

Shorts

OptiMystics Citizens Action Network to host VIBE

MONTE VISTA — The OptiMystics Citizens Action Network is hosting VIBE or Very Important Business Engagement.

On the first Tuesday of every month, the OptiMystics will be hosting a meeting that will consist of single or multiple guest speakers from business owners to marketing experts, to community leaders, to security specialists and many other different types of speakers. There will be at least a 15-minute presentation from each guest speaker along with time to mingle and ask questions.

The first meeting will take place at Grammy's Kitchen at 104 Adams in Monte Vista, on July 5 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. Food and drinks will be available to purchase.

Jason Medina of the Small Business Development Center will be the speaker on July 5.

For more information on the meeting, contact the OptiMystics at OptimysticsCAN@gmail.com or visit optimystics.org.

SLVREC, Cielo board of directors meeting June 28

MONTE VISTA — SLVREC and Cielo will have the regular meeting of the board of directors at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 28, at 3625 US Highway 160 W, Monte Vista. Advance notice is required to attend the meeting; call Michelle Trujillo at 719-852-3538.

MVHS Class of 1972 seeking classmates

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista High School Class of 1972 will be having a class reunion on July 22-23 and is trying to locate fellow classmates. Members of the MVHS Class of 1972 are asked to call 719-852-5474 or email mvhsirates72@yahoo.com, for more information.

DNHS Class of 1972 seeking classmates

DEL NORTE — The Del Norte High School Class of 1972 will be having a class reunion on Aug. 5-7 and is trying to locate fellow classmates. Members of the DNHS Class of 1972 are asked to call or text Dorothy at 719 850-1794 or email dorothyhambers55@yahoo.com, for more information.

Drought impacts water rights on Rio Grande

BY PRISCILLA WAGGONER

VALLEY — For more than two decades, leaders in the local agricultural community have warned of the inevitability of less and less water being available for the irrigation of crops in the San Luis Valley.

As the current drought continues to persist, even those not engaged in farming or raising livestock can read the headlines or look at maps that show large swaths of the Valley blanketed in colors indicating extreme drought. Yet, there are moments when the stark reality of those warnings becomes abundantly clear.

One of those moments occurred this week.

On Thursday, June 16, Cleave Simpson, general manager for the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, shared a sobering fact.

"As of today, a water right adjudicated on the Rio Grande river in 1871 is the last water right being served on the river," he said.

Water rights in Colorado are based on the prior appropriation doctrine,

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Drought impacting allocation of water from Rio Grande.

Courtesy photo



Photo courtesy of the Rio Grande National Forest

Lopez Fire contained

BY MECHEL MEEK

LAGARITA — The Lopez Fire which began on June 12 in the Rio Grande National Forest near La Garita, is now 100 percent contained, according to RGNF officials. "The lightning-caused Lopez Fire was declared contained at 92

acres about an hour ago," officials stated earlier this week. "This doesn't mean the fire is out. It is likely there will be residual hot spots that have remained undetected to firefighters, and they may start smoking in the coming days.

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Organizers postpone Dish SLV event

BY MECHEL MEEK

CENTER — The Dish SLV, a new event hosted by the Frontier Drive-Inn, has been postponed by the organizers. The event was previously set for Saturday, June 25.

"I am very sorry to let you know that this event has been postponed due to weather and COVID issues with some of our primary organizers and vendors," organizers stated. "We really apologize for the inconvenience, but the predicted weather would have limited or completely prevented our music, family games and activities, film, and more. Also, with the current situation surrounding COVID in the Valley, we did not want to host an event that pushes people together inside or in a tent."

Organizers have targeted July 9 for the event but are awaiting approval from local officials.

"However, this event will take place this summer," organizers stated. "We are just waiting on one agency before we confirm our new date, but we expect it to be Saturday, July 9. Please let everyone know of this change! Postponement certainly isn't ideal for us, but we feel it is necessary. Again, I really apologize for the inconvenience, but we hope the postponement will allow us to provide a much better experience for residents of the Valley and beyond."

The reimagined Frontier Drive-Inn has been working on the free event for months. There will be a competition for the best red or green chile dish in The Dish Cook-Off

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CPD hears from public at Coffee with the Chief

BY MECHEL MEEK

CENTER — Center Police Department Police Chief Dale Meek held his monthly Coffee with the Chief event on Saturday, June 18.

The event was held at Center Town Hall and was well attended by the community. CPD Sgt. Aaron Fresquez presented a check for \$100 to the winner of the K-9 t-shirt design competition, Alanna Lexi Garcia, a student at Center Consolidated Schools.

Her winning design will be printed on the shirts, benefiting the CPD K-9 unit.

According to Fresquez, "We want to thank all those who participated in the competition. Lexi's design was



Photos by Mechel Meek

the best fit for us, but all of them were great."

Chief Meek also discussed the current crime trends around the Center area and listened to questions



from the people in attendance regarding what they feel are the biggest crime problems occurring in town. The most discussed subject was the recent rise in fentanyl pills

being seized. After the coffee, most of the attendees went to Casa Blanca Park for a farewell lunch and party for VISTA Volunteer Keith Brockhurst.

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OBITUARY

Phyllis Roberta (League) Brown

Phyllis Roberta (League) Brown passed away peacefully, surrounded in heart and spirit by her beloved family in Alamosa on June 1, 2022, the day before her 91st birthday. Phyllis was born on a farm outside the small town of Stratton, Neb., on June 2, 1931, to Ernest and Ellen (Hawkinson) League. She and her sister, Delores (League) Campbell spent their childhood living and working together on the family farm in western Nebraska, finding joy together in the lean years of the Great Depression.

Phyllis was an exceptional student and scholar her entire life. Excelling in her studies, she graduated high school at the age of sixteen after which she moved to town to live and work at the Stratton Hospital. She began nurse's training at the hospital under the close instruction of Dr. L.B. Brown who became her guardian and later her father-in-law when she married the middle son of Dr. L. B. Brown, Jack. After their marriage in 1952, the two became an inseparable pair. Jack and Phyllis moved together to Lincoln, Nebraska, where Phyllis worked to support Jack while he pursued his studies at the University of Nebraska School of Dentistry.

Many Monte Vistans will remember Phyllis as the gentle and soft-spoken counterpart to the sometimes-cantankerous Dr. Jack Brown. They worked together for thirty years in the upstairs dental office on Adams Street in Monte Vista. Phyllis was the receptionist, x-ray technician, dental assistant, bookkeeper, and support staff. Any anxious child who ever climbed the orange-carpeted stairs to see the dentist would find comfort in Phyllis when they reached the office on the second floor.

Jack and Phyllis together raised four children: Sherry, Shirley, John and Kim. There was never a dull moment in the Brown household and although Phyllis and Jack worked extremely hard in their dental office, the family enjoyed a number of adventures together. Summers were often spent making the trek to visit family in western Nebraska, or fishing at Santa Maria Reservoir—all six of them together with two dogs in a small canoe!

Having served the town of Monte Vista well for 30 years, Jack and Phyllis retired in 1988 to pursue their innumerable hobbies. Together they cruised Colorado's mountain passes on their BMW motorcycle, shot trap as active members of the Del Monte Gun Club, spent time fishing at Santa Maria Reservoir, and became amateur winemakers. They did not waste a single moment.

Always the scholar, Phyllis enrolled at Adams State College in her retirement to pursue her lifelong dream of a college degree. She studied writing, American Sign Language, computers, math and art. She became an active member of the Adams State Community and was loved and admired by students and professors alike. She graduated with her Associates Degree in general studies in 1999 at the



age of 68. She loved books and was an avid reader, offering critical book analysis and sharing recommendations up until days before her passing.

Phyllis believed that heaven was all around us and she loved life. She had a determined spirit and refused to let her failing health stop her in her tenacious pursuit to find or do something beautiful every day. She was an expert horticulturist—she and Jack were known for their bountiful garden and beautiful flowers. They pressed cider in the fall from the apples they harvested from the trees in their front yard and they even made their own wine from the dandelions. She was a master cook and baker and always had a fresh loaf of bread in the kitchen—somehow the bread always turned out perfectly, even when she almost completely lost her sight. Phyllis had a special connection with animals—the family always had a dog (or two) as a member. It seemed as if she could look right into her creatures' souls. She made sure her four-legged friends had a kind and loving home, a soft bed to sleep on, and delicious homemade treats to eat.

