

## Shorts

### 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.

### Lazier and Morningside String Band performing July 10

**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, Americana, blues, and reggae.

For more information, contact Creede Arts Council at [creedearts@outlook.com](mailto:creedearts@outlook.com). To view the entire summer lineup, head to [www.creedeartscouncil.com/music-in-the-park](http://www.creedeartscouncil.com/music-in-the-park).

### MV Farmers Market opens for season July 8

**MONTE VISTA** — The Monte Vista Farmers Market is kicking off the 2022 season on Friday, July 8, and 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.

“Check out our great selection of local foods, produce, bread, crafts, art, the MOKI food truck and much more,” organizers stated.

## CORRECTION

In the election article printed last week, it was incorrectly written that Democratic candidate Stasha Birdsey ran unopposed for the Mineral County Assessor seat. Birdsey is running against Republican incumbent Assessor Libby Lamb.

Report factual errors contact Editor Brian Williams at [bwilliams@valleypublishinginc.com](mailto:bwilliams@valleypublishinginc.com).

## Frontier Drive-Inn to host preview extravaganza

BY PATRICK SHEA

**CENTER** — The Frontier Drive-Inn preview and SLV Dish contest was rescheduled to run from 4 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, July 9, at the renovated drive-in movie theater outside of Center.

Chefs specializing in red and green chili will battle for bragging rights while fans can listen to live music, play games, sample food, and enjoy entertainment throughout the day. At sunset, the free event will conclude with the first public viewing on the big screen since the 1980s.

Now called the Frontier Drive-Inn, the movie screen is one of many unique features for the renovated site. Instead of pulling in before dark and leaving after the movie, viewers can stay overnight

in a yurt or Quonset hut.

But the huts are not huge. With heated floors and insulation, they represent another approach to housing. Throughout the night, viewers can also track the stars from one of the eight viewing units constructed on-site.

In addition to music, games, and vendors, the SLV Dish cook-off on July 9 adds spice to the Frontier

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**The Frontier Drive-Inn preview and SLV Dish contest is scheduled to run from 4 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, July 9 at the renovated drive-in movie theater a few miles south of Center.**

Photo by Patrick Shea



Photos by Patrick Shea

A group of nine Schumei HIKARI Taiko drummers enthralled the crowd on Independence Day in Crestone.

## Locals gather for Independence Day celebrations around county

BY PATRICK SHEA

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — People across Saguache County seem to agree it takes more than one day to celebrate Independence in the United States, judging by celebrations from Friday through Monday.

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**Independence Day revelers take to the streets of Center to dance and play on July 2, 2022.**



## Sawtooth WCA proposal made to Saguache Commissioners

BY PATRICK SHEA

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — Ranchers, lumberjacks, and recreation enthusiasts share public land with wildlife where an imbalance threatens the resource for everyone. At a working session of Saguache County Commissioners on June 28, Gunnison County Commissioner chairperson Jonathan Houck presented a proposal to designate the Sawtooth Wildlife Conservation Area (WCA) near

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**Big Mesa in Gunnison County roughly marks the northwest edge of a proposed 44,000-acre Wilderness Conservation Area (WCA) that includes 23,882 acres of Saguache County land.**

Photo by Patrick Shea



## Rio Grande County Sheriff McDonald resigns

BY LYNDIE FERRELL

**RIO GRANDE COUNTY** — Just days after the Colorado primary, Rio Grande County Sheriff Don McDonald resigned from his position and an interim sheriff was put in place until newly-elected Anne Robinson begins her term on July 16.

Robinson ran unopposed for Rio Grande County Sheriff as a Republican, receiving 1,745 votes on the June 28

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# OBITUARIES

## Carl Richard Ivey

Carl Richard Ivey passed away May 28, 2022, in Dallas, Texas. He was born in Louisiana in 1938 to Thomas W. Ivey and Beulah Kirkpatrick Ivey.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings; sisters Vonnie and Bess, and brothers John D and Lee Roy Ivey.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Barbara; and three daughters and their families; including four grandsons, three granddaughters, and one great-grandson.

He leaves a large and loving family of nieces, nephews, and dearest friends with whom he shared great joy in their growth and happiness.

Following school, Carl moved from Louisiana to work for his brothers in the wholesale lumber business, where over the years he expanded the retail business into three local branches. His daughter, Carla, later joined him, leading the business as he settled into semi-retirement in Florida and Colorado.

Carl enjoyed traveling, and was an excellent skier, loving the great powder of Colorado and teaching the family to ski. He also loved sailing and spent warmer months exploring the coastal Gulf waters of Florida.

Everywhere, he attracted a close circle of friends and served as an



active volunteer. He was a Rotarian, engaged in diverse civic projects and served on the Chamber of Commerce in Colorado. He could easily be found mentoring young adults in grilling, sailing, cooking, carpentry and setting up free Thanksgiving dinners.

He was very much a family man who had a large heart for friendships, as well. He will be missed by so many in so many ways.

Memorials may be made to Genesis Women's Shelter or a charity of choice.

## Virginia Sue Giles Henderson

Monday, June 27, 2022, Virginia Sue Giles Henderson passed into the arms of Jesus.

She was born Nov. 20, 1931, in Wheeler, Texas, to Emmett Dewey (Tobe) Giles and Willie Lorene (Self) Giles.

On July 20, 1950, William M. "Bill" Henderson and Virginia "Sue" Giles were married in Borger, Texas. She was a member of the Church of Christ and was a proud homemaker. She was very involved with church activities.

She was also a member of the Kiwanis Club of South Fork, Colo., and belonged to the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O. Sisterhood).

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, William M. "Bill" Henderson (2019) and a brother, James Edward Giles.

Left behind to forever cherish her memory is her daughter, Carolyn Sue Henderson Bush and husband Harry of Boerne, Texas; two sons: Robert M.



