

Shorts

Monte Vista City Council passes no open fire ban

MONTE VISTA — Monte Vista City Council passed a no open fire ban at its April 21 meeting. This ban is in accordance with ordinance 886. The fire ban means no “open fire” defined as any outdoor fire, including but not limited to campfires, warming fires, bonfires, fireworks, charcoal barbecue grills, or burning lawns, brush and or ditches.

The fire ban went into effect immediately and will be in effect for 30 days at which time the City Council will review it during their meeting at 6 p.m. on May 19.

Citizens are reminded, however, to be careful with any type of fires as wind can quickly come up and change our surroundings throughout the spring and summer months.

Colorado Congreso de Acequias May 21

SAN LUIS — The Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association’s 10th Annual Colorado Congreso de Acequias is on Saturday, May 21.

Acequia irrigators and their families are encouraged to attend but all are welcome.

Congreso will be held in San Luis at Centennial School in San Luis from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include coffee, snacks, and lunch.

The event is free to attend and activities will be provided for children over 3 years of age.

The event will focus on land water rights opportunities for today and engaging the next generation.

An election will be held for the Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association Board of Directors during lunch.

Organizers are asking people with digitized historic or sentimental photos of land, family or community, send them to sangredecristoacequia@gmail.com to be shown during Congreso.

MV Elks Bingo to help fire victims

MONTE VISTA — Monte Vista Elks is donating all concession proceeds from its Bingo night on April 28 to the Monte Vista Community Fund for victims of the April 20 fire in Monte Vista. Doors at 121 North Washington open at 6 p.m. followed by Bingo at 7 p.m.

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Possible human bones found near Crestone campground

Saguache County Coroner, CBI working with forensic anthropologist

STAFF REPORT

SAGUACHE COUNTY — The Saguache County Sheriff’s Office is

working with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation to determine if bones found near a Crestone campground on April 25 are human remains, according to a press release issued Tuesday, April 26, night by the sheriff’s office.

The Saguache County Sheriff’s Office at about 5:30 p.m. on April 25

received a tip about possible human bones discovered along the road near the Forest Service gate to North Crestone Campground, also known as Saguache County Road 71.

A Saguache County Sheriff’s Office deputy was sent to the area and reported that they appeared to be human and appeared to have been

burned or cremated.

The Saguache County coroner was called to the scene and also reported that the bones appeared to be human.

CBI was contacted and an evidence collection team was requested to help with the recovery of the bones.

On April 26, the CBI Crime Scene *Please see BONES on Page 2A*



Courtesy photo

Center Town Manager Brian Lujan was named the Vicki Mattox Downtowner of the Year at the 2022 Governor’s Awards for Downtown Excellence.

Center Town Manager named Downtowner of the Year

BY MECHEL MEEK

CENTER — Center Town Manager Brian Lujan was named the Vicki Mattox Downtowner of the Year at the 2022 Governor’s Awards for Downtown Excellence.

“Since 2003 the Governor’s Awards for Downtown Excellence have recognized outstanding projects and people in Colorado that demonstrate creativity in the face of challenges,

unlikely and enduring partnerships and dedication to community to further downtown initiatives,” according to Downtown Colorado, Inc. (DCI).

The Vicki Mattox Downtowner of the Year Awards recognizes individuals who have shown exemplary commitment to their local downtown and community. The winners encourage ongoing

collaboration and teamwork benefiting the community.

“Brian epitomizes what it means to be a doer. Since joining the Town as the Town Manager in 2017, his infectious energy and unrelenting drive to support the community and its residents have begun to transform the small agricultural town into a model for rural revitalization,” according to Downtown Colorado, Inc. (DCI).

Douglas County Commissioner Laydon hears in person from SLV

‘This is a moral question that requires a moral compass’

BY PRISCILLA WAGGONER

MONTE VISTA — During a two-hour conversation that was cordial, elected officials and stakeholders nonetheless did not mince their words when describing to Douglas County Commissioner Abe Laydon the tremendous impact exporting 22,000-acre feet of water each year in perpetuity would have on the farmers, ranchers and communities of the San Luis Valley.

After an on-again-off-again promised appearance to speak with residents of the San Luis Valley, Laydon, along with water attorney Steve Leonhardt, were at Nino’s Mexican Family Restaurant in Monte Vista on Saturday, April 23, to meet and discuss with a small group of

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Mountain Valley High School students present air quality experiments

BY MECHEL MEEK

SAGUACHE — Several Mountain Valley High School students and two Colorado University Boulder students partnered to investigate and discover the importance of the Earth’s air quality.

According to Mountain Valley School, “Each Student used CU Boulder’s manmade equipment (The Y-Pod) to conduct their experiments. The U-Pod can measure many different compounds in the air (particulate matter, volatile organic compounds, carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide, and more). Our bright ninth-grade students did their own investigations surrounding an *Please see QUALITY on Page 6A*



Courtesy of Mountain Valley School District

Students presenting findings.

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OBITUARY

Edna Lyma Miles 'Cossitt'

Edna Lyma Miles (Cossitt), long time Creede resident, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on April 5, 2022, in the River Valley Inn nursing home in Del Norte, Colo. She was 101 years young.

Edna is survived by her children Curtis Lyman Miles and wife Julie Meaders of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Darryl Immer Miles and wife Debby Roughton-Miles of Creede; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; as well as numerous adoring nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Lyman and Belle Cossitt, her husband George I. Miles, her sisters Estelle Earle and Zola Rhodes, her son Ralph Miles, and her daughter Judy Crawley.

Edna's life began on March 1, 1921, in Cambridge, Idaho, the daughter of Lyman Morgan Cossitt and Edna Belle Cossitt (Seavey). She married George "Bud" Immer Miles on May 12, 1939, in Del Norte, Colo., and they enjoyed 36 wonderful years together. They resided in Creede for most of their lives, but lived for a short time in Oakland, Calif., during WWII. They were together until Bud's death on July 28, 1975. Edna never remarried and spent much of her time helping her daughter Judy and her family, as well as raising two teenage boys by herself in the years immediately following Bud's death.

Edna was a wife, a mom, and a homemaker. She was joint caretaker with Bud at the Spar City Corp. from 1949 until 1974. She owned the Creede Gift Shop in the Elks building from 1974 until selling, and then becoming manager of Tomkins Gift and Gas (now Downstream).

She was an active member of the Woodfern Rebekah's Lodge #62 for more than 75 years (1/16/1946 initiation) and her other activities in the community as a volunteer with the Creede Ladies Aide are well documented. She loved hummingbirds and roosters.

In her spare time, she enjoyed raising a flower garden and she really liked baking on the wood cook stove at Spar City. Her skills at baking, cooking, and canning were unequaled and she was quite



renowned for her cherry pies, fried bread, and dill pickles.

She had a deep love for all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Every child was treated with a special kind of love reserved solely for each individual and each one of us hold precious memories of her love. She was truly special.

A celebration of her life will be held at the Sunny Side Chapel (White Church) near the Creede Cemetery on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at 10 a.m. with graveside services and interment to follow.

In lieu of flowers or gifts the family would like to ask that donations be made to the Creede Ladies Aide Society in Edna's name. Donations can be made by check and mailed to LAS c/o Creede Community Church, P.O. Box 126, Creede, CO 81130 or on line at: <https://everloved.com/life-of/edna-miles/donate/checkout/?flow=202&>

The family wishes to thank all of our immediate family members for the continued support and love for Mom/Nan since her admission to River Valley on 1-4-2018. A very special thank you to the management and staff of River Valley Inn for the wonderful and loving care, to Dr. Kelsey Walker for the same, and to the loving Creede and Spar City Communities who make this community our home. There's no place in the world like home!

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

YOUR NIGHT SKY

BY DARLENE DANKO

Hercules

Hercules is the fifth-largest constellation in our sky. It's also one of the dimmest. Although it contains 20 stars, not many are visible unless the sky is very clear and dark. Fortunately, that happens here. Since the new moon is April 30, this is the perfect time to look for it, unless it's raining which we really need this year.

Currently Hercules is high in the east and will be visible through the summer. He's the size of three held out hands high and 3 hands wide. If you face east and look up at him, he appears to be laying on his side with his arms on your right and his legs on your left. If you face south and look up at him, he's upside down with his legs up high and his arms down low.

What's most obvious is the 4-star square that makes up his body. It's the Keystone asterism and is a good way to find him. Look for Arcturus and Vega, the two brightest stars in our sky this time of year. Keystone is to the upper right of the brilliant blue-white Vega. Arcturus is a brilliant yellow-orange star that is quite high in the SE. Keystone is a third of the way between these two stars.

Hercules is also called the Kneeler because his knees are bent. His right arm is held up holding a club. Draco the Dragon flies above him and the Northern Crown is to the right of him. So, look to the left of the Northern Crown and above the bright star Vega.

Only his head star Rasalgethi stands out, and even that is only half as bright as the Big Dipper stars. Rasalgethi

is an old Arabic word meaning "head of the kneeler". It has the red hue of a supergiant star. Red giants are common for their brightness which varies widely. This one is two stars.

His highlight is M-13 known as the Great Cluster in Hercules. It's considered the best globular cluster in our night sky. When you look from the east, it's in the top line of the Keystone Square about halfway across. It has about 30,000 stars, but since its 25,000 LY away it's hard to see.

It contains some of the oldest and possibly original stars in our galaxy. So, they are more than 11 billion years old. On a clear dark night, it will appear as a fuzzy patch with the naked eye. Obviously, binoculars or a telescope will show you more.

Saguache County Sheriff's Office reminds people of controlled burn rules

By MECHEL MEEK

SAGUACHE COUNTY — The Saguache County Sheriff's Office recently reminded people of the rules regarding controlled burns in the county.

"No matter where you are at in the County, if you're burning, all controlled burns, even agricultural burns, must be called in to the Saguache County Sheriff's Office. No exceptions. Please respect each other and the land. Please

understand if you don't call in the burn, fire will be called out. It is a waste of resources to keep sending them to controlled burns," the Sheriff's Office stated.

