

## Shorts

# Memorial Day remembrances in Valley

BY SYLVIA LOBATO

**ALAMOSA** — Veterans honored those who have gone before in impressive ceremonies at the Alamosa Cemetery and the historic Spanish Cemetery Monday, May 31, as residents took to open-air locations to continue a tradition hampered a year before by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The traditional laying of flowers to honor those from each branch of the service, as well as those who rest beneath the seas, impressed a crowd. *Please see MEMORIAL on Page 5A*

**Memorial Day ceremonies were held Monday at Alamosa Cemetery and the Spanish Cemetery.**

Photo assistance by Jack and Theresa Rudder



## Ski-Hi Stampede parade theme is 'On the Road Again'

**MONTE VISTA** — This year marks the 99th anniversary of the San Luis Valley Ski-Hi Stampede. The Stampede Parade Committee is excited to be part of this long-standing tradition once again by offering a parade, Saturday, July 24. This year's theme is, "On the Road Again."

"After enduring a difficult year, we encourage the participation of our community in this year's Stampede celebration," parade committee officials stated. "The parade is a much-anticipated part of Stampede, showcasing the area's youth, talents, businesses and unity. Even though the parade is just one day, the entries will still be judged during line up and awards will be given."

Parade entry forms can be picked up at Poole Chemical, 2060 S. Road 5 E, Monte Vista or by emailing lethahershey@gmail.com.

## SLV REC maintenance project to begin June 7

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — SLV Rural Electric Cooperative will be conducting a maintenance project along Highway 160 from mile marker 183.5 to mile marker 178 beginning June 7.

The three-phase line from Lonesome Dove to the Lucky 7 Subdivision will be replaced. This will involve possible traffic delays along Highway 160. A helicopter will be launched in late June to bring poles in and out of the area. In addition, intermittent electric outages will occur at night beginning in mid to late July. Call or email Chief Operations Officer Shawn McKibbon with any concerns at 719-852-3538 or smckibbon@slvrec.com. The project will continue through approximately Sept. 1.

## Nashville-based quartet presenting free concert in Center

STAFF REPORT

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — Ground-breaking Nashville-based New Legacy Project will be live in concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 13, at Center United Methodist Church.

Formerly the Blackwood Legacy, they are best known for their intricate harmonies, true Southern Gospel sound, and homespun humor. They were recently honored with nomination for both Fan Favorite and Breakthrough Artists of the year at the prestigious AGA awards show in Nashville.

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Photo by Brian Williams

**Center High School graduates proudly entered the stadium for the commencement ceremony on Saturday at the football field and bumped fists with school district officials as they received their diplomas.**

## Center grads urged to 'dream and dare'

*In-person ceremony held Saturday for 23 graduates*

BY BRIAN WILLIAMS

**CENTER** — Center High School

graduate MacKayla Arellano, in her salutatorian speech Saturday morning, encouraged her peers to take the disruption caused by the pandemic and use it to explore whom they want to become in life.

"One thing I urge you all to do is

dream and to dare. Don't be afraid to fail," Arellano said. "At Center High School we have learned how to learn and not so much what to think but how to think. And that is the true measure of our Center High School education."

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## Land Board plans to keep La Jara Land Trust open to public

BY KEITH R. CERNY  
*Regional Publisher*

**LA JARA** — Speculation that the 45,650-acre La Jara State Public Trust Land is on the auction block was confirmed recently by the Colorado State Land Board.

However, concerns that the largest parcel of state trust lands in Southwest Colorado would end up in the hands of a private developer appear to be unwarranted.

Kristin Kemp, outreach and communications officer for the State Land Board, said commissioners approved hiring Western Rivers Conservancy (WRC) to explore the sale of the La Jara trust land at their April 2021 public meeting. The action authorized WRC to seek out "an entity whose mission is directly aligned with supporting public access, community use, and the permanent protection-conservation

of natural and cultural resources, such as a state or federal agency, conservation-oriented, nonprofit organization, or sovereign nation."

The La Jara Public Trust Land, including La Jara Reservoir State Wildlife Area, is on the southwestern edge of the San Luis Valley in the San Juan Mountains range and comprises about 5.5 percent of the total land area in Conejos County. The property is surrounded by

public land managed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), as well as numerous private landholdings.

According to Kemp, the State Land Board's asset management plan for the La Jara property suggests that school trust beneficiaries "might be best served if the State Land Board

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# OBITUARIES

## Rose Mary (Lepp) Wolcott

Rose Mary (Lepp) Wolcott was born in Bismarck, N.D., to Arthur and Anna M. Lepp during the Great Depression with an older sister, Ann, ready to welcome her. Their mother died when Rose was 2 years old and their father placed them in a Catholic orphanage with nuns that Rose remembered all her life as loving and kind-hearted.

She married Fred Wolcott in Denver in 1959. She was a capable wage earner, a dedicated housewife, an extensive reader, a creative crafter, and a caring person. She and Fred loved to travel to Hawaii and Mexico and Canada being three long-distance places, but they were happy to have the beauties of Colorado offering nearby opportunities to enjoy.

She is remembered with love by those left behind in the mountain community where she



lived the last 20 years of her life. Cremation was chosen and private services will be held later.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolence, words of encouragement, please go to [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com).

# MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Sherrill E. Mix Memorial

Sherrill E. Mix passed away on Jan. 7, 2021. Cremation was selected and a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at the Center United Methodist Church. Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To extend condolences, tributes and words of comfort for Sherrill's family, please visit [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com).



## Eunice B. Harris

Monte Vista resident Eunice B. Harris, 89, died March 24, 2021, at the Evergreen Nursing Home in Alamosa. Cremation was selected and a graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021, at the

Homelake Cemetery in Monte Vista. Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences, words of comfort and remembrances for Eunice's family, visit [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com).

