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Christmas in July FUNdraising Festival is July 10

STAFF REPORT
SAGUACHE — Health Equity Action Resident Team (HEART) of Saguache and KV Estates took the lead in 2018 with the first Christmas in July FUNdraising Festival.

The purpose was to bring the community together; provide an avenue for local artists to showcase their wares and raise funds to help needy families during the December holiday times.

Christmas in July 2021 will continue that tradition on Saturday, July at 10 a.m. at Otto Mears Park.

Live music is being planned; vendors are invited to set up a tent with vendor fees — a donated item to the HEART Silent Auction Tent. Family games are being set up and although the rain clouds are welcomed, planners are hopeful that they stay away until after the FUNdraising activities end.

Christmas in July 2021 is Part 1 of a two-part plan to raise funds to create food boxes for families in December. Part 2 will happen on Saturday, Dec 4., with the Holiday Bazaar at the community building and again, sponsored by HEART and its partners.

Vendors can contact Caroline at 719-850-0051.

RG National Forest begins scoping project in Conejos Ranger District

BY LYNDSIE FERRELL
RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST — According to reports from Public Information Officer Gregg Goodland with the Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF), they are beginning a scoping project for the Conejos Ranger District and are seeking public input.

“We are currently seeking input on our Trail Gulch Vegetation Management project. The Rio Grande National Forest is seeking input from any interested public on the Trail Gulch Vegetation Management Project. The project area is 51,460 acres with approximately 13,200 acres identified for possible

vegetation management activities over the next 10-15 years,” Goodland said.

“The project is intended to improve overall forest health and benefit multiple resources while preparing the landscape for prescribed and/or natural fire to play a role in restoring and maintaining healthy ecosystems.

This includes implementation of fuels treatment around values such as subdivisions and the Conejos River corridor,” he added.

Goodland explained details pertaining to the project can be found online at www.fs.usda.gov/detail/riogrande/landmanagement/
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Photo of the east face of Pico Aislado

Courtesy photo

Saguache County SAR: Extensive recovery operation removes body of climber

STAFF REPORT

CRESTONE — The body of a climber was recovered during an extensive operation Monday, June 21, in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains southeast of Crestone, according to Saguache County Search and Rescue (SCSAR).

On Saturday, June 19, SCSAR was activated for a mountaineer that fell while climbing Pico Aislado in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The caller reported his climbing partner fell several hundred feet

from the summit ridge down the near-vertical east face.

A Flight for Life Colorado helicopter with a member of SCSAR aboard scouted the area of the accident but was unable to locate the subject or insert rescue teams due to high wind and unfavorable conditions.

Ground teams comprised of SCSAR, Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue and Baca Grande Fire/EMS began hiking to the location at midnight Sunday, June 20.

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Preliminary redistricting map puts SLV with eastern plains

BY PRISCILLA WAGGONER

SAN LUIS VALLEY — The preliminary map displaying the boundaries of Colorado’s new eight Congressional districts was made public on June 23, and it shows the San Luis Valley being removed from Congressional District 3 and included in District 4, along with Pueblo County, the southeastern part of El Paso County and all the counties in the southeastern, central eastern and northeastern plains of the state.

District 4 is currently represented by Ken Buck, a Republican from Windsor who is serving his fourth term in Congress. District 3 is represented by Lauren Boebert of Garfield County, who was elected to office in 2020.

The district boundaries are being redrawn to create Colorado’s new 8th seat in the House of Representatives, allocated to the state based on a 14.2% increase in population since 2010 when the districts were last drawn.

In this initial map, the 8th Congressional District would include the cities of Arvada, Westminster, Broomfield, Thornton, Brighton and Platteville, all located in counties that are north of Denver and identified as one of the fastest-growing areas in the state.

The map shows all of Colorado’s seven existing Congressional districts had some boundary changes, including Congressional District 3 which picked up Eagle,

Summit, Grand, Park, Teller, Fremont and part of western Boulder County. However, adding the San Luis Valley to a Congressional district that extends across the plains to Colorado’s borders with Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming was one of the more significant changes to be suggested.

