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Antonito Labor Day Festival is set for Sept. 4

ANTONITO — The Antonito Labor Day Festival is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 4 in Antonito.

The festivities begin with a free pancake breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Antonito Town Hall site.

The site will also host entertainment throughout the day, including Salida Circus, the Flaming Obsidians, petting zoo, music and more. Youth activities will take place throughout the day.

The Labor Day Parade will be held at 10 a.m. on Main Street.

A meal or snacks can be purchased from local restaurants or visiting food vendors.

A community street dance featuring the band Indian Nickel will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Antonito Water Park with a break for fireworks display at 8 p.m.

There will be a car show on Sunday, Sept. 5.

The festival is sponsored by Antonito Together and the Town of Antonito. For more information, contact Francine at 719-580-8360, Theresa at 719-992-8254 or Angela at 719-580-8175.

SOIL Sangre de Cristo 'Celebration' event is Sept. 21

VALLEY — On Sept. 21 SOIL Sangre de Cristo will be hosting an event to celebrate its heritage, the harvest and the benefits of investing in the community. Woody Tasch, the founder of the Slow Money Institute and SOIL model, will speak on the topics of his three books: investing locally and supporting local, regenerative agriculture.

SOIL Sangre de Cristo supports farmers, ranchers and other food producers in the region with 0% interest loans. Since its founding, SOIL Sangre de Cristo has loaned \$20,000 to three farms and ranches in the region to support the local food economy and strengthen its resilience.

The next round of loan applications will be accepted in December of 2021. Members of the community become investors by building the revolving loan fund to support this effort. Farmers and food producers can join SOIL for \$25 annually. General memberships start at \$250 per person and up, it includes a vote on loan distributions.

The mission of SOIL Sangre de Cristo is to unite the communities of South-Central Colorado through direct support for local farmers, ranchers and food producers, improving food security, improvement in soil carbon and health for all residents.

The event is from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Poncha Springs Community Center.

Tasch will speak and sign his books "Slow Money, Investing as if Food, Farms and Fertility Mattered"; "SOIL, 2017, Notes Towards the Theory and Practice of Nurture Capital" and "AHA", his most recent book.

Visit online www.soilsangredecristo.org to purchase tickets.

Saguache County Commissioners approve ballot question regarding marijuana sales tax



BY MECHEL MEEK

SAGUACHE — The Saguache Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, Aug. 24, to discuss a ballot question to be sent to voters to increase the marijuana retail and medical sales tax to 5% throughout Saguache County on top of the current state-collected sales tax.

This would be a county-wide sales tax on the sales of marijuana and the sales of retail marijuana products to be collected by any type of dispensary within the Saguache County limits.

This tax will be used to fund new services, administration of marijuana businesses and miscellaneous county improvements.

The Commissioners discussed the fine points of the ballot question including a problem with the document, where it was written that the county was going to collect the proposed tax however, the document was then amended to have the State of Colorado collect the new taxes.

"If the state does all that, why would we need to do that?" Commissioner Tom McCracken stated.

The cost of the addition of the question to the election ballot will be paid from the county's general fund.

If the marijuana is cultivated in Saguache County and sold in another county, Saguache County would not receive the money from the new sales

tax allocation as it would only apply to retail sales taxes within the County by local dispensaries.

The ballot question title was then discussed by the Commissioners. The title was agreed upon as, "County ballot issue on marijuana sales tax."

According to the State of Colorado, counties can levy sales tax on both recreational and medical marijuana and it was agreed that this proposed tax would be on both types of sales.

The estimated amount to be collected from this tax is \$350,000. The resolution was passed by the Commissioners and will be put before voters this November to decide if the tax will be implemented.

Kiwanis Club of Center helps 4-H youth program

BY MECHEL MEEK

CENTER — The Kiwanis Club of Center helped 12 San Luis Valley 4-H participants by purchasing one sheep, two pigs and nine goats at the San Luis Valley Fair Junior Livestock Auction on Aug. 13. The total purchase price of the livestock was over \$14,000.

Most of the livestock, except for poultry, has a positive return on investment which helps the youth further their education in animal sciences and supports future 4-H animal projects. Due to the tremendous support of Valley businesses, individuals, Saguache County grant, and other purchasing groups these children can focus on their projects without worrying about how to fund their enterprises.

The Kiwanis Club of Center stated, "We would like to thank the following donors for this year's 4-H FFA livestock sale fund and investment in the youth of our community; Ken and Dallas Anderson, Aspen Produce, Bartee Ranch, Biel Crop Consulting, Beiriger & Sons, Russel Brown, Don Carpenter, Center Tire Store, Judy Crawley, Karen and Sevo Davis, Richard Eagles, Gunbarrel Station,



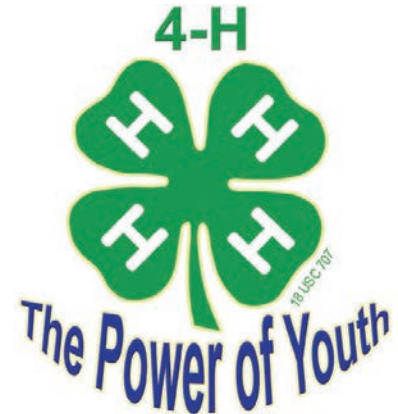
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The Kiwanis Club of Center purchased several animals at the San Luis Valley Fair's Junior Livestock Auction earlier this month.

Vernon Chuck Howey, J & J Circles, K&J Thriftway, T. W. Kennison, Mike Klause, Tyler Kyffin, Lee A. Consaul Co, Inc., Charles Littwiller, Sue McClure, Richard F and Alana McNitt, Miller — Coors, Mountain Valley Logistics LLC, Gerald & Vickie Myers, Nissen Farms LLC, Price Farms, Pro Seed, Richard Ramstetter, RCI ACE Electric, RG Bank (Rio Grande Savings and Loan), Brian Roberts DDS, Mike Spearman, Town & Country, Rev. Debria Upton, and Lars Worker."

The Rev. Upton also stated, "We

and the youth of the Valley thank you. It is only through your support that we are able to do project of this type. We are always seeking new members who would like to assist the furtherance of our local youth and community. This coming Monday evening, Aug. 30, at 6:30 p.m., you are invited to our open house where Center K-Club, Moffat K-Club, and Monte Vista K-Club will be our honored guests. We invite you to come for a meal and learn more about the Kiwanis Club of Center. All are welcomed."



New 4-H agent introduced at Saguache County Commissioner's Board Meeting

BY MECHEL MEEK

SAGUACHE — During a special meeting of the Saguache County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, Aug. 24, Morgan Young introduced herself as the new 4-H agent for the San Luis Valley area.

Young began by explaining her previous experience and background in 4-H and FFA.

"I really wanted to be a 4-H agent," Young said.

