

Shorts

Man ejected from vehicle during roll-over crash

STAFF REPORT

ANTONITO — A California man was flown to a hospital in Colorado Springs due to his injuries after he was ejected from his vehicle Saturday west of Antonito, the Colorado State Patrol reported.

At approximately 12:47 p.m., the Colorado State Patrol received a report of a one-car rollover on Highway 17 near milepost 30 west of Antonito.

A 32-year-old man from California was driving a 1997 Chevrolet Blazer westbound on Highway 17 when he traveled off the right side of the roadway.

The driver over-corrected causing the vehicle to travel back onto the roadway across the lanes of traffic, CSP reported. The driver over-corrected again causing the vehicle to rotate clockwise and travel off the right side of the roadway again where the vehicle rolled two times ejecting the driver who was unrestrained.

The vehicle came to rest off the roadway on its wheels. The driver came to rest just west of the vehicle, CSP reported.

The driver was transported to Conejos County Hospital and later flown to a hospital in Colorado Springs for his injuries.

Drugs and distracted driving by a cell phone are suspected as contributing factors in the crash, CSP reported.

Alamosa man seriously injured in crash Aug. 14

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA COUNTY — An Alamosa man was seriously injured in a single-vehicle crash on Aug. 14, the Colorado State Patrol reported.

At approximately 6:15 a.m. the Colorado State Patrol received a report of a one-car rollover on Alamosa County Road 8S near County Road 106S.

A 1999 Ford Explorer, driven by a 42-year-old man from Alamosa, was westbound on County Road 8S when he traveled off the right side of the road, CSP reported. The driver over-corrected causing the vehicle to rotate counterclockwise and come back onto the roadway.

The vehicle traveled across the roadway and off the left side where it rolled one and one-half times. The vehicle came to rest on its top facing northwest in the field. The driver was unrestrained and was ejected during the rollover, CSP reported.

The driver was transported to San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center with serious injury. Alcohol was suspected as a contributing factor in the crash, CSP reported.

Center Schools starts new year

BY MECHEL MEEK

CENTER — On Monday, Aug. 16, the Center Consolidated School District started the 2021-22 school year.

Several events started off the year before the official first day. On Tuesday, Aug. 10, there was a new staff orientation, which included staff that had moved to new positions within the school. New staff members are highlighted on the school district website.

Also on Aug. 10, 19 different local and community organizations were on hand to support students and their families during orientation for new and returning student registration. This one-day registration went all out to make sure each child was ready for the beginning of the school year with health screenings, healthy snacks, and even school supplies.

On Wednesday, Aug. 11, the staff were welcomed back to campus.

According to Superintendent Carrie Zimmerman, "Our mantra for this year is 'Stay the Course'. We will continue the work that has been started and honor the work that has been done."

The Center United Methodist Church provided lunch and school supplies to the staff members.

Staff underwent required training on various procedures, safety protocols and expectations.

"We are blessed to have the love and support from the Center community," Zimmerman stated in the Center of Focus newsletter.

On Thursday, Aug. 12, the Center High School senior class put on a fundraiser, washing cars in the school parking lot.



Photo by Deanna Lopez

On Aug. 16, Center Consolidated School District welcomed students for the first day of school in the 2021-22 s

Center Trustees discuss gas rates, water meters

BY MECHEL MEEK

CENTER — Town of Center Trustees met on Tuesday, Aug. 10 at Town Hall. The meeting started with a closed-door work session with Center Police Department Chief Dale Meek.

After this work session, the meeting was called to order in open session. Next up was citizen *Please see TRUSTEES on Page 7A*

Town of Center Trustees talked about gas and water rates during their meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 10.
Photo by Mechel Meek



Fraud attempts on the rise, citizens asked to be cautious

BY MECHEL MEEK

SAGUACHE COUNTY — The Saguache County Sheriff's Office is aware of several different types of fraudulent activities that have recently occurred in both Saguache County and the Town of Center.

Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick reported several recent scam attempts in which the suspects present themselves as employees of Norton Anti-Virus.

The scammers transfer money into

the victim's account, then advise that the company has deposited too much, and then request that the victims transfer a portion of the money back.

The first deposit is fraudulent, and the victim ends up sending funds from their account to the scammer.

Another scam that is becoming prevalent is through Facebook. Individuals are contacted about a grant opportunity in the amount of \$5,000. The victims are pressured to send processing fees for the grant,

in order to receive the guaranteed money.

Suspects send photos of certificates to ease the victim's fears of a scam. The suspects continuously request more and more money before they can "release" the \$5,000. This usually adds up to hundreds of dollars.

Center Police Department Chief Dale Meek stated, "Encourage those who are dealing with third parties that they are unfamiliar with, to use extreme caution when it comes to

financial gain. Suspects will prey upon a victims desire for easy money to scam them."

Law enforcement also reminds citizens that genuine grant applications do not require payment, and companies such as Norton do not send money directly to consumers.

Warwick and Meek request that if you feel you have been the victim of a scam or have been contacted by someone whom you think is trying to attempt a scam, to report it to law enforcement.

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/potatofestival 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, 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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OBITUARIES

Janet 'Skippy' Lee Morrison

Alamosa resident Janet "Skippy" Lee Morrison, 74, died Aug. 8, 2021, of natural causes at the Pikes Peak Hospice at Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs surrounded by her loving family.

Janet was born in Denver, Colo., on Sept. 23, 1946, the daughter of Vernon Pemberton and Marguerette King Pemberton. She married the love of her life, Ted Morrison, in Montrose, Colo., on Aug. 19, 1967. They enjoyed over 53 years together.

Skippy graduated from Adams State and was a long-time supporter of the University, previously serving on the Alumni Board. She was often seen with her husband at many of the sporting events.

Other causes near and dear to her heart were the orphanage in Mexico and the Conejos County Gift of Giving.

She owned and operated Arby's Restaurant in Alamosa for 27 years. She was a very kind and gentle person that had a bit of spunk to her. She had the ability to make everyone feel special.

Skippy was one to work behind the scenes and get things done without anyone's knowledge. Her greatest love was her family and she especially enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. They will miss their Mimi very much.

Skippy is survived by her husband Ted Morrison of Alamosa; her children Kim (Aaron) Woodke of Del Norte and Melissa (Chas) Moeller of Alamosa; her grandchildren Sydney and Jayda Woodke, Brayden and Kamryn Moeller; her sister Patricia (Bill) Cook of Aurora, Colo., their children Erik Cook, Kelly (Will) Smith and Patrick Cook; her sister-in-law Tandy Manross of Maricopa, Ariz., and her children Tysen (Mason and Rylie) and Tristica Manross.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation was chosen and a Celebration of Life gathering will be held Friday, Aug. 13, 2021, at The Barn at La Manzanilla, 6491 Highway 17, in Alamosa. Contributions in her memory can be



made to the John Zay Guest House, 2131 N. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO 80907.

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

Marvin Goad

Life-long San Luis Valley resident, Marvin Goad, went home to be with the Lord, with his loving family by his side, on Aug. 4, 2021. He was born in Monte Vista, Colo., on July 17, 1956, to Donald "Donnie" Goad and Ruth Kell Goad. He was raised in Monte Vista, Colo., and graduated from Monte Vista High School in 1974.