Redistricting is done once every 10 years, and the preliminary map was drawn by non-partisan staffers
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Delta variant in Alamosa County

SAN LUIS VALLEY — The Delta variant of the SARS CoV-2 virus was identified in Alamosa County, according to San Luis Valley public health officials.

Last week SLV public health officials reported that it was found in Saguache and Conejos counties. It is transmitted easily among unvaccinated persons, and it is likely that it is present in additional San Luis Valley locations but has not yet been documented, officials added.

“Delta can spread to vaccinated people, although vaccines protect against severe illness in most cases. Unvaccinated persons are most likely to get it, spread it, and get very sick from it. If you have not yet been vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask in public indoor spaces,” officials stated.

Seventy-three percent of San Luis Valley residents above the age of 65 are fully vaccinated. Young people, who were not initially eligible for vaccines, are the group with the lowest COVID-19 vaccination rates at this time.

“The past year and a half has been very challenging for students and everyone involved with schools. Public health authorities strongly encourage families to get their eligible children ages 12 and up vaccinated to help them have a more normal school experience next year,” officials stated.

If you have questions or concerns about vaccine safety, talk to your doctor or visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/Learn-about-COVID-19-vaccines>.

There are many opportunities for teens to get their vaccines. Youth ages 12 and up can get the Pfizer vaccine with parental consent. Pfizer is offered by mobile vaccine buses, public health agencies, and others. SLV Health recently began offering the vaccine through their pediatric clinic.

For more information on local vaccine providers, see www.slvphp.com/vaccination or call 719-480-8719.

This week’s mobile vaccine bus clinics are as follows:

- June 29: 12-7 p.m., Early Childhood Council, 401 Santa Fe in Alamosa
- June 30: 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Family Dollar in La Jara
- July 1: 2-7 p.m., Boyd Park in Alamosa
- July 2: 9 a.m.-noon, Blanca-Fort Garland Community Center

As of Monday, June 28, there were 57 known active cases of COVID-19 in the San Luis Valley.

- Alamosa County — 22
- Conejos County — 8
- Costilla County — 0
- Mineral County — 0
- Rio Grande County — 7
- Saguache County — 20

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OBITUARIES

Thelma (Tudy) Worker October 30, 1930 – June 16, 2021

Thelma Diane Borud Worker passed away and joined her beloved, Raymond Worker in Heaven, on June 16, 2021.

Thelma Worker's Celebration of Life will take place on July 2, 2021, at 10 a.m. at The Feedstore Church, 4900 E CR 2.5, Monte Vista Colo. Interment will follow at the San Luis Valley Cemetery and a simple luncheon at the Center Kiwanis Hall.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to your local library or your local animal rescue organization in Thelma's memory. Condolences and memories of Thelma may be shared at rundus.com/obituary/Thelma-Diane-Worker.

Thelma Diane Borud was born Oct. 20, 1930, the daughter of George and Esther (Sveum) Borud of Fosston, Minn., the oldest of five children. She was raised and attended school in Fosston. After high school graduation, Thelma attended Bemidji State College and received her Associate Arts degree in December 1950. She then taught third grade for two years at the Chippewa Indian, Red Lake, Minn., Elementary School.

Her Red Lake experience led to a lifelong appreciation of tribal arts and culture including her favorite children's author, Byrd Baylor. Thelma then decided to accept a position teaching school in Del Norte, Colo. It was in Del Norte that Thelma met Raymond Worker and they were married in May 1953. They lived in Del Norte for five years before moving to Sargent farming community, north of Monte Vista, Colo.

Thelma was an avid reader and was involved in multiple organizations while she raised her children. PTA, Sargent Homemakers, Catholic Church, Brownies, Cub Scouts, 4-H and volunteering at the Sargent Elementary Library.

While driving a school bus to pay for college expenses, she attended Adams State College receiving her BA in Education in 1969. Thelma began teaching once again — this time in the Monte Vista, Colo., schools. She taught high school and Jr. high special education before moving to the sixth, fifth and fourth grades and the Kindergarten Chapter 1. Thelma enjoyed reading from her collections of Rudyard Kipling and Bryd Baylor books to her students and grandchildren.