## Freda Alene Allen Black

Graveside services for Freda Alene Allen Black will be held June 12 at 11 a.m. at the Del Norte Cemetery. A Celebration of Life gathering will follow the graveside service at the home of Kelly and Kathy Black (Barney and Freda's previous residence) at 1245 6th St., Del Norte. Everyone is invited to stop by whether you attend the graveside service or not. Lunch will be provided.



# Brown steps up to 'rebuild' CSU Extension in Valley

### STAFF REPORT

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — Long-time Alamosa resident Larry Brown has accepted the "challenging" job of "rebuilding" the CSU Extension Service program in the San Luis Valley.

"The San Luis Valley Extension Service is not a lost cause," said Brown, "it is a just cause! Look around our communities and it is hard not to see a mess. I believe now more than ever we need the positive influence of Extension."

Believing in Extension is believing in the empowerment of continual life learning, that any person at any age who continues to learn is much more likely to be healthier, happier, more prosperous, and contribute more positively to their community, according to Brown.

"In Extension, everything we do fosters healthier kids and families, more prosperous farms, ranches and businesses, and stronger, more resilient communities with more pride," said Brown.

Brown moved to the Valley in 1986 serving as the CSU Extension Livestock Agent for the San Luis Valley Area, a position he held for almost 9 years.

Raised on a family crop and

livestock farm in southern New Mexico, he is also a third-generation Extension agent.

"I've got Extension in my DNA," said Brown jokingly. "And because of my generational experience with Extension, I know better than most just how powerfully Extension educational programs can contribute to the health and prosperity of a community. Beginning with our flagship 4-H youth program and continuing with farm, ranch, and business management, family health, nutrition, and finances, and community development, the potential value of the Extension model of learning from experience is huge."

Because he also had the desire to be in business for himself, he resigned as the livestock agent in May of 1995 and has been self-employed since.

Brown has served on the Extension advisory committee for the past four years and reports that despite a genuine effort by good people on staff and on the committee, the program has lost funding, lost agent positions, and as a result, lost effectiveness.

"It is hanging on by a thread. In our own business we've had successes and failures," said Brown. "What I've learned from both is what has prepared me to step up and lead this



Larry Brown

very challenging mission. With a dedicated, skeleton staff, and with help from the community, we will rebuild Extension, creating great service and value for the Valley community, and restoring it to the highly respected organization it can be."

Brown added that Extension is "here to serve you. And to serve you well and successfully rebuild, we need your help. Let us know your needs, ideas, suggestions and requests."

To reach Brown or to learn more about CSU Extension Service programs, call 719-852-7381.

# Drugs found in Center Casa de Cortez Apartments; three people arrested

### STAFF REPORT

**CENTER** — Three people were arrested after drugs, cash and stolen property were found Tuesday morning, June 1, the Center Police Department reported.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., on June 1, the Center Police Department, supported by officers from the Monte Vista Police Department, deputies from the Saguache County Sheriff's Office and troopers from the Colorado State Patrol, simultaneously served

two search warrants in the Casa de Cortez Apartments in Center.

These warrants were part of an ongoing narcotics investigation involving two separate parties that were operating drug distribution centers out of their apartments, according to CPD. These warrants were based upon surveillance, acquired intelligence and previous drug arrests.

Several items were taken into custody from the warrants, including more than 100 grams

of methamphetamine, heroin and cocaine, drug paraphernalia, over \$1,000 in cash, a stolen TV, suspected stolen tools, a stolen hand safe from Big R and a suspected stolen handgun.

Three people were arrested resulted from the serving of the search warrants. CPD has not released the names of who was arrested or what they were charged with, stating that it was an ongoing investigation, and that more information would be released when it became available.

# CONCERT

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New Legacy is led by Rick Price, who spent much of his 40-year career with the Grammy and Dove Award winning Blackwood Brothers, and who was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame with the legendary quartet.

Price says, "In 40 years of Gospel music, this is the finest group I have ever been a part of. Not only are they great singers and musicians, they are wonderful Christian men."

New Legacy is currently charting on radio with its latest singles "God of the Empty Grave" and "Come To The

Water." Their latest musical project, "Doxology," is also being met with rave reviews across the U.S.

Center United Methodist Church is located at 387 S. Broadway. Admission is free, and they recommend people come early for best seating. This is a non-denominational, non-ticketed event. If there are required social distancing practices, they will be observed. For more information, call the church at 719-384-4723.

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Like lemmings over a cliff

Over in the Old Country — which is anywhere near the European Continent when referenced that way — there is a strange occurrence that happens every few years.

This isn't the usual shipping of American troops over to save folks from marauding invaders. Nor is it the echoes of the Statue of Liberty to bring "your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free" to this continent. And it's not even about the latest gaffe in sending their Prince who does not want to be a prince but be treated like a prince, craziness they loaned us.

No, this is an act of nature whereby these little mouse-like creatures called lemmings get so amorous that they soon over-populate and in an act of pure madness rush over nearby cliffs to their deaths. Sounds like some people I know. Scientists say that the poor little creatures are just trying to find a new home and it's not jumping over the cliff that kills them but it's the sudden stop when they hit bottom that does them in.

Although Miss Trixie and Ol' Dutch are late to the party, a human lemming migration has already started across the USA as people make their way to vacation destinations. Some seek cooler climates; some seek beaches and sun, and others just seek anyplace but work to find some respite from the rigors of everyday life.

Soon after you read this, Miss Trixie and Ol' Dutch will be on their way to colorful Colorado once again with the big old Conestoga behind 400 horses. And it's going to be more expensive this year because the cost of feeding those horses is climbing even as we speak.

But even though we were delayed in our migration to the Colorado home, thousands of other cars, trucks, campers, motorhomes, motorcycles and even bicycles have pointed westward in anticipation of a cooler summer, splendid views, picnics, campfires, fishing and reacquainting with old friends.

While Ol' Dutch does claim Colorado as his place of residence, he has been delayed leaving the warmer climates the last few years. This is because No. 1 and No. 2 granddaughters are in Texas and now I understand why other grandparents often get delayed in their plans. And since No. 2 and I share the same June birthday, if you think Ol' Dutch is gonna leave without his presents you



**Trout Republic**  
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

have another thing coming.