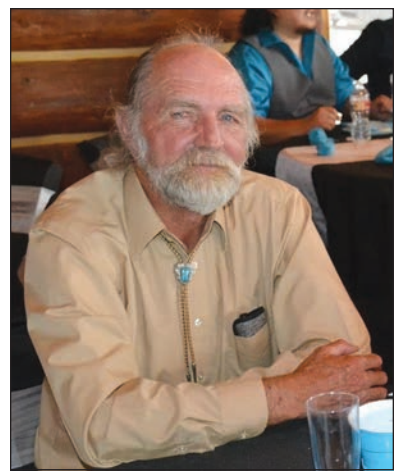
After high school, he went to work at the sawmill in South Fork, Colo. During his 25 years at the sawmill, he became a skilled heavy machinery operator. It was also during this time that he met his future wife of 42 years, Lorraine Campos. They settled in Del Norte, Colo., where they raised their three children.

After the closure of the sawmill in 2000 he attended Trinidad State Junior College in Alamosa, Colo., and earned an Associate Degree in Computer Information Systems. Soon after obtaining his degree, he landed his dream job as an Archeology Technician for the Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management and received several awards for his outstanding performance.

Marvin was a gifted artist and his passion for archeology and geology extended well beyond the workplace. As a young man Marvin started drawing arrowheads with meticulous detail which led him to illustrate for several archeological institutions including the Smithsonian Institution/National Museum of Natural History and the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. Marvin also became an accomplished flintknapper in order to further his skill as a lithic illustrator.

Marvin was self-taught and researched endlessly the subjects of archeology, geology, astronomy and remedios. Marvin was also well read in God's word and was a member of Beth Yeshua International Congregation. In his free time, he enjoyed tending to his flower garden, birdwatching, fishing, camping, and spending time in the high country with his family. Although a quiet man, Marvin was well loved and made friends everywhere he went. Marvin was so very proud of his three children and two granddaughters and their accomplishments.

He was preceded in death by his



father Donnie and his brother Melvin.

He is survived by his mother Ruth Goad of Monte Vista, Colo., his wife Lorraine, his sons, Alfonso (Erin) Goad of Yellow Jacket, Colo., and Josh Goad of Del Norte, Colo., his daughter, Elesha (Matt Causey) Goad of South Fork, Colo., his granddaughters, Jessica (Ben) Lykins of Cortez, Colo., and Julieanna Goad of Yellow Jacket, Colo., and great-granddaughter, Kiara Lykins of Cortez, Colo. He is also survived by many loved cousins, brother and sister in-laws, uncles, aunts, nephews, and nieces.

A memorial service will be held at the New Life Fellowship in Del Norte, Colo., at 10 a.m. on Aug. 21, 2021 (520 7th St.). A reception will follow at the Rio Grande Club Fishing Lodge in South Fork, Colo., (6710 River Club Dr.).

Memorial contributions can be made to the Rio Grande Hospital (Valley Citizens Foundation for Health Care) in honor of Marvin Goad.

Jose "Lupe" Guadalupe Luna Sr.

Longtime Monte Vista resident Jose "Lupe" Guadalupe Luna Sr., passed away Aug. 4, 2021. Lupe was born on Nov. 9, 1947, in Center, Colo., to Alfred and Eulalia (Arellano) Luna.

Lupe worked as a carpenter with his brother Willie Luna for a few years then went on to do other colorful jobs at the honey farm and the local lumber yard. He started working for the Colorado State Veterans Center in 1972 and retired from there in 1997.

He never fully retired. Lupe loved helping others and keeping himself busy. He worked for the Methodist Church for 10 years part time. They called him the singing custodian, he was always singing as he worked and sang for the Lord.

His passion was in his faith to God and services and singing he did for his church St. Joseph

Catholic Church in Monte Vista. He was thrilled for the services he did helping the elderly in his community as well. He served as a board member for Tri County.

The most important thing in his life was his family. Lupe spent many years teaching his children his amazing work ethic.

He will live on through his loving wife Fabiola Luna of 56 years, children Ruben (Amy) Luna, J.J. (Megan) Luna, Angela Luna (Mike Nelson), Michelle (Chuck) Martinez, nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, two sisters Josie Garcia and Virginia Lopez and one brother Michael Luna.

Lupe was preceded in death by his parents Alfred and Eulalia Luna, brothers Willie Luna, Jimmy Luna, Alfred Luna, sister Sadie Arellano.

Cremation was chosen and services will be held at a later



date. To leave online condolence, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

SAGUACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

SAGUACHE COUNTY — The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the period between Aug. 9 and 15, 2021.

The Sheriff's Department's activity on the road included four abandoned vehicles, 12 traffic stops, one motorist assist, one crash with injury and two crashes with property damage.

In addition, there were three stolen vehicle reports, three VIN inspections, five animal problem reports, two assault reports, three

welfare checks, three agency assists, two transports, eight Saguache Town patrols, five search and rescue calls, two intoxicated person reports, one suicide report, three civil dispute reports, two Crestone Town patrols, one citizen assist, three criminal mischief reports, two trespassing reports, two fraud reports, three suspicious activity reports, three thefts, one disorderly conduct report, one burglary report, one missing person report, and one warrant report. They also monitored seven controlled

burns. Property found in Crestone.

Arrests

- 37-year-old Center woman, Canon City warrant, failure to comply Pueblo County Sheriff's Office.
- 43-year-old Saguache woman, third-degree misdemeanor assault.
- 30-year-old Alamosa woman, warrant.
- 26-year-old Saguache man, aggravated motor vehicle theft, drove motor vehicle with suspended license, crimes against at-risk adults and at-risk juveniles.



- 61-year-old Saguache man, warrant.
- 32-year-old Moffat woman, warrant.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Let's have a meeting

Just this past week Miss Trixie and I were privileged to help the local Chapel of the South Fork Thrift Store put on their annual runway show. This event is held in the event portion of the church and the tickets are sold out way in advance each year, evidence of its past successes.

The Thrift store supports missionary families in local areas like Alamosa to far-flung places like Thailand and Africa. It also sponsors school projects, local services like La Puente and Tu Casa, plus lots of other deserving initiatives.

The basics of the show is local models who showcase fashions that they have selected from the Thrift Store and a lot of the items are brand new and still have their tags so there are some nice items displayed.

For about the past ten years, Ol' Dutch has helped with the entertainment portion of the show and it's getting harder and harder to top the previous year's performance. This year was no different, but we were helped immensely by the appearance of a friend of mine. I was honored to do some pickin' and grinnin' with him for the ladies and we teamed up to sing "To All the Girls I Loved Before" to a raucous crowd.



Miss Trixie, Gidget and the rest of the ladies served up a fantastic lunch and they were able to raise not only money for the missions but awareness of all that the Thrift Store provides to the local and global community.

Of course, all that singing, and partying got Ol' Dutch to thinking — a dangerous proposition according to Miss Trixie — that women have a whole 'nother idea about meetings than men do. For two or three weeks Ol' Dutch was left in a state of perpetual bachelorhood as Miss Trixie worked night and day helping to prepare for this event.

We drove all over Hell's half acre acquiring decorations and food for this event, too. And that ladies and gentlemen is what makes us men different from the ladies. Well, that is not all, obviously, but all that is fit to print at this time.

