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TIDBITS

SFPD Coffee with Cops is June 17

SOUTH FORK — The South Fork Police Department will host a Coffee with Cops at Candie’s Firehouse at 9 a.m. on Friday, June 17.

People can meet with Police Chief Sean Burkey and have a one-on-one conversation with him.

Rain Brews/ Grammy’s Kitchen ribbon cutting is June 18

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce is having a ribbon cutting for Rain Brews/Grammy’s Kitchen, 104 Adams St., Monte Vista, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 18.

‘What is Quilting?’ presentation on June 18

MONTE VISTA — The San Luis Valley Quilt Guild is hosting a “What is Quilting?” presentation from 1 to 3 p.m. on June 18 at the Monte Vista Methodist Church, 215 Washington St.

Members of the guild will explain what quilting is and how they express their interests through the quilts they make. There will explain the many styles of quilts and techniques they use to make quilts depending on their personal interests.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Leah Clark at 719-850-2720.

DN Food Bank distribution June 18

DEL NORTE — The Del Norte Food Bank will be open for its monthly food distribution on Saturday, June 18, from 9 to 11 a.m. The Del Norte food bank serves Del Norte and South Fork and is situated in the alley behind the Pioneer United Church at 630 Spruce St., Del Norte. Anyone in need of food assistance is welcome.

Antonito community yard sale is June 25

ANTONITO — A community yard sale is planned from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 25 at the old football field on Spruce and 6th streets in Antonito. The vendor fee is \$10; call Sharleen at 720-220-6181 for more information.

Del Norte welcomes back Mercado

BY LYNDIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE — Summer is in full swing here in the San Luis Valley and what that means for Del Norte is the return of the successful farmer’s — Mercado Del Norte. It kicked off for the first-time last summer and grew into one of the largest markets on this side of the Valley, gaining popularity for the availability of fresh produce early in the season.

The market was the brainchild of the local Sol Mountain

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Mercado Del Norte is back every Thursday afternoon beginning at 2 p.m. on the corner of Grande Avenue and Spruce Street. The market features local artists, homemade goods and fresh produce from the local Sol Mountain Farm and other vendors.

Courtesy photo



New adventure walk opens in Del Norte this week

BY LYNDIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE — Several libraries throughout the United States have started expanding their programs through interactive methods to support and encourage, not only, a love for reading, but for youth to get out and exercise while reading a book. Story Walks have been started throughout all 50 states and in 13 countries and Del Norte will have one.

Kathryn Trujillo began working on the project with the Del Norte Public Library about a month ago and has since found donors, a grant to help with initial expenses and has installed podiums along the Del Norte Town Park main walking trail for local and visiting youth to enjoy.

“I went to the one the Alamosa Library has, and I realized that every town should have one of these and

Please see WALK on Page 2A

A new Adventure Walk has been installed in the Del Norte Town Park and a grand opening celebration has been set for Friday, June 17, beginning at 1 p.m. at the park. The Adventure Walk promotes a love for learning and getting people outside.

Courtesy photo



Primary ballots going out to state voters

BY PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — Last week, voters in the state of Colorado started receiving ballots in their mailboxes for the primary race to be held on June 28. What follows is a brief description of what to know about the primary.

The primary election determines which candidates will earn the nomination for their party — Republican or Democrat — with their name appearing on the November ballot. Official election day is June 28.

Ballots are only being sent out for candidates running in the primary elections for the two major parties. Names of candidates unaffiliated with either party who have successfully submitted a petition to the office of the Secretary of State will appear on the November ballot but not on the primary ballots mailed out for this race.

Voters who are unaffiliated and did not select a primary to vote in will receive a ballot for both Republican

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RGC DSS receives awards at CSI conference

BY LYNDIE FERRELL

RIO GRANDE COUNTY — During the CSI conference on the front range at the beginning of June, the Rio Grande Department of Social Services (RGDSS) received several awards of excellence from the Colorado Department of Human Services for its

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Rio Grande Commissioner Gene Glover, Rio Grande Department of Social Service Director Jody Kern, Rio Grande Commissioner John Noffske and Rio Grande Administrator Craig Barraclough pose with several awards received by the county’s Department of Social Services at a CSI conference at the beginning of June for their dedication, improvement, efficiency and performance for both Rio Grande and Mineral counties.

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I knew I wanted one in Del Norte,” said Trujillo.

Trujillo went to the Del Norte Public Library and asked for its help in beginning the project and requested that they serve as fiscal sponsors for the project. Library Director Susan Williams was more than willing to help and through their shared love for reading, Trujillo and the library made their walk a reality.

The program requires a sponsor to purchase three children’s books from the approved list provided by Story Walk and each book is used to fill the pedestals placed at the park. Families can walk along the trail, get exercise and read the book along the way. The remaining book is then added to the collection at the library so that if a child or adult wanted to continue to enjoy the book, they could get it from the library.

According to Trujillo, she has enough sponsors to fill the podiums monthly until the end of summer but will be looking for future sponsors for next year and moving forward.

“The sponsor can just go to the library and pick the book they want to purchase, and the library will order the three copies at cost. It really is a wonderful program and I think Del Norte will enjoy it,” explained Trujillo.

The Upper Rio Grande School District also played a large role in helping to sponsor the program and get it off the ground as well as the Town of Del Norte and the Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley as well as several local businesses and other organizations, including the Del Norte Head Start



Courtesy photos
Kathryn Trujillo with the Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley and Del Norte Public Library Director Susan Williams played integral roles in getting the Adventure Walk project off the ground.

program.

The grand opening of the new Adventure Walk will be on Friday,

June 17, at 1 p.m. at the Del Norte Town Park. There will be gift baskets up for raffle and a free lunch.

DSS

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work, not only during the pandemic, but for its continued dedication to excellence over that course of several years.

According to Rio Grande County Department of Social Service Director Jody Kern, her department received a distinguished performance award for being number one in the state for Mineral County Department of Social Services which is ran through Rio Grande County, an award for the most improved county for Rio Grande for having a 71% in timeliness and efficiency, and certificates of appreciation for Mineral County being at 100%.

A press release published by DSS at the end of May, stated that the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) recognized Rio Grande and Mineral County Department of Social Services for 2021 C-Stat Distinguished Performance. The county’s outstanding performance efforts were tied to programs that help Coloradans, including helping more local families move toward a stronger economic future by connecting Coloradans with

meaningful work opportunities and workforce development programs, delivering crucial food and energy assistance in a timely manner and keeping vulnerable adults and children safe.

“2021 was a year of recovery, growth, and record dedication to Coloradans from our county partners,” said CDHS executive director Michelle Barnes. “Rio Grande and Mineral County department of social services is leading the way as a top performer by delivering fast and consistent services and I am excited to see what they accomplish now that we are through the height of the pandemic. I am proud of Rio Grande and Mineral County in supporting people slipping into poverty and those already in it, keeping kids and seniors safe, and supporting families.”

Kern was accompanied by Rio Grande County Commissioners John Noffsker and Gene Glover and Rio Grande County Administrator Craig Barraclough.

“We are so proud of the work that has been done in the department of

social services and we are proud of the work that Jody and her team continue to do,” said Glover.

Kern added, “I was very humbled while I sat there and received award after award. I just kept thinking that none of it would have been possible without the support of my partnering agencies throughout the Valley and the work that my team puts in every day. To say I am grateful doesn’t even cut it.”

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‘Caldera’ playing July 19 at CAC Music in Park series

STAFF REPORT

CREEDE — “Caldera,” a Creede combo, is to play from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, July 19 at Basham Park in Creede.

This is part of the Creede Arts Council’s Music in the Park series of free public concerts.

Sustained by engaging vocals and improvisatory sections, Caldera performs a blend of insightful originals and distinct covers. The Creede-based quartet melds

Americana and Rock sounds.

John Goss will be on the guitar, harmonica, and vocals; Steve Reynolds on lead guitar, resonator, mandolin; Malcolm Snead – drums, percussion; and Tommy Speake will be on the bass and guitar.

For more information, contact the Creede Arts Council at creedearts@outlook.com or visit online www.creedeartscouncil.com.

MERCADO

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Farm that is located just east of South Fork. For several years, Sol Mountain Farm also ran a farmer’s market in South Fork but due to unforeseen circumstances had to close that market.

The farm was established with the permaculture policy. The policy definition states, “Permaculture is a system of agricultural and social design principles centered around simulating or directly utilizing the patterns and features observed in natural ecosystems.”

Owners Wes and Angela O’Rourke started the farm in hopes of providing healthy, organic vegetables and pork to the greater South Fork community and the Valley and have done so for the past six years. The meat is sold to local restaurants, and anyone interested in buying shares throughout the year. The farm has a large greenhouse that is used to grow all kinds of vegetables ranging from lettuce and leafy greens to cabbage, peppers, broccoli, potatoes and much more.

The vegetables are available usually from late spring to early October, making fresh produce available for the public through the summer. The market features local artists, handmade crafts, live entertainment and community partnership.

Mercado Del Norte is a lively farmer’s market event featuring the best local produce vendors as well as unique, handmade arts and crafts vendors. The event will also feature live music from local musicians as well as big-name hits throughout the season, according to organizers.

The event organizers all live locally around the town of Del Norte and are excited to create this special space for community members to gather, enjoy live music, and shop the variety of local goods offered by market vendors. The market will feature EBT readers for purchasing fresh produce.

The event takes place every Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m. and is located on the corner of Highway 160 and Spruce Street in Del Norte.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Doubling down on special days

Summer for us in Colorado began with two nice and most welcome rains. There is hope that this Rain Man can keep that up and have a long monsoon season.

In recent days and weeks, fires have broken out in and around the San Luis Valley. It's worrisome to say the least with high wind warnings posted almost daily. So, we pray for rain and relief from this interminable drought.

But, in the midst of this, we still have good to celebrate. Last week, Ol' Dutch's birthday rolled around again, albeit much quicker than the last one so it seems. Those darned dates seem to be getting closer together each year and I am sure it's global warming or something like that which has altered even the calendar. All in all, I did have a great day with many well wishes from friends and a few enemies alike who are getting old enough now that they are doing good things trying to get into Heaven.

The Grands called and that's always fun and sang me the Happy Birthday song. I hope they do not get in trouble for that as it's copyrighted, and the thought police are everywhere these days enforcing payment for the use of that song. That's right. If you sing it, you are subject to paying a royalty fee for doing so. Nothing seems sacred anymore.

I had informed people that "no gift is too large" and I guess they missed that memo as I didn't get anything. My dad did send me a check of course and that got me to thinking — a dangerous pursuit according to Miss Trixie — about fathers in general and that I was set to have two special days almost in the same week.

This weekend is the coveted Father's Day celebration. Since this column comes out before that, you still have time to go to Harbor Freight, a sporting goods store or the Big Box and get him something to unwrap.

Ol' Dutch had a great dad who at almost 93 continues to preach at a small church. He has been a role model and mentor to many, including me. Everything from wiring a house to surveying to singing and construction of all sorts, I learned by helping him around the house and church. We did it all and so now today, I can pretty much do anything I need to. Mostly he taught me not to be afraid to try as you can learn how if you are persistent. So, I do owe him a great debt of gratitude for all



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

those lessons he gave me. The most important one being and living as a man of faith.