After the requisite opening of gifts, eating some cake and ice cream plus many hugs and tears, we will leave the grands behind and head west. Thankfully we have joined the ranks of all the other sore-armed folks who got their shots and can at least have some hope of immunity. I mean from the corona virus but, regretfully, not from an obnoxious tourist.

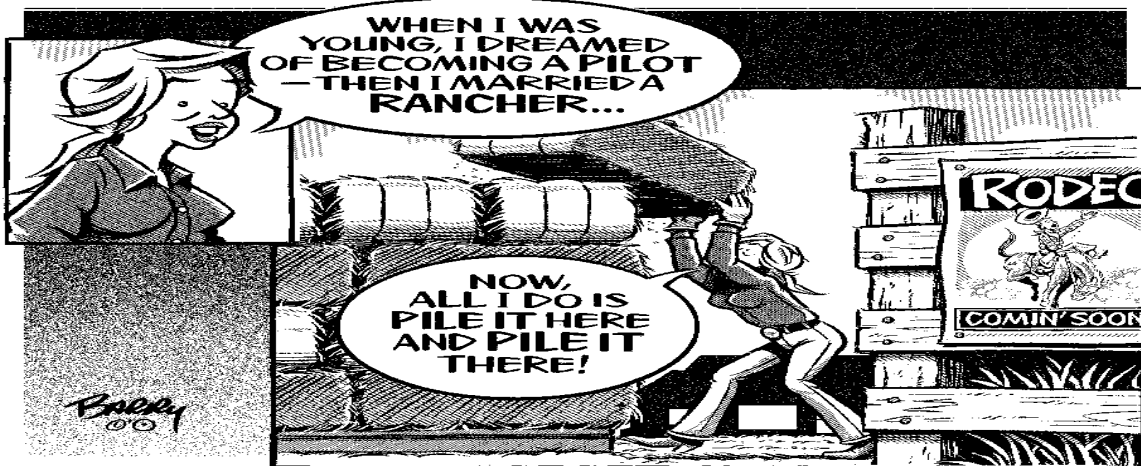
There is one thing to be sure of however, and that is with the relaxation of the COVID restrictions, this looks to be a bumper year for vacations and Colorado will soon reap windrows of green cash off the sickle of retail sales. The roads will be packed, motels sold out, gas stations full of massive trucks pulling trailers full of ATVs; and grocery stores will be inundated with old people smelling of Icy Hot balm, cedar chests and Estee Lauder perfume just wanting to score on a loaf of bread, some bologna, a can of Pringles and a Coke.

So, saddle up old Dobbin, pack those saddle bags and hit the trail west. It's a great time of year and the open road stretches out before you.

As Horace Greeley extolled in July of 1865, "Washington is not a place to live in. The rents are high, the food is bad, the dust is disgusting, and the morals are deplorable. Go West, young man, go West and grow up with the country."

Trixie, Cooper and I will see you on the mountain trails or at our Pickin' and Grinnin' jam sessions. Let's all celebrate for summer is here.

*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.*



## YOUR NIGHT SKY

### Algieba, the Double

BY DARLENE DANKO

The constellation Leo the Lion's second brightest star is Algieba. It's about 170 light years from us and looks yellow or orange to the naked eye. When you view it from a dark sky like we have here, you'll notice a fainter star just below it. This star is called 40 Lennis. Even though it looks close to Algieba, it isn't. It's about 60 light years closer to us.

If you observe Algieba with binoculars or a telescope, you'll see its twin. It's a double star, and the two stars revolve around each other. With a telescope they look like two golden jewels that are so close together, they almost seem to touch. Astronomers call them Gamma 1 Leonis and Gamma 2 Leonis.

Gamma 1 is the brighter of the two and has at least one planet rotating it.

If we lived on that planet, we'd have two suns in our sky. These two yellow giants are 170 light years from us.

To find it, look for Regulus in Leo the Lion. It's the brightest star in that constellation and is the handle of the sickle. Algieba is the second brightest star and is the bottom of the blade. This constellation is currently high overhead, and as summer begins it will move into the western sky. Leo is a big constellation being 3 hands tall and 3 hands wide.

The new moon is coming up on June 10, so this is a good time for us to view the sky. We just have to stay up late since the days are getting so long. I would say don't even start looking until at least 9:30 p.m. Then the sky is fully light at 5 a.m.

The solar eclipse coming up on June 10 is not going to be visible here. It's strictly a northern event this time. So, it'll be visible in

Canada and a few northern US states, but not many.

This happens when the moon moves in front of the Sun and blocks its light. So, if you have any friends or family up there, they should be able to see it.

Did you get to see the Lunar Eclipse? I got up at 5 a.m. on May 25 to see if I could see the moon, and I couldn't. So, I knew I would have to get up earlier. The next morning, I got up at 4:28 and went upstairs. The moon was sitting just above the mountain. It was dark with just a thin moon strip on the side. I watched it for 10 minutes until it went below the mountain. Every evening for a few days I was looking at the big bright moon before I went to bed. It was beautiful!



## LETTER

### MV After Prom Committee thanks community

Editor,

The Monte Vista After Prom Committee would like to take a moment to acknowledge all the individuals, businesses, and organizations that donated time, gifts, services, and cash towards the MV After Prom Event. Thanks to our generous community we were able to provide a safe, fun, and memorable After Prom event for the Monte Vista High School juniors and seniors. We could not have done it without the tremendous and generous support of the following individuals and businesses. Please support them through the year as they generously supported us.

