

Shorts

Silver Thread Studio Tour is Aug. 14

The Silver Thread Studio Tour is on Saturday, Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event is in South Fork, Creede and further up the highway at Bristol which is on the right.

There are a total of 18 artists participating in this event — two in South Fork, and the rest in Creede and Bristol.

In South Fork, you can pick up the brochure with directions at the South Fork Visitor Center. In Creede, you can pick it up at the Chamber of Commerce. There will also be brochures at Bristol.

Del Norte Music in Park begins July 29

DEL NORTE — The Town of Del Norte's Music in the Park series begins on July 29 with a performance by Ol' Scratch (acid funk). The concert is from 6 to 9 p.m. at North Park, 1st and Spruce streets.

The Pamlico Sounds (high energy funk) will be in concert on Aug. 5, followed by The Riffers (Southwest Americana) on Aug. 12.

Val Alto Pancake Breakfast is Aug. 7

DEL NORTE — In conjunction with Del Norte's Covered Wagon Days Val Alto Women's Fellowship Club, organized in 1953, invites you to the 43rd year of our Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 7 to 9 a.m.

It is held at the High Valley Community Center courtyard, 595 Grande Ave. Pancakes, sausages, and drinks are provided. Prices are \$7 for adults and \$3 for kids.

All proceeds are donated back into the community. This is in conjunction with the many other events of the Covered Wagon Days festival. For information, call Suzie 719-657-2350.

Farmer's market each Saturday in Alamosa

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Farmers' Market welcomes locals and visitors to downtown Alamosa, Saturdays at the corner of 6th and State for the 2021 market season.

Mask wearing is encouraged, and vendors will be distanced again this season. Organizers encourage immune-compromised customers to shop early in the day and avoid the peak hours from 10 a.m. to noon to shop.

Vendors will be selling regional farm fresh food products, other food stuffs, hand-crafted items each week. Kids activities will be to-go items with all the directions and supplies.

The Market accepts debit and credit cards, SNAP, Double Up Food Bucks, WIC vouchers, and cash. Bring bills smaller than \$20 for the convenience of the vendors.

For more information, see www.alamosafarmersmarket.org or the Farmers' Market tent on Saturdays.

USDA: Rain in SLV benefitting agriculture

BY MECHEL MEEK

SAGUACHE COUNTY — The weather continues to affect agriculture in both positive and negative ways in the San Luis Valley and Colorado this year.

According to the USDA report on crop progress for the week of July 25, "In the San Luis Valley, heavy precipitation and flooding was noted. County reports mentioned no crop damage from flooding was noted, but some rangeland showed marginal damage and was expected to recover. Isolated hail and rain were enough to delay hay harvest."

Also, according to the USDA, *Please see RAIN on Page 2A*



Photo Mechel Meek

The rain across the San Luis Valley this summer has been mostly beneficial to local agriculture, according to the USDA.

Center is 'affiliate' of Main Street program

BY MECHEL MEEK

CENTER — Center was named an "affiliate" of the Colorado Main Street program last week. The announcement was made Thursday, July 22, on the Facebook page for Colorado Main Street.

According to Center Town Manager Brian Lujan, "This is the first step to becoming an official Colorado Main Street town."

He explained that the application for Colorado Main Street affiliation was completed by town VISTA volunteer Keith Brockhurst.

The Colorado Main Street program is designed to help *Please see MAIN on Page 2A*

Center becomes an 'affiliate' of the Colorado Main Street program. This opens door to resources for downtown revitalization.

Photo by Mechel Meek



Young is new CSU Extension 4-H Agent in SLV

STAFF REPORT

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Morgan Young is the new Colorado State University Extension 4-H Agent in the San Luis Valley Area.

Young is a sixth-generation cattle rancher. She grew up in Fruita, where she was involved in 4-H as well as FFA, and played softball, before earning her associates degree at Lamar Community College and her bachelor's degree in animal science and her master's in agricultural communication and media from West Texas University. She wrote her master's thesis on the Beef Quality

Assurance program.

After college she interned with the Mesa County 4-H program.

"I realized that I wanted to work with the 4-H program and show kids what I loved growing up," Young said.

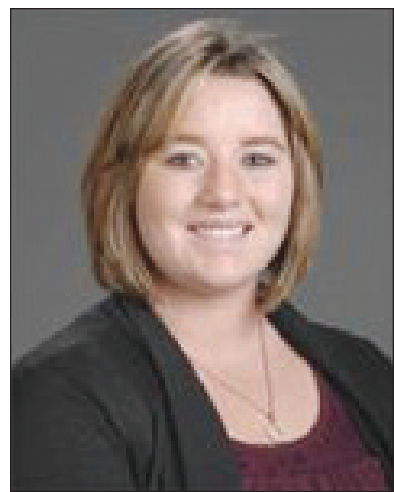
So, she became the 4-H Youth Development and Family Consumer Science CSU Extension Agent in Chaffee County where she has been for the last two years. She grew the 4-H program there even in a year with COVID-19 with the help of her leaders and members.

"When the job became available here in the San Luis Valley, I knew

it was meant for me," Young said. "I felt a calling to come here, and it all fell into place. I've been here less than three weeks, but so far, I really love it here. I'm still learning each county within the San Luis Valley as to their needs from me and what they want from the 4-H program."

Young said she would like to encourage the participation in the 4-H program either as a 4-H member or volunteer because 4-H is so much more than just "cows and plows."

She wants to offer an opportunity to all youth within the San Luis Valley *Please see YOUNG on Page 7A*



99th Stampede draws large crowds

La Junta's Ryan Belew wins tie-down roping

STAFF REPORT

MONTE VISTA — The 99th Ski-Hi Stampede is in the books after missing a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Stampede saw large crowds during the three-day celebration.

Thursday's concert headlined by country music star Scotty McCreery started off the Stampede and marked the first use of the new events center at Ski Hi Park. The Rotary Club of Monte Vista's Chuckwagon dinner was held inside the newly completed building Thursday before the concert as were the nightly dances following the concert and rodeo action.

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Photo by Brian Williams

The rodeo was packed with action for the crowd.

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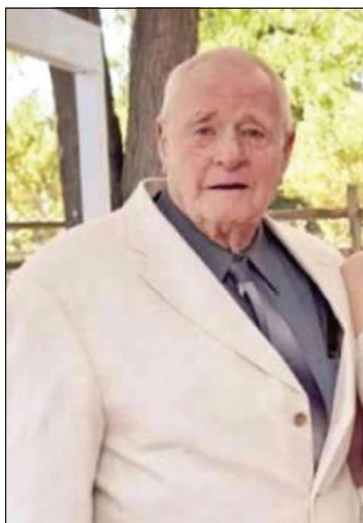
OBITUARIES

Nelson "Red" Wayne Mickelsen

Nelson Wayne Mickelsen entered this earthly life on 10 October 1938 in Alamosa, Colorado. He was the first born of Nelson Cornum Mickelsen and Thelma (Jepperson) Mickelsen. After a life full of adventure and hard work, he passed away on 21 July 2021.

He grew up in Sanford, Colorado and graduated from Sanford High School. After graduation he worked in Houser's Filling Station in Alamosa. His life-long career started with a construction crew that was working for the telephone company in Colorado Springs. Red soon applied for a job with the telephone company, was hired, and spent many decades working with all manner of telephone equipment. The telephone company changed names and corporations several times, but the job stayed the same. Red retired three times, the company always called him back to work to train other employees.

Red lived in many areas of Colorado, moving to where he was needed by the telephone company and attended training sessions all over the nation. After a few years, he received a permanent position in Monte Vista, Colorado and raised his family there. He enjoyed hunting with his dad, his friends and his brother, family camping



and fishing trips and the occasional trips to the casino.

Red was preceded in death by his parents, Nelson and Thelma, and his daughter, Peggy Sue (Charlie) Braun. He is survived by his son, Ron, wife, Mary Ann, and her children: Lorie, Frank and Ellie. His siblings, Warren (Diane) Mickelsen and Glenna (Myron) Price. As well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Cremation was selected and services will be held at a later date. To express condolences, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com.

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

Rebekah Maye King Atencio Oct. 15, 1984-June 10, 2021

Our beloved Rebekah was taken from us suddenly and tragically on June 10, 2021 in Del Norte, Colo. Rebekah was born on Oct. 15, 1984, in Durango, Colo., to Kenneth King and Rosalie Hood. Although the family moved many times, from Washington, DC to various Colorado towns, it was the San Luis Valley that Rebekah considered home.



Rebekah worked at a number of places over the years, where she was a diligent employee, loyal co-worker and trusted friend. Rebekah always went out of her way to help others.

Rebekah loved animals and could never refuse to take in a stray. The most important thing in Rebekah's life, though, were her children. They were her world and she wanted to give the world to them.

Rebekah was preceded in death by her mother, Rosalie King, her grandparents, Rosella and Leroy Hood and Sylvia and George King, and several aunts and uncles.

She is survived by her children, Audra and Oryon King and Daymion Carrigan; her husband, Archie Atencio; her father and step-mother, Ken and Annie King; her brother Aaron King; her aunts and uncles Cynthia and LaVern Hart, Jr. and Cheryl and Pat Shearin and numerous cousins.

A memorial fund has been set up for the children at <https://gofund.me/137c6f42>.

JoAnne Lewis

JoAnne Lewis (Maiden Name: Gott) will be remembered as a luminary storyteller of her time, sharing her presence, love, and never-ending series of tales with those who knew her from 1936-2021.

JoAnne lived to be 86 years old, and is legend — she will be dearly missed by the tapestry of family and friends she wove together during her lifetime of adventures. When you were with JoAnne, no matter how well she knew you, she made sure you were loved and accepted as you were.

JoAnne was preceded in death by her husband Homer Lewis, and they shared a close bond and dedicated partnership as parents. JoAnne went to extreme lengths to make sure her children had the things they needed and many relied on her creative and resourceful nature. Known as Jo/JoJo by grandchildren and great grandchildren, JoJo was patient and understanding, always offering her family a safe space.

Jo was an empath and healer, improving the lives of those around her with compassion and home-cooked meals. She could be just as sweet as her sweet tooth, and never

ceased to find ways to feed the flock, keep everything under control, and entertain all the kids. She always seemed to host effortlessly, making magic behind-the-scenes.

JoJo was most herself around the holidays and after dark, and her loved ones all spent a lot of time conversing in her kitchen, and watching late night TV and scary movies. Jo loved anything that was out of the ordinary, and that included monsters of all kinds. She wasn't worried about fitting in, and when nobody was watching, she loved to show off her dance moves.

