Barely into the second half of the year, they're already \$130,000 over budget. So, the board approved the audit results and agreed to prioritize projects for completion before the fiscal year concludes.

Town Manager Brian Lujan provided updates for grant-funded activities. Working with Saguache, Del Norte, and La Jara, Lujan is spearheading the
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Veteran sergeant fills Interim Chief of Police role

BY PATRICK SHEA
CENTER — Working in Center for 10 of his 13 years in law enforcement, veteran Center Police Department Sgt. Aaron Fresquez stepped into the role of interim police chief of CPD when former chief Dale Meek moved to Alaska.

"My plan is to continue on the same path he left us with," Fresquez said. "We had a meeting yesterday, and everyone is on board. We're a seven-man department right now."

To fill his spot, Fresquez appointed Cpl. Joseph Roybal to the interim sergeant position. Another officer,

Kendra Adolph, came to the department from her job at the Saguache County Jail. Adolph is currently learning law enforcement skills at the Flatrock training facility in Commerce City.

Closer to home, the Chief's twin brother, Adam, and sister, A.J., are also on the force, a trio with roots in a strong law enforcement family. Their father, Robert Fresquez, was the Chief of Police in Del Norte for 33 years.

"I used to do ride-alongs with my dad and his guys for a really long time when I was old enough, and so did my brother Adam," Fresquez recalled.

Along with adding more officers to

match growth in Center, the K9 Unit continues to expand. Long before former Chief Meek arrived in 2019, Fresquez described an attempt in 2014 to start training and hiring police dogs. It didn't work out. When Meek started, he wondered where the canine officers were.

"He said, 'let's work on that. Figure out what we need to do.' We knew that funding would be an issue," Fresquez recalled. "So, I did a lot of legwork asking local businesses for donations. I ended up raising \$58,000. That started the unit."

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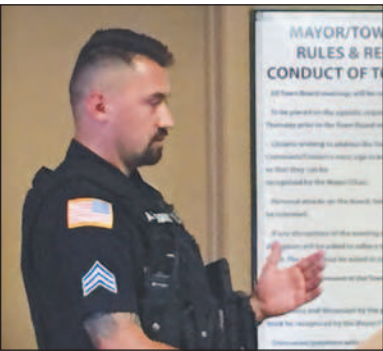


Photo by Patrick Shea

At their board meeting on July 12, the Town of Center trustees approved filling the Interim Chief of Police position with department Sergeant Aaron Fresquez.

EVENTS

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crowds on different days. But after the Saguache Chamber of Commerce combined the events last year, the tradition became even more festive.

The artists will set up on the courthouse lawn. This year, hollyhock plants and seed cards will be sold across the street outside the Saguache Hotel. The 2022 Hollyhock Seed Card features the artwork of Caroline Irwin, the 2021 art contest winner.

The 2022 art contest includes divisions for children under 18 and adults. To enter, artists can deliver their work to Saguache Town Hall during the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. between July 18 and July 22.

Prizes for all contests will be awarded at 2 p.m. First-place winners will take home \$100 in cash. Second and third place winners in all three categories (hollyhock garden, non-hollyhock garden, and art contest) will take home prizes valued at \$75 and \$50, respectively.

Former Saguache artist and resident, Byron Williams, sparked the first Arts Walk 13 years ago. Known for his decorative gourds (and love of hollyhocks), Williams sought to celebrate more artists in town and showcase their work.

Once the hollyhock was selected as the town flower, Williams was instrumental in establishing the Hollyhock Festival 11 years ago. Hollyhocks are hardy, drought-tolerant, and flexible enough to adapt to soil conditions. The colorful flowers bloom today in the Middle East, Europe, and North America, some perhaps planted in the San Luis Valley during the early 19th century. For the first year of the Hollyhock

Fresquez travelled to North Carolina for training, and his brother, Adam, started an enterprise managing a pool of dogs. Although the Center Town Board has a budget for the program, the K9 Unit funds itself. It also offers new solutions to emerging problems. In response to school shootings, for example, a few police departments around the country have incorporated canine officers with their School Resource Officers (SROs).

In negotiations with the Center Consolidated School District, the department currently provides a part-time SRO and would like to train a dog “that will sniff out firearms and ammunition,” Fresquez explained.

The dog would serve as another SRO and return to the police station to work during the summer.

Currently, Kitt and Argo are the two canine officers in the department. They’re both fully-training, dual-purpose canines that can identify narcotics and apprehend offenders.

“We’ve gone from no dogs to one dog, now two, and possibly three,” Fresquez recounted. “The program is self-sustaining. We receive town budget money, but when we buy and sell canines, that money comes back into the program. We’ve sold three canines already.”

On top of tackling crime, Fresquez noted the importance of community

engagement. So far this summer, officers mingled with substantial crowds during festivities at Casa Blanca Memorial Park — live music in June and an Independence Day Celebration on July 2. Fresquez said he will continue the “Coffee with the Chief” tradition on scheduled Saturdays.

Another tradition in the making, the department will host its second annual K9 competition at 1 p.m. on July 23. Last year, six teams from different agencies competed in K9 challenges for dogs and their handlers. For updates, pictures, and more information about the Center Police Department, all the posts on the CPD Facebook page are open to the public.

Festival, former mayor Greg Terrell dressed as a gnome. Williams dressed as “Johnny Hollyhock”, a nod to Johnny Appleseed. Several ladies from Saguache dressed as garden fairies. These costumes added spice to the festive atmosphere.

As a special attraction this year, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., AirMedCare Network representatives will showcase their helicopter on the football field of Mountain Valley School. Cara Reano will be available to explain how their membership program works. When medical conditions require urgent help unavailable in the San Luis Valley, AirMedCare members can be assured they are covered.

The Saguache Volunteer Fire Department will sell breakfast burritos at the “Fire Hut” at 330 Denver Ave. near the post office starting at 9 a.m. Mountain Valley School students raising funds for a

trip to Europe next year will set up at the Cozy Castle Cinema across from the Welcome Center on 4th Street.

Hollyhocks flash their colors all over Saguache. Event organizers will print a map to guide people to gardens (hollyhock and non-hollyhock), and more than two dozen “fairy houses” sprinkled around town. The map will also show food vendors and local shops.

Artists who want to take part in the 2022 Arts Walk can contact Sarah

Krantz at 913-484-8983 or email her at Saguacheartswalk@gmail.com.