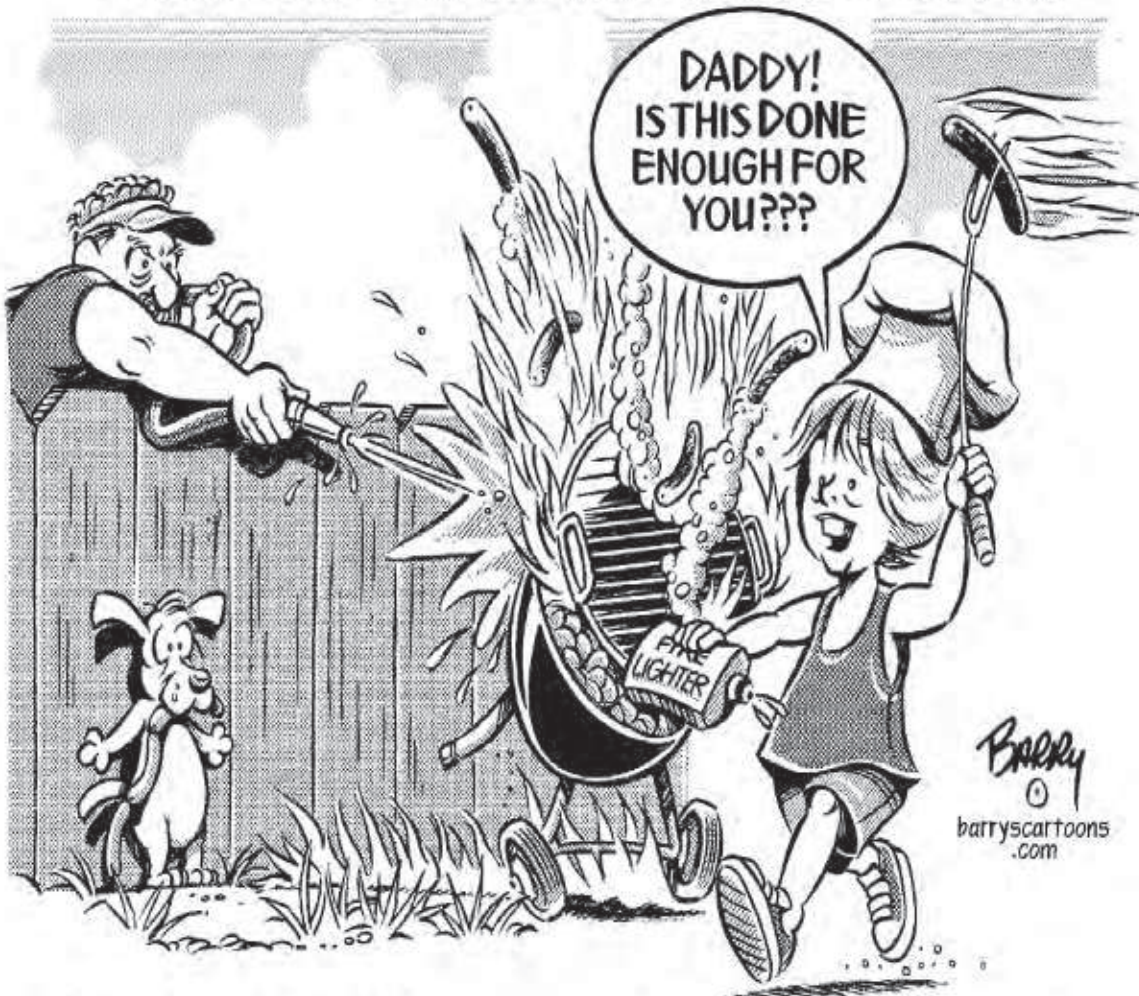
There was a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd who is said to come up with the idea of celebrating a special day just for dad while listening to a sermon about Mother's Day. Now, I don't know what Sonora did for a living, but rumor has it around my house at least, that she was a special occasions card sale lady and needed to up her game with one more holiday sales opportunity. Well maybe not, but it sounds reasonable to Ol' Dutch as nothing happens in this old world without money changing hands.

Mostly what I found Father's Day to be was a time when Ol' Dutch got to take the family out for dinner and pay for it also. And also funding the gifts that I received from adoring little children and spouses. Somehow that took the happy edge off the day for me knowing that the ugly tie I got for a present and the chicken fried steak at Bob's Cafe meant that I would have to forgo a new fishing rod and tackle. But all in all, I had some good Father's Days even though they cost me a near fortune in self-funded, useless presents.

So, this Sunday, if your father is still alive and walking on this planet, get him a bobble or two or at least make the phone call and let him know how much you appreciate him for being your dad. And if you play your cards right, he may even spring for a chicken dinner at Maude's Free Range Chicken Cafe and Lingerie Emporium.

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YOUR NIGHT SKY

By DARLENE DANKO

Summer solstice

This year the June solstice, also known as the Summer Solstice, occurs on June 21. This is the longest day of the year for all of us north of the equator, and the beginning of summer. South of the equator it's the shortest day of the year and the beginning of winter. This is the day that the Sun rises and sets as far north as it ever does, which gives 24 hours of daylight north of the Arctic Circle, and 24 hours of darkness south of the Antarctic Circle.

Why does this happen? The Earth orbits around the Sun with a 23.5-degree tilt on its axis. Because of this tilt, we can enjoy the four seasons. If there was no tilt the Sun would always be centered on the equator. For several months of the year half of the Earth receives more direct rays of the Sun than the other half. The farther north you go in the summer, the longer the days are. So, unless you like to stay up late, June is not the best month to observe the

night sky! Planets and bright stars will be visible about an hour after sunset, but full viewing darkness doesn't occur until after 10 p.m.

Throughout the world the Solstice represents a "turning" of the year. Things sprout and begin to grow in the spring, reach fullness in the summer, begin to dry and wither in autumn, and rest in winter.

Summer Solstice is also a sacred time of the year that has been honored throughout the ages by many cultures, each with their own unique kind of festivals and spiritual ceremonies. Native Americans honored it with the Sun Dance Ceremony; a 28-day celebration featuring singing, drumming, dancing, prayers, meditation, and the cultivating of visions. They also made large stone structures. The two most famous are Big Horn Medicine Wheel in Wyoming, and Fajada Butte in Chaco Canyon, which the Navajo consider sacred ground.

On June 16, Mercury is at its western elongation. Unfortunately,



you'll have to get up around 4:30 to see the planets. In the ENE you'll be able to see the moon and planets. Mercury, Venus and the Pleiades are arranged in a triangle. On June 18, the moon sits below Saturn in the South. On June 21, the Moon and Jupiter are close together. The moon is now at its last quarter, so it will only be a half moon.

All seven planets are lined up with Mercury on the left and then Venus is first just a little to the right and above it. Then Uranus, Moon, Mars, Jupiter, Neptune and Saturn are just a little to the right and each slightly above the previous one. You will need binoculars to see Uranus and Neptune, but the others will be fine to view with the naked eyes.

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RGNF: Lopez Fire at 50 percent containment

STAFF REPORT
LA GARITA — The Lopez Fire had burned 92 acres with 50 percent containment as of Tuesday night, June 14, according to the Rio Grande National Forest. Forest officials determined the fire was caused by lightning.

Good progress was made on the Lopez Fire Monday and Tuesday with crews securing containment lines under high wind conditions. Supported by five engines, two hand crews continued with cooling hotspots and ensuring the lines will hold.

Tuesday firefighters faced a challenging day due to another Red Flag Warning with high winds and low relative humidity. Crews continued patrolling lines and dousing hot spots.

One hand crew and six engines remain on the fire and will continue to patrol for hotspots to ensure the fire remains confined in its current footprint during the next few days of high winds.

Residents in the La Garita Creek area should remain on high alert in the event the winds do cause an escape from current containment lines.

The wildfire was reported to Pueblo Interagency Dispatch at 4:24 p.m. on Sunday, June 12. It was burning on Forest Service land approximately 10 miles north of Del Norte, off Forest Service Road No. 670.

Due to favorable conditions and quick response, incident commander reported that the Lopez Fire did not advance past the perimeter and has not grown in the past 24 hours.

Sunday’s mandatory evacuation order for the La Garita Creek area was downgraded to pre-evacuation. Residents were advised to remain on alert, should a flareup occur.

Initial response to the fire included the Center Volunteer Fire Department, three federal engines, one fire suppression



Photos courtesy of Rio Grande National Forest

The Lopez Fire has burned 92 acres as of Tuesday, June 14, according to the Rio Grande National Forest. Forest officials said the fire was caused by lightning.

module, two single-engine airtankers, one large airtanker, an air attack platform and one helicopter.

The fire was burning in a Pinion Pine-Juniper fuel type where full fire line construction was not necessary.

Crews plan to secure the fire by mopping up hot spots along the edges first, then methodically increasing their efforts to the interior of the fire. Rock bands and other natural barriers also serve as containment features.



Photos courtesy of Adams State University

Alex Boylan and crew will be on the Adams State University campus to film a segment for his show, ‘The College Tour,’ the week of June 13.

‘The College Tour’ filming this week on ASU campus

SUBMITTED ARTICLE
ALAMOSA — “The College Tour” is coming to Adams State University the week of June 13. The program will tell the story of the University through the lens of its students.

Hosted by Alex Boylan, 2002 winner of the “Amazing Race,” “The College Tour” is a television series by Emmy-nominated and multi-award-winning producers. The show is featured on Amazon and streaming platforms that can be accessed all over the world.

The show will feature 10 current Adams State students telling their Adams State story.

“We have a great selection of students,” said Bruce Rosengrant, vice president for community engagement and communication. “They could have attended any college or university, but they chose Adams State for a reason. These



Twins Jaqueline and Jasmine Palacios-Molinari will share a segment telling their Adams State story on ‘The College Tour’ show.

students will be shining stars on camera.”

For five days, “The College Tour” crew will film scenes across campus and out into the community for to supplement the student interviews. The finished product is expected to be on streaming platforms in October.



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Creede Donkey Dash draws a huge crowd

By LYNDIE FERRELL

CREEDE — The annual Creede Donkey Dash brought a huge crowd to Creede on Saturday, June 11, with well over 500 people lining Main Street to cheer on the racers as they worked their way up along the Bachelor Loop just north of town.

The morning of the event was bright, with clear skies, not a cloud in sight, and summer making a full appearance.

Racers gathered in the middle of Main Street waiting for the shot of the starter's gun to set them off on their day-long journey through the historical mining district above Creede.

The donkeys of all shapes and sizes were fixed with gear made to simulate mining equipment and were more than ready to get the show on the road.

Resident and supporter of the event, Nancy Leggett was the announcer for the event and rallied the crowd right before the race and fellow long-time resident and veterinarian Doc Howard used his trusty revolver loaded with a blank to start the race and send the donkeys running off the starting line.

Burros are tame animals a majority of the time but are known to have a stubborn streak that makes this event enjoyable for the spectators.

The racers made their way up the steep incline along the same route many miners and characters of the past once walked with their burros in tow. The race follows rules set by the Western

Pack Burro Association and is one that many participants look forward to every year.

Some of the animals participating in the race were once part of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Wild Horse and Burro Program. According to BLM, it manages and protects wild horses and burros on 26.9 million acres of public lands across 10 Western states as part of its mission to administer public lands for a variety of uses. The Wild Horse and Burro Program's goal is to manage healthy wild horses and burros on healthy public rangelands.

The Bureau of Land Management created the Wild Horse and Burro Program to implement the Wild-Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act, passed by Congress in 1971. Broadly, the law declares wild horses and burros to be "living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West" and stipulates that the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service have the responsibility to manage and protect herds in their respective jurisdictions within areas where wild horses and burros were found roaming in 1971.

Hidden in the foothills of the South Fork area is also a special place for wandering burros of all shapes and sizes. Little do the residents of the Valley know, the Forever Home Donkey Rescue has been healing, loving and comforting donkeys for the past three years as a satellite location for the larger operation

that is located in Benson, Ariz. Almost all of the racers who participated in the event became lovers of the animals after learning of the rescue efforts.

The route up the Bachelor Loop is a trial at best with a rise in elevation from 8,900 feet to above 10,000. It is an endurance race. Over 50 racers participated this year and made it to the finish line later that afternoon.

The youngest competitor was Aidan Malherbe, 14 years, with Nash. The oldest competitor was Bill Lee, 72, with Dolly.

Bob Sweeney and Yukon still hold the course record set in 2021 at 1:22:47.42.

The trophies handed out at the end of the event were made by Eminent Creations.

Top Male Finishers:

1 - Team Buttercup and Marvin Sandoval (Leadville)

2 - Team Yukon and Bob Sweeney (Leadville)

3 - Team Pablo Vigil and Smokey Burgess (Leadville)

Top Female Finishers:

1 - Team Mary Margaret and Tracy Loughlin (Salida)

2 - Team Figaro and Alexis Knight (Rifle)

3 - Team Uncle Sam and Linda Drain (South Fork)

Results are available online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/Results>; click on Find a Race; and then enter Creede Donkey Dash.



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell

Long-time resident and local veterinarian Doc Howard used his trusty pistol loaded with blanks to begin the Donkey Dash in Creede on Saturday. The crowd cheered as the racers sprinted off the starting line.



Care and Share Food Bank to receive part of USDA grant

STAFF REPORT

DENVER — The Colorado Department of Human Services' Food Distribution Programs have received \$844,261 in grant money from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service to improve The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). The money will boost TEFAP's reach into remote, rural, tribal, and low-income areas that are underserved by the program.

Colorado will partner with the Food Bank of the Rockies and Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado to expand TEFAP's reach into nine Colorado counties that have been identified by the state agency as being underserved by TEFAP. These include Alamosa, Arapahoe, Elbert, Hinsdale, Moffat, Montezuma, Otero, Park and Teller counties.

"Care and Share Food Bank is grateful to be a part of this grant," said Lynne Telford, CEO of Care and Share. "Through a targeted approach, this funding will allow us to reach further into some of our rural Southern Colorado communities, and as a result, we'll be able to better serve our neighbors facing hunger through the TEFAP program."

Colorado plans to conduct needs assessments and community asset mapping in each county to further the

state's understanding of unmet needs and strengths. Depending on the findings of these assessments, new distribution sites will be added, existing sites will be bolstered, and/or mobile pantries will be established using the funds. In addition, some pre-identified needs in each county will be addressed with project funds.

TEFAP is a federal program that helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans by providing them with emergency food assistance at no cost. Through TEFAP, USDA purchases a variety of nutritious, high-quality, American-grown foods and makes those foods available to state agencies. States provide the food to local emergency food providers that they have selected, usually food banks, which in turn distribute the food to local organizations, such as soup kitchens and food pantries that directly serve the public. These local organizations then distribute the USDA foods to eligible recipients for household consumption or use them to prepare and serve meals in a congregate setting.

In total, the USDA awarded more than \$39 million in grants to 38 different state agencies as part of the Reach and Resiliency Project. Grant funding was provided through the American Rescue Plan Act as part of the USDA's Build Back Better initiative.