The fellowship hall was decorated



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

with beautiful centerpieces for each table, tapestries adorned the walls, the tablecloths and napkins were sparkling and provided the perfect accent to the theme of renewal of life. Butterflies in a gorgeous array of colors floated above the tables and even edible butterflies were placed strategically on each plate.

A tasty, chunky chicken mix was displayed on each plate amid a stunning display of locally grown lettuce fresh from the fields of Center, Colorado. Tiny little cups and trays containing dried cranberries, pecans, grapes, and cantaloupe completed each serving and it was really pretty even for an old mountain man such as myself.

A lemon bar dessert topped off the meal and coffee and tea all served by the men of the church dressed in white shirts and white gloves. It was the event of the year to attend, let me tell you.

But I could see that it was quite different from what us men might do in similar circumstances. For you see the decorations to us are just something that has to be picked up and put away after said event and that is too much work for us. We are smarter than that.

Our meetings would be on bare tables with coffee and water and the presentation would most likely be limited to "hey we need more money for charity" as opposed to a whole show. That way we could all get back to the golf game, television programs or make the evening flight dove hunting without washing dishes.

So, if you missed the event this year, try and get your ticket early next season even if you have to camp out in the church parking lot. Just watch out for the bear that visits the dumpster each night. He can be kind of grumpy albeit not as much as your spouse, so you should be okay.

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

LETTERS

Ski-Hi Parade Committee thanks community

Editor,

We want to thank our community for participating the 99th Stampede Parade. This year over 100 entries filled the streets. Monte Vista continues to host the historic parade which showcases our area's youth, local talents, our Valley livelihood and unity. Tractors and farm equipment still go down the streets, local businesses still enjoy advertising, hometown school bands march, local fire trucks and ambulances join the mix.

The Stampede parade committee is comprised of a group of volunteers, some of which have been helping for over 30 years. They give their time and energy to continue to bring the annual parade through Monte Vista. No entry fee is charged to participate, instead financial support comes from much appreciated businesses. Their continued support makes our parade possible and is greatly appreciated.

There is so much that goes on behind the scenes of the parade, from sewing the letters on the theme banner to awards, ribbons, poop scoopers, sound system provider, announcers, drivers of vehicles carrying parade marshals and so many more. A special thanks to the police department and public works department for supplying additional manpower and traffic control.

In one short year, the 100th anniversary of Stampede will be taking place as plans are already being discussed for this celebration. The Stampede Parade Committee proudly continues to bring this historic event to Monte Vista and the entire San Luis Valley.

We would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their contributions to the 2021 parade:

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And a very special thanks to the past Stampede Queens for their attendance:

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- 1969-Marcia Wright
- 1970-Cheryl Wright McCarty
- 1984- Betty Claunch Rogers
- 1985-Brenda Rippe
- 1987- Jenell Booth
- 1988- Verla Rutgers Honeycutt
- 1989- Christy Wintz
- 1993- Michelle Claunch
- 1996- Tammy Aldridge
- 2001- Carin Crowther
- 2002-Jaclyn Gabbel
- 2003-Kristen Prator
- 2004-Johanna Steffens
- Stampede Parade Committee

Another reason I love Coloradans

Editor,

I've been visiting Colorado for 60 of my 72 years. In the middle of our current visit, South Fork citizen Sherri Patnode made our day on Sunday, June 15. After we bought some t-shirts from

her at a shop where Sherri works in Creede, we went on our way. About an hour later, she ran two blocks to chase me down when she saw me pass again on the street, saying she'd accidentally added someone else's \$15

shirt on my bill. She handed me the cash refund right there on the street. Another reason I love Coloradans! Hard working people with integrity.

*Jack Bowen
Fort Worth, Texas*

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San Luis Valley Fair concludes annual run

BY MARIE MCCOLM
MONTE VISTA — There was so much going on at the San Luis Valley Fair this past week in Monte Vista. Many residents of Monte Vista, and from the Valley attended the annual fair geared for 4-H clubs.

There were dog shows, beef shows, goat shows, and horse shows. There were also vendor booths set up in the new Ski Hi complex building and displays of all of Valley residents' projects, handiwork, and baked goods that judged at the fair.

The fair was a week-long event, Aug. 7-14. The 4-H members showed market farm animals that they raised, for the specific reason of showing and selling at the fair's Junior Livestock Auction.

Lisa Marie Mix was excited about her entries in the fair. She entered some hand-drawn pictures and was thrilled to win a Best of Show Reserve Champion ribbon for her horse drawing.

Mix was ecstatic about winning the award, she said she felt honored. When asked what she liked most about the fair Mix said, "I like being able to see everyone's creativity from the indoor events and also liked seeing all of the kids hard work for the outdoor events."

Mix's little sister, Joslyn Mix, was also a big winner at the fair, with her cake. Joslyn Mix received a Best of Show Reserve Champion ribbon for her cake creation and was all smiles about her cake.

"I can't believe I won," Joslyn Mix said.

After the weeklong judging and animal shows, the fair concluded at the end of the week with the Junior Livestock sale, and barbecue pulled pork dinner and dance.

For more information on the San Luis Valley Fair, visit SLVfair.com.



Photo by Brian Williams

The Grand Champion Market Beef showed by Kolten Johnson was bought by MV Coop for \$8,000 during the San Luis Valley Fair Livestock Auction on Friday in Livestock Pavilion at Ski Hi Park in Monte Vista.



Photo by Marie Mccolm

The cake of Joslyn Mix received a Best of Show Reserve Champion Ribbon at the San Luis Valley Fair.



Photo by Marie Mccolm

The horse drawing earned a Best of Show Reserve Champion Ribbon at the San Luis Valley Fair.



Photo by Brian Williams

The Grand Champion Market Goat showed by Payson Vannoy was bought by Alamosa State Bank for \$2,300 during the San Luis Valley Fair Junior Livestock Auction on Friday in Monte Vista.



Photo by Brian Williams

The bleachers were packed during the San Luis Valley Fair Junior Livestock Auction on Friday in the Livestock Pavilion. The Grand Champion Market Rabbit of Leah Sirochman was sold for \$375. Sirochman swept all of the top awards in the Market Rabbit show.

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Del Norte High School Class of 1960 celebrates 61-year reunion

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

DEL NORTE — The Del Norte High School Class of 1960 celebrated its 61-year reunion during the Covered Wagon Days weekend.

On Friday, Aug. 6, classmates, spouses, and family members gathered at the home of Janet and Don Noland in Monte Vista for an open house. The group enjoyed eating delicious snacks, visiting, and looking at archive notebooks compiled by Janet Noland.

On Saturday, Aug. 7, the classmates enjoyed riding in the Covered Wagon Days Parade on the class float with the theme of "Continuing to Explore Our Horizons". Judy Drake supplied the trailer and the classmates sat on vintage pews from the First Christian Church.

Janet Noland arranged a tour of the new kindergarten through 12th-grade school building with Upper Rio Grande School District Superintendent Aaron Horrocks as the tour guide. At the beginning of the tour, the alumni

of 1957, 1960, 1961, 1965, and other years met in the auditorium to hear Janet Noland inform the group of the history of the DNHS football team winning the San Luis Valley Football Championship in 1930. Her father, Lynn Woods, was the center for the football team.