After retiring from education in 1991, Thelma and Ray began their extended travels throughout the US and enjoyed traveling with family



and friends. Their international travel vacations included Japan, Austria, the Netherlands, and other European countries. Ray passed in 1998 just shy of their 45th wedding anniversary.

After 67 years in the San Luis Valley, Thelma and her little dog (Dukey) moved to Highland Trails, Broomfield, Colo., and for the last few years was a resident at Libby Bortz in Littleton, Colo., where Thelma passed away peacefully in front of her window while reading one of her many books.

Thelma is survived by and will be missed by her five children: Esther Worker of Broomfield, Colo., Lars Worker of Mesa, Ariz., Warren (Harriet) Worker of Viking, Minn., Andrew (Cheryl) Worker of Gallup, N.M., and Erick (Dewindra) Worker of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; beloved grandchildren: Chris (Kathy) Hamblen, Rebecca Hamblen, Jennifer (Steve) Hamblen, Thomas (Yingjie Li) Worker-Braddock, Dewey (Heidi) Worker, Ben (Kara) Worker, Jim (Karina) Worker, JD (Tatiana) Worker, Kyla (Jake) Montano, Levin, Kenosha, and Marrick Worker; and beloved great-grandchildren: Cameron Hamblen, Ethan Hamblen Crafton, Hanna Crafton, Jimmy Smart, Madison and Raymond Worker, Oliver Worker, Winston and Porter Worker, Auden Worker, Harley Worker, Drew and Shelby Montano.

Thelma is survived by siblings: Phyllis Ertz and Gerald (Colleen) Borud, Sister in Laws, Elaine Borud and Jane Worker.

Thelma was preceded in death and will be welcomed into Heaven by Raymond F. Worker, her parents George and Esther (Sveum) Borud; in-laws George and Eleanor Worker; and siblings Gene Borud, Shirley Borud, and infant brother George; daughter-in-law Mika Kawahira; sister- and brothers-in-laws Marlyss Borud, Nick Ertz, George and Donna Worker, Howard Worker, Betty Worker, Beth Worker, Bill and Evelyn Worker, Budde Worker; and several nieces and nephews.

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Charles Franklin Lewis

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Charles Franklin Lewis, "Chuck," 85, of Scottsdale, Ariz., on March 26, 2021.

Chuck was born in Monte Vista, Colo., on March 14, 1936, to Frank Arthur and Maryanna Gilmore Lewis and lived in Center, Colo. As a young boy he worked in his father's store "Lewis Hardware" in Center. After graduating from Center High School, he received a scholarship to the Socorro School of Mines in New Mexico to study geology. He later transferred to Adams State College as a geology major. However, after one class in chemistry from Dr. Tommy Thomson he changed his major to chemistry. He then graduated from Adams State with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry.

At Adams State College he met Janice Pauline Carroll, of Alamosa, who was studying biology. While conducting a chemistry experiment, he walked across the hall to her biology lab and ask her to come next door to his chemistry class and confirm the color of fluid in a beaker experiment he was conducting. They then began dating and found that their personal chemistry was a match. On June 2, 1957, they were married. During the next 64 years of marriage, they led a rich life, full of amazing experiences fueled by their love of science and the outdoors.

He began his career working with the Bureau of Mines in Salt Lake City, Utah where he conducted scientific research and disseminated information on the extraction, processing, use and conservation of mineral resources.

In 1962, upon the recommendation of then Arizona State University professor Dr. Thomson, his previous professor, he was asked to join the Center for Meteorite Studies. He was hired to be a research chemist and first curator of the Niniger meteorite collection, which was the largest in the world and the only private collection to be held at a university to be used for research.

As Collection Curator, he was

instrumental in creating curation techniques for the rare and unique meteorites housed in the Center's collection. His skills provided curatorial expertise to scientists preparing to receive samples from the 1969 Apollo lunar landing, that proved crucial in setting up NASA's Lunar Receiving Laboratory.