"Bobby" Henderson and wife Stephanie of Amarillo and James W. Henderson of Amarillo; six grandchildren: Jessica, Seth, Tara, Michael, Amy and Joshua and seven great-grandchildren: Noah, Jonah, Asa, Micah, Katie, Maddox and Harper.

Graveside services were held June 30, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Highland Park Cemetery, Borger, Texas.

Services are entrusted to Brown Funeral Directors, Borger, Texas.

## Royce Rodney Reinhardt

San Luis Valley native, Royce Rodney Reinhardt, 90, passed away on Feb. 7, 2022, in Grand Junction, Colo. He was born on Aug. 23, 1931, in Alamosa, Colo., to Elmer Reinhardt and Mabel (Goff) Reinhardt.

Royce grew up in the Bowen Community south of Monte Vista and graduated from Monte Vista High School in 1949. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1950 and after basic training stateside, he spent three years at a couple of different bases in Germany.

Upon returning home from Germany, he married Jessie Marie Landes on June 6, 1954, at Bowen Methodist Church near Monte Vista. After finishing his final few months of the Air Force near Reno, Nev., the couple returned to the San Luis Valley where Royce began farming in the Bowen Community, later moving to the Carmel District where they raised five children and farmed for over 40 years.

It was as a farmer that Royce found his true calling in life. For many years, he farmed with his brother, Roland Reinhardt. In high school, the two of them loaded potatoes by hand and were able to buy a new 1950 Dodge flatbed truck, and later with money saved during their stints in the Air Force were able to start farming together.

After their move to Carmel, they were among the first to adopt center pivot irrigation and to plant alfalfa using that system. Royce served many years on the Alamosa/La Jara Water Conservancy Board and during his tenure as president of the Terrace Irrigation Company Board was instrumental in building the concrete ditch system, overseeing the construction of 29 miles of ditch and headgates.

He received the Adolph Coors Environmental Award for water conservation in 1994 for his efforts with that project. Eventually Royce and Roland separated their farming operations, but Royce's legacy carries on with both his sons, Ronald and Kent, and his grandson, Ryan,

continuing to farm in the area.

Royce grew up across the road from Bowen Methodist Church and was a lifelong member. He served as treasurer for many years, and both he and Jessie were dedicated and active in countless roles, big and small at Bowen, for their entire life together.

Royce enjoyed any game with a ball...softball, bowling, volleyball, and especially golf, and he played on the men's league at the Monte Vista Golf Course for many years.

The mountains surrounding the San Luis Valley were special to him; many a Sunday afternoon was spent running up to the hills for a hamburger fry on the campfire, and he loved both ice-fishing and fishing from his boat on St. Maria Reservoir.

Later years found him and Jessie traveling to spend winter weeks in Mazatlan, Mexico; they also enjoyed a trip to Europe together and a number of cruises, including a memorable one through the Panama Canal.

But it was as a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather that Royce's life has had such lasting impact. He had an affinity for children, and they for him. The grandkids, and later the great-grandkids were drawn to his presence because he was fun, and he could turn just about anything into a game!

Royce is survived by his five children: Schonie (Willard) Nielsen, Rhonda (Mike) Entz, Ronald (Mary) Reinhardt, Sonya (Galen) Smith, and Kent (Vivian) Reinhardt; his grandchildren, Seth (Angie) Nielsen, Kristin Nielsen, Adam Nielsen, Brynna (Aaron) Jones, Vicki (Ryan)



Johnson, Matt (Shea) Reinhardt, Marci (Jeff) Moore, Sarah (Kasey) Cox, Josh (Jessie) Smith, Chantal (Carl) Swanson, and Ryan Reinhardt; 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous extended family members.

Royce was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jessie; his grandchildren, Brooke Nicole Entz and Kristopher Aaron Entz; and his brothers, Roland and Gary Reinhardt.

A graveside of ashes will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 10 a.m. at the Monte Vista Cemetery with a celebration of Royce's life to follow at the Bowen Church at 11 a.m.

Contributions are suggested to Beaver Creek Youth Camp and or Bowen Church and may be made in care of the funeral home office. To express condolences, please visit [www.rogersfunerals.com](http://www.rogersfunerals.com).

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements.

## SHERIFF

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election. There was no Democratic candidate.

Though the circumstances under which McDonald resigned remain unclear, Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office Detective Heath Hart was named interim sheriff.

According to sources within the department, Robinson will begin her term as the new Rio Grande County Sheriff on July 16.

McDonald served four years as Rio Grande County Sheriff and served as South Fork Police Department Chief before his election in 2018.

McDonald spent his term working on bringing technological services up to date throughout the Rio Grande County Jail. McDonald also saw that the roads throughout the county were covered by road deputies and aided in several high-profile cases with neighboring agencies.

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Droopy drawers and Indian shorts

Just this past week Ol' Dutch has noticed a massive influx of summer visitors to his spot in the mountains. And with that comes every creed and color and age and shape of American and non-American that a person can imagine.

Drawn by the cooler temperatures and gorgeous scenery, people flock to the mountainous regions of the nation to escape the incessant summer heat found in parts of the Midwest and elsewhere.

And with that influx comes not a few younger people wearing thongs. Both the ones on their feet that have been most recently named flips and the ones on their behinds climbing higher than can be comfortable in their butt cracks.

Now while I can somewhat understand the neophytes wearing thong flips to an outdoor environment thinking it's downtown Dallas, I am somewhat perplexed why exposed creeping undies is the fashion trend of choice. But it is.

It used to be that a person had to go to Walmart to see exposure to such things but now Ol' Dutch is seeing it everywhere he goes.

Back in the day before people were offended by every word spoken, they used to call it "Indian shorts" when you suddenly found your underwear jammed up in the place where God split you.

That is because just like the Indians in the old westerns, they kept creeping up on you. Which resulted in another other phenomena known as "picking your seat" which was nothing like choosing where to sit at the local movie theater. Not at all.