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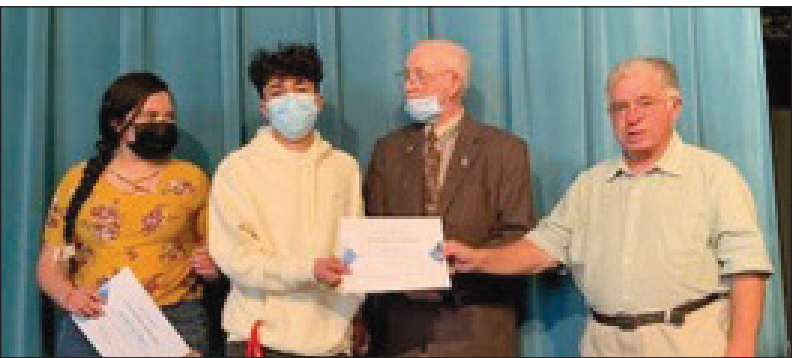
# CHS students receive scholarships, honors



Courtesy photos  
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.



Warren Weaver and Jerry Claire recognized the Outstanding Boy and Girl. Yamileth Trejo was the Outstanding Girl and Yayir Quintana was the Outstanding Boy.



Rena Hasslett and Kaylee Gomez recognized several CHS students with the CAMP Scholarships and the Extended Studies and Concurrent Enrollment honors.

Awards were also presented to: Joni Hemmerling and Kendra Durre presented the Jeannie Leach Memorial Scholarship in memory of their mother. Mike Roque from Adams State University presented the Patricia Lucero Memorial Scholarship to Jazmynn Valadez Gonzalez. Stephanie Archuleta honored CHS students who had been successful in 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.

### 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."

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## Praying Without a Doubt!

Prayer is a vital part of our relationship with God, and it's a great privilege, not an obligation. When you really think about it, it's amazing to know that the God who created everything and knows everything actually wants us to come to Him boldly—through Christ—to have a relationship with Him.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) says, "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." It's so important for us to trust God's love for us and know that He's merciful and sees us as righteous because of what Jesus has done for us (2 Corinthians 5:21). If we don't, we will struggle to have confidence that He hears our prayers and wants to help us.

The truth is God knows everything about us—what's right with us and what's wrong with us. He loves us unconditionally and He wants to have a relationship with us and meet every need in our lives. Our imperfections have nothing to do with His ability and willingness to answer our prayers.

### You Have to Believe

Doubt is a common hindrance to answered prayer, and when we experience it, it's usually because we're focusing on us—our weaknesses and mistakes. The key is keeping our focus on God, trusting Him to give us wisdom and discernment so we know what to believe and what to do. James 1:5 (NKJV) says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

True wisdom comes from God, and He wants to give it to us "liberally and without reproach." "Liberally" means He gives more than enough, and "without reproach" means that even when we're in messes we've created ourselves, we can still go to God and He will help us.

Now, this doesn't mean He won't correct us, teach and train us when we've made a mistake. Like any parent who loves their children, He disciplines us because He loves us and wants what's best for us. But when we're in trouble, He doesn't decide whether to help us or not based on our performance. His love is unconditional.

Here's an example to demonstrate what I'm talking about: If my son was in trouble with the neighborhood bully and called for his dad and me to help him, we wouldn't respond to him based on whether he had done all of his chores at home. It would be ridiculous if we heard him crying for help, yet we took time to check the list first to see if he had done everything he was supposed to do before we intervened.

As parents, we don't refuse to help our children because they don't do everything right, perfectly or the way we want them to all the time. God is our Father, and He knows we are not perfect. He wants to be involved in every part of our lives and we don't ever have to doubt that!

### Be Single-Minded

When we doubt God, we're left midway between believing and not believing—we're double-minded. But first Corinthians 2:16 says we can live with the mind of Christ. In other words, we can learn to think the way God thinks so we're not led by the mind of the flesh, "which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit" (Romans 8:6 AMPC).

James 1:6 says when we come to God for wisdom, it must be in faith "with no wavering (no hesitating, no doubting). For the one who wavers (hesitates, doubts) is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither and thither and tossed by the wind." This doesn't mean we won't ever feel



doubt, but when we do, we can know how to stand up to it.

Sometimes when I'm teaching, I doubt whether I'm sharing the "right" message based on how people seem to be responding to me. That's when I have to trust God and tell myself, "I've prayed about this. I've sought God about the teaching, and I'm not going to be double-minded. I trust God!"

I want to encourage you to ask God for the desires in your heart and then stand in faith for Him to do His will. Decide to trust Him and His Word, no matter what you feel, what people say or what your circumstances look like. The only thing that really matters is what God's Word says, and you will overcome doubt by putting your faith in Him every time you pray.

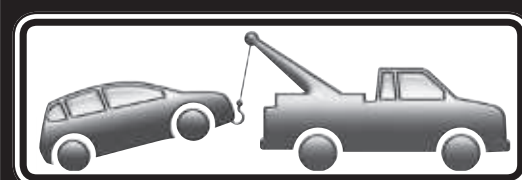
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# MEMORIAL

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of an estimated 100, who listened in reverence as American Legion Comm. Frank “Boogie” Romero prayed for those who have gone before, as well as those present. American Legion Comm. Monte Collins gave an impressive speech, reminding the audience that it is the veteran “we must thank for our freedoms” and he or she deserves all the honor.

Jack Rudder, Rio Grande County Veterans Service Officer, and representative of the Alamosa American Legion pointed out a new installation near the permanent Legion Monument.

A rifle stood upright, as if at

attention and Rudder explained the “field cross” indicates a soldier had fallen — the boots walked in the sands of Iraq, the rifle was used in World War II, the bayonet in Korea and the dog tags were from Rudder’s father in WWII and Rudder in Vietnam.

Officers then moved to the nearby Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, where floral honors were placed, and Comm. Chris Martinez spoke of those who served on foreign soil.

A ceremony at the Spanish Cemetery west of Alamosa on the Co-Op Road were the same and then the veterans were served a meal at the American Legion.



Karolin Espinoza was an Army drill sergeant and enjoys participating with the honor group.



A battlefield cross honors veterans of U.S. combat.



A memorial near La Jara honors veterans of World War I and II.