The Colorado Department of Human

Services' Food Distribution Programs (FDP) provide U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) foods to households, food banks, schools and child care facilities throughout Colorado. USDA foods are a nutritious form of food assistance that includes meats, fish, poultry, grains, dairy, fruits, vegetables and beans.

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BALLOTS

and Democratic candidates but *can only vote in one party or the other, not both*. Voters are advised to mail their ballot by June 21 to make sure it arrives in time. Residents who have not yet registered to vote and want to receive a ballot in the mail can do so but must register by June 20. Given the time it would take to receive the ballot in the mail, those voters are advised to plan on voting in person.

Colorado is a same-day registration state, so for those who have waited until the last minute to participate, there is still an opportunity to register by going to a voter service and polling center on June 28, the primary election day.

Voters will be casting votes for a number of offices at the federal, state and local level.

In some races, candidates from each party will be running for a nomination, sometimes unopposed in their own party and, in other cases, against members of their own party for the same office.

At the local level, there are, what appear to be, a significant number of offices with only one candidate in one party running in the primary.

Across the valley, there are sixteen offices with no Democratic candidate (six in Rio Grande County) and twelve offices with no Republican (six in Costilla County). There are also four offices – three for surveyor and one for coroner – where neither party has a candidate in the primary.

However, three Democratic candidates are vying for the nomination for county commissioner in Costilla County along with three candidates vying for the nod to be the candidate for Costilla County Treasurer.

And, in a hotly contested race for the Congressional seat in CD3, two candidates are facing off for the Republican nomination while three vie to represent the Democratic Party in the race.

What follows is a list of primary candidates running for offices at the federal, state and local level in the San Luis Valley.

FEDERAL OFFICES

United States Senate
Democrat: Michael Bennet
Republican: Ron Hanks, Joe O'Dea
U.S. Congress – Congressional District 3
Democrat: Soledad Sandoval Tafoya, Alex Walker, Adam Frisch
Republican: Lauren Boebert, Don Corum

STATE OFFICES

State Representative for District 62
Democrat: Matthew Martinez
Republican: Ryan G. Williams, Carol Riggenschach
Governor
Democrat: Jared Polis
Republican: Greg Lopez, Heidi Ganahl
Attorney General
Democrat: Phil Weiser
Republican: John Kellner
Secretary of State
Democrat: Jena Griswold
Republican: Tina Peters, Mike O'Donnell, Pam Anderson
State Treasurer
Democrat: Dave Young
Republican: Lang Sias
State Board of Education – Member At Large
Democrat: Kathy Plomar
Republican: Dan Maloiti

LOCAL - SAN LUIS VALLEY

Alamosa County
County Commissioner District 2
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: Arlan Van Ry, Tom Maestas
Clerk and Recorder
Democrat: Nicole Jaramillo
Republican: Mari Felix
Sheriff
Democrat: Robert Jackson
Republican: no candidate
Assessor
Democrat: no candidate
Republican: Sandra J. Hostetter
Treasurer
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: Amy McKinley
Surveyor
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: Daniel Russell

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Coroner
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: No candidate
Conejos County
County Commissioner District 3
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: Mitchell Jarvies
Clerk and Recorder:
Democrat: Nathan Ruybal
Republican: No candidate
Sheriff
Democrat: Martin Maes
Republican: Garth Crowther
Assessor
Democrat: Naomi Keys
Republican: No candidate
Treasurer
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: Mack Crowther
Surveyor
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: Martin Reynolds
Coroner
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: Richard Martin
Costilla County
County Commissioner District 2
Democrat: Lorraine A. “Lorrie” Quintana, Fernando A. Martinez, Jake Mondragon
Republican: No candidate
Clerk and Recorder
Democrat: Najondine T. Placek
Republican: No candidate
Sheriff
Democrat: Danny R. Sanchez
Republican: No candidate
Assessor
Democrat: Thomas Aragon
Republican: No candidate
Treasurer
Democrat: Michael Ray Vigil, Benita Martinez, Rebecca Becky Romero
Republican: No candidate
Surveyor
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: No candidate
Coroner
Democrat: Gary Roy Vigil
Republican: No candidate
Mineral County
County Commissioner District 1
Democrat: Scott Lamb
Republican: No candidate
Clerk and Recorder
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: Eryn K. Wintz
Sheriff
Democrat: Fred Hosselkus
Republican: Terry Wetherall
Assessor
Democrat: Stasha Birdsey
Republican: Libby Lamb
Treasurer
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: Amy Wetherall
Surveyor
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: No candidate
Coroner
Democrat: Jimmy K. Aldelman
Republican: No candidate
Rio Grande County
County Commissioner District 2
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: John Noffske, Tyler Ratzlaff
Clerk and Recorder
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: Cindy Hill
Sheriff
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: Anne M. Robinson
Assessor
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: J.J. Mondragon
Treasurer
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: No candidate
Surveyor
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: No candidate
Coroner
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: Stephen Hunzeker
Saguache County
County Commissioner District 3
Democrat: Liza Marron
Republican: Jeff Phillips
Clerk and Recorder
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: Trish Gilbert
Sheriff
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: Dan Warwick
Assessor
Democrat: Peter Peterson

Republican: No candidate
Treasurer
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: Regina Swartz
Surveyor
Democrat: No candidate
Republican: No candidate
Coroner
Democrat: Tom Perrin
Republican: No candidate

PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notice

“San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) will be conducting a record and file update this summer. We will be destroying all special education records of students whose files were closed in the school year 2016-2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017). This includes student who graduated, staffed out of SPED or transferred out of one of the 14 SLV school districts in the 2016-2017 school year. This affects students from Alamosa, Centennial, Center Creede, Del Norte, Moffat, Monte Vista, Mountain Valley, North Conejos, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo, Sargent, Sierra Grande and South Conejos school districts. If any students or guardians want their complete file you can request it from the SLV BOCES office at 719 589-5851 on or before June 30th, 2022. Please include student’s Name, date of birth and your relationship to the student. Identification will be required”.
No. 4223 published in the Del Norte Prospector, Thursday, June 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2022.

NOTICE OF ELECTION RIO GRANDE COUNTY TUESDAY, June 28TH, 2022

TO THE ELECTORS OF RIO GRANDE COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held by Mail Ballot on Tuesday, the 28th of June, 2022 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. If you are a registered voter, you will receive a ballot at your mailing address beginning June 6th. Mail Ballots may be dropped off at the Rio Grande County Clerk’s Office, 965 Sixth Street, Del Norte, Colorado, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ballots may also be dropped off on Saturday June 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, June 28th. A 24-Hour Drop Box is available on the west side of the building at 965 Sixth Street, Del Norte. Ballots can also be mailed using the envelope enclosed with the ballot. Ballots must be received at the County Clerk’s Office by 7:00 P.M. on June 28th. The Postmark does not count as being received.

Your ballot will contain only the Races or Issues on which you are eligible to vote.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal

of the office of the County Clerk and Recorder this 24th day of May 2022.



Cindy Hill

Cindy Hill

Rio Grande County Clerk and Recorder

The One True Gospel for Eternal Life

Jesus came to give us a new way to live. In John 10:10 (AMP), He says, “I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].” When we put our faith in Christ, trusting Him to be our Savior and forgive us of our sins, we can have the abundant life He died to give us.

The apostle Paul was passionate about teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ as much as he possibly could. When he first went to Galatia, the people there were idol worshippers, but by God’s grace, Paul was able to bring many of them to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ through preaching. Later on, he wrote the book of Galatians to defend the Gospel because it had come under attack by people seeking to draw the early Christian believers back into legalism, which is based on following rules and regulations about how everything involving our relationship with God must be done.

In Galatians 1:6-8 (NIV), Paul says, “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God’s curse!”

Paul uses strong words to convey to the Galatians the danger of accepting or even entertaining the idea that any gospel other than the one he has preached to them has any validity at all. He knows the danger of deception and does not want the Galatians to lose their newfound freedom. In the same way, we must be firm in what we believe, and although we should not be narrow-minded and unwilling to learn new things, we also shouldn’t be so open-minded that we are ready to believe

anything we hear or read.

In verse 8, Paul says, “If we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God’s curse!” Now, he isn’t actually cursing people, but by divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit he is pronouncing that divine judgment must fall on anyone who leads others into error. The pure unadulterated message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only true gospel, and anything that teaches that we need Jesus plus something else will lead us in the wrong direction. Of course, we should obey God and pray, but those spiritual activities do not save us. We are saved by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ (see Ephesians 2:8–9).

The Jews who held the belief that it was good to have Jesus as long as certain Jewish laws were also followed were called Judaizers, and Paul considered them dangerous to anyone who was not firmly and deeply rooted in the truth regarding the Gospel. Paul’s missionary trip to Galatia had been one of his most successful—sinners were saved, miracles were performed, and churches were planted. And now, he could hardly believe that after what the Galatians had witnessed and experienced, they could so quickly begin falling away.

I have heard it said that the church’s greatest troublemakers (both now and then) are not those outside the church who criticize, oppose, ridicule, and persecute it, but those inside who try to change or pervert the gospel—people who take sound theology and twist or distort it. They don’t totally deny it, but they add to it or take away just enough to turn it into a false doctrine without the people even realizing what is going on.

Too many people who start off right concerning their belief about salvation through Jesus end up deceived. When they first come into a personal relationship with Him, they trust that He has forgiven them of their sin because of



His love for them...His grace and mercy toward them. They go along happily for a while and begin to grow in knowledge concerning Christ and the new way of living He offers. The devil hates this, so he puts someone in their midst who presents another message that includes their current beliefs, but adds something to it that, if believed, will cause them to be deceived.

I want to encourage you to study God’s Word diligently and pray that you won’t be deceived by any message that does not line up with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Make a determined decision to steadfastly put your trust in what Jesus has done for you and not in good works you can do in your own strength that can never make you right with God. That’s the only way you can have the life of righteousness, peace, and joy that Jesus died to give you!

For more on this topic, order Joyce’s teaching resource *A Bible Study of Galatians Action Plan*. 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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South Fork Yard Sale a success, next up is the SFFF Craft Fair

By LYNDIE FERRELL

SOUTHFORK — The annual South Fork Yard Sale was a success this past weekend with more than 15 families participating. Residents pulled out their unwanted treasures and welcomed guests from all over the San Luis Valley looking to do some thrifty shopping.

The Town of South Fork provided dumpsters at the South Fork Visitor Center for the annual town cleanup day and the Silverthreaders Club hosted another Highway Clean-up Power Hour on Friday, June 10.

Volunteers helped pick up trash and debris along Highways 160 and 149 to make the town ready for the summer guests.

The South Fork Friends Foundation helped put on the event for the area and is looking to the next event on July 20. The first-ever South Fork Arts and Crafts Festival will feature local artists with original works of art and craft vendors from the southwest region of Colorado. The event has already booked

20 vendors and has room for more.

According to Luke Brennan, president of the South Fork Friends Foundation, their summer project is to lay a cement pad in Rickle Park for a multi-use area.

“The plan is to pour a 108-foot by 115-foot multi-use concrete pad,” Brennan said. “This will replace the mud pit that currently exists there and negate the need to put up and take down the plastic liner and walls previously used for the skate rink. The new pad will be just over the size of two regulation-size basketball courts. We will install basketball hoops for use in the summer and will fill it with water to make the skating/hockey rink in the winter. It will also be used for skateboarding, rollerblading, bicycling, and more.”

The cost of the project is \$98,560. South Fork Friends Foundation has applied for and received two grants to help fund the project.

“We received \$20,000 from the Robert Hoag Rawlings Foundation in

Pueblo and \$30,000 from Rio Grande County,” Brennan said. “The contractor for the project, True Grit Excavation, of South Fork, has donated \$8,000 of their cost to the project. This leaves us with a \$30,560 shortfall, for which we are beginning a targeted fundraising drive, called the ‘Legacy Fund.’”

They are calling it “Legacy Fund” because they believe this multi-use platform will last up to 100 years.

“We plan on recognizing contributors by putting their names on a memorial plaque and or inscribing their names on a brick walkway leading to the structure,” Brennan said. “We have two donations for \$1,000 each already so our goal now is \$28,560 and we expect the new courts to be completed late summer, early fall 2022.”

Donations can be made to South Fork Friends Foundation, PO Box 654, South Fork, CO. 81154. There will also be a donation “thermometer” at the Visitor Center that will track the project’s progress throughout the summer.

SLV Amateur Radio Operators participating in Field Day on June 25

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

MONTEVISTA — For the third year in a row, ham radio operators from the San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association (SARA) based in Monte Vista will be participating in a national amateur radio exercise from noon until

8 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, and operating under the club call sign K0SLV.

The event is ARRL Field Day — www.arrl.org/FieldDay. It is an annual amateur radio activity organized since 1933 by ARRL, the national association for amateur radio in the United States.

Hams from across North America ordinarily participate in Field Day by establishing temporary ham radio stations in public locations to demonstrate their skill and service. Their use of radio signals, which reach beyond borders,

brings people together while providing essential communication in the service of communities.

Field Day highlights ham radio’s ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent, wireless communications network.

Some hams from the San Luis Valley will also use the radio stations set up in their homes or taken to their backyards and other locations to operate individually or with their families. Many hams have portable radio communication capability that includes alternative energy sources such as generators, solar panels, and batteries to power their equipment.