Now while Ol' Dutch has had his share of shortchanging shorts, just the other day he had a new experience never before encountered in his long, long life. Droopy drawers.

The day started out like any other as I reached into the drawer designated for finer lingerie. You know the one. It's the dresser drawer that is so full of underwear that you cannot close it.

And this got me to thinking (a dangerous pursuit for Ol' Dutch according to Miss Trixie), about why I need 100 pairs of boxers when I only get to wear the top five before wash day and so they get cycled over and over and over.

But anyways, there I was grabbing the now familiar Day Three of boxers and putting them on one leg at a time just like you normal folks out there. I know, right?

Hurrying along to get dressed so I could sit in the car and thereby be able to complain about waiting on Miss Trixie to get ready, I got my Levi's on and away I went for the day. Things seemed to go relatively well,



**Trout Republic**  
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

at least at the start as I was driving to our destination. But as I began to walk to and fro, a definite funny feeling began to come in my jeans. I could not understand what was going on but more and more I felt like I was auditioning for a spot in a commercial for Depends adult diapers.

A thickness had begun to develop lower and lower on my derriere and the farther I walked the worse it got. Having been taught not to pick my seat, nor my nose, in public I suffered with this strange feeling all day long.

Returning home, I finally was able to do a close order inspection of the bunched feeling and discovered that my 25-year-old boxers had somehow lost their elasticity around the waist and now measured a whopping 66 inches in circumference.

Of course, this allowed them to work their way down instead of the usual up and Ol' Dutch was left with Droopy Drawers Syndrome.

I am waiting to take them back to the Big Box store from whence they came and see if they are warranted against such shoddy workmanship. But in the meantime, I am using them for a rag around the camper as stains are probably a natural sight to those in the return department at the local store anyway.

But regardless of that outcome for Ol' Dutch, visitors to the cooler and rocky climes of this great State might want to consider at least covering their feet with some hiking boots and using some warmer underwear instead of thongs and thongs.

And Ol' Dutch will rotate up what used to be pair Number Six into weekly use status thereby alleviating drawer crowding. And people say I am not helpful around the house.

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## YOUR NIGHT SKY

BY DARLENE DANKO

### Summer Globular Clusters and Other Interesting Sky Objects

The problem with viewing at 9:30 p.m. this time of year is that the sky isn't dark enough to see anything other than extremely bright objects. But that will improve dramatically next month. Once the full moon is coming up on July 13, it'll become more difficult to observe the dimmer objects. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter moon is on July 7, and the bright star Spica in the constellation Virgo the Maiden will be to the right of the moon.

Scorpius is a fishhook shape constellation low in the southern sky just at the base of the Milky Way. Although Antares is the brightest star in Scorpius the Scorpion, Jupiter is 19 times brighter, so it will be easy to pick out. Except for Mercury, all the planets are visible now. Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Neptune, Uranus, and Saturn are all visible early in July

as dawn approaches. So, you'll have to look for them around 4:30 a.m. when the sky is still dark, and you won't be able to see Uranus and Neptune without binoculars. Just look from the South to the East to find the planets.

The Delta Aquariid meteor shower is active from July 12 until Aug. 23. Although it peaks on the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup>, the new moon will help us to see it. But by the time the Perseids kick in and peak on Aug. 12, we're going to have great meteor viewing. I'll write about this next week.

Something else to start looking for is star and globular clusters. Globular clusters contain hundreds to millions of stars packed into a globe. They are among the oldest objects in our galaxy. Some contain stars that are 12 billion years old. It's thought that there are about 150 globular clusters scattered around the Milky Way disk.

Open clusters are loose star clusters formed in vast nebulous clouds of dust and gas. They're generally found



within the disk and spiral arms of our galaxy. So, they often appear in the night sky.

Brighter ones are visible with the naked eye, but obviously you'll see a lot more detail with binoculars or a telescope. One to look for now is M22 which is in the Sagittarius constellation to the upper left of the Teapot. It's one of the most beautiful ones to observe and should be easy to find. Just look for a fuzzy patch in the sky. On a clear dark night, it should look like a cluster of stars.

Another good one is M13 which is considered the best globular cluster in our sky. It's in the constellation Hercules high overhead. It'll be to the west of the Milky Way which is now visible from the South to the NE.

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# Polis appoints Monte Vista resident to Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council

**STAFF REPORT**  
**ALAMOSA** — This week, Governor Jared Polis announced the appointment of a Monte Vista's Cydne "Michelle" Bradford to serve on the Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council, an area of deep, personal interest to the San Luis Valley where the primary economic driver is agriculture.

The role of the Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council is to advance recommendations that strengthen healthy food access for all Coloradans through Colorado agriculture and local food systems and economies. It is the state conduit for hearing, reviewing and advancing critical food systems issues in which state government does

or could play a role. Bradford's appointment was occasioned by the passing of her predecessor, Tonatiuh Diaz, also appointed by the governor's office to serve on the council. Bradford's term on the Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council is set to expire on Oct. 21, 2025.

# Saguache County Commissioners award scholarships

**BY PATRICK SHEA**  
**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — For 2021 and 2022, the Saguache County Commissioners leveraged marijuana excise tax collections to give postsecondary scholarships to 27 county graduates — \$2,500 apiece. In addition to one home-schooled student and another already taking classes at Western Colorado University, scholarship recipients graduated from Center, Mountain Valley, Sangre de Cristo, Moffat, and the Crestone Charter schools.

Since cannabis became legal in Colorado, tax collections directed to the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) have trended up annually. At the end of the 2018–2019 school year, marijuana revenue for CDE totaled \$81.3 million. A year later, the contribution jumped to \$136 million.

Paid directly to the institutions, the \$2,500 scholarships from Saguache County could be applied to college tuition or trade school certification. Recipients were not restricted to Colorado for the next phase of their educational journey.