Chuck began by analyzing carbon in iron meteorites and his strong analytical capabilities were particularly invaluable. As a result of these capabilities, and his reputation for carbon analysis he was invited to Houston by NASA to perform the very first carbon measurements of the lunar samples returned by the Apollo 11 mission. He and the Center for Meteorite Studies research team duplicated ASU's analytical setup in NASA's Lunar Receiving Laboratory, in Houston, Texas. He ultimately analyzed over 200 lunar samples returned by the Apollo 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17 missions. His work not only bolstered the research reputation of the Center, but also led to a breakthrough understanding of the sources of lunar carbon — that the moon and the earth shared the same organic material.

He is remembered and respected around the world not only as an outstanding chemist and curator, but also as a good friend. This included many undergraduate and graduate students, visiting scientists, and colleagues, including Oscar Monnig, Birger Wiik, Vagn Buchwald, and Ursula Marvin, that he worked with during his 30-plus years in the Center for Meteorite Studies.

Although his passion for minerals, fossils and meteorites was a highlight of his life he was also an exceptional jewelry maker and wood worker. He made pieces of jewelry for his wife, four daughters, son, other family members and friends. He had the privilege of making turquoise squash blossom necklaces for many of the Apollo astronauts' wives. His pieces of furniture and turned bowls are enjoyed by family and many friends around the



United States.

His love for his wife and five children was immense and unconditional. He was an amazing father and husband who filled his family with love and experiences beyond imagination. He took us on jeep rides in the wilds of Colorado, backpacking, camping, mineral and fossil collecting as well as mushroom hunting and sleeping on the beaches in Mexico. He taught everyone he met to explore the magic of nature. He loved to share his incredible knowledge with anyone who was interested, over a good meal and an excellent glass of red wine.

Charles is survived by his loving wife Janice Carroll Lewis, his five children; Janice Kathleen Lewis, of Vancouver, Canada, Dr. Kenneth Lewis of Grand Junction, Colo., Koni Faver of Phoenix, Ariz., Kristyne Livingston of Hemet, Calif. and Karen Hart of Phoenix, Ariz. He was blessed with 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will take place at the Masonic Lodge in the Masonic Park at 63 Solamons Circle, South Fork, CO 81154, on July 6, 2021, at 2 p.m. with a barbecue dinner to follow.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to:

Smithsonian Institution
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Boston, MA 02241-8320

Add "Gift for the Dept of Mineral Sciences in honor of Charles F. Lewis" on check memo and or include a letter with this information.

Michael Gallegos

Michael Gallegos passed away on Nov. 13, 2020. Michael was born on Aug. 1, 1983. He grew up in Martinez, Calif. Michael moved to the San Luis Valley with his family in 1993.

He is survived by his mother Rita Gallegos, his two sons Damien and Jacob Gallegos, his brothers Geronimo and Andrew Gallegos, his sister Angela, his cousins Monica, Anthony and Terina, his nieces Zana and Zedelia, and his uncles Lawrence and Augustine (Bernie) Gallegos.

Michael's family had a remembrance for him at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 25, 2021, at 2900 Sherman Ave., No. 48. Whoever remembered "Mikey" was welcome to come and help celebrate his life.



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OPINION & EDITORIAL

God Bless America

Well, here we are again, and another year has passed by and thank God for that as the last one was a doozy.

When it first began Ol' Dutch was so excited to hear that Corona was going to run rampant as I don't mind a cool beer with a lime in the long neck. But it didn't take long 'til they renamed it Covid and suddenly all the fun we had anticipated was jerked out from under us like a rug on cleaning day.

Now instead of parties non-stop with golden liquid refreshments, we were faced with masks and mandates plus job loss and a heavy-handed government involvement. Right or wrong, a lot of people believe it got out of hand and was just a power grab by self-serving politicians. They would not do that, would they?

But regardless of your political persuasion it was a long and painful year and celebrations were cancelled right and left in fear of spreading the virus. And boy did Ol' Dutch miss those times of gathering and it really limited my times to shine when out and about in an adoring public.

Why just today a publication called Psychology announced that a study has shown that people who are able to BS (that is a scientific term) their way through a conversation are more intelligent than those who cannot. And you all wondered why Ol' Dutch appears so smart? Man, I love the Internet news.