This year’s event is also noteworthy given that a particularly active wildfire

season is predicted.

“Hams have a long history of serving our communities when storms, fires, or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, including cell towers,” said Adam Lock, WA2JAL, president of SARA. “Ham radio functions completely independently of the internet and phone systems and a station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Many of us have portable communications set-ups that can be deployed quickly, to communicate effectively with others.”

During Field Day 2021, more than 18,000 hams participated from thousands of locations across North America.

For more information about ARRL Field Day and ham radio, contact the San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association, or visit www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio.

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Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday
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Thursday, July 21st
5:30 p.m.

Stampede Dances

July 21, 22 & 23 • 9 p.m.
\$10 at the door

Christian Cowboys' Service

Sunday, July 24th • 10 a.m. • Ski-Hi Park

Parade

July 22 & 23

10 a.m.

Monte Vista Band Booster Hamburger Fry

July 24

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Sunflower
Bank parking garage

Concert Tickets:

	General Admission	Reserved	Premium Reserved
Pre-Sale At Door	\$45 \$50	\$55	\$60

Dances

Friday & Saturday - 9 p.m.
\$10 at the Door

Rodeo Tickets Available At:

www.skihistampede.com

Stampede Ticket Office, 852-2055

Rodeo Ticket Information

719-852-2055

	Presale	Door
Friday & Saturday, July 22nd & 23rd		
Family Day (July 22 ONLY)	\$8	\$8
Box Seats	\$23	\$25
Reserve Seating - Adult	\$22	\$24
Reserve Seating - Child	\$15	\$18
General Admission - Adult	\$20	\$22
General Admission - Child	\$15	\$15
Chute Seats Reserved	\$23	\$20
Country Western Dance	\$10	\$10
Sunday, July 24th		
Senior Citizen Day (General Admission - 65 & over)	\$12	\$12

PINK SATURDAY

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NEW EVENT!

Pre-Stampede
Bull Fighters
Saturday, July 9

BULL FIGHTERS ONLY

Youth Night

at Ski-Hi Stampede Dance

Saturday, July 23

First 100 Youth (under 21 years old) with paid admission will receive a FREE Commemorative Stampede T-Shirt!



Family Day at

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Friday, July 22
7 p.m.

Local SLV Amateur Events
& Professional Slack
at 1 p.m.



Wright's Amusements Carnival

Canned Food Drive

Bring 2 cans of food items to the Carnival & you can buy an all-day carnival pass for \$25

Wednesday, July 20



Supplement to The Monte Vista Journal, Center Post-Dispatch, The Conejos County Citizen, The Mineral County Miner, The South Fork Times, and The Del Norte Prospector.

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A new generation of land stewards

Last year, on this very same day, I wrote the article Teaching Forestry at the Youth Conservation Camp for the Land, Water and People column. You may recall that I was nervous about presenting to my group of final year elementary school kids that surely know more than me.

Along with my partners, Katie Goodleaf from Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado and Hannah Fake from San Juan Mountains Association, we presented forestry and wildland fire concepts to a great group of students at the Youth Conservation Camp at Beaver Creek, hosted by the Rio Grande Watershed Conservation and Education Initiative. The end-result this year was exactly like last year's, I just want to do it more! The energy oozing from those students was intoxicating! With creative camp names like Cardinal Callie and Beaver Braydon, you know we were in for a treat. I invite you to take a quick review of the course.

A short hike here and we met some local trees, blindfolded. Students were encouraged to use all their senses while in the forest to identify their new tree friend that they had recently met without seeing. We also introduced the concept of using a dichotomous key to identify the various species of trees found in that forest. I think they all enjoyed shaking hands with a flat, friendly fir. We discussed the concept of conservation and how we can actually use many of the forest products while retaining a healthy and productive forest. The students quickly realized that many of our everyday possessions are made from wood.

Learning about the trees was great, but many of the students were most pleased with the visit we had from a wildland fire engine crew who presented many tools of the trade and how and why fires are fought. We discussed forest health and the need for fire on the landscape, which the students seemed to intuitively understand. Further, it was easy for them all to grasp the concept of natural succession, the process of regrowth in a forest that has been changed due to a

Land, Water and People

BY GREGG GOODLAND

wildfire disturbance. Finally, the firefighters had the students conduct a communication exercise where small teams had to lead one blindfolded member down a narrow lane with obstacles in it. This stressed the importance of effective communication when in a sometimes-dangerous fire situation.

In the afternoon, we hiked away from the main camp to a wonderful location with a side channel on Beaver Creek to learn about macroinvertebrates. All the students were surprised to find May flies, caddisflies and several other tiny critters found in their nymph and larval stages as well as snails and the ever-present water striders. The kids were excited about the prospect of playing in the water, but after a few seconds in the ankle deep freezing cold stream, the thrill of that prospect rapidly diminished! Their thirst for knowledge clearly did not.

Last year, I jokingly threatened a 20-mile hike but this year I didn't as the students would have welcomed it. We did go for a great hike up to the ridgeline where we could see for miles. A review of almost all of the concepts we learned in the last couple of days was natural and we could tell the students had grasped so much of the information we had shared. This gives me, and I am sure my fellow instructors, great cause to be pleased. Many of us have dedicated our lives to promoting good land stewardship and, if this small but eager group is an indicator of the next generation of land stewards, I'll go out on a limb and say that I think the land will have some positive advocates and we'll be alright.

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

SFFR wildland returns from fires



used to describe extinguishing residual fire to make sure it doesn't continue to spread outside of an established containment area. On Monday, June 6, SFFR wildland division was returning to the Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Fire in New Mexico with a four-person crew on a type 6 wildland engine for 14 days.



Courtesy photos
On Friday, June 3, South Fork Fire Rescue wildland engine was demobilized from the Menkhaven Fire. While assigned to the fire the crew worked primarily on mop-up activities. Mop up is a term

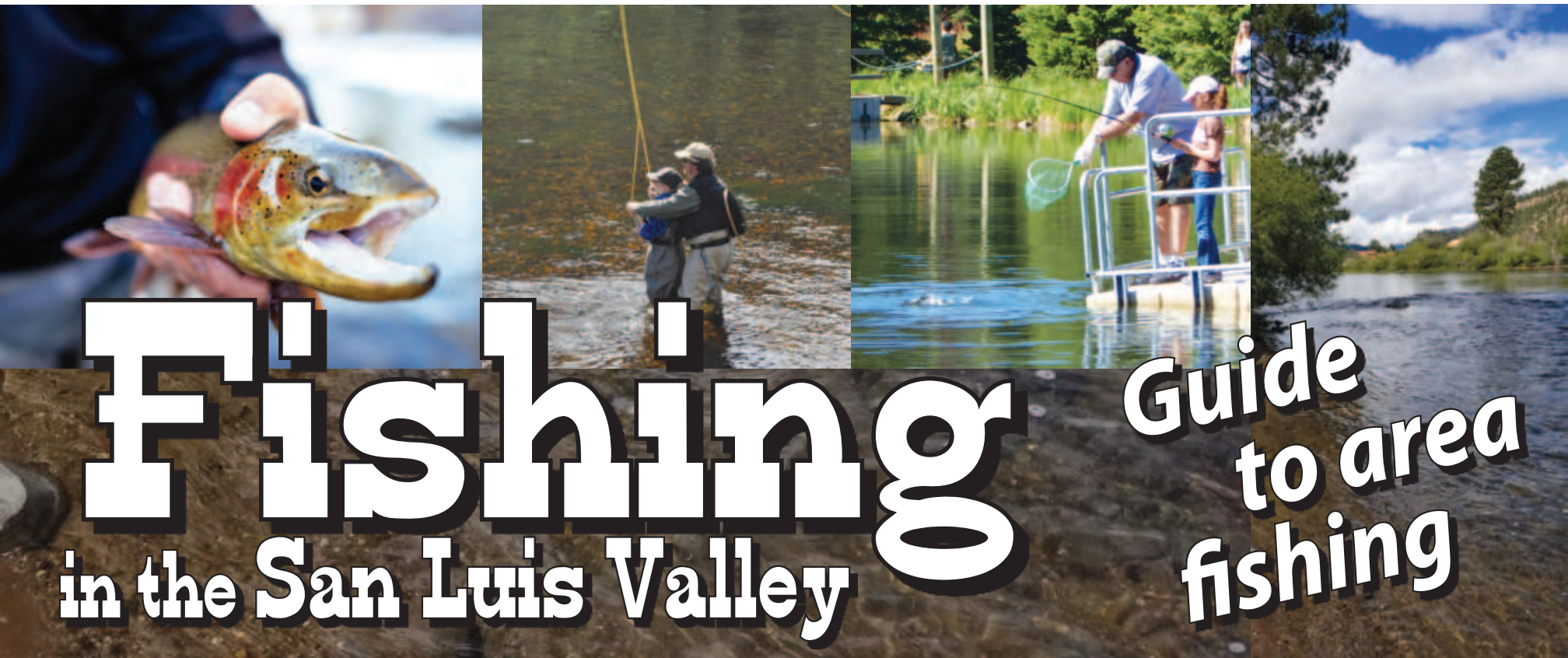
Barlow and Sanderson Stage drives SLV history

BY LYNDIE FERRELL
SAN LUIS VALLEY — Over the last year, local resident and daughter to San Luis Valley historian Ruth Marie Colville, Susan Colville and her friend Patty Kelly have been working to raise funding to restore the old Barlow and Sanderson Stage office building that is in Del Norte and is 148 years old. The building was the original stage office for the popular stage route which came to this area in 1874.

According to the 1874 San Juan Prospector on May 16, "A new line of coaches has been established to Del Norte Passengers bound to that place or Fort Garland will take the coaches of the Southern Overland Company at this place and connect at the Huerfano crossing with the Seabring & Lane's Line to Del Norte. Passengers will leave Pueblo on Thursday, Thursday or Saturday." Please see STAGE on Page 11



Photoc by Lyndie Ferrell
The Barlow and Sanderson Stage brought travelers to the San Luis Valley beginning in 1874 until the Denver and Rio Grande railroad finally reached the entire Valley by 1891. Del Norte is home to the original stagecoach office building that is in disrepair and a team of local residents are looking to restore the building for future generations to come.



Fishing

in the San Luis Valley

Guide to area fishing

Cutthroat trout: Holding on to a legacy



Photo courtesy © Kevin Rogers

Cutthroat trout making it the most diverse and wide-ranging trout species in North America.

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The rugged topography of the Rocky Mountain West has led to stream isolation and, in turn, the evolution of 14 recognized subspecies of cutthroat trout,

making it the most diverse and wide-ranging trout species in North America.

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All three cutthroat trout subspecies are either

currently listed or have been petitioned to be listed under the Endangered Species Act as a result.

In an effort to preserve the legacy of these prized game fish, multiagency conservation teams have been established for each subspecies. Aquatic biologists on these teams use a variety of conservation measures to reclaim historic habitats and establish new populations.

PROTECTED CUTTHROAT WATERS

Various cutthroat waters, specifically those considered Cutthroat Conservation and Recreation Waters, are protected throughout the state.

In these waters, fishing is allowed by artificial flies and lures only, and all cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

These restrictions protect the growing number of cutthroat trout streams and lakes that are being included in conservation and recovery efforts. CPW recommends anglers disinfect waders and other fishing gear between uses (see page 6) to limit the spread of aquatic nuisance species and their potential to negatively impact cutthroat trout.

Stream surveys help biologists manage fishing

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is the state agency responsible for fisheries management of public waters in Colorado.

The primary tool that guides fish management is the lake and stream survey. These surveys periodically monitor fish populations.

During the process, fish are collected using a variety of gear and the necessary biological data is recorded. This gauges the entire fish community rather than a single species.

The collected data is used to track fish population trends, evaluate the effectiveness of management actions such as stocking and regulations, and establish realistic management

goals for a given lake or stream. The fisheries section of CPW conducts hundreds of lake and stream surveys each year.

High-priority and brood waters such as Chatfield, Pueblo and Horsetooth reservoirs and the Gunnison River are surveyed annually. Smaller, more remote, or lightly used lakes or streams may only be surveyed once every 5–10 years.

Most of the survey fieldwork takes place from early June through late September; however, many areas also conduct more specialized sampling beginning right after ice-out and again in the fall prior to freeze-up.

Master Angler Program

The Master Angler Program was designed to recognize anglers for success in their sport, as well as to promote the conservation of fishery resources and quality fishing by encouraging the careful release of trophy-sized popular sport species.

Master Angler awards are based on fish length rather than weight; this allows anglers to measure fish and return them to the water alive if they choose to do so.

There are 46 categories of species recognized

in this program, and there can be more than one Master Angler award given in each category every year. See award lengths table below. Anglers who catch a qualifying-length fish will get a Master Angler certificate and patch: only one patch per angler per year. For more information on the program, including application rules, and to see the Heritage Master Angler Lengths table online, go to: cpw.state.co.us/fish/masterangler



Gold Medal Fishing on the Rio Grande

From U.S. 149 bridge at South Fork downstream to Rio Grande canal diversion structure.