Phyllis is survived by her beloved husband, Dr. Jack L. Brown ("Doc") and her children Sherry King, Shirley (Lynn) McCullough, John (Kimberly) Brown and Kim (Cyndy) Brown as well as her brother-in-law Dick Campbell, Sister-in-Law Norma Thomas, niece Rita Crose, nephew Mike (Teresa) Brown and niece Lori Campbell-Miller. She is additionally survived by her eight grandchildren and their spouses, and many great-grandchildren. Each of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren carry a piece of her as she leaves the world a legacy of determined caregivers, scholars, dog-lovers, bibliophiles, expert cooks and bakers, creators, adventure-seekers and master horticulturists.

Her family will gather to celebrate her life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Colorado Talking Book Library or National Jewish Health.

Cremation was selected and a service will be held at a later time. To express condolences to the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com.

Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa is in care of the arrangements.

YOUR NIGHT SKY

BY DARLENE DANKO



About our Sun

Since the last quarter moon is on June 21, and the new moon is on June 29, if you want to stay up late, this will be a good time to look at the night sky. Since the dark night is going to be short for the next month, I thought I'd tell you about our universe. Today I will give you some interesting information about our Sun.

Our Sun is a local star that's relatively close to us. It's a 4.6-billion-year-old medium size yellow star and is obviously the largest object in our solar system. There is some interesting information about it. To start, it takes 25 to 29 days to make a rotation with an average of 27 days.

It's an incandescent ball of hot plasma (ionized gas) with 750 times the mass of all our planets. The core temperature is 28.3 million degrees Fahrenheit and has nuclear fusion reactions that produce helium from hydrogen. It generates huge amounts of energy which escape from the Sun as heat, light, and other types of radiation including x-rays, UV

radiation and radio waves.

There is a specific light emitting layer called the photosphere, which is tens to hundreds of miles thick. It also emits solar wind which is a stream of charged particles. After 5 billion years, it will swell into a red giant and destroy the inner planets including Earth.

The photosphere is its visible surface with a temperature of 9,570 degrees F. Beneath that is the convection zone where hot gas bubbles rise to the surface, cool, and then sink back down. The next layer down is the radioactive zone where energy is radiated from the core to the convection zone. The core makes up 2% of the Sun's volume and about 60% of its mass.

The atmosphere has three layers. Just above the brilliant photosphere lies the chromosphere which is about 1,200 miles deep. Above that is a thin irregular layer called the transition region where the temperature rises from 36,000 degrees F to 1.8 million degrees F. The outer layer is the corona which is a million times

less dense than the photosphere and extends for millions of miles into space.

During a solar eclipse, the corona appears as a halo around the Sun. It looks like a hazy red orange area above the Sun. The corona is so hot that some of its particles have enough energy to escape from the Sun's gravity and stream into space. This is called solar wind.

Sometimes they come to Earth at 1 million mph and collide with atoms to create an Aurora. In our Northern Hemisphere, it's called Northern Lights or Aurora Borealis. It's most often seen 10-20 degrees from the North Pole, but occasionally it can move this far south. But in all my life, I've never seen one. Please remember that you can't observe the Sun without using a special solar filter to protect your eyes.

ALMA Sundays at Six series begins June 26

ALAMOSA — Enjoy free music throughout the summer presented by the Alamosa Live Music Association. Sundays at Six summer music series kicks off with Rippah Shreddahs on Sunday, June 26 at 6 p.m.

It will be a night of reggae and funk-infused "Island Music with

Mountain Flavor."

The MOKI food truck will be on site selling dinner items.

Bring a non-perishable item for

the food drive to benefit the Alamosa Food Pantry.

Visit www.almaonline.org/, for the complete summer lineup.

FIRE

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This is normal and it is unlikely that the public will see any smoke. The fire received some precipitation and crews have remained on scene patrolling. Less firefighter activity is expected over the coming days but, rest assured, we'll still be keeping an eye on it."

The fire briefly threatened some homes in the La Garita area, however the quick response by firefighters kept any homes from being destroyed. The recent rain helped with the efforts to contain the blaze.

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with the first-place winner grabbing \$1,000. There will also be vendors, food, games, music, and a movie on the big screen.

Organizers are still accepting

competitor applications and vendor applications. Chefs can call 410-349-7818 to compete and vendors can email thedishslv@gmail.com to participate in the event.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

So spiritually minded you're no earthly good

I need to preface this with a little bit about my own growing up years so as to not offend everyone out there who has any kind of religious persuasion. I was raised in a church family with both my father and mother being pastors of a large congregation with satellite churches around the state.

So, Ol' Dutch had a lot of opportunities to hear from the Good Book and should have turned out okay. But, it's been said you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. To which Miss Trixie just said "Amen." Which makes me wonder if she knows more about the silk purse or a sow's ear?

But anyway, growing up in that household and being exposed to a lot of different denominations over time, Ol' Dutch got to see how others believed. It was mostly an enjoyable experience plus quite funny at times, also.

This reminiscing about the past was brought about after Miss Trixie was exposed to an overly zealous religious person. Now Ol' Dutch is far from critical about people who like to pray and I myself am prone to a lot of prayer as I am always getting myself in some pickle that requires heavenly extraction.

Why just recently in fact, Ol' Dutch has noticed a lot of people praying in public places. Just stand at any gas pump anywhere in your vicinity and you will hear people saying, "Oh God." And that is understandable with the current prices as it's a definite disaster that will probably require Divine intervention to resolve.

But outside of getting gas or buying other necessities that will drive a man to prayer or maybe drink, there are people who seem to do nothing but talk about religious things.

I have a friend in fact who says he has read over 600 books on the End Times. That's when some people predict the world is ending, that folks will be walking around with nanochips and there will be a rapture, or no rapture, depending on your religion. All theories put forth as bankable predictions, even though the Big Guy's Son Himself said "no man knows the hour of my return."

But it sells books, makes the writers money and creates a slew of individuals willing to tell you all about it for hours on end if you stand still long enough in one place. And I guess that's okay as they are enthused and excited to think they are the only ones who know "the Big Secret."

Given enough information whether it be right or wrong, some people just take it a step too far. They spew out



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

everything from conspiracy theories to end of the world scenarios with something like diarrhea of the mouth.

My mother, ever the saintly woman that she was, had a way of sorting out and succinctly stating facts. One of her favorite quotes came from Chief Justice Oliver Wendel Holmes: "Some people are so heavenly minded they are no earthly good."

The Man in Black himself, Johnny Cash, agreed with old Ollie Holmes and sang, "You're shinin' your light, and shine it you should. / But you're so heavenly minded you're no earthly good."

Now Ol' Dutch knows that we are all called to be witnesses to the truth of the Good Book as we find it, but I also think that living as an example just maybe, just might be more of an influence on our neighbors than a continual spouting of religious nonsense.

You know? The old "love your neighbor as yourself" kind of witnessing. And it will save you a lot of money now being wasted on books and podcasts which the authors of such promise ancient secrets, profound knowledge, and wealth.

Ol' Dutch has generally found that the authors themselves are utilizing all the ancient secrets and profound knowledge about how gullible people are to bring the writer themselves much wealth. So, I guess it works. For them, at least.

We're all going through some tough times these days and are turning right and left for answers. You're still on this earth, because you've got some earthly good still to do. So join me in abiding by the Golden Rule and helping others. It can't hurt.

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

LETTERS

Noffske easy choice for RGC Commissioner

Editor,
Do I have this right? Tyler Ratzlaff recently retired and now he's running for Rio Grande County Commissioner. Either he doesn't understand the demands of the job, or he does, and he still intends to treat it as a "cushy retirement position." Either way, this makes it an easy choice to vote to re-elect John Noffske as Rio Grande County Commissioner.

Noffske makes it still easier to vote

for him based on his performance thus far. He has worked tirelessly to improve County personnel and performance. He makes decisions based on an objective evaluation of facts rather than "feelings and opinions." And he has the future of Rio Grande County in mind with his:
• principled opposition to the proposed Douglas County water grab;
• representation of the County in the railroad bankruptcy battle;

• interest in fully developing Summitville's mineral potential.

But one of the main reasons to vote for Noffske is that he's a leader who listens.

For all these reasons, Rio Grande County citizens should vote to re-elect Noffske as County Commissioner.

*Charles Spielman
Monte Vista*

REC electric vehicle charger a great investment

Editor,
Last week we were headed to Durango but saw that the San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative had a charger for our electric vehicle.