As a strong matriarch, Jo was a listening ear, and ahead of her time she advocated for women and children. She wasn't scared of anyone when it came to protecting her loved ones - Jo fought fiercely for what was right.

JoAnne was preceded in death by her father Charles Ray Gott Sr., mother Pauline Sue Drennan-Gott, and siblings: Charles Ray Gott Jr., Naomi Ramadine Wheeler, Alma Helen Purdy, and Bonnie Jean Gott.

She is survived by her sisters Leota Than McClanahan and Sondra Kay Hamlow; children Eva Winter, Ava



Charlotte Lewis, JoDee Dunn, and Lon Lewis; grandchildren Jerry Dale and Chester Baker, Shelby Winter, Chad Lewis and Trevor Lewis, Loudon David, Haillee Cavin, Brooke, Bailey and Blair Lewis, and 13 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 30, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista, 404 Morris St., Monte Vista, CO 81144. To leave condolences, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com.

RAIN

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a positive result of the storms is that the amount of rainfall has been sufficient to maintain the necessary soil moisture in the topsoil and subsoil in potato, alfalfa and grain fields.

In 2020, per the USDA, the soil moisture in the San Luis Valley was short for most of the year, which dictated a necessary increased reliance on irrigation in 2020 to maintain optimal crop growth.

According to the Colorado Potato Committee Market Report, "the

shipments for Monday, July 26, 2021, were 134 loads. There were 134 trucks and 0 rail from the shipments, 50 were bulk loads, of which 0 were seed.

- July 2021 loads (to date): 2,049
- July 2020 loads (to date): 1,530

The market report shows an increase in potato shipments as compared to last year. This year, 42 percent of the San Luis Valley potato fields were in good condition with 30 percent of pasture and range in good condition.

With the unusually strong storms

creating flash flooding and hail throughout Saguache County and the San Luis Valley at large, it was expected that there would be damage to some crops.

However, that has not been seen except in some rangeland areas and in some delays harvesting alfalfa fields.

Many areas in Colorado are still experiencing drought conditions and extreme heat which has led to a loss of crops and livestock. Luckily, the San Luis Valley has avoided these types of issues so far this year.

MAIN

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small communities revitalize their downtown area with support, grant opportunities and strategies.

According to the Colorado Main Street website, "The Colorado Main Street program offers support for community-led downtown revitalization. We help communities thrive by providing a customizable framework to focus efforts, energy, and resources to create a more vibrant community. Proven revitalization strategies and needed organization help communities identify and

leverage opportunities and resources. By focusing on current community strengths and assets, the Colorado Main Street Program is a catalyst to move you forward, one step at a time."

This is just one more step in the future of Center. Partnerships are being created with many community support groups, state agencies, non-profits and community members which will be the foundation for the comprehensive improvement plans.

These plans include revitalizing

the downtown area, and the development of the 90 acres north of town but do not stop there. The plan is comprehensive to all the city.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Celebrating life

This past weekend Ol' Dutch once again had the pleasure of leading the singing at church. And Miss Trixie pounded out the notes in a symphonic style reminiscent of the old Gospel quartet piano players who made the church rounds back in my youth.

The Bible does say to make a joyful noise and the people at church most certainly do that every week as they using their lungs out in celebration of life and spiritual renewal.

Now Ol' Dutch has long been a churchgoer and has been attending for about 66 of his 65 years. And that is possible because my father, Fast Freddy, was a pastor and I attended before I was even born. That must count for something.

Miss Trixie often remarks that "you would think" that amount of church-going would have had a more positive effect on Ol' Dutch and, to be frank with you all, I resemble that remark. And most of my attendance at the many-times-weekly gatherings was before the advent of nurseries where kids can escape the service and play games in the back room.

I must be honest with you, however, if you want entertainment just start attending church as some of the funniest things occur there as people try and get along for one hour each Sunday. And the main reason it is so hard to get a consensus about church things is you have an organization of people who have generally retired and are bored.

Luckily for Ol' Dutch, my main goals during my retirement years are to sleep in late and get a daily nap. And from being around Miss Trixie I found out that being in charge meant I got blamed when things went South so Ol' Dutch just sits back and lets her run the show. Life is good.

Ol' Dutch is also celebrating in another area of life as this summer marks eight years writing this column and I wanted to take the time here to thank every one of the readers out there for supporting that endeavor. Mainly without which, you would not know how much Miss Trixie suffers.

I am sure many of you probably wonder what drugs Miss Trixie is on to put up with Ol' Dutch but I guess she is just enamored with my handsome good looks, sparkling personality, witty sense of humor, and wonderful singing plus two freezers full of the best elk, deer, bear, pronghorn, and Angus beef a soul can eat.

This past Sunday at the after-church brunch Ol' Dutch was asked just how he and Miss Trixie got together. I



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

could tell they were wondering how someone like her could score so large and get a man like me. So, I got to once again relate how it all began with a romantic first date on Sept. 2, 2012. For that was when Ol' Dutch pulled out all the stops and took Miss Trixie bear hunting. And you thought I didn't know how to woo a woman.

Now some of you might think that I just wanted to get her out in the woods alone but Ol' Dutch ain't got time for that nonsense when hunting season rolls around. And as luck would have it, we got a bear and I believe that Miss Trixie knew then and there that there would always be a freezer full of meat if she tied her wagon to Ol' Dutch's team. Or was that hook her caboose to my train? Well either way we ate that bear together over the next few months and that must have been what tied us together like two pigs in a gunny sack headed to market. I am not sure that sounds quite right but regardless, we are stuck together like Mutt and Jeff.

We also had a date about that time to the local circus and that may have been more indicative of our life since then in all honesty as it's been a three-ring circus in all areas of conjoined unity.

So once again thank you all for following along with Miss Trixie and Ol' Dutch and we look forward to sharing more stories along life's way. And if you derive nothing else from my columns, all you women readers out there can be thankful every week that you are not married to Ol' Dutch. Can Miss Trixie get an "Amen" to that?

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.troutpublic.com.



YOUR NIGHT SKY

BY DARLENE DANKO

Planets and Meteor Showers

Look in the west 30 minutes after sunset to view Venus and Mars. Mars has a close encounter with Regulus the brightest star in Leo the Lion. Currently the star is brighter than Mars and is just below it, but you will need binoculars to see Mars. They hang low in the WNW. Venus is to the upper left of them. This is most likely the last time we will be able to see Mars until November. Venus is bright, so we won't need binoculars to see it, only Mars.

The Delta Aquariid Meteor Shower peaks on July 30. They are active until Aug. 23. The max at the peak is only

25 per hour. Since the last quarter moon occurs on the 31st, it should be easy to see them. Just look in the south in the morning before the sky gets light. I would say around 2-3 a.m.

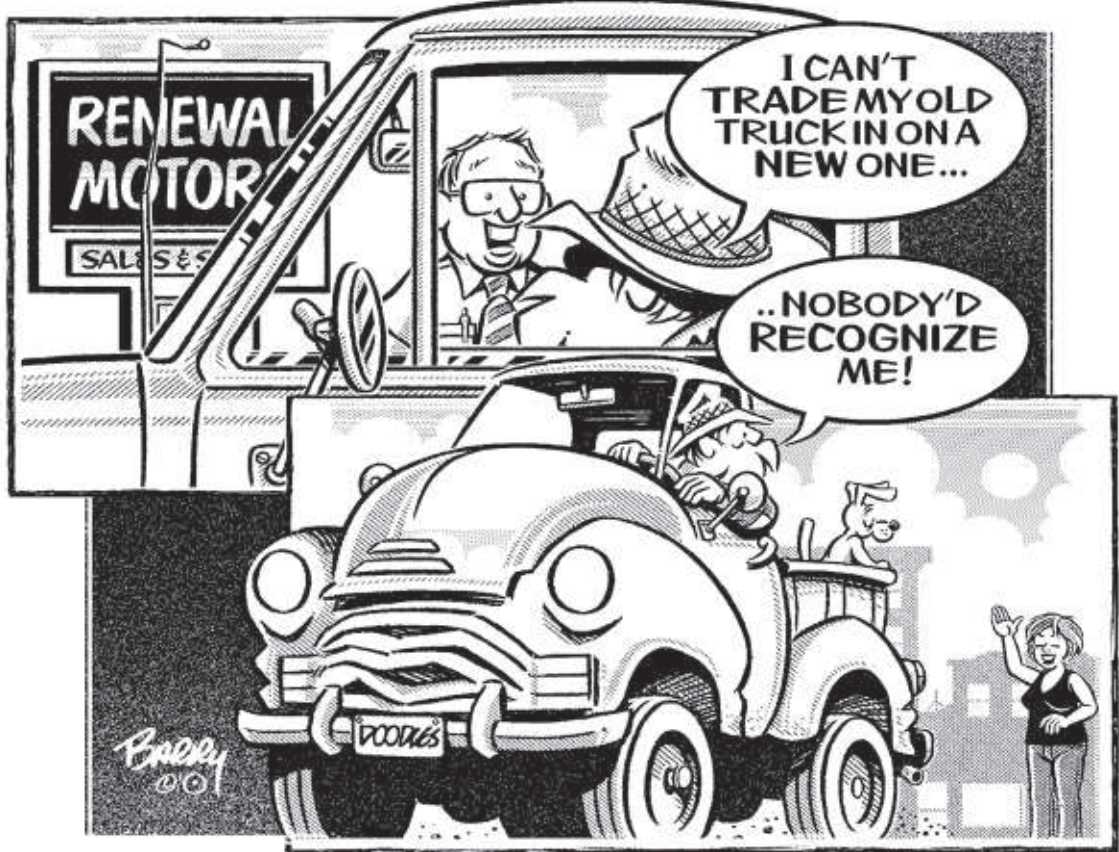
The Perseid Meteor Shower is also occurring from July 17 to Aug. 24. They peak on Aug. 12. This is the best meteor shower for the year! Since the new moon is on the 8th, it will be very small and dim for the Perseids.

What is interesting about the Perseids is that there can be 100 meteors per hour, which can give us more than 1 meteor per minute and may be several at a time. They occur from debris left by comet 109P/Swift Tuttle. They shoot all over the sky,



but basically occur in the NE. I love watching them.

August is a good time to observe the sky since the night sky starts getting longer and the day sky starts getting shorter. So, the evening sky gets dark earlier, and we won't have to stay up too late. It will be a few more months before the sky is still dark when we get up.