**2021 Graduates**  
Ian A. Horn (Moffat High School)  
Jazmynn Valadez-Gonzales (Center High School)  
Melissa Rendon (Center High School)  
Adrianna Vonallmen (Mountain

Valley School)  
Jazmin Duran (Center High School)  
Jesus Miranda (Center High School)  
Adrian Garcia (Center High School)  
Rebecca Peregrino (Sangre de Cristo High School)  
Jose Villagomez (Center High School)  
Laura Morfitt (Western Colorado University)  
Jessica Gore (Moffat High School)  
Megan Larimore (Moffat High School)  
**2022 Graduates**  
Jaelin Padilla (Center High School)  
Dane K. Winter (Moffat High School)  
Logan Gardner (Moffat High School)  
Christopher Wallace (Moffat High School)  
Makayla Close (Moffat High School)  
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Tristan M. Martinez (Moffat High School)  
Benjamin Sidel (Moffat High School)  
Ashley Mortensen (Sangre de Cristo High School)  
Deisy Estrada Majalca (Center High School)  
Matayay Karuna (Crestone Charter School)  
Hailey Collins (Mountain Valley School)  
Haley Vanwallenghan (Home School)  
Ayla Marie Tieder (Crestone Charter School)  
Gavin Hunter Gross (Mountain Valley School)

# FOMCES Golf Tournament July 24

**SUBMITTED ARTICLE**  
**SOUTH FORK** — On Sunday, July 24, at the Rio Grande Club and Resort in South Fork, Friends of Mineral County Emergency Services (FOMCES) will be holding its fourth annual golf tournament benefitting Mineral County's Search and Rescue (SAR), Fire Department (FD) and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) organizations.

The tournament is a scramble format with a shot gun start at 9 a.m. Check-in starts at 8 a.m. \$125 per player, four player teams, single players welcome as well. Carts and range balls are included as are "goodie bags." Hole-in-one prizes are also included, and there will be prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive for men and women, longest putt, and top team scores for first

and second places, along with some extra drawings for additional prizes. To register now, go to our website at www.FOMCES.com or contact Terry Peil at terry.peil01@gmail.com or 281-389-0397, or Pat Bustamante at pat.bustamante@usa.net or 808-306-2403. FOMCES is a non-profit organization. Money raised is used to buy specialized equipment and training for each organization.

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In Villa Grove, dozens of American flags now line Highway 285 to Center. Residents raised Old Glory in Saguache, La Garita, Center, and Crestone.

Running revelers started the day with the Poker Run in Center and a 5K run/walk in Crestone. Parades in both towns highlighted water, followed by more water fights, duck races, and other excuses to cool off.

Live entertainers drew audiences to the stage, vendors manned booths, and children had plenty of games to play. The Taiko drummers from the Shumei International Institute performed in Center on Saturday and Crestone on Monday.

In Center, people packed Casa Blanca Memorial Park following the water parade. In addition to more squirt-gun battles, children moved between multiple bouncy castles and an inflatable ring for nerf-saber competitions. Performers included DJ Sexy, Taiko drummers, Danny Duran, and Los Mitotitos.



Photos by Patrick Shea

**Master of Ceremonies Nick Nevares announced performers and special events during the Independence Day celebration in Crestone.**

Performers in Crestone provided a variety from the stage. The Frank Meyer band, Blue Rooster, Taiko drummers, the Andy and Lara duo,

and Ponder the Albatross filled the park with music between the duck race, soapbox derby qualifications, and final soapbox race.



During the qualifying round of the Soapbox Derby in Crestone on Independence Day, five contestants proved they could steer and stop their vehicles.



Photo by Patrick Shea

**New grass watered for SLV Dish at Frontier Drive-In**

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Drive-Inn preview. Visitors will be able to tour the site.

The old snack bar now features complete cooking facilities and room for 25 people to sit down. A few RV camping spots accommodate overnight visits, along with 10 yurts and four heated huts.

Instead of parking a car, rolling down the window, and attaching a speaker, visitors will listen to powerful speakers designed for concerts. They can see the screen from any angle, but folks can plop down on the fresh stretch of grass to enjoy the movie.

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# El Pomar Foundation awards 14 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 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

Equal Representation of Media Advocacy Corporation

Ski Hi Complex

Northerners Senior Association Inc.

San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society

San Luis Valley Areas Health Education Center Inc.

Tri-County Senior Citizens and Housing Inc.

Upper Rio Grande Animal Society

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



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.

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.

For more information or to apply for a grant, visit [www.elpomar.org/grant-making/el-pomars-funds/](http://www.elpomar.org/grant-making/el-pomars-funds/).

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the intersection of Gunnison and Saguache counties.

Long in the works, the Gunnison Public Lands Initiative includes a history of actions to protect public land around Gunnison County. In the middle of the pack among Colorado counties, Gunnison's population is 30th of 64. With a population of 6,730 recorded in 2020, Saguache County ranks 45th.

The commissioners from Saguache listened to a series of presentations, asked questions, and provided feedback throughout the day. The discussion has roots in what biologists call "The Great Elk Escape."

Years ago, a breakaway branch from a herd in the Gunnison Basin ventured over the Continental Divide and added the San Luis Valley to their range. Today, the two counties share an average of 5,000 elk who migrate through the proposed WCA during the year.

In Saguache County, 2,728 voters were registered for the primary election on June 28. This represents roughly half the number of elk who pass through the county every year — migration without representation.

According to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Big Game Biologist for the region, Kevin Blecha, ungulates like elk and pronghorns provide "ecosystem services," which includes everything from maintaining soil health to filling freezers for hunters.

In 2015, Blecha and his associates compared collar data and identified a "revolving door" in the region of North Pass and Cochetopa Pass. Different elk from the Gunnison Basin made appearances in the Trickle Mountain and Middle Creek areas a dozen miles west of Saguache.

Bound by Colorado Highways 50,

114, and 149, the proposed Sawtooth WCA region currently accommodates migrating elk. Years ago, pronghorn followed the same path.