At the time, we didn't know it was free, but it is and it's a great investment for Monte Vista.

Not only did we stay at the legendary Movie Manor, but we went into town and got groceries, spent some money at Eduardo's Restaurant, and got the kids some Dairy Queen.

What may have cost SLV REC a few bucks in electricity turned out to be a great investment for the town.

Humanity has some big challenges and our experience in Monte Vista reminded me that — despite what we might sometimes feel — we are working together to solve them.

*Jared Ewy
Littleton*

Vote for Democratic candidate Adam Frisch

Editor,
June 28 is a primary date for voters in Colorado, and I want to express my support for Adam Frisch, a Democratic candidate for Representative of the U.S. Congress running in the third district which encompasses Alamosa, South Fork and other towns in the rural Western Slope including Durango, Glenwood Springs, Pueblo, and Grand Junction.

Frisch has several attributes that make him worthy of our vote. He has spent eight years on the Aspen City Council working thoughtfully with others to build effective partnerships. He is the only candidate for this seat (House of Rep., 3rd district) with actual governing experience in areas like affordable housing, childcare, water rights, and other critical rural Colorado issues. He listens and compromises to accomplish great things for his constituents while respecting others and using thoughtful common sense to build consensus across cultures and communities. Frisch has

also been a successful businessman living on the Western Slope for two decades. He works to promote renewable energy and green building programs, helps at-risk youth get on their feet, and since the start of the pandemic, he's also been a substitute teacher for local public schools.

I am disappointed with our current Rep. Lauren Boebert and her antics to divert attention away from important issues by speaking out airing false claims on right wing media outlets. She claims that COVID policies in the Federal Government aren't based on research but personal agendas. She appears to believe in the QAnon conspiracy theories, and she voted to overturn the election results of President Biden and Kamala Harris despite the overwhelming evidence from election officials and judges that have dismissed claims of massive voter fraud. I am ashamed to have her represent my district. Boebert does not listen to constituents. It took about 9 months

before she ever answered my emails with a form letter that did not address my concerns.

Frisch will:

• Codify women's health care access by removing politicians and judges from the decision-making process that should be solely between a woman and her healthcare provider.

• Rebuild the middle class by fighting for a living wage for all workers, extending the child tax credit, and lowering health care costs.

• Protect our environment, with a focus on water, by fighting climate change with more jobs in renewable energy, investing in our water infrastructure, and defending our communities from wildfires.

Mark your ballot for Frisch dropping off to your local drop box before 7 p.m. on June 28.

*Holly Stadler
South Fork*

Marron plans to be commissioner 'at your service'

Editor,
I am running for Saguache County Commissioner in District 3 and you may wonder what I am going to do for you. My track record from 35 years of working in agriculture, to build community, youth programming and healthy food systems in the San Luis Valley has taught me the

most important practice is to create solutions based on the voice of the community and especially to respect the leadership of those most affected by a project or policy.

In county government, we are beholden to state statute and our current codes and regulations, which can be changed if that is what we need

to do. I care deeply about creating opportunities that line up with the rural lifestyle that we all cherish. I'm asking you to vote me in as County Commissioner, where I plan to be — at your service.

*Liza Marron
Saguache County*

Supporting Tyler Ratzlaff

Editor,
We would like to ask those who can vote in the Rio Grande County primary election to support Tyler Ratzlaff for Rio Grande County Commissioner. Those voting in the primary will decide important local government leadership positions for the next four years as there is no one running on the opposite ticket at this point.

We need people in our local leadership positions who will be

transparent, and work as a team with the community, staff, and other local government officials. Will we always agree with commissioners' decisions? No. We are looking at the big picture on important issues that are facing our county in the next few years and want people who will make decisions for the greater good of the county. We do not need nor want commissioners who are power hungry, have no humility, and have egos to support.

If you are an unaffiliated voter, please select the Republican ballot and vote it if you want to have a say in our future local county politics. Destroy the Democratic one as you can only vote one ballot.

Please support Ratzlaff for the long-range future of Rio Grande County. He is the integrity we need in this position.

*Karla Shriver
Rio Grande County*

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Creede sets parade theme for 4th of July

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

CREEDE — Though the City of Creede did not get many suggestions for this year's parade theme, the one they selected will be fun and entertaining for participants and spectators. The town is well known for their Fourth of July celebrations and this year is turning out to be no different. The theme this year is "Creede: The True Silver Lining."

Two full days, July 3 and 4, will be filled with the Colorado State Mining competitions, which are a salute to the town's rich mining heritage. Mining competitions are a part of Creede's history, dating back to the early days when mining was still active. Some of the events include Jack-Leg Drilling, Hand Steeling, Mucking, Spike Driving and much more.

The event begins on July 3 in the afternoon at the Days of '92 arena located behind Basham Park on Main Street. It is free and open to the public.

At 10 a.m. on July 4, the annual Fourth of July Parade will make its way down Main Street. Over the past four years or so, the event has gained attention from spectators visiting from around the world. It is advised that people who want to participate in the event arrive early as there are typically 10,000 or more people in the area for the parade.

The rest of the day is full of various events and fundraisers, including the annual lunch fundraiser hosted by the Mineral County Fire Department. Businesses, restaurants, the Underground Mining Museum and Creede Historical Museum are open throughout the day.

Creede is ready to celebrate the Fourth of July and will be looking for the 'True Silver Lining' with this year's parade.

File photo by Lyndsie Ferrell

As the night draws closer, people are invited to participate in the Chute Out Rodeo series that offers a special rodeo in honor of the Fourth of July. The Creede Repertory Theatre will also have two plays throughout the day, including a showing of "Little Shop of Horrors" at 6 p.m. A full list of the 2022 season can be found on their website at www.creederep.org.

Fireworks on July 4 will depend on weather and fire conditions.

For more information or a full list of events, please visit www.creede.com.



Photo by Lyndsie Ferrell

Rio Grande County Commissioners John Noffske, Scott Deacon, and Gene Glover, and Rio Grande County Sheriff Don McDonald stand with Rio Grande County Victim Advocate Courtney Arthur to congratulate her on receiving certification from the National Advocate Credentialing Program.

RG Victim Advocate Arthur receives certification

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

RIOGRANDECOUNTY — During the Rio Grande County Commissioner meeting on Wednesday, June 15, Rio Grande County Sheriff Don McDonald announced that the department's Victim Advocate Courtney Arthur received National Advocate Credential Program (NACP) certification which will serve the department in several ways, including the potential for more funding in the future.

The program is a means to provide a more professional label to the program which in turn enhances recognition and services from outside agencies who can help strengthen the program in the county. Arthur has been working to improve the county program since she came on board almost five years ago and

the program has grown exponentially since.

NACP credentialed advocates are encouraged to use the initials "CA" (Credentialed Advocate) after their names to exercise their professional standing in the victim advocacy field. For example, Registered Nurses or "RNs" are immediately recognized as professionals signified by the initials after their names.

NACP promotes the use of the CA initials by credentialed advocates to move toward the same recognition and the professionalization of our field. In addition to the NACP displayable credential certificate and wallet card, advocates should use the CA on their business cards and signature lines to further distinguish themselves among

their colleagues.

Earlier this year, Arthur applied for a grant to help fund the program and to increase the services she can offer victims and now that she has the NACP certification, she will potentially increase her chances of being approved for the grant and other grants in the future.

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The Town of South Fork has chosen a theme for this year's 3rd of July celebrations and will be celebrating 30 years since the town was incorporated in 1992. This year's theme is '30 years of small town USA.'

South Fork prepares for 3rd of July fun

By LYNSIE FERRELL

SOUTH FORK — Plans for the 3rd of July celebrations in South Fork are underway. Several years ago, the Town of South Fork opted to host its Independence Day celebrations on the 3rd of July to give residents and guests of the San Luis Valley a chance to enjoy celebrations two days in a row.

The day is always packed full of activities for the entire family and will begin with the annual South Fork Fire Rescue Catfish Fry and silent auction. All proceeds from the event go toward training and equipment for the department and serves as the only fundraising event throughout the year.

The auction starts at 10 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. with lunch being served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the fire department building.

Members of the fire department cook and serve the lunch with the help of several volunteers. Hundreds of pounds of fish are breaded and fried and served with sides and drinks. The event sells out quickly. Current information is available on Facebook under South Fork Fire Rescue.