The Arts Walk and Hollyhock Festival received funding from the Saguache County Sales Tax Grant, the Town of Saguache, and the Saguache Tourism Council. Volunteers and community participation drive this event.

For more information, visit the Saguache Chamber website www.saguachechamber.org, the Chamber’s Facebook page, or send email to info@saguachechamber.org.

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



Rachel M. Perea

A Celebration of Life is planned for Rachel M. Perea, of Monte Vista, at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at Colorado State Veteran Chapel Homelake in Monte Vista. Interment will follow at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at Colorado State Veterans Cemetery Homelake in Monte Vista.

You Aren’t Built to Guilt!

Are you bugged by a guilty conscience, carrying around baggage from a certain mistake or decision that produces feelings of regret or even self-loathing?

We’ve all said or done things that we wish we could take back. And while it’s completely natural to grieve over a bad decision or mistake you have made, it is not God’s plan for you to live with guilt and condemnation. Jesus came to set you free from that kind of life (see John 3:16-17; Romans 8:1).

As believers in Christ, God forgives our sins completely. Psalm 103:12 says, “As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us” (NIV).

That’s how amazing God’s love is! And when you trust His promise of forgiveness, any burden of guilt that you have will be lifted from your shoulders.

Breaking the Habit of Guilt
I had a terrible problem with guilt for many years. I grew up in an angry, unstable, abusive atmosphere, which caused me to become a negative, angry, judgmental adult. As a result, I didn’t like myself or anybody else for that matter, and I often behaved in ways that I regretted later, especially in my relationships.

Through the years, guilt became so ingrained in me that I just didn’t feel right if I didn’t feel wrong. And I carried those negative feelings with me right into the early years of my ministry. For example, whenever I went to God in prayer, I would automatically focus on two things—my problems and my mistakes.

I’ll never forget the morning God spoke to my heart and said, “Joyce, are you going to spend time with Me today or are you going to keep focusing on your sins?” At that moment, I realized God wasn’t mad at me; He loved me. And He was encouraging me to drop the dead weight of my guilt.

God Does Not Expect Perfection

Many people struggle with guilt because they think God expects more of them than what they can deliver. Some people even think He expects perfection, but that couldn’t be further from the truth.

God’s Word says in Romans 3:23, “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” The Bible also says that “where sin increased, grace increased all the more” (Romans 5:20). This verse isn’t saying you should live a sloppy life and sin as much as you want; it means when you fall short of perfection in any area of your life, you will always have another chance to get back up, brush yourself off and try again with God’s help.

What Does God Expect from Us?

The apostle Paul explains what God requires of us in Philippians 3:12-14, which says, “Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

God simply expects us to grow, and we can’t do that if we’re stuck in guilt. In Christ, we can forget about what lies behind us—the things we cannot change—and press on, doing our best in the present moment.

One thing that has helped me get over my guilt trips (which I used to take on a daily basis) is realizing they are totally, completely useless. They certainly didn’t help me behave any better. Actually, all they did was make me act worse.

The truth is the only way to make progress is to let go of what lies behind.
Race at Your Own Pace
We will never be perfect in this life



and God knows that. He is full of mercy and He doesn’t want you to get up each day and worry about what you did yesterday or what you might do wrong today. God wants you to trust His love for you and receive His forgiveness so you can move forward, completely guilt free.

Jesus said, “...Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete” (John 16:24).

When you ask God for His forgiveness, don’t just stop there. Take a moment and receive His forgiveness. Say out loud, “God, I receive Your forgiveness. Thank You for giving me a fresh start. Because of what You have done for me, I am filled with joy.”

You don’t have to waste any more time focusing on your mistakes and weaknesses. Spend time with God and learn from His Word. And remember, God loves you and He is always cheering you on to victory.

For more on this topic, order Joyce’s teaching resource *Sit, Stand, Walk, Run*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Lina from Lithuania

Life certainly has some interesting twists nowadays especially with the advent of the internet thanks to Al Gore. Or something like that. But anyway, it's amazing what that invention has done to our way of life both good and bad. Ol' Dutch is always amazed that even from a tiny smartphone, he can access the wider world out there and find all sorts of information both needed and not so needed.

There is nothing so handy as being able to order some newfangled fishing or hunting gear as it becomes available on sale. But along with such convenience there are of course downsides such as Miss Trixie being able to find me wherever I may be hiding out at the moment.

Living in the Rocky Mountains does allow Ol' Dutch to claim he "had no signal" at least part of the time and escape Miss Trixie's plans for me for the day. But I think she has caught onto my shenanigans of late and Ol' Dutch is hard pressed to find another way to avoid undesirable social engagements.

But as much as I love the internet and particularly perusing the want ads from around the region, I finally fell victim to a scammer myself. Now it seems like about every other day I get a notice from friends about their Facebook being compromised so I am at least aware that such things happen. Mostly I think from them clicking on ads promising that they may be the lucky winner of a new car or some such nonsense.

But just this past week Ol' Dutch fell victim to another type of scammer although at first, I was unsure about who or what this was all about. It all started when I got an alert from my bank that charges had been attempted on my debit card that looked amiss. First, it was for \$177 and anyone that knows me would be alerted as Ol' Dutch never spends that much money on anything but new outdoor gear.

Further investigation on my part revealed that the charges came from Lithuania. Now for those of you that do not know, that is a small country over there across the pond somewhere and not related to Sylvania, the lightbulb company.

This discovery had me wracking my already wracked brain for some kind of explanation as to who or what I would have charged over there. All I could come up with is that maybe in my moments of weakness in my past bachelor days I had somehow met me a mail order



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

European bride online.

And that maybe, just maybe she had finally decided some 12 years later to take me up on my offer of free citizenship in this great country in exchange for companionship and marriage. But try as I may I just could not come up with having done such a thing although back in those early days of bachelorhood, nothing I did would have surprised me.

The internet being what it is, allowed me to further delve into this situation and soon I found out that Lina had tried to bite some coins or something like that with my debit card. Which in my books anyway would totally negate any offers I may have made in the past toward getting her over here to hold my hand. Ol' Dutch may have been lonely but not that lonely.