She was previously a 4-H agent for Chaffee County and explained that she learned a lot about how to run a 4-H program in her time there. She went on to explain that every

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Rio Grande County approves school resource officer contract

BY LYNDIE FERRELL

RIO GRANDE COUNTY — Rio Grande County Commissioners reapproved a contract that allows the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Department to provide a School Resource Officer for Sargent School

District during their meeting on Aug. 11.

The School Resource Officer is an integral part of the rural school district and has been provided by the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Department for several years.

Rio Grande County Sheriff Don McDonald provided an intergovernmental agreement which stated, "The purpose of the Agreement is for the Rio Grande County Sheriff to assign a deputy sheriff to provide law enforcement services

as a full-time School Resources Officer (SRO) at the Sargent School. The deputy will work with school personnel in presenting alcohol and other drug preventative education programs; maintaining a safe campus

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Autumn in the Rockies



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell

Late summer afternoons are best spent on lonely roads in the backcountry just outside of South Fork. The last of the wildflowers are showing off their colors as fall moves in.

SAGUACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

SAGUACHE COUNTY — The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the period between Aug. 16 and 22, 2021.

The Sheriff's Department's activity on the road included six traffic stops, one injury with crash, one traffic complaint and one motorist assist. They also assisted with ambulances six times.

In addition, there were two VIN inspections, eight Saguache town patrols, one stolen property report, two welfare checks, two agency assists, one utility problem report,

two warrants, two Crestone town patrols, one report of animal cruelty, four reports of suspicious activity, two alarm checks, two theft reports, three harassment reports, one civil dispute, one suicidal subject, and two animal problem reports. They also monitored four controlled burns, one fire (brush and grass), provided information eight times and assisted on one search and rescue call.

Arrests

- 41-year-old Alamosa woman, warrant, failure to comply.
- 23-year-old Rocky Ford man, warrant, failure to comply.

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county and area has their own unique challenges and opportunities.

"Here I have a unique opportunity as I am serving six counties and not just one," she said.

Saguache County sent 20 participants with 4-H projects to the state fair. Historically, Saguache County has had a large amount of youth involved in 4-H.

"I think if we could get to 400 members that would be a success for me," Young said.

National 4-H week is the first week of October, and the San Luis Valley 4-H program would like to increase enrollment during that week.

The Saguache County Commissioners discussed adding 4-H information to the county website, though no final decision was reached about what information should be included.

4-H is a development program for youth from ages 8-18. There are 4-H programs in all types of agricultural areas, not just the typical raising of animals. These include various programs, from robotics to cooking, which gives participants the chance to learn about subjects that interest them.

Schools are currently the best source for recruiting 4-H members. Young also addressed the need for volunteers to help 4-H participants

with their projects and that local people are the best source for these.

"I think the decline in children participating, is the lack of volunteers as the parents are tired after working all day and don't have time to help the children with their projects," Young said, adding there is benefit and value for children in having an after-school program for 4-H.

Young has plans to speak to the schools to work on implementing after-school programs and wants to work on realizing an in-school program. The in-school curriculum could include hands-on educational opportunities, such as an embryology program, which is hatching chickens in the classroom while studying the stages of the life cycle from embryo to chick.

Other programs could also be implemented in-school, including education on water conservation or other areas of interest to local concern regarding agriculture.

She also discussed that some parents and children are hesitant to join 4-H due to financial concerns. In regard to this issue, she stated that there is funding available to help kids with funding for their projects, and it is currently underutilized. The SLV 4-H program is run through the Colorado State University Extension office located in Monte Vista.

OBITUARY

Gordon Lee Off

Gordon Lee Off passed peacefully at home with his loving family by his side on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021. Gordon was born during the Great Depression, which might help explain his frugality, tendency to hold on to things, gather lots of stuff, and frequent thrift stores.

He was born in Del Norte on Dec. 3, 1929, to Chester and Adeline Off (Officer), the youngest and most spoiled of his four siblings: Vicki (Kroschel), Clinton, Margaret (Biles), and Chet Off.

He grew up in the era of using horses to farm, milking cows, and party telephone lines. Gordon joined the Army at the tail end of the Korean conflict, knowing full well that the government would pick up the tab for his college degree. Thankfully his time in the military was relatively quiet. He always liked to say, "he was never shot at or shot at anybody."

He graduated from Colorado State University in 1957 (then known as Aggies) with a degree in Industrial Arts. He then taught Shop at Boulder High for 9 years where he often forgot he was the teacher and not one of the kids.

After being an hour late for their first date, he did eventually manage to talk sweet Suzanne Elizabeth Colville into marrying him in 1960. He and Suzanne raised three children: Shawna (Kent Ford), Kevin, and David (Keri Brandt) Off who in turn raised his five cool grandkids: Shane Atencio, Chenoa, Liam, Lhasa and Ryder Off.

Gordon and Suzie came to their senses in 1967, leaving Boulder and returning to their birthplace in Del Norte to resume ranching. He dedicated his life to sustaining the land and animals that he dearly loved.

Although he was the master of frugality, he was always very generous with his family and his community. He and Suzie have been involved with the restoration of The Windsor Hotel; donation of lands for Rio Grande Hospital, clinic,



and future Wellness Village; the Del Norte Cliff Corner Land; and many other community projects.

Gordon was a deep thinker but also had a very dry and fun sense of humor. He loved pranks, card tricks, riddles, and jokes, both the proper and improper. He had quite a list of folks that planned to get him back, not sure they ever did. One of his fortes was napping, as he often said, "I'm a light sleeper, I sleep best when it's light." He showed up to his daughter's wedding with a sawed-off shot gun, all in good humor.

The German word for grandpa is "Opa," which is what he was fondly called by his family. "Opafied" became a made-up verb describing his clever improvements or inventions. He could not look at something without figuring out how to make it better, which he did until the day he passed.



Gordon has left us with decades of fond and colorful memories, but we are always up for hearing more. Please join us for an informal celebration of life at the Off Family Ranch picnic grounds 10585 Highway 160, Del Norte Colo., on Sept. 25, 1 p.m.-ish (in case you are napping). Please bring a side dish to share after the celebration. Come rain or shine, we will be outside. Please wear a mask if you are not vaccinated.

Donations in memory of Gordon can be made in care of Strohmayer's Funeral home to Hospice de Valle, Rio Grande Hospital or to help pay for this ridiculously long obituary. Or tell a joke or perform a card trick to make someone smile.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Where are the chips?

Ol' Dutch and Miss Trixie are fortunate enough to have some great friends here in the beautiful Rocky Mountains and we get to spend considerable time with them while we are here. Our dear friends Gidget and Moon Doggy (who may now be better known as Willie) are one such couple and they are the ultimate hosts as Miss Gidget makes what is quite possibly the best salsa on the planet.

Now this isn't just some ordinary chip dip, I'll have you know. It's on par with my little sister's which is bar none the best you ever have tasted, ever. I honestly believe that these two tomato smashers could make a great living mixing up their potions of red goodness and selling them to dippers everywhere.

So having been exposed to such savory deliciousness over the better part of my life, I was somewhat dismayed to read about the chip shortage affecting the United States.