Conditions on the Rio Grande

“The constant question: “How is the Rio looking?” Well, not ideal if we are honest. Flows are coming down about a month earlier

than they should (the story everywhere). Fishing with streamers and nymph rigs has been good lately. A few bugs coming off but fish are not keyed in on top just yet.

— All information compiled by Colorado State Parks

LICENSE INFORMATION

SEASON DATES: Colorado waters are open to taking fish, amphibians and crustaceans day and night, year round, except if otherwise stated in the regulation section of this brochure. *See pages 11–39.*

FREE FISHING DAYS: Residents and nonresidents can fish without a license or Habitat Stamp from June 4–5, 2022. All other rules and regulations apply.

LICENSE FEES, HABITAT STAMPS & ANS STAMP

HABITAT STAMPS

FEE

- Annual Habitat Stamp (*nonrefundable*) **\$10.59**
Only one is required per person, ages 18–64, per year buying or applying for a license.
- Lifetime Habitat Stamp..... **\$318.08**

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES (ANS) STAMP

AMOUNT

required for motorboats and sailboats

- **RESIDENTS:** Annual **\$25.00**
- **NONRESIDENTS:** Annual **\$50.00**

LICENSES

FEE

▪ RESIDENTS

- Adult annual (18–64)..... **\$36.71**
- Senior annual (65+)..... **\$10.23**
- Youth ages 16–17 (*second-rod stamp charge still applies; see below*) **\$10.23**
- Small game & fishing combo..... **\$52.60**
- Senior small game & fishing combo (65+)..... **\$31.03**

▪ NONRESIDENTS

- Annual..... **\$102.40**
- Five-day **\$33.53**

▪ RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS

- Second-rod stamp **\$11.28**
A second-rod stamp per year is available to anyone who has purchased a fishing license and to any youth under 16.
- One-day fishing*: residents..... **\$14.46**
- One-day fishing*: nonresidents..... **\$17.64**
- Additional-day fishing* **\$7.05**

**Customers buying a one-day or additional day license are exempt from the Habitat Stamp fee with the first two of these licenses. The Habitat Stamp fee will be assessed when a third license of this type is purchased.*

All license fees include a **25-cent** search-and-rescue fee and a **\$1.50** fee for the Wildlife Education Fund.

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Valley-Wide Classified **FREE!** ON LINE! MARKETPLACE

Sell your household items for FREE. Total value of items must be \$50 or less. See details below.



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05 Notices

GUN/KNIFE/COIN SHOW PAGOSA SPRINGS: Tables \$60, Food Trucks \$80. Archuleta County Fairgrounds. June 17-19th. Mike (970)946-2841 (6/22)

WE BUY ANTLER: Great NEW FALL Price: Tell us the code «ELK17» and you will get \$17/lb for Elk Grade A and \$13/lb for Deer Grade A. 5 miles west of Del Norte on Hwy 160. 719-657-0942 (TFN)

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07 Help Wanted

Are you the type of person that writes down your receipts in a check register and then at the end of the month compares your bank statement to it? Do your co-workers mar-

vel at the way you can multitask with a smile? How would you like to use your skills to benefit the community you live in? Come work for us! **The Alamosa County Treasurer's Office is seeking an Accounting Tech II and Public Trustee Specialist to join our team.** This position helps not only our Treasurer's Office run effortlessly but other county offices as well. **Full time, full benefits. \$15.00 - \$16.00/hour DOE.** Applications may be picked up at Alamosa County Human Resource Office located at 8900-A Independence Way or obtained online at www.alamosacounty.org. Inquiries may be directed to humanresources@alamosacounty.org (7/6)

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Rio Grande County is seeking a part-time (24 hours per week)

ESTIMATED CROP WATER USE

Estimated Crop Water Use (ET)										
Weather Data from SLV Research Center located on the 9N and Hwy 285										
Crop	Date Planted	Daily Crop Water use for Dates Shown (in./day)				Accumulated Water Use (ET) From 6/12 (inches)				
		6/12	6/11	6/10	6/9	2day	3day	4day	5day	7day
Moravian 69	04/05	0.25	0.25	0.28	0.14	0.50	0.78	0.93	1.19	1.59
Moravian 69	05/05	0.24	0.23	0.25	0.12	0.47	0.72	0.84	1.06	1.38
Early Wheat	04/05	0.25	0.25	0.28	0.14	0.50	0.78	0.93	1.19	1.59
Early Wheat	05/05	0.24	0.23	0.25	0.12	0.47	0.72	0.84	1.05	1.37
White Wheat	04/05	0.25	0.25	0.28	0.14	0.50	0.78	0.93	1.19	1.59
White Wheat	05/05	0.24	0.23	0.25	0.12	0.47	0.72	0.84	1.05	1.37
WinterWheat	10/01	0.25	0.25	0.28	0.14	0.50	0.78	0.93	1.19	1.59
Potatoes										
Norkotah	05/05	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.03	0.15	0.22	0.24	0.29	0.37
Centennial	05/05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.10	0.15	0.18	0.23	0.30
Nugget	05/05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.10	0.15	0.18	0.23	0.30
Alfalfa	Est.	0.29	0.29	0.32	0.16	0.58	0.90	1.06	1.35	1.82
Lawngrass	Est.	0.24	0.24	0.27	0.14	0.48	0.75	0.88	1.13	1.51

For the latest ET information, call 754-3494 extension x40 for Center, x36 fro Center #2, and x38 for La Jara. Use the crop maturity and planting data and weather station closest to your own. Find this upJune 8d table each day at this web address: <http://aes-slvrc.agsci.colostate.edu/daily-crop-water-use-report/>

This information is provided by the SLV Research Center (Colorado State University) and the Colorado Potato Certification Service. For info,call 754-3494 x26 or e-mail: andrew.houser@colostate.edu

VALLEY AUCTION SERVICES

PUBLIC AUCTION
June 25th, 2022
Saturday 10:00 am

Location: 4202 Curley Rd, Alamosa, CO 81101 (1 mile South of Hwy 160 on City Rd 104)

Auctioneer's Note: This is a nice offering of furniture and household goods that have been well taken care of. We will be running 2 rings for part of the day so bring someone with you so you don't miss anything.

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Substitutes needed at Upper Rio Grande School District in Del Norte! We need subs for Teachers (must have sub license), Classified Employees (must have sub license), cafeteria worker, and bus drivers. Call or email: Aaron Horrocks at ahorrocks@urtigers.co for more information, go on-line: urtigers.co, or stop by the district office at: 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO to pick up an application. (6/29)

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Assistant Cook in our Cafeteria needed at Upper Rio Grande School District. Must have a high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or email her at lmartinez@urtigers.co. (6/29)

Upper Rio Grande School District is seeking a positive, energetic and experienced candidate to fill the position of **Secretary to the Superintendent/School Board**. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and previous secretarial experience. Duties also include some HR work, CDE reporting, substitute teacher organization and calling, etc. Computer proficiency required. Please submit your resume and cover letter to: Aaron Horrocks, Superintendent at ahorrocks@urtigers.co or contact Aaron at 719-657-4040.

Jr/Sr High School Athletic Director needed at Upper Rio Grande School District. Responsibilities will include to direct and manage the athletic program, budget, and facilities for grades 7-12 in the Upper Rio Grande School District; recruit and manage coaches in conjunction with the principal for all sports and extracurricular athletic activities; provide students with the opportunity to participate in athletic activities; and ensure compliance with all federal, state, CHSAA, and local requirements. Additionally, the AD will lead the athletic staff in a positive and professional manner which builds character in both staff and students; lead and represent the Upper Rio Grande School District

and athletic department in a manner that builds pride and success for the Del Norte Tigers, and communicate with and engage all stakeholders to maintain connection from our athletics to our parents and community partners. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to Aaron Horrocks, Superintendent at ahorrocks@urtigers.co, or call 719-657-4040. (6/29)

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2022 OPEN POSITIONS FOR ONE-CENT OVERSITE COMMITTEE-City of Monte Vista seeks two citizens with a desire to volunteer and serve the **Monte Vista One Cent Oversight Committee**. The One Cent Oversight Committee consists of persons residing in the City of Monte Vista who have been appointed by the Monte Vista City Council. One Cent Oversight Committee members serve in an advisory capacity to the City of Monte Vista Council in matters relating to the appropriation of funds on the 1-cent tax passed in 2019. Interested applicants please send letter of interest to uvance@ci.monte-vista.co.us or 95 West 1st Street Monte Vista, CO. 81144 no later than June 30, 2022. Please make sure that your letter of interest contains your email address, as this will be a main source of communication. City Council will appoint members at the July 7, 2022 City Council Meeting. (6/29)

The Upper Rio Grande School District is seeking applications for a Jr/Sr High School Principal. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Principal license and previous experience as a Principal or Asst. Principal is preferred. Applications may be obtained online at www.urtigers.co. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Aaron Horrocks, Superintendent, ahorrocks@urtigers.co, or call at 719-657-4040. (6/8)

Bowen Community Church of Monte Vista, CO, is seeking a

¼ time Pastor. This Independent Christian Church seeks a Pastor to provide scripturally-based sermons, and other pastoral duties as time allows. For complete job description/application email: foragel@gojade.org. or call 719-580-2562 (6/8)

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rado Sunshine Law, attendance at monthly meetings, preparation of agenda, meeting minutes, budgets and other administrative duties as required. The successful candidate must be able to work independently, using sound judgement in making decisions and maintaining confidentiality. High School diploma or equivalent and experience in governmental or special district accounting and bookkeeping is required. The ability to use QuickBooks, Excel, MSWord, the internet as well as the willingness to learn programs provided by the State for reporting and requesting funds is required. The applicant must provide an office area and necessary office equipment including computer with access to internet and e-mail. Compensation will be determined by experience and qualifications. To apply send a letter of interest and resume including 3 references to PO Box 556, Saguache, CO. 81149. Drug testing and Background checks will be completed on final applicants.

Driveline is Hiring in our area. For more Information visit www.drivelinetail/careers.com (6/25)

The Saguache County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for Full-Time and/or Part-Time Dispatcher's. Applicants must be 21 years old and have a high school education or GED. Applicants must be proficient in computers, be able to multi-task, a problem solver. Applications must pass a criminal background check as well as a drug test. Medical, dental, vision benefits and 401-k options are available for Full-Time employees. Starting pay is \$15.05. Applications may be picked up at the Saguache County Sheriff's Office located at 530 5th St., Saguache, CO or by calling 719-655-2544. The Saguache County Sheriff's Office is an equal opportunity employer. Positions are open until filled.

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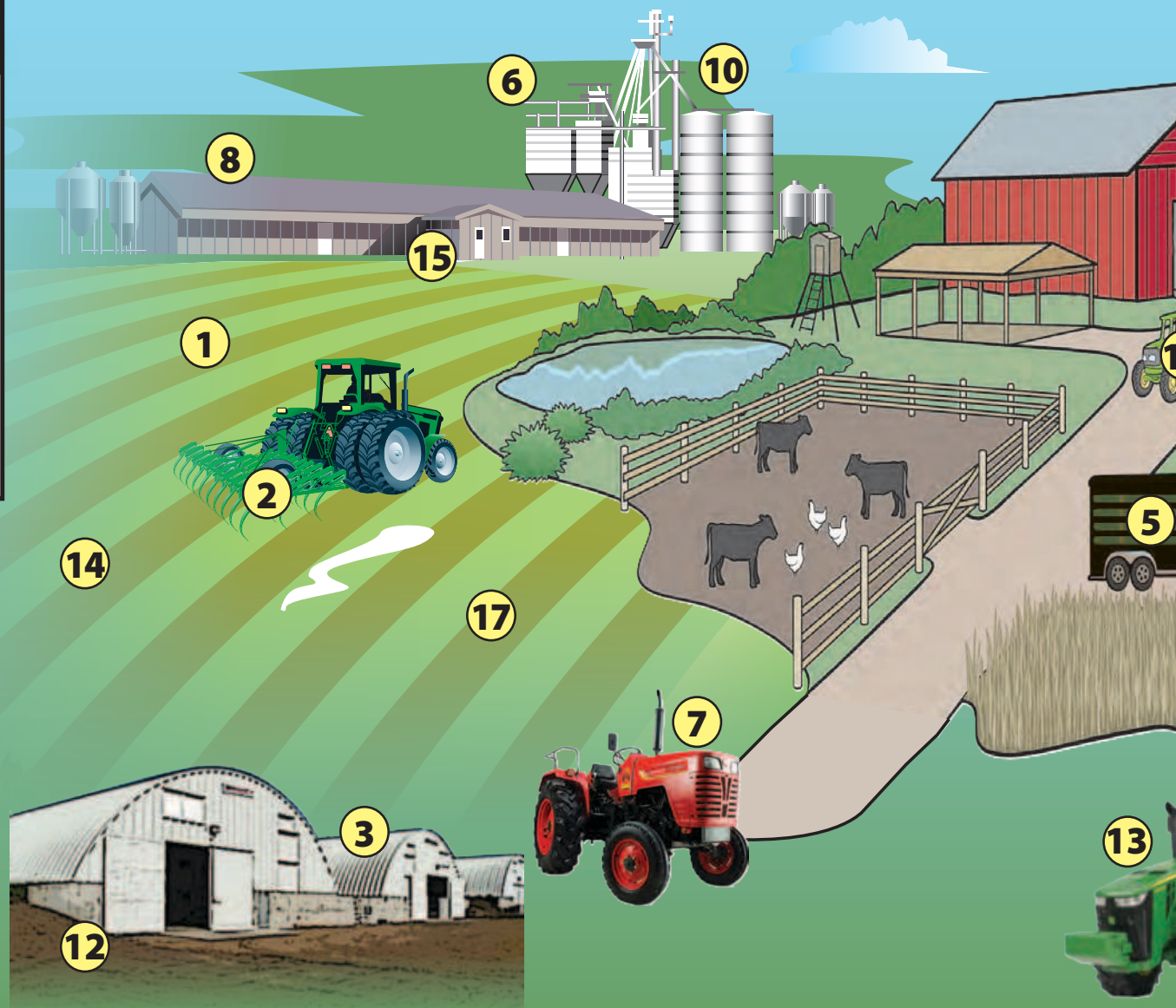