In what Blecha described as a "recolonization event," a herd of 17 pronghorn escaped a deadly Gunnison Basin winter in 1964 by heading over the Continental Divide to the Trickle Mountain area west of Saguache.

San Luis Valley pronghorn had been largely wiped out in the 19th Century, but their population rebounded with the small group. Migration is a learned behavior that can take decades to develop.

Now, however, residential development near the proposed WCA and increased foot and mountain bike traffic threatens safe passage during migration. Elk alter their routes as weather changes and they discover new obstacles. The current migration paths already crisscross Highway 114 multiple times. Displaced animals might hit the road more.

While the number of grazing permits and elk migration tallies remains relatively even year after year, increased visits to the Sawtooth Mountain region are commensurate with growing wilderness visits across the state. Greater foot and mountain bike traffic puts pressure on wildlife and leaves gates open for ranchers to close.

Across the Valley, Park Superintendent Pam Rice attended the commissioner meeting to provide an update and agency plans for handling increased visits to the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

Considering safety and environmental degradation from congestion, Rice noted how a record 602,613 people visited the Dunes in 2021. This represents a 122-percent

increase from the 10-year average between 2004 and 2014. Ideas include adding bathrooms between the gate and the visitors center, rearranging parking lots, and adding parking without saturating traffic on the roads and trails.

Rice said they conducted surveys at the end of May and early June and are seeking more public input before implementing plans.

"We're looking for a sweet spot without overdoing it," Rice said.

While Commissioner Houck shares the Sawtooth WCA proposal with other agencies and organizations, Saguache County Commissioners have time to consider the plan.

Houck emphasized the difference between Wilderness Conservation Areas and Wilderness Areas. With WCA designation, according to the proposal, grazing and other current activities in the area will not be restricted. Visits from hikers and bikers, however, are as unrestricted as their desire to discover new places.



**Lone Pronghorn Antelope buck follows the fences along Highway 114 five miles west of Saguache.**

### Saguache County Sales Tax Grants now available

The Saguache County Board of Commissioners will be taking Grant Applications for Saguache County Sales Tax Grants until 3:00PM, Friday, August 12, 2022.

To be eligible grant applications must be for either: Emergency Services/Public Health and Safety; Youth and Senior programs, projects, or organizations; or Renewable Energy projects/Business Opportunities and Job Creation.

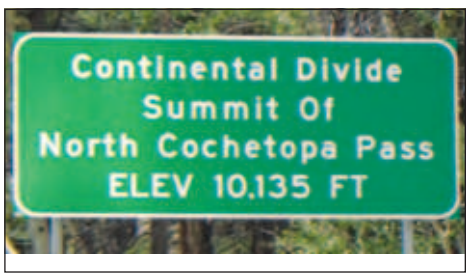
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In Ute, 'Cochetopa' means 'Gate of the Bison,' a relatively low pass over the Continental Divide that migrating elk and pronghorn historically followed from the Gunnison Basin to the northern San Luis Valley.



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## Keys to Winning Your Race in Life

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Part of what that means is to keep going, even in the midst of the difficulties in life. Hard times happen to us all, but it's how we handle them that matters most. And one day, when I'm standing before God, I want to be able to say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).

Keep Moving. Much of life is just ordinary, everyday living; yet a lot of what happens comes in the form of difficult situations, from little annoyances to serious burdens.

I once kept a record of the difficulties that happened to me over a period of time. They were things like a back injury, leaving some luggage on a plane, and a water leak in my humidifier. I hurt my arm doing stretches for my injured back, twisted my wrist, spilled a red drink on a white couch...and lost my pants at a spa! Some were small irritations; others were more serious.

But what I learned from this experience was simple: "Stuff" happens in life, but we don't have to let what happens to keep us from fulfilling our purpose of serving God with our whole heart. It's a waste of time getting upset over petty things. And at the very least, if you don't know what to do in a situation, just do what you do know to do and keep moving forward.

One way to keep going when difficult times come is to get your mind off yourself and your concerns

and help someone else. The truth is we are happier and more content when we're helping others than when we're focusing on ourselves.

Refuse to get stuck in an attitude of self-pity, selfishness or self-centeredness. We all have problems, but our problems don't have to have us! Our victory will come as we remain determined to just keep moving, doing what God puts in our heart to do.

Rest. One major part of running your race is learning to rest. Now, that may sound like an oxymoron, but here's what I mean. Resting isn't about doing nothing; it's about being in a place of peace and complete trust in God. From a position of rest, we can do whatever we need to do because our faith is not in ourselves but in the One who gives us the strength and ability to do it.

God did the work of creation in six days, and on the seventh day, He rested from His work. Jesus died for our sins and then sat down at the right hand of God...a place of rest from His work.

In the Old Testament, maintaining a covenant relationship with God was all about work. The high priest went into the Holy Place to offer a sacrifice for the sins of the people. There was no place to sit in the Holy Place because he was there to work. But when Jesus came, His sacrifice paid it all and He sat down because His work was finished.

Learning to rest may be one of the most important things we ever do. A lot of times, people get stressed-out about their circumstances, but really it's not the circumstances that cause their stress; it's the way they handle them.

Resting in God is like a vacation for your soul. In rest, you are not concerned with what others think of you or how everything is going to work

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out as you fulfill God's will for your life because your faith is in Christ. You can be steadfast in the midst of trials because you know that God is in control and He will see you through anything you face. When you work from a place of rest, you do what you need to do in peace, having complete faith in God's grace to accomplish the task before you.

Run. Everyone has a race to run, a goal to accomplish, a life to live, and we all have to start somewhere. My encouragement to you is to start from a place of rest. Learn how to trust the Holy Spirit's leading. He will guide you and help you when it's time to sit...to stand...to walk...and to run your race to win!