With the number of out-of-control fires throughout the San Luis Valley in the last week, many people are concerned whenever they see smoke. As such, there has been an increase in the number of calls reporting fires and

smoke, even when it is a controlled burn.

Sending the fire department to a controlled burn is an unneeded waste of time, money and resources for the department and simply reporting all controlled burns to the Saguache Sheriff's Office can avoid this situation and allow the fire department to focus on wildfires and structure fires, the Sheriff's Office stated.

San Luis man dies in crash April 20

STAFF REPORT

COSTILLA COUNTY — A San Luis man died in a single-vehicle accident on April 20 Costilla County Road 21, Colorado State Patrol reported.

At approximately 10:43 p.m. on April 20, a 2001 Dodge Ram driven by Arellano, Jacob, 51, of San Luis, was traveling northbound on Costilla County Road 21. The driver lost control of the vehicle, went off the left side of the roadway and rolled 1/2 times. The vehicle came to rest on its top.

The driver of the Dodge

sustained fatal injuries and died at the scene of the crash, CSP reported. It is unknown if drugs and alcohol were a contributing

factor in the crash. Speed was a contributing factor in the crash and the driver was not wearing a seatbelt, CSP reported.

BONES

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Investigation Evidence Team arrived and collected the bones from the scene. The Saguache County coroner took possession of the bones for additional investigation.

The county coroner and CBI are working with a forensic anthropologist to determine if the bones are human remains.

At the time of this press release, the bones were not believed to be Suzanne Morphew or Kristal Reisinger, the sheriff's office stated.

The Saguache County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help with this investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact the sheriff's office at 719-655-2544.

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"In 1981, when there wasn't even a bucket of water for irrigation!"

"Yesterday - when I emptied th' rain gauge with a dustbuster!"

Sounds of an abundance of rain

There is an old adage that says if March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb, referring to the wind speeds normally associated with that Spring month.

But something has happened this year and the month that came in very windy has lagged on over into April - and maybe into May - with high winds. And with those winds there have been so many fires across the West with terrible loss of both property and lives.

Ol' Dutch, long known as a Rain Man of no small renown, finally got his magic working here in North Texas and now its flooding in many places. I have always been able to prime the old pump and get it to rain but stopping it is just not my forte.

I always say they may not pay me to come to a location and make it rain but they will pay me to leave once it begins.

Soon Miss Trixie and I will be heading to Colorado for the season and I will bring some much-needed rain to that region as well. Normally when I am there, all Ol' Dutch has to do is get his fishing pole out and the rains begin as if on cue.

I guess it's similar to the old timey dowsing rods that people use to witch water underground, only this being pointed to the sky brings forth rain in abundance.

There have been many instances down through my life of rainmaking events across the country as we took vacations to different parts of the United States.

Why just let Ol' Dutch show up in Missouri or Louisiana and they will be inundated with thunderstorms and heavy rains to boot.

Some years ago, Miss Trixie and I had to make a trip to California to retrieve her treasures and it just so happened it was in the middle of a drought. Lake Tahoe was at record lows and the streams had dried up leaving fish high and dry.

Ol' Dutch was able to work some magic that year for them and I didn't even get my fishing rod out to devine it up for them. Record rains and snows followed even washing out a big dam and scaring people half to death.

Like I said. I can start it but stopping it must be someone else's job.

Down throughout history there have been rainmakers of all sorts, and some would travel around the country beating on a drum and firing off a cannon. They



Trout Republic by Kevin Kirkpatrick

believed that caused rain to form as after any major battle of the Civil War copious amounts of rain did fall due to the amount of gunpowder residue in the air around which water droplets would form.

However, way before those traveling artisans began their trade there was a man named Elijah and he was able to make it rain due to his association with the Big Guy in the sky.

One time after a big display for unbelievers he caused fire to fall from the sky on an altar he had prepared, he prayed for rain to follow.

Seeing a small cloud appear on the horizon, the Good Book says he girded up his loins and ran all the way to town just beating a gully washer that broke the drought.

Now Ol' Dutch has never been much on girding up my own loins, I have eaten quite a few tenderloins and so feel like I am keeping up somewhat with the tradition of the prophets of old. At least in the spirit of the thing.

I realize that the West can use rain now and I am trying some long-distance conjuring for rain but if that does not seem to work, have no fear, I will be out there soon to relieve the suffering currently being experienced.

We are currently interviewing for a no wind type of prophet or prophets as I am sure their services would be duly appreciated especially this year.

Gird up your loins, folks, if you have them and prepare. For I hear the sounds of an abundance of rain.

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.

OPINION & EDITORIAL

LETTERS

Statement by MV Community Fund Board Member Colette Skeff

Editor, It has come to our attention that there are people on Facebook misrepresenting the Monte Vista Community Fund and making false accusations. I'd like to clarify.

•If any person has mailed a donation there needs to be time for delivery by the post office.

•We have no idea how much funding will be sent to us, thus we don't know the total in regard to what we will disperse.

•The Fund Board is working with others on criteria regarding who will receive the funds.

•All funds received will be dispersed to victims of the fire event.

•We will define who a fire victim is.

There are other people posting fundraisers and we assume mean well. Please be aware that not all fundraisers are legitimate and there are people who will prey on your sympathy and not use the dollars for what you thought was the intended purpose. By giving to an individual, it can dilute the amount

of funding to the families.

Funding will likely not be dispersed for at least a month. People have to have the time to make the donation and for it to be processed so we have one grand total to divide amongst those who deserve it.

The community is suffering and, of course, those directly impacted are devastated. Their life has changed and possessions and property lost.

The Monte Vista Community Fund is a 501-(c) 3 non-profit organization that was established in 2009 to provide a mechanism for raising funds for various groups that promote, support, and enhance the Monte Vista community. The fund is a pass-through account for such groups. Other projects using this fund are the Monte Vista Kids Connection, the Faith Hinkley Veterans Memorial Park, the Don Schall Scholarship, and most recently the Friends of Ski Hi.

All dollars within the fund are earmarked to the specific event or project, thus we are requesting you

write "fire fund" or "fire victims" on the check. There is no administrative fee collected and no expenses are paid to the MVCF for the use of this account. Mail to PO Box 751, Monte Vista, CO 81144 or you may drop off a check at the City of Monte Vista and they will get the check to us.

Please be patient. Stop calling out the City Mayor, Council, and staff. They are working hard and providing services that they don't have to provide. There is a lot of coordination and communication with federal, state, and local organizations who want to help Monte Vista heal and move forward.

People give money, food, etc. because they believe in our community and they want to help those who are suffering. I've never been prouder than to see so many individuals giving from their heart to help those they have never met. This is who we are. We are Monte Vista proud.

Colette Skeff, MV Community Fund Board Member

Hargraves running for an open seat on SLVREC board

Editor,

My name is Creede Hargraves, and I am running for the open seat on the SLVREC Board of Directors in District 6. I, and my wife Therese, are retired and a full-time residents of Creede; which is where I was born and raised. I attended and graduated from Monte Vista High School.

My career consisted of 48 years in construction-related industries. This includes 27 years as an electrician, with 20 years in industrial power and control systems. I have held the positions of foreman, general foreman, and superintendent for large scale electrical infrastructure projects, including Chicago O'Hare International Air Terminal and the University of Illinois - Chicago Campus Switchgear Replacement Project. I also worked in industrial process controls at numerous

locations for large scale manufacturing facilities in the Chicago area.

In addition, I was self-employed for seven years as owner-operator of a partnership company designing and installing energy efficiency and renewable energy projects throughout the United States for federal government agencies such as the Veteran's Hospital Network, US Forest Service Facilities, and Department of Defense Navy and Marine Corp Bases.

For the last seven years of my career, I worked in project management/ senior project management for large scale energy infrastructure projects. During this time, I managed all aspects of the projects with combined budgets exceeding \$110 million to install high-efficiency boiler systems and new natural gas and electrical distribution

systems in order to decommission and replace old, coal-fired plants. I have long-term experience in large, end-user electrical distribution systems including utility interconnect agreements and cogeneration facilities, that included interfacing with utility generation and distribution systems.

Additionally, I have a high degree of knowledge of energy infrastructure - including natural gas, electric, renewable energy and cogeneration. I believe my career experience can provide a helpful degree of knowledge toward the efficient operation of the SLVREC.

As a director, I would see my role as providing representation to my constituent membership's interests, for the net benefit to the entirety of this member-owned utility.

Creede Hargraves, Creede

Family of Ray Skeff thankful for community support

Editor,

The families of Colette Skeff and Kelley and Sadie Skeff would like to express their deepest thanks to relatives, friends and neighbors for messages of sympathy, cards, food and flowers received in their recent bereavement of Ray.

A special thanks to all at the Rio

Grande Hospital, especially Arlene Arms, CEO, to all at the Colorado Veterans Center, Homelake, especially Pam Self, Admissions and Marketing Director, and the SLV Regional Health Center, Alamosa, for the wonderful care, love and tenderness extended to him and Colette, to Pastor Steve Dunkel for his words of comfort and the Monte Vista United

Church for their support and refreshments served after the funeral service, to Rogers Funeral Home in Monte Vista for their care, thoughtfulness and efficiency in the funeral arrangements and to all who attended the service and for the beautiful floral tributes.

God bless you all. Colette Skeff, Monte Vista

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Six people arrested in Center on drug charges

More than 6 pounds of illegal narcotics were seized by CPD

STAFF REPORT

CENTER — A drug bust resulted in the arrest of six people and the seizure of more than six pounds of methamphetamine and illegal marijuana by the Center Police Department on Wednesday, April 20.

Center Police Chief Dale Meek said the arrests were the result of a search warrant being served at a house in the 400 block of Mile Street in Center.

Meek explained that officers had received information from several credible sources that narcotics were being dealt out of the residence of Donny Jaramillo, 61, and Chris Harvey, 41. Subsequent surveillance confirmed the presence of narcotics sales and CPD officers filed and received a search warrant for the property.

At approximately noon, CPD officers executed the search warrant with the assistance of the Saguache County Sheriff's Office and the Alamosa County Parole Officers.

