

Shorts

SLV Veterans Organization Memorial Day Ceremonies

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Veterans Organizations will be hosting Memorial Ceremonies on Monday, May 30, at 10 o'clock, beginning at the American Legion plot in Alamosa Cemetery.

Ceremonies will then move to the VFW plot and finally to the Spanish Cemetery on Coop Road.

For further information you can call Jack Rudder, American Legion Adjutant, at 719-588-9838

Carnegie Library Summer Reading Programs begin June 6

MONTE VISTA — The Carnegie Library in Monte Vista and the Carnegie Library in South Fork will have Summer Reading Program the weeks of June 6, June 13, and June 20.

Participating children will be required to read 120 minutes each week. All three sessions must be completed and reading logs turned in by June 28 to be entered into a drawing to win a grand prize.

Registration starts Monday, June 6 at each Library during regular hours. A parent and or guardian must be present with the child to sign up. This program is for children entering kindergarten through sixth grade.

Ancient Valley Open Mic Season Six, Summer 2022

DELNORTE — Ancient Valley Open Mic, a free community performance arts series, begins its sixth season, Summer 2022, on Wednesday, June 8, sponsored and hosted by Simple Foods Market.

Shows are scheduled every Wednesday, 5-7 p.m., to Aug. 31. The location is an outdoor, shaded courtyard at 680 Grand Ave, Del Norte. Individual shows may be cancelled due to rain.

Updates and photos appear on social media: Ancient Valley Open Mic, Southern Colorado. Music and spoken-word performers, all ages, styles, and experience levels are welcome. Show up and sign up to perform.

Sign-up begins at 4:30 p.m. each date. Staging includes two standing mics, and a 10-channel PA. Participants are encouraged to bring the additional equipment they need.

To get on the mailing list and ask questions, contact jenni@jennimansfieldpeal.com.

Mexico holds great promise for SLV potato growers

BY PRISCILLA WAGGONER

MONTE VISTA — For almost a quarter of a century, potato growers in the United States have wanted full access to the market in Mexico. That goal was finally accomplished on May 11 when the first shipment of U.S. potatoes crossed into Mexico, headed south past the border zone and into the interior of the country.

Since that first shipment, 11 more trucks have crossed the border carrying fresh potatoes from the U.S.

On Monday, Governor Jared Polis, USDA Undersecretary Jenn Moffitt and Colorado Agriculture Commissioner Kate Greenberg



Photo by Priscilla Waggoner

Representative Donald Valdez (second from the left) along with Commissioner of Agriculture Kate Greenberg (center left), Governor Jared Polis (center) and USDA Undersecretary Jenn Moffitt (center right) pose with producers from the San Luis Valley during Polis' visit to Monte Vista celebrating the recent trade agreement with Mexico.

Mountain Valley School celebrates Class of 2022



Photo by Mechel Meek

A commencement ceremony was held on May 21 for the graduating class of Mountain Valley High School in Saguache.

BY MECHEL MEEK

SAGUACHE — The graduating class of 2022 Mountain Valley High School walked across the stage to the delight of their family and friends on Saturday, May 21.

It was an impressive ceremony with the auxiliary gymnasium decked out for the occasion with signs, balloons and festive lights.

The evening ceremony began with speeches by the superintendent and principal of the high school.

The students held an air of palpable anticipation waiting for their chance to walk across the stage and receive their degree.

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Hundreds of fentanyl pills found during CPD search of home

STAFF REPORT

CENTER — A Center man was arrested after drugs packaged for sale were found in his car during a traffic stop on Saturday, May 21, according to the Center Police Department.

A subsequent search of Osvaldo Munoz's home on Sunday, May 22, led to more drug trafficking charges and the

seizure of methamphetamine, heroin and fentanyl.

Saturday's traffic stop was during a traffic operation conducted by CPD with the assistance of the Saguache County Sheriff's Office, CPD Chief Dale Meek reported.

Munoz, who had an outstanding warrant, was stopped as he turned

into the Dollar General parking lot after being spotted by an officer on Highway 112. During a search after the arrest, trafficking amounts of heroin, methamphetamines and fentanyl were all located on Munoz and in the vehicle. These items were divided for individual sale, Meek reported.

Munoz was charged with his warrant,

which was for dangerous drugs and driving on a revoked license out of Saguache County. Munoz was additionally charged with three separate counts of suspicion of trafficking in a controlled substance, one for each of the listed narcotics.

On May 22, at approximately 2:30

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Late spring storm brings much-needed moisture

BY MECHEL MEEK

SAN LUIS VALLEY — In a dramatic turnaround, the San Luis Valley was hit with rain, snow and high winds after a week of high temperatures.

Temperatures are expected to rebound this weekend, returning to normal temperatures in the 70-degree range for the next 10 days.

While the cooler temperatures and much-needed moisture were a relief to most, the changing conditions impact agriculture in the Valley.

According to the USDA, "In the San Luis Valley, moisture late in the week brought a short-term reprieve to soil conditions, but halted fieldwork."

Potato planting progressed well and is nearing completion, USDA reported. County reports noted the alfalfa crop was setback by cooler weather. The southeastern counties received

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The San Luis Valley was hit with rain, snow and high winds after a week of high temperatures last week bringing some much-needed moisture to the region.

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OBITUARIES

Gregory (Mike) Allen Aden

Gregory Allen Aden, a longtime resident of Houston, New Braunfels and Lake McQueeney, passed away Friday, May 13, at the age of 80.

Born to Carl and Bobbie Aden of Del Norte, Colo., he was rechristened "Mike" by his older brother Gary, who did not like the name Gregory. The nickname stuck, and for the rest of his life everyone knew him as Mike. Five years later, younger sister Karla joined the family.

Mike graduated as valedictorian from Del Norte High School in 1960. As was necessary in a school with a graduating class of 33, he would play running back on the football field and then switch to tuba for the halftime performance. Though Mike was too small to play basketball against the "giants" of Leadville, he was a talented towel boy. Always the team player, Mike returned during his college summer breaks to join performances of the Del Norte High School marching band.

Outside of school, Mike drove his father's Conoco truck, making fuel deliveries to area businesses, farmers, residents, and service stations, as well as running the Del Norte Conoco station on Grand Avenue. When they finished their work, Mike and his father would fish the waters of the Rio Grande, bringing their fresh-caught trout home for his mother to fry up for dinner.

Mike also played the piano, refining his 1000-song-fake-book chops at Fun Valley and in the barrooms of Creede with his trio. Later in life, he would entertain his family and friends on the piano, notorious for his rambunctious version of The Kingston Trio's "MTA", dubbed "The Running Song" by his grandchildren.