In addition to the annual Catfish Fry, the town will also be hosting their annual parade. This year's theme is "30 years of small-town USA". This year the town is wanting to honor South Fork's small-town way of life and to celebrate 30 years since the town was incorporated in 1992. To register for the parade, contact Dustin Hund at the South Fork Visitor Center at 719-873-5512.

The day moves along with the annual Rockin' the Rio Grande Rodeo at Rickle Arena beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the opening ceremony by the Fort Garland Color Guard. South Fork Kiwanis will be selling barbecue during the rodeo with all proceeds going to several projects including annual Christmas parties for area elementary schools and much more.

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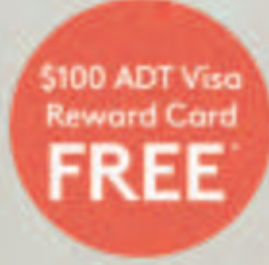
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RG County continues to weigh options for Summitville

BY LYNDISIE FERRELL
RIO GRANDE COUNTY — Summitville has been a hot topic for the past two years after Rio Grande County officially finalized a land swap involving the Environmental Protection Agency, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Rio Grande National Forest.

Rio Grande County Commissioner John Noffsfer has taken the lead on the Summitville project and is working with his fellow commissioners to date to try and figure out the best way to utilize the land while keeping it safe.

About two years ago, while negotiations were still underway with all the key organizations sitting at the table, Noffsfer negotiated better terms for Rio Grande County and got more land out of the deal than was previously proposed. Now the question remains — what do to with the land?

“We have a lot of land up there that we can do a lot with but it’s figuring out exactly what we want to do with it,” Noffsfer said. “We have some ideas on the table, one of which is a proposal for a remote RV park on private land that will take a lot of consideration on our part but there is also the rest of it that needs to be protected and preserved while still allowing people to go up there and enjoy the historic site.”

The purpose of the land transfer was to minimize the larger footprint of the superfund site and allow Rio Grande County, who took possession of the property after the mine went bankrupt, to use it as they saw fit. When a land survey was done five years ago, it was determined that the RGNF had several small pieces of property contained in the original Summitville site and through the combined efforts of the county and RGNF it was decided to consolidate the land into one large piece in exchange for other county property that bordered RGNF land further east.

The original proposal was to exchange about 70 acres of county land outside

of the Summitville area for 70 acres of Forest land within the area but due to a change in the board at the time of the final negotiations, Noffsfer renegotiated the terms with the Forest Service and the final agreement was for 42 acres of county land and 72 acres of Forest Service land.

Though the commissioners signed the final agreement with the Forest and EPA, the COVID-19 pandemic caused a delay in the announcement of the accomplishment. Commissioners were hopeful that a celebratory event would be possible by the fall but due to the current circumstances felt it was necessary to announce the finalization land exchange but hold off on a celebration until the public would be able

to join them in their celebration.

The Summitville site is still classified as a superfund site by the EPA, but EPA officials will be working closely with the county to ensure that they can utilize the land and the historical areas throughout the site in the most efficient way possible.

The hope is to open the area as much as possible to the public and to recreational opportunities that would in turn help preserve and protect the historical significance of the area.

“We still have a lot of red tape from the EPA that will prohibit some of the suggestions coming to us but there is always a compromise somewhere. We just have to be sure to take the time to consider our options,” Noffsfer said.

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When God called me to teach His Word, my extended family and friends were not pleased. The church I attended was not pleased, and many people tried to change my mind by making it clear that if I chose to move forward with a ministry of teaching God’s Word, I would no longer be welcome in their midst.

I was asked to leave my church because God had called me to do something for Him that did not fit into their traditional theology. At the time it hurt me deeply, but later I realized that God used their rejection to get me to a place where I could learn what He wanted me to learn and go on to become the person He wanted me to be.

In Galatians 1:10, the apostle Paul said, “Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ” (NIV).

Before he became an apostle of Christ, Paul had been a zealous and committed Pharisee, which often caused him to persecute Christians. And he understood that initially after he accepted Christ as his Savior, if he sought people’s approval, he might not get it because of his reputation as a man who had hunted Christians in order to arrest and persecute them.

Even though Paul was now a changed man, just as many believers are today, people don’t always believe we have changed. Instead they see us as we have been in the past and refuse to see us as new creations in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). But God sees who and what we will become.

The account of Paul’s conversion is in Acts 9:1–19, and I think it is important to include it in this section so we can see how completely he was changed by an encounter with the living Christ. I am sharing his story in my own words, but I also recommend that you read it for yourself.

Paul (known as Saul at this point in his life) was still making threats of persecution and murder against the disciples of the Lord. He was a bystander in the crowd when Stephen, who was an esteemed disciple in the church, was stoned and perhaps threw some stones himself. He had gotten permission from the high priest of the local synagogue to capture and bring people he found to be believers in Christ to Jerusalem for trial.

As he traveled and approached Damascus, suddenly a light shone from heaven all around him. “He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’” (Acts 9:4). Saul asked who was talking to him, and the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do” (Acts 9:5–6).

Those traveling with Saul were astounded because they saw no one, yet they heard the voice of Jesus and witnessed what happened to Saul. When he rose from the ground, Saul was blind although his eyes were open. So they led him by the hand into the city of Damascus. For three days, he could see nothing and he did not eat or drink anything.

Now, the Lord had spoken to a disciple named Ananias in Damascus and told him where to find Saul and what to do. Ananias was afraid because he had heard of Saul’s violent reputation, but the Lord assured him that He had chosen Saul as His instrument, so Ananias left to find him.

He went into the house where Saul was and did what God had instructed him to do. He laid his hands on Saul and told him he had been sent by Jesus to lay hands on him so he might regain his sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he regained his sight, arose, and was baptized. For



some days after that, he remained with the disciples at Damascus and began immediately to proclaim the gospel he had previously persecuted. He declared Jesus to be the Son of God, and all who heard him were amazed.

What a transformation! I would imagine that many of us wish our experience had been so astounding, but God knows what each of us needs and He provides it. I am sure Saul needed something quite spectacular to change his mind, and God met him where he was and gave him what he needed.

As we do our best to live for God and follow His leading in our lives, He will do the same for us. God has an amazing plan for you, and He wants you to succeed in becoming everything He created you to be. You can fulfill His purpose when you choose to please God first and foremost, and set yourself free from pleasing people.

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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otherwise known as “first-in-time, first-in-right.” Those with the oldest, and therefore most senior, appropriations of water have priority over other younger, or more junior, water rights.

In this case, those whose water rights were decreed in or before 1871 will have access to water from the Rio Grande. All those with water rights issued after 1871 up to 1959, the last year a new appropriation was made on the river, will not be able to use water from the river this season unless more rain falls.

“We’re not even at the end of June yet, and we are way down on the appropriation list,” Simpson said. “If you’re already down to turning off water that was appropriated after 1871, this is an ugly set of circumstances.”

The drought of 2002 was the worst drought in recorded history and is the standard by which other periods of drought are measured.

“We’re not on pace with 2002 but we’re pretty bad,” Simpson said.

He speaks from experience. In 2002, Simpson had to ship his cows to calve in Missouri, which he described as a “disaster in itself.”

While conditions today are not quite as extreme, there are similarities to what happened twenty years ago.

“People who rely on just surface water will be faced with choices.

Sell your herd or be prepared to buy hay to feed their cows. But it’s going to be impossible to buy hay to feed cows this year from an economic standpoint. Those prices are going to be high because everyone is experiencing such a drought. And people who have wells to back up their supply, those resources are being stressed. You can see it in the unconfined aquifer very readily every day. Look on our website and you can see the levels go down. We just don’t have the water resources that we’ve had in the past, and we can’t keep pumping the way we’ve been.”

While farmers and ranchers will be facing tough choices soon, Simpson — whose approach is consistently equal parts recognition of a challenge and search for the solution — is also focused on the larger questions that extend beyond this growing season.

“How do we adapt and change without fundamentally changing what we look like and what drives our economy, culture and community? We’re trying to do this very thoughtfully and incrementally. I think, without a doubt, there is going to be less irrigated acres here than historically there has been.

“And, for me, I’ve been focusing a lot of time and energy on is there a path here for renewable energy. Can solar energy fill some of that gap? There are tremendous hurdles in that space of trying to make that a reality. Of course, I don’t want to see 50,000 acres of solar panels but there’s certainly room for some here, and I think it could fill that economic void that will come from taking out some irrigated acres.”