Officers, according to Meek, interrupted what appeared to be the start of a party. Present at the residence were Chris Harvey, Lenite Harvey, Letisia Serna, Francisco Villa-Lopez and Kayla Muniz. Chris Harvey and Lenite Harvey were stopped as they left the premise in a vehicle and the other subjects were detained inside the home.

The search of the home recovered a liquid methamphetamine mix of 1,799 grams, a total of 1,072 grams of illegal marijuana and several hundred

pills from various prescriptions with many being Xanax, Meek said.

Large amounts of drug paraphernalia, suspicious property, a large box of ammunition and other items were recovered and held as evidence.

Additionally, some suspicious substances were taken into custody for further testing at the Colorado Bureau of Investigation's Crime Lab, Meek said.

Chris Harvey was arrested on suspicion of unlawful distribution, manufacturing, dispensing or sale of a controlled substance. He was on parole and had recently been arrested in Saguache County for felony menacing with a firearm.

Jaramillo was arrested on suspicion of unlawful distribution, manufacturing, dispensing, or sale of a controlled substance.

Lenite Harvey, 49, was arrested on suspicion of unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Serna, 36, was arrested on suspicion of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, and criminal possession of a financial device — another person's credit card.

Muniz, 27, was arrested on suspicion of unlawful possession of a controlled substance. She also had a warrant for failing to appear on false reporting an incident case.

Villa-Lopez, 42, was arrested on suspicion of unlawful possession of a controlled substance. He was just released on bond for a Monte Vista Police Department case.

This is still an ongoing investigation, Meek said, and more information would be provided as it becomes available.

Murder charge reduced to attempted assault in Villa Grove stabbing

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

SAGUACHE COUNTY — Last week, Dustin Ferguson, 38, of Villa Grove in Saguache County appeared in court in connection to the stabbing death of Brian Taylor, 41, on Feb. 23. Over the course of several hearings, the preliminary hearing was waived, and murder charges were dismissed in exchange for Ferguson pleading guilty to attempted assault.

Initially, documents obtained from the court show that Ferguson was charged with two felonies in the death of Taylor — murder in the first degree, a class one felony, and murder in the second degree, a class two felony. Both charges carried a sentence enhancer of "crime of violence."

On March 16, a motion was entered and agreed to by both the defense and the district attorney's office where, in exchange for a continuance on the preliminary hearing, count one — murder in the first degree — would be dismissed.

Judge Schuenemann granted the motion.

On April 20, court records show that seven letters were submitted to the court. According to an unnamed source, at least one of those letters was from a member of the victim's family requesting Ferguson remain in jail without bond.

The preliminary hearing was set for Thursday, April 21.

On the day the preliminary was scheduled to take place, the court was informed that Ferguson waived his right to a preliminary hearing in exchange for pleading guilty to attempted assault in the first degree, crime of violence, a fourth-class felony, with the dismissal of all other existing murder charges.

The waiver states that the offer will remain open for 120 days from Ferguson's first appearance in district court.

Bond was set for Ferguson at \$250,000.

When contacted by the Courier for a statement regarding the guilty plea and dismissal of all murder charges, Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick said, "I'm completely baffled by this decision. This is a solid case with an eyewitness. If there was a problem with the investigation, they could have contacted us, but they didn't. We couldn't understand why the murder one charge was dropped for a continuance. And without them at least speaking to us, I have no idea why this decision to drop the murder two charge was made. This wasn't an 'attempted' assault on the victim. The victim died."

According to the arresting documents obtained by the Courier from the clerk of the court, at 10:30 p.m. on Feb. 23, Saguache County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) deputies were dispatched to a residence on County Road LL57 in Villa Grove in response to a reported stabbing. The person who called the office was a neighbor calling on behalf of David Jackman, the owner, and resident of the house who had fled the scene after witnessing the incident and named Ferguson as the suspect.

When deputies arrived at the house, they reported seeing blood on the storm door to the residence. The door was locked.

They then looked through a window and saw the body of a man — later identified as Taylor — inside the house. Deputies announced their presence and forced entry into the house where they found Taylor on the floor, showing no signs of life. The deputy reported seeing that Taylor had apparently been stabbed several times in his back, head and neck.

Deputies went in pursuit of Ferguson, who was still in the area, ultimately taking him into custody



without incident. In the report, the deputies stated they saw several cuts on Ferguson's hand that "were not actively bleeding." Ferguson was then transported to the sheriff's office in the custody of another deputy with SCSO.

Deputies then spoke to Jackman who said that Ferguson was his roommate. Taylor, who had reportedly worked with both Jackman and Ferguson in the past, had come to Jackman's house when his car had "broken down" nearby.

The three men were reportedly drinking a beer when, according to Jackman, Ferguson made it apparent he did not like Taylor. Jackman then witnessed Ferguson stabbing Taylor, at which point Jackman fled from the house and ran to the neighbor's residence where the sheriff's office was called.

The presumptive range of sentencing for attempted assault class four felony with a crime of violence enhancer is five to 16 years and mandatory three years parole.

In comparison, the presumptive range of sentencing for murder in the second degree — a class two felony with a crime of violence enhancer — is 16 to 48 years with mandatory five years parole.

The case has been bound over to District Court where Ferguson was scheduled for his first appearance on May 17.

15 vehicles involved in crash on Highway 17

STAFF REPORT

SAGUACHE COUNTY — Fifteen vehicles were involved in a crash on April 22 on Highway 17 at milepost 95, Colorado State Patrol reported.

At approximately 5:24 p.m. on April 22, a multiple-vehicle injury crash occurred involving 15 vehicles traveling both north and south bound directions on Highway 17 at milepost 95.

The crash occurred due to a dust

storm that caused zero visibility along the roadway, according to CSP. Several other vehicles had to pull off the roadway to avoid the accident.

Minor to moderate injuries occurred to a few drivers and passengers, CSP reported. They were transported to San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center in Alamosa.

The highway was closed for a couple of hours to allow the travelling conditions to clear up and for the incident to be investigated.

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Fire danger continues to be a concern for Southern Colorado

BY LYNSIE FERRELL

SAN LUIS VALLEY — In light of recent events, the concern for the fire season and current fire danger continues to be a hot topic among local and state emergency agencies. After the fire that spread quickly along the north side of Monte Vista on Wednesday, April 20, local and state agencies took to the newswires and social media to warn people throughout Colorado about current conditions and their concern for wildfires.

The 17-acre blaze left six families without their homes and over 15 structures were burned or completely lost to the flames. Though the investigation continues, law enforcement in charge stated there were no signs of criminal or intentional ignition.

The City of Monte Vista and Rio Grande County signed “Declarations of Disaster” on Thursday, April 21, hoping to bring in additional resources for those affected by the fire.

Days before the fire in Monte Vista, Mineral County and Rio Grande County Emergency Managers Terry Wetherill and Art Wittner spoke about the fire season

and what agencies are doing to prepare for it.

Wetherill spoke about the interagency work being done to plan for evacuation in the event of an emergency on Wolf Creek Pass as well as what state and local emergency departments would do to notify dispersed campers and outdoor recreationalists should a fire break out.

Wittner focused on what people can do to help mitigate fire around their homes and what they can do to aid emergency personnel in locating them in the event of a fire.

These two messages remain some of the most important to remember as the warm, dry season comes to the San Luis Valley.

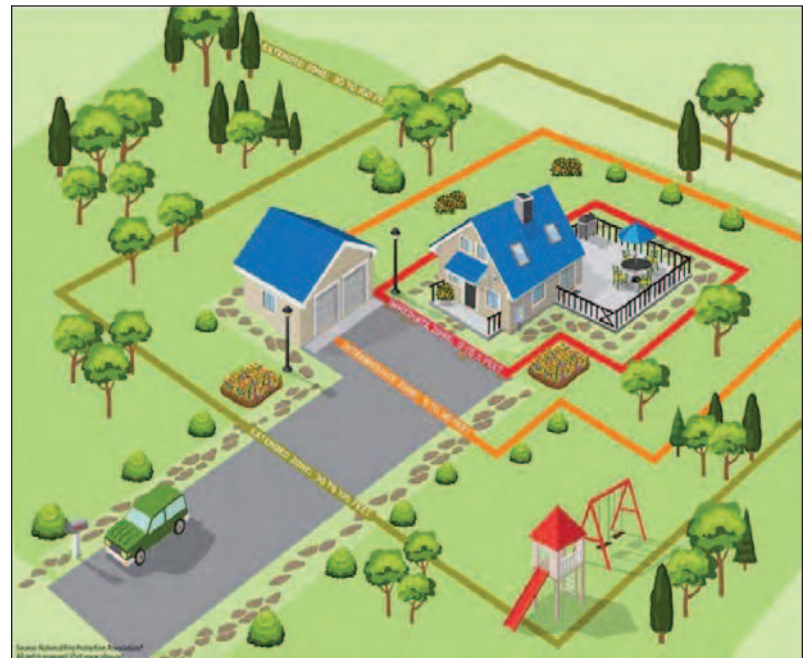
Another message that bears repeating, according to local officials, is for residents and guests to stay up to date on fire bans and red flag warnings in their areas. Several red flag warnings are issued throughout the springtime in the San Luis Valley, and it is important on those days to refrain from burning in any shape or form. Burn permits are automatically suspended in the event of a red flag warning and are reissued under

better weather advisories.

The South Fork Fire Rescue Facebook page is an appropriate source for information. It provides daily fire danger warnings, weather advisories and other pertinent information, and provides tips and tricks for homeowners and people looking for ways to be more fire aware. In the coming days, the page will be featuring ways to protect homes from fire ignition and what homeowners can do to help by cleaning out dead debris.

Another source here in the Valley is the SLV Emergency Facebook page. This page also provides up to date information about coming fire warnings and inclement weather.

It has also been recommended that people with summer homes or homes in the mountains update their information on the reverse 911 service through Everbridge. The reverse 911 allows law enforcement and emergency services to contact people in the area of an emergency and give warnings of events that may be occurring in the area. It is free and open to anyone. For more information or to update information, visit www.everbridge.com.