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Arbor House in South Fork celebrates 20 years

By LYNSIE FERRELL

SOUTH FORK — Nestled among the trees along the South Fork of the Rio Grande on the west side is a beautiful, cozy and welcoming bed and breakfast owned and operated by Keith and Laurie Bratton. The Arbor House Inn is celebrating its 20th year in South Fork and continues to combine relaxation and adventure with guests from all walks of life.

“My parents are locals that grew up here in the Valley. Keith grew up and graduated from Monte Vista and my mom, Laurie grew up in Del Norte. I am so proud of what they have built here that I wanted to recognize them for what they bring to this amazing community. They have been through so much in the last 20 years and their story is like so many of the businesses here. Having a business last this long is a milestone,” said daughter and local photographer Ashley Bratton.

The couple met while in college and after leaving the Valley, made their home in Littleton, where they raised their daughters, Ashley and Amanda.

“They swore that they were never going to come back to the Valley to live,” Ashley said. “They had a life in Littleton up until both me and my sister left for college, and I guess the empty-nest syndrome kind of kicked in because it wasn’t until my senior year that they announced they were coming back to South Fork.”

Bratton said her parents liquidated their assets and made the move with one thing in mind, opening a bed and breakfast.

“It was always a dream of my mom’s to open a bed and breakfast, but it was also a shock to us kids when they said they were going to sell everything and go start a business,” Ashley said. “It took them a year to find the right property and I personally thought they were crazy, especially when I saw the property they



Courtesy photo

Keith and Laurie Bratton have owned the Arbor House Inn in South Fork for 20 years. The small bed and breakfast is a testament to hard work and dedication for this family.

purchased.”

According to Ashley, her parents settled on a property that sat right next to the South Fork of the Rio Grande with a dilapidated house in the center of the three acres.

“I just didn’t have their vision at the time, but now, seeing what they turned this place into and the perseverance of keeping it afloat for 20 years is just simply amazing. I am just so proud of them,” Ashley said.

They purchased the property in 1999 and spent the next two years making it into their dream bed and breakfast.

“They remodeled everything, cleaned up the yard, moved trees and created access to 400 feet of riverbank,” Ashley said. “This section of river is private, and it will stay private and preserved for years to come. They completely flipped this place around and the results are wonderful.”

The Brattons went through two fires, the Million Fire in 2002 happened after a year of being open and in 2013 the West Fork Complex Fire ravaged the surrounding Rio Grande National Forest.

“They didn’t let anything stop them. They had a dream, and they were going to see it come through,” Ashley said.

Last year during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Brattons used the time they were closed to upgrade the property to eight rooms. Five rooms are in the main house and three rooms are in a small cottage on the property.

“COVID was a blessing in disguise, and they used their time to improve the property and add some flair,” Ashley said.

Now, the small bed and breakfast fills up a year in advance and a one-time dream has long since been a reality.

For more information or reservations, visit www.arborhouseinn.com.

South-Central Colorado Micro Brew Fest and Car Show is Aug. 21

STAFF REPORT

MONTE VISTA — Riding in on the wheels of a very successful Cinco de Mayo Cultural Celebration, the OptiMystics Citizen’s Action Network is planning its next fundraising event — the South-Central Colorado Micro Brew Fest and Car Show.

It is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Chapman Park, 300 W. Prospect Ave., in Monte Vista.

People who enjoy craft beer, classic cars, music, shopping, eating and more are encouraged to attend.

Activities for the day, include tasting portions from a variety of microbreweries from around the state. People will have the opportunity to purchase their favorite from the tastings.

There will be live music, local vendors, food trucks, games and activities, and more.

Coupled with the Brew Fest, the Poor Boys Car Club will be hosting its 10th Annual Classic Car Show.

“The OptiMystics are proud to be partnering with the Poor Boys Car Club for this exciting one-day event,” organizers stated.

The platinum sponsor for this event is Rio Grande Bank.

“Special thanks to CEO Shon Davis and his dedicated staff for supporting the efforts of The OptiMystics CAN,” organizers stated.

Other sponsors currently include the Sandhill Inn & Suites, SLVoices and San Luis Valley Broadcasting.

The Brew Fest and Car Show are just one of the events happening throughout Monte Vista that weekend. Visitors can visit the weekly Farmers Market, 3rd

Fridays Art Walk, the Native American Artist

Fair on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and the Amish Schools Benefit Dinner.

Transportation between Chapman Park and Downtown will be available at a nominal fee. To

find out more, become a sponsor, a vendor, or to donate, contact the OptiMystics CAN at optimysticscag@gmail.com or call 719-239-1811.

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HVCC volleyball and football registration underway

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

Hi, community members! We are happy to announce that registrations for High Valley Community Center volleyball and flag football are now posted on our website, TheHVCC.org.

Volleyball is available in two age groups — third-fourth grades as well as fifth-sixth grades. Flag football will be available for first-second graders. Registrations is required by Aug. 27!

Any kiddos in grades 3-6 can play tackle football with Rise Above Football. Contact either Dan Roesch at 719-850-8690 or Jesse Albright at 719-480-2660, for more information! Keep an eye out for practice and game updates.

We are also happy to report that Brade and Julia will be hosting a drama camp at HVCC on Aug. 2-6. More information to come! Registration for drama camp is available on our website.

This week marks the final week of our summer program! We had such a wonderful summer with the kiddos and now it is time to celebrate! We would love for you to join us in celebrating a successful summer at HVCC's End of Summer Carnival on July 29. The carnival will be from 2-7 p.m. and will be here at HVCC. There will be games, snacks, treats, music, laughter, and bounce houses! We hope to see you there. Spread the word!

HVCC will be closed for regular programming until Sept. 7. During that time, HVCC staff will be busy making fun activity plans for the upcoming school year and we are excited to share them with you! Thank you to everyone who has been a part of HVCC, big and small. We are grateful for your continued support! Please do not forget to register for fall sports and drama camp!



Courtesy photos

High Valley Community Center is having its summer carnival on July 29. The community is invited to come play games and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

High Valley Community Center students have enjoyed a busy summer traveling all over the Valley and beyond.

Stampede says thanks!

To the Monte Vista Community, and the entire San Luis Valley: We hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as we did this weekend. We want to thank everyone for making the 99th Stampede Celebration such a success. We understand the last 2 years have been crazy, and at times difficult, but our community out did themselves this weekend.

At the opening of each rodeo, our wonderful rodeo announcers have given the credit for Stampede to the Stampede Committee, and introduced the president. But a huge part of the credit goes to you. We want you to know that Stampede would not be possible without everyone in the community. Whether you volunteer, go enjoy the concert, watch the rodeo, or bring your kids to the carnival and parade – we want you to know that you are a big part of making this happen, and we thank you!

We know having to cancel out last year was a huge disappointment. It was for us as well, and was not an easy decision. However, everyone showed up this year way more than we could have ever hoped for, and we had our first sold-out rodeo in 35 years, and we hated having to turn anyone away. The energy everyone brought to the concert and rodeo was contagious!

Lastly, we want to thank everyone for their patience. We know this year's event had some issues, and some areas may not have run as smoothly as they have in the past. After the two year hiatus, it took us a bit to get back in the groove of things. We are also excited for the final completion of the new building, and want to thank the construction crews for their hard work. Going forward, we know this new building will be great for our community. This weekend's events were just a preview.

We are planning some exciting things for next year – our 100th anniversary. Watch our social media pages as it gets closer for more information, and we hope to see all of you again next year.

Sincerely, 2021 Ski Hi Stampede Committee

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Kickoff Concert

Ned LeDoux opened for McCreery. Both entertainers performed for more than hour each in front of a packed house.

LeDoux played original songs and some that his father, Chris, made famous. McCreery wowed the crowd with some songs off his new album that was released Thursday, July 22.

After the concert ended, the first night of dancing began. People danced the night away to the music of Shotgun Jefferson.

Stampede Parade

Typically, the Stampede has a parade on both Friday and Saturday, but this year the parade with the theme "On the Road Again" was limited to Saturday morning only.

People from all over the Valley lined the streets of Monte Vista to observe this historic parade Saturday morning led by grand marshals Harold and Norma Valdez. The couple are both natives of the San Luis Valley and long-time owners of V & V True Value Hardware in downtown Monte Vista. For the past 28 years, the local store has been a consistent sponsor of the Ski-Hi Stampede as well as assisting high school organizations to raise money with rodeo season cookouts.

This year's carnival provided lots of thrill and fun with a full slate of attractions. The carnival started Wednesday with a canned food drive for the Monte Vista Food Bank and concluded Sunday evening.

Stampede Rodeo

Of course, there were also three days of the famous Ski-Hi Stampede rodeo. Andy Seiler, a nationally recognized rodeo announcer, kept crowds informed and entertained during the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA)-sanctioned event that awarded \$35,700 in cash and prizes. Rodeo clown Gizmo McCracken provided playful banter with Seiler during the rodeo.

Hall of Fame cowboy John Payne, the One Armed Bandit, delighted the crowd with nationally acclaimed act featuring two mustangs and a zebra.

La Junta's Ryan Belew, 32, won tie-down roping with a time of 9.3 seconds and earned \$1,388. It was his second time finishing in the

money — top six — in a 2021 PRCA event. Belew placed sixth at the Rooftop Rodeo in Estes Park. He's competed in more than 25 rodeos, mostly in Colorado, this year.

Justin Simon, 33, of Florence, Ariz., won steer wrestling with a time of 3.9 seconds and walked away with All-Around honors and \$1,388. It was his third PRCA win of the year. He also competed in team roping but did not make the top six.

The three-days of rodeo finished in dramatic fashion Sunday afternoon. Trey Kimzey was the last bull rider and competitor of the rodeo. The 22-year-old from Strong City, Okla., was the only bull rider of the rodeo to go the full 8 seconds. His 77-point ride on Ranger Walker earned him \$1,195 and was his second PRCA win of 2021. He's currently 21st in the PRCA world standings with earnings of \$33,804. He was 15th in the world in 2019 and qualified for the National Finals Rodeo.

In other action, Jake Brown of Cleveland, Texas, scored 87 points to win bareback riding; Brody Burgener, 4.2, \$1,148; 3. Austin Eller, 4.6, \$909; 4. (tie) Cody Pratt and Rooster Yazzie, 4.7, \$550 each; 6. Wyatt Johnson, 4.8, \$239.