Last winter, Ol' Dutch was shopping for a new truck to tow the old Conestoga and the salesman kept telling me they had a chip shortage. Having just been to the Dollar Store and seeing the shelves stacked ten high with all kinds of chips I could not understand why these poor fellows could not find some chips to go with their dip.

Realizing that this was going to cause a chain reaction in the market with now an oversupply of salsa, I was almost ready to make an emergency run for them to satisfy their corn cravings when someone mentioned the Japanese being involved and something about electronics chips. And I knew that those people were more into rice and noodles which I also can consume in copious quantities, so research was warranted into just what exactly was going on here.

As luck would have it, the chips they are talking about are some minute plastic particles without which the monstrous mass of plastic and steel known as a truck cannot run. It's hard to believe but we seem to have gotten ourselves into quite a pickle depending on people of a foreign land for the one piece of the puzzle that makes the whole thing run down the road.

And in the chase for more and more electronic gizmos, it appears that everything, but soup and nuts is run by these chips. Hence there is a shortage of phones, game boys, watches, computers, and anything else that lights up a screen of some sort.

Relieved as I was to find out there would be chips for Gidget's salsa, it still put the hiatus on my new truck purchase and eight months later they still cannot seem



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

to get one to make my new truck run. And as crazy as it sounds, they keep making these trucks and are simply parking them on lots all around the country hoping that when chips do become available, tens of thousands of people will want a truck that is now more than a year old. America.

As you all know the COVID has plagued us terribly not only here in the U.S.A. but around the world and even though they came up with a vaccine to help with the severity of the virus, we still do not know what is going on or how it will morph into something else.

Ol' Dutch finally got his shot this past Spring just in time to hear the next day that the J&J shot was dangerous, of course. But since getting it I have also found out from a well-meaning friend that each shot has a tiny chip in it to allow the government to know exactly what you are doing at every moment.

And add to that they informed me that I have taken the mark of some beast when all I know is I am about to start hunting said beast next week in the Colorado Big Game Season. I cannot seem to figure it all out.

Another friend is convinced that it is a form of population control which is why all these 70- and 80-year-old people need to get it? Last I knew they were not that interested in procreating anyway, so it is working out great for them.

So Ol' Dutch has figured out that since my arm has hurt ever since, I just might be able to locate said chip and extract it and put that tiny rascal into my new Chevy and be up and running in no time. And they say the government is out to get me? They just helped me get a new ride and I do appreciate it so.

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YOUR NIGHT SKY

BY DARLENE DANKO

Messier Marathon

I hope you got to see the Perseid Meteor Shower. I got up at 1:30 a.m. on Thursday the 12th and went out to view them. Unfortunately, the sky had a lot of fire haze and was not too clear. I was able to see the Milky Way and a few stars. So, I stayed out for 30 minutes and saw two large bright meteors.

Then on Friday morning the 13th, I got up at 1:20 a.m. and stayed out for a full hour sitting on a chair on the back porch that faces the northeast. The sky was clear with lots of stars and the Milky Way. I managed to see 20 that time. I wondered if I had gone out the front and sat on the driveway if I would have seen more. You never

know.

When you look at the Milky Way in the south and see what is around it, you will find Messier's. They are star clusters that are wonderful to look at. You will remember Sagittarius the Tea Pot and Scorpius the Scorpion down low. There are also a lot of star clusters in and around them. The full moon was on the 22nd, and the last quarter moon will be on the 30th. To look at these, it is better to observe when the moon isn't shining.

There are some bright star clusters that you can see with the naked eye, and tons more that you will need binoculars or a Telescope to observe. M6 is the Butterfly cluster that is the tail of Scorpius. With our dark skies, you can see this one with naked eyes. Near M6 is M7 the Ptolemy's Cluster. It is even brighter and larger and covers an area as large as four full moons.



M20 is the Trifid Nebula, and it features a triple star system. Radiation from the stars makes it glow. M8 is the Lagoon Nebula. It covers 3 times the area of a full moon. M22 is in the constellation Sagittarius and is naked eye bright.

So, look at this area of the sky and see what you can find. Just wait for the full moon to go away, so the sky is dark, and you will be amazed at what you can see! If you have binoculars, look around that whole area and see what you can find. Even go up a little higher around the Milky Way. I think you will be amazed at what you can find.



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Del Norte celebrates Riverfront project

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

DELNORTE — The community of Del Norte came out Friday afternoon, Aug. 20, to celebrate the new additions to the Del Norte Riverfront Project and to thank the many people involved in making this long-time dream a reality. The playwave and first initial phase of the Riverfront Park has been completed for just over a year now but due to COVID-19, the celebration had to wait until Friday afternoon.

Community members, guests, partners and members of the Town of Del Norte put the week's business aside and set out to have a great time in the park. The day started off with a rubber duck race along the Rio Grande. The race was a tradition of the town until recent years. There were several winners who received prizes from Del Norte Town Manager Bernadette Martinez.

"This was really great. It was a great little party we had going on and it was a great way to celebrate our new playwave and park," Martinez said.

Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project (RGHRP) Executive Director Emma Reesor announced the new Del Norte Playwave open to the public in July of 2020. The playwave, located in the Rio Grande river is part of the Del Norte Riverfront project, a grassroots effort to address community needs like access to the river, recreational opportunities, economic diversity, and to improve the environmental condition of the river corridor.

"From several conversations came the vision of the project, which is to create connectivity between the community of the San Luis Valley and the river,"

Reesor said. "By doing that, we created recreation opportunities, improved access and improved the ecological condition of the aquatic and riparian habitat."

The RGHRP is a local nonprofit organization with the mission to restore the health of the river for all who use it, including ecosystems and wildlife, agriculture, recreation and community safety.

"We accomplish this through partnerships to implement multipurpose projects and the Del Norte Riverfront project is a great example of that," Reesor said.

The project was identified as a priority in 2008 with the Del Norte Trails masterplan which identified the need for river recreation in the area.

"The Del Norte Trails masterplan identified the important need of the community to have river recreational opportunities and the SLVGO masterplan identified that need as well," Reesor said. "Those two documents really highlighted that the communities of the Valley wanted to focus on river recreation."

The playwave is only the beginning of the Riverfront Project which will also include improvements to the River Park, a playground area and picnic pavilion is scheduled to be built soon.

The river is home to several types of aquatic life and the park is an excellent place to access the river through the newly built boat ramp which is located on the North side of the Highway 112 bridge.

Rafters, kayakers, boaters and other outdoor enthusiasts have already been out on the river this summer, eager to enjoy the new playwave. The playwave is not deep, but parents are advised



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell
Del Norte celebrates the opening of the Del Norte Riverfront Park and Playwave on Friday, Aug. 20. Community members gathered at the new park for an afternoon of fun and sun by the Rio Grande.

to supervise their children and exercise caution when they are in the area, as this is still part of a fast-moving river. Water levels can vary from day to day, so it is always best to check weather forecasts and be familiar with river recreation responsibilities before heading out on the water.

