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Virtual discussion on National Small Print Show judging is June 21

CREEDE — The Creede Arts Council invites the public to take part in a one-of-a-kind virtual discussion with 2021 National Small Print Show Judge, Stephen Quiller. Join Quiller and artists from all over the country as he discusses the selection process for this year's juried virtual show. The virtual discussion will be held on June 21, at 5 p.m. Space is limited for this online, Zoom discussion. Reservations can be made via Eventbrite, at www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-national-small-print-show-discussion-with-judge-stephen-quiller-tickets-155861567143. The link to register will also be available on the CAC website, www.creedeartscouncil.com. Be sure to view the prints in this year's show at www.32auctions.com/creede. The virtual NSPS is open through July 16.

REC directors to serve another four years

MONTE VISTA — SLV Rural Electric Cooperative's incumbents Keenan Anderson, Saguache County (District 3) and Stephen Valdez, Conejos County (District 5) will both serve another four-year term. Anderson received more votes than opponent Chris Tolian Morrissette to retain his seat, while Valdez ran unopposed. The annual business meeting was held Tuesday, June 8; a video link can be found online at slvrec.com/annual-meeting (About Us tab, Annual Meeting).

Warm weather, steady water, guest demand driving Colorado river outfitters outlook

STAFF REPORT DENVER — Late season moisture across most of the state and warming summer temperatures are combining to drive pent-up guest demand for rafters to get out on the state's rivers early this summer. The Colorado River Outfitters Association (CROA) is predicting a return to a "normal" rafting season, projected to run through the end

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Youth Fishing Clinic set for Father's Day weekend

BY LYNSIE FERRELL
SOUTH FORK — The annual South Fork Youth Fishing Clinic is set for Saturday, June 19. The event began over 10 years ago and has become an area favorite. Through the combined efforts of several businesses, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), the Town of South Fork and the South Fork Visitor Center this creates an opportunity for young anglers to get their start and learn about the ins and outs of fishing from area professionals. Youth are asked to gather this year at Tucker Ponds, located about 15 miles outside of South Fork along Wolf Creek Pass on Forest Service Road 390. It is a pleasant drive through the Rio Grande National Forest and with runoff beginning to taper off, the roads leading to the

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SF Friends Foundation yard sale huge success

BY LYNSIE FERRELL
SOUTH FORK — Residents and guests came out in droves on Saturday to do one thing and one thing only — find treasures at the annual South Fork Friends Foundation's yard sale. This year the event took a turn for the better and had 27 locations for yard sales throughout the South Fork area. Several of the locations were multi-family yard sales and everyone who came out to seek those elusive treasures had a difficult time going home empty-handed.

From the South Fork Friends Foundation, "Thank you to everyone who came out to South Fork on Saturday to enjoy a day of yard sales! Another successful event under the South Fork Friends Foundation's belt. We look forward to next year's event!"

The South Fork Friends Foundation is a small volunteer group that began with a huge vision for South Fork and its surrounding community and started with a small event. The event was the South Fork Yule Tide which though started small quickly grew into the hopes and dreams of those involved. Next was the yard sale and other generous donations that brought time and money with one thing in mind: to better South Fork.

"Recently, we turned official and became an unincorporated, nonprofit association. Our vision is singularly focused: to build a large coalition of Friends who commit to donating \$100 per quarter annually (the approximate cost of a nice dinner for two) to fund projects and events that benefit South Fork because South Fork is our cause. And we are actively pursuing new members."

The South Fork Friends Foundation has other projects on its list for the coming year and has set up an opportunity for the community to contact them and tell them what they would like to see. In the past year, the South Fork Friends Foundation has completed the following projects: Donated money to the Town of South Fork to help purchase a skate shack for the ice-skating rink. This allowed



Photo by Lyndsie Ferrell

The annual South Fork Yard Sale was a smash hit on Saturday, June 12, with well over 20 families participating in the event.

skaters to put their skates on in a lighted, warmed building before getting on the ice.

The foundation also donated to the 25% off Dine-in South Fork Program. When South Fork restaurants took a hard hit in March of 2020 during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town of South Fork, the South Fork Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of South Fork partnered to assist local restaurants.

People who participated in the yard sale on Saturday, June 12, graciously donated items to the South Fork Friends Foundation for another yard sale fundraiser that will take place sometime in August.

"Don't forget the SFFF is still accepting

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SLVREC looking at ways to provide rebates to members

Annual meeting also includes 'partial contract requirements'

STAFF REPORT MONTE VISTA — The San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative (SLVREC) held its annual meeting on Wednesday, June 9, and one of the topics was the goal to cut wholesale rates by 8% by 2023. The goal was from a 2020 announcement by the board of directors for Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association.

The first step in reaching that goal was a 2% reduction in wholesale rates that was announced in April of this year and will be retroactive to March. There are three components of the initial 2% rate cut — transmission demand, generation demand and energy.

The reduction in wholesale rates translates into a reduction in cost for SLVREC.

"We just got these numbers in April so we're still working [on how this will translate into savings]," stated Loren Howard, CEO of SLVREC, "but because we are not for profit, any money that is saved will go back to our members."

The specifics of how those savings will be rebated to customers is currently under discussion. Howard stated that a recommendation is being developed and will be presented to the board of directors of SLVREC at their meeting on June 29, after which members will be notified of plans going forward.

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Covered Wagon Days to return in August

BY LYNSIE FERRELL
DEL NORTE — Covered Wagon Days has been a part of Del Norte's history, but like many events throughout the world, the town's beloved event was canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, the Del Norte Chamber of Commerce and several partnering organizations announced that Covered Wagon Days will be taking place later this summer. Beginning Aug. 5 through Aug. 8, the town of Del Norte will be hopping with something fun every day. All the events honor Del Norte's rich history and rough-and-tumble past as well as



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OBITUARIES

Robert Myers

The family of Robert Myers invites the community to gather at the Center United Methodist Church June 19, 2021, at 2 p.m. for a celebration of his life.

Life-long Valley resident, Robert William "Bob" Myers, died March 14, 2020. He was born in Monte Vista, Colo., on June 24, 1926, to Willie Jennings Myers and Edith "Betty" Gibson Myers. He was raised on a farm in the Sargent area and graduated from Sargent High School in 1944. After high school, he became a sailor in the US Navy and served aboard the USS Fargo at the end of World War II. When his Naval service ended, he attended Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical College, now Colorado State University, in Ft. Collins. It was while attending college that he met Bernice Marlatt of Longmont on a blind date. That blind date led to a wedding on May 23, 1948, and a marriage that lasted over 68 years. Bob and Bernice settled on a farm east of Center where they farmed for 54 years and raised their four children.

Bob was a knowledgeable and hard-working farmer. He loved the mountains surrounding the San Luis Valley. He was a hunter, fisherman and enjoyed "jeeping" with family and

friends. He was an avid John Deere enthusiast, collecting and restoring many antique John Deere tractors. Other interests included history, geology, astronomy, and reading. Bob and Bernice enjoyed traveling. They not only traveled in the United States, but were lucky enough to visit every continent on Earth. Their most memorable trips were three cruises to Antarctica and touring with the Two-Cylinder Club in Europe and Australia. They enjoyed taking their 5th wheel trailer to Mexico in the winter months where they would camp near the beach with friends and family.

Bob served on the San Luis Valley Irrigation District board, the Colorado Groundwater Commission, the San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District board and as a director of the Federal Land Bank Association. Bob twice received the Coors Grower of the Year Award and one year the Coors Environmental Conservation Award. He was a member of Center United Methodist Church where he served in many ways.

He is survived by his daughters Linda Kay Myers Haverland of Littleton, Colo., and Janet Lee Myers of Center, his son John D Myers (Ginny



Bond) of Hooper. He was a very special Grandpa to 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews and many friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Bernice, his brother James R Myers of Center, his son Steven W. Myers of Alamosa and his son-in-law Jack Kuntz of Center.

Memorial contributions can be made to Center United Methodist Church or the charity of your choice.

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

Tillie Gonzales Velasquez

Tillie Gonzales Velasquez was born June 15, 1925, in Los Valdeses, Colo. She passed away on May 24, 2021, in Walla Walla, Wash., three weeks shy of her 96th birthday. She was the daughter of Anita E. and Jose Benigno Gonzales of Los Valdeses, Colo.

She is survived by John D. Velasquez, her husband of 73 years. She is also survived by two daughters, Cindy (Eric) Byrd and Lorraine (Kelly) Grebb, and two sons, Dale (Kathy) and Ben (Elaine). She came from a large family, so she is also survived by four siblings, Bernice Field, Vertina Hernandez, JoAnn (Phil) Sanz and Frank (Dolores) Gonzales, as well as numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Rosary will be conducted at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, 645 Pine



St., Del Norte. The funeral mass will be celebrated at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, 645 Pine St., Del Norte, Colorado, on Friday, July 9 at 10 a.m.

Henry (Hank) Lawrence Nichols

Mr. Henry (Hank) Lawrence Nichols, of Creede, Colo., passed away suddenly on Jan. 6, 2021, at the age of 91.

Hank was born to parents Ralph and Bertha Nichols on July 24, 1929, in Liberal, Kan. He was the youngest of eight and graduated from Moscow High School. Hank's father passed away when Hank was a young child. The entire family pitched in together to make it through the depression.

At the age of 16 Hank started farming for himself and spent the rest of his life working with his hands as a rancher, farmer, machinist, mechanic, and welder. He drove a school bus, he was a Stevens County Kansas County Commissioner, a Moscow Kansas School Board Member, and an active member of the Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by

his parents, his siblings, Gene, Arthur, Russell, Jim, Ruth, Merna and Mya, his oldest son, Casey and his wife, Joy.

He is survived by his daughters Becky Nichols, Ruth Talbott, and Robin Hilsabeck; his two sons, Terry Wetherill, and Mark Wetherill; his grandchildren Misti, Brooke, Shad, Brady, Mindy, Ashley, Brittany, Tiffany, Brandon, Tyler, Ivy, Avery and great-grandchildren Dylan, Kyler, Zachary Jayden, Jessalyn, Jayce, Liam, Adonika, Izaiyah, Aristeo and his great-great-grandchildren Kyla and Lily.

Cremation was chosen. Friends and family are invited to attend Hank's celebration of life at the Creede Congregational Church on June 19 at 2 p.m. The family will have a private burial ceremony immediately following the service.

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert (Bob) Myer

The family of Robert (Bob) Myers invites you to join us as we celebrate his life on July 13 at 3 p.m. at 2513 E. County Road 3 N, Monte Vista. Dad passed away March 14, 2020, and due to the COVID-19 pandemic we chose to delay this celebration, we will have a memorial service to celebrate his life with a dinner to follow.



Jordi Lamb Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life for Jordi Lamb will take place at the Sunnyside Chapel in Creede on June 20 at 7 p.m. There will be a potluck following the ceremony and those who plan to attend are requested to bring a dish to share.

For more information, visit www.southfork.org.

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FISHING

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two 10-acre ponds should be in great condition in time for the clinic.

According to CPW, the two Tucker Ponds are easily accessible and offer plenty of room for everyone to spread out after the clinic to test their new skills. Rainbow trout are usually plentiful year-round but are stocked specifically for the event to ensure that the little anglers have the chance to catch the "big one."

CPW officers offer several stations during the clinic that teach the fundamentals about fishing and the rules and regulations that must be followed. All stations are set up with fun activities and interactive ways to relay important information. Children come from far and wide to attend the event and they receive a rod and reel, donated by CPW, after

the event.

South Fork Visitor Center Director Mark Teders is usually on site to teach participants tips to help them become great anglers. Teders is especially talented when it comes to tying a fishing lure to the end of the line.

CPW also has a station where participants can learn to cast. Poles with weights attached to the end of the line serve as a great way to learn the basic skills of how to cast a line out into the deeper parts of the ponds. This station is one of the favorites every year.

Once the clinic is complete, participants can head on out to the ponds to fish. A hotdog lunch is provided. Participants can bring their fish to the weigh station to see how big their fish are.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Father Knows Best

This Sunday we celebrate Father's Day and people everywhere will buy cheesy gifts and present them to dad.

And he will smile and ooh and aah over the polka-dot tie, multi-tool from some clearance shelf or other item he really does not want, nor need.

And we do this because that is our job. That is how the "junk drawer" comes into being and holds said items until we die, and the kids throw them out. I can only hope my son saw the advertisement to buy dad a new truck as he is short on the gifting idea train.

Way back in the Stone Age there was a radio show later turned into a television series called "Father Knows Best."

The radio version was vastly different from the one developed for television as the dad on the radio series was tough and a little cutting and mean and called the kids names like "stupid." You know? Real life.