• Steer wrestling: 1. Justin Simon, 3.9 seconds, \$1,388; 2. Dalton Burgener, 4.2, \$1,148; 3. Austin Eller, 4.6, \$909; 4. (tie) Cody Pratt and Rooster Yazzie, 4.7, \$550 each; 6. Wyatt Johnson, 4.8, \$239.

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• Saddle bronc riding: 1. Brody Wells, 83 points on Stace Smith Pro Rodeos' Dakota Rose, \$1,408; 2. (tie) Blaise Freeman and QTaylor, 82, \$918 each; 4. Clayton Atkinson, 81, \$512; 5. Leon Fountain, 80, \$299; 6. Lucas Macza, 79, \$213.

• Tie-down roping: 1. Ryan Belew, 9.3 seconds, \$1,388; 2. (tie)

Kalai Nobriga, Westyn Hughes and Darnell Johnson, 9.5, \$909 each; 5. Ryan Nez, 9.7, \$431; 6. Weston Crane, 9.9, \$239.

• Barrel racing: 1. Josey Schnauer, 17.50 seconds, \$1,168; 2. Lisa Anderson, 17.65, \$1,001; 3. Brittney Barnett, 17.67, \$834; 4. Kelley Schnauer, 17.90, \$723; 5.

Jean Winters, 17.92, \$556; 6. Lexie Goss, 17.94, \$445; 7. Shelly Lilley, 17.97, \$334; 8. CJ Vondette, 18.11, \$222; 9. Jana Bean, 18.12, \$167; 10. Chris Gibson, 18.18, \$111.

• Bull riding: 1. Trey Kimzey, 77 points on Stace Smith Pro Rodeos' Ranger Walker, \$3,622; no other qualified rides.

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Stampede Rodeo Results

• All-Around: Justin Simon, \$1,388, steer wrestling and team roping.

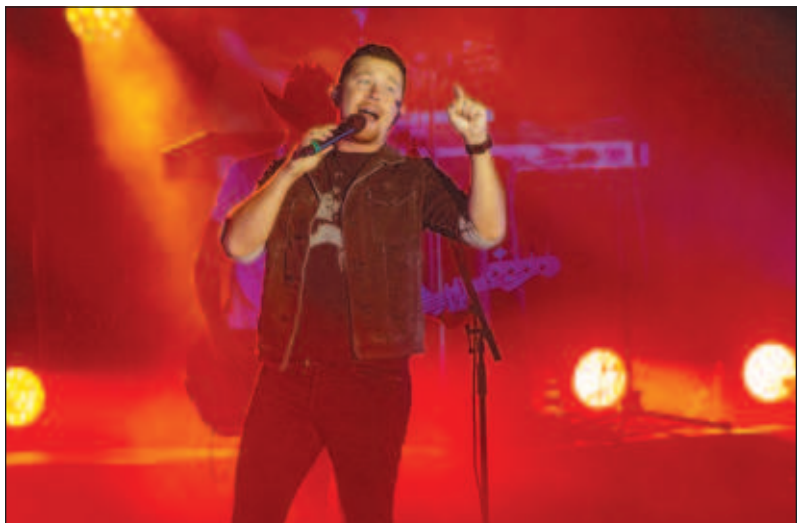
• Bareback riding: 1. Jake Brown, 87 points on Stace Smith Pro Rodeos' Jesse's Girl, \$1,191; 2. (tie) Cooper Bennett and Tim Murphy, 83, \$776 each; 4. Rio Lee, 80, \$433; 5. Kyle Charley, 78, \$253; 6. Brazos Winters, 75, \$180.

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Facing Your Giants

We all go through hard times in this life and have issues we need to deal with. While it's not easy to face challenges or things that have caused pain, it can actually help us if we let God use them to do a good work in us.

James 1:12 (NIV) says, "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."

This verse is talking about how going through difficult times and resisting temptation to do wrong tests and tries us, revealing our true character. It prepares us to pass our "tests" so we can be promoted and move forward in God's plans for us.

It's time to stop running from things that are hard, that we're avoiding or putting off because we just don't want to confront them. I'm talking about issues like debt, an addiction, poor health due to bad habits, unhealthy relationships, messes caused by bad choices that have led you to live in self-pity...or anything else that is making you feel guilty, frustrated and weary.

Maybe you've been living with a broken heart—an emotional wound—that's been bleeding for way too long. Perhaps you have an anger issue, bitterness, or insecurity that causes you to be easily offended and hard to get along with.

Whatever your "issues" are, they are not just hang-ups, weaknesses or things you have to live with. They are giants coming against you in your walk with Christ. And as a believer in Jesus, you don't have to live with any giant—you are a giant killer!

Confront Your Giants
 In 1 Samuel 17, we read about David, the shepherd boy who conquered Goliath, the Philistine giant who was oppressing the Israelite army. David's brothers were soldiers, and his father

sent him to the battlefield to take provisions to them. When he heard about Goliath, David asked, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" (v. 26).

It bothered David that these Israelite men of God were standing around, letting Goliath intimidate them, so he said, "I'll fight him!" But King Saul didn't think he could defeat the giant.

So David told Saul how he had killed the lion and the bear when they came after his sheep. Then he said, "This uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God!" (v. 36).

You've probably heard the story: he took his slingshot and five smooth stones, "ran quickly toward the battle line" (v. 48), and killed Goliath. David used what he had and ran toward the battle—not away from it. God blessed him and made him a giant killer, and He wants to do the same thing for you!

Learn the Best Strategy for Battle

The first step in confronting your giants is making the decision that you won't live with them any longer but you will trust God to help you do what you need to do to be free of them. Your attitude should be: I am a giant killer, and I'm not running from my problems anymore. I'm going to take responsibility for the messes I've made and stop making excuses to avoid them. I'm trusting God to show me what I need to do, and by His grace, I'll do it!

Remember that we are partners with God—we have a part to do and He has a part. He won't do our part, and we can't do His part. When we do what we can do, He will always do what we cannot do. But we have to be willing to obey His direction, doing what He shows us to do.

The next step is to study the Word; look up every scripture in the Bible that addresses the issue and meditate on each

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one. Write them down and put them places where you'll see them often. Pray and ask God to help you apply His Truth to your life. It can also help to read books about the subject, and if you need it, get professional help, like counseling.

As you spend time with God, praying and studying Scripture, He will work in your heart, healing your wounds, strengthening your faith, and showing you how to move forward to overcome your giants.

The truth is, you don't have to live defeated, with a broken heart and emotional pain. Make your mind up today: "I'm not going to stay stuck in the past and give up my future because of something that hurt me. I can't go back and undo it, but I can go forward in Christ. I will be healed because Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted. I am a giant killer!"

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Ladies Aid rummage sale cashes out on an excellent fundraising event

By LYNSIE FERRELL
CREEDE — The Creede Ladies Aid Society rummage sale hit it out of the ballpark two weeks ago. The organization took a year off due to the COVID-19 pandemic but bounced back in a big way in 2021.

“This tiny little town can do such amazing things and be so very generous,” said Ladies Aid member Janet Harrison. “This was a record year for us, and we cannot say thank you enough to this wonderful community.”

Harrison and the other group members spent countless days preparing for their

annual fundraiser.

“The funding raised during this event help people in need throughout the year in our community,” Harrison said. “It allows this organization to give back when things are rough. See a need, fill a need and we had such an amazing turnout from the community, it just fills your heart right to the top.”

Work begins for the event the Sunday prior to the sale. Members gather at the Virginia Christensen Center.

“People come to volunteer, and we never lack for help,” Harrison said. “Everyone comes together and the

process is really quite smooth. The group has been doing this for so many years, everyone just knows what to do. We lay down flooring to protect the gym floor and then everyone takes a section, and we start to set everything up. This year, we had an abundance of merchandise because we had to store things from last year until this year. We have tables donated from local churches and everything we sell was a donation. The event really takes a community.”

The event lasted two days and in that brief time, Ladies Aid took in a record number of donations.

“I am not at liberty to say how much was donated but I can say that it was the biggest amount I believe we have ever had,” Harrison said. “The amount of work that goes into this event in such a short time is a sight to behold.”

Funding from the event goes toward many community outreach opportunities. The organization also makes and sells chile relleno casseroles. This year they sold 180 dishes to people coming to the rummage sale.

“I couldn’t believe how wonderful this event was this year and on behalf of the Ladies Aid, I say thank you to all who helped make it possible,” Harrison said.



The 2021 Creede Ladies Aid Society held a successful rummage sale fundraiser on July 13 and 14. The event was the biggest fundraiser the group has held in many years.



The Creede Ladies Aid Society spent days prior preparing for the annual event making 180 casseroles and setting up for the rummage sale.

South Fork Mushroom Foray is Aug. 6-7

SUBMITTED ARTICLE
SOUTH FORK — This year’s South Fork Mushroom Foray will be held on Aug. 6 and 7. The same agenda is planned for both days, so adventurers need only to sign up for one day or the other. However, people are more than welcome to participate on both days.



Both days start at 8:30 a.m., with an introduction at South Fork Visitor Center that includes quick tips regarding the proper way to identify and collect mushrooms.

The group will then travel to a designated area to look for and collect mushroom species. Once the mushrooms have been collected, the participants will go back to the Visitor Center for identification and discussion.

The registration fee for this event is \$20 per person, per day or \$35 for both days. Space is limited to a maximum of 30 people each day.

Adventurers are advised to bring water, rain gear, sack lunch, small paper bags or napkins to separate specimens, hat, spade or knife, camera, notepad, and pen. And people can also bring a mushroom guide, whistle, sunblock, gloves, hand wipes, walking stick, sunglasses, and GPS.

To register, call the South Fork Visitor Center at 719-873-5512 or email vcdirector@southfork.org.

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to recognize their potential whether it is in animal projects, leadership, or “indoor” projects such as cake decorating, model rocketry, just to name a few.

There are many leadership retreats that youth can participate in as well. Her passions lie with giving youth the tools they need to be responsible and respectful, leaders within their communities.

She believes in creating programing that is unique to each of the different cultures and communities in the San Luis Valley. With so many children struggling to reach their full potential, 4-H believes that young people, in partnership with adults, can play a key role in creating a more promising and equitable future for youth, families and communities across the country.

4-H believes every child should have an equal opportunity to succeed. They believe every child should have the skills they need to make a difference in the world.

“I want them to have all the tools they need for their future,” Young said.

When she isn’t working, Young is

a country girl at heart and loves being outdoors hiking, hunting and fishing.

She likes working with cattle, snow and water skiing, spending time with her family and working with her dog Sage.