Adams State Adventure Program students were also on hand to show the crowd some safety tips for using the playwave and the town provided food from Gosar Sausage, refreshments from Three Barrell Brewing and toys to be used in the river.



Rubber ducks hit the waves on the Rio Grande on Friday during the opening celebration of the Del Norte Riverfront Park and Playwave. Children splashed in the river while their rubber ducks floated to the finish line.

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Enjoy fall fishing on the west end of the Valley

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

SAN LUIS VALLEY — As summer ends there are still several activities to do in the San Juan Mountain Range which include more than site seeing the fall colors. The Gold Medal waters of the Rio Grande are a great place to start and there are several locations along the river to stop and drop a line for those who wish to fish from the shore. River fishing trips are also available through numerous river rafting companies based out of South Fork and Creede.

This time of year, the Rio Grande waters are running at lower depths now that the last of the winter runoff has completed from the higher tributaries and fishing along the banks of the river is best in the early morning or later evening hours. Local fish tend to be less hungry and sluggish during the warmer parts of the day but are extremely active when the water is a cooler temperature. Anglers will have the best luck just as the sun rises above the San Juan and La Garita Mountain ranges, which is a sight to be seen during the fall months from now moving forward.

Just outside of South Fork is Beaver Creek Reservoir located along Forest Service Road 360 which is about two miles southwest of town heading up Wolf Creek Pass. The reservoir is an area favorite and has been stocked with Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout and Kokanee Salmon. Fall is an excellent time of year to fish at the reservoir either by boat or shore fishing as temperatures drop and the salmon spawn. The reservoir is very popular during the salmon snagging season and there is plenty to be had by all.

Tucked away just before Beaver Creek Reservoir on Forest Service Road 360, anglers would do well to visit Million Reservoir. This four-acre high alpine lake is about a quarter mile

walk from the main trail head but is a great location for shore fishing for those seeking Rainbow Trout. The steep slopes surrounding the lake make it challenging to reach, but once a spot is located, hang on to your poles! The reservoir is surrounded by a rich forest that was once the site of the Million fire. The vegetation surrounding the lake is thick and provides excellent hiding locations for aquatic life and fish.

While traveling further up Wolf Creek Pass, anglers can turn on Forest Service Road 410 which is 11 miles outside of South Fork. This beautiful mountain reservoir is not only picturesque, but it is great for fishing. Big Meadows is stocked throughout the summer with Brook, Cutthroat and Rainbow Trout, some of which have grown to record size due to the cold-water habitat and depth of the lake. At just over 9,000 feet in elevation, this fishing destination tops the charts and seldom disappoints.

No matter what direction an angler chooses to go this fall, each location listed above will be abundant in fall foliage and offers anglers a chance to fish while enjoying autumn in all her glory. For more information about fishing location in and around the San Luis Valley, visit www.cpw.state.co.us.



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell

Tucked away off Forest Service Road 360 is Million Reservoir which after a short hike, is a great location for shore fishing and a beautiful place to view fall foliage.



Big Meadows Reservoir on Forest Service 410 is a great place to take the family for fall fishing. There is easy access to the shore and an easy-to-use boat ramp for people to head out on the water for a beautiful fall day of fishing above 9,000 feet.



The banks of the Rio Grande are an excellent place to drop a line in the fall and with several locations to choose from beginning in South Fork, up to Creede these Gold Medal waters offer excellent fishing conditions in the early morning or late evening.

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2nd Annual Steamroller Printmaking Event is Sept. 18

STAFF REPORT
CREEDE — The 2nd Annual Steamroller Printmaking Event is scheduled for Sept. 18. It is hosted by the Creede Arts Council, a non-profit organization in Creede. This event takes place outdoors on Main Street Creede during the Crusin' the Canyon Car Show.

“Our goal is to fulfill our mission to promote the arts and humanities in our community through education, exhibition and performance and to foster local artistic talent,” CAC officials stated.

The event will take place at the intersection of North 1st Street and North Main Street in Creede from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 18.

Artists have created and carved woodblocks of their own original design. The day of the event, with volunteers from the Creede Arts Council, the artists and the community, the boards are inked by hand, placed on the street with paper placed over the boards where a steamroller (road-bed compactor) will roll over them pressing the paper onto the board.

All works will be offered for sale the day of the event if the artist chooses to do so with 50 percent going to the artist and 50 percent to support the Creede Arts Council programs.



The Creede Arts Council extended thanks to sponsors: Quiller Gallery, Creede Hotel and Restaurant, Del Norte Bank, Chuck and Kay Harbert and El Pomar Foundation. The Creede Arts Council will be following CDC guidelines related to COVID the day of the event.



Entry details for Saguache Photo Competition released

STAFF REPORT
SAGUACHE — Entry information for the Saguache Photo Competition

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environment at each school; servicing as a law enforcement problem-solving resource person and in providing appropriate response to any on-campus or school related criminal activity.”

The School Resource Officer provides several services while serving as an independent contractor with the school including the following, providing a program of law and education-related issues to the school community, including parents, on such topics as: tobacco, alcohol, and other drug issues, bullying, use and abuse of social media and related criminal offenses and in addressing violent situations, violence prevention, and other safety issues in the school community.

McDonald explained that in addition to the services provided above the resource officer will also act as a communication liaison with law enforcement agencies; providing basic information concerning students

has been released. There are over 10 categories:

- Historic Buildings

- Local (people or activities)
- Best Buddies (two or more animals, children, adults, or mix of each)

- Landscapes
- Skyscapes (sunrise, sunsets, rainbows, storm clouds, lightening)
- Wildlife
- Miscellaneous (still life, or any topic not fitting into the other categories)
- Miscellaneous Organics (floral, trees, vegetables, plant life)
- Action (working cowboys, rodeo, rafting sporting events, etc.)
- Pets (domestic animals such as dogs, cats, horses, chickens, cows, etc.)
- Series (2 to 4 related photos)

- Black and White (any subject)
- Professional category

Some categories may be grouped together if the total number of entries are low.

All photos must have been taken within the San Luis Valley. No repeat photos from previous years' competitions will be accepted. Each person is limited to two photos in any category. Entries must be suitably framed or matted.

Entry forms may be filled out the day photos are submitted. There is no entry fee.

on campuses serviced by the officer. They will be providing informational services and be a general resource for the school staff on issues related to alcohol, and other drugs, violence prevention, gangs, safety and security.

In the agreement it also highlighted the fact that, “The deputy shall not act as a school disciplinarian, nor will he make recommendations regarding school discipline. The School Resource Officer is not to be used for regularly assigned lunchroom duties, as a regular hall monitor, bus duties, or other monitoring duties. If there is an unusual/temporary problem in one of these areas, the SRO may assist school employees until the problem is solved. Provided further that nothing is required herein is intended to, nor will it constitute a relationship, or duty for the assigned deputy, or the County, beyond the general duties that exist for law enforcement officers within the state.”