Courtesy graphic

The South Fork Fire Rescue Facebook page provides tips and tricks for homeowners and people looking for ways to be more fire aware, including ways to protect homes from fire ignition.

Town of Center receives funding for Youth Enterprise Zone, design and streetscape

BY MECHEL MEEK

CENTER — Two Center High School students, Giselle Molina and Kamryn Garcia, are assisting the Town of Center with a new newsletter after being awarded Best and Brightest internships through Colorado’s Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

In the first edition of this new format newsletter they shared some of the recent accomplishments of the town.

“This December, the Town of Center was awarded \$120,000 for a Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Grant for the Center Youth Enterprise Zone, a 360-degree educational experience for youth

12-22 years merging academics with real life opportunities. This grant will help support entrepreneurship curriculum, a physical downtown youth-run innovation space, technical workforce training, internships, and apprenticeship opportunities in fast

growing sectors, and much more,” stated the Center Newsletter.

Also of note in the newsletter was an announcement that Center was selected to receive free streetscape design for Colorado Highway 112. A capstone student from the University of Colorado Denver’s Masters School of Urban and Regional Planning will be developing a design and overall plan for the section of Colorado Highway 112 that passes through Center.

The focus points for the design will be to upgrade the image of Center to drivers passing through, improve safety, and to draw visitors to the downtown areas of Center.

The newsletter continued with, “This is only design work and there are no plans currently for construction. Those plans would only be considered after receiving significant community input and assessing financial feasibility.”

These plans are part of an overall community improvement plan for the town, which includes the development of the North 90 Addition.

The North 90 development is currently in design phase, and a \$25,000 grant was awarded recently to hire Mass Design Group, a design company with has a focus on equity. The design group will connect with community members to determine what needs and desires they have in regard to development of the property.

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Mercy is not fair, but it’s godly. Not fair, but powerful. Not fair, but Christlike. And when we do what God leads us to do, He always brings justice into our life. To be merciful like God, we need to learn to trust Him more fully. Every single one of us has opportunities to do that each day...with friends and family, coworkers and people around you wherever you go throughout your day.

Whenever people hurt or disappoint us, our human nature leads us to dislike them because of their shortcomings. But God’s desire for us is to love all people, including our enemies (see Matthew 5:43-48).

If they can see love in your heart, instead of anger and judgment, that shows them kindness or benevolence that overlooks injuries and treats people who mistreat you better than they deserve. More importantly, it gives them hard evidence that Christ is working in you! And one of the greatest privileges we have in life is to follow His example by giving mercy to others as they need it.

Mercy Doesn’t Keep Count
When someone hurts or offends us, it’s easy to make a list and keep count of everything they’ve ever done wrong. But God is asking us to be like Him.

Lamentations 3:22-23 tells us that God’s mercies are new every morning. In Isaiah 43:25 He says, “I am he who blots out your transgressions...and remembers your sins no more” (NIV).

When my husband, Dave, and I were newly married, I was pretty good at keeping score. Every time we had an argument, I would bring up every single thing he had done that had offended me since the day I met him.

I’ll never forget one day, after I recited my list, when Dave looked at me and said,

“Where in the world do you keep all that stuff?”

I’ve learned the best thing we can do for ourselves is to let go of the hurt...to lose count of how others have wronged us...and leave the past in the past.

The Why Behind the What
I always say that mercy understands the “why” behind the “what.” It cares about the person, not just what they’ve done to us.

Let’s say you’re at a grocery store and the checkout clerk is grouchy with you and has a sour look. You have a choice...

You can say, “I don’t appreciate your attitude. I am a customer here and I don’t like the way you’re acting. I’m going to tell your manager.”

Or you can be merciful and say, “It looks like you’re having a hard day. I just want to say that God loves you and really cares about you.” You can believe the best about that person and realize they are upset for a reason.

When someone hurts us, often our first inclination is to think, “You’re not going to treat me that way. And if you think you’re going to get by with it, you have another thing coming!”

However, it helps to remember that everyone who acts badly is hurting in some way.

When I first met Dave, I had a lot of problems from the sexual and emotional abuse I endured growing up. I was wounded and hurting, and it seemed like every other day I was starting an argument or saying something I regretted.

Because Dave already had a strong relationship with the Lord, he continuously showed me mercy and loved me in spite of my behavior. No matter how badly I acted the night before, he wasn’t mad the next morning. He didn’t let my behavior change his character.

You Reap What You Sow
Luke 6:36-37 says, “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged...Forgive, and you will be forgiven” (NIV).

We reap what we sow, and whatever we



give to others is what we’ll receive in return. If you want mercy, then sow mercy. If you need a friend, then sow friendliness. If you have financial needs, then look for ways to meet someone else’s needs.

It’s easy to judge. I cringe when I look back at the extremely critical and judgmental person I used to be. In fact, before I was a serious Christian, judging others was one of my favorite things to do.

I would sit at the mall and watch people walk by, sizing them up and thinking negative things about their clothes, hair, or the people around them.

But the Bible says, “Do not judge” (Luke 6:37 NIV). I wasn’t only sowing bad seed, I was making myself miserable by not walking in love and believing the best of others.

The truth is, when we sow mercy, we reap a harvest of peace, joy and healthy relationships. We also take a giant step forward spiritually. Choosing to do what’s right—even when it hurts—causes us to grow and mature in an amazing way.

So, who can you extend new mercies to today?

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Vitalant announces dates of three blood drives in South Fork

STAFF REPORT

SOUTH FORK — Three blood drives this summer have been scheduled by Vitalant for Saturday, June 4, Saturday, Aug. 6 and Saturday, Oct. 8 — all from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the South Fork Community Building.

People that make a donation, will automatically be tested for antibodies of COVID. Vitalant will not test for COVID, only for antibodies in the bloodstream meaning a donor had the virus at one time and has recovered. Donors that are not eligible to donate will not be tested. If a donor does have COVID antibodies, the donor will be notified by Vitalant offices directly. Vitalant cannot share donor information due to HIPPA laws. Donors who are negative, will not be contacted. Vitalant is testing donors throughout the summer months. At each donation, a donor will

be tested. If a person donates whole blood in June and then donates again in August, they will probably be tested again. If a donor shows symptoms of COVID, they will not be seen and a drive can be shut down. If a donor is sick, they are asked to stay home and follow best practices from the CDC. It is best for donors to make an appointment and masks are not required by donors and staff. All donors will also need their ID or donor cards when they donate.

Sign up at www.bloodhero.com, sponsor code: southfork or contact Karen Miller at 720-313-4834 or mkmillermink@aol.com.

Saguache County Government is accepting bids for a 60'x26' equipment shop in the Town of Sargents. This shop will be used to house Road and Bridge equipment with a monolithic 5000 PSI concrete pad.

For specific specifications of the building please contact Wendi Maez at wmaez@saguache-county-co.gov or Randy Arredondo at raredondo@saguache-county-co.gov.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with "Road and Bridge Sargents shop" written on the front of the envelope which contains the sealed bid. Bids must include proof of liability and proof of workers compensation insurance coverage.

Bids must be submitted to Saguache County Administration, 505 3rd Street, or PO Box 100, Saguache, CO 81149 and must be submitted by Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 3pm.

For further information you can also call Wendi Maez at 719-655-2231 or Randy Arredondo at 719-655-2554.

No. 1635 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, April 28 and May 5 and 12, 2022.

Saguache County Public Health is seeking sealed bids for the following:

- 12 x 16 shed with the following:
 - 8 ft side walls
 - 6ft double steel doors
 - Floor insulation
 - Hang sheetrock
 - Floor to ceiling shelving 3 feet in depth on two walls
 - Shingle roof

Bids need to be mailed or delivered to the Saguache County Administration Office-PO Box 100-Saguache, CO 81149.

The envelope MUST be sealed and say Public Health Shed Bid DO NOT OPEN.

Bids must be returned by May 9th at 3:00 p.m.

No. 1634 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, April 28 and May 5, 2022.

SAGUACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

SAGUACHE COUNTY — The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the period between Monday, April 18, 2022, and Sunday, April 24, 2022.

The Sheriff's Department's activity on the road included:

Seven traffic stops, one crash with property damage, two abandoned vehicles, one injury crash, and two traffic complaints. They also patrolled the Town of Saguache nine times, responded to one lockout and assisted a motorist.

In addition, there was one report of property damage, one fraud report, two civil disputes, one utility problem report, one report of disorderly conduct, and one report of suspicious activity.

They also responded to one civil dispute, one deceased person, two ambulance calls, three animal problem

reports, three alarms, one welfare check, two citizen assists, two controlled burns, five fires (other), two structure fires, two fires (brush, grass, forest), one search and rescue call, provided information 15 times, two reports of loose livestock, two reports of suicidal subject, and assisted nearby agencies once.

ARRESTS

- A 41-year-old Center man was arrested on unlawful distribution/manufacturing/dispensing/sale/possession of controlled substance charge.
- A 27-year-old Center woman was

arrested on false reporting to authorities and unlawful possession of controlled substance charges.

A 49-year-old Center woman was arrested on unlawful possession of controlled substance charge.

A 37-year-old Monte Vista woman was arrested on unlawful possession of controlled substance and criminal possession of a financial device charges.

A 42-year-old Center man was arrested on unlawful possession of controlled substance charge.

A 31-year-old Alamosa man was arrested for outstanding warrants.

The Saguache County Housing Authority is submitting Invitation to Bid for a property appraisal located in Crestone, CO.

Scope of Work and questions can be provided by texting or calling 719 849 0356.

The sealed bid must include the following:

- Your company name and contact information.
- Quote for the services detailed in the Scope of Work.
- Approximate date that the survey will be completed.

The sealed bids are due by 4:00PM Friday, May 6th, 2022.