To learn more about how you can get involved, visit www.4-h.org/ or www.colorado4H.org or call the San Luis Valley Area Colorado State University Extension Office at 719-852-7381.

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People fill their plates with food during the Cookin' With Our Neighbor event on July 22 at the Center United Methodist Church.

Methodist Church hosts Cookin' With Our Neighbor

BY MECHEL MEEK

CENTER — The Center United Methodist Church held Cookin' With Our Neighbor on Thursday, July 22. There were food and drinks brought by over a dozen community members to welcome a singer to the Church, Gerardo Ortega, who was set to sing the next evening. Unfortunately, Ortega was unable to attend the dinner due to illness, however, that didn't stop the community from gathering to unite and renew their bonds. There were all types of food available to enjoy, from meatballs to homemade bread and of course, desert. The mood was relaxed, the food was plentiful and there was a

sense of excitement in the basement of the United Methodist Church. The Rev. Debra "Debbie" Upton started the proceedings with prayer, followed by introductions. Upton then said, "Be sure to take a plate home because that is what this is all about, sharing with our neighbors and community." That sentiment was felt throughout the dinner, as sharing and reminiscing ensued. The attendees were delighted to sit down together in a simple act that brought normalcy. Community events that were lacking from last year, are now being held again with the opportunity to improve connections with friends and neighbors.

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Over 40 vendors are expected at the Rock and Mineral Show this year in Creede. Mark your calendars and come on out the first weekend in August to the Creede Underground Mining Museum and Community Center.

Creede Rock and Mineral Show is first weekend in August

By LYNSIE FERRELL

CREEDE — The annual Creede Rock and Mineral Show is back so grab family and friends and plan to be in Creede on Aug. 6-8. This show is one of the biggest of the year except for maybe the Fourth of July celebration and brings rockhounds from around the globe to one of the most geologically unique locations in the United States.

According to the Creede and Mineral County Chamber of Commerce, knowledgeable individuals will be on hand at the Rock and Mineral Show to help identify specimens and to discuss the geology of Mineral County, which holds a wide variety of unique features like volcanic dikes and vents, the famous Wheeler Geologic Area (a classic ash deposit),

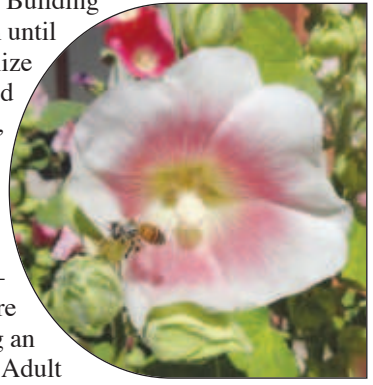
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The annual Creede Rock and Mineral Show is back after being cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event will kick off the first weekend in August and feature three full days of glistening gems, minerals and precious metals galore.

2021 Hollyhock Festival & Arts Walk

SAGUACHE — Join us for a one-of-a-kind festival in Saguache, Colorado. Start at the Community Building located at 525 7th Street from 10 am until 3pm on Saturday, July 31, 2021. Utilize our map to stroll through town and enjoy local gardens, fairy house tours, artist booths and more.



As part of the 10th Annual Hollyhock Festival there will be an “all things Hollyhock” theme for art entries using all mediums in the annual art show and contest. Artists are cordially invited to consider creating an entry in one of the two divisions—Adult and Youth (K-12). The art entries will be judged prior to their display at the Community Building. Winners will be announced.

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‘Unsilenced’ tells powerful untold story

Exhibit can be viewed at Fort Garland Museum

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

SAN LUIS VALLEY — This is a story within a story. It involves two men, each bringing to light in their own distinct ways an event that has gone untold for too long.

One is a director of a museum with an intense passion for the “bigger

picture” and the “broader” history of southern Colorado where he lives and works. The other is a photographer, public artist, activist, and physician who has been working between Monument Valley and the Grand Canyon on the Navajo Nation since 1987.

Together, they are telling a profound, and, yes, disturbing story of what was discovered in the San Luis Valley in 1865.

The result is the exhibit known as “Unsilenced: Indigenous Enslavement.”

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Ted’s Big Steer

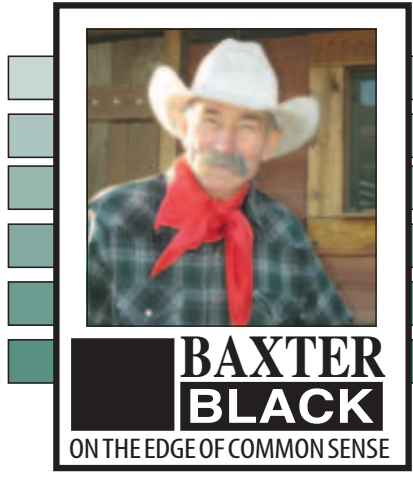
Ted and his dad needed some cows to stock their little ranch in Oklahoma, and they needed ‘em right away. A local trader solved their problem and injected a couple loads into them. By fall Ted began to notice one calf that stood taller than the rest. Must’ve had some Chianina blood coursing through his veins. They called him Alf.

They got the big calf castrated and branded and watched him grow like a weed. After several months Ted gathered a bunch to ship. But Alf ducked back. Ted shook out a loop and gave chase.

“Let ‘im go!” said Dad, “We’ll get him next time!”

Early spring they went to feedin’ cake to the herd. Alf was now a yearlin’. Ted kept thinkin’ he’d get a rope on him but Alf was too smart. He’d hang back ‘til the truck pulled forward then he’d hit the cake. “Yer better off just lettin’ him go,” said Dad. “We’ll get him eventually.”

Over the next two years Ted became a master of the bait - trap - ambush - sneak attack methods of capturing a wild beast. He



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actually tricked Alf into a set of corrals only to see him clear the 4 1/2 foot board fence like a hunter-jumper.

His last fall, Alf was big as an army ambulance.

He let himself get gathered with the cows knowing he could escape at will but Bwana Ted had reinforced his alleys making them too high for Alf to jump out of. Ted sorted

off all the cows but one leaving her in the alley with Alf. You could almost hear the chalk squawkin’ on the blackboard inside Ted’s brain. He backed a closed top stock trailer into one end of the alley and opened the tailgate. He figured he would take both to the sale if both accidentally loaded. Sure nuf, one loaded. The cow of course!

Alf was circlin’ like a hammerhead shark in the shallow end of the pool. Rust and metal filings flew out Ted’s ears as he plotted his next move. With Dad’s help as a diversion (bait, some would say), Ted snuck into the back end of the alley driving the tractor with the loader bucket six feet in the air. Suspended from the bucket with chains was an eight foot steel panel. It just cleared the sides of the alley. Ted drove slowly down the alley until Alf was six feet from the open trailer tailgate. Alf was bouncing off the boards and metal. Splinters flew, welds broke, bolts came loose, cannons boomed, flags fluttered, palm trees bent and waves crashed as Alf turned the earth into a whale wallow!

Ted invoked the cowboy spirit and leaped

up into the loader bucket. His eyes blazed with fury, his body tensed, his mind temporarily left the scene of the impending wreck. He was almost eyeball to eyeball with the raging behemoth. Alf paused in surprise. Ted rose to his full height and screamed at the top of his lungs!

Alf tucked his tail and loaded like a milk pen calf.

When he crossed the scale at the sale the next day, he weighed 1750. Brought nearly a thousand dollars. Dad’s still trying to talk ted into getting’ some more like him.

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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Shady Burro Enduro finds new location in South Fork

BY LYNDIE FERRELL
SOUTH FORK — The Shady Burro Enduro is riding back into South Fork the first weekend in August and will have two full days of races on surrounding forest service trails.

At the beginning of the year, Shady Burro Enduro event planners had a new obstacle to navigate but did so without any issues. Over the past several years, the event had a staging area at the Rhythms on the Rio land located outside of town but because that land was sold, both events needed a new home.

“We have always been so grateful to the Carlson’s for allowing us to stage and camp on their land east of town. We loved the land, loved the Carlson’s and understand their decision to sell. It always offered the perfect location but thanks to the generosity of South Fork we were able to find a new location in town that will allow our riders easy access to trails, local businesses and restaurants,” said event coordinator Scott Bright.

The new staging and camping area is on vacant land located just behind 8200 Sports.

“This new location will be great, and we are so thankful to everyone that made it possible for us to come have another successful year here in South Fork. Being this close to town will be beneficial to the town and our riders,” said Bright’s coordination partner Jud Barlow.

Shady Burro riders will have access to the special OHV route that will take

them from the staging area, up along the legal OHV route to County Road 15 and down to the trail systems. According to Barlow the new location couldn’t have been a better fit for the event.

“It is really cool that South Fork has embraced the OHV community and we will be the shining example of what an OHV supportive community can offer. Everyone is super excited to have us back and we are super excited to come and show how great events

like this can be in communities,” Barlow said.

The race begins Aug. 7 and will feature a 115-mile race for the enduro circuit. On Saturday, the riders will start between 7 and 11 a.m. at the official start location on Highway 149. This 115-mile race takes riders into the Rio Grande National Forest on the south side of town where several courses offering obstacles for riders of all abilities the chance to experience South Fork like never before.

“We have a rotation of trails that we use every year. We rotate trails in order to give trails used in previous years a chance to heal and recover from our use. It is one of the things we take pride in and shows communities how good trail stewardship can be done,” said Bright.

Bright, Barlow and their team have spent the last few weeks clearing trails that recently came up on their rotation for use and have worked with the Boothill Motorcycle Club to create courses for the race that bring back the old school enduro feel.

“The trails we have been working on had grown over, which is exactly what we like to see when we use trails that have gone off of rotation. We cleared over 100 downed trees and cleared several trails for this event,” continued Bright.

On Sunday, riders will once again line up at the starting point along Highway 149 and head to the north side of town to complete a 90-mile course.

“We are graciously asking that travel-

ers be aware of our starting and return times when the riders will be leaving and coming back into town each day. From about 7 a.m. until about 4 p.m. there will be riders along Highway 149 heading to and from trails. Please be cautious,” Bright said.

This year’s Shady Burro Enduro t-shirts will also feature local business sponsors for the event.

“We got in touch with the South Fork Chamber and worked with them to reach out to businesses. Our motto is to leave a town in better shape than what it was when we show up and this is a great way for us to help support the community,” Bright said.

Riders will also be under a strict 10 p.m. curfew now that the staging and



Courtesy of Shady Burro Enduro

The Shady Burro Enduro is headed back to South Fork and has found a new staging and camping area in town located behind 8200 Sports. The event brings hundreds of enduro racers to town the first weekend in August.

camping area is in the middle of town. “We want to be welcomed back here so it is our top priority to do whatever

to make sure that happens. We are so excited to be here,” finished Bright.