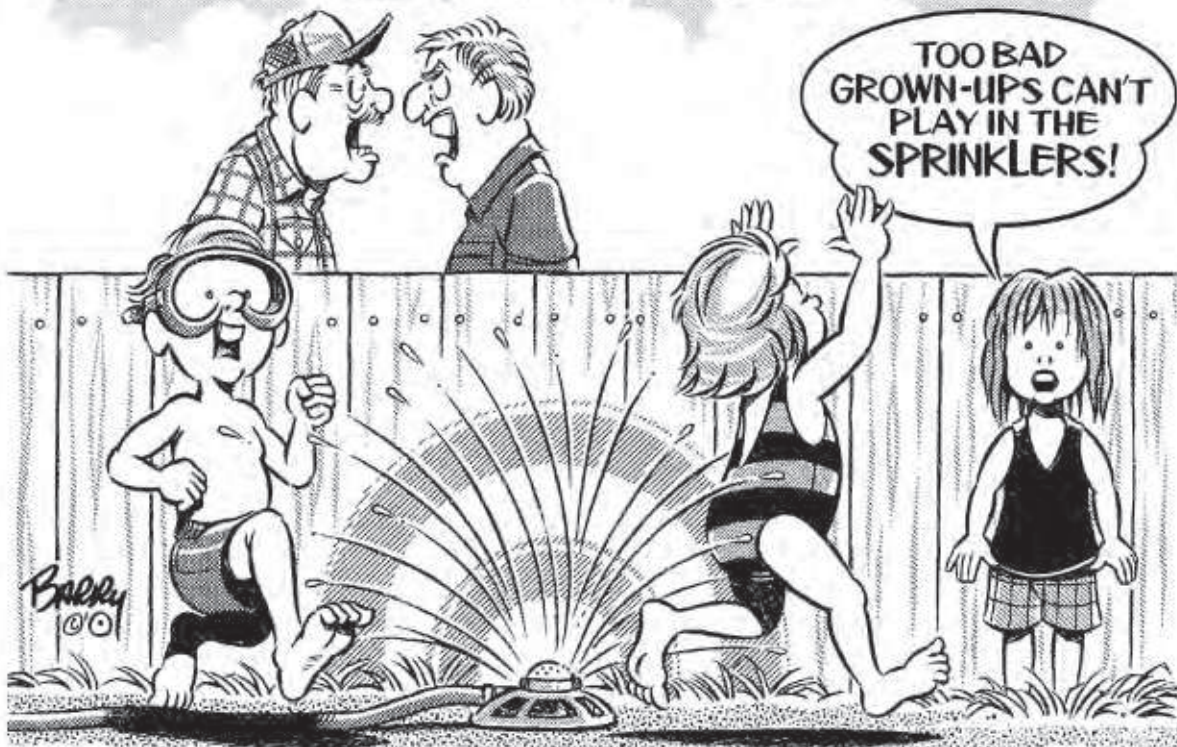
And all I could think about was how much older she is by now and what she must look like after she has bit coins all these years. Why the next thing you know I would be paying for a new set of veneers at the minimum and the 12-step program for her to quit biting all those coins.

So, I guess answering Miss Trixie's calls and texts is preferable to all that trouble no matter Lina's European blonde locks and daunting chest size. Sometimes it is best to stay with the poison you are used to rather than switch and risk certain death by slow suffering.

And to Lina. God bless you with your endeavor to find a sugar daddy to supply you with bitcoins and I hope you get your teeth fixed soon.

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HOT TEMPS HEAT UP TEMPER...



YOUR NIGHT SKY

BY DARLENE DANKO

Great Perseids

The Perseid meteor shower is fast approaching, and we have a new moon dark sky when they peak! They're visible from July 17-Aug. 24 but are best within two weeks before they peak on the night of Aug. 12, and for another week after that. The full moon is on July 13, the last quarter is July 20, but the new moon is on July 28.

Meteors are tiny particles of rock and dust that Earth passes through as it orbits the Sun. When the comet swings around the Sun, its solar heat boils off ice and trapped dusty debris. When the debris trails cross Earth's orbit we have a meteor shower.

The Perseids come from comet Swift-Tuttle that has an interesting orbit that takes 133 years. It goes out past Pluto and then inside Earth's orbit. When it's closest to Earth the sun heats it up and releases fresh material into the stream. That makes the meteor shower spectacular when the comet is that close to us. Even though the next closest passing to us

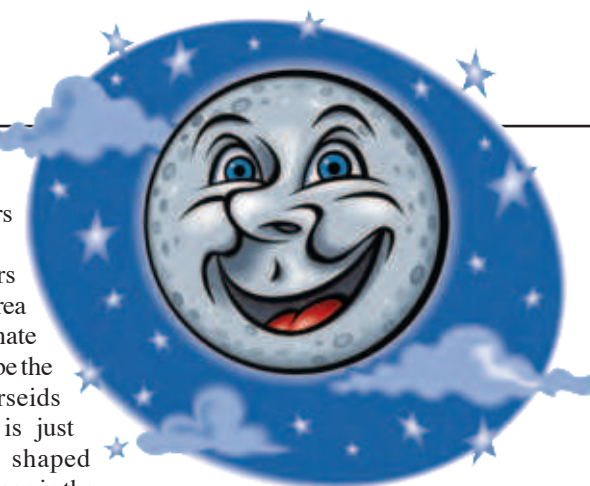
won't be until 2126 we'll still have great meteors to view.

Meteor showers are named for the area they seem to originate from. This would be the constellation Perseids the Herd which is just below the "W" shaped Cassiopeia the Queen in the NE. The Perseids are spectacular to watch. They have more fireballs than any other shower. There are many bright meteors that leave trails which form because Perseids are fast. Then the trails last for up to two minutes after the meteors disappear.

What's interesting is that a typical bright meteor is produced by a particle no larger than a pea. They enter our atmosphere at 50,000 to 165,000 mph. That's amazing! So, we need to hope for a clear dark sky close to the peak. At the peak we can see up to 110 meteors per hour. Perseids can be very colorful in addition to being bright. They're always best after midnight

when they're higher in the sky, and I've done that. But I like to go out and soak in our hot tub for an hour starting at 9:30. In the evening you'll see some shooting high overhead, but you'll also see Earth grazers. These travel horizontally across the sky close to the horizon. They are slow moving and long lasting. So have fun watching them!

I live in South Fork and on July 3, I was getting ready for bed when I heard a loud noise, so I looked out and saw fireworks. Then I ran out and viewed all the fireworks. They were wonderful! Fortunately, we live in a place where we can see them from our yard.



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Covered Wagon Days to celebrate the Golden Years

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

DEL NORTE — For the past 50 years, Del Norte has paid homage to its historical heritage during August with celebrations honoring days from the past. The first-ever Covered Wagon Days event took place in 1972 when the town decided to host a bicentennial festival that eventually turned into the celebrations of today.