The sealed bid must be addressed and submitted to:

Saguache County Administration
Attn: Wendi Maez - SCHA
P.O. Box 100
Saguache, CO 81149

No. 1633 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, April 28, 2022.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Colorado Gators Inc., 9187 Pyrite Circle, Mosca, Co, 81146, (719) 580-2306, has filed an application for a Construction Materials (112) Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board under provisions of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act. The proposed mine is known as Mystic Soil, and is located at or near Section 22, Township 41N, Range 10E, 6th Prime Meridian.

The proposed date of commencement is Summer 2022, and the proposed date of completion is, Fall 2032. The proposed future use of the land is industrial/commercial and rangeland.

Additional information and tentative decision date may be obtained from the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567, or at the Saguache County Clerk and Recorder's office; 501 4th St. Saguache, CO, 81149, or the above-named applicant. A complete copy of the application is available at the above-named County Clerk and Recorder's office and at the Division's office.

Comments concerning the application and exhibits must be in writing and must be received by the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety by 4:00 p.m., 20 days after the publication of this notice.

Please note that under the provisions of C.R.S. 34-32-101 et seq. Comments related to noise, truck traffic, hours of operation, visual impacts, effects on property values and other social or economic concerns are issues not subject to this Office's jurisdiction. These subjects, and similar ones, are typically addressed by your local governments, rather than the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety or the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

No. 1632 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, April 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2022.

QUALITY

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air quality question to design an experiment."

The Mountain Valley ninth-grade students posited different questions and then presented their findings. The scientific questions ranged throughout the air quality spectrum including comparing emissions from different vehicles, cigarette toxicity, bathroom cleaner toxicity, and comparing gasoline to diesel engines.

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LAYDON

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invited elected officials and others Renewal Water Resource's water export proposal.

In his opening comments, Laydon said Douglas County had received water proposals totaling more than \$240 million, but they chose to do a "deep dive" on RWR because its facts were "180 percent different" from facts presented by water experts in the Valley.

"It's been challenging," he said. Laydon told the group he had met with a group of farmers earlier in the day who had expressed concerns about the lack of transparency in the subdistricts where they were located and potential backlash from other farmers if they expressed support for RWR's proposal.

"I heard from people wanting to succeed," he said, adding that farmers on smaller farms feel they're out of options, implying that the RWR purchase of water rights would give them options "to move away and trying something different" that they don't currently have.

Laydon also repeated a claim made by RWR that the San Luis Valley is experiencing a "net migration" with more people leaving the Valley than are moving to the area.

2020 Census data does not support RWR's claim as two of the six SLV counties reported a loss of population while the remaining four reported an increase.

Laydon then followed up by asking how much the \$50 million community fund proposed by RWR would help local county budgets?

Before opening the conversation up to those present, Laydon reminded the group of his family's roots in the SLV, adding, "I have a commitment to do no harm to people or a community. I would resign before I'd do harm to others."

State Representative Donald Valdez (D-District 62) opened the comments by thanking Laydon for his visit and willingness to see issues from "the Valley perspective," emphasizing challenges presented by low levels in the aquifers and watersheds impacted by climate change.

"We want to see the next generation be able to farm in the San Luis Valley," Valdez said.

Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman picked up on Laydon's stated commitment.

"If your intention is to do no harm..." Coleman began, "then it's important to know water is crucial here. It's crucial. If that water is depleted, it will have a significant negative impact on our communities and our economy."

Alamosa City Council member Michael Carson addressed the comments Laydon heard about tensions in the community, countering with a description of how the people in the Valley come together in "incredible ways" whenever a crisis occurs.

"Any animosity stems from the lack of resource," he said.

Karla Schriver, president of the Subdistrict 2 board, addressed the concerns expressed about district transparency, saying that she knows from experience how hard districts work in communicating with farmers with meeting dates posted well in advance on the RGWCD website. "Farmers sometimes don't check things like that as well as we should," she said.

She then took on a salient point in the entire discussion — farmers being able to sell their water rights and what that sale could mean to their families. "The bill, SB22-028, that just

passed will provide money for that and for those mom-and-pop farmers that may be on the outskirts," Shriver said.

SB22-028, sponsored by Senator Cleave Simpson (R-District 35), will bring \$30 million of one-time American Rescue Act Plan funding to the San Luis Valley specifically to buy and retire well permits and irrigated acreage.

"How is that not buy and dry?" Laydon asked.

"Because the water will stay in the Valley," was the response from several at the same time.

Rio Grande Commissioner John Noffske was a little more confronting in his comments.

"This project is taking from somebody to benefit yourself. That's all it is, and it's wrong. The water belongs here — ecologically, environmentally and economically. Economic growth here won't happen without water. Go to Las Animas County, go to Ordway. Look at those places — they're some of the poorest in the state. That's what happens when cities take water.

"I don't care if Douglas County grows," he continued. "This is us being dictated to us by the Front Range. Taking our water displaces our authority. But I'll tell you what. You give us all your tax revenue off Park Meadows and we'll give you some water," he said, equating the entitlement in asking for tax revenue of a hugely profitable mega shopping wall with asking for water from the San Luis Valley.

Alamosa Commissioner Lori Laske was one of the last to speak, starting with a letter written on behalf of all three county commissioners.

"As commissioners... we would be very hesitant to expend time, money, and other county resources to pursue a project which is not only detrimental to a neighboring community but also unlikely to produce any fruit," Laske said.

"While we understand the desire to do something impactful and beneficial for your constituents, we don't understand why, after opposition from the entire San Luis Valley, the Governor, the Attorney General, the Ag Commissioner, multiple State Senators and Representatives, and others...that you would gamble Douglas County's ARPA funding on the RWR plan," Laske said.

Laske then addressed Laydon directly.

"Honestly, we're offended at the money and using it to sway people's opinions," Laske said. "To dangle money in front of a community that needs it...it's offensive and will cause irreparable damage. Sure, it will be good for two or three years but what will happen 10 years from now? This is a moral question and it requires a moral compass to make the right decision. What legacy do you want to have in the Valley? Because that's what this is. This is a legacy. And it's a moral question that requires a moral compass."

Marisa Fricke wrapped up the comments with a simple statement.

"This is going to destroy our way of life. We have a lot of next-generation farmers — farmers in their 30s who want to farm in the Valley. If you do this, they won't have a chance," Fricke said.

Laydon thanked all in attendance and then wrapped up the meeting by saying, "I think the winner in all this is the process. And I don't care about politics."

With that, Laydon brought the seventh of seven due diligence meetings to a conclusion.

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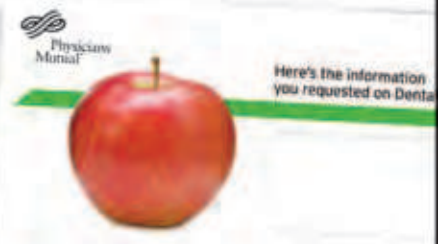
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A large wind-driven fire erupted around noon on Wednesday, April 20 on the northwest side of Monte Vista, burning 15 homes and outbuildings. Agencies from across the San Luis Valley and state responded to the fire.

Center Police, Fire Departments to hold fundraiser for Monte Vista Fire victims

By MECHEL MEEK

CENTER — In an email to the Center community, Center Police Department Police Chief Dale Meek asked for the community's help to fundraise for the victims of the April 20 fire in Monte Vista.

Meek stated, "We will be holding a Fundraising Basketball game between Crimefighters and Hosedraggers. All proceeds will go to the Monte Vista victims of the recent fire. If we could get volunteers to run concessions,

donations and refs that would be a big help."

The date of the event will be Mother's Day, May 8, with the time to be determined. The cost is \$2 per ticket and CPD is asking that the community at large donate what they can.

The plan, according to Chief Meek, is to have a fun gathering that the community can use to help the people who lost everything.

For more information regarding this event, contact CPD.

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Spruce beetle remains most deadly forest pest

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

LAKESWOOD — During their annual hearing before the Colorado General Assembly, State Forester Matthew McCombs and Regional Forester Frank Beum announced a report detailing the results of the 2021 aerial detection survey led by the USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, and Colorado State Forest Service. Every year, the agencies aerially monitor forest health conditions on millions of acres across Colorado and work together to address continued outbreaks of insects and disease, including the spruce beetle, which remains the deadliest forest pest in Colorado for the 10th consecutive year.

“This report offers a snapshot of the dynamic landscape changes that continually affect our forest lands in Colorado,” said Frank Beum, regional forester for the USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region. “By monitoring the native tree pest populations on an annual basis, land managers can better maintain healthy, resilient forests while providing timber, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities on public and private forest lands.”

Impacts from Bark Beetles

In 2021, spruce beetle affected roughly 53,400 acres of high-elevation Engelmann spruce forests in Colorado. While overall activity of this native beetle is declining statewide, it continues to expand its impact to previously unaffected areas. Forests within Chaffee and Park counties and in and around Rocky Mountain National Park experienced new infestations in 2021, indicating spruce beetle has not fully depleted trees susceptible to attack and the spruce beetle outbreak in those locations is still on the move.

Spruce beetle is causing more tree mortality than

any other bark beetle in Colorado. The total acreage impacted by spruce beetle in the state since 2000 has reached 1.89 million acres of spruce-fir forests.

Another native bark beetle, the Douglas-fir beetle continues to cause significant tree mortality in the state’s central and southern mixed-conifer forests, affecting about 8,000 acres of forests statewide last year. Douglas, Gunnison, Jefferson, Eagle, Pitkin and Custer counties have severely affected Douglas-fir stands and this beetle has depleted many of the largest trees in these areas over the past decade.

Spurred by Drought Conditions

Weather continues to play an important role in creating conditions that are spurring the activity of spruce and Douglas-fir beetles, as well as other bark beetles, in Colorado. As temperatures and precipitation levels change, so do the defenses within trees. Ongoing drought conditions continue to stress trees across Colorado, leaving them more susceptible to attack by bark beetles. Last year was also warm with above-average temperatures from June through December, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Spurred by these dry, warm conditions, piñon Ips beetle affected about 17,600 acres of piñon-juniper forests across Colorado in 2021, with significant mortality of piñon trees occurring in Delta, Montrose and Mesa counties. Other counties in the state are experiencing pockets of mortality that have increased

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Beetle-killed trees on the Rio Grande National Forest.