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Wednesday, July 20





# Daniel Baker Joins RG BANK as COO

## SUBMITTED ARTICLE

**MONTE VISTA** — RG BANK welcomed Daniel Baker to the bank team. Baker started his role as Chief Operating Officer on June 1.

Baker began his banking career in 2011 working as a contractor to Bank of America. Due to Baker's job being remote it afforded him the ability to move to the San Luis Valley to be closer to his parents. The majority of Baker's career has been in management and customer service, and although it has been eclectic it has given him a solid understanding of the term servant leadership and how to apply that to the needs of the customer.

"We are excited to have someone of Daniel Baker's character and someone with his experience join RG BANK," said RG BANK President, Shon Davis. "He will move RG BANK forward in areas of IT, systems, facilities and many other areas."

Baker graduated from the University of Phoenix with his MBA in 2012. His focus was on Project Management and Information Security Systems. He currently volunteers with Scouts BSA, including as Scoutmaster for Troop 307 for 9 years before stepping back and becoming the Chartered Organization Representative for troops 1307 and 307 as well as an Assistant



Scoutmaster for Troop 307.

Baker, his wife Amber, and their two children started a small hobby farm in 2016 where he spends his free time. He enjoys working with his family on projects around the farm, attending camping trips with the Scout Troops, and wandering in the mountains.

RG BANK has its headquarters in Monte Vista, with branches in Alamosa and Pagosa Springs. Baker joins RG BANK's management team of Shon Davis, President and CEO; Danielle Anderson, Sr. V.P. and Chief Financial Officer; and, Brent Logan, Chief Lending Officer.

# Conejos deputy earns lifesaving award

Courtesy photo

Conejos County Sheriff's Department Patrol Deputy Brandon Stevens is awarded the Conejos County Life Saving Award. Deputy Stevens was commended for his lifesaving actions on May 27. Deputy Stevens responded to a call and appropriately administered Narcan to a man. After Deputy Stevens' quick thinking and swift actions, the man was able to walk into the hospital after being ventilated on scene. This was the second time in two months that Deputy Stevens had shown critical thinking and courage in administering Narcan.



# Costilla County Deputies arrest man who had warrant for homicide

## STAFF REPORT

**COSTILLA COUNTY** — A man with a warrant for murder out of Denver was apprehended Saturday night, July 2, by Costilla County Sheriff's Office deputies.

At approximately 10 p.m. on July 2, Costilla County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a suspicious vehicle call on County Road J.8.

An alert citizen reported a suspicious vehicle near a residence. A Costilla County deputy contacted the man in the suspicious car.

The deputy attempted to identify the man, but he gave the deputy several aliases before he fled in the vehicle. A chase ensued with two deputies in pursuit.

The driver of the car stopped on County Rd L.7, exited the car and began running. Deputies quickly apprehended the man, and he was placed into custody.

The deputies learned the man was Richard Montoya, who had an active warrant out of Denver for homicide.

Montoya is currently being held at the Costilla County Jail.



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## Conejos County award scholarships to Sanford grads



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At the May 26 Conejos County Commissioner's Special Board Meeting, Commissioner Mitchel Jarvies, Carlos Garcia and Joseph Baroz presented \$1,000 scholarship to Cheyenne Caldon, Dailin Estrada and Haley Faucette, 2022 Sanford High School graduating Seniors. All three students' post-secondary education plans are to pursue degrees in the medical field. The Commissioners thanked the students for applying for the scholarship and commended each student for their involvement in activities at Sanford High School and their outstanding academic achievements and wished them well in their personal career goals.



Courtesy photo

Bob Seago's photo June Snow and Phoenix Falls took first place in the Creede Arts Council's Mountain Shootout photography competition.

## CAC announces Mountain Shootout winners

### STAFF REPORT

**CREEDE** — The Creede Arts Council announced the winners of its Mountain Shootout photography competition this week. They received 34 entries.

"The Creede Arts Council would like to offer a sincere thanks to each

of our photographers for participating in this year's Mountain Shootout photography competition," CAC stated. "Our judge this year, John Gary Brown, was thrilled with the submissions and we are all blown away by the talent represented in our

*Please see CAC on Page 2*

## 10th annual Rocky Mountain Estates Firehouse Art Show is July 9-10

### SUBMITTED ARTICLE

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN ESTATES** — It's time for the 10th annual Rocky Mountain Estates Community Firehouse Art Show and Fundraiser. Refreshments, live music by Randy Brown, the work of world-class artists are part of the event.

The show will be held Saturday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, July 10, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Rocky Mountain Estates, located 27 miles west of Antonito and 29 miles east of Chama on Forest Service Road 250 between Horca and Platoro.

Featuring the work of renowned artists from Rocky Mountain Estates

and the surrounding area, the show will include new paintings and sculptures by Charles Ewing, Jim Gilmore, and Gwen McBride, as well as work by fiber artist Joyce Pardington, gourd artist Andi Wardlaw, fabric artist Nancy Wintz, and woodworker David French.

This year's show also welcomes the return of celebrated silversmith Gene Christensen, specializing in handcrafted Southwest-style jewelry and one-of-a-kind designs.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the local volunteer fire department and firehouse which are so vital to this remote mountain community. As it can take up to an hour for local

fire departments to reach the area, the community's goal is to provide safety for residents and visitors until outside help can arrive. The volunteer fire department and firehouse are supported almost entirely through contributions from the community and fundraisers such as this.

Directions: Take State Highway 17 from either Antonito or Chama to the town of Horca, where event signs will be posted. From Horca, head north on Forest Service Road 250 for 7 miles. The firehouse is adjacent to Rocky Mountain Lodge, 7700 Fdr 250. For more information, contact Barbara Brown at 719-376-5359.

## Rio Grande National Forest lifts fire restrictions

**MONTE VISTA** — Effective Monday, June 27, fire restrictions were removed for all lands managed by the Rio Grande National Forest.