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				Accumulated Water Use (ET)				
		Shown (in./day)				2day	3day	4day	5day	7day
		7/25	7/24	7/23	7/22					
Moravian 69	04/05	0.09	0.10	0.12	0.12	0.19	0.31	0.42	0.53	0.79
Moravian 69	05/05	0.20	0.20	0.24	0.22	0.40	0.64	0.85	1.06	1.49
Early Wheat	04/05	0.11	0.12	0.15	0.14	0.23	0.38	0.52	0.66	0.97
Early Wheat	05/05	0.20	0.20	0.24	0.22	0.40	0.64	0.85	1.06	1.49
White Wheat	04/05	0.15	0.16	0.19	0.18	0.32	0.51	0.69	0.87	1.25
White Wheat	05/05	0.20	0.20	0.24	0.22	0.40	0.64	0.85	1.06	1.49
WinterWheat	10/01	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.15	0.24	0.33	0.42	0.62
Potatoes										
Norkotah	05/05	0.21	0.21	0.25	0.23	0.42	0.67	0.89	1.11	1.57
Centennial	05/05	0.20	0.20	0.24	0.22	0.40	0.64	0.85	1.06	1.49
Nugget	05/05	0.19	0.19	0.22	0.21	0.38	0.61	0.81	1.01	1.42
Alfalfa	Est.	0.23	0.23	0.27	0.25	0.46	0.73	0.98	1.21	1.71
Lawngress	Est.	0.19	0.19	0.22	0.21	0.38	0.61	0.81	1.01	1.42

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Roussey is a strong beautiful lab mix. She is very friendly and loves to get attention! She enjoys walks, snuggles and especially “butt scratches.” She is not a fan of other dogs approaching her kennel but she has done well with other meet opportunities. Please bring any dogs in the home to visit with her before adoption.

Emelia is a calm and loving, Husky/Shepherd mix. She is playful and affectionate and loves “butt scratches.” she likes to go for long walks and will let you pet her all day long! She is looking for a secure home that will let her be an involved family member.

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HIPPY program helps children prepare for school

By Marie McColm

MONTE VISTA — The HIPPY program is in full swing. Parents and their children, ages 3-4 years old, are encouraged to enroll in this school readiness program. HIPPY stands for Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters and is a free 30-week program.

Home visitors of the HIPPY program, come into the home either virtually or in person and bring a weekly curriculum for children to engage in with their parents.

The program specializes in fine motor, gross motor, social-emotional, science, creative arts,



and literacy development.

The curriculum helps children learn colors, shapes, letters, numbers, days of the week, and provides hands-on activities that help with other developmental facets.

Because reading is a core part of the curriculum too, each enrolled child receives a new book to keep, every three to four weeks in the program. HIPPY also provides school supplies for children, including a pencil box, glue, scissors, pencils, erasers and crayons. The supplies are offered for free all year, to children that are enrolled in the program.

The HIPPY program also brings

families together with family nights and gives children an end-of-the-year graduation from the program.

The HIPPY program strives to serve diverse communities and is available in Rio Grande, Alamosa, Costilla and Conejos counties.

HIPPY also provides all agencies of the program with both English and Spanish resources to serve everyone in the community.

For more information or to enroll, contact HIPPY Coordinator Beverly Martinez Trujillo at 719-298-1572 or Director Ruth Horn at 719-589-4977. The HIPPY Program is located at the San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center, 300 Ross Ave., in Alamosa.



Photos by Marie McColm

HIPPY is a free 30-week program for children, ages 3-4 years old, and their parents to help them prepare for school. Home instruction is provided either virtually or in person by staff.

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announced at 2:00pm with ribbons, recognition and prizes awarded.

Artists interested in entering their hollyhock creations are asked to bring their entries to the Town Hall in Saguache located at 504 San Juan Avenue. Items should be delivered between the hours of 8am and 4pm starting Monday, July 19th, and no later than Friday, July 23rd. A Hollyhock Committee representative will collect these entries from Town Staff.

The Town of Saguache adopted the hollyhock as the Town Flower in 2012. Since 2013, there have been self-guided tours of town gardens and yards. For 2021, the 12th Annual Arts Walk will also be held on the

same date. Activities that day will include face painting, making hollyhock dolls, master gardener clinic, beekeeping demonstration along with live music, galleries, children's activity area, and a car show.

Any questions regarding the Hollyhock Festival should be directed to Carla Quintana at (719) 530-1707. Artists wishing to participate in the Arts Walk should contact Sarah Krantz by email at saguacheartswalk@gmail.com or by phone at (913) 484-8983. Both of these events are hosted by the Saguache Chamber of Commerce. Feel free to reach out to the Chamber at info@saguachechamber.org

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and the Creede Fossil Formation. Evening programs are Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

Mineral County's geology has fueled a legacy of interest and fascination from early-day prospectors and surveyors to modern mining engineers and mineralogists and mining investors. One of the world's largest volcanic calderas created unusually rich ore deposits that eventually gave birth to the Creede mining district.

Millions of dollars' worth of silver, gold, lead, and zinc were extracted before the last mine closed in 1985. Creede, which survived fires, floods, and mining depressions, became known as the "little town that would not die." The spectacular Pillars of Hercules, remnants of an ancient rhy-

olite wall, frame Creede's bustling Main Street district. Victorian-era buildings today serve as gift shops, restaurants, galleries, and bed and breakfast destinations.

Proceeds from exhibitors' fees benefit the Creede Underground Community Center and the Creede-Mineral County Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. The tunnels and caverns of the Underground Mining Museum, Community Center, and Fire Station were blasted into the solid rock walls of Willow Creek Canyon by three miners and volunteer helpers. The community project was completed in 1992.

Creede is a geologic haven for amateurs and professionals. The 17-mile Bachelor Loop passes old town

sites, mine buildings, and other relics of Mineral County's silver boom. The Last Chance Mine offers tours and rockhounding opportunities.

This event features many opportunities to learn about rocks and minerals. Even beginner rockhounds will enjoy this show. Vendors bring specimens from all over the world and are on hand to answer questions and tell tales of how the specimens were collected. Some vendors have been coming to the show for 20-plus years and are eager to get back after a break due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Call the Creede-Mineral County Visitor Center at 719-658-2374, for more information or visit www.creede.com for a full schedule.

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What - 10th Annual Hollyhock Festival
When - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Where - Saguache Community Building at Otto Mears Park/525 Seventh Street & gardens in the Town of Saguache
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CLUES ACROSS

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6. Icelandic literary works
10. Break in half
14. Japanese mushroom
15. Have offspring
17. Not feeling well
19. A very large body of water
20. Witch
21. Behemoth
22. Speak negatively of
23. Absence of difficulty
24. Pampering places
26. Drives
29. Truck that delivers beer
31. Makes
32. A team's best pitcher
34. __ Carvey, comedian
35. Seas
37. S. American plants
38. Time zone
39. Deviate
40. No longer are
41. Moving in slowly
43. Patrick and Glover are two
45. Living quarters
46. Taxi
47. Pancake made of buckwheat flour
49. Swiss river
50. Not happy
53. Have surgery
57. Formal withdrawal
58. Give way to anxiety
59. Greek war god
60. 2K lbs.
61. Word of farewell

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CLUES DOWN

1. __ ex Machina
2. WWII diarist Frank
3. Concluding passage
4. Supplement with difficulty
5. Title of respect
6. Cubic measures
7. Remnant
8. __ Jones
9. Salts of acetic acid
10. Long, upholstered seat
11. Capital of Okinawa Prefecture
12. A one-time aspect of Egyptian sun god Ra
13. Prefix denoting "in a"
16. Propels upward
18. What we are talking about
22. Prosecutor
23. Employee stock ownership plan
24. He brings kids presents
25. Burmese monetary unit
27. Hurries
28. Injury remnant
29. Tooth caregiver
30. Elvis backup singer Betty

- Jane
31. "The Partridge Family" actress Susan
 33. Midway between east and southeast
 35. Most excellent
 36. Heat units
 37. Possess legally
 39. Food items
 42. Skeletal structures
 43. Challenge to do something bold
 44. Blood type
 46. Sammy __, songwriter
 47. Farmer (Dutch)
 48. Clare Booth __, American writer
 49. Piers Anthony's protagonist
 50. Malaysian coastal city
 51. Hairstyle
 52. NY-based department store
 53. Geosciences organization (abbr.)
 54. Brazilian city
 55. Niger-Congo languages
 56. Gesture

Solution to last week's puzzle

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Mercado Del Norte also provides EBT-card readers so that shoppers can use their food stamps / SNAP benefits to purchase food items. Bring the whole family along to celebrate community, enjoy the summer vibes, and boogie down to some live tunes! Mercado is an inclusive event that welcomes folks from all backgrounds, celebrating the diversity of all cultures, ethnicities, genders, and races.

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RG County Museum and SLV Quilt Guild collaborate on Quilt Show

Items Available for Sale during Del Norte's Covered Wagon Days

DEL NORTE — The Rio Grande County Museum in Del Norte, in

collaboration with the San Luis Valley Quilt Guild, will present a quilt show during Del Norte's upcoming Covered Wagon Days in August.

The show will feature vintage reproduction and contemporary quilts, antique sewing accessories and notions, Sue Spargo wool embroidery and applique, a tuffet and rug ensemble and unique quilt art works

designed by the quilters themselves.

The quilt show will be at the Rio Grande County Museum, 580 Oak St., from Tuesday, Aug. 3 through Saturday, Aug. 14, in association with the Del Norte Covered Wagon Days, Aug. 5-8.

Quilters will be available at the museum during the town's festivities on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 6 and

7. Dozens of quilts will be on display and some items will be available for purchase.

Proceeds of the quilted items on the guild's Boutique Table support charity projects for the San Luis Valley's Victim Advocates and the SLV Health Oncology Center. The museum hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, 10a.m.-3 p.m. Call the museum at 719-657-2847, for more information.



"Dragonflies" by Jan Watkins
Courtesy photo

HVCC summer program ends July 29

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

Hello High Valley Community Center members! We hope you have been enjoying these hot summer days!

The HVCC staff has been working hard to provide a quality experience for the kids that attend, and our hard work has paid off. We have more kids in attendance than ever before! It would not be possible without the support of our community — parents, guardians, family and friends. Thank you!