This summer has been a Godsend to all my friends and family as I have been able to share such brilliance with them openly and freely in gatherings for Holidays and church time.

And Ol' Dutch is so excited that this year the 4th of July celebrations are on full tilt and due to my arrival and bringing timely rains to the area, it appears that we may also get to have fireworks this year. Hoorah for the Rain Man. I knew I was good for something regardless of what Miss Trixie says.

And from looking at the recent influx of tourists into our tiny town and others it appears that people are ready to get out and about and celebrate their new-found freedom from an oppressive government much like Thomas Jefferson and the other founding fathers did.

I was a tad perturbed that we were not going to celebrate here on the 4th and instead chose the 3rd until I read about the actual events in 1776 where it appears that maybe we should be celebrating on the 2nd of July or even the 2nd of August.



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

It seems that the legal separation from the Crown of England took place on July 2, but it took until the 4th for the Continental Congress to agree on the final draft of the Declaration of Independence. However, it was not until Aug. 2 of 1776 that the members of that governmental entity found enough ink to write it up and get it signed and not until 1777 until it was released publicly with signatures. So, it is a messed-up deal all the way around as is usual with the Congress.

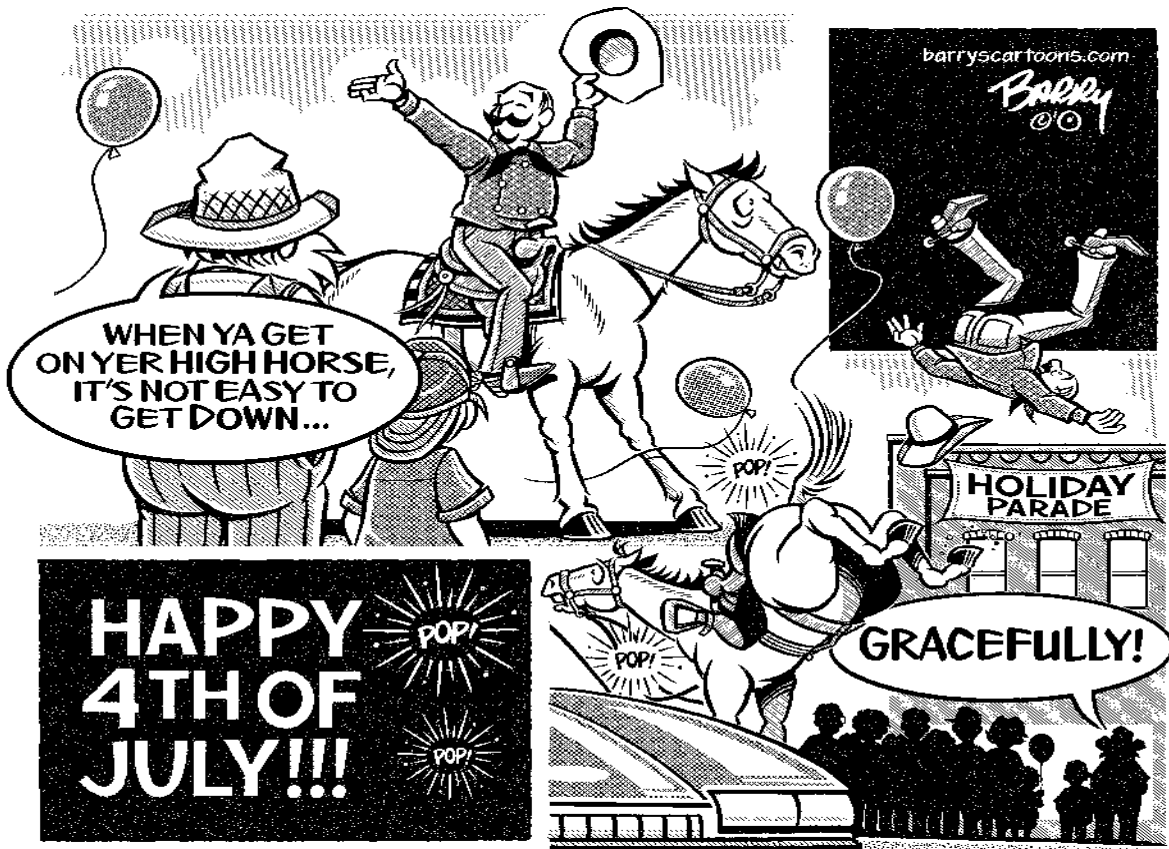
No matter what, we celebrate our freedom from an overbearing rule by a Monarchy and although it took some time, we were able to kick those Redcoats and wig-wearing Kings off of our shores forever. Well at least until recently when they sent one of their sons over here who is trying to be a Prince in a free land and whom the Tories among us have welcomed with open arms. But that is another story for another column.