Without going into much detail, Simpson mentioned some recent “small wins,” but recognizes it is going to take a collaborative, concerted effort to make the gains that, he feels, may hold promise.

“Interest is growing,” he said. “And the timing couldn’t be much better. The state wants to be carbon free. Xcel wants to be carbon free. Tri-state wants to be carbon free. It feels like there’s momentum and the San Luis Valley would be the

premier place for more solar. It’s just a matter of getting the right people in the right place at the right time. There are a handful of us who are working toward that.”

Simpson said another economic piece relates to changing crops that are grown. Personally, he is contracted with a local processor to raise 50 acres of industrial hemp, largely driven by the water scarcity that makes farming “harder and harder.”

Historically, the Valley raises about 150,000 acres of alfalfa and

other hay. If Simpson can raise hemp with the same success he has raising alfalfa, he estimates it would cut his water consumption by half.

But the potential reward hemp can bring goes hand in hand with challenges with processing and marketing, a situation where Simpson reports being “really excited about hemp at times and really frustrated at other times.”

Everything must be considered, he says, including co-ops, value added crops, diversification, resiliency. There is also potential in

conservation easements on aquifers, as Colorado Open Lands is currently discussing with farmers.

“It’s not a disaster yet,” he said and then stopped, trying to remember a quotation to address

how he sees things. He settled for paraphrasing. “Things happen as a result of catastrophe or thoughtful leadership.”

The best option, in Simpson’s view, is to choose the latter.

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We sincerely hope we have not left anyone off the list, but likely did. Many from the community dropped off food, water, Gatorade, and other usable and practical things April 20. So many of you have donated to the charity of your choice or donated to stores who have given away clothing, hygiene products, and household goods. Many of you jumped without hesitation when you were asked to evacuate. Thank you for your cooperation.

And, of course, at the center of this tragedy are the victims of the fire. The families who lost their home, lost their possessions, and lost some joy. May the outpouring of care by the community help you heal. May your courage and bravery keep you strong and help you rebuild your life. We are Monte Strong!

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The Monte Vista Police Department and the Monte Vista Elks organize a Bike Rodeo on Saturday, June 11, at Fullenwider Park in Monte Vista.

Monte Vista Police Dept. and Elks hold a Bike Rodeo

BY MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — It was a sunny afternoon with just enough breeze to keep the trees moving, as about 12 children enjoyed the Bike Rodeo that was held over at Fullenwider Park in Monte Vista on Saturday, June 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There were two vendors, including the Monte Vista Band Boosters, and the Monte Vista Softball Boosters, selling cotton candy,

water, chips, cookies, and snacks for \$1 each, and there was a bouncy house in the middle of the park for the kids to enjoy.

Children were given free food, including hamburgers and snacks, and children could be seen entering the bouncy house and giggling and laughing, along with a few kids on bikes driving up and down the little road by the park, and along the sidewalk in the park, with huge smiles across their faces.

Members from the Monte Vista Fire Department attended the Bike Rodeo in the morning, and many of the members of the Monte Vista Elks were at the rodeo as well.

Monte Vista Police Department Officer Dillion Golden was on site for the rodeo and was enthusiastic about the turnout.

“We have a little obstacle course that we lined out for the kids, and they really liked that,” Golden said.

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SLV Amateur Radio Operators participating in Field Day June 25

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

MONTE VISTA — 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.

According to ARRL, there are more than 750,000 amateur radio licenses in the US and an estimated 3 million worldwide.

Among the tenets of the Amateur Radio Service is developing and practicing skills in radio technology and radio communications, and even contributing to international goodwill. Hams range in age from as young as 9 to older than 100. A self-study license guide is available from ARRL: The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual.

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.

‘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 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.



Photos courtesy of Adams State University

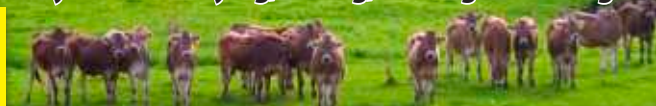
Twins Jaqueline and Jasmine Palacios-Molinar will share a segment telling their Adams State story on ‘The College Tour’ show.

Right: 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.



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"I am here teaching bike safety to the kids. Teaching the kids, the importance of watching traffic and traffic signals, making sure the kids are watching for stop signs. I am also teaching the kids to wear helmets when they can. I also want to make sure that the kids realize that a lot of this carries over to when they are driving in a few years. The kids are having a lot of fun and learning bike safety at the same time."

Mary Gallegos was at the park with her granddaughter Mariana Moreno.

"My granddaughter was talking about this all week," Gallegos said. "One of her friends told her to meet her at the park so they could ride bikes together. She asked me all week to bring her and today she was all smiles to come down here. I like that the people from the Elks and from the police also lent some of the kids a bike if they didn't have one. I think that was really a sweet thing to do. Not all the kids have bikes, it would be nice to see a big fundraiser in our town to buy children bikes that don't have any. The kids are really having fun out here. Kids like bikes and they are safe. There is a cop out here teaching the kids how to be safe on bikes by wearing a helmet. It's nice to be out here with my granddaughter today and have fun with her."

Child Connor Alley was excited at the Bike Rodeo and held up his helmet and smiled for a picture.

"It's fun," he said, smiling for the camera.



Left: Connor Alley poses for a picture with his helmet during the Bike Rodeo on Saturday, June 11, at Fullenwider Park in Monte Vista.



Monte Vista Band Boosters and Monte Vista Softball Boosters sell drinks and snacks at the Bike Rodeo on Saturday, June 11, at Fullenwider Park in Monte Vista.



Monte Vista Police Department Officer Dillion Golden helps a child with their bicycle at the Bike Rodeo on Saturday, June 11, at Fullenwider Park in Monte Vista.

Photos by Marie Mccolm

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.

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CPD wins charity game with MVPD in OT

By MECHHEL MEEK

MONTE VISTA — The Center Police Department and the Monte Vista Police Department squared off in a hotly contested charity basketball game on Saturday, June 11, in Monte Vista.

The game brought people from all over the San Luis Valley to donate and enjoy the competition.

There was fun for the whole family, with food and face painting. The event was well attended, with many people supporting their city's police.

Before the beginning of the game, MVPD Chief George Dingfelder said, "Thanks for joining us and have fun!"

CPD Chief Dale Meek also

thanked the sponsors who generously donated their time, products and money.

Meek said that several local businesses made monetary donations, City Market donated food, Jaime Hurtado created the game t-shirts for both teams, K&J Thriftway donated supplies and many others donated time and miscellaneous items.

The game started with CPD taking an early lead. In the first half, a strong defense by CPD stifled the offense of MVPD.

The teams traded field goals and turnovers, and the high level of defense by both teams led to a lull in the action for the last part of the first half.

MVPD roared back at the end of the first half, closing the deficit and ending the first half trailing, 31-22.

During the halftime break, half-court shots were set up for donations and a chance to win a \$25 gift card. Two participants won the half-court competition, receiving the gift cards.

Children went through the crowd during halftime selling baked goods to benefit the Monte Vista softball team.

At the beginning of the second half, MVPD came out of the break with a scoring run and cut the lead to one point.

With 6 minutes left in the game, MVPD increased its lead to nine

points, but the tide of the game suddenly turned toward CPD.

CPD went on a scoring run, led by its defense and tied the game at the end of regulation, sending it to overtime.

A 5-minute overtime was played to decide the winner. The teams went back and forth in overtime.

With 17 seconds left in OT, CPD led MVPD 76-73. MVPD fouled Meek and sent him to the free-throw line. Meek hit both shots to ice the game and put CPD ahead 78-73.



Photo by Mechhel Meek

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		Moravian 69	04/05	0.13	0.19	0.22	0.29	0.31	0.53	0.83
Moravian 69	05/05	0.13	0.19	0.22	0.29	0.31	0.53	0.83	1.10	1.68
Early Wheat	04/05	0.13	0.19	0.22	0.29	0.31	0.53	0.83	1.10	1.68
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White Wheat	04/05	0.13	0.19	0.22	0.29	0.31	0.53	0.83	1.10	1.68
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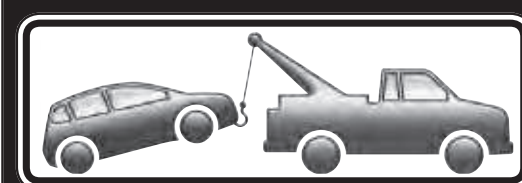
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- Outdoor landscape watering shall only be allowed by a hand-held hose with attached positive shutoff nozzle, drip irrigation system or bucket on any day or at any time for trees, shrubs, planting beds, planters and gardens.
- Newly seeded or sodded lawns shall be exempted from these restrictions for the time period

needed to establish the lawn, which time period shall not exceed 30 days. Newly seeded or sodded shall mean an area that visibly lacks vegetation. Watering shall be restricted to an area that covers newly seeded or sodded portions of a lawn without extending unnecessarily to areas with established vegetation. Newly seeded or sodded lawns and newly planted trees or shrubs shall be exempted from the odd-even watering scheme, but are not exempted from the hours when watering is permitted. All customers planting new seeded or sodded lawns must fill out an application at the City of Monte Vista, Public Works Department in order to be allowed 30 days of watering during the restricted hours. Following this period, all lawns will be considered established and must follow watering restrictions as outlined above.