Photo courtesy of Dan West, CSFS



Cinco de Mayo Block Party May 6 in Alamosa

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA — The Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area (SdCNHA), San Luis Valley Brewing Company, City of Alamosa and Alamosa Marketing District present a free Cinco de Mayo community block party on May 6 to celebrate local culture, heritage, and traditions through music, dance, food, drinks, and great conversation.

On May 6, the block of San Juan Avenue between 4th and Main Street, located next to the San Luis Valley Brewing Company in downtown Alamosa, will be blocked off for a community celebration of Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area’s Annual Cinco de Mayo Block Party from 5 to 11 p.m.

Also partnering at this event, the Zoila Gomez Si Se Puede (ZGSSP) Scholarship, community member Zoila Gomez and the ZGSSP Scholarship Committee will be taking the stage throughout



File photo

the event to discuss the purpose and fundraising efforts of their scholarship which address the important and unmet need of educational equity in the community.

A handful of community members from different organizations, including The Colorado Trust, Boys and Girls Club, Adams State University, Immigrant Resource Center, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) and active

community member Zoila Gomez created the Zoila Gomez Si Se Puede Scholarship for local undocumented and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students in the San Luis Valley.

After receiving several donations, including one for \$25,000 from CHFA, the ZGSSP Scholarship Committee provided a total of \$8,000 to four deserving students

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CDOT to install fiber optic on US Highway 160, Pagosa Springs to Wolf Creek Pass

Enhanced technology will add safety systems for travelers

STAFF REPORT

MINERAL COUNTY — On May 2, the Colorado Department of Transportation and contractor Paonia, Inc. will begin a project to install fiber optic cable and additional dynamic safety signage on US Highway 160 between Pagosa Springs and the east side of Wolf Creek Pass. The work will be completed in May of 2023, with a winter suspension anticipated from late November through mid-February. The project duration dates are subject to change depending on weather conditions.

This \$7.9 million project was made possible, in part, through a \$4.4 million Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment grant awarded by the Federal Highway Administration. The fiber optic cable will connect with

existing fiber that was installed in 2017 along a 16-mile stretch of the US 160 mountain corridor from Wolf Creek Pass east tunnel to the community of South Fork.

“These electrical and fiber upgrades will benefit surrounding communities, travelers, emergency service providers and CDOT’s traveler information systems by connecting new and existing equipment to the power and fiber backbone,” said Shoshana Lew, CDOT Executive Director. “Information gathered by highway closed-circuit cameras and weather stations uses this technology to further improve CDOT’s online communications for travelers. Enhanced information for road and weather alerts and improved web camera images will be accessible to the public via CDOT’s traveler information site www.cotrip.org.”

The project will also include the installation of new and upgraded dynamic signs that will provide additional safety and warning messages to all Wolf Creek Pass travelers regarding

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in recent years. Roundheaded pine beetle and associated native bark beetles are also thriving during prolonged dry conditions in southwest Colorado. They continue to expand in forests with ponderosa pine in La Plata, Montezuma and Dolores counties, and new infestations were identified in San Miguel County last year during the aerial survey.

Forest Service and Colorado State Forest Service for shared stewardship and the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2019,



Photo courtesy of Dan West, CSFS
Roundheaded Pine Beetles in Pitch Tubes

which establishes a framework for federal and state agencies to work collaboratively to accomplish mutual goals and respond to ecological, natural resource and recreational challenges and concerns for the 24 million acres of forest lands in Colorado. The USDA Forest Service and Colorado State Forest Service will continue to work together to create and maintain healthy, resilient forests in Colorado capable of delivering clean air and water, carbon sequestration, habitat for native fish and wildlife, forest products and outdoor recreation opportunities.

For more results from the 2021 aerial survey, including a map of insect and disease activity in Colorado, please visit csfs.colostate.edu/forest-management/common-forest-insects-diseases/.

To view 2021 Forest Insect and Disease Conditions in the Rocky Mountain Region, visit <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/f94c49f939104e31bb9a6b63f619060d>.

For more information on the insects and diseases of Colorado's forests, and support for landowners seeking to achieve healthier forests, contact your local CSFS field office or visit csfs.colostate.edu.

Most Widespread Forest Pest

The aerial survey also revealed that western spruce budworm continues to affect more acres of forest than any other pest and is Colorado's most widespread forest defoliator. The budworm affected about 91,500 acres of forests statewide last year, with the most intense infestations in south-central Colorado. Saguache, Gunnison, Chaffee, Park, Teller and Fremont counties were among the most affected by the budworm in 2021. Over several years, defoliation from western spruce budworm may weaken a tree to the point where the Douglas-fir beetle and other bark beetles can easily overcome the tree and kill it.

"Years of persistent drought, an indicator of a warming climate, remains a key driver for outbreaks of bark beetles in our forests," said Matt McCombs, State Forester and Director of the Colorado State Forest Service. "Our partnership with the USDA Forest Service on the annual aerial survey offers another great example of shared stewardship in action, noting bugs don't know boundaries. With information from the survey, we can track the health of our forests, which helps focus our efforts where they are needed most."

The aerial detection survey exemplifies the continued support of the USDA

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(\$2,000 each) to help them pursue their higher education goals for the 2021-22 academic year.

The ZGSSP Scholarship was created to support undocumented students pursuing higher education, as they do not qualify for federal financial aid. Education is paramount to breaking the cycle of generational poverty for students and their families. To continue their amazing efforts providing educational opportunities for students, the committee will have two booths where attendees can learn more and/or donate to this wonderful scholarship!

SdCNHA will open the event with a welcome at 5 p.m., Zoila Gomez Si Se Puede Scholarship from 5:15 to 5:30 p.m., Los Vecinos Bailadores, will be performing several traditional Spanish

dances from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The Maestas Commemoration Committee will follow from 6:30 to 7 p.m. to speak about the progress of their project (the nation's earliest victory in the war against Hispano-Mestizo educational segregation took place in Alamosa), First Southwest Bank Fortaleza Fund 7 to 7:15 p.m.

Then from 8 to 11 p.m., returning from Taos, N.M., Lluvia Negra is excited to fill the street with the sound of Spanish Rock, and local favorites which will surely keep the crowd dancing through the night.

Outdoor seating will be available, but organizers encourage people to bring a folding chair and come early for the best seating for the live performances. Enjoy specialty drinks and food from the San Luis Valley.

Stop by the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area table will receive SdCNHA promotional items and a traditional commemorative Cinco de Mayo t-shirt while supplies last.

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road and weather conditions, lowered speeds and the westside hairpin turn.

During the project, crews will accomplish the following:

- Excavate a trench approximately six to 10 feet from the edge of east- and westbound US 160 and install conduit and fiber optic cable from west of CO Highway 84 to the western base of the pass at Treasure Falls, from Mile Point 144 to MP 159

- Cut the asphalt between the highway's outer white line and the shoulder and install conduit and fiber optic from Treasure Falls to the ski area (MP 159 to MP 168); the majority of this work will be done on eastbound US 160, with a short section of work along the westbound lane from Treasure Falls east for 1.5 miles

- Upgrade the westbound US 160 downhill speed warning system at MP 167.34 approaching the west-side hairpin curve

- Install a new variable message sign on westbound US 160 west of the ski area, MP 167.22

- Install six variable speed limit signs for westbound travelers and seven closed-circuit TV poles between the hairpin curve and the ski area, MP 160 to MP 167

- Install fiber optic between the snowshed and the eastern base of the pass, from MP 168 to MP 174, where existing conduit lies (the conduit was previously installed during the 2017 project, between the snowshed area and South Fork, MP 168.5 to 186)

- Add in-pavement detection systems that detect longer loads and communicate with dynamic speed limit signs

Travel Impacts

Beginning in early May, crews plan to start work at MP 144.5 east of Pagosa Springs near the CO 84 junction and work their way east toward Wolf Creek Pass. Initially, work hours will be from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Depending upon the section under construction, US 160 may be reduced to single-lane traffic intermittently in either direction, throughout the duration of the project. When work is underway across any of the four bridges, in the valley east of Pagosa Springs, motorists will encounter single-lane, alternating traffic, with delays that could extend beyond 15 minutes, depending on traffic queues. The speed limit will be reduced through the work zones to 40 mph. Traffic fines in the construction zone will be doubled.

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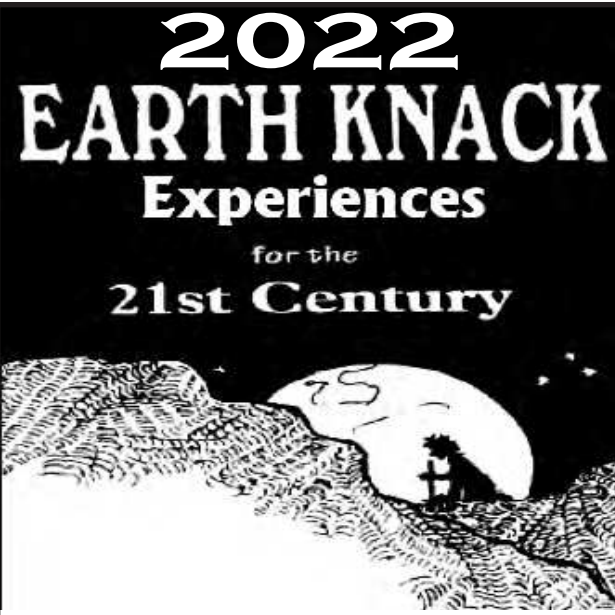
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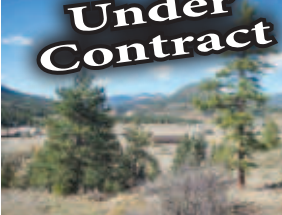
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2022

Schedule of San Luis Valley Graduations

Alamosa

May 28 • 10 a.m. • High School Gym

Antonito

May 28 • 6 p.m. • High School Gym

Byron Syring DELTA Center/

Monte Vista Online Academy

May 14 • 10 a.m. • Harvey Sullivan Field

Centauri

May 28 • 10 a.m. • Centauri High School

Centennial

May 28 • 11 a.m. • High School Gym

Center

May 28 • 11 a.m. • Center High School Gym

Creede

May 28 • 1 p.m. • High School Gym

Crestone Charter

May 27 • 3:30 p.m. • Crestone Charter School

Del Norte

May 28 • 2 p.m. • Upper Rio Grande School Gym

Moffat

May 21 • 11 a.m. • Moffat School

Monte Vista

May 14 • 12 p.m. • Harvey Sullivan Field

Mountain Valley

May 21 • 11 a.m. • High School Auxiliary Gym

North Conejos Alternative

May 28 • 10 a.m. • Centauri High School

Sanford

May 27 • 7 p.m. • Sanford High School

Sangre de Cristo

May 27 • 6 p.m. • High School Gym

Sargent

May 27 • 7 p.m. • High School Gym

Sierra Grande

May 27 • 6 p.m. • Sierra Grande School



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Good luck and Congratulations!