This is an annual renewal of the

School Resource Officer for the Sargent School District, and they are appreciative of the sheriff's office for providing a deputy in the school.

“We have done this for about four years, and nothing has been changed from previous years,” stated McDonald.

The One Who Is Everything You Need

The Bible repeatedly tells us that God is our helper. The question is, do we really trust God to help us? It's easy to say that we trust Him, but when it comes to practically applying this truth—to leaning on the Holy Spirit to help us in every area of our lives—we often struggle to do it.

As born-again believers in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit—God's Spirit—lives in our spirit. In John 16:7, Jesus said that the Holy Spirit is our “Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor – Counselor, Strengthen, Standby)” and that He wants “to be in close fellowship” with us (AMP).

It's so important for us to know that we can have a close, intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit...that He will communicate with us. I went to church for many years and had no idea that I could overcome my problems and live with real peace and joy because the Holy Spirit lived in my spirit. It was life-changing for me when I got the revelation that He wanted to lead me in God's will for my life and He would enable me to do everything I needed to do.

The truth is if we really believe God is our helper and He's willing to help us no matter what situation we're in, then we have no reason to worry or get overwhelmed.

I'll let you in on another secret: You need to ask God for help because the Holy Spirit is not the type to barge into your life and take over. Has anyone ever tried to push their opinions or their agenda on you? They may or may not know what they're talking about, and they may not even be really interested in helping you do what needs to be done, but they sure have a lot to say about what you're doing wrong! That's *not* what the Holy Spirit does. He knows the answer to every problem, and He will even help you get through each one. But He won't give you His advice unless you ask for it. In other words, the humble get the help.

Every Problem Matters to God

Jesus said in John 15:5 (NIV), “Apart from me you can do nothing.” And that's so true. But did you know He's not holding out on you? God actually likes it when we ask for His help. And He not only wants to help us with our big problems, He also wants to help us with the little things in life. That's wonderful news because sometimes we allow the little things to get us frustrated and upset. It's good for us to pray often, “Help, Lord. Help me!”

In the Psalms, we frequently see King David going to God for help. For example, Psalm 40:13 (NIV) says, “Be pleased to save me, Lord; come quickly, Lord, to help me.”

Notice that David was not only bold enough to ask God for help, but he was also confident that God would answer his prayers. In Psalm 43:5 (AMP), David says, “Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.”

You and I have so many opportunities to feel sad or discouraged and have a bad attitude, but God wants us to stay strong in Him, like David did. Those who do will eventually come out on top, because there's no way the enemy can hold you back if you will trust God and keep your hope in Him.

Learn How to Trust Your Helper

It's comforting to know God will help you get through the hard times of life. His grace and strength will sustain you while you're waiting for your breakthrough. Isaiah 41:10 says He “will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand” (NIV).

Even when you're tempted to think, *It's not going to do me any good to pray after the way I've acted*, don't let that stop you from asking for God's help. Because when you go to the Father in prayer, you



don't go in your name—you go in the name of Jesus.

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV) says we can “approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” And Psalm 23:3 says, “He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake” (emphasis added).

When you're hurting, in trouble, or waiting for answers in your life, you need to believe that your Helper, the Holy Spirit, is with you and He wants to help you. Stay in close fellowship with Him and ask Him for the help you need. No matter what the circumstances may look like, believe He's working on your behalf. He is your Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthen, Standby—He's everything you need—and He's just waiting for you to ask.

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-teaching CD series *The Holy Spirit*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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How kids benefit from being read to

Reading aloud to children is one of the joys of parenting. All children, whether they're infants, toddlers or school-aged, can benefit from being read to, and parents whose youngsters have grown up often look back on story time as some of their favorite moments as moms and dads.

Reading aloud to children is about more than just establishing a bond between parent and child. According to Reading Rockets, a national public media literacy initiative, children as young as infants can benefit from being read to. Infants can look at pictures as their parents point to them and say the names of the various objects within them. By drawing attention to the pictures and associating words with them and real-world objects, parents are helping infants learn the importance of language.

Kids of all ages can benefit from being read to, even after they learn to read on their own. The following are a handful of ways that reading aloud to children can benefit them.

- Reading to children dramatically expands their vocabulary. A 2019 study published in the Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics found that young children whose parents read them five books a day enter kindergarten having heard roughly 1.4 million more words than kids who were never read to. The disparity is even significant when comparing kids who are periodically read to each day with kids who are read five books per day. Children who are read to daily may hear slightly less than 300,000 words prior to entering kindergarten, while those read five books per day will hear more than 1.4 million words.

- Reading to children expands their imaginations. The Northern Virginia Family Services reports that research has shown that children who activate their imaginations through being read to develop higher activity in the area of their brain that's responsible for



cultivating mental images and deciphering and comprehending verbal cues. That heightened activity bolsters youngsters' imaginations and instills in them a greater fondness for reading.

- Reading can help kids learn to focus. Parents of young children no doubt know that such youngsters rarely sit still for any significant length of time. However, when being read to, young children, even those who are initially reluctant to engage in story time, will learn to sit still for the duration of the book. That can help them learn to focus, a benefit that will pay dividends

when children begin school.

- Reading to children can speak to children's interests or emotional needs. Reading Rockets notes that children's favorite stories may speak to their emotional needs and interests. That's why so many youngsters insist on reading a favorite book over and over again. Though that's often boring for parents, it can benefit youngsters, who will eventually move on to other books.

Reading to children can benefit them in myriad ways and provide a great way for parents to bond with their youngsters.



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Humphreys celebrate 10 years of generating hydroelectric power

BY KEITH R. CERNY
CREEDE — Descendants of A.E. Humphreys and their friends gathered at the dam holding back the reservoir by the same name Saturday, Aug. 21, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the hydroelectric plant that continues to deliver single phase power to Creede through an agreement with the San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative (SLVREC).
 Among those in attendance were about 30 descendants of the founder, covering four generations, as well as former State Senator Gail Schwartz, a longtime promoter of renewable energy.
 Ruthie Brown, great-granddaughter of A.E. Humphreys and granddaughter of his son A.E. Humphreys Jr., was credited for her tireless efforts to see the new hydroelectric plant through to production in 2011. The single-phase, crossflow turbine generator, affectionately called "Miss O", was named after the ship named "Octavia" that brought the massive unit to the United States from where it was built in Italy by a company specializing in three-phase generators.
 The generator can produce up to 300 kW which could provide power to 200 homes, according to SLVREC. On Saturday, it was producing 100 kW.