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Sanford Pioneer Days, July 14

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2022 Cumbres and Toltec schedule to feature new trips

The 2022 Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad kicks off on July 1. The later opening addresses the variable weather on Cumbres Pass and ensures a more pleasant outdoor experience for passengers. The season will run through Oct. 23.

The new 2022 schedule features a mix of offerings, including:

Full Excursion Trips travel by train the full line between Chama, N.M. and Antonito and includes a one-hour bus ride. These trips are called the Antonito All Aboard and the Chama All Aboard and include lunch and motorcoach service.

Half Limited Trips travel half the C&TS line from either Chama, N.M. or Antonito to the mid-way point of Osier Station and back. Lunch is included and the trips, are called the Chama Limited or the Antonito Limited, are solely via train, with no bus service.

Short Express Options are perfect for people short on time, families and people who want to "chase the train" as well as ride it. The three-and-a-half hour Cumbres Express departs from Cumbres Pass at 11:10 a.m., heads to Osier for lunch service (included in the price) and returns to Cumbres at 2:45 p.m. On Fridays in July, the Chama Express will depart Chama at 1 p.m. and travel to Cumbres Pass, the highest operational railroad pass in the country and back to Chama by 3:30 p.m. Lunch is not included.

Special Trips are trips that do not run weekly, including the monthly 168 Brunch Special, the 168 Dinner Special, the Geology Train, which will run twice this year and the annual Wildflower (Botany) Train. In

addition, there will be a special photography charter and Moonlight Dinner Train Trip only available to members of the Friends of the Cumbres and Toltec. Tickets prices vary depending on the Special Trip. See website for more information.

About the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad

The Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad follows the original 64-miles of tracks first laid down in 1880, crossing the borders of Colorado and New Mexico 11 times, as it skirts along canyon walls through Toltec Gorge, burrows through tunnels, steams over Cascade Trestle (137-feet above a roaring river), and climbs to the top of 10,015-foot Cumbres Pass, the highest point reached by any steam railroad in North America.

The railroad has been featured in more than 40 motion pictures, including the current number one film on Netflix, "The Harder They Fall" as well as "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," "Hostiles" and more. The railroad also has the country's largest collection of narrow-gauge locomotives and cars.

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Fort Garland was established in 1858 to protect San Luis Valley settlers from Indian raids. At that time Colorado was still part of New Mexico Territory.

Fort Garland was built to replace Fort Massachusetts, just six miles to the north, because the other fort was vulnerable to attack and the land around it was too swamp-like. Fort Garland was named in honor of Brevet Brigadier General John Garland, who then was the commander for the Dept. of New Mexico.

The fort's 20 adobe buildings could accommodate two companies of 100 men and officers. Various companies of infantrymen, mounted riflemen and volunteers would eventually call the fort home. The fort even sported its own laundry and laundresses.

Only two forts existed in Colorado when the Civil War broke out in

1861, because at that time the Indians were behaving peaceably. During the Civil War, Fort Garland served as an important enlistment site and rendezvous point for companies of Colorado Volunteers heading south to stop Confederate attempts to take New Mexico in 1861-62. These volunteers helped win the Battle of Glorieta Pass, New Mexico, in late March 1862. The pass is located at the southern tip of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains southeast of Santa Fe. This battle, which has been called the Gettysburg of the West, effectively ended the Civil War in the western territories.

Following the war, Kit Carson took command of the post as a Brigadier General, in recognition of his valor at the Battle of Valverde, also in New Mexico Territory, Carson was well known for his successful work with

the Indians and while at Fort Garland was asked to negotiate with the Ute Indians. For a time, Carson's efforts were successful, and the Indians lived in peace with Colorado settlers. He retired for health reasons in 1867.

The Ninth Cavalry was brought to the fort during the gold and silver rush days because the Indians were rebelling against the arrival of so many prospectors searching for their fortunes in the state. In 1876, the fort became home to the Buffalo Soldiers.

The Indian threat was curtailed in 1880, when the Utes were forced by the Army to retire to reservations created for them in southwestern Colorado. Troops at the fort were then reassigned, and by 1883 the fort was abandoned. It was purchased in 1930 by the Colorado Historical Society and since that time it has operated as a military museum.



The fort is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 719-379-3512, www.museumtrail.org/fort-garland-museum

Take a spiritual journey at the Stations of the Cross Shrine

Strikingly life-like bronze sculptures created by renowned artist Huberto Maestas guide visitors along a recreation of the path trod by Christ during the last journey of His life. The site is an especially popular tourist attraction just before Easter. The shrine was constructed in 1986 and dedicated in 1990. The sculptures were created as an act of love and devotion by the faithful of Sangre de Cristo Catholic Parish at San Luis.

The shrine embodies the vital role of religion in southern communities. Locals come to the shrine throughout the year for prayer, reflection and celebration. Visitors can find the stations along a one-mile walking trail that begins just off Highway 159, 19 miles south of Fort Garland and just west of San Luis. The stations are situated on a bluff above San Luis.

Fifteen art pieces can be found along the trail depicting the 12 stations of His journey, Calvary and Crucifixion. At the top is the shrine known as La Mesa de la Piedad y de la Misericordia

(The Mesa of Piety and Mercy); the grotto features pink sandstone statues of the Virgin Mary and Saint Juan Diego. The mesa top pathway is also lined with many statues of the saints.

As visitors walk up the trail, they are afforded spectacular views of several of Colorado's mountain peaks that tower over 14,000 feet above sea level, while San Luis and the San Luis Valley are spread at their feet. Complete the journey with a visit to the Memorial de los Martires Mexicanos, at the top of journey.

Access to the shrine can be found at the northern portion of San Luis. Info: 719-992-0122, www.sdcparish.org.



Pike's Stockade

Located along the north bank of the Conejos River, the site marks the spot where, in 1807, Zebulon Pike raised the American flag over what was then Spanish territory. The site is now owned by History Colorado and a replica of the stockade exists near the location of the original structure. To learn more about Zebulon Pike and Pike's Stockade go to the Pike National Historic Trail Association's website, www.zebulonpike.org or www.historycolorado.org/location/pikes-stockade-site.

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St. Agnes Catholic Church to re-open on July 2

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

SAGUACHE — The Association of St. Agnes Catholic Community recently announced that the re-opening of St. Agnes Catholic Church in Saguache will be on July 2.

“We were given the keys to the church just this week,” stated Toni Mondragon, association chairperson. “God is good. Our prayers have been answered. We will begin to have Mass again in Saguache.”

St. Agnes, 505 Gunnison Ave., Saguache, had to close its doors

in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other situations.

In late 2020, after the announcement was made of the closing of St. Agnes, a group of concerned parishioners got together to see if they could somehow keep the church open, Mondragon stated.

The group of six began to meet often to see what steps would be needed to reopen.

“We were so fortunate to have Maria Archuleta and the Archuleta Family Foundation guide us to the proper channels and help us

understand the process needed to open and be part of the Diocese of Pueblo,” Mondragon stated.

What the association did not know was that to have the church open for the community and its parishioners, it would have to create a legal business with federal and state requirements met to the satisfaction of both, Mondragon stated.

“We could not even open a bank account without meeting all the needed paperwork,” she stated. “We had to deal with a tiny piece of property the Parish Hall slightly sits on.”

These issues took some time to resolve.

“Of course, we must meet all the requirements of the Roman Catholic Church and the Diocese of Pueblo,” Mondragon stated. “We are continuing our Liturgical work with the guidance of the Diocese, Deacon Jerry LaBlanc, and with our priest, Father Eric Haarer.”