The TV version had a much softer approach from the father, and he only offered sage advice to kids who always seemed to be in a pickle. You know? Fake life.

Now even though Ol' Dutch is "old as dirt," according to Miss Trixie, I don't recall watching it much growing up or even later so maybe it was on a church night which seemed to be every night for me.

And before you say that much church sure didn't seem to help Ol' Dutch, let me remind you many people have already said it so that phrase is worn out when it comes to me.

Miss Trixie often wonders just what good that much churching did me also and thinks that time might have been better spent at the local boys home or even the penitentiary.

I don't know about you, but my father did know best at least according to him and as I grew up and had children of my own, I found out that he probably did.

But there is one thing I have found out in my long sojourn upon this planet and that is "Father No's Best."

I can recall driving my mother insane enough that she would send us to the city pool for the day. Now that was real punishment.

But let me just try those shenanigans with Dad and soon you were weeding the yard, picking up trash, mowing the grass, washing windows, or painting the church. It's like poking a sleeping bear and expecting good results. Will not happen.

I soon learned after I had kids of my own that we dads just don't have the same fuse length as the



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

women who birthed those same munchkins.

Women somehow are possessed with a tremendous amount of patience best seen in their ability to put up with men.

People always remark that Miss Trixie must either be doubly blessed with patience or be an angel to live with Ol' Dutch.

But I think my handsome good looks, singing ability and constant filling of the larder with fish, deer, elk, bear and pronghorn to be redeeming enough to overlook some tiny unnoticeable imperfection on my part.

We all heard our dear mothers say, "just wait til your father comes home" and sometimes that meant a seat warming party which at least got our attention for the moment.

And this was applied far from the old brain box and on a part of the body with plenty of cushion and never in anger so let it go. We all turned out fine. Didn't we?

My own kids had some brain disease whereby they minded most of the time. And my son's kids are afflicted with the same thing.

I know this is unusual in some households and it may be attributed to being exposed to radiation somewhere near Las Vegas. It may be wearing off a tad in Granddaughter #1 as she is nearing her teen years and no amount of radiation can cure that.

But regardless of your upbringing or if you are currently undergoing trying times with tiny demons of your own, celebrate fathers' day this Sunday.

And at least pick up a few new fishing lures, a box of ammo or a package of beef jerky for the old boy that fathered the brood. Then make him take all of you out for a nice lunch.

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



The Monte Vista Journal 133 years of news

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

By REBECCA COPLEY

MONTE VISTA — "Publick Occurrences, Both Forreign and Domestick," was the first multi-page newspaper to be printed in America all the way back in 1690 before the revolutionary war and standardize spelling. Newspapers have informed, shaped, and recorded much of America's history since then, and are still an important part of many communities today.

The Monte Vista Journal has been informing the community of Monte Vista for well over a century now. According to Emma M. Rigenbach's history book "A Bridge to Yesterday: An Early History of Monte Vista, Colorado," the Journal was founded in 1888 by the father of James and Palmer Contant. Rigenbach wrote that the family came out west from Maine. James and his brother Palmer Contant ran the paper together for many years after their father's death.

Rigenbach writes that back then the motto of the Monte Vista Journal was, "Peas, Pigs, Potatoes, and Prosperity." The paper showcasing the San Luis Valley and its agriculture which is still an important part of the community today. The newspaper was usually eight pages with an ad for Fassett Store and a column.

Back in the early days subscriptions to the Journal were \$1 per year.

Rigenbach also wrote, "Many times produce of one sort, or another was accepted instead of cash for subscriptions or advertising. Ads sold for .15 an inch."

In her book Rigenbach also gives a taste of what life was like in the early days of Monte Vista writing, "In the early days there were lots of fist fights, but no gun fights on the streets of Monte Vista. The worst crime was to steal a horse and every so often a horse thief got himself hanged."

The Monte Vista Journal was not Monte Vista's first paper, but it has been the longest running. The Gazette was the first paper published in the town back when it was still called Henry. The first issue was printed on July 15, 1884. Rigenbach writes that the newspaper, "Pledged to change the polices of the new town, which banned saloons, and gambling houses. One issue stated that the 'settlers who had bought land on Aldrich's dry ditch wished that they had given their money to the foreign heathen instead.'"

The Gazette was quickly followed by the San Luis Valley Graphic when they published the first issue on Oct.

6, 1884. The paper continued for many years and was a contemporary with the Monte Vista Journal into the 1900s, but it was later sold to the Monte Vista Journal.

Another later newspaper was born in 1915 called The Monte Vista Tribune. Erl Bigelow who brought the newspaper to Monte Vista had previously published the La Jara Chronicle. It continued in circulation until it was finally merged with the Monte Vista Journal in Dec. of 1932.

Although the news business has changed throughout the centuries, with rise of technology causing many people to turn to radio, television, the internet, and social media for their information.

I still believe that newspapers hold an important place in our communities. They are a physical record and a rough draft of the history of our communities. Each new edition published of the Monte Vista Journal is a continuation of the legacy of those who came before us. Newspapers not only serve to inform us, but also connect us, celebrate our achievements and the places we call home.

LETTER

Be careful what you pray for

Editor,
I just finished reading the two Letters to the Editor on Page 3A of your June 9, 2021, issue about filibusters. Both authors hate them. Both authors also clearly identify themselves as "socially conscious Democrats." Both essentially pray that we somehow put a permanent end to the filibuster. Their plea is a shining example of the wisdom of the adage — "Be careful what you

pray for." As is typical of zealots, history is the "dish" from which they must eat their words.

Yes, passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act was delayed by a 60-day filibuster before it was finally passed in a somewhat weaker form. The filibuster was led by 19 U.S. Senators, obviously evil, white supremacists. Shame, shame, shame on them. But here's the true

and painful history of that terrible deed: 18 of the 19 Senators who participated in the filibuster were, are you ready for this, Democrats. That's right, 18 out of 19 Senators, roughly 95 percent, who spoke almost endlessly against Civil Rights were Democrats.

I suggest both authors — be careful what you pray for.

John S. Wilder, Monte Vista



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SALE

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item donations for our Feed the Bears Fundraising Sale in August. If you have household items laying around you might not need, we will take them! Proceeds will be put back into South Fork in the form of bear signs in local parks and the Community Center," the group stated.

Donated items must be clean and in good shape for resale. The donation dropoff site is located behind the old Hungry Logger building.

For more information, send SFFF a Facebook message or email info@friendsofsouthfork.com.

Donation Drop Off Dates & Times Feed The Bears Fundraiser



- June 19
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- June 26
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- July 17
 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
- July 24
 - 12:00pm - 2:00pm
- July 31
 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm

We will be hosting a huge yard sale in August as a fundraiser for new park signs in town!

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raise money for local veteran services.

The following is the schedule of events that was announced by the Del Norte Chamber of Commerce. There will be some changes to the events, out of an abundance of caution for safety with local COVID restrictions.

The weekend begins Thursday night, Aug. 5, with a Quilt Show at Kathy's Fabric Trunk that will run throughout the weekend.

Later that evening will be the annual "Meet your Neighbor" potluck at 6 p.m. at the River Valley Inn Nursing Home. Come meet the community with this fun and interactive event, that not only showcases homemade recipes but allows guests to interact with neighbors and friends. River Valley Inn is hosting this year's event and invites the community to come and tour the home, meet the staff, and say hello to residents.

Friday, Aug. 6, at 6 p.m. come out and enjoy some barbecue with a pig roast at the big tent next to Lowe's Market on Highway 160 and support local veterans. The center hosts this annual event as one of its main fundraisers, with all proceeds going towards the center and activities for local veterans. There will be live entertainment provided by The Dean Family.

Saturday, Aug. 7, is jam-packed with events for the entire family as Del Norte prepares to honor the people of the west



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with their annual parade. The day starts early with the annual Del Norte Library Book Sale that begins 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 this year 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. 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.

At 8 a.m. that annual Pie Sale will

take place at the Ruth Marie Center where people can come and purchase pies with proceeds going to activities held at the center. The parade kicks off with opening ceremonies on Grande Avenue at 10 a.m. The annual Del Norte Fire Department barbecue lunch starts immediately after at the firehouse 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 that will take place at 11 a.m.

A full list of activities can be found at www.coveredwagondays.com.

YOUR NIGHT SKY

Omega Centauri Viewing

By DARLENE DANKO

Omega Centauri is the largest globular cluster in the Milky Way and contains about 10 million stars. It has a diameter of 230 light years and is 10 times more massive than a typical star cluster. What is interesting about this cluster is that it most likely doesn't have planets and is not home to life.

The stars are packed so tightly that there is only 0.16 light years between them. That is close. The closest star to our Sun is 25 light years away. There is a possibility that this was a small galaxy that the Milky Way absorbed. What is interesting about Omega Centauri is that it is the brightest of all the globular star clusters close to us. It is only visible in the southern United States April through June.

To look for it, first find the Big Dipper high up in the sky. Then follow its handle down to the star Arcturus. Then follow it down to the bright star Spica. I have written about these two stars before. They are currently in the south-south-west. When you find Spica, look straight down low in the sky to find Omega Centauri. It is 35 degrees below Spica.

The only problem is that if you live with a lot of mountains around you, it may be behind



them. With unaided vision it will look like a faint fuzzy star. Then with binoculars or a telescope, it will look bigger and brighter.

We have some good news. The Lookout Mountain Observatory in Del Norte is finally holding a public meeting on Saturday, June 19 at 7 p.m. That will be at the Rio Grande County Court House annex at 965 6th St. followed by a star party at the Del Norte observatory. You should bring a flashlight to walk up the rocky trail from the Annex to the observatory. There has not been a decision as to whether we need to wear masks, so you should bring one just in case.

June 20 is the longest day of the year as summer begins. On June 21, Venus blazes about 5 degrees from Pollux. Look low in the northwest sky about 45 minutes after sunset because they will set fast. Venus is just to the lower left of Pollux, and Mars is to the upper left of them, making it visible longer. Have fun observing!

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Equal Housing Lender

Busy 24 hours for CCSO, Flight for Life

Hikers received assistance in three separate incidents

BY PRISCILLA WAGGONER
CONEJOS COUNTY — Last week, the Conejos County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and Flight for Life completed three search and rescue missions within a 24-hour period, all in the same general area. Two were separate events and within just minutes of the other.

On Tuesday, June 8, CCSO received an emergency call for help via an InReach GPS Responder from two people stranded on a cliff in a snowfield near Gunsight Pass in the San Juan Wilderness area, approximately seven miles west of the town of Platoro.

Conejos County Sheriff Garth Crowther and CCSO personnel responded along with a Flight for Life helicopter team out of Durango.

Crowther, CCSO deputies and the helicopter team successfully reached the stranded hikers and assisted them to safety. Undeterred, the two hikers continued their trek.

The next day, CCSO received another emergency call for help from the same area near Gunsight Pass. A husband and wife from the Los Angeles area had been attempting to descend a steep avalanche chute when a rock broke loose and rolled down the mountainside, striking the woman in the left leg and rendering her unable to walk.

Again, CCSO personnel and Flight for Life from Durango responded and were airlifted into the area. Once on the ground, they climbed up the avalanche

chute to the injured woman and flight nurses attended to her injuries.

As the flight nurses were attending to the woman, another hiker — unrelated to the couple from Los Angeles — fell in the snow-covered chute and tumbled several hundred feet down the mountainside.

The nurses stabilized the woman and then, along with responders, immediately hiked to the fallen man who came to rest in a small patch of shrubs.

According to a statement from CCSO, "The male victim was stabilized, carried off the mountain by responders and loaded in the first Flight for Life Helicopter. A second Flight for Life helicopter was dispatched out of Pueblo for the injured female. Both of the injured hikers were taken to Pagosa Springs for further medical attention."

The rescued hikers were trekking the Continental Divide Trail (CDT), a trail that starts in New Mexico at the U.S. border with Chihuahua, Mexico and covers 3,100 miles through five states, ending in Montana at the Canadian border. Listed as one of the three trails that make up the "Triple Crown" — those that are the longest and most challenging — the CDT is only completed by 100-200 hikers a year, despite being started by many more times that number.

The CDT takes about 150 days to complete (hiking an average of 24 miles a day), gains and loses a total of about 457,000 feet in elevation, is pretty much guaranteed to eat through four or five pairs of shoes over the course of the journey and takes hikers through extraordinary, remote and occasionally frightening terrain.

And if that's not enough information,

there's a collection of websites to fill in the gaps, featuring stories such as "The Heartbreak and Horror of the Continental Divide Trail," videos like "Just how dangerous is the Continental Divide Trail?" or blogs listing the "Top five things that scared the s*** out of me while hiking the CDT."