This past week, the younger kiddos learned some self-defense moves courtesy of Chris Martinez and his staff. Thank you, Chris! The kiddos participated in art projects, science experiments and other activities centered around healthy communication, including healthy social media use.

All the kids enjoyed a day tubing and playing in the San Juan River in Pagosa Springs for the Wednesday field trip. The next field trip will be swimming at the Lathrop State Park's swimming beach.

Our summer program will end on Thursday, July 29. In celebration of our successful summer program, we would like to invite you to attend our HVCC Carnival. There will be fun, games and, of course, food! Our celebration will take place here at HVCC from 2-7 p.m. Everyone is welcome, so please spread the word. We hope to see you there!

Are your kiddos upset that summer program is coming to a close? Don't worry, we have a lot of fun activities planned for the school year! Volleyball and football registration forms will be available in July. Check our website, the-vec.org for updates.

We also are happy to announce that we are partnering with Brade Bradshaw to bring a drama camp to HVCC from Monday, Aug. 2 until Friday, Aug. 6. Registration for drama camp will be available on the HVCC website shortly.

If your kiddos are interested in joining us for the remainder of our summer program or in the fall, you are welcome to register them online. The link to registration is located on our website under the tab, "Register".



Photos courtesy of HVCC

High Valley Community Center students enjoyed a day floating on the river near Pagosa Springs last week. Be sure to come by and celebrate the end of the summer program at their carnival at the end of the month.



Ancient Valley Open Mic back for Fourth Season in Del Norte

STAFF REPORT

DEL NORTE — Ancient Valley Open Mic in Del Norte is a community music series that depends on local talent for its show.

Happening every Wednesday at the new Simple Foods market, 680 Grand Ave., from 5-7 p.m., their shady outdoor listening space is attracting audiences as well as talented musicians from all over the San Luis Valley.

Ancient Valley Open Mic is open to participants of all skill levels and styles. Staging includes a two-channel amp set up for one player with one direct instrument; players are encouraged to bring additional equipment that they need. For more information, contact the director jenni@jennimansfieldpeal.com



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Alamosa duo Beans and Biscuits performs at Ancient Valley Open Mic in Del Norte. Photo by Tom Peal

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CRT 'An Iliad' is worth a trip to Creede

By **KEITH R. CERNY**
Regional Publisher

CREEDE — For many, the atrocities of war are all consuming.

War has rocked this world since at least the 13th or 12th century BC when some historians believe the Trojan War raged against the city of Troy by the Achaeans (Greeks) after Paris of Troy took Helen from her husband Menelaus, king of Sparta, according to Greek mythology as noted in online encyclopedia Wikipedia.

"The war is one of the most important events in Greek mythology and has been narrated through many works of Greek literature," states Wikipedia.

This conflagration was chronicled most notably in Homer's "Iliad," and while some historians argue to this

day that the Trojan War never really happened visitors to the Creede Repertory Theatre have an opportunity to decide for themselves.

"An Iliad" is one of three plays being produced in Seime Park just above downtown Creede and features the sole talents of actor Lavour Addison, who brilliantly portrays the purported conflicts of the days of Troy. His powerful persona could not be matched by many in this dramatic and emotional performance.

CRT's version of "An Iliad" was written by Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare, based on Homer's book as translated by Robert Fagles and is directed by Betty Hart.

"Why should you want to hear a story of isolation, a tale of woe, here in Creede, against the backdrop of

the gorgeous mountain chain that surrounds us here?" Hart writes in the CRT 2021 program. "Because those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Are we, like the Poet, doomed to experience the worst of humanity over and over again, because we won't learn?"

Addison brilliantly memorized about 90 minutes of lines and delivers his dialogue with a powerful voice and perfectly timed action to portray the horrors of war even thousands of years ago. He is aided only by recorded reflections of scores of conflicts around the world since that time through today.

"As the Poet shares the tale of the Trojan War, there is a heart that is breaking, not just for the Trojan War, but for our current world," Hart

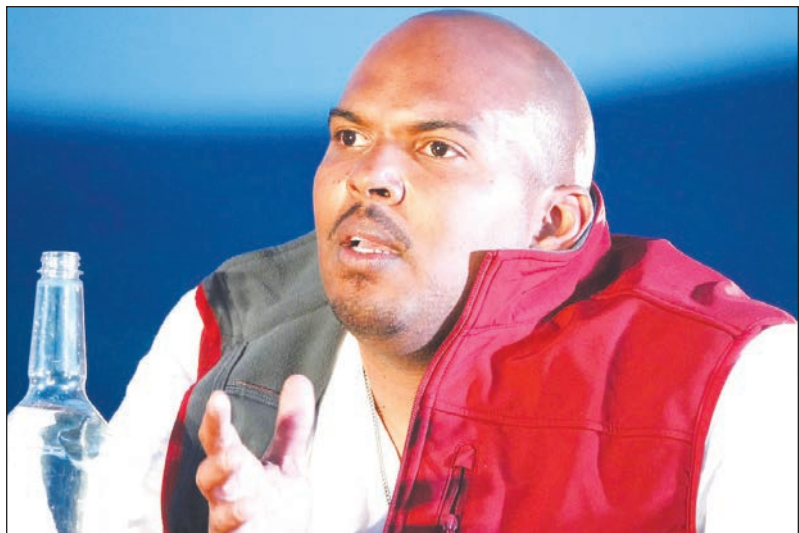


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Lavour Addison in 'An Iliad'

wrote. "What might happen if we decided that war would no longer be tolerated? That war was no longer an option?"

"An Iliad" contains some strong language and descriptions of war and violence so may not be suitable for all audiences.

However, it is a spectacular production set against a backdrop of the San Juan mountains and is worthy of attendance.

Masks are not currently required to attend productions in Seime Park and "box" seating provides ample social distancing. Up to four people may occupy a box which consists of a chalk-marked rectangle in the park's grass. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets and umbrellas are recommended for afternoon shows.

For current schedule of all 2021 CRT events, visit www.creederep.org.

Covered Wagon Days announces schedule changes

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

DEL NORTE — The Covered Wagon Days schedule has undergone some changes this year. The event is set to kick off on Aug. 5 with a quilt show at Kathy's Fabric Trunk that will last throughout the weekend but instead of the annual community dinner, guests are invited to enjoy a night of music and festivities at the Del Norte River Park located just north of town.

Saturday, Aug. 7 is jam packed with events for the entire family as Del Norte honors the people of the West with its annual parade. The day starts off early with the annual Del Norte Library Book Sale at 7 a.m. The sale is the library's only fundraising event, and all proceeds go to the library to help purchase new books, update computer equipment, and pay for activities offered by the library. The library is 103 years old and has come a long way in the last two years.

Also beginning at 7 a.m. the Val Alto pancake breakfast will be at the High Valley Community Center and the Bee's Knees 5K walk and run will take place at 7:30 a.m. It takes participants from the High Valley Community Center up around D Mountain and back to Del Norte.

The parade kicks off with open-

ing ceremonies on Grande Avenue at 10 a.m. and the annual Del Norte Fire Department BBQ lunch starts immediately after at the fire house on Grande Avenue. All proceeds go to help with training and equipment costs for the department.

While out enjoying the day and everything there is to do, don't forget to swing into the Rio Grande County Museum to learn about the Woman of the West and enjoy an ice cream social at 11 a.m.

This year will also play host to Del Norte Bank's 100-year anniversary. The bank worked with local historian and Director of the Rio Grande County Museum to compile a book about the bank's history that will be on sale during Covered Wagon Days. The bank was created on May 9, 1921, and has grown into a substantial financial institution with branches in Del Norte and Creede.

As laws and the banking system changed, the Building and Loan changed, too. While incorporated in 1921, the Del Norte Building and Loan began its long evolution with its first change through the Federal Home Loan Bank System and the Homeowners Loan Act of 1933.

On May 14, 1934, Del Norte Building and Loan Association modified its charter to become Del

Norte Federal Savings and Loan Association. While this signaled a modernization of the Building and Loan system, the mission remained the same. Assuring access to capital to build adequate housing was to be the association's sole mission for another 70 years.

Through the years, the bank found its home in several locations including law offices, the Windsor Hotel at one point but it was not until 1960 when the bank moved into its own building next to the Del Norte Post Office and later into the building where it resides to this day in 2007.

Later in the day there will be more music and festivities at the Del Norte River Park as well as a historical hayride and a mountain man encampment. For a full list of events, visit www.coveredwagondays.com.

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Anderson speaks of creating 'a place'

Asplins stepping down from leadership roles with URGED

BY LYNSIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE — After just over a year and a half, the Upper Rio Grande Economic Development (URGED) organization met for its annual dinner at the Colorado Grille and Tap House in Del Norte. Clark Anderson, Executive Director of Community Builders, was the keynote speaker.

Anderson works with a team of about nine individuals who specialize in different areas to help bring life to small downtown areas and help with ecological and affordable places to live. Anderson and his team help communities understand what they are lacking, where they need to grow and how to do it in a way that would create places where people want to live.

Anderson opened his presentation by asking the crowd of community leaders what they thought stood out in the San Luis Valley communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I am excited to be here with you," Anderson said. "I am really excited to be here in this moment with you as we are coming out of the pandemic and to understand where we are and where we are going. I think this is a really important time to rethink and also encourage change. What did you learn during the pandemic about your communities?"

The following discussion included thoughts about the resiliency of those who live in the San Luis Valley and the desire to come together to help each other when needed. It was also highlighted that each community has something unique and different to offer newcomers who may choose to live in the Valley and how each community leader could use that as building blocks for future projects.

Anderson spoke about his past completed projects in neighboring towns throughout the state and what they did to create desirable places.

Anderson spoke about the need for affordable housing and how URGED could be the leading effort to see that come to fruition.

Several other efforts have been taking place in the Valley to begin the process of creating more homes for people flocking to the area, including the San Luis Valley Housing Coalition. It recently completed a

US 160 La Veta Pass paving July 27-28

COSTILLA-HUERFANO COUNTIES — The Colorado Department of Transportation will perform paving operations next week on US Highway 160, at the summit of La Veta Pass between Alamosa and Walsenburg, mile points 279-280. The two-day road maintenance operations will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, July 27 and 28, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Motorists will encounter full stops; lane shifts and one-lane alternating traffic guided by flagging personnel. Travelers can expect up to 20-minute delays and should allow themselves extra travel time. A speed reduction of 40 mph will be in place and drivers should slow down and use caution when approaching and driving through the work zone.

large-scale housing needs assessment study.