St. Agnes has served the people of Saguache for over 125 years.

“It has been ingrained in the hearts of our Catholic community and the surrounding communities

and has been a great loss since its closing,” Mondragon stated.

Many families of the Catholic faith lost loved ones during the pandemic, and some of these families helped build the “new” church in the late-40s.

“Our tradition of ringing the church bells and having Mass was such a loss to all of us,” Mondragon stated. “We are happy to announce we will now be able to continue these traditions.”

Mass will be celebrated in Saguache beginning with the first ringing of the bells at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 2, to honor “the loved ones who passed during our closure.”

Mass will be at 4 p.m. on July 2, followed by a rededication ceremony.

“St. Agnes Catholic Church invites you to celebrate with us,” Mondragon stated. “We thank our community for your kindness and generosity.”



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St. Agnes Catholic Church in Saguache is re-opening on July 2 after being closed since late 2020.

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

Level: Intermediate

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Solution to last week's puzzle

	A	L	E			M	E	T						
	E	X	O	S	K	E	L	E	T	O	N			
A	D	V	E	R	T	I	S	E	M	E	N	T	S	
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R	A					S	I	N			M	A		
A	C	E	D		M	I	R		R	A	N	S	O	M
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	N	I	X		R	A	B	B	I		M	E	A	D
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Family and friends of Eadon Lawson, pictured wearing a Vans T-shirt, attended a Proud Military Parents Support group sendoff in Monte Vista on June 4. Lawson is enlisting in the U.S. Navy.



Family and friends of Alberto Galvan, pictured wearing a button-down shirt, attended a Proud Military Parents Support group sendoff in Monte Vista on June 11. Galvan is enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Proud Military Parents Support group holds two sendoff ceremonies

Group will be hosting a theatre event to help sponsor care packages

essay about the entire experience. Donations will be taken at the showing of the movie and there will be nachos, and T-shirts for sale along with chance drawings. All proceeds will go toward care packages for the holiday season. The movie will be shown on June 16, at 7 p.m. at the Vali 3 Theatre in Monte Vista.

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — Eadon Lawson of Monte Vista was proudly sent off as a newly enlisted Navy Sailor by the Proud Military Parents Support group in a ceremony held on Saturday, June 4.

Alberto Galvan of Monte Vista was proudly sent off as a newly enlisted Marine by the Proud Military Parents Support group held on Saturday, June 11.

The group also invited everyone to attend a showing of the movie "Taking Chances." "Taking Chances" is a true story based on the recollections of US Marine Lt. Col. Michael Strobl.

Strobl traveled with the remains of Lance Cpl. Chance Phelps, a Marine who was fatally wounded by gunfire during the Iraq War. Strobl attended Phelps's funeral and memorial service and wrote an



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1710 1st St., Alamosa

Sierra Blanca Medical Center
106 Blanca Ave., Alamosa
589-3658

Convenient Care Community Clinic
1131 Main St., Alamosa
589-2562

San Luis Valley Health
589-2511 • www.slvrhc.org
106 Blanca Ave., Alamosa

RMC Clinic
106 Blanca Ave., Alamosa
589-3000

SLV Behavioral Health Group (SLV BHG)
8745 Cty. Rd. 9 South, Alamosa
589-3671

SLVBHG Mi Esperanza Wellness Walk-in Clinic
311 San Juan, Alamosa
589-3671

San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center
106 Blanca Ave., Alamosa
589-2511

Stuart Avenue Clinic
2115 Stuart Ave., Alamosa
589-3000

Adolescent Health Program
201 Carson Ave., Alamosa
589-5860

Davita Dialysis
612 Del Sol Dr., Alamosa
1-800-424-6589

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622 Del Sol Dr., Alamosa
587-6800

Rio Grande County Rio Grande Hospital
657-2510
www.riograndehospital.org
310 Cty. Rd. 14, Del Norte

RGH Clinic-Del Norte
0310C Cty. Rd. 14, Del Norte
657-2418

Edward M. Kennedy Health Clinic - Valleywide
925 Second Ave., Monte Vista
852-2512

RGH Clinic- Monte Vista
1033 Second Ave., Monte Vista
852-8827

Monte Vista Community Clinic
103 Chico Court, Monte Vista
852-9400

RGH Clinic- South Fork
62 Park Drive, South Fork
873-5494

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402 4th Ave., Monte Vista
589-3671

SLVBHG Del Norte
14443 HWY 160, Del Norte
589-3671

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20 Lodge Dr. E, South Fork
589-3671

Saguache County

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186 N. Hurt St., Center
754-2778

HRRMC Saguache Health Center
405 Denver Ave., Saguache
530-2000

SLV BHG
260 Worth St., Center
589-3671

Moffat Family Health Center
545 Moffat Way, Moffat
256-4025

Conejos County

Antonito Medical Clinic
115 Main St., Antonito
376-2308

Conejos County Hospital
19021 S. Hwy. 285, La Jara
274-5121

La Jara Medical Clinic
509 Main St., La Jara
274-5000

Guadalupe Health Center
10th and Dalia St., Antonito
376-5426

SLV BHG
322 Walnut St., La Jara
589-3671

SLV BHG
9th & Dahlia, Antonito
589-3671

Costilla County

San Luis Health Center
233 Main St., San Luis
672-3352

SLV BHG
409 Trinchera, San Luis
589-3671

Mineral County

RGH Family Practice-Creede
802 Rio Grande Ave., Creede
658-0929

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Population: 15,445*

GOVERNMENT

www.alamosacounty.org

Courthouse
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Commissioner meetings
Second and last Wednesdays of every month

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1315 17th St., 589-6608

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www.cityofalamosa.org
City Hall
300 Hunt Ave., 589-2593
Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon. through Fri.

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425 4th St., 589-2548
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587-2530

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Alamosa Family Recreation Center
2222 Old Sanford Rd.
589-2105 • alamosarec.org

Library
300 Hunt Ave.
589-6592 • alamosalibrary.org

EDUCATION Alamosa School Dist.
www.alamosa.k12.co.us

Administration
209 Victoria Ave., 587-1600

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Two buildings, K-2 and 3-5
1707 W. 10th St., 587-6600/587-6650

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401 Victoria Ave., 587-1650

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www.sdc.schooldesk.net
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www.adams.edu • 587-7011

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Chamber of Commerce/Colorado Welcome Center
Historic depot building
610 State Ave., 589-3681/589-4840
www.alamosa.org

Convention and Visitors Bureau
589-4840
1-800-258-7597

La Puente Homeless Shelter
913 State Ave.
589-5909

Food Bank
513 6th St.
589-4567

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589-2465 (24-hours)

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Alamosa
589-4274

Motor vehicle and voter registration at county courthouses

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Social Security
602 Del Sol Dr. No. 1A
Alamosa
589-2953

Electricity
San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative
3625 West U.S. Hwy. 160
Monte Vista
852-3538
Center Town Government
294 S. Worth
754-3497
Xcel Energy
1-800-895-4999

Telephone
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Residential
1-800-244-1111
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1-800-603-6000
Charter Communications
877-906-9121

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589-6631
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Land Area: 1290 Square Miles

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376-2196

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376-5919

EDUCATION

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274-5174

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214 Poplar Ave., La Jara
274-5791

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274-4301

Centauri High School
17889 U.S. Hwy. 285, La Jara
274-5178

Veterans Affairs
376-6725

MUNICIPALITIES

Antonito

Town Hall
515 River St., 376-2355

Police Department
376-5421

La Jara

Town Hall
221 Broadway, 274-5363
Colorado.gov/townoflajara

Police Department
274-5886

Manassa

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401 Main St., 843-5207

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843-5207

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Town Hall
149 2nd Ave., 843-5785

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Town Hall
390 Greenleaf, 274-4024

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274-4040

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Conejos County Chamber of Commerce
376-2277

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274-5520

North Conejos School District

North Conejos Alternative Program
615 Main St., La Jara
274-4220

Manassa Elementary
200 S. 5th St., Manassa
843-5277

Sanford School District

www.sanfordschools.org
755 2nd St., 274-5167

South Conejos School District

13099 County Road G, Antonito
376-7001 • southconejos.com

SAGUACHE COUNTY

Size: 3,168 square miles
Population: 6,108

Courthouse
202 3rd Street, Saguache
Open: 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., weekdays

Commissioner meetings
First, second and third Tuesday

GOVERNMENT

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Saguache
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(county seat)