Mike attended the University of Colorado, later embarrassing anyone nearby with his enthusiastic air-marching-band performance of the CU fight song. He studied Economics, Accounting and Mathematics, receiving a BA and MA, and was a Ford Foundation Scholar. He was the president of his fraternity. Mike then enlisted in the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, where he became a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry.

A certified public accountant, Mike's long professional career included stints with General Electric, Touche Ross, Del Lingco Business

Brokers, Amicon Plastics, and several consulting businesses.

A natural entrepreneur with an unparalleled work ethic, Mike honed his business acumen over the years, laying the groundwork for his greatest business achievement — his ventures in the home health care sector. Mike and his wife Nora purchased Cameo Caregivers and grew the business from 13 clients and 25 caregivers to 125 clients and 200 caregivers.

Mike and Nora sold Cameo in 2004. After a few years of semi-retirement, all the while missing the excitement of entrepreneurship, Mike returned to the industry with their aptly named second company, Encore Caregivers.

Mike was extremely generous with his time and knowledge. Those seeking financial advice could count on lengthy pen-and-paper explanations of the benefits of home ownership or cost-benefit analysis of self-employment or important business decisions. Out-of-town visitors

could expect memorable hand-drawn maps, with somewhat cryptic annotations, to local tourist attractions. And although his proud driving tours of his neighborhoods might lack attention to the road, they never lacked hilarity.

Always a spiffy dresser, Mike's idea of casual wear was a button-down shirt and slacks. He kept his Norelco under the front seat of his car so that he was always clean-shaven.

Mike's greatest source of pride and joy was the family he built with his wife Nora, a family that consisted of five children and the 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren (with one more on the way), who knew him as Pepa. Mike's happiest times were when the entire family was present for the holidays or summer. He thrived in what he called the "complete bedlam" of the scene. Mike spent hours and hours each year preparing the winter wonderland miniature village, with lights and trains that enchanted countless children during the holiday season.

Their children's spouses, partners, and friends were always welcome into Mike and Nora's home. This hospitality was also extended to Mike and Nora's neighbors, resulting in lifelong friendships. Mike charmed his guests with his over-the-top generosity and sincere interest,



bombarding new acquaintances with his genuine curiosity.

His curiosity extended beyond people. He was game to try just about anything at least once - whether it was cultural events, ziplining, or standing in the rowdy section at a soccer game.

Mike took many trips with his wife and family, including to China, Europe, Alaska, Costa Rica, and the Cayman Islands, as well as destinations around the United States with his grandchildren during the highly anticipated Camp Mimi summer sessions.

In addition to spending time with family and friends, Mike enjoyed fly fishing and evening boat rides with his wife and dog Ollie.

Mike is survived by his wife of 33 years, Nora Aden; his sister Karla Aden; his daughters Joy Aden Galaviz and Kerry Walker and sons Kelley Powell, Jarrod Aden, and John Aden; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law; nieces and nephews; and friends and business associates who will truly miss this generous, loving, interesting, and fun man.

Mike's memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 4, 1 p.m., at McQueeney Baptist Church, 201 Schumann Rd., McQueeney, TX, 78123.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice in Mike's name.

Beverly J. Vitale

Monte Vista resident Beverly J. Vitale, 83, died peacefully on May 4, 2022, at the Monte Vista Estates Nursing Home in Monte Vista.

Beverly was welcomed into the arms of her parents Alvin Riffel and Norma Mueller Riffel on April 28, 1939. She was a lifelong San Luis Valley resident except for three years spent in Hoisington, Kan.

She married Craig Barnes in 1959. They spent 35 years together until his death in 1994. She married her second husband Salvatore "Sam" Joseph Vitale on Nov. 14, 2001, and they enjoyed 17 wonderful years together until his death in 2018.

Beverly taught school in Marsh and Central Schools in Monte Vista for 25 years. She worked mainly in special education, but spent several years as a regular classroom teacher. She was a warm and compassionate person that was always looking out for others. She was much loved by so many people.

Beverly was a lifetime member of St. Peters Lutheran Church in Monte Vista and was active and devoted to her Bible study group. She was involved in teaching at church and directed several choirs and played the organ. She enjoyed going to the cabin in the mountains of Creede. Beverly loved her dogs and taking them for walks.

She is survived by her children Paul Barnes of Creede, Colo., Laura Vitale, Martha (John) Ball, and Vincent (Tyler Tousley) Vitale, Donna (Gaylen) Bush, Michael (Janet) Vitale, sister Faith (Barry) Schofield-Hong and her brother



Gordon (Judy) Riffel; as well a numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband Craig Barnes, her second husband Salvatore "Sam" Vitale and her daughter Kim Barnes-McCullough.

Cremation was chosen and a Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 3, 2022, at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Monte Vista. A graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. that morning at the Homelake Veterans' Center Cemetery. Contributions in her memory are suggested to either St. Peters Lutheran Church in Monte Vista or to Doctors Without Borders.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online remembrances, words of comfort, or tributes for Beverly's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

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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

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Take it off, take it all off

Way back in the Stone Age of 1967 there was an advertising campaign that ran utilizing the Swedish model Gunilla Knutson. Now for those of you who do not know who she was or maybe still is, she was a blonde bombshell of no small fame at the time.

But anyhow, she was featured on an ad for Noxzema medicated shaving cream, and she would begin by telling you in a great sexy foreign spy type accent to use this product. Then to some cheap stripper music a man shaves for us on screen. Finally good old Gunilla comes back on and gives that famous line of "Take it off, take it all off."

That's pretty much it but sales were huge on the product due to this campaign as men everywhere could just envision themselves getting a Swedish smorgasbord of their own after using the creamy concoction.

I thought of this the other day when it was so blamed hot and humid, and Miss Trixie reminded Ol' Dutch that it's better than cold weather as in the heat you can always take off more clothes.

Whereas in really cold weather no amount of L.L. Bean inner and outer wear can help keep your buns warm. And if you have ever eaten out, you know there is nothing like cold buns. Or something like that.

So there I was trying to get all the chores done before departing for Colorful Colorado with sweat trickling down my back and into my shorts and cursing that Texas Sun like a trooper on steroids.

For it seemed that no matter how much I took off, I was still basting temperature hot and there was concern that the fat was going to start to bubble at some point.

Close and nosey neighbors kept Ol' Dutch from going Godiva on the tractor but I was tempted, nonetheless. Which also got me to thinking about said lady of clothless fame.

It had to be quite the shock back in those days I guess to see a naked woman on a horse riding past and I do get that part of the mystique. But I have to wonder if she was just exceptionally pretty or just pretty average as to her body mass index.

You know. That's the pesky number the weight trainers assign you so you will throw good money at them to help you lower it to some impossible goal.