Antonito High School



Faith Alizadeh



Marissa Chacon



Aaliyah Garcia



Shanell Lujan



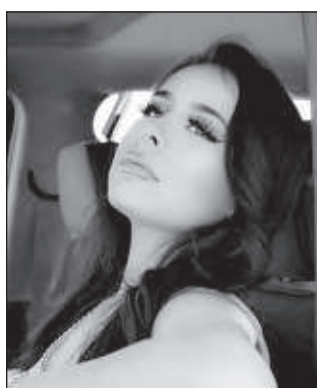
Daniel Nichols



Dalton Romero



Shiinei Tallman



Courtney Vasquez

Graduation:

May 28 • 6 p.m.

Antonito High School Gym

Class Colors: Royal Purple and Champagne

Class Flower: Rose

Class Song: Moment 4 Life by Nicki Minaj and Only in America — Brooks and Dunn

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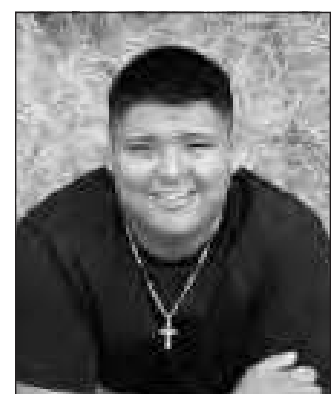
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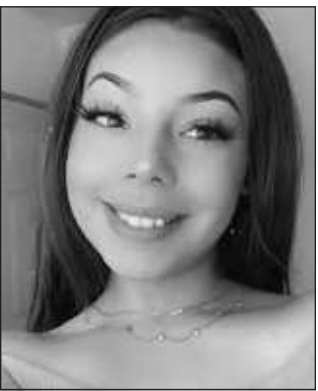
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Nevaeh Gomez



Angelique Gonzales



Katherine Gonzalez



Isaac Hernandez



Shelby Jennings



Maria Marquez



Trinity McLaughlin-May



Lorenzo Molash



Lorenzo Montoya



Iyanna Myers



Not Pictured:
Damian Casanova
Kaleb Salazar
Tony Scaggs
Marisah Jiron
Andrew Leishman
Stacey Widger

Byron Syring DELTA Center & Monte Vista Online Academy Graduation:

May 14 • 10 a.m.
Central Auditorium

Class Colors: DELTA Black and MVOLA Blue and White



Alex Najera



JeVaughn Navarro



Divine Quintana



Owuen Reyes-Ortega



Jaelyn Robles



Julissa Rodelas



Austin Sailor



Arya Silva

SLV REC 2022 Scholarship Recipients:

ASU Four-Year: Blair Vanderpool, Monte Vista
 Martin Christensen Lineworker: Ethan Larsen, Sanford (not pictured)
 Robert Wolfe: Taylor Rockey, Sargent
 Past Director: Kamryn Holland, Sargent
 Past Retired Villyard: Haley Faucette, Sanford
 SLV REC: Kamryn Rogers, Sangre de Cristo; Dayton Maze, Sargent; Kyla Davis, Sargent; Ashlyn Rockey, Sargent
 Tri-State G&T: Emberley Spearman, Sargent; Cheyenne Caidon, Sanford
 REC Dependent: Carson Wolfe, Sargent

Byron Syring & Monte Vista Delta Center Online Academy

Monte Vista Online Academy



Brenna Smith



Emily Solano



Seth Stepps



Belen Torres



Leroy Trujillo



Serenity Valdez



Eric Valenzuela



Madison Vigil



Mac (Amber) Williams



Anastasia Yanez

Congratulations!

You did it! Years of hard work have led you to this day, and now is your moment to enjoy the accolades. We wish you all the best on your graduation day and in your future endeavors. Good luck, graduates.

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Tony Chavez



Adrian Chuder



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Kaylani Cordova



Jace Crowther



Alexa Dunnahoo



Arianna Espinoza-Cooper



Talon Finehout



Jonathan Flores Cerrato



Joshua Gallegos



Daisy Garcia Ojeda



Jada Garcia



Haley Gomez

Centauri High School



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Haydon Hoover



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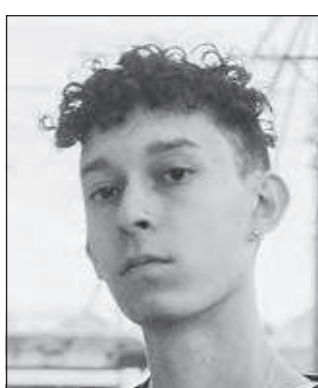
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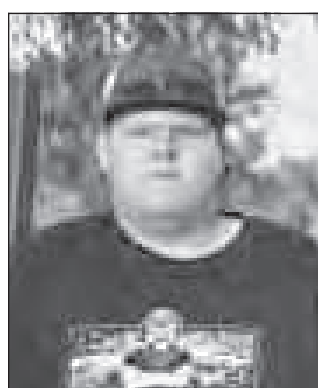
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Desiree Quintana



Brycen McCarroll



Justin O'Brian



Dyani Ojeda



Peyton Polzin

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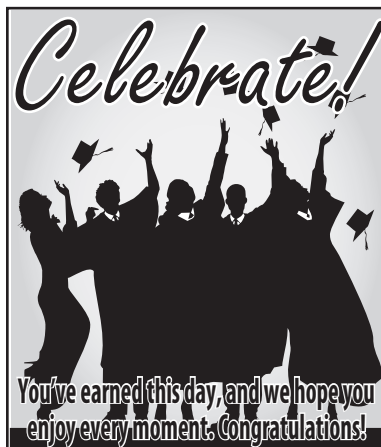
May 28 • 10 a.m.
Centauri High School Gym

Class Colors: Red and Black

Class Flower: Rose

Class Song: Fast — Luke Bryan

Class Motto: You didn't come this far to only come this far



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Centauri High School



Tatelyn Price



Tiffany Quintana



Skye Riccatone



Courtney Robins



Emilee Robinson



Taylor Robinson



Jaxson Roberts



Carlos Romero



Ciarra Rousey



Levi Ruybal



Santiago Ruybal



Alycia Sandoval



Zebediah Sandoval



Elizabeth Santis Gomez



Byron Shawcroft



Jonelle Sisneros



Benjamin Tailleir



Statler Thomas



Naomi Trenholm



Zach Van Iwaarden



Mario Vigil

Class of
2022

Centennial High School



Brandon Herrera



JaeLea Maestas



Angela Medina



Trinity Medina



Maria Penuelas



Graduation:

May 28 • 11 a.m.

Centennial High School Gym

Class Colors: **Black, Silver and Blue**

Class Flower: **White Rose with Blue Tip**

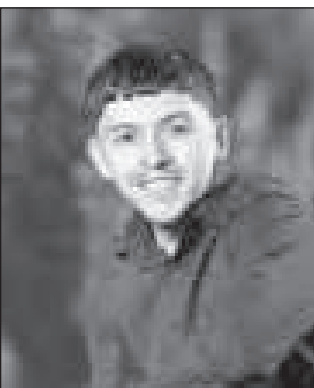
Class Song: **You're Gonna Miss This — Trace Adkins**

Class Motto: **Chase your dreams but always know the road that'll lead you home again — Tim McGraw**

You Have Arrived

**Congratulations on your graduation!
A bright future awaits you, and we hope it will be filled with much happiness and continued success.**

Center High School



Victor Almeida



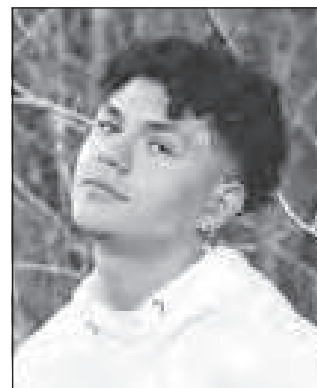
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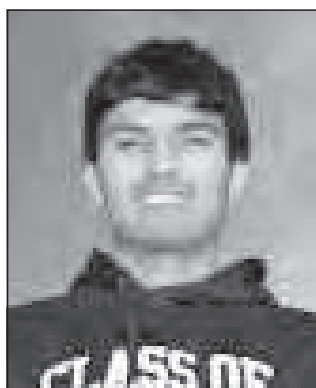
Deisy Estrada-Majalca



Mica Garcia



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Hector Hernandez



Omar Hernandez-Mendoza



Karen Holguin-Guzman



Stephane Molinar-Almeida



Jaelin Padilla



Yahir Quintana



Yamileth Trejo-Chaparro



Alexis Varela



Charles Willis



Priscila Zapata-Chavez

Graduation:

May 28 • 11 a.m.

Center High School Gym

Class Colors: Gold, Black and Royal Blue

Class Flower: Red Roses and Sunflowers

Class Song: Good Old Days — Macklemore and

Ryan Lewis

Class Motto: Chase your dreams but always know the road that'll lead you home again — Tim McGraw



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Julian Gardea



Ulysses Omar Gonzales



Azalayah Garcia Luna



Manuel Morales-Palma



Kambree Ullery

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 Dlicia Flores
 Eduardo Holguin-Guzman
 Juan Nangaray
 Emilio Diego Portillo

Center Virtual Academy
 Zachary Curtis
 Elrod

Graduation:

June 4 • 10 a.m.