The First Christian Church DOC in Monte Vista was the setting for the reunion dinner on Saturday evening. The Fellowship Hall was decorated with black and orange striped table coverings, stuffed tigers, and a celebration cake decorated with a tiger

head and black and orange frosting.

Classmates and guests each received a Contigo cup custom printed with a tiger and reunion wording by Uniquely Delightful.

Janet Noland welcomed those present, and the invocation was given by a classmate, the Rev. Henry Hanna.

A sumptuous feast was catered by Sunflour Bakery of Monte Vista.

Following the dinner, the classmates enjoyed visiting and sharing stories.

Don Noland was thanked for helping with the float, preparing snacks, and making the banners. Classmates declared

him an honorary member of the class.

Local classmates attending the reunion were Tina Kroschel (Bob) McGuire, Alamosa; Janet Woods (Don) Noland and Judy Chapman (Larry) Drake, Monte Vista; Charlotte McMillan Fuchs, Del Norte and her granddaughter Nicole Howe, from Golden; Henry (Roberta) Hanna, and Alva Hibbs, Del Norte. Out of town classmates attending were Mike (Nora) Aden, McQueeney, Texas; David (Charlotte) Duncan and daughter Deanne Duncan, Centennial; and Anthony Skaff, Phoenix, Ariz.



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Courtesy photos High Valley Community Center concluded its summer program with a celebration and carnival. Students enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon with food, family, friends and games galore.

HVCC gearing up for fall program

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

DEL NORTE — Hi community members! Happy August! It has been very quiet around High Valley Community Center these days. We sure do miss the kiddos, but we are working hard to make sure the program will be better than ever for the kids in the fall.

Flag football, tackle football and volleyball are beginning the week of Aug. 16! We encourage you to register the kids as soon as possible. Registration for flag football and volleyball is quick and painless and can be accessed on our website, thehvcc.org. Please call Dan Roesch at 719-849-8690 or Jesse Albright at 719-480-2660 with Rise Above Football to register for tackle football. We're looking forward to a great season!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our HVCC participants for their hard work during the summer program. They received

certificates for their community service work during the HVCC end of season carnival. Those of you who participated, we are proud of the effort you put into building a better community.

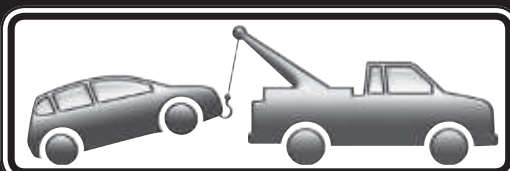
We would also like to thank Brade Bradshaw and Julia Waits for facilitating the HVCC theater camp the first week of August. Brade and Julia not only taught the kiddos valuable acting skills, but also managed to coordinate two performances at the end of the camp. We are grateful to both Brade and Julia for sharing their expertise with the kids.

If your child has not attended HVCC in the last year, don't forget to register them for the 2021-2022 school year! Look for the "Register" tab on our home page and that will direct you to the registration form. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact our front office at 719-657-2172.



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Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation announces new grant opportunities

Funding available to organizations that improve oral healthcare, access, and prevention

STAFF REPORT

DENVER — Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental of Colorado, is an organization guided by equity to address the needs of the communities it serves. This year, the foundation has made a fundamental decision to deepen its commitment to oral health by targeting root-cause solutions to better support the mission of elevating the well-being of all Coloradans by advancing oral health equity. In support of that shift, DDCOF will be committing \$10 million over the next four years to

help achieve its mission, including funding for grants for which they are now accepting applications at www.deltadentalcofoundation.org.

Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation's new strategic approach is rooted in research and learned experiences, refocusing on its belief that every person deserves a healthy mouth regardless of life circumstances. The new initiatives include increased diversity in the oral health care workforce; oral health prevention in early childhood; place-based access to quality oral health care in east Metro Denver and the San Luis Valley; and investment in oral health infrastructure.

"We believe every person deserves a healthy mouth regardless of life circumstances,"

said Adeb Khan, vice president of corporate social responsibility and executive director, Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation. "Every community has unique assets, needs, and priorities, and together we can address community needs, implement activities to improve oral health, and influence long-term change."

The foundation is currently accepting grant applications from Colorado-based nonprofit organizations whose activities strongly align with their prevention and place-based access to care focus areas. Applications are due by midnight Sunday, Aug. 22. Full details, including the 2021 grant guidelines, can be found on the foundation's website at www.deltadentalcofoundation.org.

Two people seriously injured in crash Aug. 15

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA COUNTY — Two people were seriously injured in a single-vehicle crash on Aug. 15 on Highway 370, the Colorado State Patrol reported.

At approximately 9:06 p.m. on Aug. 15, a 2011 Chevy Cruze driven by Taj Cornum of Alamosa, was traveling westbound on Colorado

370, near Alamosa County Road 105.

The Chevy traveled off the right side of the roadway and the driver overcorrected causing the vehicle to travel back across the roadway as it began to rotate counterclockwise, CSP reported. The Chevy continued off the left side of the roadway colliding with

a dirt embankment and then rolling one complete time.

The driver and juvenile passenger sustained serious bodily injury and were transported by ambulance to the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center, CSP reported.

Drugs and alcohol were not a contributing factor in the crash, CSP reported.

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Entry details for Saguache Photo Competition released

STAFF REPORT
SAGUACHE — Entry information for the Saguache Photo Competition 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, lightning)
- 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.

There will be ribbons for places 1-6 in each category as well as an overall Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, and Teacher's Choice (technical winner) awarded to amateurs only.

The professional category will have the same categories, same rules and may be grouped with amateurs if not enough entries are submitted. A professional is described as "a person taking and showing photographs specifically

for profit."

Entries are due Thursday, Sept. 9 and Friday, Sept. 10 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church at 6th and Christy streets

in Saguache.

If you cannot submit during these times, call Sara at 719-239-0366 to make special arrangements.

Public voting will be Thursday, Sept. 16 and Friday, Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on both days.

The photos will be on display

with their awards on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 9 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall. Entries must be picked up between 3:30 and 4 p.m. Organizers are not responsible for unclaimed photos.

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

TRUSTEES

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comments and Gina Portillo, a citizen of Center, discussed the increase in gas rates.

"I want to know why you made the decision to raise the base rates for the meter. I used zero gas, but my bill was higher," Portillo said.

Public Works Director Dave Mehaffie said, "The base rate for meters was lowered to \$7.50 by a motion to the board. So, when the usage rates were changed, the base rate was raised to \$14. Since the motion was never made into a resolution, the original rate went into effect."

Town Manager Brian Lujan elaborated on this issue.

"Because it was only lowered by motion and was not a resolution it went back to the original rate for the meter," Lujan said.

The board discussed the details of how and why this happened to the meter rates. Several trustees expressed a need to look at the billing of gas rates in detail.

"Maybe we need to just sit down and review the entire gas billing situation," stated Trustee Bill McClure.

The decision regarding base rates for gas service was tabled and set for a later date so the board can discuss the gas billing and possible base rate decrease.

Next to be discussed was a new mural for Town Hall. Lujan discussed the plans to hire a muralist to decorate the front of the Town Hall building. Ideas were debated among the Trustees

and Mayor about the theme of the mural. A sun with landscape that represents the Town of Center was chosen, and the need to create an artist "call for art". This call for art is to meant to encourage local and nationwide artists to submit three ideas that will then be chosen by the Trustees for the mural on the town hall building.