Today we are simply overwhelmed by the presentation of scantily clad women and men too not only for advertising but also just for shock



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

effect on their loving fans.

We have seen more Kardashians than we care to see and the latest trend of dresses cut to the crotch and no brassiere to hold up the accompanying flesh has given us no end to exposure.

And like it or not, flesh is here to stay as for some reason naked flesh sells us everything from beer, to boats to cars and more.

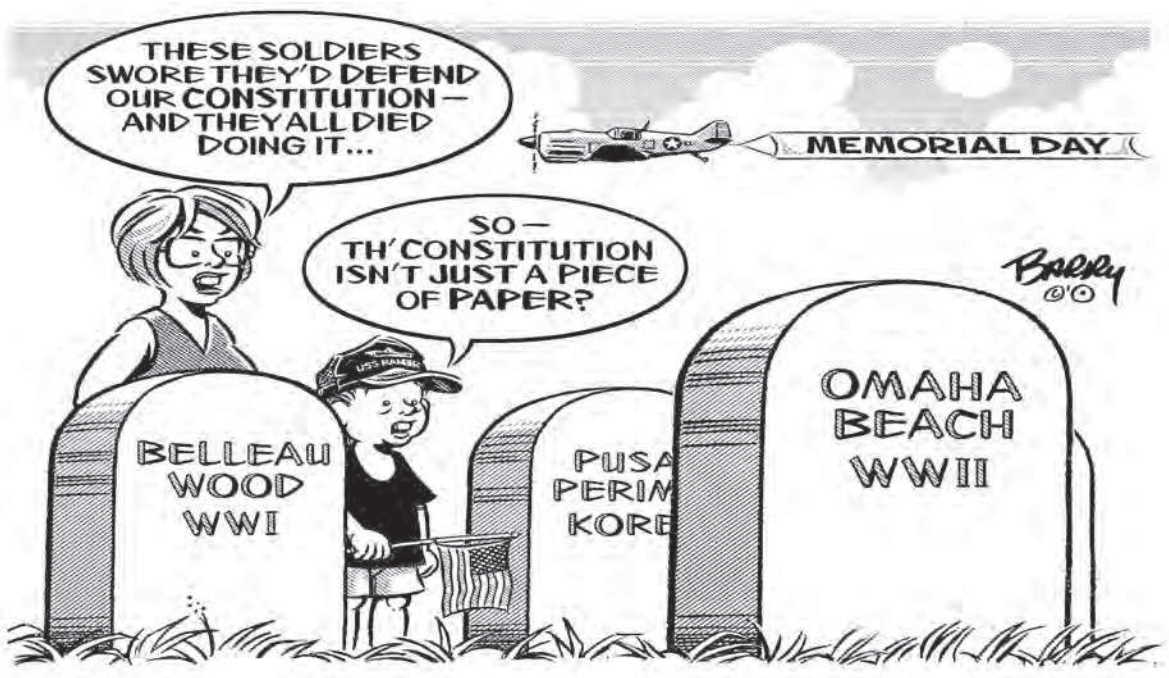
I knew we were in for it when the hunting shows on television began to feature beautiful women out in the hills and dales pursuing game of every type and kind. And Ol' Dutch wasn't born yesterday - to which Miss Trixie turns all religious on me with a firm "Amen" to that - so I know those vixens are not out there to get some meat for the table but once again to sell me something to use on my own pursuit of happiness.

Just watch them long enough and you will be inundated with advertising for elk estrogen, bull in heat calls, doe pee and other things that most ladies of years past were too embarrassed to even talk about.

And they have not forgotten their roots in the advertising world as some of them have on their camouflage bikini tops and shorty shorts to draw in bucks from the bucks they are trying to reach.

But here we are now I guess, watching these bow shooting beauties and dreaming of maybe someday a doe of her caliber would visit us in the elk camp. But rest assured if you hang around any of them long enough, those hunting camps will soon be a thing of the past as you will be mowing her grass, fixing her car and taking care of a passel of kids before too long.

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.



YOUR NIGHT SKY BY DARLENE DANKO

New meteor shower

Three independent studies have investigated the likely hood of a new meteor shower occurring this year at the end of May. They have predicted that it will really happen. We'll see if it really does happen. They've predicted that it will occur at 10 p.m. on May 30, and early morning on May 31.

I'm hoping that we really get to visualize this new meteor shower. Comet 73P Schwassman-Wachman 3 (SW3) orbits the Sun every 5.4 years.

This comet was discovered in 1930 when people saw its meteor shower.

The dust trails ejected in 1995 will closely approach Earth: so, meteors due to this dust trail are highly expected in 2022. We could see 140 meteors per hour. That would be amazing! Of course, that's a wild card and we may only see 14 per hour, or none at all.

We really won't know if the meteors are big and bright, or just small and not visible without binoculars. They're predicted to be around Bootes which is high overhead in the NE. Since the

new moon is on May 30, there will be no interference from the moon. We just won't know if the meteors are bright and active, or small and faint.

So, we will just have to go out and look at the sky to see if we can see the meteors. I will probably go out before I go to bed, and then get up during the night and go out again to see if I can see any of them. I will certainly let you know what happens.



Mountain Valley School close to Adventure Awaits goal

By Hali Lawson
Mountain Valley Student

The answer to your question is: the Eiffel Tower is 1,083 feet tall, all the way to the tip! That's roughly 193 average-height people stacked on top of each other. While Mountain Valley School doesn't have enough students to test the accuracy of that, we still have 17 wonderful students eager to travel to France to visit the Eiffel Tower!

We only have \$5,400 left until our goal, and we really need your help to finish off the little bit we have left.

If you'd like to help a bit, you could always make direct donations to MVS-Adventure Awaits, 403 Pitkin Ave., Saguache, CO 81149. If you'd like to get something out of it, we can work for you! Contact Mrs. Johnson to sign up 719-221-9942.

Also, don't forget, we are still flocking yards with plastic flamingos! For more info on that, contact Mrs. Knight at 515-783-5175.

•Saturday, May 28, we will have a float in the Memorial Day Parade starting at 11 a.m. going down 4th street in Saguache.

Then serving up some grub in Otto Mearns Park until 4 p.m.

• Saturday, June 11, we will also be serving soups and salad at the Quilt Show at Mountain Valley School at 403 Pitkin Ave., Saguache starting at 10 a.m.

This last year or so has been hard work, but look how far we've gotten! We're so close to our goal, and we couldn't have done it without the help of our community but local and far away, Saguache County Sales Tax Grant, and sponsors Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Johnson!