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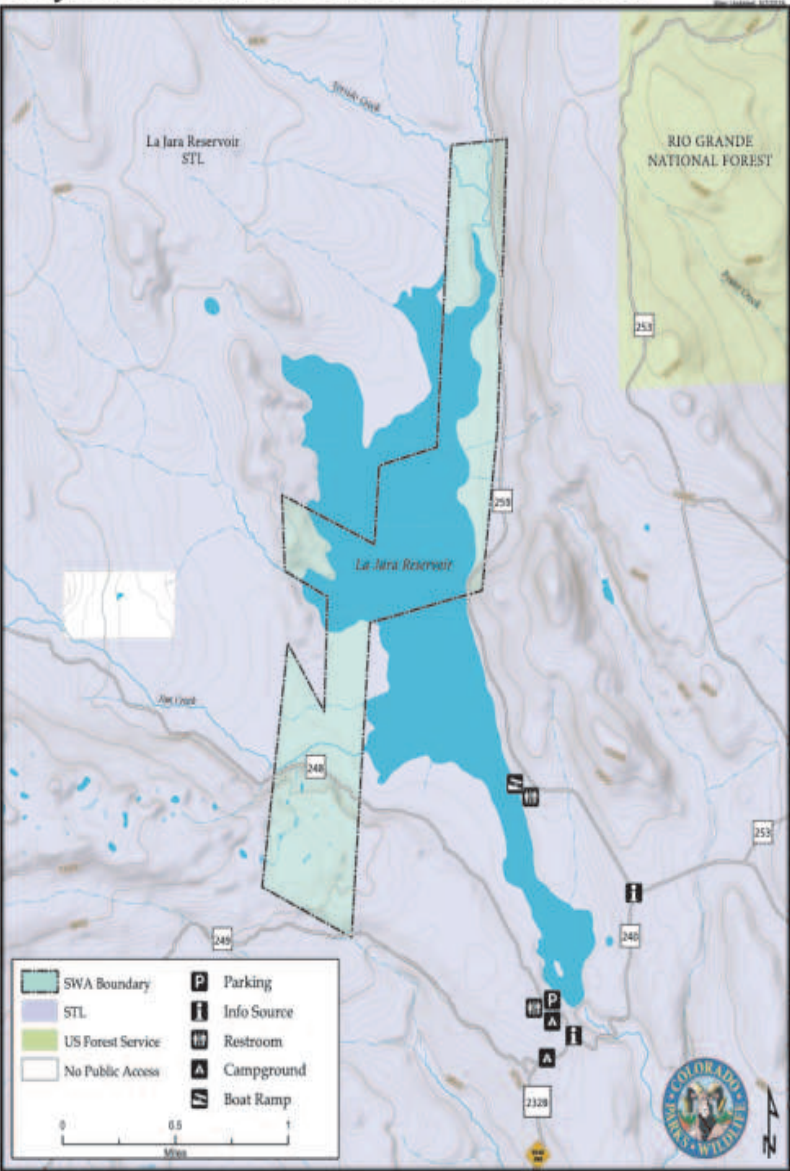
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considers disposing of the property and reinvesting the proceeds.”

Most of the La Jara property was acquired at statehood in 1876, and several strategic acquisitions and

land-exchanges occurred over the past 10 years to bring the property to its current size of 45,650 acres. There are 11 grazing leases, one private recreation lease, and one

## La Jara Reservoir State Wildlife Area



sportsmen’s access lease with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (Public Access Program) on the property.

In an email response to Valley Publishing she said, “There are three main reasons. 1) The annual financial return on leases on La Jara badly lag the performance of other similar assets in the Board’s portfolio. We do not believe that annual income from grazing and hunting uses will ever exceed 1% of the underlying asset value. 2) Appreciation in land value lag behind similar state trust lands. 3) The property’s geographic location, lack of year-round access, and short summer season limit potential leasing opportunities.

“Furthermore, we understand that the local community cares deeply about preserving public uses on the property, though those uses don’t best align with the constitutional mission of the State Land Board to earn income for schoolchildren from trust land. We believe that the ideal owner would be a public agency or agencies whose mission is more directly aligned with permanent conservation and public use.”

For more information, interested persons may contact Dieter Erdmann, WRC Interior West Program Director at 303-638-9465.

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build new schools for South Conejos RE-10, Sanford 6J pre/K-12, and most recently North Conejos RE-1J’s Centauri high school.

Numerous other schools have also been built across the San Luis Valley in the past 10 years with BEST grants.

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# HUNTRESS

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all which Huntress claimed belonged to Salgado.

In April, Huntress pled guilty to vehicular homicide, a class 4 felony, and careless driving resulting in death. In exchange for the guilty plea, Huntress would receive a four-year deferred sentence, and avoid any jail time, unless she violates the terms of the court. If he remains out of trouble, the sentence will be expunged from his record.

The plea deal was made with 12th Judicial District Attorney Alonzo Payne's office.

Vigil's family was, admittedly, not optimistic going into last month's sentencing hearing. At the plea hearing in April, Tony Vigil, Barbara's son, asked for Huntress to spend "some time — even 30 days — in jail, just to make sure he realizes what he's done."

But comments made by 12th Judicial District Court Judge Amanda Hopkins, citing precedence in other similar cases, indicated she was likely to grant the deal.

Nonetheless, the sentencing hearing allowed the Vigils to finally say what they had been wanting to say since Vigil was killed and the plea deal was struck.

Mariah Vigil, Barbara's granddaughter, stood up and addressed the court in a letter written by the family. "Our family keeps asking why," she said. "A few days before Thanksgiving, our mother was trying to finish up her work in Crestone for that week to spend time with the family.

"Like so many times before, she got in her Chevy Blazer and started to drive home. But [because of Jason [Huntress]]... speeding through the town of Moffat at a rate of 100 mph... she did not make it home.