Next was the report from the Center Police Department.

"We are on track to have 500 report calls this year. That is kind of significant, as report calls take more time to complete. It requires more time on the call and investigative time," Meek said.

"We had our first K-9 competition, which went extremely well."

The K-9 competition was a fundraiser for the Center Police K-9 unit which will use the money to train, feed and house the K-9s.

Meek also said, "The pursuit we

assisted Saguache County with the suspect was an absconder from parole."

He added, "During that pursuit, the suspect rammed Sgt. Fresquez's K9 vehicle. The suspect is now facing additional charges."

When asked by Town Trustee Adeline Sanchez how the officer and dog were doing after the crash, Meek said, "Neither K-9 Kitt or Sgt. Fresquez were injured."

The public works report by Mehaffie included information regarding the implementation of the new water meter system.

"The water meters are here, we are waiting on the lids that have not been able to be delivered from Denver," Mehaffie said.

There are supply issues throughout the nation that are affecting delivery of many necessary items.

The board discussed water billing.

"We are still trying to work out the reading meter issues," Lujan said.

"How are we handling the bills? Are they going to be credited," asked Mayor Pro-Tem Mary McClure.

"They have been credited, and we went back to a flat rate for those meters that were miss read for this cycle," Mehaffie said to McClure.

Lujan elaborated on this, "The old water infrastructure that we had is causing issues with implementation."

Lujan said in his Managers Report that the plans for revitalization are on schedule.

"The other thing is future grants, everything that we are doing is on track," Lujan said.

The town is applying for a grant, the Main Street Open for Business grant.

"Keith is the one who applied, and he is the one who is heading that," Lujan said.

It is money in the form of a grant to help the business in Center improve their businesses. This grant is useful as it can be used for capital improvements such as beautification, like paint or broken windows. A motion was made to create a resolution to fund the grant and was approved.

A resolution was approved to lower the speed limit on all town streets to 25 mph. This lowering of the speed limit from 35 to 25 is to increase safety for motorists and pedestrians. After the approval, the meeting was adjourned.

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It's so amazing to realize that the Holy Spirit is always with us and He's the Strengthened we need to get through every problem we have to face.

Victors or Grasshoppers?

In Numbers 13, the Israelites were facing a big problem. They were just outside the land of Canaan, which is the Promised Land God led them to after they wandered for 40 years in the wilderness. Moses sent 12 spies to scout out the land, and when they returned, 10 of them had a bad report, and two had a good report.

The spies told Moses, "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey.... But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large...." (vv. 27-28 NIV). But Caleb said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it" (v. 30). In verses 32

and 33, the 10 spies "spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land which they had explored. They said, 'The land...devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. ...We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.'"

For the Israelites to possess their Promised Land, they were going to have to dispossess the current occupants—the giants. God had not cleared out all of their adversaries because He wanted to teach them how to trust Him and lean on Him for the strength they needed to overcome their enemies.

Caleb acted in faith because he had his eyes on God, but the spies who brought the "bad report" couldn't see themselves as anything but grasshoppers facing giants because they weren't trusting God.

You Can Face Your Giants

We all have giants—problems in life that we have to overcome. I don't like them any more than anybody else does, but I've discovered that we learn more about how to trust God when we go through difficulties than we do in other seasons of our lives. The truth is when we don't have anyone but God to get us through something, He can use it to make us stronger in Him, and then He can use us to do greater things than we ever imagined we could do.

God doesn't want us to live weak, wimpy, helpless, pathetic, barely-get-by lives. That's why He sent the Holy Spirit to be our "Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthened, Standby)." Acts 1:8 says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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means that in Christ, you have the power to be the kind of person in this world who represents Him as a light in a dark place...who has peace in the midst of the storm...who has the power not to worry when you have a huge problem, and hope even when it looks like there is no hope at all.

I want to encourage you to take time to get to know God for yourself. Spend time with Him in prayer and through studying His Word. Wait on the Lord and receive the strength He has for you today (Isaiah 40:31). Put your focus on Him and pray, "God, I trust You. Please strengthen me today to do whatever I need to do, through Christ. I give you my will and want to know what Your will is for me. I need Your strength, wisdom and guidance in every area of my life. I believe You will work out all things for my good (Romans 8:28). You are my strength and I won't give up!"

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The Continental Divide Freeride team for youth in the San Luis Valley, is gearing up for the upcoming season by attending farmer's markets now and taking contributions for the 2021-2022 ski season.

Continental Divide Freeride is gearing up for the upcoming 2021-2022 Season

BY MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — The Continental Divide Freeride team for youth in the San Luis Valley, is gearing up for the upcoming season by attending farmer's markets now and taking contributions for the 2021-2022 ski season.

The Continental Divide Freeride is a non-profit youth ski and snowboard freeride team, working under the International Free skiers and Snowboarders Association, Rocky Mountain Division. The

Continental Divide Freeride or CDF, offers the opportunity for youth ages 12 years and younger, 12-14, and 15-18 to ski and ride together, and attend competitions.

Freeriding is big mountain skiing or riding within a designated zone. Wolf Creek hosts the area's freeriding teams.

In the 2020-2021 season there were 18 kids from the San Luis Valley and Pagosa Springs areas, who participated in the Rocky Mountain Division. **Please see FREERIDE on Page 2**



Courtesy photo

San Luis designated as a Main Street Community

STAFF REPORT

DENVER — The Department of Local Affairs' (DOLA) Colorado Main Street Program has designated the Town of San Luis as an official MainStreet community. San Luis joins 21 other cities and towns in the Colorado Main Street Program, which offers support for community-led downtown revitalization and helps communities thrive by providing a customizable framework to focus efforts, energy, and resources to create a more vibrant community.

San Luis, the oldest town in Colorado, was established on April 5, 1851,

with a present population of approximately 629. San Luis is predominately Hispanic, with strong ties to its religious, cultural, and artistic traditions. Once a part of four Spanish land grants decreed by the King of Spain, the town's adobe architecture and its classic Spanish town layout retain the texture of the historical and cultural influences that shaped the early communities of southern Colorado.

The surrounding area is rooted in farming and agriculture. The Town of San Luis will host the local Main Street program, with the mission to

revitalize its downtown through economic development and community collaboration while nurturing its culture and preserving its treasured assets.

The Colorado Main Street Program provides a framework for helping with this economic development challenge. The Colorado Main Street Program assists all the official Main Street cities and towns in building community engagement and supporting their long-term visions for the future of their downtowns. To learn more about the Colorado Main Street Program, visit www.colorado.gov/mainstreet.

Free landlord/tenant clinic offered in the 12th Judicial District

ALAMOSA — The Access to Justice Committee of the 12th Judicial District — Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache counties — is offering a free clinic on Aug. 26 for anyone interested in learning more about the eviction process.

The clinic, designed for renters, landlords, property managers, property

owners, attorneys and others, will offer a presentation on the legal process landlords must follow in an eviction, covering the basic steps and requirements. Attorneys, judges, court personnel and law enforcement representatives will hold a panel discussion during the presentation.

The clinic is scheduled from noon

to 3 p.m. on Aug. 26, at the Alamosa Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 315 Craft Dr., Alamosa. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited, and people interested in attending must register by Aug. 19.