"The early onset of the monsoon this year has provided significant relief from the dry conditions we were experiencing," said Chad Lewis, Fire Management Officer for the Rio Grande National Forest. "Although conditions are improving, there may be isolated locations that haven't received as much rain and could easily burn

from careless mistakes." Lewis encourages visitors to practice these principles of outdoor fire safety:

- Clear all burnable material within three feet of campfire rings.
  - Keep fires small and manageable.
  - Never leave a fire unattended.
  - Extinguish fires completely. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.
- Forest officials said fireworks are always illegal on federally managed lands.

## Rio Grande National Forest seeks public input on proposed fee changes for campgrounds

### SUBMITTED ARTICLE

**MONTE VISTA** — The Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) is asking for public input on a proposed change to the existing fee structure for developed camping and cabin rentals.

The overall proposal seeks to increase fees in existing fee campgrounds, initiate new fees for current non-fee campgrounds, extending reduced fees into the shoulder season for several campgrounds, and initiate a fee for two new rental cabins.

The campground and cabin fees would

provide a sustainable source of revenue that would enable the RGNF to address day to day operations and deferred maintenance associated with these sites.

The public comment period on the proposal begins on June 15 and ends Nov. 1.

"Our developed recreation sites continue to provide excellent recreational opportunities for our rapidly expanding user base," said Rio Grande National Forest Supervisor Dan Dallas. "The new fees and increases in existing fees will ensure long-term funding and a better

path to sustaining these highly used recreational sites."

Currently, 19 percent of the developed campgrounds on the RGNF do not charge a fee. If approved, fee changes would go into effect in the fall.

Advanced reservations for cabins will be available through [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by calling 1-877-444-6777. The reservation service charges an \$8. fee for reservations.

The Forest Service is encouraging all interested citizens to visit the official Fee Change Proposal project page at [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/Rec Fee Changes](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/Rec Fee Changes) and submit comments through Nov. 1.

Forest officials will review and consider all public comments and use them to inform and adjust the final proposal for the campground fees. Once public involvement is complete, these new fees will be reviewed by the Rocky Mountain Regional Officials prior to a final decision and implementation.

For more information, visit the dedicated Proposed Recreation Fee Increase web page at [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/recfeechanges](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/recfeechanges).





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# CPW seeks public help to solve bear poaching case near Creede

**CREEDE** — Colorado Parks and Wildlife is asking the public for help in identifying the person who illegally killed a black bear last fall at Mountain Views at Rivers Edge RV Resort south of Creede in Mineral County.

On Oct. 1, 2021, CPW wildlife officers responded to a call of a dead bear in the Rio Grande River at the Mountain Views at Rivers Edge RV Resort. Officers found a 7- or 8-year-old sow in the river approximately 175 yards below the bridge at the RV park.

Officers determined the bear was shot, and they recovered a .22 caliber air rifle pellet from the chest cavity of

the bear. The bear was shot as much as two days before it was found. CPW has actively investigated the incident since its discovery.

“Willful destruction of a big-game animal is a felony in Colorado and can result in a lifetime suspension of hunting and fishing privileges,” said Brent Woodward, CPW’s wildlife manager in the Creede District. “Convictions could result in fines ranging from \$750 to \$3,000 and jail time, depending on the charge.”

CPW is asking the public for any information regarding the parties responsible for the killing of this black bear. Woodward can be reached at 719-850-6366 or at [brent.woodward@state.co.us](mailto:brent.woodward@state.co.us).

ward@state.co.us. To provide information anonymously, the public can contact Operation Game Thief by phone at 877-265-6648 or by email at [game.thief@state.co.us](mailto:game.thief@state.co.us).

Operation Game Thief is a Colorado Parks and Wildlife program that pays rewards to citizens who turn in poachers. A citizens committee

administers reward funds in many poaching cases, which is maintained by private contributions. The board may approve rewards of up to \$1,000 for flagrant cases.



## Recycle unused paint at drop-off event in Creede on July 25

**SUBMITTED ARTICLE**

**CREEDE** — A free and convenient one-day paint drop-off event offered by PaintCare is set for July 25 for Mineral County. Households and businesses can safely and easily drop off unused paint for recycling from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mineral County Landfill on Dump Ground Road in Creede.

Households may bring any amount of paint, stain, and/or varnish. Limits may apply to businesses. The event will be held rain or shine.

PaintCare will accept unwanted house paint and primers (latex or oil-based); stains; deck and concrete sealers; and clear finishes (varnish and shellac). Paint must be in sealed, original containers with the original manufacturer’s label.

PaintCare cannot accept Leaking, unlabeled, or empty containers; aerosol spray paints; drums or containers larger than five gallons; hazardous waste or other chemicals, such as paint thinner, solvents, motor oil, spackle, glue, adhesive, roofing tar, pesticides, or cleaning chemicals.

In addition, paint in good condition will be made available to the public for free at this event.

Through this one-day event, PaintCare and Mineral County are providing the community with a convenient way to recycle paint. Year-round PaintCare drop-off sites are available across the state and are located at participating hardware stores, paint stores and recycling centers. For more information, visit [www.paintcare.org/states/colorado/](http://www.paintcare.org/states/colorado/).

To register visit, <https://paint-creede.eventbrite.com>.

It is open to all Colorado households and businesses.

To use the PaintCare program for oil-based paint, a business must qualify as an exempt generator under federal and any similar state hazardous waste generator rules. Visit [www.paintcare.org/VSQG](http://www.paintcare.org/VSQG), for more information on exempt generator rules. If a business does not qualify as an exempt generator, it will not be able to use the program for oil-based paint, but it can still use the program for latex products.

Participants are requested to follow the current recommendations and requirements of the CDC, local, and state health officials to protect themselves and others from the spread of COVID-19.

## CAC

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artists’ work.” Out of 34 entries, Brown selected a first place, a second place, and a third place winner as well as four honorable mention awards.