"That night, our lives completely changed forever. It has been a year and a half, and we are still trying to understand what happened and deal with our grief. The hardest part is the circumstances surrounding our mother's death and how it did not have to happen. We never got the chance to say goodbye, I love you. We could not even see her body again because it was so damaged. The cause of death was 'multiple blunt force injuries.' Each one of us has been affected in a different way and the pain is so real. With each day that goes by, with each birthday and holiday, we just keep going forward. All we can do is miss her, visit her grave at the Hillside Cemetery and struggle with the hurt daily.

"We are asking for a strict sentence that bears responsibility, fairness, and most important justice... for the crime. 'No single drop of water thinks it is responsible for the flood.' It is our hope that [Jason Huntress] can learn from this life-changing event and keep from committing such a crime again. The choices made by [him] that night deserve for him to be held accountable as we, as a family, continue to ask why."

In their letter, the family also expressed disappointment with the DA's Office, saying they had not been contacted about the case until the first part of 2021, more than a year after Vigil's death, when they learned that

there was discussion with counsel for the defense and an offer was made for a deferred sentence.

DA Payne could not be reached for a response prior to publication.

Huntress also addressed the court. In a somewhat emotional statement that lasted roughly a minute, Huntress said that he was "deeply saddened" by "the loss of Barbara Vigil," adding he "planned to spend time on probation doing good for others."

Huntress said the accident had impacted his life and the counselor he has been seeing made him realize he "must devote time to doing good to relieve the immense guilt that I feel." He then apologized for "taking up everyone's time and being a burden to the Vigil family."

Judge Hopkins addressed the family, saying she had read the family's statements, listened to what they had to say and knows the Vigils were "very upset" with the plea arrangement. She reminded them that there was precedence set for Huntress to receive

the sentence he did and, just as it was her responsibility to uphold the Constitution in listening to them, she also had to uphold the Constitution in ensuring that the defendant was treated fairly. She also acknowledged the Vigils were "very upset" with the DA's office and assured them that the DA's office was aware of that, as well.

Hopkins then addressed Huntress and started by saying that, after she reviewed the investigative report of his background, she "very nearly rejected" his plea agreement because she "had never seen such a waste of opportunity and of privilege" as he has displayed in his life, citing his loving family, his going to be the best schools and "having everything [he] needs without having done a thing to get it."

"You have so much more than others, and you've done nothing with all that you've been given," Hopkins said.

She went on to say that Huntress also has a conviction for careless driving, brought down from reckless driving, on his record as well as an unsafe vehicle

conviction, pled down from speeding 25-39 mph in a 75-mph speed limit, meaning he was driving faster than 100 mph.

Hopkins said was led to believe he was younger than he was, and this was a "one-off from a normally responsible person" but learned he was someone who drove in whatever he wanted with no regard for the safety or well-being of others.

But, she continued, she had also read the letters submitted on his behalf and hoped he really was the person the letters described him to be.

"Even if you're not, I accepted your plea because I don't want to give you one more reason for doing nothing with your life or not fulfilling your responsibility to society," Hopkins said.

After advising him to follow everything laid out in the court's conditions — and strongly cautioning him that, if he does not, he will return to court where things will not go well for him — she granted the agreement.

When asked how the family was



Barbara Vigil

doing, Tammy Vigil said they were "very disappointed."

Nonetheless, after a year and a half of intense sorrow, the family is vowing to move on with life, in honor of their mother who loved life so deeply while she was with them.

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# GRADS

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Her remarks on May 29 came during the Center School District's in-person graduation ceremony. The Center High School Class of 2021 gathered at the school's football stadium to celebrate their accomplishments despite having to navigate the public health crisis.

"We survived and you all should be proud because it was a lot of work," Arellano said. "We did our best."

Arellano urged her 22 fellow graduates to enjoy life and not "hurry up."

"Cherish the sound of your best friend's laughter," she said. "Pursue the passion you have been putting off. Slow down, explore, change your mind and change it again, fall in love make mistakes, but most importantly grow."

Last year at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person school was canceled in March 2020 for the remainder of the academic year. Students continued to navigate the 2020-21 school year during the pandemic, with a mix of in-person and online classes.

Center High School Principal Kevin Jones spoke about how proud he was of the Class of 2021 for not giving up.

"This class was based on grit, determination and hard work," Jones said.

To illustrate his point, he asked the seniors to open up the children's book "Try Again Arlo" by Sam Castleton that he placed under their chairs.

"What this book is about, honestly it's about never quitting," he said. "Arlo, who is the main character is trying to wave his magic wand. I think our district did not have to wave a magic wand this year — the students persevered. If you all turn to the very last page, the best quote about the Class of 2021 says 'if you persist, never quit, there is nothing you can't do. You deserve a special star for seeing it through.'"

Valedictorian Jesse Bencomo reminisced on all the class has experienced during its senior year.

"I am so proud of all of us for persevering through probably what has been one of the most challenging school years we've ever had," Bencomo said.

Teacher Kevin Hagan gave the commencement address and spoke at length about what the Class

of 2021 has witnessed over the past several years. "Honestly, what advice can I offer to a group of young people who have just experienced one of the greatest disruptions in modern times," Hagan said. "The pandemic has affected every aspect of our way of life from our mental health to our finances to the way we interact with each other on a daily basis. Many of you have experienced stress, anxiety and depression over the course of this last year. Some of you have probably been weighed down by financial hardships. Others have probably struggled with remote learning. Your normal rites of passage like homecoming and prom were not normal at all."

But it was not only the pandemic that had a dramatic impact on the Class of 2021. Over the last several years, they have "witnessed a growing wave of racial injustice sweep across this country," Hagan noted. "Then, the whole world watched in horror as George Floyd was murdered by a white police officer in Minneapolis, Minn. For 9 minutes and 29 seconds, the officer held his knee on Floyd's neck. He pleaded for air and cried out 'I can't breathe.'"