Comments from people who have finished the trek frequently mention the "San Juan Mountains in Southern Colorado" as a beautiful part of the trail with stretches that require hikers to be "crazy brave."

None of this comes as a surprise to Sheriff Crowther whose office gets numerous emergency calls each year for lost, injured and sick hikers attempting the CDT. Between "peak season in the spring and summer months" and "calls to rescue snowmobilers, cross-country skiers and snowshoers in the winter," CCSO responded to 40 calls last year alone.

"Some of the rescues are very complex," Crowther said, "and then some are people just making a wrong turn who need help finding where to go."

CCSO is responsible for all search and rescue calls in Conejos County, which, in addition to the regular duties of law enforcement in a rural area, makes the office a very busy place. Luckily, they're helped by a team of volunteers, but Crowther's first choice is to cover the call with deputies.

"If it's too big, then we reach out to the volunteers. But we hate to take them away from making their living, so if we can cover it, we do," Crowther said.

Teaming up with Flight for Life was Crowther's idea, implemented after being elected sheriff in 2018, and he describes the crews out of Durango and

Pueblo as an "invaluable, professional and irreplaceable asset to the sheriff's office."

Looking to expand those assets, Crowther is also meeting with Reach in Alamosa to hopefully work with them, as well.

As far as this past week is concerned, Crowther expressed his gratitude to the Flight for Life crews "for their professional response and assistance in these emergencies."

As far as his experiences this week

are concerned, Crowther said what one would expect of a man willing to get out of a helicopter and climb down a snow-covered avalanche chute to help a hiker who literally fell into some trouble.

"It makes you feel good when you can help people in their time of need," Crowther said.

The Conejos County Sheriff's Office is seeking donations to buy a snowcat to use in the winter. Anyone interested in contributing should contact the sheriff's office at 719-376-2196.

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of July or mid-August on most rivers across the state.

Based on current conditions, CROA forecasts the following outlook for rivers across the state:

- **Western Slope (Taylor & Animas):** With snowpack at 70% this year, lower water levels may hit earlier than normal, but outfitters are expecting great family runs through mid-August and perhaps later.

- **Colorado River:** The river near Glenwood Springs is currently seeing higher flows due to contributions from the Eagle River and Roaring Fork. Flows are currently slightly lower than normal near Kremmling due to early season water being held in the reservoirs. When the reservoir water is released later in June, levels will come up and runs will last through September.

- **Clear Creek:** Clear Creek is currently running strong and anticipated to run through the end of July and perhaps into early August if weekly moisture continues. *Current access restrictions are in place for tubing-type activities only near Golden; not commercial rafting outfitters.

- **Poudre:** Benefitting from great late-season moisture, the Poudre River will likely provide strong runs through

August. *Current access restrictions are in place in Fort Collins for tubing-type activities only; not commercial rafting outfitters in Poudre Canyon.

- **Arkansas River:** The Arkansas' Controlled Flow program should ensure water for recreation through mid-August.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for Annexation of territory hereinafter described has been presented to the Town of South Fork, Colorado Board of Trustees and found to be in apparent compliance with the applicable provisions of law. The Town has adopted a resolution setting a public hearing to be held at 6:00 P.M. on June 22, 2021 at the South Fork Community Building, 254 Colorado State Highway 149 South Fork, Colorado 81154 to determine if the proposed annexation complies with the applicable requirements of law.

Any person may appear at the hearing and present evidence upon any matter to be considered by the Board of Trustees.

A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto.

Given this 12th day of May, 2021

Town Clerk

THE TOWN OF SOUTH FORK RESOLUTION 2021 - 08

A RESOLUTION FINDING SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE OF A PETITION FOR THE ANNEXATION OF A TRACT OF LAND TO THE TOWN OF SOUTH FORK, COLORADO AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNEXATION

WHEREAS, the landowners, (who comprise 100% of the landowners of the territory, in the area proposed to be annexed) have petitioned for annexation to the Town of South Fork, the following described territory, to wit: See Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

WHEREAS, having received the petition for annexation, the Board of Trustees is required under the Municipal Annexation Act of 1965 to determine whether said petition is in substantial compliance with C.R.S. § 31-12-107(1), and, if so, to follow the procedure set forth in C.R.S. §§ 31-12-108 to 31-12-110.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Town of South Fork, Colorado:

1. The Board of Trustees hereby finds that the petition for annexation is signed by 100% of the landowners in the area proposed to be annexed and owning 100% of the area excluding public street and alleys and any land owned by the Town of South Fork.
2. The Board of Trustees hereby finds that the petition for annexation is in substantial compliance with the requirements of C.R.S. § 31-12-107(1).
3. The Board of Trustees hereby finds that it has the necessary jurisdiction to proceed with the annexation of said territory.
4. The Board of Trustees hereby determines that it shall hold a public hearing to determine if the proposed annexation complies with C.R.S. sections 31-12-104 and 31-12-105, as amended, to establish whether or not said area is eligible for annexation under the Municipal Annexation Act of 1965, and to make an initial zoning determination, said hearing to be held at a regular meeting of the Town Board on June 22, 2021, South Fork, Colorado.
5. The Town Clerk will refer said petition to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of South Fork for a zoning recommendation for such tract, and the Commission is directed to provide such recommendation to the Board of Trustees prior to the public hearing.
6. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to give notice of said public hearing in accordance with the provisions of C.R.S. 31-12-108(2).

INTRODUCED AS A RESOLUTION AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH FORK, COLORADO, ON THE 11th DAY OF MAY 2021 AND DETERMINED BY ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Mayor Reed	<u>YES</u>	Trustee Patterson	<u>YES</u>
Mayor Pro-Tam Schmidt	<u>YES</u>	Trustee Sparrow	<u>YES</u>
Trustee Cruise	<u>YES</u>	Trustee Stickens	<u>YES</u>
Trustee Morgan	<u>YES</u>		

RESOLUTION 21 - 08 PASSES X / FAILS

DONE AND SIGNED this 11th DAY OF May 2021.

Attest:

Dan Hicks, Town Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Eugene L. Farish, Town Attorney

No. 4678 published in the South Fork Times, Thursday, May 27 and June 3, 10 and 17, 2021.

Storage units # 21, 25, 26, 29, 37 will be sold at Elk Country Storage 84 Four Seasons Dr. South Fork. Sat. June 26 9 AM. No. 4682 published in the South Fork Times, Thursday, June 17 and 24, 2021.

Legal Notice: "San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) will be conducting a record and file update this summer. We will be destroying all special education records of students whose files have been closed since July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. This affects students from Alamosa, Centennial, Center Creede, Del Norte, Moffat, Monte Vista, Mountain Valley, North Conejos, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo, Sargent, Sierra Grande and South Conejos school districts. If any students or guardians want their complete file you can request it from the SLV BOCES office at 719 589 5851 on or before July 2nd, 2021. Please include students Name, date of birth and your relationship to the student. Identification will be required."

No. 4680 published in the South Fork Times, Thursday, June 3, 10, 17 and 24 and July 1, 2021.

**TOWN OF SOUTH FORK
ORDINANCE 2021 - 03**

An Ordinance of the Town of South Fork by the Board of Trustees amending the South Fork Municipal Code for the purpose of additions and changes to zoning for Recreational Vehicles

WHEREAS, the recreation vehicle industry, requirements by owners of recreation vehicles, and recreational vehicle parks and subdivision throughout the nation have evolved significantly since the creation of the South Fork municipal zoning code for recreational vehicle parks and subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Fork, being funded primarily by retail sales tax from residents and visitors, including recreation vehicle owners, desires to attract owners of recreation vehicles to stay in recreational vehicle parks and subdivisions located within the Town limits by updating the municipal zoning code; and

WHEREAS, the municipal code restricts usage of recreational major subdivisions to a seasonal usage only; and

WHEREAS, allowing recreational vehicle major subdivisions with individual subdivided lots to have full year access for their lot owners and members will enhance South Fork as a location for owners of recreational vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the South Fork municipal code restricts the use of accessory structures on subdivided lots within a recreational vehicle major subdivision; and

WHEREAS, allowing subdivided lots within recreational vehicle major subdivisions to have accessory structures will enhance South Fork as a location for owners of recreational vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the South Fork municipal code restricts the use of accessory structures in the common areas of the recreation vehicle major subdivision; and

WHEREAS, allowing accessory structures in the common areas of the recreational vehicle major subdivision will enhance South Fork as a location for owners of recreational vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission approved resolution PC - 02 on May 19, 2021 recommending to the South Fork Board of Trustees to approve the changes to the South Fork municipal code contained herein:

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of South Fork that the following changes are to be made in Section 16 of the South Fork municipal code:

- Regarding year round usage:**
 - Section 16 - 5 - 70 (d) (1)
 - Change existing section to read as follows:

"Recreation Vehicle Parks are intended for seasonal intermittent use. Recreation Vehicle Subdivisions, where there are subdivided recreational vehicle lots that are owned by individuals or an overall membership organization of which individuals are members, may have year round usage under the following conditions;

 - The central water system, central sanitation system, and all other utilities and related facilities are designed, engineered, and installed for year round usage and also are accessible for service and maintenance all year.
 - The main entrance, emergency entrance, and streets are designed for all seasons, marked, and maintained (including snow removal) year round by the central owner or membership organization.
 - Board of Trustees approval for year round usage."
 - Section 16 - 5 - 70 (d) (2)
 - Change the existing section to read as follows:

"Permanent residency of the manager or other employees in the operation of the recreational vehicle park is permitted, provided the number does not exceed in number the criteria defined in section 16 - 5 - 70 (e) (2)."
 - Regarding Accessory structures:**
 - Section 16 - 5 - 70 (e)
 - Change the title of this section to the following:

"Accessory structures; (also for general criteria reference section 16 - 6 - 20)"
 - Section 16 - 5 - 70 (e) (2)
 - Change first sentence of the existing section to read as follows:

"One (1) single-family dwelling is permitted for the owner or manager of a recreational vehicle park or recreational vehicle subdivision for each 50 recreational vehicle spaces or lots."
 - Section 16 - 5 - 70 (e) (8)
 - Change the first sentence of the existing section to read as follows:

"The following structures are prohibited in recreational vehicle park spaces:"
 - Add Section 16 - 5 - 70 (e) (9)

"The following structures are permitted on any subdivided lots within a RV major subdivision:

 - One single family dwelling and / or one accessory structure permitted on a RV subdivided lot.
 - Architectural design standard for the RV major subdivision; all dwellings and accessory structures must have exterior walls made of similar material and be of the same color. All roofs must be metal and be the same color. The color of siding and roof must be darker earth tone with low reflectivity and consistent throughout the subdivision.
 - Each RV subdivided lot must adhere to the RV subdivision Zone District Standards for setbacks and heights listed in Table 16 - 8.
 - Each structure must comply with the building code.
 - Exterior lighting on all structures must comply with section 16 - 5 - 70 (g).
 - Minimum landscaping on each subdivided lot is to include two (2) live evergreen trees on the lot.
 - The residential building permit application, approval process, and associated fees apply to all structures."
 - Add Section 16 - 5 - 70 (e) (10)

"Upon approval by the Board of Trustees the following commercial structures are permitted within a RV Major Subdivision. Structures must conform to the building code, permit process, and architectural standards established for the subdivision which include matching materials and color used for exterior walls and roofs:

 - Office structures for management, maintenance and or sales activities.
 - Structures to house central water, sanitation, and other infrastructure facilities.
 - Recreational Vehicle / ATV outdoor washing facility.
 - Retail store(s) for use by RV subdivision residents, lot owners or members, renters, and guests. Not for use by the general public.
 - Enclosed central storage structure."

INTRODUCED AS AN ORDINANCE AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH FORK, COLORADO, ON THE 25th DAY OF MAY, 2021 AND DETERMINED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Mayor Reed	<u>YES</u>	Trustee Patterson	<u>Excused</u>
Mayor Pro-Tam Schmidt	<u>YES</u>	Trustee Sparrow	<u>YES</u>
Trustee Cruise	<u>YES</u>	Trustee Stickens	<u>YES</u>
Trustee Morgan	<u>YES</u>		

Ordinance 2021 - 03 passes X / fails

DONE AND SIGNED this 25th Day of May, 2021.

Dan Hicks, Town Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Eugene L. Farish, Town Attorney



CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Ordinance was approved and adopted at the regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of South Fork, Colorado on the 25th day of May, 2021, and published in full in the South Fork Times, a legal newspaper for the Town of South Fork on _____, 2021.

Dan Hicks, Town Administrator

No. 4681 published in the South Fork Times, Thursday, June 17, 2021.

Growing Pains that Produce Amazing Results!