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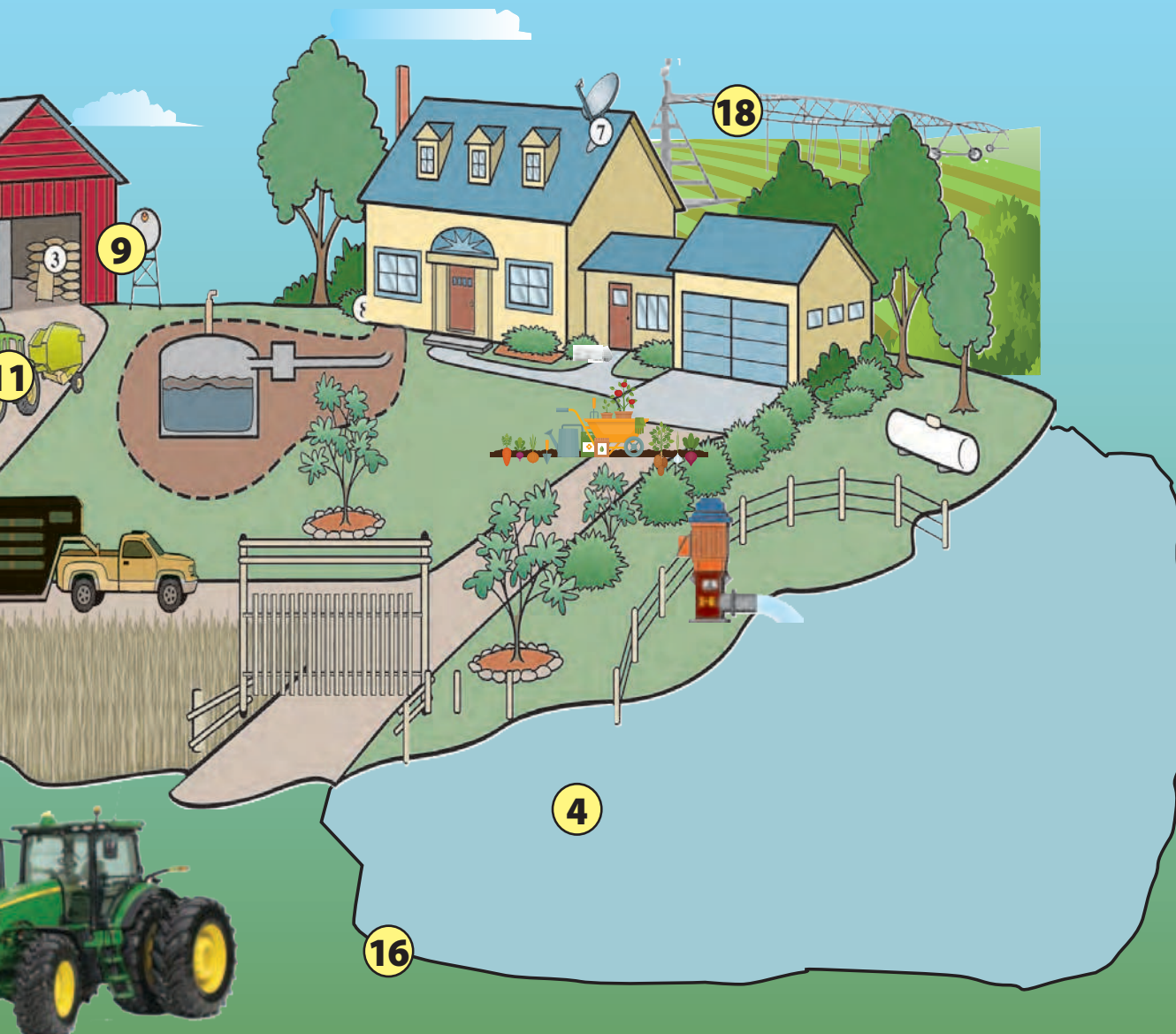
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Griffith to serve as acting Divide Ranger

STAFF REPORT

DEL NORTE — The Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) announced Thursday, June 2, that Chris Griffith will begin serving immediately as the acting District Ranger on the Divide Ranger District based out of Del Norte.

Griffith comes to the RGNF from the Carson National Forest in New Mexico where he has been serving as the Deputy District Ranger on the Canjilon Ranger District since July 2020. Griffith has had a lively Forest Service career having served in several different positions on numerous national forests across the country.

“We are pleased to have Chris join us on the Divide Ranger District,” said Rio Grande National Forest Supervisor, Dan Dallas, who appointed Griffith. “Chris’ vast experience in forestry, fuels management and silviculture will serve us well.” Griffith added “I am excited to work with the staff and community in such an amazing place.”

Griffith will serve in a four-month appointment behind District Ranger, Martha Williamson, who is taking a leave of absence from her position as

she finds time to engage with other activities in the area.

In his free time, Chris and his wife

enjoy traveling with their yellow lab “Timber” and exploring new rivers to float and fish to chase.

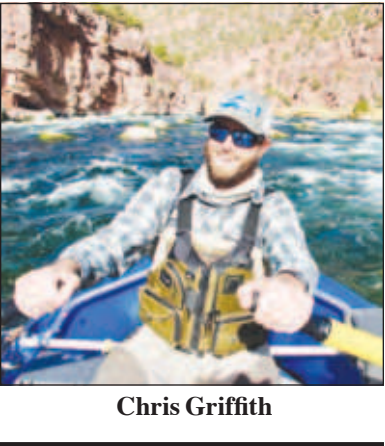
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Chris Griffith

SLVH adds Dr. Roylance to Primary Care team

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

ALAMOSA — Jonathan R. Roylance, MD, FACP, from Longmont, has joined San Luis Valley Health’s Primary Care Team at Stuart Avenue Clinic in Alamosa.

Dr. Roylance received his undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University and his doctorate from the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, Mexico. He graduated first in class from New York Medical College in the Fifth Pathway Program and completed his Internal Medicine internship and residency at Yale University at Bridgeport Hospital.

Dr. Roylance is fluent in Spanish, has a wide variety of experience in the hospital setting, in clinics, teaching, and as a leader. Practicing since 2002, he embraces the opportunity to care for complex patients in the setting of the San Luis Valley, and he has extraordinary empathy for patients since he himself has worked through his own medical challenges.

In his free time, Dr. Roylance loves the outdoors, especially skiing and hiking. He and his wife have seven children, with only a few still in their home. The Primary Care team welcomes Dr. Roylance to Stuart Avenue Clinic, which can be reached by calling 719-589-8082.





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The market has an EBT and Double-Up Food Bucks for purchasing fresh produce.

Bring the whole family along to celebrate community, enjoy the summer vibes, and boogie down to some live tunes! Mercado is an inclusive event that welcomes folks from all backgrounds, celebrating the diversity of all cultures, ethnicities, genders, and races.

Mercado Del Norte is also accepting more vendor applications! Vendors can apply online at SolMountainFarm.com/Mercado. Check us out on Facebook and our website, and see you at the Mercado!

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Ribbon cutting held at Purple Moon Rising Studio

Kayla Smith to host performing arts classes

By MARIE MCCOLM
MONTE VISTA — A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at Purple Moon Rising Studio in downtown Monte Vista. Children laughed and danced all over the studio. Owner Ramone Isaacs was excited about the studio opening. “This will be a great chance to network many businesses together here as one,” Isaacs said. “I am excited about the kids getting in here and having fun and having something great to do in the summer. This studio is for the people and children and will help get the people together in our community.” The Purple Moon Rising Studio will be hosting performing arts classes with Kayla Smith. Smith, who is originally from Indiana, attended a performing arts school for 15 years, before moving to Colorado in 2010. Smith said that she was excited to use the studio to open a business called Mrs. Kais Performing Arts Academy. “We are going to be offering all types of performing arts,” Smith said. “We are offering classes for children ages 3 and up all the way to adults. For our summer sessions, we will be offering classes in, dance, singing, and acting for children. For the summer, I am excited to announce that kiddos who join our classes

will also be in a performance in the Ski Hi Stampede Parade. We are also planning on hopefully having a musical at the end of each of our programs and we want to squeeze in a Christmas program as well.” Smith said she was excited about working with children and residents from the San Luis Valley, and she believes she will be unique to the Valley as there are not a lot of other programs like hers here. Smith said that registration for the kids will be \$175 for the program, which will include either dance, singing, or acting, and the fee includes the t-shirts that the children will be wearing in the parade. The classes are four days a week, with a possible need for two nights a week as well. There will be a specific theme to the parade. “We are going to be honoring breast cancer survivors,” Smith said. “We would be honored if survivors would be willing to ride in our float for the parade. My mom is a breast cancer survivor as well. So, our class has also got a theme for a cause. Also, if anyone would like to buy a t-shirt, they are \$30, and half of the proceeds will go to breast cancer survivors.” Smith said parents and anyone registering along with residents have the option to buy a t-shirt and support this cause as well. Members of the OptiMystics Citizens Action Network Adam Lock and Ken Hamko attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony. “This is just going to bring more of our community together, and this will be a ton of fun for the kids out here. It is really nice to see something positive like this opening up in our

town,” Lock said. For more information on Purple Moon Rising Studio or to register for performing arts classes, visit Ramone Isaacs or Mrs. Kais Academy of Performing Arts Facebook page.

The Purple Moon Rising Studio in downtown Monte Vista will be hosting performing arts classes with Kayla Smith.

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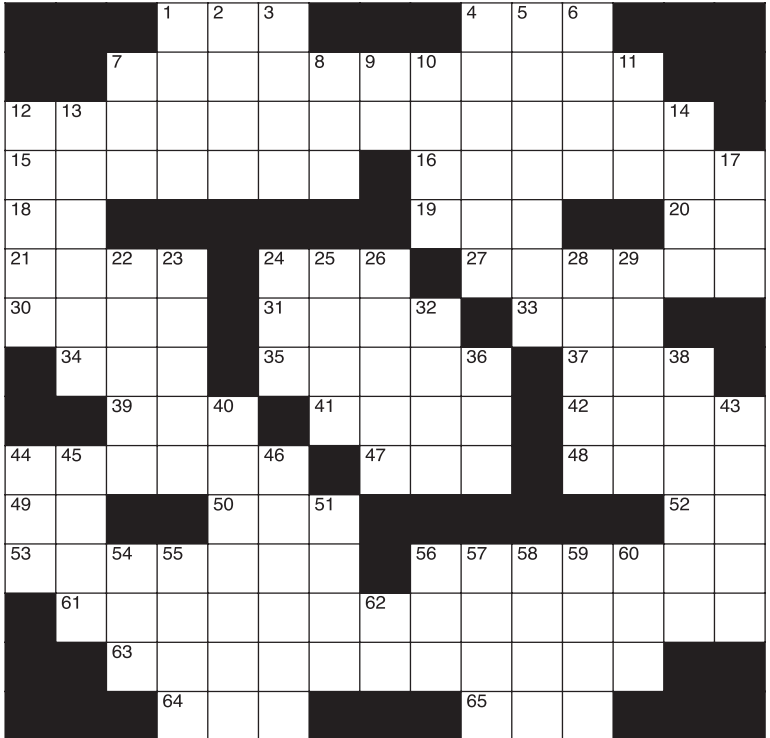
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Brew
 - 4. NY ballplayer
 - 7. Rigid external covering in some animals
 - 12. Promotional materials
 - 15. More high-pitched
 - 16. Widely cultivated cereal
 - 18. Dormitory employee
 - 19. Bad act
 - 20. One’s mother
 - 21. Scored perfectly
 - 24. Space station
 - 27. Exchange for money
 - 30. Edible seaweed
 - 31. Iranian city
 - 33. Lakers’ crosstown rivals
 - 34. Nothing
 - 35. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 - 37. __ student, learns healing
 - 39. Military official (abbr.)
 - 41. Matchstick games
 - 42. Gasteyer and De Armas are two
 - 44. Distant planet
 - 47. A type of residue
 - 48. Punk art icon Jimmy De__
 - 49. Millihenry
 - 50. Canadian media firm
 - 52. Type of withdrawal
 - 53. Spicy
 - 56. Dish of minced meat or fish
 - 61. Noted previously
 - 63. Happily




- 25. Asian nation
- 26. Rage (Span.)
- 28. Khoikhoi peoples
- 29. Opera solo
- 32. Database management system
- 36. Similar
- 38. Move up and down playfully
- 40. Alfalfa
- 43. Satisfied
- 44. Baseball official
- 45. Large, flightless bird of S. America
- 46. Money given in support
- 51. Flower cluster
- 54. Beginning military rank
- 55. Russian weight measurement
- 56. Explosive
- 57. An individual unit
- 58. Midskirt
- 59. Weapon featuring balls
- 60. Used of a number or amount not specified
- 62. Unit of measurement



- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. In a way, brought to an end
 - 2. Scandalized actress Loughlin
 - 3. This (Spanish)
 - 4. Essay
 - 5. Continuing indefinitely
 - 6. Tool for lifting food
 - 7. Partner to Adam
 - 8. Dry white wine drink
 - 9. Spanish be
 - 10. Smaller quantity
 - 11. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
 - 12. (Scottish) island
 - 13. Church officer
 - 14. Large wrestler
 - 17. Polite address for women
 - 22. Famed Susan Lucci character “__ Kane”
 - 23. Mason __ Line
 - 24. Disfigure

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The local Order of Eastern Star donated \$500 to the Rio Grande Victims Advocate program last week. The donation will be used to serve victims with services such as hotel rooms, safe housing, emergency food and much more.