Center School Auditorium

Class Colors: Teal & Gray

Class Song: Don't Blink — Kenny Chesney

Class Motto: Chase you dreams, but always know the road that'll lead you home again. — Tim McGraw



Creede High School



Trenea Carpenter



Kara Mankowski



Carter Simon



Stone Thompson



Jonathan Twite

Not Pictured:
 Stephen Filippi

Graduation:

May 28 • 1 p.m.

Creede School Gym

Class Colors: Teal and Purple

Class Flower: Lilac

Class Song: Fishin in the Dark — Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

Class Motto: Allegedly



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Chase Lemasters



Hannah Seckt



Ayla Tieder



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Graduation:

May 20 • 3:30 p.m.
Crestone Charter School

Class Colors: Black, White, Gold and Silver

Class Flower: Roses

Class Song: Family — Chainsmokers

Class Motto: One class, one love

Del Norte High School



Leah Arnold



Carter Crevling



Kelsie Dahle



Brianna Davis



Malachi Gallegos



Kelvin Hirschi



Dante LeBlanc



Leah Martinez



Jazmariah Miranda



Garrett Mondragon



Joel Naranjo



Megan Small

Graduation:

May 27 • 2 p.m.
Upper Rio Grande High School Gym

Class Colors: Silver and Black

Class Flower: Gladiolus

Class Song: Keep Ya Head Up — Tupac Shakur

Class Motto: It is what it is. — J.E. Lawrence



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Moffat High School



Makayla Close



Logan Gardner



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Kodiak Reigel



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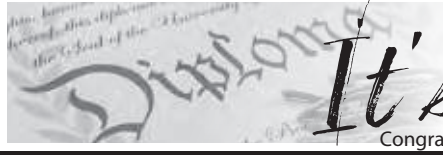
Dylan Wingate



Dane Winter

Graduation:

May 21 • 11 a.m.
Moffat High School Gym



It's Official
You're a graduate, and we know you've worked hard to earn that diploma! Congratulations on this fine achievement, and good luck.

Class Colors: Green, Black and White

Class Flower: Red Lilly

Class Song: Send Me On My Way — Rusted Root

Class Motto: Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it. — Ferris Bueller

Monte Vista High School



Urianna Acosta



Trevor Arellano



Haley Bernal



Diamond Casas



Erick Cereceres



Jerry Chiquito



Daniel Clark



David Clutter



Isaac Cuevas



Alex Deherrera



Genesis Delgado



DJ Duran

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We wish you a happy graduation and a great summer. You've earned it!

Monte Vista High School



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Emily Ellithorpe



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Isaiah Garcia



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Cole Hinds



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Eadon Lawson



Paige Lovato



Keyshawn Martinez



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Dillon McClanahan



Chase McGee



Colton Mellott



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Angel Nungaray



Yarelli Nungaray-Meza



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Analysia Perea

Graduation:

May 14 • 12 p.m.
Harvey Sullivan Football Field

Class Color: Tiger Orange

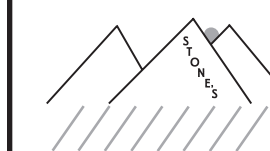
Class Flower: Lily

Class Song: Time of Our Lives - Pitbull and Ne-Yo

Class Motto: Our lives are before us, our pasts are behind us, but our memories are forever with us. — Simran Paree

Congratulations Class of 2022!

You Get an A+
Keep up the great work!



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Monte Vista High School



Camille Rawinski



Adelia Romero



Damien Roy



Peter Salcido



Alicia Samora



Davion Samora



Mario Sanchez



Josh Sawyer



Roger Sisneros Villalobos



Taija Smith



Clay Taffin



Blair Vanderpool



Naomi Vigil



Jossiah Villagomez



Ireland White

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Mountain Valley High School



Hailey Collins



Gavin Gross



Destiny Haphey



Jase Leyba



Mercedes Sandoval



Yessenia Vera

Graduation:

May 21 • 11 a.m.

Auxiliary Gymnasium

Class Colors: Black and Baby Blue

Class Flower: Ruby Passion Sunflower

Class Song: Dirt Road Anthem — Jason Aldean

Class Motto: What lies behind us are small matters compared to what lies within us.

Happy Graduation!



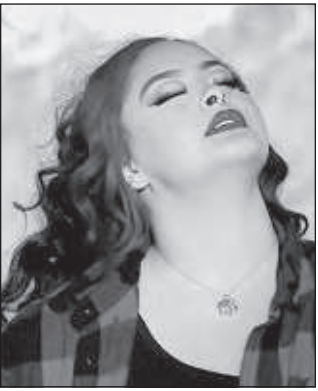
Congratulations, Mountain Valley Grads!

Wherever the road takes you after graduation, we wish you much happiness and success.



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North Conejos Alternative School



Mya Castro



Ty Crowther



Kamilla Erikson



Andrew Ross



Alyssa Rousey



Freeman Schwartz



Kody Vigil

Graduation:

May 28 • 10 a.m.

Antonito High School

Class Colors: Teal, Red and Gold

Class Flower: Iris

Class Song: Where the Green Grass Grows
Tim McGraw

Class Motto: It always seems impossible
until it's done — Nelson Mandela



Graduation Wishes

Success. Happiness. Good Fortune. Good Health.
Love. Friendship. Prosperity. We wish you all this
and more on your Graduation Day and always!

Sanford High School



Asia Caldon



Cheyenne Caldon



Riley Canty



Tyler Christensen



Jett Crowther



Cristian Dominguez



Dailin Estrada



Haley Faucette



Kelton Gartrell



Blake Gladden



Joshua Holman



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Three Cheers for the Class of 2022

You did it! Years of hard work have led you to this day, and now is your moment to enjoy the accolades. We wish you all the best on your graduation day and in your future endeavors. Good luck, graduates.

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Sanford High School



Bethany Miller



Josephine Peterson



Casey Rogers



Alexia Sandoval



Victoria Scheibe



Ashlyn Smith



Avryn Smith



Collin Stagner



Malachi Trujillo

Graduation:

May 27 • 7 p.m.

Sanford High School

Class Color: White

Class Flower: Iris

Class Song: Life is a Highway — Rascal Flatts

Class Motto: Hakuna Matata — Timon and Pumbaa

Sangre de Cristo High School



Adrian Garcia



Ines Guillaume



Amyas Maestas



Ashley Mortensen



Arrow Myers



Kamryn Rogers



Tymberlynn Rogers




Angel Rubio-Mix



Jocelyn Vasquez



Emma Wolfe



You Get an A+
 Congratulations on your graduation.
 Keep up the great work!

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Graduation:

May 27 • 6 p.m.

Sangre de Cristo High School Gym

Class Colors: Pearl and Red

Class Flower: Delilah

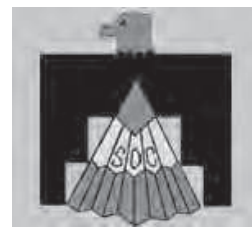
Class Song: Laughed Until We Cried — Jason Aldean

Class Motto: So, you're telling me this wasn't the Great Depression.
— Emma Wolfe

Let the Celebration Commence!

Keep Shining

You're a bright one, graduate! Keep up the good work.



**Sangre de Cristo
S.D. Re-22J**

Sargent High School



Clinton Blackmon



Kyla Davis



Derek Duran



Parker Ford



Raulito Garcia



Nathan Hensley



Kamryn Holland



Conner Holmes



Chinmay Jayanty



Gabriel Jones



Madison Kyffin



Antonio Martinez



Daylon Maze



Jozlynn Moreno



Joseph O'Can



Ashlyn Rockey



Taylor Rockey



Juan Serna



Katherine Sewell



Emberly Spearman



Lindsey Temple



Roman Vitale



Mary Willis



Carson Wolfe



Montana Younkerman

Graduation:
May 27 • 7 p.m.
Sargent High School Gym



Class Colors: Slate Gray and Sea Glass
Class Flower: White Rose
Class Song: Viva La Vida — Coldplay
Class Motto: 22 Crew

Congratulations Sargent Graduates!

May you continue to achieve great success in all of your future endeavors




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Way to Go Sargent Class of 2022!

Dream big, graduates, and enjoy your special day. The best is yet to come!

Congratulations
Sargent School District



Sargent Grads Keep Shining



You're a bright one, Class of 2022!
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Commencement Congratulations

Here's to you, graduates! As you turn the page from student to graduate, we hope the exciting challenges ahead lead you to satisfaction and success. Best of luck, and best wishes!

Sierra Grande High School



Thomas Archuleta



Vivian Carrell



Isiah Chairez



Isabella Durgan



Ryan Espinoza



Katryna Gomez



Piper Grissom



Jayden Herndon



Matthew Martinez



Querida Martinez



Sofia Minchaca



Charlize Mondragon



Christopher Nix



Jasmine Sais



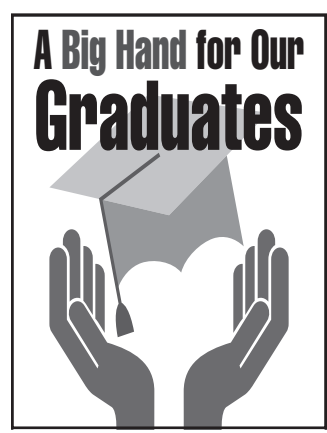
Lennie Valdez



Kira Vialpando



Not Pictured:
Jeremy Martinez



A Big Hand for Our
Graduates



Graduation:

May 27 • 6 p.m.

Sierra Grande High School

Class Colors: Royal Blue and Silver

Class Flower: Japanese Cherry Blossom



Class of
2022!

Wishing you
all the best at
graduation!

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Let's Hear It for Our Graduates!

We're giving a big hand to the dedicated seniors who have worked so hard for this day. Their perseverance and accomplishments make us proud to be a part of this community. Keep up the great work, grads!

Congratulations, Class of 2022!



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