A family friend who they had met at a micro-hydro class, Lee Tavenner, recommended a one-phase system because Creede's power came through single-phase lines supplied by SLVREC. The plant produces enough power to supply most of the Creede community.
 Tavenner had been instrumental in 1998 to research if the Humphreys' Ranch original powerhouse using water from Haypress could be retooled to supply power for the entire ranch.
 The Haypress earthen dam, unfortunately, proved too permeable for this venture. Instead, he oversaw the construction of a small hydro system where the water from the Roaring Fork flows into the lake through the very same pipe that AE senior used to create the lake 75 years earlier.
 For this to happen, the old metal pipe — all 6,000 feet of it — had to be replaced — a job that former Humphreys manager Bill Dooley contributed to in several different ways.
 Because the diversion cabin and pipeline were in designated wilderness it was necessary to haul pipe up the steep valley using only horses and mules.
 This system generated 45 kW of electricity, enough to power the ranch at that point and enough later to inter-tie to the grid system,

adding to the power sold down valley, but also operating as a stand-alone system to be used in the event of a power outage on the ranch.
 A.E. Humphreys Sr., came into the Goose Creek valley in 1923 and envisioned what might happen if he dammed up the creek to raise trout. History indicates that trout had been over-fished throughout the state, and he wanted to make up for it by filling Goose Creek and the river it feeds, the Rio Grande, with trout.
 His first step was to create a nursery lake, Haypress, which he did by putting in a mile long pipe that stretched from the upper reaches of the Roaring Fork down to a hayfield which when flooded created a shallow lake. He stocked this lake with trout he raised in a fish hatchery next to Humphreys Lake.
 According to family members, his vision was "at both Haypress and Humphreys millions of trout will live and thousands are sure to go over the spillway into Goose Creek and the Rio Grande. Which is right, for I want to see the trout streams of Colorado again in the glory they had before they were fished out. I intend to help."
 Humphreys Jr.'s daughter Ruth Brown, mother of Ruthie, and her sister eventually took the helm of the ranch and after buying out her sister in 1968, Ruth orchestrated a land exchange with the U.S. Forest Service that allowed for her full ownership of Haypress and the continuation of the ranch's relationship with the state in its desire to take spawn from Haypress to stock Colorado's high mountain streams and lakes with Rio Grande



Photos by Keith R. Cerny
 Former State Senator Gail Schwartz, right, and Ruthie Brown discuss the importance of hydroelectric power for Colorado at the Humphreys Lake dam where a single-phase generator powers the town of Creede through an agreement with the San Luis Valley Electric Coop.



The single-phase, crossflow turbine generator operating on Humphreys Ranch, is affectionately called "Miss O", named after the ship "Octavia" that brought the massive unit to the United States from where it was built in Italy by a company specializing in three-phase generators. The generator can produce up to 300 kW which could provide power to 200 homes, according to SLVREC. On Saturday, it was producing 100 kW.

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SLV Potato Festival returns on Sept. 11

STAFF REPORT
MONTE VISTA — After taking a year off due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the San Luis Valley Potato Festival returns on Sept. 11 in Monte Vista. Come prepared to spend the day at Chapman Park.

Start the day with the 3rd Annual Tater Trot 5K or join Colorado San Luis Valley Potatoes Executive Director Jim Ehrlich on a free agricultural tour. This bus will take people to the SLV-Research Center and into a field being harvested. Tour attendees can learn about breeding, seeding, growing and harvesting of

Colorado's finest potatoes, right here in the San Luis Valley. To reserve your seat on the tour, visit coloradopotato.org/potatofestivl and fill out the online form or contact office at 719-852-3322 or info@coloradopotato.org.

To participate in the 5K, people can pre-register at coloradopotato.org/potatofestival or register at 7:15 a.m. on Sept. 11 at the park. Registration is \$25 per participant and all proceeds will benefit SLV Pediatric Diabetes Patients.

Stay at Chapman Park throughout the day to enjoy the free kid's games, **Please see FESTIVAL on Page 2**

C&TSRR's Victorian Iron Horse Roundup is Aug. 21-29

Free events scheduled to celebrate railroad's 50th anniversary

ANTONITO — One of the most anticipated historic railroad events of the year will take place Aug. 21-29, when the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad hosts the "19th Century Victorian Iron Horse Roundup." In celebration of the scenic railroad's 50th anniversary, there will be four 1880's locomotives under steam simultaneously.

All week long, the collection of

historic steam locomotives from Colorado and Nevada will steam 64-miles over the Rocky Mountains pulling trains of historic passenger and freight cars.

While train rides behind the "Iron Horses" are sold out for this celebration, people can still book a ride on the regularly scheduled daily Cumbres and Toltec departures and see these "Iron Horses" in action.

There are plenty of free activities, including photo opportunities in the historic rail yards of Antonito and Chama, N.M., railyard tours, and equipment demonstrations.

"The Iron Horse Roundup will feature two 1875 steam locomotives from Nevada, the Eureka and the Glenbrook, and they will be joined by our own recently restored 1883 engine No. 168 and engine No. 425 (315). All four steam locomotives will pull historic consists of passenger and freight cars, creating living images that have not been seen on this planet for **Please see C&TSRR on Page 3**



SLV Places website launches, encourages community engagement

By MECHEL MEEK
CENTER — Downtown Colorado Inc. in partnership with several San Luis Valley communities, has launched the SLV Places website. The goal is to engage with the community to better support the revitalization and beautification of the Valley.

Downtown Colorado Inc. (DCI)



was created in 1982 as the Colorado Community Revitalization Association. Downtown Colorado Inc. is a nonprofit membership organization with an objective to build better communities by providing help to downtowns, commercial districts, and town hubs in Colorado.

According to DCI, "DCI and CHFA

have established SLVPlaces.org through Bang the Table to provide the opportunity for more people to access information and enable them to share ideas."

The SLVPlaces.org site drives all-inclusive, visible, and quantifiable community engagement processes that permit collaborative learning, discussion, and debate.

According to the SLV Places **Please see PLACES on Page 3**

Visiting Dogs

When I hear a truck pull up in front of the house and the pandemonium of dogs barking would wake a hibernating mastodon, I relax. It's only my neighbor, D.K., come to borrow something of his back.

He doesn't get this ferocious reception because he's on the canine list of unsavory visitors or because he has the reputation of annoying domestic animals on a regular basis. It's because his two dogs usually accompany him on his rounds.

My dogs even bark at his pickup when he drives in anticipating that his dogs will be in the back. On those rare occasions when he comes "undogged", my dogs give him a withering glare and stomp off. It's like they are disappointed.

After all, what else have they got to do? Watch the sheep through the fence? Go to the pasture and check the cows? Sneak up on the creek in hopes of scaring the urea out of the ducks?



I watched them the last time I went to D.K.'s to borrow his brush hog. My dogs were leaning out the side already clearing their throats as we neared his place. I deliberately drove by the first turn-in. Both dogs jerked their heads around and glared

at me through the back window. I could see Hattie mouthing the words, "Hey turkey, ya missed it!"

I turned in the second drive and we were met with the raucous sounds of a rabbit let go in a dog kennel. I pulled to a stop as D.K.'s dogs surrounded the pickup barking at the top of their dog lungs.

My dogs were leaning out over the side like seasick fishermen returning in kind, bark for bark. It was deafening.