According to the Aug. 19, 1972, Del Norte Prospector, the town held a Queen's Ball at Castle Hall, a pancake breakfast and parade and other fun events such as a beard contest, flower displays and dancing in the streets. Del Norte has a long history of celebration dating back to the beginning of the town in 1872. While reading through the newspapers that began in 1874, it is easy to find how much Del Norte loved to get together as a community and celebrate any given event and this holds true to this day.

For the next 49 years, Del Norte created a beloved-annual event which was a way to bid farewell to July and welcome August and the start of the fall harvest while honoring the days of the past. Over

the years, each summer came and went with the celebration happening just before school went back into session and included similar festivities like those held in 1972.

The week of Aug. 4 will kick off with the opening of the San Luis Valley Quilt Guild Quilt Show at the Rio Grande County Museum. The guild spends the entire year preparing for this event and turns the museum into a quilter's wonderland for a weeklong event. Be sure to stop in and see all of the changes happening at the museum and view some amazing quilts.

Also on Aug. 4, Kathy's Fabric Trunk opens its unique quilt show that features handmade quilts by local artists. Kathy's Fabric Trunk is a staple in Del Norte and with the help of their amazing staff and customers put on a show that simply cannot be missed.

That evening the Town of Del Norte will host its weekly Music in the Park featuring local musicians and fun for the entire family. It is a wonderful way to get the weekend started with so much more coming in the days ahead, including the start of a treasure hunt that will last all weekend.



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell

Covered Wagon Days in Del Norte is just around the corner so mark your calendars, Aug. 4-7, and get ready for a four-day event that not only celebrates the 50th anniversary of Covered Wagon Days but the 150th anniversary of Del Norte. Every day is packed full of activities for the entire family.

At 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 5, the Homelake Veterans will host its pig roast and auction at the High Valley Community Center. Come out for a delicious meal with family and friends while supporting a wonderful cause to help veterans here in the San Luis Valley. Tickets will be available at the door that

evening.

Saturday morning will begin with the Val Alto Pancake breakfast also at the High Valley Community Center at 7 a.m. and the Bees Knees 5K run. The starting line for the 5K is conveniently located at the High Valley Community Center.

At 8 a.m. the Del Norte Public Library will open its annual book sale with all proceeds going toward helping the library. There will also be a pie sale at the Ruth Marie building just down the street beginning at 8 a.m.

The fun just keeps on coming with the annual parade that begins at 10 a.m. with this year's theme being "The Golden Years" and the annual Ice Cream Social at the Rio Grande County Museum beginning at 11

a.m. along with the Del Norte Fire Department's barbecue fundraiser that helps the department with the purchase of equipment and training expenses.

In the afternoon, guests can enjoy mud volleyball in River Park, a historic hayride that takes participants around town to visit historical landmarks and a Mountain Man Encampment with demonstrations of days long ago. Guests can also participate in the friendly game of horseshoes. It will be a day packed with fun activities for all ages.

Sunday will bring a fly in breakfast for participating pilots and church at 10 a.m. in River Park.

For a full schedule, visit coverwagondays.com.

PREVIEW

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of the weekly screenings will be for guests only.

Program manager Adam Gildar said he will schedule periodic public viewings and notify the public. Gildar said they will focus on classic and cult films.

The renovated snack bar seats 25 and provides a full-kitchen menu that leans more toward "meal" than "snack."

In addition to overnight accommodations, guests can enjoy protected views of the night sky. When the final credits roll off the big screen, folks can move to circular structures with innovative designs and construction.

Produced with a 3D printer, Antonito artist Ron Rael and his team Emerging Objects created adobe-style bricks to build the star-gazing pods.

The stage erected for musical performances throughout the day looked like it would block the screen for people on the grass up front. But crews quickly disassembled it before rolling vintage drive-in advertisements that encouraged folks to visit the snack bar.

The speakers were loud enough to overcome the sounds of joyful



Photo by Patrick Shea

Antonito artist Ron Rael and his team Emerging Objects used a 3D printer to create adobe-style bricks for building star-gazing pods.

children playing in the background and traffic on Highway 285. The audience applauded at the end of the

movie, partly for the film and also for a successful preview for the community on a pleasant summer night.

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Moffat residents, trustees tackle town troubles

By Patrick Shea

MOFFAT — During a working meeting of the Moffat Town Board on July 6, multiple residents raised issues during the public comment period, ranging from the glow of grow lights before dawn to rumors of a proposed name change for the town.

One recurring topic drew vigorous head-nods and murmurs from the crowd of almost two dozen people.

For months, the bathrooms in Ralph Mitchell Park needed more than a thorough cleaning. The signs clearly stated, "DO NOT PUT CLOTHING, SHOES, GARBAGE, STICKS IN THE TOILET. WE ARE UNDER SURVEILLANCE."

Yet vandals packed the facilities with all kinds of trash and rendered both restrooms useless. Trustees decided to lock the doors until they found a solution.

Resident Gordon Johnson spoke during the public comment

period on July 6, wondering if he could have a look at the toilets to assess the damage.

Immediately, Trustee Jon Lopez agreed to meet Johnson at 8 the following morning. They met as scheduled, Johnson recommended a company, and before the Town Board meeting on July 12, the company came out to address the situation.

The next working session for the Moffat trustees on July 19 will feature guest speakers to help make decisions regarding the town's water system. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regulates water safety, among other health issues.

Residents and board members alike prefer the water as it is without adding chlorine, but CDPHE remains strict. Options range from an expensive, extensive engineering solution to managing the sole well on the town's system that might be out of compliance.

Montano recipient of Dusty Crophopper Big Heart Award

STAFF REPORT

SANLUIS VALLEY — The fifth annual Dusty Crophopper Big Heart Award was presented to Jon Montano in recognition of how he embellishes the traits of Dusty Claunch.

This award is presented each year to a first responder who shows the same type of selflessness that Dusty had.

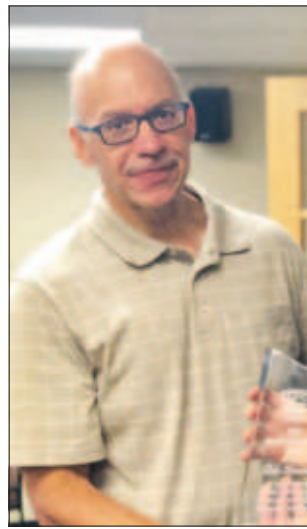
Montano is the RETAC (Regional EMS and Trauma Advisory Committee) coordinator for the region. He is also active with Monte Vista Ambulance and is retired, after many years of service, from the Monte Vista Fire Department. He also teaches numerous classes for Trinidad State College.