"Let's face it folks. Places are what bring people in," Anderson said. "So, we have to first create the place and I think we are in an opportune time to do just that. It is time to invest in the place you live and create a place for people. If you do this, you will win economically."

URGED Director Marty Asplin opened the dinner meeting.

"We are so happy to see all of you again and so many of you without masks. It is such a pleasure to be able to meet and share a meal once again," Asplin said.

The first announcement of the night was that Directors Marty and Bonnie Asplin were stepping down from their leadership roles for URGED in the next few months. They started the Upper Rio Grande Economic Development organization after seeing the need for community economic and financial support.

Many communities in the western part of the Valley and the Valley are underserved and often forgotten. The Asplins set out to change that by forming URGED. The group is on sound footing, has direction and financial investors.

For more information on URGED, visit online www.urg-ed.com.



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell

The Upper Rio Grande Economic Development organization gathered for its annual dinner on July 13 after meeting by Zoom for over 16 months.

RIGHT: Clark Anderson, Executive Director of Community Builders, spoke during the annual Upper Rio Grande Economic Development dinner in Del Norte on Tuesday, July 13. Anderson and his team work with communities to create places where people want to move and stay and helps to create economic and affordable housing in towns across Colorado and beyond.



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ment in Southern Colorado.” And, in many ways, it is still history in the making.

Breaking the silence with words

When first stepping into the building at the Fort Garland Museum that houses the exhibit known as “Unsilenced: Indigenous Enslavement in Southern Colorado”, there is an overwhelming presence of, ironically, silence. The building, divided into rooms, contains only a few pieces of furniture — a bench along the wall in one room, a table that holds paper where people can write their thoughts in another.

Eric Carpio, Director of Fort Garland Museum and Cultural Center and Chief Community Museum Officer for History Colorado, provides a prologue for the exhibit. Carpio is a tall and soft-spoken man, but when he speaks of “Unsilenced” and the story that accounts for its creation, his voice is a combination of somber respect for the topic and a historian’s appreciation at all that has been shared so far and all that is waiting to be learned.

“This is a history that’s so complicated and sensitive on many levels,” he says. “A lot has been written about the chattel slavery of the southeast. But the enslavement of indigenous people is a story that hasn’t been written about or even discussed very much. But it’s connected to this region, and the census documents we have in the exhibit are remarkable because they’re proof of the practice.”

Carpio explains that, unlike slavery in the south, indigenous enslavement was not legal. After hearing reports of indigenous people being sold and held captive in people’s homes, then Colorado Governor John Evans ordered a census be done to investigate the claims. The task fell to an Indian agent named Lafayette Head who went from house to house in what is now Costilla and Conejos counties.

“Three years after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation and a month after the last slaves were freed,” Carpio says, “Lafayette Head was creating black and white government documentation that the practice of enslavement was still happening in this region. That kind of documentation is very rare.”

Carpio says the 1865 census for both Conejos and Costilla counties list, combined, around 149 names of indigenous enslaved people.

“But Head only recorded the people who were single, writing that, if they were married, they were no longer enslaved.” After a moment, he adds, “I’m not sure what we should think about that.”

What Lafayette Head does not disclose is that, even as he was taking census of enslaved indigenous people, he was holding indigenous people as captives, himself, as were probably some of his business associates, as well.

Inspired by Dr. Andres Resendez, author of “The Other Slavery”, Carpio and his colleagues wanted to “learn what was not known and what was known but not shared or acknowledged.” They reached out to tribal partners impacted by enslavement as well as possible descendants of those who were held captive.

“We were working toward a ‘gathering’ with tribal partners, scholars, descendants and community members,” Carpio says, “but then COVID hit, and that put everything on hold.”

Undeterred, they then did a series of three “memory workshops”, via Zoom. “It was amazing,” Carpio says.

“People were very generous with their time, but many were reluctant to share their memories publicly because, as they put it, they really didn’t know that much about it. Just stories they had heard in their families.”

They also brought in other resource

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people, including a genealogist and people to help interpret stories.

Breaking the silence with images

Footsteps on the old wooden floor echo off the thick, white-washed adobe walls of the building constructed in 1858, and it is not lost on the visitor that the building once housed officers commanding soldiers stationed at the fort to address conflicts with indigenous people.

Despite the deep silence, the story is all around. And it is in the larger-than-life photographs displayed on those white-washed walls where the story of “Unsilenced” begins to be told, and it is done without the need for a single word.

A young, enslaved Navajo boy, who was given the name Gabriel Woodson, stands stiffly next to a wooden chair, one hand wrapped around its spindle, the other holding a hat at his side, his eyes gazing at something or someone just off camera.

In the room beyond, two identical images of Juan Carson, an enslaved Navajo young man who, from the time he was a small boy, lived with “Indian fighter” Kit Carson, are displayed side by side. Like Woodson, Juan Carson is also posed in a common but somewhat unnatural position with one hand placed against his chest.

However, unlike Woodson, Juan Carson comes close to staring straight into the camera, and his gaze, beneath hair cut short and slicked into place, is arresting in its intensity.

Both young Navajo men would ultimately die early in life.

The photo of Deluvina Maxwell, the name given to an enslaved, older Navajo woman, speaks the most clearly. According to Carpio, many of the enslaved indigenous women took care of the children in the families who held them captive.

Although it is not known for sure, such seems to be the case with Deluvina, for, despite her expression that is both dignified and haunting in its sorrowful, mute acceptance, two young children have been placed in her broad lap while a third slightly older boy stands behind and over her, his hand on his hip and his cap at a jaunty angle. All three children appear to be oblivious to the woman upon whom they sit or lean while the photographer captures their images.

Little is known about the individual lives of the indigenous people in the photos on the wall. Their true names before they became enslaved, the stories of their lives before being captured, the stories of those who gave them birth, the stories they were told as children by those in their tribes, even the language they first learned or the songs they first heard have all been lost in the overwhelming silence of captivity.

Within the exhibit are two rooms which tell their collective story — the story of enslavement — with undeniable clarity. Both rooms face south, looking out on the area surrounding the building yet visible from all rooms within.

Semi-transparent, stark white sheets of cotton silk voile are suspended from the ceiling, drifting with the breeze coming through the window as they bear the reproduced image of actual entries from the census conducted in Costilla and Conejos counties starting on July 10, 1865.

The columns on the census say it all. Name — the same last name as their captor. Age. Tribe. And then, the brutal inevitable. When, where and “of whom” they were “purchased.” In almost florid penmanship, the horror of enslavement is spelled out in black and white.

And behind the sheet is the photo of a young Navajo boy, his image drifting in and out of clarity as the sheet moves with the wind.

Carpio, watching, is silent for a moment.

“We don’t know anything about him. It’s hard to even talk about sometimes. The practice of enslavement has impacted the present-day identity of the descendants. It’s impacted the way people view themselves, their identity and their community. It’s a compelling untold story. Maybe... this... will change that.”

ABOUT THE ARTIST: Chip Thomas, also known as “jetsonorama,” coordinates the Painted Desert Project — a community building project which manifests as a constellation of murals across the Navajo Nation painted by artists from all over the reservation and the world. These murals aim to reflect love and appreciation of the rich history shared by the Navajo people back to Navajo people.



ABOUT THE SUPPORTERS: “Unsilenced” is supported in part by M12 Studio as part of its Landlines initiative.

“Thank you to Estevan Rael-Galvez and Ronald Rael who, two years ago, made the work of Andrés Reséndez’s *The Other Slavery* palpable for me,” said jetsonorama. “Thank you, Drew Ludwig, Esther Belin, Eric Carpio, Dawn DiPrince, the Fort Garland Museum staff, Richard Saxton, and the good people of M12 for helping to make this work possible. A special thank you goes to my indefatigable seamstress Delia Charley who completed this project flawlessly and in record time. It takes a village to prevent truth decay.”

The Fort Garland Museum and Cultural Center is in the town of Blanca



in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. For more information about hours and events, go to their website at www.historycolorado.org/fort-garland-museum-cultural-center.

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Logger Days draws large crowds

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

SOUTH FORK — The 2021 Logger Days has ended, and the results are in — the weekend was a hit. Though rain clouds threatened throughout the weekend, people gathered at the South Fork Community Center and watched some epic logging events.

Competitors from around the United States competed for the top spot in several different types of events, including the two-man cross-cut, choker races and much more. For the past 29 years, the South Fork Logger Days has highlighted the talents of people who worked in the forests around the town and has grown into one of the best annual events in South Fork.

Saturday, July 17, bloomed cool and damp as vendors set up shop at the South Fork Community Center. This year, a group of local citizens as well as the visitor center and business owners planned the event with the goal of making it better than previous years. The effort of the planning committee paid off as South Fork welcomed one of the biggest crowds for the event in years. There were a few vendors lined up all along the parking area outside of the center and more inside the building, offering every-



South Fork Visitor Center Director Mark Teders took time away from the office to officiate at the annual Logger Days in South Fork. This was Teders' last year as he will be retiring in the fall.



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell

The 2021 Logger Days in South Fork drew competitors from all over the US to participate in several different logging events like the cross-cut, ax throwing and much more.

thing a shopper could ask for.

There were several times throughout the day that there was standing room only in the bleachers by the event field. People came from all over to see the events take place such as the youth and adult ax throwing competitions, speed cutting and team events.

South Fork Visitor Center Director Mark Teders helped time the events and compiled a list of winners after each event was over. Results will be published once they have been compiled.

Event coordinator and planner Michele Cruse gave a huge shout out to all who worked to make this event happen.

“A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year’s traditional Logger Days festival a success. Travis and Tanna Cross, Kevin Stickens, Cassandra Doyon — the hours and hours you donate to assure a great event, the contestants who participate each year, our vendors who travel to

our event and spend so much time setting up and providing great items for everyone, the people who generously volunteer their time for set up, during the event, and for tear down, our tourists, locals, and part-time locals who attend and support Logger Days and those who generously donate to Logger Days! Thank each and every one of you,” she said.

The South Fork Friends Foundation (SFFF) purchased and donated a sign to the South Fork Community Center that was carved by High Country Carvers.

“The South Fork Friends Foundation would like to introduce the new Community Center sign. We would like to say a big thank you to High Country Carvers for their work on the new bear sign, you guys did an amazing job with this one! Also, a huge shout out to Judee Sandman for the design of the bear. The SFFF will be working toward placing two more bears in our local parks so stay tuned,” SFFF officials stated.



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Crowds of over 200 people showed up each day to watch the Logger Days events in South Fork over the weekend.



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