But I noticed D.K.'s dogs never got quite close enough to touch noses and mine knew just how far to lean to avoid actual contact.

One might think it was all for show. Protecting their territory, as if his were shouting, "Don't you dare get out", and mine were screaming, "No way we're lettin' you jump in this truck!"

Or they could just be visiting like old folks at a reunion, "HOW ARE YOU, TEX! I HEAR YOU GOT A NEW HEARING AID!

WHAT KIND IS IT?"

"QUARTER TO FOUR!"

I've gotten to where I don't worry about it much. Dogs like to bark. It's in their job description. It probably doesn't irritate the dogs near as much as it does us humans. They just communicate at different decibel levels. It's part of nature. It's possible even aphids bark at each other and we just can't hear it. But it must drive the ants crazy.

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Large wildfires becoming more frequent

Land, Water and People

By GREGG GOODLAND

The drive from Susanville to Chester, California is beautiful. The two-lane highway dissects tall stands of timber, dwarfing the intruding vehicles as the road sweeps back and forth with the contours of the gentle mountains. You resist the temptation to veer north and drive to the incredible Lassen Volcanic National Park to visit the millions of years old treasures waiting there.

As you slow for the community of Westwood, you know you are in logging country. Log trucks, skidders and various support equipment line the roadsides and occupy residents' properties. Returning to highway speeds on the open road lets you marvel at the vast stands of timber on relatively flat surfaces. You realize what is supporting those work vehicles in the town you left. The trained eye will note the great thinning work conducted by the private timber companies. The idea is to reduce the risk of wildfires crossing the highway. You might even notice the similar work on national forest lands.

The road eventually offers tantalizing glimpses of Lake Almanor as you drop down the hill to Chester. There is no doubt in your mind that this is also a logging town. The bustle of the town during a summer weekday reminds you there is much more than logging here.

I can't imagine what the area looks like as I write this. Massive plumes of wildfire smoke on both sides of the highway. Flames reaching hundreds of feet above the treetops, pushing out in three directions.

The Dixie Fire started on July 13, 2021, just outside of the town of Paradise CA which was devastated by the deadly 2018 Camp Fire. Little did people in the area know that they would be challenged again by the extreme forces of nature only 3 years later. I sometimes hear folks in Colorado say those types of incidents only happen in California. I quickly remind them that the 1996 Buffalo Creek Fire

was followed by the High Meadows Fire in 2000 and the Hayman Fire in 2002, which stood as the state's largest wildfire until last year. The fires burned in the same general area with the last one losing intensity as it slammed into the burn scars of the previous two fires and a large, prescribed fire conducted by the Pike National Forest two years prior.

And then came last year. The three largest wildfires in the state's history occurred in 2020. The East Troublesome Fire and the Cameron Peak Fire mingled with the 2012 High Park Fire, ultimately altering fire behavior. So, to say that those fires only happen in California and our area is safe from large wildfires since one already happened, is simply naïve. In the fire business, we primarily now say "it is not a matter of if you will have a fire, but when."

One reason that I am writing about this now is because I have connections to Susanville. In 2018, I served as the Public Affairs Officer for the Lassen National Forest. I had the honor of working with some wonderful and dedicated people on the Forest and in those communities. I've reached out to some of them and learned that some folks have been impacted by the fire. While one person has relatives with property that survived some of the worst devastation in the fire, another has lost so much. My heart aches for my colleagues as I have seen this destruction many times over the course of the 28 years that I have been a wildland firefighter. I know what it looks like but can't imagine what they are going through.

The other reason I am writing about this is that I know that large wildfires could easily happen here too. It has been a wonderfully wet season in our

little part of the world. But we have grown very tall grasses this summer and I am a little concerned about the

wildfire potential when all that vegetation dries out, as it assuredly will.

While wildfires may not be the highest priority on people's mind here in the Valley. I would recommend that planning for "the big one" is certainly considered, since you never know

when it will happen.

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

ESTIMATED CROP WATER USE

Weather Data from SLV Research Center located on the 9N and Hwy 285										
Crop	Date Planted	Daily Crop Water use for Dates Shown (in./day)				Accumulated Water Use (ET)				
		8/22	8/21	8/20	8/19	From	(inches)			
						2day	3day	4day	5day	7day
Moravian 69	04/05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Moravian 69	05/05	0.09	0.07	0.09	0.07	0.16	0.25	0.32	0.41	0.62
Early Wheat	04/05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Early Wheat	05/05	0.11	0.09	0.12	0.09	0.20	0.32	0.41	0.53	0.78
White Wheat	04/05	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.09	0.14	0.19	0.24	0.37
White Wheat	05/05	0.16	0.12	0.16	0.12	0.28	0.44	0.56	0.71	1.02
WinterWheat	10/01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Potatoes										
Norkotah	05/05	0.12	0.10	0.13	0.10	0.22	0.35	0.45	0.57	0.84
Centennial	05/05	0.22	0.17	0.21	0.16	0.39	0.60	0.76	0.95	1.35
Nugget	05/05	0.22	0.17	0.21	0.15	0.39	0.60	0.75	0.93	1.31
Alfalfa	Est.	0.25	0.20	0.24	0.18	0.45	0.69	0.86	1.08	1.51
Lawnglass	Est.	0.22	0.17	0.21	0.15	0.39	0.60	0.75	0.93	1.31

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

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

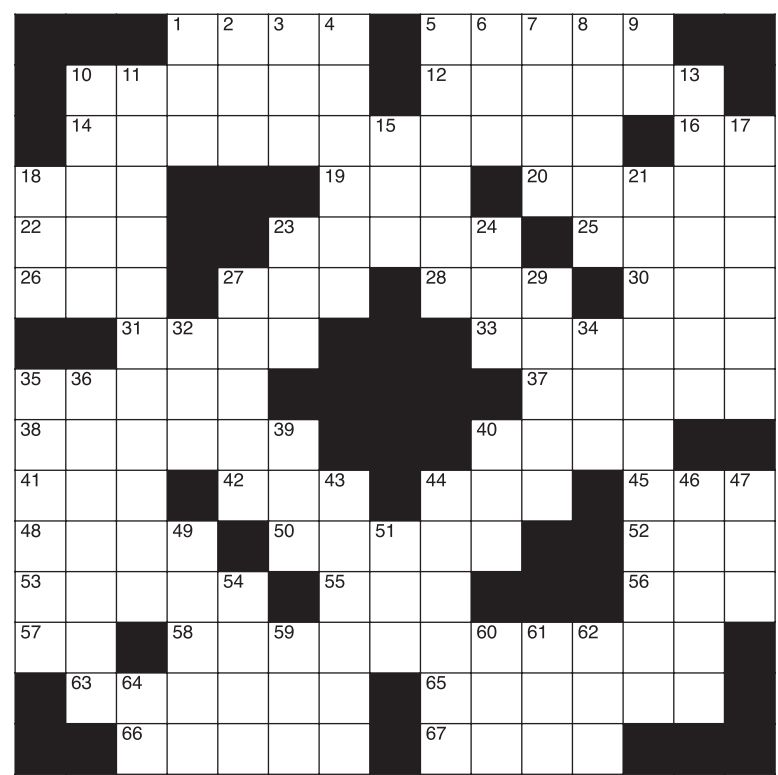
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- Cuts the wool off
- Rules
- Icelandic literary works
- Tattled
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Woods
- Make yourself attractive
- Concealed
- Large primate
- A favorite saying of a sect or political group
- Tropical fruits
- Obstruct
- Car mechanics group
- Stroke gently
- They're in your toolbox
- Throngs
- One and only
- In a way, bent
- "Downton Abbey" broadcaster
- Herring-like fish
- A major division of geological time
- Vast body of water
- Cannister
- Encourage
- The man