Montano reflects the traits of Dusty in that he is the kind of guy that will help

anyone. He is often seen throughout the Valley helping other emergency service agencies. Montano's greatest fault is much like Dusty's in that he doesn't say no. Montano will help anyone at any time.

Montano was nominated by several other first responders that recognize just how selfless he is. Montano is a deserving recipient of this award.

Nominations are currently being taken for the 6th Annual Dusty Crophopper Big Heart Award. If you know a first responder who demonstrates the traits of Dusty Claunch, submit the nominee's name, agency affiliation, and why you feel they qualify to runnerangunner@gmail.com. This year's award will be presented at the 4-H Fair during the first week of August.



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Innovation in Housing grant.

Interim Chief Fresquez noted smooth operations during Independence Day celebrations in Center, and he provided details about the K9 Unit.

Fresquez said the department will host its second annual K9 Competition at 1 p.m. on July 23. In 2021, six teams from different agencies competed in challenges for dogs and their handlers. Admission is free to the public, and the department will sell food and concessions to help raise more money for the K9 Unit.

"We have a couple teams that said they would be there," Fresquez explained, "and we'll have our two dogs and another that's being trained."

Fresquez also said they will have a bouncy-house and other attractions for children.

Center Consolidated School District Superintendent Carrie Zimmerman gave the final presentation of the night, a review of safety procedures already under discussion with the Center Police Department.

"I wanted to focus on our security plans we have in place for this upcoming year," Zimmerman said. "As you know, the school year ended on a scary note for the nation with all that happened in Texas. We want to be proactive to make our community as safe as possible for our kids. Phase one of our security plan is 'Keep Out.' The goal is to keep any threats out."

To achieve the Keep-Out goal, Zimmerman outlined a plan to have the salary of a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) paid by the school if the town of Center covered benefits. The SRO would be available throughout the year for potential emergency situations with the police department, as well as

summertime and other periods outside the academic calendar.

In addition, the Center Schools security plan calls for a dedicated K9 Unit officer. This dual-trained dog will be able to identify firearms and apprehend suspects. Zimmerman also asked for help securing gaps in fencing between the classrooms and the administration building.

To close out, Zimmerman explained that the administration will be without power for two weeks while they install a generator for back-up power in the future.

Search for climber missing near Challenger

STAFF REPORT

SAGUACHE COUNTY — According to a Sunday Facebook post by the Custer County Search and Rescue team, a search is on for climber Luis Corkern, 41, in the Kit Carson/Challenger Point area.

He was reported to have ascended Kit Carson via the north ridge route on Saturday, July 9,

making the summit about 4 p.m. He planned to descend via the Challenger Point and the standard route but has not returned to his vehicle at the trailhead.

Corkern is reported to be approximately 5-foot-7, 180-190 pounds and was wearing a white climbing helmet with a raccoon tail added to it. His backpack is

burnt orange-maroon in color and he may be wearing a grey or black T-shirt and had rain gear.

The search effort was to continue Monday including aviation and ground assets by multiple agencies. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Saguache County Sheriff's Office at 719-655-2544.



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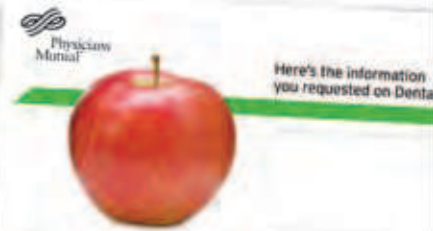
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Baroz enters plea of not guilty by reason of insanity

He is accused of Los Sauces murders

BY PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — Adre Baroz, accused of murdering five individuals in the case commonly known to residents as “Los Sauces,” has entered a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity in the case.

The court accepted the plea and District Judge Michael Gonzales, presiding, ordered a psychiatric evaluation of Baroz to be conducted. A status hearing in the case is set for Sept. 29.

Baroz was formally charged with a total of 13 felonies, including five counts of murder in the first degree with deliberation related to the deaths of Korina Arroyo, Selena Esquibel, Myron Martinez, Zeven Garcia and Shayla Hammill. He is also charged with five counts of tampering with a deceased body for his alleged involvement in burning the remains of the victims.

This case, which involves Baroz plus three other co-defendants, is enormous.

According to what was presented at the time of the preliminary hearing, the case involves the murder of five people, all of which took place at different times over the course of roughly two

months and involves at least four different locations spread out over two counties, contains more than 50,000 pages of documents with more likely to be included, lengthy statements from two confidential informants plus statements — both direct and indirect — from at least a dozen individuals, lengthy interviews conducted by the Alamosa Police Department, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, multiple search warrants, collection of multiple pieces of evidence including parts of bones, analysis from a specially trained forensic anthropologist and a forensic odontologist. And, as the investigation was still ongoing at that time, there is the possibility of more to come.

With a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity, and should the psychiatric evaluation indicate that Baroz was not sane at the time he allegedly committed the crimes, the responsibilities in prosecution of the case will expand.

Fred Johnson, Chief Trial Deputy DA with the DA's office in the 20th Judicial District who was assigned as special prosecutor to the case, will be required to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Baroz committed the crime. But, according to state law, he will also have to disprove beyond a reasonable doubt that he was sane at the time.

Forty-six states currently allow insanity pleas. Of those 46, eleven states — including Colorado — place the burden of proof on the state to prove a defendant was sane versus that burden resting with the defense to prove he was not.

Given the size and complexity of the case, the multiple motions that have been filed as the case has progressed plus the systemic delays that are often a part of the psychiatric evaluation process — especially related to an insanity plea in a case involving alleged multiple murders over two months — it is difficult for even attorneys familiar with the process to predict how long this case might last before coming to resolution.

All that is known at this time is that the next hearing, scheduled as a “status” hearing, is on the docket for about 11 weeks from now.

In the meantime, Baroz has been transferred from the Alamosa Detention Center but where he is currently being held is not known.

South Fork Fire Rescue finds unattended burn



Courtesy photo

On Wednesday, July 6, at 6:56 p.m. South Fork Fire Rescue was paged to a report of smoke midway up the mountain south of Rainbow Express. South Fork Fire Rescue deployed a drone with an infrared camera as well as personnel on foot to locate the source of the smoke. A burning slash pile was located on Park Drive, which was unattended and was extinguished by firefighters. This was located within the town limits where a burn permit is required.