Have you ever hired a professional to prune a tree in your yard? Dave and I have someone to do that for us and there are times when he's cut the branches back so far that I've said to him, "There is nothing left. You have totally destroyed our tree!" But he told me, "You just watch and see." And sure enough, before long the tree was much better looking than it was before.

Just like trees need pruning from time to time to remove dead branches or areas where there is overgrowth, you and I need to be pruned or reshaped at different times in different areas of our lives. We may not enjoy the pruning process, but when it's over, we're much better off than we were before.

You see, God wants us to be at our very best—spiritually, emotionally and physically.

John 15:2 (AMP) says, "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that continues to bear fruit, He [repeatedly] prunes, so that it will bear more fruit [even richer and finer fruit]."

It's good for us to stop and evaluate our lives sometimes and ask God to show us if there are things that need to be cut off because they are hindering our growth in our relationship with Him. Ask yourself: Am I dragging around "dead branches" in my life? Maybe it's a bad relationship, an old wound from your past, or a negative attitude that keeps you from enjoying life to the fullest.

It would be nice if we could see what God sees and say, "Yes, God. Let's get rid of that dead branch." But many times we're too afraid to give up what we know for something new that we just can't see or understand.

The truth is you can be miserable dragging those dead things around or you can go through the pain of letting

God "prune" them away. Even though it's uncomfortable, the best thing you can do is let God prune you, because after the hard part is over, you will see some amazing results!

God doesn't want you to struggle all the time. He loves you so much that He will never give up on you. As we allow Him to speak into our lives, He teaches and trains us to be kind and gentle, peaceful and patient, loving and forgiving like Him. But we cannot develop that "fruit" on our own.

John 15:4 (AMP) says, "Just as no branch can bear fruit by itself without remaining in the vine, neither can you [bear fruit, producing evidence of your faith] unless you remain in Me."

In other words, we need to spend time with God.

Our relationship with God is about much more than going to church on Sunday and reading the Word as a religious duty. He wants a personal relationship with each of us.

When we stay connected to God through meaningful Bible study and prayer, we're remaining in Jesus. God wants us to be so rooted and grounded in His love that nothing can shake us—so we're able to bear good fruit in even the hardest, most difficult seasons of life.

God has a good plan for your life. He wants to take you to the next level in your relationship with Him, but there are some things that He wants you to leave behind—past hurts, insecurities, or anything you look to for a sense of security other than God Himself.

Don't ever be afraid to surrender to God so He can prune the things that are hurting and hindering you from moving forward in your relationship with Him.

The apostle Paul said, "...One thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,



I press on toward the goal to win the [heavenly] prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14 AMP).

Make a determined decision to let go of the past and press on to experience a fuller, richer, more abundant life in Christ.

Pray today: "God, I'm tired of dragging this heavy load around with me. I'm ready to let it go so I can get on with my life and experience a closer relationship with You. Help me to know that You love me and that You will work everything out for my good."

If we will totally give ourselves to God, He will give us His best for us. It may not be what we thought we wanted, but it will be exactly what we need. And it will be greater than anything we could have asked for.

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SLVPHP provides tips for coping with smoky skies

STAFF REPORT

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Another dry summer means increased wildfire activity and potentially smoky skies in the San Luis Valley. The San Luis Valley Public Health Partnership encourages residents to be proactive in protecting their health when wildfire smoke or dust is present in the air. Be informed and take action to protect yourself if conditions are unhealthy, whether an official warning or advisory has been issued.

Keeping windows open during nice weather in order to increase ventilation while the pandemic continues is a smart idea. But, when there is smoke, it's better to use other ways to clean indoor air. See some ideas below.

- Use a portable air cleaner in one or more rooms. Portable air cleaners work best when run continuously with doors and windows closed.

- Whenever you can, use air conditioners, heat pumps, fans, and window shades to keep your cleaner air space comfortably cool on hot days.

- If you have a forced-air system in your home, you may need to speak with a qualified heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) professional about different filters (HEPA or MERV-13 or higher) and settings ("Recirculate" and "On" rather than "Auto") you can use to reduce indoor smoke.

- Avoid activities that create more indoor and outdoor air pollution, such as frying foods, sweeping, vacuuming, and using gas-powered appliances.

- People who have difficulty breathing indoors on smoky days may want to try wearing an N95 or P100 respirator indoors.

Most healthy people exposed to light wildfire smoke recover quickly and don't suffer long-term problems.

However, some factors can increase this likelihood, such as,

- Exposure to very heavy smoke or exposure over a longer period of time
- Children, elderly and pregnant women
- Those with pre-existing asthma, COPD, or other chronic lung or heart diseases

One way to gauge risk is by checking visibility. If visibility is less than 5 miles, levels are unhealthy, and people should stay indoors if possible. The 5-3-1 method can be a helpful guide, and it can be found at nmfireinfo.com/smoke-management.

Use good judgment to take care of your body. If you feel bad, no matter the visibility, make sure to stay inside or get to an area with better air quality. Some symptoms, like dry cough, sore throat, and difficulty breathing can be caused by both wildfire smoke exposure and COVID-19. Other symptoms like fever or chills, muscle or body aches, and diarrhea are not related to smoke exposure. Check with your doctor as needed. If you have severe symptoms like difficulty breathing or chest pain, immediately call 911.

For more information on air quality in your area, go to the following website <https://fire.airnow.gov/> and put in your zip code to see data from air quality sensors and monitors near you. Each sensor/monitor location provides an air quality index (AQI) based on the amount of particulate matter in the air. It will also show how far away certain fires are, and whether a smoke plume is in the area.

For more information on COVID19 and Wildfire Smoke, see www.cdc.gov/disasters/covid-19/wildfire_smoke_covid-19.html.

HVCC excited about session

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

DELNORTE — Hello community members! Summer session at High Valley Community Center has officially started! We are so happy to see the kids again and meet new friends as well.

Tuesdays and Thursdays the kids spent time drawing chalk art on the sidewalk, painting planets, participating in scavenger hunts and of course, playing outside on our playground.

The kids visited the Great Sand Dunes National Park and swam at the Sand Dunes Swimming Pool. Next week, the kids' fieldtrip is to be determined. We will be in touch

with caretakers when we find out more information.

The junior staff members were set loose on the community this past Thursday. The junior staff typically will be helping with various community service projects in the morning and will assist local businesses in the afternoon.

The goal of the project is to integrate the older youths into the community through hands on experience and community service. If your child is seventh grade or older, they are welcome to sign up for junior staff. They must also be registered through HVCC. More information is on our website, thehvcc.org.

We are also excited to announce that our summer baseball games have begun. We have games scheduled with Sargent, Monte Vista and Center. Baseball game schedules are located on our website, theHVCC.org under the heading, "Baseball Updates!". If you are unsure of where your child needs to be or if you have any other questions, please give us a call at 719-657-2172.

We would like to acknowledge Isaac and Max for their good deeds this past week. Both boys helped wipe down tables so the other kids could eat off a clean surface. Thank you, boys! Great job. Enjoy your week, everyone! Please stop by and say hi if you are in the neighborhood.

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"The savings will be given back to members," Howard emphasized.

On the topic of savings to members, SLVREC has stated that its use of renewable energy sources is designed to save members on their energy bills. When asked to provide specifics about the amount of savings involved, Howard stated that SLVREC has two power purchase agreements.

One power purchase agreement is with a small hydro facility located northwest of South Fork. According to Howard, that agreement, under which SLVREC purchases power at a wholesale cost, accounts for about 1% of the power SLVREC provides. According to Howard, that small hydro facility does not save members any money.

However, the second agreement, with the Penitente Solar facility located west of Center, does save

money as the cost for power is less than the wholesale cost. Penitente produces 2% to 3% of the kilowatt hours provided for members and results in, roughly, a 1% savings.

"We support renewable energy," Howard stated. "We have an active net meter member program for those members who want to put solar on their house. Our rates are also designed to make sure the people who put solar on their house are paying their fair share and other members of REC are not subsidizing those members [who are installing solar]. But if members want to put solar on their house, we support that. Almost every day, I get a new application where someone wants to put solar on their house or business. And Penitente does save us money. To the extent that we can find installations like that or negotiate those agreements like that,

we will."

A second announcement made in 2020 by Tri-State Generation and Transmission addressed "partial-requirement contracts" that would allow member cooperatives to potentially self-supply more power than what their contracts with Tri-State currently allow.

SLVREC is currently allowed to self-supply a maximum of 5%. The two power purchase agreements with the hydro facility and Penitente Solar provide 4% of their kilowatt hours.

Howard stated that SLVREC is currently looking for other installations to provide the 1% self-supply usage SLVREC is currently allowed but operational considerations limit choices due to the inability of the Tri-State system to put excess power "on the grid," resulting in the need for all power to be consumed.

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Local resident shares concerns over communication towers

City states placement of towers is regulated by FCC

BY REBECCA COPLEY

MONTE VISTA — “I have some bad news and some good news,” Marianna King told the Monte Vista City Council at their meeting Thursday, June 3, during her presentation on the hazards of communication towers.

King said she became interested in electromagnetic radiation when she lived in Los Angeles and that her interest has continued.

Her presentation came during the public comment portion of the agenda.

“It’s called electronic pollution. Communication towers have been shown to be detrimental to wildlife and of course we have the cranes. And also, to have a negative impact on businesses and the value of property,” said King. These and other findings were detailed in a book that she left them called, “An Electronic Silent Spring: Facing the Dangers and Creating Safe Limits,” by

Katie Singer.

King said these towers present serious health hazards. A communication tower stands close to City Hall.

“EMF ‘chronic’ exposure is See **TOWERS** on Page 3



Photo by Brian Williams

A cell tower next to the Monte Vista City Hall.



Photo courtesy of Adams State University

Adams State University Aspen Stephens helps fellow students run tests on samples collected for the National Science Foundation grant research on the relationship between cattle and creeks.

Grazing research project looks at vital connections between creeks and cattle

BY LINDA RELYEA AND KAITLYN KELLEY

ALAMOSA — Cattle and creeks — who knew they had so much in common? But a unique research project allows Adams State University faculty and students to look at their connections and the vital role they play in the San Luis Valley.

For generations, cattle ranch-

ers have supplied the market with quality meat and contributed to the economy. Mountain creeks are essential for a great diversity of life, from microorganisms to a bull moose and algae to the towering ponderosa pine, as well as providing a natural resource for fishing and a pleasant location for picnics or camping.

Water and beef — livelihoods for sure and starting in the fall of 2020 an opportunity for Adams State University students to conduct scientific research on their relationship. In 2019, the National Science Foundation awarded a \$1.8-million grant to Adams State to study the effect of cattle grazing on woodland

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Father’s Day

Mother gave me a small box of old pocket watches and a book entitled “A Practical Course in Horology.” It was a Christmas gift. A family heirloom, of sorts.

“I don’t know if you’ve got anything of your father’s,” she said. “Fixing watches was his hobby. I thought you might enjoy these.”

A wave of emotion swept through me. Although the sensation lasted only seconds, I felt the complete awareness of how much of me was him.

“Did I get anything of my father’s?” I should say so.

Agriculture, for lack of a more glamorous word; cowboy, livestock veterinarian, horseman, meats man, cattle feeder, animal scientist. This that I am, he gave to me. I don’t mean specifically my first horse, ol’ Maggie when I was in the 3rd grade. Nor even the evening milking chores I started at



age nine. But the whole encompassing gift of the world of soil and sky and grass and animals and manual labor.

I grew up speaking the language of agriculture. It was his language and that of his

family. Over the years I became absorbed in and by his farming heritage. His father was a horseman, as well as some of his siblings, my cousins, and now my children. They were livestock people, cowmen, small farmers, cotton, grain, row crops, big gardens, chicken yards, pig pens, milk cows, draft horses, tractors, combines, pickup trucks, windmills, coon dogs, barn cats, big Sunday dinners, fishin’ in the tank and goin’ to church.

His family was musical. They all played instruments. It was literally in their blood. Grandpa, aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers, sisters, children and grandchildren. They play...we play, I should say, as easily as some people swing a bat, bake a pie or shoe a horse.

He wrote songs. I have a box full of his old songs, lyrics only. The notes are not written. The melodies all died with him. I have a notebook full of living room hits of

my own. Only the words are written down. I don’t read music either.

They say he was a raconteur, an entertaining public speaker and could tell a funny story. That’s how I make my living today.

So to my sweet mother who raised us, I say thanks for the watches and the book on horology. But even without them I can say with gratitude and fondness that, yes, I have something of his...I am my father’s son.

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Teaching Forestry at the Youth Conservation Camp

There is nothing more terrifying than planning to teach forestry and fire concepts to elementary students in their final year. I mean, they know a lot! Right? For the past few weeks, all I could think of was that old TV show hosted by Jeff Foxworthy, "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?" I'd been planning to present at the Youth Conservation Camp for month now and the days finally arrived this week when I took the stage at the beautiful Youth Camp at Beaver Creek. It turns out, I had one of my best experiences since arriving here on the Rio Grande NF.