So, get some hot dogs and fire up the old grill to celebrate with the rest of America for the freedoms we have enjoyed these past 245 years. For it cost those founders everything as they lost their homes, fortunes, and lives in the ensuing struggle against tyranny and injustice.

Even though we may have problems today in this Great Land, we celebrate the freedoms that we have enjoyed; honor those who have given their lives to maintain the peace; and we hold our flag high as a symbol of refuge to the oppressed around the world still today.

God bless each one of you on this day and God Bless America.

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



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!!

Reporter's Notebook: I hate saying goodbye

By REBECCA COPLEY

I have never been very good at saying goodbye. But the time has come for me to say goodbye to the Monte Vista Journal and Valley Publishing Inc.

Over the last two years, I have learned so much here and have gained an even deeper appreciation for this Valley that I call home and for Monte Vista.

I want to say how much I have enjoyed doing this job. For me getting to be this city's reporter has been a privilege and an honor. I want to thank so many people in this community who were always so kind to me and helped me when I was an outsider. I will miss you all. I wish this community the absolute best. Stay Monte Strong!

Although I am sad to say goodbye,

I have an exciting new adventure before me. Those who know me know how important my faith is to me. I am so happy that my next calling will be using my life serving as a missionary. I am so grateful for what I have experienced here, and now I am excited about my next chapter!

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."
- Winnie the Pooh

YOUR NIGHT SKY

Milky Way

By DARLENE DANKO

Although the Milky Way is visible most of the year, summer and fall are the best times for viewing because it is high in the sky. We are so fortunate to live here because a large percentage of the people on this planet have never seen it. With a bright moon or any kind of light pollution, it's very difficult to see without visual aid. But with our clear dark skies, it's spectacular!

This is a perfect time for viewing because the Moon is in its waning stage approaching a "new moon," and leaving the sky dark until after midnight. The Milky Way is visible from the northeast, overhead to the south. Without binoculars or a telescope, it appears as a hazy milky glowing band, hence its name.

Some cultures have seen it as the backbone of the night, while others call it the river of stars. Any way you look at it, it's our home.

The Milky Way is where we live, but do you know what it is? The Milky Way is a barred spiral galaxy about 100,000 light years in diameter. That's huge! A light year is the distance light travels in one year, about 5.9 million miles!

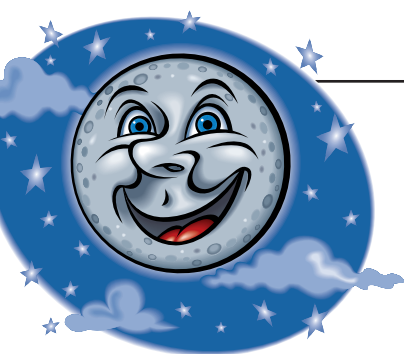
There is a bright center bulge

about 6,000 light years across with a bar going through it and sticking out each end. The spiral arms branch out from the bar and wrap around the bulge in a flat disc only 2,000 light years thick.

A galaxy is basically a large group of stars held together by their mutual gravity. Galaxies rotate, but because of its massive size it takes the Milky Way 15-50 million years to make one rotation! There are between 200-400 million stars and possibly as many planets. Wow!

There are two major spiral arms and two minor ones in between them. Our Sun is located on the inner rim of the Orion Arm, which is a small (relatively speaking) branch between the two major arms. It's only 3,500 light years across and 10,000 light years in length. We are about two-thirds of the way out from the galactic center.