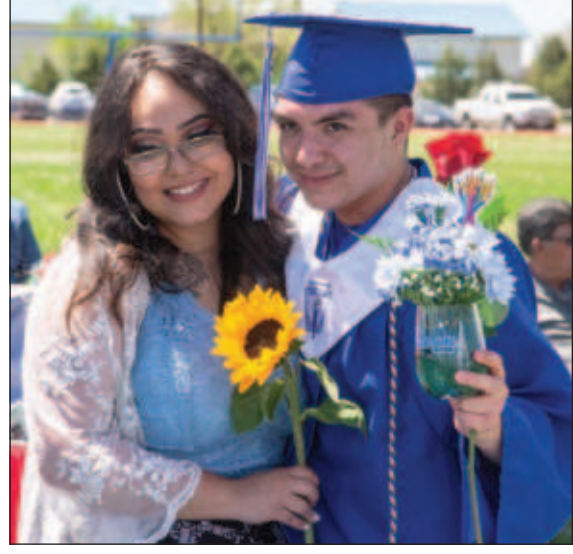
If that wasn't enough, Hagan said, the Class of 2021 also witnessed a "political insurrection" at the U.S. Capitol Building that claimed the lives of five people.

"Of any class, in the history of classes, the Class of 2021 deserves an enormous and heartfelt congratulations," Hagan said. "The parents of the Class of 2021, truly deserve legendary congratulations."

Hagan said the Class of 2021 could change the world by living for one another and by caring for strangers as if they were family.

"Every time I made a decision while I was thinking about myself, it ended in regret. And every time I made a decision while I was thinking about others, it ended in hope. That's what the Class of 2021 represents to all of us, that's what this day means to all of us, the promise of hope," he said.

Graduates gave flowers to influential family and friends who helped them reach this day. The graduation was streamed live and later posted on YouTube — Viking News.



**Center High School held its graduation on Saturday at the football stadium in Center. Speakers included Principal Kevin Jones, Salutatorian MacKayla Arrellano, Valedictorian Jesse Bencomo and teacher Kevin Hagan.**



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Right: Exiting Rex Field, undergraduates show their excitement for the in-person ceremonies as they leave for the next chapter of their great story.



The class of 2021 expresses appreciation to guests for their support and encouragement as they completed their post-graduate degree.



Ph.D. candidate Melissa O'Neill was the graduate commencement speaker.



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A stupa in the Baca Grande subdivision near Crestone, Colorado, stands to witness the nearing of the Great Conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in 2020 marked by Earth's moon on the horizon.

## Town of Crestone receives International Dark Sky designation

### STAFF REPORT

**CRESTONE** — In recognition of its dedication to the preservation of the night sky through the implementation and enforcement of quality lighting policies, dark sky education and citizen support, the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) announced Friday, May 21, that it has designated the Town of Crestone as an International Dark Sky Community. The Town is only the 31st designated International Dark Sky Community worldwide and the fourth in Colorado.

"We are delighted to welcome Crestone, Colo., into the family of IDA International Dark Sky Places," said IDA Executive Director Ruskin Hartley. "Its situation and circumstances are key to

long-term protection of dark skies in the San Luis Valley, Sangre de Cristo wilderness, and beyond, so we are excited by the possibilities that today represents."

Situated in the world's largest alpine valley at the base of the Sangre de Cristo mountains, Crestone was established in 1880 as a mining town and today has an area population of about 2,200 residents. Known as a center of spiritual practice for people of many faiths, Crestone is surrounded by more than two dozen sacred landmarks and centers of world wisdom traditions. Its retreat centers attract over 30,000 visitors annually. Crestone's high elevation, low humidity and distance

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## Clones from History

If it were possible to clone human beings from history, what would they be doing today?

For instance, if we were somehow able to find a strand of DNA from Robin Hood, clone him and raise him in our modern environment, what do you reckon he'd be doing? His genes would give him the predilection to master disguises, slink around in back rooms and rob from the rich. Obviously, he'd be in politics.

The sheriff of Nottingham, on the other hand would rob from the rich and poor alike and have no conscience. The perfect packin' house buyer.

How 'bout Noah. Fair to middlin' navigator, knew how to make repairs en route and kept a lot of air freshener in the pilot house. He'd make a good livestock hauler.

If we cloned an Egyptian Pharaoh where would he fit in the 20th century? Well, they spent their lifetime leaving their mark on the land for people centuries later to ponder. I believe he'd be selling ear tags.



Buffalo Bill. A showman, took advantage of cowboys and stayed one jump ahead of the creditors. He could easily slip into the boots of a rodeo producer.

Edgar Allen Poe. Thought up depressing stories that scared the wits out of people. He'd

be an economist.

Poncho Villa. Inspired great loyalty in his people, came from Texas and knew all the good songs. Freddy Fender.

Attila the Hun. Pillaged and plundered the land and built monuments to his own scorched earth policy. A real estate developer.

A Roman slave. He could own his own dairy today.

The first person who crossed the Bearing Strait and introduced mastodons to the Eskimos would probably be in the llama or ostrich business now.

Lewis and Clark. Managed to make it across the country by trading trinkets to keep from getting shot. Animal health salesman.

Chris Columbus. Had to beg for financing, made risky investments and wound up 14,000 miles off course. He'd be feeding cattle today.

Fred Flintstone. Lived in a cave, rode a dinosaur and didn't do well with strangers. Probably be herding sheep in Wyoming.

Nero. Played his fiddle while Rome burned. He'd probably have a BBQ joint in Branson, Missouri.

And finally Moses. He brought a plague on his neighbors, took orders from higher up and was good with large quantities of liquid. His clone might make a good hog confinement operator. 'Course, Moses was also lost for forty years wandering the wilderness with no apparent means of support, so he could easily be a professional team roper.

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

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# DARK

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from Colorado's major population centers combine to yield clear views of the night sky.