All the teachers are laughing right now but they know how I felt. Later, I realized that the feeling was unwarranted. Somehow, I knew that. The thing about it was determining precisely how much material to present to them because they will surely gobble it up and beg for more. Well, I made it through camp and all I can think of now is that I want to go back! The energy oozing from those students was intoxicating! I'll figure out what additional information to give them. Surely my boss will be ok if I don't return to the office. It's for a good cause, right?

The "cause" is promoting good land stewardship with each generation. From my experience at this year's camp, the future is very bright. My partner Katie Goodleaf and I had the pleasure of presenting to, and interacting with, students that went by camp names such as Anaconda Annika and Tiger Treven. All the students were eager to learn and had not one ounce of hesitation to engage and learn new concepts. I jokingly threatened the kids with a 10-mile hike until I learned that they would actually like to take one. But we dove right in. A short hike here and we met some local trees, blindfolded. Another hike there and we reminded the kids of the water cycle. With real hands-on activities they deftly displayed their knowledge of that critical concept. Then, we went right into the water to explore the wonderful world of macroinvertebrates. You wouldn't

believe it! There are more tiny critters in that water than you might ever imagine. It was an absolutely wonderful activity and the kids all said it was one of the favorites.

After drying our feet and having lunch we met a local fire crew stationed at the Saguache Ranger District. The firefighters put on a good show by showcasing the various tools and equipment used in wildland fire fighting with the highlight of allowing the kids to spray water from the engine. The captain told me later he was sure we had one or two future firefighters in the group. I hope so.

Speaking of fire, we introduced the students to the concept of fire dependent ecosystems and showed how a couple of area tree species have learned to adapt to frequent fire over the millennia. This topic naturally led right into the concept of the successional stages of a forest. The students seemed to intuitively understand this concept.

On the final day we gathered in an aspen grove and learned about the various ways to observe and understand all that a forest has to offer. 10 minutes of near motionlessness is quite the accomplishment for an 11-year-old! We noted rotting logs that will eventually become soil, cavities that house unseen creatures, and the abundant markings of elk scraping or tasting the aspen stems. We closed out the camp with one of our "sharing circles." In these beneficial sessions, the person holding the "speakers pinecone" had the floor and was able to share their insights and feelings. You can't imagine my pleasure when all of the students stated that they enjoyed themselves and had learned so much. And they supported that with speaking quite intelligently about the concepts we had explored.

I want to give a shout out to the folks that organized the camp. From the Rio Grande Watershed Conservation Education Initiative (RGWCEI), Hannah and Bethany helped me through the planning process as much as they could. I felt welcomed and valued to be a part of this great

endeavor. I will definitely plan on attending next year's event. I only wish I didn't have to wait that long!

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Land, Water and People

BY GREGG GOODLAND

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



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*Construction Debris (non-compactable)	\$1.82	\$2.00
*Freon Unit	\$36.42	\$37.00
Junk Vehicle	No Charge with Title	No Charge with Title
*Mobile Home – In County	\$145.66	\$500.00
*Mobile Home – Out of County	\$436.98	\$1000.00
*Small Animal (400 lbs. and under)	\$9.10	\$10.00
*Large Animal (401 lbs. and above)	\$18.21	\$19.00
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Mercado Del Norte is a brand-new community event that will hold its first market on Thursday, June 17 from 3PM to 7PM. The event will be on the block of Spruce Street, next to Simple Foods and Carthers Roadhouse, between Hwy 160 and 5th Street. The event will run every Thursday from June through early September.

Mercado Del Norte is a lively farmers market event featuring the best local produce vendors as well as unique, handmade arts and crafts vendors. The event will also feature LIVE MUSIC from local musicians as well as big-name hits through the season!


The event organizers all live locally around the town of Del Norte, and are excited to create this special space for our community members to gather, enjoy live music, and shop the variety of local goods offered by market vendors. The market will feature EBT readers for purchasing fresh produce. We will have hand sanitation stations and will follow CDC-approved guidelines.

Bring the whole family along to celebrate community, enjoy the summer vibes, and boogie down to some live tunes! Mercado is an inclusive event that welcomes folks from all backgrounds, celebrating the diversity of all cultures, ethnicities, genders, and races.

Mercado Del Norte is also seeking more vendors. Vendors must apply online at www.MercadoDelNorte.org under "Vendors." Check us out online and on Facebook to stay updated, and see you at the Mercado!

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harmful both short term and long term,” King said.

Though most companies only look at ‘SAR’ measurements (specific absorbed radiation), there is current research showing that EMF exposure causes blood clots, headaches, behavioral problems, visual-auditory disturbances, and cancer especially brain tumors, King said.

“Care should be taken to avoid placing communication towers near residences and schools and I might add City Halls,” King said. “Children are far more susceptible to the effects because their tissues are thinner and softer. Research also indicates nerve excitation resulting in behavior problems in children.”

Physicians for Safe Technology

list safeguards that include not allowing communication towers within a quarter of a mile of schools, residences, and businesses, King said.

King said that because of the higher frequencies involved, there will be more 5G antennas in more locations and that care should be taken that no antenna communications towers be aimed low enough to penetrate house walls.

King also said that smart meters communicate at 2.4 GHz and that they will eventually be at 5G frequencies. She said a survey should be done to determine if alias frequencies — frequencies that result when two radiation sources are “cross talking” — will be present at ground level when communications towers are placed.

“In California 136 towns and cities have taken this research seriously and have banned more communication towers and placed restrictions on existing towers,” King said. “I suggest that the City of Monte Vista calls for a citizens task force to investigate the problem further and to make recommendations for action to the City Council. This is necessary to safeguard the health and well-being of people who live and work in Monte Vista.”

King asked to be put on the agenda for the next City Council and said she could answer any questions from city staff or council.

City Manager Forrest Neuerburg said placement of communication towers was regulated by the Feder-

al Communications Commission.

Neuerburg said local authority is preserved in siting cell towers and other antennas and that under 47 U.S. code 332 Mobile Services there is limitation that states “No State or local government or instrumentality thereof may regulate the placement, construction, and modification of personal wireless service facilities on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such facilities comply with the Commission’s regulation concern-

ing such emissions.”

Neuerburg said they have a rigorous set of standards that must be met by anyone wanting to erect a cell tower within city limits.

“If they show that their emissions met the FCC (Federal Communications Commissions) requirements and they have a certification thereof, which they will, and you deny their application base upon health standards — it will automatically be appealed to a Federal court and the city will lose,” Neuerburg said.

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streams.

Kathleen White, who graduated this spring, loved being out in nature and getting to know professors and classmates better.

“It was amazing being able to be a part of the research and have a say in a lot of it,” White said.

Role of natural geography

In the summer of 2020, Adams State professors and staff across science disciplines began initial work on the project. They visited potential locations for the research and discussed how to safely and accurately guide students in collecting samples through course-based undergraduate research experiences (CUREs).

According to NSF Grant Project Director Aaron Montoya, students and faculty together gathered, analyzed, and interpreted the data during their gateway STEM courses and as part of the coursework for these classes. The goal is to provide students more opportunities to experience research early in their college career.

Of course, choosing locations was an important aspect. The San Juan Mountain Range to the west was formed through volcanic activity lending to a more undulating territory as opposed to the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range to the east, formed through upthrust creating steeper grades and slopes. These differences go beyond geoscience as cattle are less likely to thrive on grazing areas that are difficult to navigate. Therefore, only the San Juan’s public lands are leased to fatten livestock during the summer months.

Adams State students used the process known as the Rapid Stream Assessment Survey to measure the health of Rock Creek, in the San Juan Mountains, compared to North Crestone Creek, located in the non-grazed public lands of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

Pandemic didn’t stop research

COVID-19 presented real challenges to implementing the study. In future years, all students in gateway STEM courses will have the opportunity collect data from the mountain streams. However, COVID travel restrictions made this impossible last year.

Rather than limit or stall the grant, professors hired students to work with them to collect the samples and then presented the collection techniques to the large groups of students back on campus.

Students on campus analyzed and interpreted the data in their course while being mentored by Adams State upperclassmen and faculty.

The collection samples taken by Adams State students Coby Baer, Alexis Becker, Autumn Herrera, Aspen Stephens and White quantify the impacts on the ecosystem, including impacts on soil, water and organisms.

Stephens, a junior, found learning microbiology laboratory techniques interesting and fun.

“I practiced problem-solving skills and learned more about research strategies in ecology, biology, and microbiology,” Stephens said.

The students not only collected samples from the water but also assessed the quality of trees, grass, and other vegetation with a scoring sheet to see the impact of grazing.

“There was a lot of planning and lots of different elements that went into this type of research,” White said.

The seniors presented their findings to the biology classes, which sharpened Stephens public speaking and teaching skills and helped her better understand her role in research. Although it did the same for White, it also pushed her out of her comfort zone.

“I am not going to lie, presenting was nerve-raking, but it prepared me for future presentations and helped me get more comfortable with doing so,” Stephens said.

Unique work for scientific research

Montoya and co-principal Investigator and Assistant Professor of Biology Dan Gibson-Reinemer, Ph.D., appreciated aspects of the project not always associated with scientific research.

“I enjoyed the chance to bring a more tangible and unknown question to the General Biology I class they investigated as first-year students, which may spark a lifelong interest,” Gibson-Reinemer said.

It was also a new, positive endeavor during a challenging year.

“It was nice to uncover new questions and discover elements of the unknown during the otherwise restrictive time of the pandemic,” Gibson-Reinemer said.

Montoya is excited about the total immersion for students in creeks. The CURE courses also work to deepen cultural knowledge about water in the West.

“We explore the kind of stories that our students have with creeks

as part of their culture. We ask the students to write about what a creek means to them and their heritage as well as study the hard scientific research,” Montoya said.

The research continued in general biology classes as well as general chemistry courses this spring.

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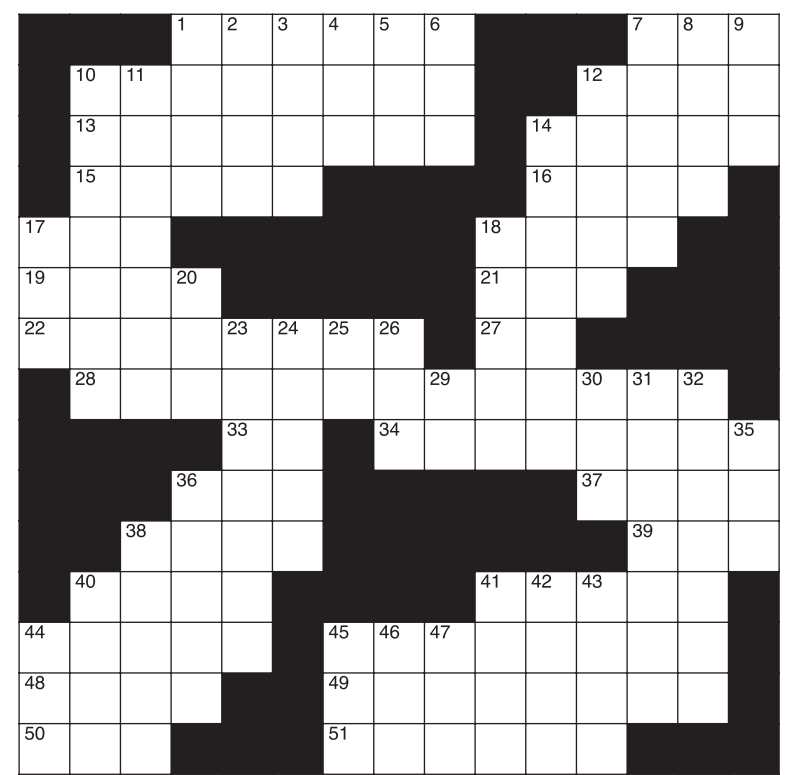
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10. Most aged
12. Fitted with a shoe
13. Courteously
14. They form over cuts
15. Western Alaskan river
16. Aggressive men
17. Farm animal
18. Young woman (French)
19. Sixth month of Hebrew calendar
21. Short cry
22. State capital
27. Rural delivery
28. “Twilight Zone” creator
33. Gigabyte
34. Flammable hydrocarbon
36. Supervises flying
37. An actor who plays a principal role
38. Furnace for pottery
39. Fall back
40. Afrikaans word for language
41. Chinese city
44. Fleishy
45. Inventor
48. Taxis
49. A citizen of Spain

Solution to last week’s puzzle

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50. Important age for aging workers (abbr.)
51. Body part