Order of Eastern Star donates to RGC Victims Advocate program

BY LYNDIE FERRELL
RIO GRANDE COUNTY — The Rio Grande County Victims Advocate program received a donation on June 2 from the local Order of Eastern Star to help with costs associated with helping local victims. The organization was pleased to present Rio Grande County Victim Advocate Courtney Arthur with a check for \$500.

The Rio Grande County Victims Advocate program assist victims throughout the county who are affected by crimes such as domestic violence, sex assault, assault, burglary, theft and many more. The program ensures that victims are made aware of the rights afforded to them under the Victims Rights Act. Such rights as to be informed and present at all critical stages of the criminal justice process, right to be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity, right to have input into the decision regarding plea bargains, and the right to be notified of any change of status. These are just a few of the rights afforded to victims of crime.

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Arthur also recently submitted a grant that will help fund the program here and is awaiting results.

“This year, I took the opportunity and applied for the Victims of Crime Act grant, which is what we usually had through Alamosa, but we applied for it ourselves this year. If we are awarded, over the next two years we are hoping to serve 383 victims. Anything from child abuse, domestic violence, burglary and death notifications

which means providing services, accompaniments, information about the criminal justice process, applying for victim compensation and pretty much anything we can offer to make the victim’s process easier,” explained Arthur.

Arthur requested \$163,000, but the actual amount will depend on the grant makers deciding what would be appropriate for the grant if it is approved.

“We are not sure what portion of that will be awarded and that would cover not only my position, but training, travel, emergency shelter, resources for victims and other things related to victim advocacy. The grant could potentially cover pretty much anything I needed to aid victims,” Arthur said.

The grant was in-depth, and Arthur broke down what had to be included in the application, stating that it went so far as to having to list the supplies they would want.

“Things like printing supplies, relocation assistance, general training, emergency essentials and tuition support and continuing education,” she said.

The grant was submitted on Feb. 22 and will be reviewed by the board mid-summer with the hope that an answer will be sent by fall and grant funding beginning at the start of 2023. If approved for the grant, Arthur hopes to expand the victim advocacy program by offering additional services. Those services could include relocation of victims, food and emergency supplies, overnight accommodation and transportation and additional educational opportunities for her and her staff.

“I made sure to include the things that this program currently lacks like emergency shelter, emergency essentials, general training and mileage. As of right now, if we needed to transport a victim or put them up in a hotel, we have no funding,” explained Arthur.

According to Arthur, the donation from the Order of Eastern Star will go to assisting victims with safe housing, hotel rooms, transportation, emergency food, and many other services.

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STAGE

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Before the Barlow and Sanderson Stage, the Del Norte and San Luis Valley area was serviced by Miller, James and Company stage line who, after trying to create a line connecting the San Luis Valley with the Silverton, decided it was time to sell and let a larger company take over. That was when Barlow and Sanderson, the last of the Overland Stage Company.

“The end of the railroad was the beginning of the stage line.” Was the motto of the times and with these stagecoaches came even more men, drivers, agent, horse handlers and the pioneers of the entire western United States. The earliest road in the San Luis Valley was comprised of the old Spanish Trail and was established around 1859 when 14 families established Loma de San Jose that was on the north side of the Rio Grande adjacent from where Del Norte sits today.

In an interview housed at the Rio Grande County Museum, Jessie Scarff Bennington gives her firsthand account of her memories growing up as the Barlow and Sanderson Stagecoach officer agent's daughter. Jacob Everhart

Scarff moved to New Mexico from Baltimore, Maryland, before coming to Del Norte to serve as stagecoach agent. He had lost five of his brothers and sisters to tuberculosis and not wanting to suffer the same fate, did like many others did back in the day and moved to a different climate.

After finding out that New Mexico didn't sit well with him, he traveled his way to Del Norte by the coach he would later work for. In 1883, Scarff and his wife gave birth to Jessie who was then raised in the stage house and stables. She recollects the beauty of the coaches themselves saying, "The coaches were the most beautiful, great, big Concord coaches. Barlow and Sanderson didn't just drive those little buckboard coaches that didn't look any more like a stage than a lumber cart looks like a buggy. No, those big Concord coaches were beautiful wagons, just beautiful. They were black, very black and they were very shiny with gold mountings on them."

Her voice comes out of the past from a time when life was hard but simple, people were kind but tough and Del Norte was just beginning

to see the fruits of a future that was yet to come. A restoration effort began the year Mrs. Bennington was interviewed and Del Norte celebrated its 100-year anniversary in 1972 but was unsuccessful.

According to both Susan Colville and Patty Kelly, the stage office building is in dire need of repair and is being lost to the ages.

"If something isn't done, we could lose a huge piece of our history," said Colville. So, the pair have set out on a mission and their goal is to see the once beautiful building restored by a local contractor, but they need help to get the project done.

Anyone interested in helping to restore the old Barlow and Sanderson Stage office can make a monetary donation to the Del Norte Library Cabin project and drop it off at the Del Norte Public Library that is generously serving as the fiscal sponsor for the project. For more information or to donate, call Patty Kelly at 719-849-8181.

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June 18, 2022

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Rodeo scholarships awarded to Martin, Davis and Metz

MONTE VISTA — San Luis Valley Ski-Hi Stampede, Inc. and Adams State University Foundation know and appreciate the importance of being involved in their communities and supporting youth. They have teamed up to provide three \$3,500 scholarships to any San Luis Valley resident. The scholarships are awarded to qualifying applicants. Qualifications include in the year of scholarship application, the applicant must have or will be participating either in the San Luis Valley Ski-Hi Stampede Rodeo, San Luis Valley High School Rodeo, San Luis Valley Little Britches Rodeo, or the San Luis Valley Fair as a 4-H or FFA participant; or be a stockholder or child of a San Luis Valley Ski-

Hi Stampede shareholder; or be a volunteer during the SLV Ski-Hi Stampede event.

During the 2021 Stampede, rodeo scholarships were awarded to Kelsey Martin, Kyla Davis and Peyton Metz. Applications are available at www.skihistampede.com. The application deadline is June 25.

From left to right are, then Adams State University President Cheryl Lovell, and students Peyton Metz, Kyla Davis and Kelsey Martin. Each student received a scholarship from the ASU Foundation and SLV Ski-Hi Stampede, Inc.

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Monte Vista High School

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Asia Alarid
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Elora Smith earns Dean's List Honors at Shenandoah University

WINCHESTER, VA. — Elora Smith, of Monte Vista, is one of 958 students who earned a spot on the Dean's List at Shenandoah University for the Spring 2022 semester.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students enrolled in baccalaureate degree programs must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Shenandoah University was established in 1875, and is headquartered

in Winchester, Virginia, with additional educational sites in Clarke, Fairfax and Loudoun counties. Shenandoah is a private, nationally recognized university that blends professional career experiences with liberal education.

With nearly 4,000 students in more than 200-plus areas of study in seven different schools, Shenandoah promotes a close-knit community rich in creative energy and intellectual challenge. Shenandoah students collabo-

rate with accomplished professors who provide focused, individual attention, all the while leading several programs to be highly nationally ranked.

Through innovative partnerships and programs at both the local and global level, there are exceptional opportunities for students to learn in and out of the classroom. Shenandoah empowers its students to improve the human condition and to be principled professionals and leaders wherever they go. For more information, visit su.edu.

Center High School-2nd Semester Honor Roll

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 Yahiy Quintana 4.00
 Cael Ruggles 4.00
 Shayla Thompson 4.00
 Yamileth Trejo-Chaparro 4.00
 Julian Maldonado 3.86
 Leticia Pedro Andres 3.86
 Noah Swanson 3.86
 Juan Trejo-Chaparro 3.86
 Jesus Valadez-Felix 3.86
 Jordan Duran 3.83
 Raul Gonzales-Rodriguez 3.83
 Cheyenne Martinez 3.83
 Omar Hernandez Mendoza 3.80
 Jaelin Padilla 3.80
 Promise Casados 3.71
 Dulce Gonzales-Rodriguez 3.71
 Hayle Larimore 3.71
 Alexia Badachi 3.67
 Molly Chavez 3.67
 Deisy Estrada Majalca 3.67
 Daniela Gonzalez 3.67
 Stephane Molinar-Almeida 3.60
 Yanelli Garcia 3.57
 Mario Macias 3.57
 Charlene Martinez 3.57
 Billy Martinez-Montoya 3.57
 Kimberly Muro-Ornelas 3.57
 Nicholas Palma-Duran 3.57
 Edith Pedro Mateo 3.57
 Jose Valadez-Gonzalez 3.57
 Ahyari Fimbres Navarro 3.50
 Alanna Garcia 3.50
 Selah Harrington 3.50

Evelyn Martinez-Villagomez 3.50
 Roselyn Mejia Torres 3.50
 Alexis Varela 3.50
 Priscila Zapata-Chavez 3.50
 Yareli Pulido 3.43
 Cristian Roblero-Santiz 3.43
 Willa Seesz-Sanchez 3.43
 Xaria Traversie-Rodriguez 3.43
 Arleth Villalobos 3.43
 Jenice Almeida 3.40
 Rashawn Aguilar 3.38
 Mark Maldonado 3.33
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 Maximiliano Almanza 3.29
 Angel Baca-Ortiz 3.29
 Shaneijah Martinez 3.29
 Lluvia Rosales 3.29
 Edith Salazar 3.29
 Cristian Alanis Alvarado 3.25
 Mica Garcia 3.25
 Elizabeth Chavez 3.20
 Santos Cruz-Giron 3.20
 Kamryn Garcia 3.20
 Cruz Reyes 3.17
 Emely Gurrola 3.14
 Yulisa Maldonado 3.14
 Ximena Miranda 3.14
 Ciara Paiz 3.14
 Alicia Pedro-Lopez 3.14
 Luis Valadez-Felix 3.14
 Martin Palma 3.13
 Cristian Velez-Gonzalez 3.13
 Hector Hernandez 3.00
 Karen Holguin-Guzman 3.00
 Rony Lorenzo Baltazar 3.00
 Andree Meraz 3.00
 Joaquin Moreno 3.00
 Devannie Nunez-Fierro 3.00
 Alicia Rios 3.00

Monte Vista Coop scholarship winners



MVC Mike Kelley Memorial Scholarship Winner: Cheyenne Caldon is the daughter of Casey and Shari Caldon. Cheyenne will be attending Colorado Mesa University where she will be playing basketball and will be pursuing a degree in the Allied Health Program. Upon completion of this program, she plans to transfer to Pueblo Community College where she plans to study Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Courtesy photos



Monte Vista Coop Dennis Kay Memorial Scholarship Winner: Ashlyn Rockey is the daughter of Sheldon and Nicole Rockey from Center. Ashlyn will be attending Texas Tech University to obtain a double major in agriculture communications and public relations. Following that, she hopes to do legislative work for the agriculture industry or move on to law school to become an agriculture lawyer.

ASU awards writing scholarships to local high school students

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA — The Adams State University English, Communication and Media (ECM) Department celebrated the winners of the first High School Writing Contest alongside Capstone Creative Writing Major Shawn Vasquez on Tuesday, April 19, at the Xperimental Theater on the Adams State campus.

Students were expected to be joined by Pueblo, Colorado Poet and Educator Juan Morales, who was expected to read from his book “The Handyman’s Guide to the Apocalypse: Poems,” among others. Morales is also the publisher and editor of the literary journal

Pilgrimage.

Contest winners were:

- Grand Prize, Mayra Cristobal — Alamosa High Schools — Creative Nonfiction — “The Unique San Luis Valley”
- First Prize, Aden Howell — Del Norte High School — Poem — “A Sorrowful Ghazal”
- Second Prize, Keaton Gregg — Monte Vista High School — Poem — “Fair”
- Third Prize, Lexi Maez — Antonito High School — Fiction — “Anger”

Winners receive a scholarship to Adams State University, publication in the school

literary journal The Sandhill Review, and an opportunity to read their work on Tuesday night. Writing was judged by EMC faculty and ASU creative writing students.