All of the stars that you see in the sky, about 2,500 with the naked eye, are in the Orion Arm. The next arm from us is 6,500 light years away and requires visual aid to see its stars. When you look at the Milky Way above and to the northeast, you're looking out toward the edge. When you look at it to the south you're



looking towards the center, although we can't see the center because of the interstellar dust and gas haze that hides most of our galaxy from visible wavelengths. Infrared and radio studies have given scientists the information to detail our galaxy. At the center, is an intense radio source which is thought to be a super massive black hole.

While you're out looking at our dazzling galaxy, think about all of the amazing objects it contains and how much we have to learn. How many planets are there, and is there life on any of them? Are we alone? You live on a street, in a town, in a county, in a state, in a country, on a continent, on planet Earth in our Solar System, in the Orion Arm of the Milky Way Galaxy in this Universe. One final thought, our galaxy is only one of billions, are there also more universes?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Approaching our nation's birthday — a message about patriotism

On Sept. 13, 1814, U.S. soldiers at Baltimore's Fort McHenry withstood 25 hours of British bombardment. Early the next morning they hoisted a gigantic flag over the fort, marking a critical victory and a turning point in the War of 1812, often considered a second war for America's independence.

Francis Scott Key, a Maryland-born attorney, with a successful law practice watched the bombardment from a ship in the Baltimore harbor. He had been in the harbor negotiating the release of an American civilian, Dr. William Beanes, who had been captured in an earlier battle. As a condition of the release, Key and other Americans, were ordered by the British not to return to shore during the attack on Baltimore.

From aboard a ship he watched through the night and into the morning as the bombardment of Fort McHenry continued. Picture in your mind what he was watching all night and as the sun rose and the skies cleared in the morning.

Oh! Say can you see, by the

dawn's early light

What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?

And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.

Oh! Say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mist of the deep,

Where the/or's haughty host in dread silence reposes,

What is that which the breeze, o'er towering steep,

As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?

Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,

In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream.

'Tis the star-spangled banner. Oh! Long may it wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Key wrote the initial verse or

two on the backside of a letter. Back in Baltimore that morning, he continued working, finishing the other stanzas. The poem was printed on handbills the next morning, which originally called the work, "The defense of Fort M'Henry", and distributed them in Baltimore. Two Baltimore newspapers printed it, and it spread quickly to various cities along the East Coast.

A few days later, actor Ferdinand Durang sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," in Baltimore to the tune of an old English drinking song called, "To Anacreon in Heaven," written in 1775 by John Stafford Smith, to honor the ancient Greek poet Anacreon, A lover of wine. The drinking song melody had a track record in the United States and thus, was well known.

Although Durang's performance marked the first time the anthem was sung in public, it became popular immediately, and three months later was played during the Battle of New Orleans.

By the time "The Star-Spangled Banner" officially became America's national anthem in

1931, it had become one of America's most popular patriotic tunes for more than a century. At first, it trailed only "Yankee Doodle," and "Hail Columbia" in popularity among 19th-century patriotic tunes.

But during and immediately after the Civil War, Key's song gained deeper meaning, as the American Flag became an increasingly powerful symbol of national unity. By the 1890s, the U.S. Military adopted the song for ceremonial purposes, playing it to accompany the raising and lowering of the colors.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed an executive order designating it "the national anthem of the United States." Finally, in 1931 — more than 100 years after it was composed — Congress passed a measure declaring "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the official national anthem.

Today, most Americans are familiar with the words of the initial verse of the national anthem, which basically described a battle scene, with the flag still flying. It is played to start many athletic events and musical ceremonies.

However, the words of the normally unknown fourth verse have much more meaning to the nation today, and perhaps should be sung more often. In fact, several organizations during their official ceremonies sing both the first and fourth stanzas.

Here is the fourth verse of our

National Anthem:

Oh! Thus be it ever when freemen shall stand

Between their loved home and the war's desolation,

Blest with victory and peace, may the Heav'n-rescued land

Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation.

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,

And this be our motto, "In God is our trust."