CLUES DOWN

1. Chinese mountain range
2. Romanian city
3. Fishermen cast it
4. Shelter from wind
5. Sign language
6. Pigpen
7. Make sore
8. Flat metal shelves
9. Forms that say who you are
10. Cigar lovers’ necessity
11. Popular cooking ingredient
12. Skin covering the head
14. Unshakable
17. Exclamation meaning “Finally!”
18. One of the wise men’s gifts
20. Take away from
23. In accordance with the law
24. Nicole Kidman’s husband
25. NY Giants legend
26. Utilize
29. Beloved Hollywood alien
30. Unwell
31. More destitute
32. Grinded together
35. Sun up in New York
36. Italian-made cars
38. Most sacred site in Islam
40. Rip apart
41. Go in a specified direction
42. Freshwater mussel genus
43. “__ the Man” Musical
44. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
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ESTIMATED CROP WATER USE

Weather Data from SLV Research Center located on the 9N and Hwy 285

Crop	Date Planted	Daily Crop Water use for Dates Shown (in./day)				Accumulated Water Use (ET) (inches)				
		6/13	6/12	6/11	6/10	From				
						2day	3day	4day	5day	7day
Moravian 69	04/05	0.28	0.26	0.29	0.26	0.54	0.83	1.09	1.33	1.82
Moravian 69	05/05	0.27	0.25	0.26	0.23	0.52	0.78	1.01	1.22	1.63
Early Wheat	04/05	0.28	0.26	0.29	0.26	0.54	0.83	1.09	1.33	1.82
Early Wheat	05/05	0.27	0.25	0.26	0.23	0.52	0.78	1.01	1.22	1.62
White Wheat	04/05	0.28	0.26	0.29	0.26	0.54	0.83	1.09	1.33	1.82
White Wheat	05/05	0.27	0.25	0.26	0.23	0.52	0.78	1.01	1.22	1.62
WinterWheat	10/01	0.28	0.26	0.29	0.26	0.54	0.83	1.09	1.33	1.82
Potatoes										
Norkotah	05/05	0.10	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.18	0.26	0.32	0.37	0.46
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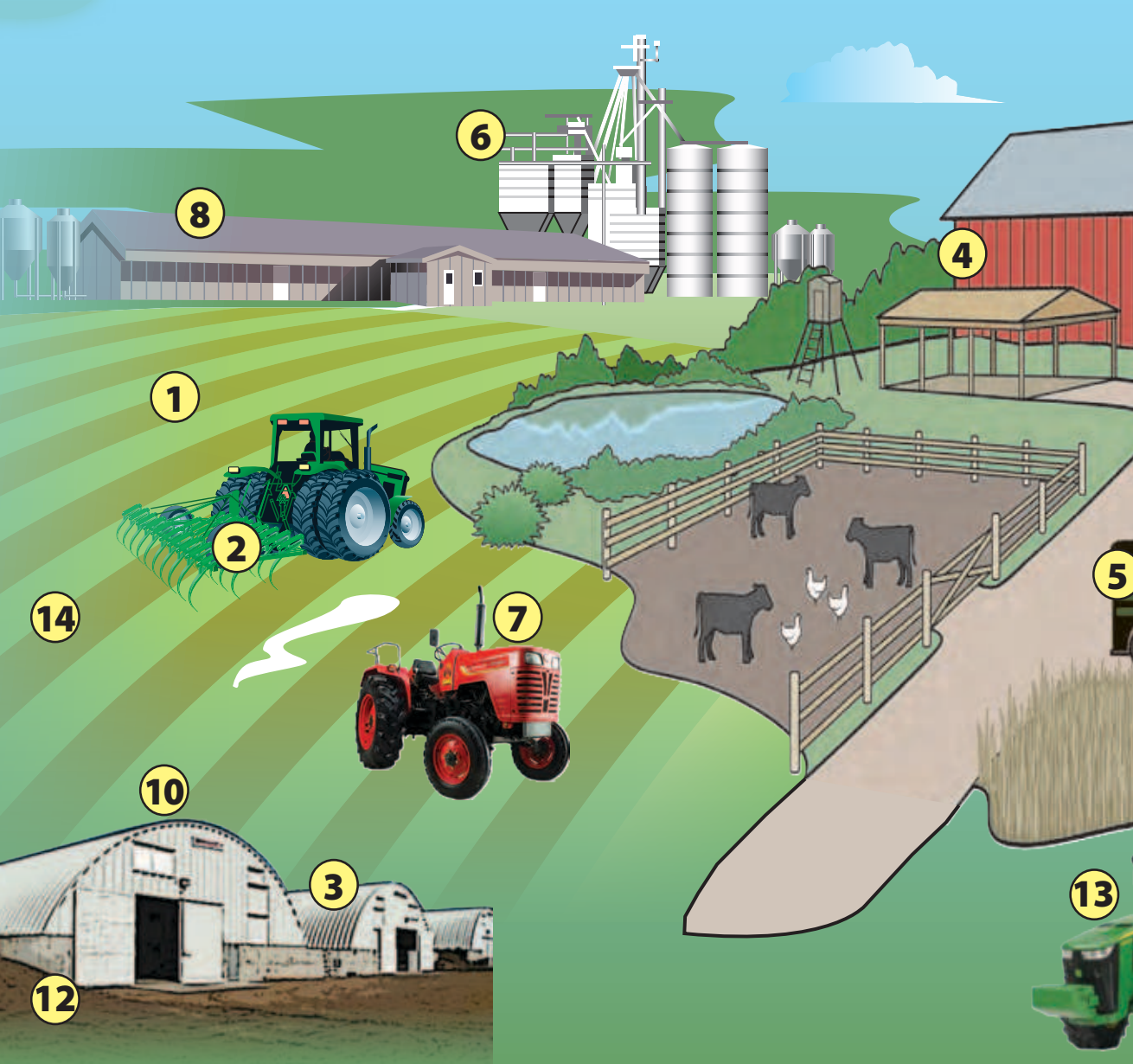


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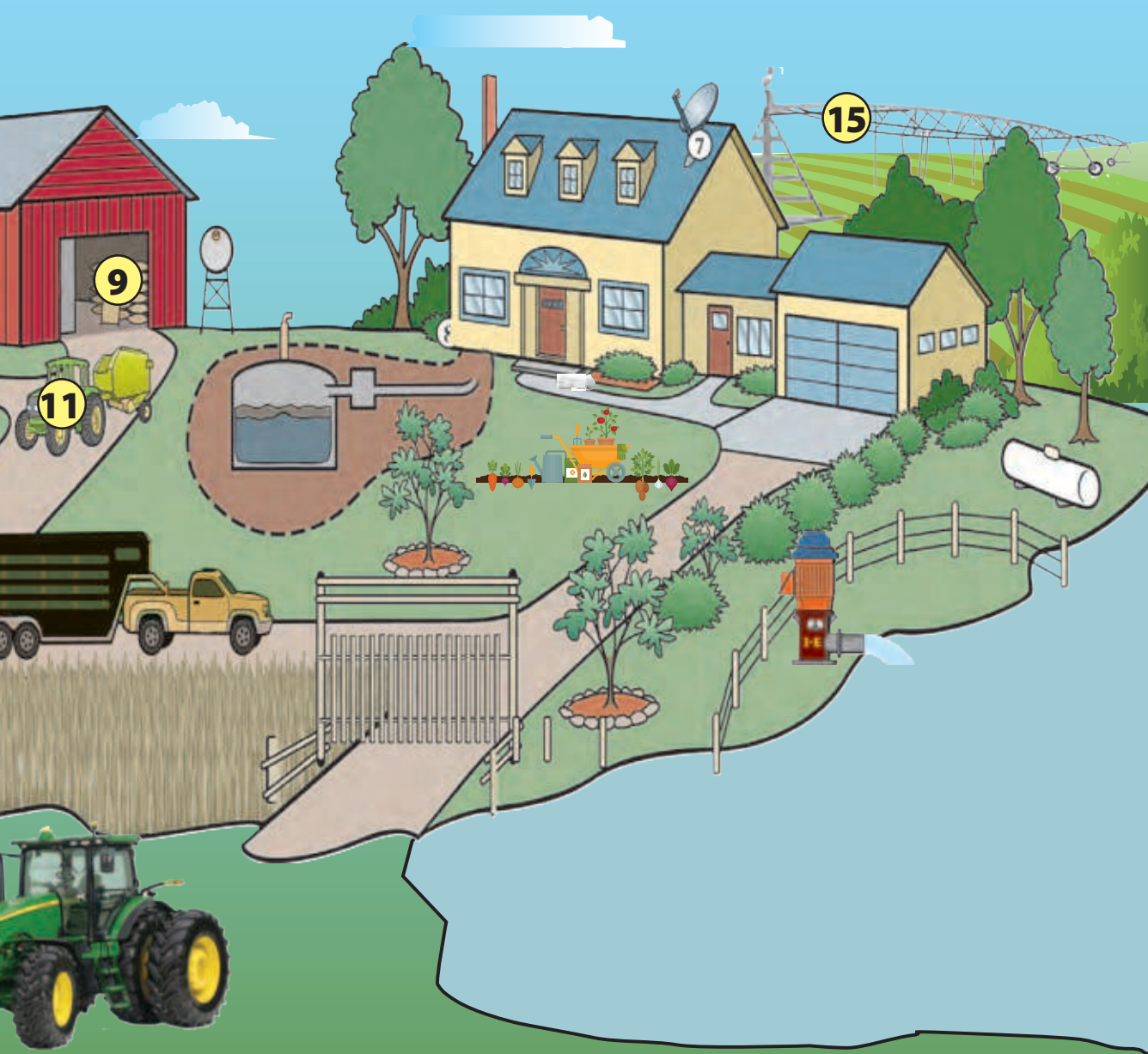


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Bennet, Barrasso introduce SHRED Act

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This bipartisan bill, also being introduced in the House, is legislation that would support local recreation and community priorities by ensuring National Forests retain a portion of the annual fees paid by ski areas operating within their boundaries.

U.S. Representatives Annie Kuster (D-N.H.), John Curtis (R-Utah), Joe Neguse (D-Colo.), and Doug LaMalfa (R-Calif.) introduced a companion bill.

“Skiing is a vital component of Colorado’s outdoor recreation industry, creating jobs and boosting local economies,” said Bennet. “The partnership between ski areas, the Forest Service, and mountain communities is critical—especially in areas like the White River National Forest. This bill will rightfully keep funds where they are generated and help local communities tackle their own priorities, like making trailhead improvements or increasing staffing. I look forward to working with my colleagues to get this done for mountain communities in

Colorado and across the country.”

In exchange for using some of America’s most stunning forestlands, the 122 ski areas operating on Forest Service lands across the country pay fees to the Forest Service that average \$39 million annually. The SHRED Act would establish a framework for local National Forests to retain a portion of ski fees to offset increased recreational use and support local ski permit and program administration. The SHRED Act also provides the Forest Service with flexibility to direct resources where they are needed the most.

The SHRED Act would keep ski fees local by establishing a Ski Area Fee Retention Account to retain a portion of the fees that ski areas pay to the Forest Service. For National Forests that receive less than \$15 million in ski fees annually, 75% of the fees are retained. For forests that receive more than \$15 million in ski fees annually, 60% of the ski fees would be retained. The retained funds are available for authorized uses at the local National Forest.

The legislation would also support winter recreation. In each National Forest, 75% of the retained funds are directly available to support Forest Service Ski Area Program and permitting needs, process proposals for

improvement projects, train staff, and prepare for wildfire. Any excess funds can be directed to other National Forests that host ski areas for the same uses. After all of the winter recreation uses have been addressed across the country, excess funds are carried over to the pot of funding that supports broad recreation needs.

The SHRED Act would also address broad recreation needs in

each National Forest. Twenty-five per cent of the retained funds are available to support a broad set of local recreation management and community needs, including special use permit administration, visitor services, trailhead improvements, facility maintenance, and affordable workforce housing. This set-aside would dramatically increase some Forest Service unit’s budgets to meet the growing

visitation and demand for outdoor recreation.

The SHRED Act is supported by numerous groups, including National Ski Area Association and its 122-member ski areas operating on public lands, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments, Colorado Ski Country USA, Colorado Association of Ski America Outdoors Association, Vail Resorts and Jackson Hole Mountain Resort.

State Fire Agency Encouraging Safe Fireworks Practices this Fourth of July

COLORADO — The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) hopes you and your friends and family have an enjoyable and safe Fourth of July this year.

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Sparklers alone generally cause about one-fourth of all injuries during each year’s Fourth of July celebrations, according to the NFPA. Amateurs who set off fireworks caused an estimated 19,500 fires and generated around 9,000 emergency room visits over the entire year in the U.S. in 2018. That’s why DFPC is encouraging everyone who participates in the Fourth of July holiday to find alternative ways to celebrate, such as through the use of glow sticks.