“We wanted to give our Valley students an opportunity to not only share their voices but to also join other ASU and Valley students in celebrating the resilience of the past two years,” Michelle Le Blanc, English and Creative Writing Instructor and contest organizer, said. “Support came from all corners of campus to welcome these young people into the literary world.”

The event was open to family and friends

as well as the public. Light refreshments will be served.

The contest was announced last fall and gave students an option to submit their fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, literary analysis, and digital visual narrative on the themes of resilience and the unique San Luis Valley. Supporters of the event include the Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Associated Students and Faculty Campus Impact Fund, Pen & Inkwell Writing Guild, and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

For more information, contact Le Blanc at mleblanc@adams.edu.

Adams State Presidential Teaching Award winners announced

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

ALAMOSA — Rena Kirkland, associate professor of psychology, and professor Jeff Tucker, adjunct professor of counselor education, received the 2021-2022 Adams State University Presidential Teaching Awards.

“Teaching is a privilege,” said Kirkland. “First, I benefit from learning from my students, and second, I have an opportunity to shape young adults. My goal is to help teach students habits of excellence that they will apply to all areas of their life.”

Tucker believes students learn best when they know that their teacher cares for them and wants to see them succeed. “They appreciate seeing the humanity of their teachers. I consider mean-

ing-making to be fundamental to quality education. Students want to know why what they are learning should matter to them.”

Kirkland received the award for teaching undergraduate students and Tucker for graduate level courses. Students nominated faculty in the fall. An all-faculty committee then reviewed those nominations to select the semi-finalists, and Associated Students & Faculty organized a student committee which reviewed teaching evaluations submitted by the semi-finalists to select the winners and honorable mentions.

Adams State faculty and staff are big pluses for the school, Tucker and Kirkland both said. They also gave credit to other

educators in their departments. “There are so many passionate, talented, and dedicated educators at Adams State. I don’t feel any more deserving of a teaching recognition than so many of my colleagues,” Kirkland said.

Tucker agreed. His colleague, Blaine Reilly, Ph.D., clinical professor of counselor education received an honorable mention for graduate professors. “He’s a phenomenal educator and deserves every last bit of recognition he can receive,” said Tucker.

Kirkland and Tucker will each receive \$1,500. Honorable mention for undergraduate teaching went to Eugene Schilling, professor of art. Semifinalists for the



awards included: Sheryl Abeyta, assistant professor of accounting; Liz Thomas Hensley, Ph.D., professor of business; Heidi Schneider, Ph.D., assistant professor of

sociology; Cheri Meder, Ph.D., professor of counselor education; Nick Saenz, Ph.D., professor of history; and Yusri Zaro, assistant professor of business.

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Center Schools honor students, award scholarships

By MECHEL MEEK
CENTER — The Center Consolidated School District held a High School Awards Night on May 9 and presented students with scholarships and academic achievements. The auditorium was crowded with parents, extended family and students in attendance to congratulate and celebrate the achievements of the students.

While the class of 19 seniors was smaller than usual, they were not lacking in educational and community achievements. The list of the winners is as follows according to Superintendent Carrie Zimmerman.

- Kiwanis Scholarship, presented by Don and Janet Noland
- Deisy Estrada-Majalca - \$1,000
- Yamileth Trejo-Chaparro - \$1,000
- Alexis Varela - \$1,000
- Kiwanis Jim Miller Scholarship, presented by Don and Janet Noland
- Mica Garcia - \$1,000
- Outstanding Junior Boy and Girl, presented by Karen and Dusty Little
- Cael Ruggles and Karina Maez
- Patricia Lucero Memorial Scholarship, presented by Mike Roque
- Deisy Estrada Majalca - \$1,000
- Adams State University – Russell Shawcroft
- Victor Almeida – Grizzly Partner - \$3,200
- Rafael Bolanos – Grizzly Partner - \$3,200
- Vice President’s Merit Scholarship - \$1,000
- Santos Cruz-Giron - Grizzly Partner - \$3,200
- Abraham Echauri - Grizzly Partner - \$3,200
- Deisy Estrada-Majalca - Grizzly Partner - \$3,200
- Larry and Janice Reed Scholarship - \$3,000
- Raul Gonzales-Rodriguez - Grizzly Partner - \$3,200
- Daniel Gutierrez - Grizzly Partner - \$3,200
- Hector Hernandez - Grizzly Partner - \$3,200
- Omar Hernandez-Mendoza - Grizzly Partner - \$3,200
- Karen Holguin-Guzman - Grizzly Partner - \$3,200
- Vice President’s Merit Scholarship - \$1,000, HAPSS Ed Scholarship - \$750, Lorraine Young Memorial Scholarship - \$3,000, Woodard Memorial Scholarship - \$732
- Alexis Varela - Grizzly Partner - \$3,200

- Vice President’s Merit Scholarship - \$1,000
- Charles Willis - Grizzly Partner - \$3,200
- Priscila Zapata-Chavez - Grizzly Partner - \$3,200
- Extended Studies & Concurrent Enrollment, presented by Renae Haslett
- Victor Almeida
- Abraham Echauri
- Judah Harrington
- Mica Garcia
- Omar Hernandez-Mendoza
- Karen Holguin Guzman
- Yahiy Quintana
- Alexia Varela
- Priscila Zapata Chavez
- College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP), presented by Genesis Escalon and Kaylee A. Gomez
- Priscilla Zapata - \$4,700
- Daisy Estrada - \$4,700
- Santos Cruz-Giron - \$4,700
- Omar Hernandez-Mendoza - \$4,700
- Karen Holguin - \$4,700
- Yahir Quintana - \$4,700
- Stephane (Fani) Molinar - Almeida - \$4,700
- Aexis Varela \$4,700
- Trinidad State College Scholarships, presented by James Kynor
- Hector Hernandez – Franklin D. Azar Scholarship - \$500
- Yahiy Quintana – Alex Eccher Scholarship - \$250
- President’s Scholarship
- Karen Holguin Guzman
- Yahiy Quintana
- Yamileth Trejo-Chaparro
- Alexis Varela
- Rafael Bolanos
- Merit Scholarship – Mica Garcia
- Raul Gonzalez
- Deisy Estrada-Majalca
- Omar Hernandez-Mendoza
- Jaelin Padilla
- Priscila Zapata-Chavez
- Learn Local Scholarship – Victor Almeida
- Rafael Bolanos
- Elizabeth Chavez
- Abraham Echauri
- Deisy Estrada-Majalca
- Mica Garcia
- Raul Gonzales-Rodriguez



Photo courtesy of Kiwanis Club of Center

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Center award four \$1,000 scholarships to deserving Center High School Seniors of the Class of 2022 on May 9. Yamileth Trejo-Chaparro, Deisy Estrada-Majalca, and Alexis Varela each received the Kiwanis Club of Center Scholarships and Mica Garcia received the Jim Miller Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship. Pictured from left to right are Kiwanian Janet Noland, Mica Garcia, Alexis Varela, Deisy Estrada-Majalca, and Yamileth Trejo-Chaparro.

- Hector Hernandez
- Omar Hernandez-Mendoza
- Stephane Molina-Almeida
- Jaelin Padilla
- Yahiy Quintana
- Yamileth Trejo-Chaparro
- Alexis Varela
- Charles Willis
- Priscila Zapata-Chavez
- Science Fair Awards, presented by Stephanie Archuleta
- Selah Harrington
- Society of Women Engineers, presented by Stephanie Archuleta
- Excellence in science and mathematics
- Hayle Larimore
- Sonya Esmyiah Maez
- Principal’s Scholarship, presented by Kevin Jones
- Yahiy Quintana – \$500
- Yamileth Trejo-Chaparro – \$500
- Viking Athletic Association Scholarship, presented by Kevin Jones
- Alexis Varela - \$1,000

- Western Colorado University, presented by Kevin Jones
- Priscila Zapata-Chavez – East Merit Award, \$2,500 per year
- Yamileth Trejo-Chaparro – Slate Merit Award - \$3,500 per year
- Yahiy Quintana – Slate Merit Award - \$3,500 per year
- Center Educator’s Association Announcement, presented by Susan Banning
- Valedictorian - \$200
- Salutatorian- \$100
- Biel Make a Difference Scholarship, presented by Susan Banning
- Deisy Estrada - Majalca - \$300
- Yahiy Quintana - \$400
- Yamileth Trejo-Chaparro - \$500
- McCormick/Roesch Scholarship, presented by Carrie Zimmerman
- Elizabeth Chavez - \$500
- Hector Hernandez - \$500
- Skeff Scholarship, presented by Carrie Zimmerman
- Priscila Zapata-Chavez - \$500
- Jaelin Padilla - \$500
- Stephanie Molinar-Almeida - \$500
- Will Weatherford STARS Memo-

- rial Scholarship, presented by Katrina Ruggles
- Deisy Estrada-Majalca - \$500
- Yamileth Trejo-Chaparro - \$500
- Center Service Scholarship, presented by Adele Alfson
- \$1000 – Yahiy Quintana
- \$500 – Deisy Estrada-Majalca
- \$500 – Yamileth Trejo-Chaparro”
- Each of the scholarship recipients was congratulated and presented with certificates and gifts to recognize their achievements.



Photos courtesy of Superintendent Carrie Zimmerman and Mechel Meek

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North Conejos School District celebrates Science Fair success

STAFF REPORT
LA JARA — North Conejos School District celebrated the recent success of students at the Adams State University Virtual Science Fair.

“We are very proud of the students who made the science fair a success this year,” NCSD officials stated. “They all worked hard on their projects. These kids produced some amazing projects that they presented at the Adam’s State Virtual Science fair this year. We also would like to sincerely thank all parents who assisted their students in their successful projects. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Shelton — NCSD Science Fair Sponsor — for his commitment to help and assist everyone to plan, create and carry out amazing projects.”

NCSD participants included Jeannah Dunn, Analynn Dwyer, Elena Escobedo, Emma Garrison, Durant and Shandon Gilleland, Konner and Hunter Horton, Tyson Montague, Joshua Ortiz, Ada and Bristol Pence, Ava Salazar, and Hannah and Warren Shelton.

Several NCSD projects placed at the regional fair and received specials awards.

- Biomedical: Emma Garrison received third place and \$30, Health and Wellness award \$50.
- Botany: Elena Escobedo received an honorable mention and a Soil and Water Conservation award \$30.
- Chemistry: Analynn Dwyer



Photo courtesy of North Conejos School District

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- received third place \$30.
- Tyson Montague received second place \$40 and a Diabetes Health award \$25.
- Environmental: Warren Shelton received second place \$35, Soil and Water Conservation award \$50, Trout unlimited award \$100.
- Environmental (Senior Division): Josh Ortiz received an honorable mention, two Soil and Water Conservation awards \$50 each.
- Ada Pence and Hannah Shelton (team project) received second place \$35 and will be moving onto the state competition in Fort Collins, a Mosca Soil Conservation award \$40, Friends of the Dunes award \$50, Women in Geology award \$50, Women Geo Scientist award \$100, NOAA award certificate.
- Physics: Konner Horton and Hunter Horton (team project) received an honorable mention.

Sargent Character Counts! Essay and Artwork winners



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Winners of the Character Counts! Essay and Artwork Contest from Rio Grande County were from Sargent Elementary. Macie Jones, left, was first, Zoey Barlow, middle, was second and Janessa Garcia, right, was third. Jones also placed third at the state level. National Family and Community Education (FCE) each year sponsors a literacy project called Essay and Artwork Contest. The idea is to encourage students to strive for excellence and creativity in reading, writing, and drawing skills. The National FCE contest Character Counts! follows one of the Six Pillars of Character. This year fairness was the emphasis for the essay. All fourth-grade students in public, private, and home schools were eligible to participate. The competition started at the county level. That winner goes on to be judged at the state level. The state winner then competes at the national level. The monetary awards for the local winners were donated by District V of the Colorado FCE and Friday Morning Club, one of the three clubs in the San Luis Valley.

2022 Ray and Colette Skeff Scholarships awarded

STAFF REPORT
RIO GRANDE COUNTY — A Ray and Colette Skeff Scholarship was awarded in the amount of \$950 to Mario Sanchez at the Monte Vista Awards Night on May 10.

Ray and Colette Skeff Scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$500 to Jaelin Padilla, Stephane Molinar-Almeida and Priscila Zapaa-Chavez at the Center Awards Night on May 9.

An annuity was purchased for the Monte Vista School District and the Center School District in 2003. Each year a check is sent from Kansas City Life Insurance Company for the interest on the funds to be given as a scholarship to students selected by the schools. The annuity is good for a minimum of 20 years.

Ray passed away April 7 but will be remembered each year as the scholarship will continue for as long as Colette is living.

This was the 19th year of the Skeff Scholarship for both schools and a total has been awarded in the amount of \$58,610. The scholarship started in 2003.

The Skeffs wanted to give the scholarships to express their support for deserving students who want an education. Ray was a graduate from Center High School and Colette was a graduate from Monte Vista High School.





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