- The winners are as follows:
- First Place: Bob Seago, June Snow and Phoenix Falls
  - Second Place: John Lawley, Bad Manners
  - Third Place: Dennis Schoenfelder, Stage Station
- Honorable mention went to Ron

Dessain, Crested Cara Cara; Mary Rice, Waterfall Rocky Mountain National Park; Michael Zyburra, Sunset at Beaver Creek; and Doug Ouren, Pintada Park Fly By.

“We are very excited to begin our public exhibition on June 24 at the Creede Visitor Center and to offer the works listed for sale to the public,” CAC stated. “We will be hosting an opening reception on June 24 at 5 p.m. at the Creede Visitor Center.”

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# HVCC summer program filled with adventure

**SUBMITTED ARTICLE**

**DEL NORTE** — Hi, community members! We hope your June was amazing. We have had about 100 kids a day, give or take the past two weeks. No wonder our days go by so fast! Last week some of the highlights for the K-5 kids included decorating cupcakes with Madison from the SLV 4-H program, learning new dance moves during a Zumba lesson with Veronica Climie, searching for treasure at the Rio Grande Museum, plus plenty of time playing outside! The Junior Staffers have begun their on-the-job training at various local businesses. A big thank you to all of the businesses participating this summer! Sharing your time and knowledge with the kiddos is greatly appreciated. As part of the program, we bring in various speakers to present to the older kids. Recently Bob Richards from 96.5 The Fox radio in Monte Vista paid a visit to HVCC and gave

some pointers on public speaking. Thank you, Bob for sharing your years of experience with the kids and helping them hone their public speaking skills. Field trips have been a big hit this summer! The Sand Dunes Recreation Swimming Pool in Hooper was gracious enough to host us last minute when the weekend rain made the San Juan too high to tube. This week



we will be taking it easy with some bowling and a movie!

We have had great success bringing our Encore art program to the Casas De Rio Grande Apartments on Tuesdays. From 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Encore members participate in an art project or stop by to socialize. Members are also welcomed to join us for lunch Thursdays at noon at HVCC. A friendly reminder that we will



Courtesy photos

High Valley Community Center students are enjoying a summer full of fun activities, community service and field trips all over the San Luis Valley.

be closed July 5-7. We will resume program on Tuesday, July 12.

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**Solution to last week's puzzle**

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## FOMCES Golf Tournament July 24

**SUBMITTED ARTICLE**

**SOUTH FORK** — On Sunday, July 24, at the Rio Grande Club and Resort in South Fork, Friends of Mineral County Emergency Services (FOMCES) will be holding its fourth annual golf tournament benefitting Mineral County's Search and Rescue (SAR), Fire Department (FD) and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) organizations. The tournament is a scramble format with a shot gun start at 9 a.m. Check-in starts at 8 a.m. \$125 per player, four player teams, single players welcome as well. Carts and range balls are included as are "goodie bags."

Hole-in-one prizes are also included, and there will be prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive for men and women, longest putt, and top team scores for first and second places, along with some extra drawings for additional prizes.

To register now, go to our website at [www.FOMCES.com](http://www.FOMCES.com) or contact Terry Peil at [terry.peil01@gmail.com](mailto:terry.peil01@gmail.com) or 281-389-0397, or Pat Bustamante at [pat.bustamante@usa.net](mailto:pat.bustamante@usa.net) or 808-306-2403.

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		6/29	6/28	6/27	6/26	2day	3day	4day	5day	7day
Moravian 69	04/05	0.20	0.22	0.19	0.13	0.42	0.61	0.74	0.92	1.30
Moravian 69	05/05	0.20	0.22	0.19	0.13	0.42	0.61	0.74	0.92	1.30
Early Wheat	04/05	0.20	0.22	0.19	0.13	0.42	0.61	0.74	0.92	1.30
Early Wheat	05/05	0.20	0.22	0.19	0.13	0.42	0.61	0.74	0.92	1.30
White Wheat	04/05	0.20	0.22	0.19	0.13	0.42	0.61	0.74	0.92	1.30
White Wheat	05/05	0.20	0.22	0.19	0.13	0.42	0.61	0.74	0.92	1.30
WinterWheat	10/01	0.17	0.20	0.18	0.12	0.37	0.55	0.67	0.84	1.22
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Norkotah	05/05	0.21	0.22	0.18	0.12	0.43	0.62	0.74	0.89	1.20
Centennial	05/05	0.09	0.10	0.08	0.05	0.19	0.27	0.32	0.37	0.48
Nugget	05/05	0.11	0.12	0.09	0.06	0.22	0.32	0.38	0.45	0.60
Alfalfa	Est.	0.23	0.26	0.22	0.15	0.48	0.70	0.85	1.05	1.48
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This Parcel is located in the mountain town of South Fork, Colorado. Located in the majestic San Juan Mountains. You will find a variety of historic motels, hotels, medical clinic, grocery store, repair shops restaurants, shopping for the active sportsman, RV and ATV dealers. The avid golfer will enjoy the play at the Grande Golf Club and Resort. The winter sport opportunities are boundless as well. Wolf Creek Ski Area is famous for the most snow in the country and only 20 minutes away. South Fork, Co is a popular destination for skiing and those who love snowmobiling, four wheeling, hiking and camping. Come enjoy this majestic place. MLS #781184  
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Custom built, impeccable quality full log home located just minutes from the town of South Fork, Colorado. The home and 1015 sq. ft. bunkhouse provides a total sq. ft. of 5458. Features in the home include a massive rock fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 3-1/2 bathrooms, loft that boasts a futon plus two-window beds, office, playroom, and a large living room for you to enjoy with family and friends. The wrap around deck will allow you to experience world-class high mountain views. Above the garage is a custom log guest quarters with a spectacular kitchen, bath, large living room, and bedroom combined into one unit. Bear Creek subdivision offers controlled access through a gated entrance. MLS #738155  
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