For more information or to register, contact Kaylene Guymon at 719-589-7621 or 12selfhelp@judicial.state.co.us.

Corn Country Landscape

Corn country landscape - painted late summer - high clouds, heavy with moisture waiting for afternoon to thicken and darken and start raising Cain.

You can see for miles. Brown, green, yellow patchwork pieces of a giant jigsaw puzzle. Feedlots in the distance, their pens spread out like dark blankets on the side of a hill.

On the horizon to the north and south I can count three spray planes circling over the corn like buzzards. They are so far away I cannot hear them.

Closer I can see circle sprinkler lines leap-frogging over the tops of corn rows taller than a pickup and thick as pile carpeting. The stalks stand straight and tasseled. They remind me of a crowd waiting to hear the Pope. An orderly group. Corn is seldom unruly.

The fields of sunflowers are less organized. They are Woodstockers, jostling and stretching to get a glimpse of the morning's performer.



Suddenly I pass a farmstead. Acres of lawn with a butch haircut from the side of the road to the first row of corn. Who mows all this, I ask. A windbreak. Deep green, paint-by-number rows of pine trees and juniper. Beautiful, yet somehow out of place.

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A fresh tilled field pushes within a few feet of the road. It smells strong, heavy on my lungs. On this humid morning it reminds me of chocolate cake.

I drop into a creek bottom. Cows of all colors lay like mixed nuts spilled on a green carpet. Bleached round bales hunker along the fence row like melting clumps of sticky candy. I follow the pretty three-line power poles festooned with mushroom-like insulators. Proud they are in their orderliness, functional yet outdated. The DC3's of corn country leading me back up.

Two giant 8-wheel jointed tractors sit visiting with each other in a quarter section field laying fallow. Resting? I don't know, maybe just waiting.

More cornfield city blocks. Each row seems to have its seed company sign out front like a mailbox; Mr. Pioneer, Mr. Producers, Mr.

Bayer, Mr. Corn States.

The next town comes into view. A water tower and grain elevator.

The implement dealer has his monsters on display along Main street. Like elephants in the circus standing side by side, one foot on the stool, one in the air, trunk raised. Lesser implements parked beyond like resting butterflies, wings folded.

I turn left at the one stoplight. Coffee time.

Baxter Black, former large animal veterinarian and irregular commentator on National Public Radio, is America's best-selling cowboy poet. He is a frequent performer at national stock shows and rodeos as well as in many smaller local events. He is author of several books, including Cactus Tracks, Croutons on a Cow Pie, Hey, Cowboy, Wanna Get Lucky? and Dunny and the Duck. Baxter Black can be contacted via e-mail at: vikki@baxterblack.com

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FREERIDE Continued from Page 1

Mountain Division competition, and three of the children were selected to compete at the Rocky Mountain Division Championships hosted at Ski Cooper in April.

Youth who are interested in skiing with CDF are required to have prior skiing and snowboarding skills, they must also have their own transportation and equipment, and must have a lift ticket for practice days, these are usually Saturdays during ski season.

CDF is a non-profit organization and is doing fundraising during the summer months by selling bags of coffee and stickers at

local farmers markets. Local children from Monte Vista who are interested in participating in this upcoming season should send an email to Elisabeth Callard at, continentaldividefreeride@gmail.com.



Photos courtesy of Elisabeth Callard

Del Norte Head Start taking applications

DEL NORTE — Del Norte Head Start is currently taking applications for the 2021-22 school year. Applications can be picked up Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Head Start Center at 440 Sixth St. The program can accept children the day they turn 3 years old and up to 5 years old. The Del Norte Head Start provides health care, education experiences, field trips and nutritious meals and serves children with disabilities and BOCES (Board of Cooperative Education Services) assists in delivering services. If you are unable to register during the above hours or need more information, call 719-657-3101.

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)				
		8/15	8/14	8/13	8/12	(inches)				
						From 2day	8/15 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	0.10	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.23	0.35	0.47	0.60	0.89
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	0.12	0.16	0.14	0.14	0.28	0.42	0.56	0.72	1.06
White Wheat	04/05	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.14	0.22	0.30	0.39	0.58
White Wheat	05/05	0.15	0.19	0.17	0.17	0.34	0.51	0.68	0.87	1.27
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	0.13	0.17	0.15	0.15	0.29	0.44	0.60	0.77	1.12
Centennial	05/05	0.17	0.22	0.20	0.19	0.40	0.59	0.78	0.99	1.40
Nugget	05/05	0.17	0.21	0.19	0.18	0.38	0.57	0.74	0.94	1.33
Alfalfa	Est.	0.19	0.25	0.22	0.21	0.44	0.66	0.87	1.10	1.56
Lawnglass	Est.	0.17	0.21	0.19	0.18	0.38	0.57	0.74	0.94	1.33

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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Rio Grande Hospital opens addiction Recovery Clinic

STAFF REPORT

DEL NORTE — Rio Grande Hospital would like to announce the opening of the Recovery Clinic, specifically designed to help those suffering with addiction.

It is unique within the San Luis Valley in offering specialty-level addiction care. This clinic will provide a personalized approach for those struggling with substance use or other behavioral addictions, including but is not limited to heroin or other opioids, methamphetamines, alcohol, benzodiazepines, cocaine, tobacco, gambling, pornography, or internet use.

Additionally, treatment will be offered for Hepatitis C infection and HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis.

Dr. Ely Walker has been in practice at Rio Grande Hospital for almost six years and recently took a sabbatical to train extensively in addiction medicine and is now board eligible in the specialty of Addiction Medicine.

“Addiction can be devastating for individuals, families and communities, and often people don’t know where to go for help. I’m happy to offer a place for people who are ready to explore the possibilities of change,” Walker says.

For more information on the Rio Grande Hospital Recovery Clinic, call 719-657-4100.



DNPRD seeks funding for rec center feasibility study

BY LYNDISIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE — Over the past year and a half, there have been several conversations about the Del Norte Community Athletic Fields located near the new high school and what, if anything, should be done with the property.

In original discussions, the Upper Rio Grande School District was planning to take on ownership of the 40-acre property and planning to use funding that was available through the district for a community park and walking trail.

After discussion between the school district, Rio Grande County, Town of Del Norte and D Mountain Parks and Recreation District, the school district pulled out of the negotiations after a deadline related to the funding came and went.

Since then, little has been discussed

as to what the county wanted to see done with the location until a meeting on Wednesday, July 29, when the Rio Grande Board of County Commissioners was approached by a representative of the D Mountain Parks and Rec. District board.

During this meeting, D Mountain Parks and Rec. District representative Jessica Lovelace spoke to the board about funding a feasibility study to gauge if a recreation center would be beneficial to the community of Del Norte. During past conversations, the recreation center idea was floated.

D Mountain Parks and Rec. District wants to begin a feasibility study to see if the Del Norte community would support and benefit from a recreation center to be built on the property which consists of about 40 acres of land.

The Del Norte Athletic Community

Fields currently has a walking trail and baseball diamond which have been used by the school for several years. Both the walking trail and surrounding property have fallen into disrepair and the community has voiced their support in seeing something done with the land.