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Shady Burro Enduro gets approval to return for 2022

BY LYNSIE FERRELL
SOUTH FORK — The Shady Burro Enduro has raced to the finish line in South Fork for the past several years and is now in the top spot to continue the event with a five-year permit that was approved through the Rio Grande National Forest and passed unanimously by the South Fork Board of Trustees on June 28.

“We are very happy with the Shady Burro Enduro and look forward to hosting them for years to come,” said South Fork Town representative and finance manager Mary Grace Garcia.

The event dates to the late 1990s and early 2000s when riders from around the state ran the trails along Boot Hill Mountain outside of South Fork but due to unforeseen circumstances and behaviors of past groups, it was canceled until

the Rocky Mountain Enduro Circuit and Scott Bright took over the event in 2018. It was a turning point for both the town and the event which gained speed over the last four years, growing in not only popularity but respect.

One of the main focuses the group encourages of all participants and volunteers is good forest and trail stewardship. Crew leaders like Bright and Jud Barlow are in the area weeks before and after an event is held with crews of volunteers and sometimes alone to work on trails with Forest Service officials to maintain the integrity of the trail that is used for the event. Trail systems are rotated each year to prevent overuse and promote regrowth.

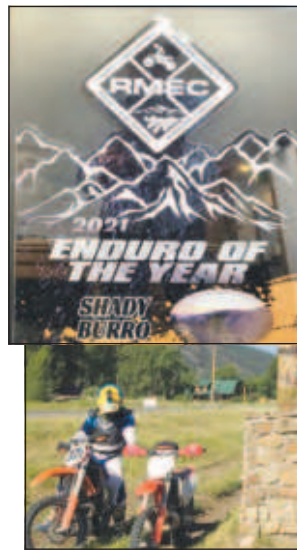
Last year, however, the event went national when the Shady Burro Enduro received the Rocky

Mountain Enduro Circuit Enduro of the Year award and was also not a sanctioned event by the American Motorcycle Association. These classifications and awards make this event a nationally recognized enduro which will bring in crowds from all over the US.

According to Barlow, the communities of Del Norte and South Fork benefit greatly from hosting the influx of people that come to either participate or help with the event.

“We want to make sure that our presence here in the Valley is beneficial,” Barlow said. “Our riders come in and are staying at local hotels or eating at restaurants, buying gas or shopping at local stores. We come here and want to support the communities that host us. That is what we love to do.”

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Courtesy photos

The Shady Burro Enduro is speeding toward a bright future in South Fork. Not only did the enduro receive the Enduro of the Year award from the Rocky Mountain Enduro Circuit but they also received a five-year permit approval from the Rio Grande National Forest and Town of South Fork.

RGCC approves funding for boater safety project

BY LYNSIE FERRELL
RIO GRANDE COUNTY — Rio Grande County Commissioners met on June 29 with Emma Reesor, the Executive Director of the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project.

Reesor has been working through the Headwater Restoration Project to improve safety along the Rio Grande Canal and specifically the low head dam where the canal breaks from the river.

Reesor provided an overview of the project. The Rio Grande Canal, located near Del Norte, diverts water from the Rio Grande and supplies irrigation water for more than 69,000 acres of agricultural land. The canal's low head dam diversion structure

marks the downstream boundary of the Rio Grande's Gold Medal reach, which begins in South Fork at the Highway 149 bridge.

The Gold Medal reach relies upon the canal's low head dam because it acts as a barrier to the upstream movement of nonnative fish species which would otherwise threaten existing trout fisheries, Reesor stated. This segment of the Rio Grande is actively used by a variety of recreational boaters, especially anglers who float fish the Gold Medal trout fishery.

The project addresses the need for portage deterring boaters around the low head dam.

However, the canal's low head dam poses

significant risks for boaters, according to Reesor. The diversion structure creates a roughly 10-foot change in the river's water surface elevation. This forms a dangerous hydraulic jump, which can entrain objects for long periods. Currently, there is no formal portage around the canal's low head dam.

“As river recreation increases locally, the need for safe portage around this drowning hazard has become increasingly urgent,” Reesor stated.

The project would increase safety along the section of the river and allow for an alternative route.

“This Rio Grande Canal Boater Safety and

Accessibility Project (Project) will address the safety hazard at the Canal and enhance recreational opportunities by constructing a new user-friendly watercraft portage around the LHD and improving aquatic habitat,” Reesor stated.

Reesor explained that though they have received funding from several sources, the project still needed \$20,000.

“The total cost of the project is \$300,872,” Reesor said. “To date, the partners have secured \$280,872 for project design, construction, and signage, which includes a Colorado Water Plan grant, cash contributions from local organizations,

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El Pomar awards non-profits Merit Grants

BY MARIE MCCOLM
MONTE VISTA — The El Pomar Foundation awarded 14 non-profits grants during a morning reception on Thursday, June 30, in Monte Vista.

The Merit Grant Reception was held at Rain Brews in Monte Vista. The non-profits were from across the San Luis Valley.

El Pomar Foundation Board Trustee Andrea Aragon thanked the groups for attending.

“I want to thank everyone for coming out and taking the time to be here today,” Aragon said. “This year, the San Luis Valley Regional Council recognizes 14 organizations for Merit Grants. We are excited, because this year, we have been able to really spread the dollars out into rural areas and areas of the state that did not get that much money before. Congratulations, you are all here because you are doing something really right. We are actually going to be giving you money today.”

The El Pomar Foundation is a broad functioning financial institution that contributes \$25 million annually to non-profit and government organizations.

Grant distribution through the foundation is made

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Photo by Marie Mccolm

The El Pomar Foundation hosted a Merit Grant Reception on Thursday, June 30, at Rain Brews in Monte Vista. Fourteen non-profits from across the San Luis Valley received grants.

A Single Track Mind

Land, Water and People

BY RICHARD L. TROTTER

I've been riding motorcycles since I was about ten years old. I had my own helmet and would cruise a little Honda trailbike all over the place near our home. Starting out that young, motorcycle riding gets into your blood and is something that is enjoyable well into adulthood. It's a great way to enjoy the forest for someone who is more experienced and for someone who is just learning to ride. I find a nice trail ride makes my day, but no matter what level of riding experience you have, seeing the forest on a motorcycle is a great way to spend the day. Organizations like *Stay the Trail Colorado* and the *National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council* (NOHVCC) provide plenty of information to safely ride your motorbike in an environmentally manner. You can find this useful information by visiting their websites online, or simply stopping into

a Forest Service office.