LETTER

Impending energy crunch

Editor,
Generated Electrical Energy is what supports the world economies. Picture a world without electricity — the list of its uses is endless. It is important for us to understand where that generated energy comes from, and how it impacts our daily lives; because the "generation" landscape must change.

Why? Because fossil fuels are a finite (limited) resource and have impacts to our environment. In the USA, there are four primary sources of electrical energy generation — coal-fired plants, hydroelectric (water flow) plants, natural gas plants, and nuclear plants. Secondary sources of

large-scale generation are wind and solar plants.

In order to prepare for the inevitable end to generation from fossil fuels, there must be a transition to alternate power sources. Mind you, current estimates put fossil fuel reserves, at a decades long supply...but it is going to take that long to transition to new sources of generation technologies.

There are already bills moving through Congress to implement this transition that will increase taxpayer liabilities in excess of \$1 trillion!

The reason I am writing this letter is because I understand the problems we are facing in the energy industry.

Energy is my passion! I made a career of it; and I know what its future holds. The more I see what is happening, and what it means to families struggling to make ends meet; I am driven to try and make a difference; and to make the transition as painless as possible.

I am asking you for your vote to become the next board director for District No. 6 of the SLVREC, so that I can work toward this goal for the members of this Cooperative. I would be happy to answer questions on where the energy landscape is headed.

*Creede Hargraves
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Jaelin Padilla, Stephane Molinar-Almeida and Priscila Zapaa-Chavez



Mario Sanchez

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GRADS

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The stands and chairs were filled with proud family members from all around the Saguache community.

The motto for the Class of 2022 was a quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us." This was an apt motto for the class as they continued to struggle with interruptions in learning due to the continuing COVID-19 issues.

According to Lacy Reed, Board of Education President, who spoke to the graduating class, "Today is your day of celebration, and your time to move

forward. Do not ever fear failure but only fear not trying."

Before the diplomas were presented, there were speeches by the Valedictorian, Salutatorian and a special speaker, Sgt. First Class Reyes of the Colorado Army National Guard.

The students spoke of their plans, and how much they appreciated their families and community for their support.

After the completion of the speeches, the graduating students went among the crowd of family members and presented them with

sunflowers in appreciation of their support.

The students then returned to the stage to receive their degrees. Each student after receiving their degree participated in the time-honored ceremony of moving their tassel from the right to the left side of their cap to signify that they had graduated in a simple but significant ceremony.

The graduates that took part in the ceremony were as follows — Valedictorian Yessenia Vera, Salutatorian Destiny Haphey, Hailey Collins, Gavin Gross, Jase Leyba, and Mercedes Sandoval.

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.

Silver Thread Studio Tour seeking participants

STAFF REPORT

CREEDE — The Creede Arts Council is hosting the annual Silver Thread Studio Tour on Aug. 13 and is seeking artists within South Fork and Creede to participate.

The Studio Tour showcases artists in the area — from emerging artists to those with national recognition. Previous venues have included private homes, studios, and art galleries where artists may exhibit their work.

Artists will share ideas, answer questions, and or perform demonstrations to the public. Artwork will be showcased and available for purchase. All types of artists across mediums are encouraged to apply including painting, jewelry, pottery, glass

blowing, stained glass, photography, wood carving, papermaking, sculpture, wind chimes, metal arts, deer skin, rocks, furniture, ceramics; and fiber arts such as quilting, weaving, spinning yarn, knitting, felting and various surface design techniques.

Artist locations must be along The Silver Thread Scenic Byway, Highway 149, beginning in South Fork, through Creede and ending at The Studios at Bristol. Full- or part-time residents in these areas are eligible.

To download an application, visit www.creedeartsCouncil.com/silver-thread-studio-tour. For questions or more information, e-mail creedearts@outlook.com. The application deadline is June 17.



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Rio Grande County Museum opens in time to celebrate 150 years of history

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

RIO GRANDE COUNTY — The Rio Grande County Museum announced last week that it will be open and ready for patrons in time for Memorial Day weekend in the San Luis Valley. For the past five months, the museum was closed for maintenance and cleaning but is now ready to welcome history buffs back for the summer.

The museum will have new exhibits and is working to bring back the historical integrity of the organization. The museum serves Rio Grande County; this includes South Fork, Del Norte Monte Vista and towns that no longer exist like Loma, West Del Norte, Rock Creek, Whiskeyville and Baxterville. New exhibits are being constructed and the overall feeling is one of optimism.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the town of Del Norte which was established in 1872. On Oct. 21, 2021, Del Norte was officially named by J. Cary French 150 years ago in 1871. French was one of five men who came to this location in the fall of 1871 for one purpose; to lay out a townsite and begin the adventure of creating a new and wonderful place to live.

After a rigorous journey across the eastern United States to the South Fork of the Rio Grande, French and his team of prospectors platted and laid the first stakes of what would soon become the town of Del Norte. After countless hours of conversation, French wrote in his diary on Oct. 21, 1871, that, "Went to town site — laying out lots and blocks, with Scottie, Fred, Phillips and Lovett. Quit at 2 p.m. Had a meeting in my room after supper. Named the new town Del Norte."

The original plat and map of Del Norte is housed in the Rio Grande County Museum with French's diary that talks about their struggles and observations while journeying to the site of Del Norte. The journal speaks of the first findings of gold and other ore in the Summitville Mining District and the glorious expanse of the Rio Grande that was untouched and unsettled except for the Pi-Utes who still resided in the area.

In 1872, the Conejos County Commissioners' proceeding show they granted the corporation of



the Town of Del Norte to the first Del Norte Town Trustees, French being one of them. Two years after, Rio Grande County was formed and designated in 1874, breaking off from Conejos County with four other communities, including Hinsdale County and Lake City.

Once the corporation of Del Norte was complete, the sale of land began and the first Del Norte citizens traveled to the new town in hopes of a life of riches and prosperity. Del Norte was quickly recognized as the "Gateway to the San Juans" and was the beginning of the gold and silver rush that came to the area and created communities like South Fork, Monte Vista and Creede.

Del Norte was a lively area, home to many who came here for outfitting, staging, freighting and served as a business center for places like Summit, Lake City, Silverton, Ouray and Telluride. Del Norte was also designated the county seat once Rio Grande County was formed two years after the corporation approval.

According to records at the Rio Grande County Museum by 1872, Del Norte was up and running with promotion of the area in full swing. Thomas Pollock wrote to the Pueblo Chieftain, "People are crowding in there at a rapid rate. The miners expect to return to the mines earlier this spring and advise that outfitting should be successful. Farms are being taken up in the Rio Grande Valley and by next season there will be sufficient produce raised for home consumption. Taking everything into consideration, Del Norte, and the country tributary to it, has a brilliant future in store."