Town Hall
504 San Juan, 655-2232



COSTILLA COUNTY

Population: 3,524
Size: 1,227 Square Miles

Courthouse
Open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., weekdays
352 Main St., San Luis
672-3681

GOVERNMENT

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First and Third Tuesdays of every month

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Chief Financial Officer
Julie Albert

Commissioners
Michael Gallegos, Robert Espinoza and Steven Romero
672-3372

Assessor
Thomas Aragon
937-7670

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Blanca/ Fort Garland Community Center
17591 E. Hwy. 160
Blanca
379-3450

Fort Garland Museum
29477 Hwy. 159
Fort Garland
379-3512

Clerk & Recorder
Najondine Placek
937-7671

Coroner
Sherri Vigil
580-3426

Sheriff
Danny Sanchez
672-0673

Treasurer/Public Trustee
Lorraine Medina
937-7672

Social Services
Tommy Vigil
672-4131

MUNICIPALITIES

San Luis

Municipal offices
408 Main St.
672-3321 • townofsanluisco.org

Mayor
Tiffany Gallegos

Town Trustees
Roberta Romero, Jessica Durgan, Shantae Martinez, Brian Valdez

Blanca

Municipal offices
Main Street
379-3461 • goade.org/~blancaco

Town Clerk/Court Clerk
Rayna Sanchez

Mayor
Myrrl Smith

Trustees
Paul Wiescamp, Nancy Escalante, Edgar Martinez, Darlene Burns, June Welch and Lawrence Kawanabe

Town Marshal
Paul Quintana

Fire Department
379-3461

EDUCATION

Centennial School District R-1

centennial.k12.co.us
14644 Hwy. 159, San Luis
672-3322

Sierra Grande School District

www.sierragrandeschool.net
17523 U.S. Hwy. 160, Blanca
379-3259



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RIO GRANDE COUNTY

Size: 913 square miles
Population: 11,982

Courthouse
925 6th Street, Del Norte
657-3394
Open 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. weekdays

Commissioner meetings
Second and fourth Wednesdays

Social Services
1015 6th St.
Jody Kern
657-3381

Public Health Director
Dr. Kolawole Bankole
657-3352

City Clerk
Unita Vance

Recreation
Jamie Hurtado

Public Works
Rob Vance

Board of Trustees

Jesse Entz, Sarah Sparrow, Trisha Taylor, Michele Cruse, Rick Morgan, Kevin Stickens

Town Administrator
Hank Weber

South Fork Fire Rescue
Chief Sean Burkey
719-873-0095

Police Department
Chief Hank Weber
873-1040

EDUCATION

Monte Vista School District

www.monte.k12.co.us
Monte Vista High School
295 E. Prospect Ave.
852-3586

Monte Vista Middle School
3720 Sherman Ave.
852-5984

Bill Metz Elementary
545 2nd Ave.
852-4041

Marsh Elementary
215 Lyell St.
852-3231

Byron Syring Delta Center and Online Academy
345 Prospect Ave.
852-2212

Sargent School District
www.sargent.k12.co.us
7090 N. Cty. Rd. 2E
852-4025

Upper Rio Grande School District

www.dncsd.org
950 French St.

Del Norte Elementary
657-4030

Del Norte Jr./Sr. High School
657-4020

GOVERNMENT

www.riograndecounty.org
Commissioners
Scott Deacon, Gene Glover and John Noffsger

Coroner
Stephen Hunzeker
588-1289

Administrator
Craig Barraclough
657-2744

Clerk & Recorder
Cindy Hill
657-3334

Assessor
J.J. Mondragon
657-3326

Treasurer/Public Trustee
Cherilyn Rue
657-2747

Sheriff
Don McDonald
657-4000

MUNICIPALITIES

Monte Vista

www.cityofmontevista.com
City Hall
95 W. First Ave., 852-2692

Mayor
Dale Becker

Councilors
Victor Sigala Larry Foster, Martha Lock and Jason Lorenz

Police Department
95 W. First Ave.
852-6161

Police Chief
George Dingfelder

Fire Chief
Patrick Sullivan
401 Broadway St.
852-3371

Administration
City Manager
Gigi Dennis

Del Norte

delnortecolorado.com
Town Hall
140 Spruce
657-2708

Administrator Clerk
Bernadette Martinez

Police Chief
Business and non-emergency office
719-657-26000

Mayor
Chris Trujillo

Board of Trustees
Shelly Burnett, Joe Archuleta, Louie Velasquez, Bob Muncy, Brenton Williams, Leigh Anne Lobato

South Fork

www.southfork.org
Town Hall
100 Silver Thread Lane
South Fork, 719-873-0152

Mayor
Tyler Schmidt

SAGUACHE COUNTY

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Town Administrator
Brian Lujan

Fire Department
754-3333

Police Chief
Dale Gene Meek
754-3497

Crestone

Town Hall
108 West Galena Ave., 256-4313
Townofcrestone.colorado.gov
Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Mayor
Kairina Danforth

Town Trustees
Adam Kinney, Benjamin Byer, Stephen Hume, Kizzen Laki, Kimberly Martinez and Daya Scheide

Clerk
Allyson Ransom, 256-4313

Treasurer
Lisa Cyriacks

EDUCATION

Center Consolidated School District

www.center.k12.co.us
500 Broadway, 754-3442

Academic Recovery Center
754-2859

Center High School
754-2232

Skoglund Middle School
754-2232

Haskin Elementary School
754-3982

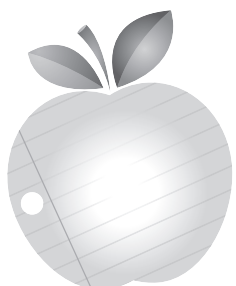
Crestone Charter School
crestone-charter-school.org
330 Lime Ave., Crestone, 256-4907

Moffat Consolidated School District

www.moffatschools.org
501 Garfield Ave., Moffat, 754-0500

Mountain Valley School District

www.mountainvalleyschool.org
403 Pitkin Ave.
Saguache
655-2578



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Saguache Chamber of Commerce
www.saguachechamber.org
849-0240

Crestone Chamber of Commerce
256-4313

San Luis Valley HEALTH

106 Blanca Ave
Alamosa
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MINERAL COUNTY

Size: 876 square miles
Population: 712

County Land Use Office
Roger Duncan
658-2360

GOVERNMENT

www.mineralcountycolorado.com
1201 N. Main St., 658-2331

Silver Thread Public Health
Tara Hardy
658-2416

Courthouse
1201 N. Main St.,
Open 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., weekdays

Mineral County Volunteer Fire Department
Chief Robert Hosselkus
658-2600

Commissioner meetings
First Monday and third Tuesday of every month

MUNICIPALITY Creede

Commissioners
Ramona Weber, Jesse Albright and Scott Lamb

City Hall
2223 Main St.
658-2276
www.colorado.gov/creede

County Administrator
Janelle Kukuk
658-2360

Mayor
Jeffrey Larson

County Assessor
Libby Lamb
658-2669

Trustees
Shane Castleberry, Dana Brink,
Lori Dooley and Jack Wyatt
Hannah

County Clerk/Recorder
Eryn K. Wintz
658-2440

Town Manager
Louis Fineberg

County Treasurer
Amy Wetherill
658-2325

Town Clerk
Sarah Efthim-Williamson

Court Clerk
Hollie Wheelwright
658-2575

Recreation
Kathryn Short Ash

Coroner
Jim Adelman
658-2600

Public Works
Scott Johnson
658-2003

The Mineral County Sheriff's Department serves both the county and Creede.
1201 N. Main St.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Chamber of Commerce
www.creede.com
904 S. Main St.
658-2374

Sheriff
Fred Hosselkus
658-2600

EDUCATION Creede School District

www.creedek12.net
450 Corsair Drive
658-2220

Library
658-2220

Road and Bridge
Danny Rogers
658-2329

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

Alamosa County
8900A Independence Way, Alamosa
589-4848

Silver Thread
802 Rio Grande, Creede
658-2416

Conejos County
19023 Hwy. 285, La Jara
274-4307

Rio Grande County
925 6th St., Del Norte
657-3352

Costilla County
233 Main St., San Luis
672-3332

Saguache County
505 3rd St., Saguache, 655-2533
220 Worth St., Center, 754-2773

Ambulance Services

Alamosa - 589-5807
Del Norte - 657-4000
Monte Vista - 852-5111

South Fork - 873-5544
Creede - 658-2211
Conejos County - 376-5921

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