“A fun and exciting Fourth of July season that is SAFE is our top priority,” said DFPC Fire and Life Safety Section Chief, Chris Brunette. “That’s why you should leave the big shows to the pro’s.”

Information on fire restrictions and bans can change rapidly. The most current information can and should be obtained from your

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Council discussion on fences continues

Ordinance proposed heights of 4 feet in front areas, 6 feet in rear

By REBECCA COPLEY

MONTE VISTA — Fencing has become an issue in Monte Vista, specifically its height in the front.

City staff presented an ordinance during Thursday's council meeting, June 3, that adds guidelines for fences, garden walls, retaining walls, hedges and screening.

The proposed change was a result of Cynthia Baird, who lives on Davis Street, coming before council in late May with concerns about the height of the neighbor's privacy fence. The fence in question according to a city fence permit is application is 6-feet tall. She said it blocks visibility for anyone exiting their driveway.

Baird said they were particularly concerned with safety due to the many children in their neighborhood who might get hit due to the lack of visibility.

She said that other cities, including Del Norte, have many more requirements when it comes to fence building. City staff agreed that it was unusual for the city to not have more codes on fence building.

Most fencing laws limit the height of artificial fences in residential areas to 4 feet in front yards and 6 feet in backyards. Monte Vista's proposed ordinance included these guidelines and a setback requirement of 18 inches.

Councilor Martha Lock said "we may be going a little too far with this" and was not in favor of the ordinance's height limits.

"Because somebody is being ugly now, good people in town are

going to have to be under regulations, I don't think that they should be under," Lock said. "For example, I don't think that the front yard and the side yard should only be allowed to be 4 foot. One of the complaints was that a toddler was walking through. When is the last time you saw a 4-foot toddler? A 4-foot fence is not going to be any safer than a 6-foot fence. What I think would be safer would be addressing more the setback."

The 4-foot height has been an issue in other cities. People contend animals can easily jump it. Lock pointed this out and said the ordinance may be an overreach by the city.

"My dog can jump a 4-foot fence. A lot of dogs can jump a 4-foot fence," Lock said. "Maybe people want 6-foot just because they want privacy. Maybe it's none of our business why they want 6-foot (fence). Maybe we

shouldn't have to make people justify what they want on their property as long as it doesn't infringe on the rights of another. My rights go as far as they begin to infringe on somebody else's. So, a setback I think would solve that better than a height issue."

More discussion followed.

Councilor Larry Foster questioned if the 18-inch setback would be sufficient to gain visibility down a sidewalk for people pulling

out of driveways.

City Manager Forrest Neuerburg agreed.

"I think if we're not going to have a 4-foot restriction we're going to probably want somewhere between 3 and 5 feet to have a fair chance at seeing stuff," Neuerburg said.

After more discussion, the item was tabled with a 4-0 vote to the next meeting, June 17, to seek clarification on guidelines for setbacks and fence heights.

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The event will be free to attend and open to the public, a variety of food vendors will be available and the stage will provide a full day of entertainment.

The event is completely volunteer-run, and funds raised throughout the event and through online donations go directly back into funding SLV Pride, whose mission is to unite the LGBTQ+ communities throughout the San Luis Valley, and to create and foster experiences that emphasize inclusiveness and mutual respect.

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McCreery, LeDoux set for Ski-Hi Stampede concert

STAFF REPORT
MONTE VISTA — Celebrating the 10th anniversary last month of winning “American Idol,” country star Scotty McCreery has been announced as the headliner for the annual Ski-Hi Stampede rodeo concert on Thursday, July 22.

Ned LeDoux, son of legendary music and rodeo performer Chris LeDoux, will open for McCreery, the Stampede board announced this week. LeDoux recently released his second full-length album, “Next in Line.”

McCreery is currently No. 23 on Mediabase/Country Aircheck and No. 28 on Music Row’s Country Breakout radio chart with his single “You Time.” He’s finishing work on a new album to come out later this year and will start his “You Time Tour” later this month and will also be direct support for select dates on the Old Dominion “Live from the Ball Park Tour.”

Delivering more than 130 online performances for fans, country radio, charitable events and media outlets, McCreery had one thought in the back of his mind last year — readying new music for fans when he could again return to the road.

Between his live stream concert on Sept. 4, 2020, “Live from the Ryman,” with his full band being the first to welcome any audience back into the Ryman with limited capacity and their Dec. 2, 2020, stripped-acoustic live stream from Raleigh’s Lincoln Theatre, McCreery has been thinking a lot about what his show will look and feel like when in-person again and especially what he wants to say.

According to LeDoux’s website, “as a songwriter, he has a knack for bringing people, places and emotions vibrantly to life with his insightful lyrics, and warm, strong voice that makes him sound like a beloved friend you always want to

hang out with.” LeDoux has good reason to be proud of “Next in Line.” It’s populated with songs that reflect his roots and honor the hard-working characters who have influenced his life, like his grandfather, Bud Rhoads, whom he tips his cowboy hat to with the earnest tribute “Worth It.” He celebrates his brother Beau on

the upbeat “A Cowboy is All” and he closes the album by putting his spin on his famous father, Chris LeDoux’s “Homegrown Western Saturday Night.” For ticketing information, go to www.skihistampede.com.



Scotty McCreery



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A Salute to the San Luis Valley's Best & Brightest Students & Their Accomplishments During the Year!

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 Valley Publishing



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From left is Carol Martinez, mother of the fallen hero, Kaitlynn Chavez, Nicholas Torrez, and Ron Martinez, father of the fallen hero, who were introduced to the participants of the Sgt. Glen Martinez Memorial Scholarship 5K Run/Walk on May 29.

Morfit receives Saguache County Farm Bureau scholarship

SAGUACHE COUNTY — Recently, Saguache County Farm Bureau awarded Laura Morfitt their scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Laura is a 2021 graduate from Mountain Valley School in Saguache. She is the daughter of Dell and Yvonne Morfitt, long-time residents of Saguache County.

Laura has been accepted to the Western State University school of business; and is excited to expand her knowledge within the business and marketing world.

We wish Laura the very best.



Chavez and Torrez receive Martinez Memorial Scholarships

STAFF REPORT

MONTE VISTA — This scholarship began in 2009 when Glen a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps was killed in action while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Glen was a Monte Vista High School graduate, the son of Ron and Carol Martinez, who set up the scholarship in Glen's memory. An annual 5K Run/Walk and Veterans Golf Tourna-

ment helps to provide funds for the scholarships.

Two outstanding Monte Vista High School seniors, Kaitlynn Chavez and Nicholas Torrez who excelled in academics, athletics, and community service, were awarded scholarships of \$1,000 each on May 11, that will benefit these seniors to begin their journey to pursue a higher education.

Saguache County Sheriff awards scholarship

STAFF REPORT

SAGUACHE — Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick announced that Center School District's Azia DeHerrera-Valdez was this year's recipient of the County Sheriffs of Colorado (CSOC), scholarship award for Saguache County.

CSOC, Colorado's state sheriffs' association, offered a total of 30 awards of \$500 each this year to deserving high school and college students in Colorado to fund higher-level educational expenses for the 2021-2022 academic year.

A citizens' committee selected the winner from each county. Committees made their selections based upon criteria established by CSOC, including leadership, merit, character, involvement, purpose and need. Applicants were required to be full-time, legal Colorado residents who planned to attend a Colorado university, college or trade school.

CSOC established the scholarship program in 1978. Since then, this effort has continued as a meaningful expression of the sheriffs' confidence in and respect for education and training. Money for the program is derived, in part, from the CSOC honorary membership fund that consists of contributions from individual citizens and businesses each year.



Courtesy photo

Left to right: Mitchell Jarvis, Troy Sowards, Carson Bagwell, and DonnaMae Keys

Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area Awards History Scholarships to Students

The Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area (SdCNHA) presented two students with History Fair Scholarships. SdCNHA provides annual scholarships to students who participate and compete in the Regional History Fair, with projects based on this year's theme "Communication in History" that involve local history, culture, or traditions.

The Regional History Fair took place virtually on Saturday, January 30, 2021 and was hosted by the Adams State University (ASU) Department of History, Anthropology, Philosophy, Political Science, and Spanish (HAPPSS). The Regional History Fair is part one of the Na-

tional

History Day competition that takes place nationwide. Students participate in a project-based learning curriculum that emphasizes critical reading and thinking, research, analysis, and the drawing of meaningful conclusions. Students can complete these projects in groups or as individuals in one of five categories: documentary, paper, exhibit, performance, or website.

This year's round of annual Regional History Day submissions demonstrated the broad array of historical topics but only one pertaining to the San Luis Valley. Winners will proceed to National History

day, sponsored by the University of Colorado, Denver, on May 1, 2021.

Troy Sowards and Carson Bagwell created a junior group website about how communication through mail rapidly expanded. They discussed how this impacted the San Luis Valley.

The Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area congratulates all students who participated in this year's competition and is excited to see what heritage area youth come up with next year. For more information on National History Day, visit www.nhd.org. For more information on SdCNHA scholarships and fieldtrip grants, visit www.sangreheritage.org.

Monte Vista High School Principal's Honor Roll

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| Asia Alarid | Marissa Martinez |
| Chesney Alexander | Colton Mellott |
| Zariah Archuleta | Augustus Miller |
| Analicette Arroyo-Archuleta | Madison Miller |
| Haley Bernal | Carlos Ochoa-Marquez |
| Syriah Bernal | Katie Pacheco |
| Daniel Clark | Camille Rawinski |
| Isis Delgado-Cervantes | Maria Rivera |
| Keianna Duran | Jaelyn Robles |
| Alycia Espinosa | Adelia Romero |
| Chevelle Garcia | Davion Samora |
| Kayleigh Garcia | Anastasia Sanchez |
| Memphis Garcia | Annika Schaak |
| Grace Goodland | Taija Smith |
| Keaton Gregg | Isaac Stults |
| Kahi Lee Herrera | Blair Vanderpool |
| Chloe Hindes | |

MONTE VISTA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

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| Deangelo Archuleta | Elijah Gallegos | Destiny Pacheco |
| Laisha Arroyo | Khegan Gunter | Hunter Pacheco |
| Aayla Rhi Bate-Fichter | Lilly Henderhan | Sahara Rodriguez |
| Shaina Baumgardner | Addan Heredia | Mario Sanchez |
| Joseph Benavides Jr | Cole Hindes | Henry Seger |
| Whitney Brimhall | Annika Holder | Noelle Seger |
| Jose Castro | Casandra Lopez | Clay Taffin |
| Nikayla Cleghorn | Paige Lovato | Colton Taffin |
| David Clutter | Magdalena Marrufo | Angelina Vargas |
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| Alex Deherrera | Jaxon Martinez | |
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SARGENT HIGH SCHOOL SECOND SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

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Stephanie Johnson
Megan Peterson
Kyla Davis
Parker Ford
Kamryn Holland
Chinmay Jayanty
Gabriel Jones
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Taylor Rockey
Katherine Sewell
Emberly Spearman
Mary Willis
Carson Wolfe
Montana Youkerman
Payton Brown
Jaylynn Gomez
Kage Pepper
Caden Stickens
Autumn Yocom



- Gracie Wilson
Corbyn Wright
Marissa Floriani
Antonio Garcia
Alexis Urbina
Mallory Carbutt
Karen Holguin-Guzman
Conner Holmes
Madison Kyffin
Antonio Martinez
Daylon Maze
Roman Vitale
Lexus Aguilar
Braxton Asbell
Blake Bahil
Christopher Brandt
Bryton Burkhart
Lauren Deacon
Lauren Hefner
Sara Hensley
Cameron Hsu
Riley Kenison
Makayla Larimore
Parker Larimore
Jessica Lopez
Marcus Lopez
Sadie Mitchell
Caleb Rabon
McKenzie Tolliver
Mayah Stephens
Josiah Yocom

Principal's Honor Roll:

- Bailey Asbell
Abby Birdsong
Westen Burkhart
Joshua Carbutt
Saige Hostetter
Cayden Larimore
Azmarae Lister
Trenton Paskett

SARGENT JUNIOR HIGH SECOND SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

Superintendent's Honor Roll:

- Kennidy Askew
Kaelyn Atencio
Makayla Brown
Jessica Buser
Jayce Capron
Corbin Castillo
Amelia Ford
Kyra Griffin
Tanner Kenison
Alycia Martinez-Chavez
Emma Sewell
Becca Stambaugh
Kade Temple
Fernando Venzor
Seth Waggoner
Brody Webb

Principal's Honor Roll:

- Kaitlynn Askew
Deonisia Camacho
Liam Ellithorpe
Lucas Garcia
Kristian Gosar
Tanner Houser
Mitchell Peterson
Evolyn Raybourn
Ellaree Rockey
Addison Roepke
Angelise Sandoval
Douglas Sawyer
Jaycian Sierra
Dietrich Smith
Mia Stickens
Daniel Willis
Cadyn Wright

NHS: Center High School inducts 14 new members



Photo courtesy of Center High School

Center High School held its National Honors Society awards banquet on May 5 and inducted 14 new members. Pictured front row, left to right, Jazmyynn Valadez-Gonzales, Yamileth Trejo-Chaparro, Azia DeHerrera-Valdez, Giselle Molina – Valadez, Evelyn Martinez-Villagomez and Yahiy Quintana; and second row, left to right, Kevin Jones, principal/NHS Sponsor, Cael Ruggles, Mackayla Arellano, Samantha Arellano, Alexis Varela, Deisy Estrada Majalca, Priscila Zapata, Cruz Reyes, Joaquin Moreno and Omar Hernandez Mendoza.