The parks and recreation district was recently awarded a portion of the costs needed to complete the feasibility study from the Department of Local Affairs for \$12,750 and is seeking matching funds to hire Ballard King Associates to complete the study. Representatives during the meeting with the county said they will also be seeking funds for the study from the Town of Del Norte.

Rio Grande County commissioners committed Conservation Trust Fund money to D Mountain Parks and Rec. District contingent upon the Town of Del Norte doing the same.

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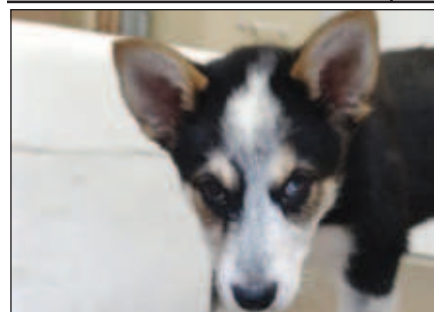
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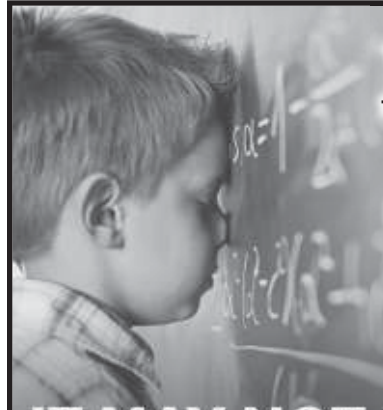
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Students dissect cadavers to learn human anatomy at TSJC

BY MARGARET SANDERSON TRINIDAD — “I couldn’t believe we had human bodies (cadavers) to learn on. I learned more than I can imagine. It was like tasting the appetizer to a full-course meal that I want to have,” said 19-year-old Austin Hall. Hall has his heart set on being a surgeon.

“There’s a calling on my life to help people in some way,” said Hall.

After completing A&P (Anatomy and Physiology) with Dr. Kevin Walker, Trinidad State biology instructor, Hall set his sights on neurology and cardiology as areas of surgical interest.

Walker is “highly organized and he made A&P really exciting as he related things to life. He is a very in-depth professor, and the class blew my mind,” said Hall, who plans to complete his associate’s degree at Trinidad State and move on to a four-year college and then on to medical school.

Initially, Walker wanted to follow in his father’s footsteps and become a general surgeon and physician, until he had the opportunity to do research on timber wolves. Fascinated by the wolf for many years, he loved being outside doing his research and he loved his teaching assistant position in his college biology and chemistry classes. He knew then that he was meant to be a researcher and a teacher, and the study of biology would win his heart — specifically macroecology which deals with the study of relationships between organisms and their environment.

Learning how all the systems work together is knowledge he has taken into his cadaver labs. His biology and anatomy/physiology students have dissected individual organs from pigs, such as a heart “but working with that particular organ doesn’t do justice to what the heart does in relation to the vascular system,” said Walker.

Reagen Rico, 32, who was raised in Trinidad, started college at Trinidad State right out of high school.

“My head wasn’t in the right place,” she said. “I wasn’t focused, and I didn’t do well. I dropped out of school and went to work fulltime.”

She had taken a number of nursing prerequisites before she quit and had earned a Certified Nurse Assistant certificate, but she said, “If you don’t have a good degree, work can be very hard. I know from experience that CNAs work very hard. I have two young children (2 and 7) and I want a stable job that pays well to support myself and my children.”

Rico plans to graduate and become a registered nurse in 2023. Although she’s not sure yet which area of interest she will pursue, she loves babies and kids and is leaning toward obstetrics.

“I’m a hands-on learner and I like to feel and see. I loved working with the cadavers and going from the surface and working through the layers and seeing muscles and bones. That’s what it looks like in the book, and this is what it looks like in real life,” she said. “I thought it was really fascinating. It was a great learning experience. I learned how whole systems work.”

She said one of her favorite animal dissections was a pig’s uterus that had pig fetuses in it.

“After dissecting cats in high school,” said 17-year-old Hoehne high school student, Mara Salbato, “it was really strange to move from animal to human.”

She explained how the process is done very slowly, layer by layer and it’s more about scraping than cutting. Salbato, who recently completed A&P 201 said the class reinforced her interest in medical research and pathology.

“The instructor was very helpful, was easily accessible and always willing to answer a question. My favorite parts of the class were the labs — using the microscopes and dissecting — and seeing real life application of the things we were reading about. I really liked it,” Salbato said.

At least five other Colorado community colleges are using real human cadavers to teach human anatomy. At one college, students are transported to a local hospital where they observe the process. At another, the cadavers are brought in already dissected. One of the colleges uses an anatomage virtual dissection table where life-sized human and animal bodies can be studied electronically. At two other colleges, students cannot dissect until they have passed the first two biology courses (201 and 202) and are taking Biology 203. At Trinidad State students can begin dissecting in their first semester of biology or A&P.

For Walker, establishing a cadaver lab was time consuming. Working through the red tape and locating a source from which to secure cadavers took time, but once approval was received, Walker set up his lab and purchased two cadavers from a Colorado source. Most often donors who give their bodies to science for research range from age 70 to 90 when they die. The female cadaver the students began dissecting was 100 at the time of death. The students have been working on her musculature system. One assignment for Austin Hall was to cut into her hamstring and separate the skin from fat.

“We separated muscles from blood vessels and learned how they are interrelated and why. We were taught the whole human anatomy. It was most definitely my favorite class,” said Hall.

The male, who died around age 84, was overweight and students had to remove about 55 pounds of abdominal fat in two separate attempts to access his organs. They opened his chest cavity to study the digestive, respiratory and cardiovascular systems.

“You can feel the blockage in his heart plumbing,” said Walker, “and his spleen is shriveled up.”

The class has been working on his internal organs. His musculature on one side of his body was much smaller than the other suggesting the cause of death may have been a stroke. His lungs have a black substance leading the students to believe he either smoked or worked in a mine. The students have found fatty deposits in organs as well as cancer that was growing between his heart and lungs and his heart was “humongous” Hall said, almost twice its normal size according to Walker. The students are seeing how fat accumulates in organs and in the abdomen.

“It changes your idea about weight management,” said Walker.

Students are not required to dissect. Although some students choose not to, all the students are involved in the work even if as spectators only.

Some students take biology as an elective, like student athletes, but the nursing students are required to take biology as well as A&P. Walker sees no difference in the students’ skill sets regardless of the reason, they are taking one of his science classes.

Before any dissecting is done, students must sign a strict contract detailing the dos and don’ts of dissecting. The cadavers are then introduced to determine a student’s comfort level.

“The athletic students are curious and have taken great interest in the cadavers,” said Walker. “They

are incredibly careful with the cadavers and sometimes outperform the A&P students.”

Cadavers are in body bags when picked up and transported. Their heads, feet and hands are individually covered as well as their genital areas making the dissecting a little less threatening, especially for high school students.

Not once has Walker heard a student be derogatory or joke about the cadavers or a particular organ. They are respectful, excited, and meticulous with their work. They take pride in their work and almost all students choose to work as teams.

The cadavers are embalmed and do not need to be refrigerated. Once they are dissected, they will

be used for observational and physiological analysis in future semesters.