The next few months will be a celebration of the past and the future as Del Norte and Rio Grande County celebrates. Several events and exhibits are being planned for Rio Grande County and details will be announced by the Rio Grande County Museum as they are formalized.

Youth Walking Tours begin June 3

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA — Caminos del Valle is a signature project of the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area (SdCNHA). This project recruited and trained four youth between the ages of 16-18 representing Alamosa, Conejos, and Costilla counties.

They were trained in group leadership roles in neighborhoods and public lands, cultural and historical nature of the SdCNHA, land and water conservation, nature-based education, walk facilitation, cultures, landscape, and tradition. Along with learning the local history, the youth were also trained in first-aid and CPR, public speaking, and self-defense.

Youth will lead and assist their cohorts in walking tour events which are free to the public.

Participants of these walking tours will explore history, culture, landscapes, and traditions, which youth have learned from local historians.

Walking Tour Schedule

• June 3 — Walk of San Luis/Japanese Tour — 2-5 p.m. Meet at the Sangre de Crista Catholic Church, 511 S. Church Place, San Luis.

• June 10 — Antonito/Jack Dempsey Tour — 2-5 p.m. Meet at Warshauer Mansion, 515 River St., Antonito. Drive to Jack Dempsey Museum after the tour.

• June 17 — Historic Alamosa Tour — 2-5 p.m. Meet at Blue Peaks Developmental Service Office, 703 Fourth St., Alamosa.

For more information on Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, visit www.sangreheritage.org.

Lane 6 road closure begins June 6

STAFF REPORT

Lane 6 North will be under full road closure beginning June 6. Great Sand Dunes National Park and San Luis State Wildlife Area are both open to the public during the closures.

Local residents will be allowed direct access to homes and businesses on Lane 6 North during construction, with potential construction delays of up to 30 minutes. All other road users should use the posted detour.

DETOUR

• Lane 6 North will be closed from the intersection with CO-17 to the entrance of San Luis State Wildlife Area

• Detour will be in effect, travelers on CO-17 may proceed south to Alamosa, then east on US-160, then north on CO-150 to avoid the Lane 6 North closure

• San Luis State Wildlife Area may be accessed westbound on Lane 6 North via CO-150

• Great Sand Dunes National Park may be accessed northbound on CO-150



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POTATOES

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joined Jim Ehrlich, executive director of the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee, in Monte Vista to celebrate the achievement.

"Mexico is a huge market for agriculture," Polis said. "Up until now, we've been left out of reaching those markets. This agreement has changed all that."

The National Potato Council states that the U.S. exported \$60 million of fresh potatoes to Mexico in 2021. According to Polis, opening up all of Mexico to U.S. grown potatoes could result in a possible increase of \$190 million export value increase — or \$250 million each year — in the next five years, a figure that Polis suggested was conservative. That equates to a four-fold increase in the amount of potatoes exported south over current levels.

Locally, the expansion will have a significant impact.

"We shipped 1.22 million cwt. of potatoes to Mexico from our 20-21 crop. That represents \$17 million in their market," Ehrlich said.

Polis touched on the effort put into the agreement by Colorado's Department of Agriculture, including a trip where he and Greenberg travelled to Mexico to meet with officials and officials from Mexico coming to Colorado to observe productions in the state.

Undersecretary Moffitt echoed Polis, saying that "the San Luis Valley showcased to Mexico what American production is all about."

She added that standard healthy farming practices in the Valley, like crop rotation, were discussed.

"Their observation of production has given full confidence to Mexico. Growers here are some of the best in the world. You produce a high-quality product, and we will only ship the best product south," Moffitt said.

Polis added that Mexico President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador recognizes the importance of establishing a "western hemisphere supply chain," the value of which

STORM

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some moisture last week, but drought conditions continue to worsen throughout the area.

As of May 8, the snowpack in Colorado was 60 percent measured as percent of median snowfall, up 5 percentage points from the previous week. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 3 and 11 percent, respectively.

Stored feed supplies were rated 15 percent very short, 24 percent short, and 61 percent adequate. Sheep death loss was 70 percent average and 30 percent light. Cattle death loss was 79 percent average and 21 percent light, USDA reported.

The changing conditions helped to add to the local snowpack, however, drought conditions persist throughout the San Luis Valley, raising concerns about water shortages and wildfires.

A wildfire broke out recently near the Visitor's Center for Great Sand Dunes National Park. The area has received rain and snow throughout the park and the Medano Pass areas during this storm.

Medano Creek has been low this year, however, the recent snow should alleviate this situation somewhat as it melts. The lower sections of Medano Pass received 2 to 5 inches of snow, rendering the pass difficult driving until the snow melts.

has become even more apparent in recent years.

"We reached an enduring agreement," Polis said.

Until recently, the U.S. exported potatoes to Mexico but they were limited to a 22-mile stretch along the border. Anything further than that was prohibited, with the reason going back more than a decade.

Twenty years ago, the United States entered an agreement with Mexico to open trade with the import of avocados from Mexico in exchange for exporting potatoes from the U.S. However, while the import of avocados increased, potatoes from the U.S. were unable to make it across the border, largely due to resistance from growers in Mexico protecting their market.

In 2011, Mexico finally opened up to importing potatoes, but limited delivery to a zone of about 20 miles that ran the length of the border. That led to a wave of legal cases filed by growers' organizations in Mexico

trying to protect their domestic production and prevent competition from importers.

Those cases finally made it to Mexico's Supreme Court in 2018.

Three years later, in March of 2021, the court issued their ruling, rejecting the cases filed by Mexican producers and granting full access by U.S. potato growers to all of Mexico.

Polis praised the assistance of numerous officials in helping make the agreement possible, including U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.

After heralding the agreement as being important to potato growers in the Valley, Ehrlich made special mention of the efforts Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet made in opening Mexico's markets to Colorado potato growers.

In closing, Polis acknowledged that most view Idaho as the number one potato grower in the U.S.

"Watch out, Idaho, here we come," he said.

DRUGS

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p.m., officers executed a search warrant on the residence of Munoz based upon the arrest and confidential information that led officers to believe Munoz was dealing narcotics out of his residence behind Center Schools.

Officers seized 410 grams (nearly a half kilo) of methamphetamines, 222 grams of heroin and an additional 60 grams of fentanyl (nearly 700 pills combined) during the search of the residence.

"This is a significant seizure, especially with the lethality of such small amounts of fentanyl," Meek said.

Munoz was charged with the additional charges from the search warrant of:

- unlawful distribution, manufacturing, dispensing, sale or possession (methamphetamines) a drug felony first-degree offense.

- unlawful distribution, manufacturing, dispensing, sale or possession (heroin) a drug felony first-degree offense.