CLUES DOWN

- "Pulp Fiction" actress Thurman
- Actors' organization
- Conscientious investment approach (abbr.)
- Ranch (Spanish)
- Beginning
- Index
- Portuguese wine
- A feudal superior
- Military brach (abbr.)
- Lithuanian given name
- A way to become different
- Able to be domesticated
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Hosts film festival
- Shows you how to get there
- Arranged alphabetically
- S. Thai isthmus

Solution to last week's puzzle

4	2	3	8	9	5	6	1	7
8	1	7	2	3	6	5	4	9
9	6	5	1	7	4	2	8	3
7	4	1	5	6	3	8	9	2
2	5	8	9	4	1	3	7	6
6	3	9	7	8	2	1	5	4
1	7	6	4	2	8	9	3	5
3	8	4	6	5	9	7	2	1
5	9	2	3	1	7	4	6	8

FESTIVAL

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the famous mashed potato dunk tank, professional chef demo by Carley Smith, bouncy houses, and a trampoline quad jumper.

There will also be food and craft vendors, games for the family, live animals, an antique tractor display with homemade ice cream, a truck and semi-show and much, much more.

Be sure to stop by the Colorado

Potato booth to join Octane Addictions' X-Game Riders for a photo and autograph session.

Returning this year is, Octane Addictions, a family friendly motorsport aerial freestyle show featuring X-Game medalists. This will be at the Ski-Hi Park Arena at 6 p.m., and tickets can be purchased at potatofest.eventbrite.com.



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SLV Health's Victoria Chavez earns her LPC

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA — Victoria Chavez joined the San Luis Valley Health's Behavioral Health department in January of 2018 as a practicum student, screening patients in the SLVH's primary care department, and providing exceptional support to the clinical care teams. After her practicum was over, she stayed on with SLV Health as an intern, taking on a panel of patients, while simultaneously building and marketing the Behavioral Health department's community support

groups. "I've known I wanted to be a counselor since middle school. I've been very lucky to have a lot of good role models who were in counseling positions all my life," said Chavez. When an opportunity presented itself to stay on full time as a



Behavioral Health Consultant for the Rural Health Clinics when her internship was complete, Chavez jumped on the opportunity to continue supporting the community. "I love the rural health clinics. Each one is special in their own way. They're all completely different and I love the teams and people out there," said Chavez. "I grew up in the valley and I feel like I mesh well with those communities. My favorite part of my job is the outlying clinics." She has been able to since expand her services into the Women's Health

department, working to integrate herself into a department delivering already exceptional service to ensure a team-based approach and that all a patient's needs are met. Not only does she provide therapy sessions and intakes, but Chavez also screens patients who mention mental-

health concerns during primary care and women's health appointments and sets them up with referral resources. Chavez has been an integral beacon for the Behavioral Health department and the SLV Health team is proud of her accomplishment and is eager to see how far she goes.

PLACES

website, "The people of the San Luis Valley (SLV) have historically had land use and economic decisions thrust upon them by an elite few. While this is not a unique story, the inhabitants continue to suffer a deficit. The SLV is a high poverty area without-migration of youth, insufficient employment opportunities, and limited collaboration among local governments, sectors, and marginalized demographics." The website is an online gathering space for all members of the SLV community. The current focus is on select communities in the SLV; however, the end goal is to create an inclusive space that addresses the entirety of the Valley's communities. Each community has a dedicated page

Continued from Page 1 to engage with community members. The current communities are Center, San Luis, Antonito, and La Jara. Other communities are to be added later. The program is currently in Stage One of implementation. There are several stages, and Stage One is Entrepreneurship Placemaking which is defined as, "Transform dark vacant places into opportunities and innovation to spur initial engagement," according to SLV Places. Stage Two supports entrepreneurship by connecting the places identified in the first stage to resources and investments. This is intended to activate and beautify the area. Stage Three is long-term investing in "Places for People" by building

on the first two stages, using current and previous studies to create long-term solutions for the most critical of infrastructure. These include access to broadband internet, workforce, technology to support initiatives, housing and renewable energy. Partnerships with all the communities, nonprofits, and other stakeholders will be critical to the development of these community revitalization efforts. All members of the SLV community are encouraged to go to the website and register. After registering, community members can then submit their ideas, interact with the community improvement plans on the website, and be a part of the changes coming to Center and the SLV.

C&TSRR

140 years," said Scott Gibbs, interim CEO of the C&TSRR. "The railroad tracks they are traveling on were laid in 1880, and the surrounding mountain, river canyon and high plains scenery they will be traveling through is unchanged, so people will be able to travel back in time to see transportation exactly the way it was a century and more ago," he added. And while rides aboard the historic Iron Horses are sold out, rail fans and visitors are encouraged to attend and check out the Iron Horses and enjoy many free opportunities to participate in this historic event as we celebrate 50 years of passenger service.

Continued from Page 1 take place: • **YARD TOURS:** Free tours of the historic rail yard and a rail car open house with the opportunity to see locomotives, cabooses, cook cars and other historic rail equipment: 9 a.m.-noon; and 1-4:30 p.m. daily. • **LOCOMOTIVE LINEUP:** Monday, Aug. 23, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., all locomotives including the visiting Eureka and Glenbrook will be lined up for photos in front of the engine house. Engines not in use will be on display on all other days. • **MONDAY NIGHT PHOTO SESSION:** Monday, Aug. 23, 8-9:30 p.m. A night photo session in front of the engine house with all locomotives with headlights on low. • **PILE DRIVER AND DERRICK OPERATION DEMONSTRATIONS:** Pile Drivers (which drive poles into the earth for trestle support) and derricks (which

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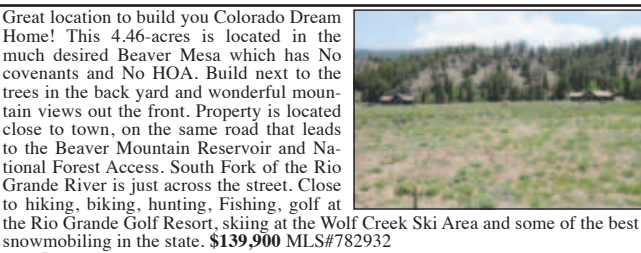
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