Stay the Trail Colorado sums up how to stay safe and have fun with their first four steps to a good ride: Know where to go; Do your homework; Is your vehicle prepared; and Never go out alone.

Knowing where to go involves knowing the roads and rules of the area you are heading too. Using the Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) is the first step in making sure your road or single-track trail is open for use. If you are staying on Forest Roads all you need is a licensed street legal machine, but if you are heading onto a specific trail **Please see LAND on Page 3**



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possible through a competitive process. Focus areas for the grants include education, arts and culture, civic and community, and health and human services. The grants can be used for general operating activities.

Organizations that were eligible to apply are an active 501(c)(3) or government equivalent and must be in Colorado.

Aragon gave additional information on how the El Pomar Foundation works through the San Luis Valley Regional Council.

"All council members of El Pomar have a region they utilize for the grants," Aragon said. "We would love to see more applicants from the San Luis Valley."

Aragon explained the grants are either \$2,500 or \$5,000. Each council member is given \$5,000 and can give the money to one organization or split it between two organizations.

"Each council member from the San Luis Regional Council gets the opportunity to give money that El Pomar allocates to them, to an organization that they feel is doing an outstanding job," Aragon said.

The following organizations received grants

College Assistance Migrant Program at Adams State University

Migrant Education Program at Adams State University

Boys and Girls Club of the San Luis Valley

Care and Share Food Bank

Virginia Christensen Multi-Use Facility in Creede

Costilla County Library District

Creede Early Learning Center

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San Luis Valley Areas Health Education Center Inc.

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Alice Sanchez, representing the Costilla County Library District, was excited to receive a grant.

"The kids are the reason I do what I do," Sanchez said. "I have so many inherited kids that come in and ask me for help. I have one kid that I have really made a difference for, he told me I had completely changed his life. He wrote an essay about the library and about me. It was so touching. He said I wanted to quit but Mrs. Alice pushed me through. This grant helps and means a lot."

Kristeen Lopez with the Virginia Christensen Multi-Use Facility said the grant will go toward youth activities.

"This is the REC center in Creede. We work with youth of all ages from infants through adults," Lopez said. "We do after-school programs and school programs for our school-aged children. We also have the gym facility for adults. The money we received today will be for youth activities, which will be our teen night stuff. We provide a safe place for teens to hang out, it's drug-free and alcohol-free. We listen to music, play board games, and play dodgeball with the teens. This is my passion; kids really need this. This is a great preventative program to help kids make good decisions. This grant is really going to help our program."

Monte Vista City Manager GiGi Dennis said the El Pomar Foundation is an "awesome partner" with so many rural communities.

"The benefits that they give to the San Luis Valley have just been wonderful," Dennis said.

Dennis accepted a grant on behalf of

the Care and Share Food Bank. The Care and Share Food Bank is moving into the old Budweiser building in Alamosa. They distribute donated or low-cost food

throughout Southern Colorado.

"Again, a great partner to this fine program for Care and Share. We appreciate El Pomar and all they do,"

Dennis said.

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and both cash and in-kind contributions from the Rio Grande Canal Water Users Association. The project currently faces a funding shortfall of \$20,000."

Commissioners agreed to use conservation trust funding for the remaining \$20,000 so the project could begin. This project is a partnership between the Rio Grande Canal Water Users Association, the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, American Whitewater, Trout Unlimited, the Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance, Division of Water Resources

Dam Safety Branch, and private landowners.

"When complete, the project will improve public safety and enhance recreational opportunities along an important reach of the Rio Grande by installing safety signage and constructing a watercraft portage," Reesor stated. "Additionally, by providing safe passage around the canal, the project will allow boaters to utilize the recently completed boat ramp located approximately 1 mile downstream at the Del Norte Riverfront Park."

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CREEDE — Courtney Lazier and the Morningside String Band will perform at Basham Park in Creede on Sunday, July 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. Courtney Lazier and the Morningside String Band are a bluegrass-Americana

group hailing from Steamboat Springs. The Morningside String Band — Craig Thornhill, Paul Gepper and Tim Cunningham — is an acoustic trio that plays an eclectic mix of covers and originals, rooted in bluegrass, Ameri-

cana, blues, and reggae. For more information, contact Creede Arts Council at creedearts@outlook.com. To view the entire summer lineup, head to www.creedeartscouncil.com/music-in-the-park.

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system for motor vehicles, you'll need to purchase a Colorado OHV Use Permit. These can be purchased at any Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife office or vendors who sell hunting and fishing licenses.

Doing your homework involves finding out what challenges are along the trail. Has it been cleared recently or are there downed trees and big rocks to navigate? Do you have proper clothing and safety gear? Helmets, eye protection, long pants, long sleeve shirts, gloves and over-the-ankle boots are a minimum. Check out the local weather report to see if you need cold weather or rain gear. Have a map, compass, and/or GPS along so you know where you are. Be sure to fill your gas tank and take along appropriate tools for any emergencies along the way.

So now you're prepared but is your motorcycle? Be sure to do a thorough inspection of the engine, brakes, suspension, and tires. You don't want to be deep in the woods and have a breakdown, or worse an accident that breaks your bike and possibly you. In addition, the Forest Service requires a spark arrestor type muffler be on your motorcycle

or any motorized vehicle operating on the Forest.

Stay the Trail Colorado emphasizes *never go out alone*. Experiencing the trails and backroads with a group is a fun proposition and highly recommended. If you're like me and like to do a solo run, you can still do it. In this case, your partner is letting someone know where you are heading and then sticking to the route. Another option is investing in one of the many GPS tracking devices available which let you send text messages, so your loved ones don't worry.

Other things *Stay the Trail* discusses is being aware out on the roads and trails. They, along with the Forest Service, advocate staying on the designated trail. If you have an obstacle, go over it with the proper amount of power required and don't spin your tires. Always remember, you're out there with other people enjoying the woods. Cars, horses, bicyclists, pedestrians, and wildlife are all obstacles that to be anticipated when out on the trail. Don't ride around campgrounds or people out camping as they are there to enjoy the peace a quiet, so stay the trail and keep it as quiet as possible.