- unlawful distribution, manufacturing, dispensing, sale or possession (fentanyl)

a drug felony first-degree offense.

Munoz was initially given a \$100,000 bond but it was reduced to \$25,000 after he appeared in Saguache County court. The original trafficking charges from May 21 also were given a \$25,000 bond in Rio Grande County.

"We are continuing to follow up on the sources of these narcotics that Munoz was selling," Meek said. "I want to commend our officers. They were out in force with the Saguache County Sheriff's Office on an operation targeting bad driving when the original traffic stop was conducted. The officers did an excellent job identifying the signs of narcotics trafficking. They were persistent at gathering the necessary evidence for the arrest, the subsequent search warrant and gathering more evidence for additional charges. I am confident they will continue to make our town safer whether it is targeting reckless driving, enforcing laws against violence or attacking the narcotics problem in the area."

Date of Notice: May 4, 2022

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You are hereby notified that Atmos Energy has filed with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado ("PUC"), in compliance with the Public Utilities Law, an application for permission to file certain changes in tariffs, affecting all residential, commercial, interruptible and other consumers in its Colorado divisions to become effective June 1, 2022, if the application is granted by the PUC. The purpose for this filing is to change rates by revising the Company's existing gas cost adjustment tariff to reflect changes in the rates charged Atmos Energy by its suppliers for natural gas purchases. The present and proposed natural gas rates are as follows:

<u>Class of Service by Division</u>	<u>Present Rates</u> <u>Total Volumetric</u>	<u>Proposed Rates1</u> <u>Total Volumetric</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
North Colorado*			
Residential	\$0.94725	\$1.27312	34%
Small Commercial, Commercial	0.82040	1.14627	40%
Irrigation	0.73618	1.06205	44%
Transportation	0.15568	0.15700	1%
	<u>Average Monthly Bill</u>	<u>Projected Average</u> <u>Monthly Bill</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
North Colorado*			
Residential	\$71.03	\$91.23	28%
Small Commercial, Commercial	340.93	464.44	36%
Irrigation	291.93	400.77	37%
	<u>Prior Year's Peak</u> <u>Month Bill</u>	<u>Projected Peak</u> <u>Month Bill</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
North Colorado*			
Residential	\$135.44	\$177.81	31%
Small Commercial, Commercial	669.91	924.09	38%
Irrigation	1,459.57	1,861.05	28%

*Notification Published in our North Rate Area Newspaper

The proposed and present rates and tariffs are available for examination at the business office of Atmos Energy Corporation located at 1555 Blake Street, Suite 400, Denver, Colorado, or at the Public Utilities Commission at 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado, 80202.

Anyone who desires may either file written objection or seek to intervene as a party in this filing. If you only wish to object to the proposed action, you may file a written objection with the Commission. The filing of a written objection by itself will not allow you to participate as a party in any proceeding on the proposed action. If you wish to participate as a party in this matter, you must file written intervention documents under the Commission's rules.

Anyone who desires to file written objection or written intervention documents to the proposed action shall file them with the PUC, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado, 80202 at least one day before the proposed effective date.

Members of the public may attend any hearing and may make a statement under oath about the proposed change whether or not a written objection or request to intervene has been filed.

Atmos Energy Corporation
Colorado-Kansas Division
By: Kathleen R. Ocanas
Vice President, Rates & Regulatory

Taste of Creede has fun on the menu this weekend

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

CREEDE— Memorial Day weekend is almost here and with it comes a variety of activities spread out across the San Luis Valley. Everything from grand openings to day-long events are gracing the calendars in almost every community and Creede is pulling out all the stops for its annual Taste of Creede event.

Artists from all over the country gather in the small mountain town to show off their skills to the crowds attending as they meander along Main Street. Artists use all different mediums and genres to display art along the street.

Shops along Main Street have dusted off their welcome mats and opened their doors in preparation for the weekend, which is sure to be fun for the entire family.

This long-time area favorite began when local artist Steven Quiller decided that what Creede needed was an event that highlighted local artists and delicious food. Thirty-four years later and this festival has become a way to set the table for summer. The festival may look slightly different than in previous years but according to sources, it is sure to be a great time for the entire family.

The event will start on Saturday, May 28, with live music provided by Rally Round and Caldera, children's activities, craft vendors, and some food tastings throughout the day. The Silver Chef Competition is also scheduled to take place and this event is one of the main reasons guests come to Creede.

Local chefs gather on Main Street to show off their culinary skills and vie for the top spot in the competition. Each chef is given specific ingredients and is asked to create delectable dishes for the judges. Food and ingredients are generously donated by Shamrock Foods and the Monte Vista Co-Op.

This year's honored guest artist is Suzanne Reed Fine. She grew up in Del Norte and received early training at the high school there and Adams State

University. She is well known for her contemporary and colorful approach to the figure, landscape, and abstract work at times with social commentary. She became a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, in 2018 one of only 500 painters throughout the world with the status. She has received top awards in the Columbus Artist Guild, Southern Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, Georgia Watercolor Society, Watercolor Society of Alabama, amongst others. Articles on her and her work have been in Watercolor Artist Magazine, Voyage Atlanta Magazine, Ledger Enquirer,

Southwest Art Magazine, and the Del Norte Prospector.

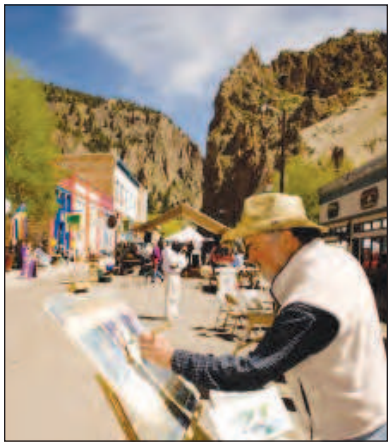
Local author Cindy Harris will be reading and signing her new book "Shine On the One I Love" at 11 a.m. at Basham Park on Saturday, May 28. The book will be available to purchase and have it signed following the presentation.

A picture book for early learners, "Shine On the One I Love," is the story of a mother who watches her daughter grow into a beautiful young lady as their military family travels the countryside and discovers the luminous wonders of the moon and a variety of trees. The mother sings "I See The Moon" by

Meredith Wilson, changing the lyrics to fit their location in each place they travel.

Sunday will feature the Artist Quickdraw competition where featured artists line up along Main Street and have one hour to change their blank canvass into a work of art. The pieces are later auctioned off to those interested in buying a one-of-a-kind unique piece.

The weekend tops off with the annual Memorial Day remembrance ceremony in Basham Park on Monday at 11 a.m. Local Elks Lodge No. 506 honors veterans every year with patriotic songs sung by the Creede Choir. For more information, visit www.creede.com.