Born and raised in east Texas but always drawn to Colorado, Walker said, “Trinidad has such a rich history. It’s everything I’ve been looking for. Ever since I was a little kid, I’ve loved Colorado. I love it here (Trinidad). I love the school. I like working with the students and the faculty and staff. It’s a complete package. It’s a family-oriented school. I’m glad I made the choice.”

Hall likens Trinidad State to a “bonfire in a fireplace — a lot of interesting things in a small school,” he said.

For more information, contact kevin.walker@trinidadstate.edu.

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- Volunteer your time. Find out ways you can volunteer time at school. This may be helping teachers make copies of assignments, supervising children at recess or lunch hours, serving as a chaperone at school functions, or being a coach or mentor for afterschool activities.

- Attend and participate in fundraisers. Fundraisers are essential to help offset costs for many special events and services for students. Whenever possible, give wisely through fundraisers.

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Adams State faculty are Daniels Fund Ethics Champions

STAFF REPORT
ALAMOSA — Adams State University's Natasha Liebig, Ph.D., assistant professor of philosophy, and Shane Callahan, part-time philosophy professor, are 2021-2022 Southern Colorado Ethics Champions. They join 14 of their contemporaries from Colorado institutions of higher education.

The Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative is designed to engage both students and faculty in the process of critically examining, comparing and engaging with ethical principles in practical contexts.

"I'm honored to be named an Ethics Champion for this program because just like in any philosophy class I teach, getting students to engage critically with ethical concepts is indispensable in the modern world," says Callahan.

In Liebig's view, the job of a contemporary professor of philosophy is to demonstrate that philosophy is not a set of logical abstractions or a set of axioms and theoretical constructs that do not have much to do with human reality, but rather a way of life that helps human beings to live in our dynamic, concrete world.

"Students benefit from continual reexamination of the presuppositions that underlie their innermost core principles," Liebig says. The position of an Ethics Champion allows her to do this outside of the classroom setting, reaching more individuals who can benefit from such self-reflection.

According to Callahan encountering ethical concepts outside the classroom or academic setting is common.



Natasha Liebig

"Being prepared not only to understand them but to critically engage with them on the spot is really important," Callahan says.

Callahan's doctoral work was in normative ethics. He sees this as an opportunity to engage students and faculty in a critical dialogue about concepts that give foundation to their concept of self and worldview.

"I accept this opportunity to represent Adams State as an Ethics Champion with pride. This program helps cultivate skills and awareness that deepens appreciation for the values of diversity, equity and inclusion," Callahan says.

Liebig and Callahan coach students in the Daniels Fund Case Competition, in which students develop a solution for a business-in-crisis grounded in some particular ethical framework; their presentation of their solution is ranked among other competitors.

"I have witnessed the impact on students through the friendly com-



Shane Callahan

petitions in which they are encouraged to not be afraid to challenge their beliefs against the trends and to become significant contributors to ongoing, current dialogue of relevant issues," Liebig added.

As an Ethics Champion, Liebig appreciates assisting students to develop a deeper understanding of complex ideas and their applications to the world today.

Callahan and Liebig also coach students in the Rocky Mountain Regional Ethics Bowl wherein students ultimately develop a position grounded in an ethical framework, and defend that framework against objections from a competing team.

Liebig and Callahan are currently recruiting students for the Fall 2021 Case Competition and the Rocky Mountain Regional Ethics Bowl, winners of the Regional Ethics Bowl advance to the national competition. Interested students can contact Liebig at nliebig@adams.edu.

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Ag Report: Barley harvest begins and smoke impacts in Valley

BY MECHEL MEEK

SAGUACHE COUNTY — Barley harvesting began the first week in August in some fields in Saguache County.

Per the USDA, “In the San Luis Valley, the second cutting of alfalfa progressed more last week, and barley was notably coloring well. County reports noted some lodging was observed. Received moisture proved beneficial to area pasture and range.”

Seventy-four percent of the alfalfa hay second cutting was completed as of Aug. 8. Barley was observed to be 89 percent turning color and 7 percent harvested. These numbers are within the typical harvest amounts even with the recent flooding and rain.

Harvesters and cutting could be seen throughout Saguache County in early

August with more harvesting to start soon. Many towns are also seeing the return of workers for the start of the harvest season.

Many farmers expressed that the rain has benefited their potato crops, however, some were concerned that the loss of sunlight for photosynthesis due to the high smoke levels in the atmosphere may impact growth.

The San Luis Valley has been experiencing abnormally high levels of atmospheric ash and smoke predominantly from the Dixie Fire in California and it remains to be seen when it will clear.

According to published reports, “The CDPHE issued an Air Quality Alert for the entire state of Colorado on Saturday, something that hasn’t happened since air quality records of this nature started being kept in 2011. The smoke is expected to stick around into Sunday, although it may not be quite as thick in some areas.”

The Colorado Department of Public

Health and Environment issued an advisory on Aug. 10, “Moderate to heavy concentrations of smoke from California wildfires will continue to move into Colorado on Tuesday, affecting northwestern and north-central Colorado on Tuesday and Wednesday. Expect the heaviest smoke impacts in sheltered valley locations where atmospheric mixing is more limited. Some intermittent clearing is possible on Tuesday and Wednesday, however residual health impacts may linger from prolonged exposure to elevated smoke concentrations.”

The areas included in this advisory included areas in Saguache County and other San Luis Valley areas. Those who work in agriculture were advised to remain cautious and vigilant regarding exposure to high levels of smoke and ash while harvesting or working in fields which may lead to a slowdown in harvesting operations.



Photo by Mechel Meek

Barley harvesting began in some areas of Saguache County the first week of August.



LOCAL! Harvest Fest in Capulin on Aug. 22

STAFF REPORT

CAPULIN — Could a camel live in the San Luis Valley? The answer is yes. Camels live and thrive here, and you can have dinner with a camel on Sunday, Aug. 22.

The San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition (SLVLFC) is celebrating Conejos County agriculture and food businesses for its 7th annual harvest celebration LOCAL! The event will take place at the Mudita Camel Dairy near Capulin where six camels are part of the Stalzer family.

LOCAL! Harvest Fest is held to celebrate the agricultural harvest and is meant to bring joy and gratitude to the community, drawing connections to the land and the people who are its stewards. Located along stunning La Jara Creek, the farm and its camels are owned by SLVLFC board member Meghan Stalzer and her husband Matt. The couple make camel milk products including fiber, soaps, fudge, and various other treats which will be featured at the event.

General admission for this family event is free for children 0-5, \$10 for children 6-16 and \$20 for 17 to 100 years old. Admission includes farm tours and camel encounters, vendors, music, dancing, and games. There will be plenty of local food and drink for sale at the festival. When you buy a meal at the event you are directly supporting local vendors and both vegetarian and meat options will be available.

The Stalzer couple has a beautiful yurt that they are raffling off for an overnight stay on the night of the event, so be sure to pre-purchase a \$10 raffle ticket if you’re interested in sleeping in a gorgeous yurt after the festivities with your friends or family. The festival is scheduled to go from 3-7 pm, but folks are welcome to stay after clean-up for an acoustic after party under the full moonlight until 10 pm.

The SLVLFC’s mission is to “foster an equitable local food system that restores the health of the people, community, economy and ecosystem.”

For more information go to www.slv-localfoods.org Register for the event at slvlocalharvestfest2021.eventbrite.com

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