Sargent fourth-graders shine in National Essay and Artwork content

Left to right, Sargent teacher Durre, Josiah Houser, first place Rio Grande County and second at state, Elaina Consaul, second at county, Addison Gilbert, third at county.

Courtesy photo



STAFF REPORT

MONTE VISTA — Students in the fourth grade from Sargent Elementary competed in the National Essay and Artwork contest. The contest starts at the county level. The top winner in each county then competes at the state level. They submit a short essay and a hand-drawn picture.

Entries are based on CHARACTER COUNTS! utilizing the Six Pillars of Character. The Responsibility Pillar was used for the competition this year.

Rio Grande County winners were from Sargent Elementary. First place went to Josiah Houser; second place to Elaina Consaul; and third place to Addison Gilbert. Houser also won second place at the state level.

Monetary awards were sponsored by District V FCE and Friday Morning Club of CAFCE (Colorado Association for Family and Community Education).

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Centauri science fair regional winners

Congratulations to Centauri Middle School science fair regional winners. The school district thanked Mr. Shelton for his dedicated sponsorship, the students for their achievements, and the parents for their support.

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SLV REC 2021 Scholarship winners announced

SAN LUIS VALLEY — For the past several years, the San Luis Valley REC has made secondary education a priority when giving back to the Valley. With more than \$180,000 given in the past five years, the REC annually awards several scholarships to local students.

The board of directors announced the 2021 scholarship recipients:

- SLV REC Adams State University Four-Year Scholarship: Desiray Tolsma, Alamosa
- Electric Lineworker Scholarship: Abel Ojeda Jr., Sierra Grande
- Robert Wolfe Scholarship: Gabriel Heersink, Alamosa
- SLVREC Past Director Scholarship: Aidan McComas, Del Norte HS
- SLVREC Past Retired GM Ray Villyard & CEO John Villyard Scholarship: Alyssa Bagwell, Centauri
- Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship: Lindsey Gammill, Creede
- SLV REC Scholarships: Eric Lorenz, Del Norte; Sara Nehring, Monte Vista; Chloe McComas, Del Norte; Caleb Riggenbach, Monte Vista
- Tri-State G&T Scholarships: Logan Cestone, Del Norte; Soren Bailey, Del Norte
- REC Dependent Scholarship: Ryker Alonzo, Alamosa



Courtesy photo

Alamosa High School senior Desiray Tolsma was awarded the 2021 SLV REC Adams State University Four-Year Scholarship.

2021 Ray and Colette Skeff Scholarship

STAFF REPORT

MONTE VISTA — The Ray and Colette Skeff Scholarships were awarded to Center and Monte Vista high school seniors recently.

Caleb Riggenbach and Kaitlynn Chavez each received \$500 at the Monte Vista Awards Night on May 11.

Skeff Scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$500 to Carlos Almeida, Alfredo Velez and Herbert Hernandez-Hernandez at the Center Awards Night on May 10.

An annuity was purchased for the Monte Vista School District and the Center School District in 2003. Each year a check is sent for the interest on the funds to be given as a scholarship to students selected by the schools. Kansas City Life Insurance Company is on the hook for a minimum of 20 years and a maximum if either Ray or Colette are living.

This was the 18th year of the Skeff Scholarship for both schools and the



Ray and Colette Skeff

total awarded is \$56,160. The seniors of the 2021 class were not born when the scholarship started in 2003.

The Skeff's want to give the scholarships to express their support for deserving students who want an education. Ray was a graduate from Center High School and Colette was a graduate from Monte Vista High School.

Sargent's Willis qualifies for the National Merit Scholarship Program

STAFF REPORT

Sargent High School junior Mary Willis took the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) and met the requirements to enter the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program.

She is among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants who will be recognized as either a Semifinalist or a Commended Student in the fall.

From the 50,000 high scorers nationwide, about 16,000 will be

named National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists, representing the top scorers in each state and another 34,000 students will be commended for their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT.

She is the daughter of John and Gina Willis of Monte Vista.

More Sargent school highlights: Sargent Colorado Science & Engineering Fair Winners

- Emma Sewell — Eighth grade Proteolytic Enzyme Power Third Place Chemistry — \$75
- Colorado Associate of Science

Teachers Award — \$100

- Makayla Brown — Eighth grade The Mightiest Mask?

Third Place Medicine and Health — \$75

- Ellaree Rockey — Eighth grade Nitrogen and Density Levels in Quinoa

Third Place Plant Sciences — \$75

Colorado Associate of Science

Teachers Award — \$100

- Ashlyn Rockey — 11th grade Screening Quinoa Germplasm for Downy Mildew Resistance
- Second Place Plant Sciences

Colorado State University College of Ag Sciences Award — \$500

- Chinmay Jayanty — 11th grade Synthesizing Renewable Energy from Water Using Sunlight

Honorable Mention Energy Adams State College Porter Scholarship \$5,000 (renewable)

Colorado School of Mines Scholarship \$1,000 (renewable)

Sargent also won the Best Small Middle/Junior High School Award, as well as the High School

Award.

Sargent State FBLA Award Recipients

- Aiden Price — Fourth place — Electronic Career Portfolio

• Aaron Price — 10th place — Introduction to Information Technology

• Kamryn Holland — Sixth Place — Organizational Leadership

• Ashlyn Rockey — Fourth Place — Public Speaking

• Chinmay Jayanty — Fourth Place — Spreadsheet Applications

ASU Foundation Scholarship winners



Courtesy photo

Dr. Cheryl D. Lovell (left) was at the 2019 Ski Hi Stampede Rodeo in Monte Vista to present the Adams State Foundation Scholarship to recipients, from left, Lexi Metz, Sarah Shoeller and Sara Brunelli. Each will receive a \$3,500 scholarship to Adams State University.

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Sargent Academic Booster Club Jr. High, High School April Students of the Month



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Jessica Buser, Dietrich Smith, Lauren Hefner, Conner Holmes, Hayden Lester, and Destiny Quintana.

Sargent Elementary Students of the Month



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Fourth Quarter - 1st Row: Sariah Wojchiechowicz-Lambers, Brycen Behil, Izabella Garcia, Liam Adams, Daynara Venzor, Julissa Naranjo 2nd Row: Kinleigh Hathorn, Mariah Atencio, Addison Giblingert, Robert Andrews, Rylie Harmon 3rd Row-Corbin Hussey, Connor Buckley, Payton Chong, Mackenzie Consaul, Madeline Mitchell Not Pictures: Lizzie Paulson, Kaj Clark



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The Sargent High School National Honor Society Chapter.

Sargent School District honors new, returning National Honor Society members

STAFF REPORT
MONTE VISTA — Sargent Junior High and Sargent High National Honor Society inducted new members in February. These outstanding students met the rigorous selection criteria of earning a 3.7 cumulative grade point average and consistently demonstrate strong leadership, character traits, and a commitment to service. The high school inducted 10 new members and the junior high inducted 12 new members.

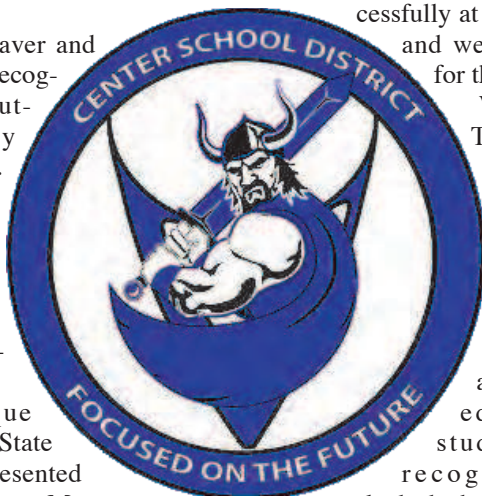
2021 members — Madelyn Beiriger, Stephanie Jonhson, Megan Peterson, Marissa Floriana, McKenzie Tolliver, Lexxus Aguilar, Emberly Spearman, Chinmay Jayanty, Antonio Martinez and Madison Kyffin. Returning members — Payton Brown, Lauren Hefner, Cameron Hsu, Marian Kidd, Kage Pepper, Caleb Rabon, Caden Stickens, Chris Brandt, Autumn Yocum, Aiden Price, Kamryn Holland, Montana Yonkerman, Ashlyn Rockey, Taylor Rockey, Mary Willis, Katherine Sewell, Karen Holguin, Kyla Davis

and Carson Wolfe.
Sargent Junior High National Honor Society — New 2021 members — Kaitlyn Askew, Kennidy Askew, Kaeyln Atencio, Jayce Capron, Corbin Castillo, Amelia Ford, Kyra Griffin, Tanner Houser, Alycia Martinez - Chavez, Mitchell Peterson, Addison Roepke and Daniel Willis. Returning members — Makayla Brown, Jessica Buser, Liam Ellithorpe, Lucas Garcia, El-laree Rockey, Emma Sewell, Becca Stambaugh, Mayah Stephens, Mia Stickens, and Josiah Yocum.

CHS students receive scholarships, honors

STAFF REPORT
CENTER — The Center High School awards ceremony was held May 10. CHS students were recognized for their hard work and accomplishments throughout the year. “We are grateful for the partnerships that we have with the many families, local organizations, and institutes of higher learning that support our students and honor them with generous scholarships,” CHS officials stated. “The resources they provide for our students make it possible for them to continue their education at the next level. Thanks to everyone that pitched in to make the night a success. A special thanks to Adele Alfson, she did a fantastic job coordinating the evening and putting together a delicious meal for our presenters and families.”

Joni Hemmerling and Kendra Durre presented the Jeannie Leach Memorial Scholarship in memory of her mother.
Warren Weaver and Jerry Claire recognized the Outstanding Boy and Girl. Yamileth Trejo was the Outstanding Girl and Yayir Quintana was the Outstanding Boy.
Mike Roque from Adams State University presented the Patricia Lucero Memorial Scholarship to Jazmynn Valadez Gonzalez.



the science fair this year. Cael Ruggles, Leonardo Carrillo, and Cristian Velez- Gonzales all competed successfully at this year’s fair and were recognized for their efforts.
Western State, Trinidad State College, the Colorado School of Mines, and the University of Colorado, all presented awards to students. Other recognitions included the Principal’s Scholarship, the Viking Athletic Association Scholarship, Outstanding Academic Achievement, the McCormick Scholarship, Center Education Association, Make A Difference, and the Center Service Scholarship. Katrina Ruggles presented the STARS Memorial Scholarship with a touching remembrance to our former student Will Weatherford. Jazmynn Valadez Gonzalez received this scholarship award.

Ray and Colette Skeff awarded the Skeff Scholarship to Ever Hernandez, Diego Velez, and Carlos Almeida.
Skip McClure and Richard Ramstetter presented the Kiwanis Scholarship to Zambria Traverse, Adrian Garcia, Briana Moreno, Mackayla Arellano, and Jacqueline Aguilar.

Camp Scholarships - no names provided
Renae Hasslett and Kaylee Gomez recognized several CHS students with the CAMP Scholarships and the Extended Studies and Concurrent Enrollment honors.
Concurrent Enrollment – no names provided
Stephanie Archuleta honored CHS students who had been successful in



April and May - 1st Row: Sariah Wojchiechowicz-Lambers, Brycen Behil, Izabella Garcia, Liam Adams, Daynara Venzor, Julissa Naranjo 2nd Row: Kinleigh Hathorn, Mariah Atencio, Addison Giblingert, Robert Andrews, Rylie Harmon 3rd Row-Corbin Hussey, Connor Buckley, Payton Chong, Mackenzie Consaul, Madeline Mitchell Not Pictures: Lizzie Paulson, Kaj Clark

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