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Center celebrates opening of new wastewater plant

BY MECHEL MEEK

CENTER — The Center community gathered Thursday, May 12, to celebrate the opening of a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plant with a ribbon cutting and tour of the facility.

This facility has been a long-term project that has finally come to fruition. The facility is not finished, but it will be fully operational soon.

The ribbon cutting was followed by a small lunch and a tour of the facility. This facility, according to officials, is the first of its type here in Colorado, and is using the latest technology to handle the wastewater needs of Center and the surrounding areas.

According to Moe Jones, who is on the Sanitation Board, “We’ve Got to clean up our environment and this is one great way to do it.”

The new facility can handle a greater amount of wastewater while functioning at a more efficient level.

This new facility comes as the addition of the North 90 acreage will be adding homes and businesses wastewater that will need treatment, as well as any future expansion in the town.

The ambitious \$11.791 million project was made possible through numerous grants by the USDA, DOLA and other entities.

The facility will be run by Town of Center employees when it is completed and is an example of what can be accomplished through the considerate and careful use of grant funding in rural communities, officials stated.



Photos by Mechel Meek

The Center community gathered Thursday, May 12, to celebrate the opening of a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plant with a ribbon cutting and tour of the facility.



People toured Center’s new wastewater treatment plant on May 12.

Right: The Center wastewater treatment plant project was made possible through numerous grants by the USDA, DOLA and other entities.



Bird count helps raise funds for threatened bird species

BY JOHN RAWINSKI

RIO GRANDE COUNTY — A spring bird count was conducted on May 7 in Rio Grande County as part of a fundraiser called the Colorado Birding Challenge.

The Colorado Birding Challenge is a statewide effort and was created to provide an annual flow of funds to support specific bird conservation projects.

This year’s challenge funds will primarily support sagebrush habitat restoration in the Gunnison Basin which hosts 87% of the world population of Gunnison Sage-Grouse, which is a Threatened species. The current global population of Gunnison Sage-Grouse optimistically numbers 2,700 individuals.

The team for Rio Grande County was called “A Matter of A Pinyon” and consisted of volunteer counters Lisa and John Rawinski, local biologist and field ornithologists.

Donors from across the San Luis Valley and elsewhere sponsored the team by pledging donations by the number of species found on count day or in a flat amount.

The count tallied a total of 112 species for Rio Grande County. Best birds were Virginia’s Warbler, Cassin’s Finch, Black-necked Stilt, Peregrine Falcon, Forster’s Terns, Black Phoebe, Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Long-billed Dowitcher, Canyon Wren, Mexican Mallard and Osprey.

The team raised over \$1,100 toward habitat work for the Gunnison Sage-grouse. The team ranked seventh for donation amounts among more than 100 teams in the state.

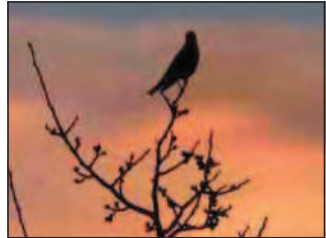
“It was amazing to see the local Valley birders step forward to help in this important endeavor,” John Rawinski said. “It shows that people are committed to a healthy and sustainable environment for birds, even amidst the daunting challenges birds are facing. The fact that we are down 3 billion birds in the last 50 years in North America should be a wake-up call for all of us to better conserve the earth’s resources amidst the increasing challenges. I am very proud and grateful of those who stepped forward in this effort.”



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RGNF implements Stage 1 fire restrictions

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

MONTE VISTA — The Rio Grande National Forest is implementing Stage 1 fire restrictions effective at 12:01a.m., on Friday, May 20. The persistent drought, and the lack of spring rains have led to the dry conditions that elevate fire danger in the San Luis and Upper Rio Grande Valley’s, RGNF officials stated.

“The relentless spring winds have accelerated the snow melt and drying process this year,” said Forest Supervisor Dan Dallas, of the Rio Grande National Forest. “With the increasingly dry conditions, unfavorable long-term forecast, and the beginning of the summer recreation season, we feel this is a prudent decision.”

Stage 1 fire restrictions prohibit:

- Igniting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire (including fires fueled by charcoal or briquettes) outside of a permanent metal or concrete fire pit or grate that the Forest Service has installed and maintained at its developed recreation sites (campgrounds and picnic areas). 36 CFR § 261.52(a).
- Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials. 36 CFR § 261.52(d).
- Operating a chainsaw without an effective and properly installed USDA- or Society

of Automotive Engineers (SAE)- approved spark arrestor, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (with a minimum 8 oz. capacity and rating of 2A) kept with the operator, and a round point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches readily available for use. 36 CFR § 261.52(j).

- Blasting, welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame without being in a cleared area of at least 10 feet in diameter and keeping a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (with a minimum 8 oz. capacity and rating of 2A) with the operator. 36 CFR § 261.52(i).
- Using an explosive. This includes but is not limited to fuses, blasting caps, fireworks, rock-

ets, exploding targets, tracers, and incendiary ammunition. 36 CFR § 261.52(b).

As a reminder, the use of explosives and incendiary devices, including fireworks, are always prohibited on all federal lands.

Fire restrictions will be in place until further notice. In addition to criminal penalties, those found responsible for starting wildfires may also face restitution costs of suppressing the fire.

The San Luis Valley Field Office is also in Stage 1 fire restrictions on Bureau of Land Management lands in six San Luis Valley counties. For more information about BLM Colorado Fire restrictions visit BLM Colorado Fire Restrictions.



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SLVREC warns of electricity phone scams

By MECHEL MEEK
SAGUACHE COUNTY — According to an email from San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative to its customers, several people have been targeted with a phone scam that preys upon fears of electricity being turned off.

SLVREC stated, "A few members have reached out to let us know that they received a scam phone call saying their electricity will be turned off due to non-payment. Please warn elderly friends and family members of these types of scams! When calling

to discuss your account, SLVREC customer service reps will always verify service address, amount due, etc. before asking you to pay through our automated phone system, SmartHub, or at a local bank branch. We will never get payment information from you! If you ever question if a phone call is legit, please call our customer service team."

While the Town of Center has a utility company, residents of Center should also be aware of these types of scams. People can always call Town Hall directly to discuss their bill.

Fourth of July celebrations announced for Center

By MECHEL MEEK
CENTER — The theme for this year's Fourth of July celebration in Center will be the Old West.

The celebration will be held on July 2, starting at 11 a.m. and continuing to fireworks held at dusk.

According to the Town of Center, "Come join the Town of Center for a Wild Wild West Day of entertainment."