The next time you're in the neighborhood, stop into your local Forest Service office and get some good information on riding your motorcycle out on the National Forest. Maybe the person at the front desk is a rider too and can share some great places to ride you hadn't thought of. Most importantly, keep it safe and enjoy your National Forest.

Richard Trotter is the Visitor Information Specialist with the San Juan Mountains Association in partnership with the Rio Grande National Forest at the Saguache Ranger District. He enjoys motoring around the trails and backroads of the Rio Grande National Forest on his motorcycle and old red Jeep Wagoneer.

ENDURO

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Barlow is running the show this year while Bright will be riding in the race for the first time in 10 years. The course is designed to test even the most experienced rider and has been dubbed the "good old-fashioned enduro" by participants for the last four years. People continuously rave about the course and love coming back for more every year.

goes into the race every year, the Shady Burro Enduro gives back by donating to trail preservation organizations across the state to ensure the upkeep of events like the Shady Burro Enduro.

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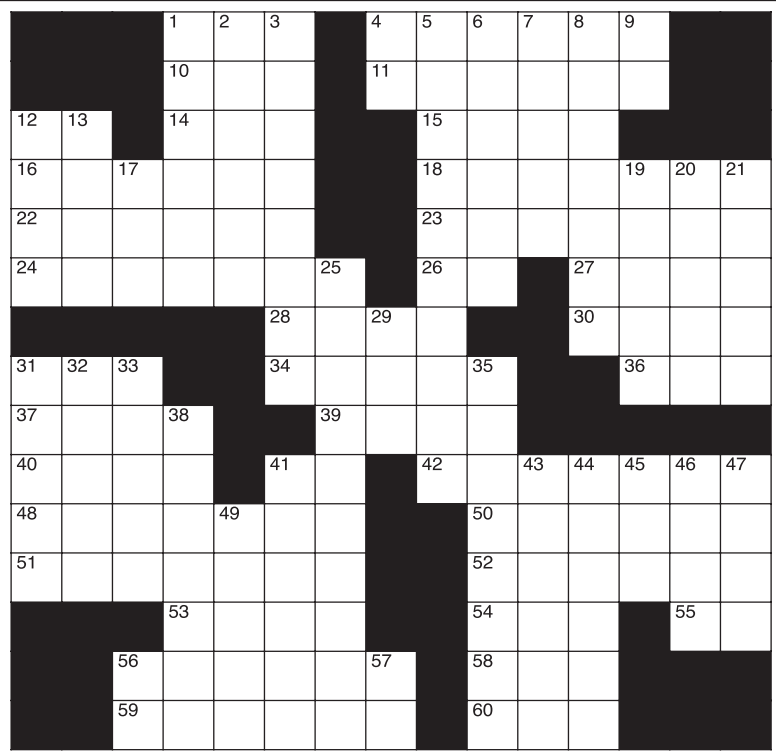
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4. City in Maine
10. Inquire too closely
11. Make dirty
12. Small Greek island
14. Bitterly regret
15. Millisecond
16. ___ the ante
18. Without value
22. Eurasian ryegrass
23. Authentic
24. Having a mournful quality
26. Not out
27. Salvador ___, Spanish artist
28. Cargo (abbr.)
30. This (Spanish)
31. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
34. Slang for trucks with trailers
36. Helps you hear
37. Steer a boat
39. British School
40. Genus of olive
41. Computer term (abbr.)
42. Horse gear
48. Give off
50. A type of salt
51. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
52. One who watches birds



53. Sailboat
54. A major division of geological time
55. Sodium
56. American state
58. Soak in water
59. Thin decorative covering of fine wood
60. Affirmative
13. Opaque gem
17. Indicates before
19. Remove
20. Populous Argentine city
21. More cunning
25. Rich dessert
29. Payment (abbr.)
31. Footwear
32. Famed Alabama city
33. Sheep's cry
35. Arrogance
38. Clergical vestment
41. Serving no practical purpose
43. An evening party
44. Print errors
45. Not good
46. Egyptian Sun god
47. Industrial German city
49. Scottish island
56. Early multimedia
57. Atomic number 18

CLUES DOWN

1. One of the four seasons
2. Its sultan is famous
3. A lens for correcting defective vision in one eye
4. College degree
5. Soldiers need it
6. Japanese car manufacturer
7. A way to address
8. Obstruct
9. Atomic number 45
12. Ill-mannered

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For April 20 planted small grains							
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For Winter wheat, crop water use was							
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For Russet Norkotah, crop water use was	0.21 and the 3 day total is			0.71 hundredths & 5-day	1.10 inch		this crop has now matured
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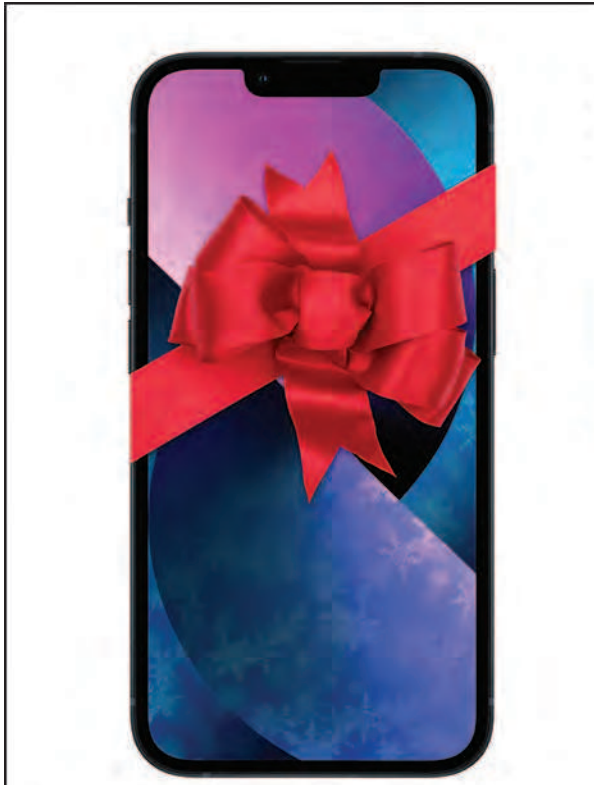


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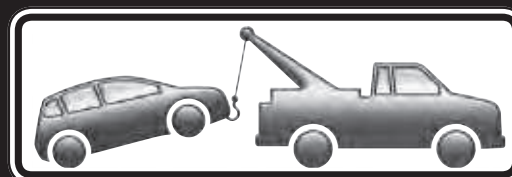
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