Crestone Mayor Kairina Danforth led the initiative to accredit the town as an IDA International Dark Sky Community. With strong support from area residents and businesses, and the work of the Town Trustees serving as a Dark Sky Committee, results were continuing and significant. Although the Town has regulated outdoor lighting since 2004, it recently updated its ordinance to meet current IDA certification requirements.

"All this time I believed this was a journey that ended with designation. I now realize that this designation isn't so much the end of a process as the beginning of a relationship with IDA and the broader dark-skies movement around the world," said

Mayor Danforth. "I look forward to the prospect of our town not only being welcomed into the IDA family but becoming a part of its future."

Crestone is the world's first International Dark Sky Community to acknowledge the Rights of Nature. Its deep commitment to the environment is evident from the 2018 adoption of its pioneering Rights of Nature Resolution, which states that the town officially recognizes "that nature, natural ecosystems, communities and all species possess intrinsic and inalienable rights which must be effectuated to protect life on Earth." The Resolution also acknowledges the deep spiritual connection between residents of Crestone and the natural world and embraces the community's role as a steward of nature.

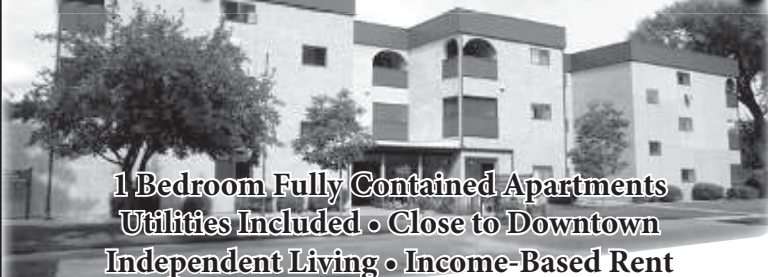
This commitment is evident in Crestone, from dark-sky-friendly

lighting to astronomy outreach, awareness campaigns, and funding to help residents improve lighting on their properties. All Crestone-owned lighting assets are now IDA compliant, as are its streetlights.

Care and concern for Crestone's night skies make a difference in the lives of the people who call the town home, contributing meaningfully to their quality of life. Friday's announcement is an important milestone on Crestone's continuing dark-sky journey.

"The stars are what brought me here to Crestone and to its wonderful people," said Scott Carlson, a Crestone resident who first came to the area in the mid-2000s. "Thank you, International Dark-Sky Association for the stellar work you are doing, for its impact on me and on the future preservation of Crestone's dark sky."

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		Shown (in./day)				(inches)				
		5/27	5/26	5/25	5/24	From 2day	3day	4day	5day	7day
Moravian 69	04/05	0.21	0.11	0.24	0.22	0.33	0.56	0.79	0.99	1.28
Moravian 69	05/05	0.11	0.06	0.11	0.10	0.17	0.27	0.37	0.45	0.56
Early Wheat	04/05	0.21	0.11	0.24	0.22	0.33	0.56	0.79	0.99	1.28
Early Wheat	05/05	0.10	0.05	0.10	0.09	0.16	0.26	0.35	0.42	0.52
White Wheat	04/05	0.21	0.11	0.24	0.22	0.33	0.56	0.79	0.99	1.28
White Wheat	05/05	0.10	0.05	0.10	0.09	0.16	0.26	0.35	0.42	0.52
WinterWheat	10/01	0.21	0.11	0.24	0.22	0.33	0.56	0.79	0.99	1.28
<b>Potatoes</b>										
Norkotah	05/05	0.04	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.11	0.15	0.19	0.24
Centennial	05/05	0.04	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.11	0.15	0.19	0.24
Nugget	05/05	0.04	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.11	0.15	0.19	0.24
Alfalfa	Est.	0.24	0.13	0.27	0.25	0.37	0.65	0.90	1.13	1.46
Lawngress	Est.	0.20	0.11	0.23	0.21	0.31	0.54	0.75	0.94	1.21

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# SLV REC annual meeting set for June 8 virtually

**STAFF REPORT**  
**MONTE VISTA** — The San Luis Valley REC annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8, as an open house annual membership meeting with registration open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at REC's office, 3625 Highway 160 W, Monte Vista.

The open house will allow for meeting and prize registration, as well as in-person voting.

The business meeting portion of the annual meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will be hosted virtually. Register for the video link through REC's website — [www.slvrec.com/annual-meeting](http://www.slvrec.com/annual-meeting).

In addition, members can send questions by mail or email to be answered during the online meeting. All questions must be received at REC by Tuesday, June 8, noon.

Email questions to [2021Annmeet@slvrec.com](mailto:2021Annmeet@slvrec.com) or mail to P.O. Box 3625, Monte Vista, CO 81144.

Annual report packets, including the ballot were mailed to members on May 5; ballots can be mailed in, returned to REC's dropbox or brought to the June 8 open house membership meeting.

Candidate bios can be found online at [slvrec.com/annual-meeting](http://slvrec.com/annual-meeting). In addition, the 2020 meeting minutes will need to be approved; vote for approval on the postage-paid postcard included with the annual report packet.

Qualified members who vote in person and register at the June 8 open house membership meeting will be eligible for prizes, which include a \$250 bill credit, one-half beef, one-half pork and more.

# Sagebrush Quilters quilt show is June 12

**STAFF REPORT**  
**SAGUACHE** — The Sagebrush Quilters will present its quilt show on June 12 at the Road and Bridge Conference Room at 3rd and Denver streets in Saguache. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

The ladies have kept busy throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and are ready to present their latest creations. On display will be quilts of all sizes from wall hangings to king-sized, some machine-quilted and others quilted by hand.

"With special thanks to the Saguache County Commissioners, the quilts will be displayed on hanging racks," Sage-

brush Quilters stated. "Without their generous grant, we would be unable to present the quilts effectively. Also thank you to Road and Bridge for their generosity in allowing us to use their spacious conference room, not only for our monthly meetings, but for this annual display."

The group will celebrate the beginning of their 13th year. Founded by Sara Fernandez, the club boasts several women with high-quality capabilities in the creation and construction of quilts.

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