The festivities will begin with a water parade featuring water guns, and four different bands will be playing throughout the day.

People who wish to become vendors for the event are asked to contact Town Hall and Peggy Martinez will be organizing a Poker Run. To participate in the poker run, contact Martinez at 719-850-0725.



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Jess Garcia — If you can dream it, you can become it

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

ALAMOSA — Working at Jack's Market and obsessed with high school basketball, Jessica Garcia passed up an early career opportunity to take a Certified Nurse Assistance (CNA) class because she wasn't sure it would be a good fit for her.

Born in Kansas City, Mo., and later attending Del Norte Elementary and graduating from Center High School, she would never have dreamed of where she is today with her career. Attending CSU Pueblo on a scholarship to become an athletic trainer, she broke her ankle playing soccer and ended up withdrawing from school for a while.

Like many college-aged students, she spent some time in a "self-discovery" mode while working jobs like waiting tables, a teacher assistant at Head Start, and road construction.

As a single mom, the "being on the road" job was not going to be a good fit, so she finally started a CNA class, knowing there are a lot of job opportunities in the nursing profession.

She got a job right away at Juniper



Jessica Garcia, RN, BSN, CIC, Director of Nursing, SLV Health Med/Surg & ICU]

Village in Monte Vista. To this day, she is still so thankful for the staff and leadership who were supportive of her working, raising a child with the help of her parents, as well as continuing her education to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and then a Registered Nurse (RN) at Trinidad State College at the Alamosa Campus. She graduated in 2012 and then pursued her online Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) through the University of Texas, Arlington.

Keeping her job at the long-term care center, she then joined the Rio Grande Hospital, working nights and weekends so she could spend days with her son. The staff at both Juniper and RGH were supportive of her educational endeavors.

"This is one of the best qualities at San Luis Valley Health (SLVH), too, where the 'grow your own' and 'employee education assistance' are two excellent programs supporting health care staff who want to further their education and training," Garcia said.

Because of her growing interest in working in an ICU, she cut back on her hours at Juniper and started part-time at SLVH's Regional Medical Center in Alamosa in 2015. She really liked working there and the Emergency Department at RGH, but still had the drive to further her education and diversify her work experience.

She became the Infection Prevention lead nurse at SLVH and then started a Certification in Infection Prevention and Control program. Living in Alamosa and working a job with regular business hours suited her family lifestyle a lot better.

"Some days, being a mom is a tougher job than being a nurse," she said with a laugh.

"My husband taught me how to ride a Harley and this was the time I started taking time for myself and my family a little more," she said, as she acknowledged she is a work-aholic.

Taking on this role, she did not foresee the ensuing COVID-19 pandemic, where clear communication and collaborating with community partners

became part of the new routine. As the pandemic started to wind down, she found herself exploring other roles at SLVH along with the idea of returning to school to become a Nurse Practitioner.

She got accepted into the school program but has put that on hold while she conquers her new title, Director of Nursing for the SLVH RMC's Med/Surg and ICU.

"I never planned on having this role,

but somehow the universe guides you if you are listening to it," said Garcia. "If you can dream it, you can become it."

Garcia has taken care of an untold number of patients in the San Luis Valley and is appreciated by all who have been under her compassionate care or worked alongside this dedicated employee. During Nurse's Week 2022, this is just one nurse highlight story out of many others.

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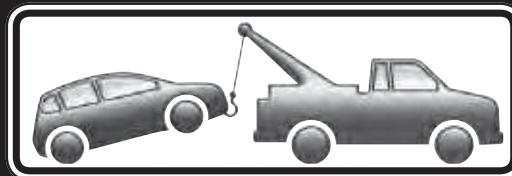


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Kverneland Under Hog 3300	Mile Stone 16" X 24' Seed Piler	18" X 28' Seed Piler
Planter 6 Row	2- 30" X 72' Telescope Conveyors	22' Bulk Bed Trailer
		18' Bulk Bed Trailer

PICKUP AND TRUCKS AND TRAILER

95 Ford F-250 Pickup	58 Chevy Truck, Fuel Tanks w/ Pump
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

220 Power Cords	2 300 Gal Fuel Tanks on Stands	12' Poly Feeder
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1000 Gallon Plastic Tank	110 Gal Nurse Tank, Trailer,	Digger - Harvester - Chains
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Several Center Drives	Buzz Saw	Chisel Points - Shanks
Buzz Saw	Wire Roller	11 Chain Boomers
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4	7	3	9		2			5
1	6	2				4	3	
3				5		1		4
7							6	
				9	1			
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	3		1		9		7	2
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Level: Beginner

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Solution to last week's puzzle

A	S	K	S		D	E	C		S	B	I	C					
C	H	E	E	P		O	C	A		A	U	T	O				
T	O	R	E	R	O		T	O	R		F	L	A	K			
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24 Garage Sales

Moving Sale Sat May 28th 8am-? 39 Pinon Circle South Fork Bar Stools, Dishes, Harley Davidson shirts & Leathers, Cabin Bear Decor, Railroad & Doll Collection. Too much to list. (5/25)

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South Fork Friends Foundation Annual Community-Wide Yard Sale

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32 Fuel & Heating

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This block-party style farmers market and live music event will celebrate its 2nd year in the town of Del Norte!

Where: Spruce Street and HWY 160, next to Simple Foods & Carthers Roadhouse.

When: Every Thursday from 2PM-6PM, starting June 4 through September

Mercado Del Norte is a lively farmers market event featuring fresh local vegetables and meat, coffee, soaps, CBD, art, jewelry, clothing, and more! The event will also feature live music from local musicians and large bands.

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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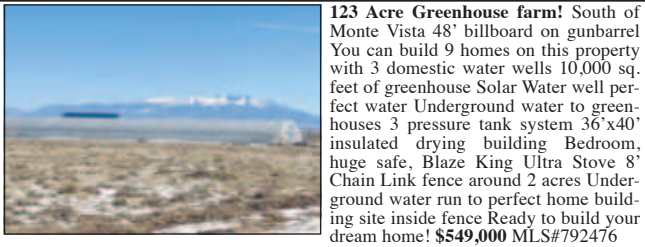
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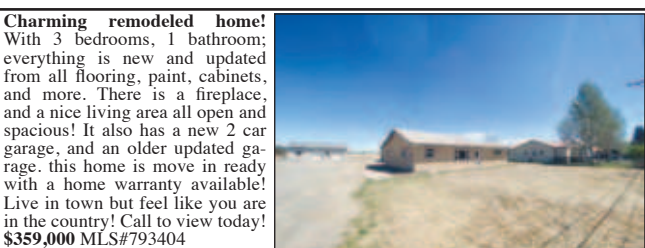
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