And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Francis Scott Key died in 1843 at the age of 63. By government permission, the United States Flag flies continuously over Key's grave at Frederick, MD, and over Fort McHenry.

A final note about punctuation. Please observe that the first stanza ends with a question mark. As author Key was observing the battle from a ship in the harbor, it was still in question if the flag would continue to weather the bombardment.

But as morning arrived, the flag and what it stands for, survived! The second verse ends with an exclamation point!

But the fourth verse ends with a period, following a statement of expectation and confidence about the foundation of our nation and its future.

— Courtesy of the Rio Grande County Republican Central Committee

RECOVERY

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Teams from Western Mtn. Rescue and Chaffee County Search and Rescue South were inserted by Flight for Life Colorado at dawn. The combined ground teams located the body of the climber and determined the location exceeded the skill and technical equipment on hand to attempt recovery at that time.

After completing scene documentation and protecting the climber's body from the elements all teams hiked out. An advanced

technical rescue team was activated to perform the recovery.

On Monday, June 21, a combined team from Alpine Rescue Team and SCSAR were inserted by a Reach Air Medical Services helicopter into the area and climbed to the accident site. The combined team was successful in recovering the climber's remains. The subject was lowered approximately 1,000 vertical feet and carried down a half-mile to a landing zone. A helicopter flew

the subject out and the remains were transferred to the Saguache County Coroner.

"Our deepest condolences to the subject's family and friends. This mission is a somber reminder of the objective dangers of mountaineering and the arduous difficulties in responding to this type of call," SCSAR officials stated. "We can't thank our volunteers and mutual aid partners enough for their efforts on this mission."

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Klayton Gosar named Rookie of the Year

By REBECCA COPLEY

MONTE VISTA — Klayton Gosar was named Rookie of the Year by the Pagosa Springs Area Association of Realtors for 2020.

“I felt very honored and was truly excited to receive this award. It was a great accomplishment for starting my career in real estate. I have worked hard to progress my education and career. I was honored to be recognized,” said Gosar of Legends Premier Properties in Monte Vista. Gosar has been a realtor for nearly two years.

“I feel very lucky to be able to work with an outstanding real estate company Legends Premier Properties

Inc. I have wonderful mentorship and years of experience to learn from. It is also wonderful to keep the business in our family,” said Gosar.

To be eligible to receive this award the realtor must meet several criteria. They must be an active licensee for no longer than two years. They must participate in association activities, including tours, membership meetings, and or committee work. They must demonstrate faithfulness and willingness to support the articles and principles designated to distinguish realtors as professionals of real estate to others in business and the public. They must also be active in producing sales.

Gosar said helping people realize their dream of homeownership was one reason for becoming a realtor.

“I wanted to become a Real Estate Broker because I enjoy working with people, helping them achieve their dreams if it is buying their first home, starting a business, or investing in their future,” he said. “It is very rewarding to create these relationships. I grew up in real estate my whole life and always admired how involved you are with the community.”

When asked what his favorite part of his job is Gosar said, “My favorite thing about being a realtor is establishing relationships with

people and getting to see all the different places.”

Gosar is a Valley native and was born and raised in Monte Vista. He graduated from Monte Vista High School, attended College at Adams State University, and received his bachelor’s degree in Business.

When he is not working, Gosar enjoys filling his time with lots of outdoor activities, including mountain biking, fishing, snowboarding, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.

“I like living in the Valley for many reasons. I love the outdoors and the sense of community that the Valley has.



It is a very special place and I enjoy being close to family,” Gosar said.

RG National Forest official talks fire, update on new home

By LYNSIE FERRELL

RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST — Gregg Goodland, the Public Information Officer with Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF), gave updates on the current fire season and on how construction is progressing at the future home of RGNF in Del Norte. According to Goodland, the fire season in the forest has been quiet.

“We are still watching things very closely but so far with the recent rains we have had, our conditions are favorable. We have not joined the rest of our Southwest Region in fire restrictions but as always we need everyone to be vigilant and to remember to be fire wise,” he said.

Goodland said that at this time the forest is looking green and lush thanks to the recent storms that have passed over the region.

“Unlike other forest that surround RGNF, like Gunnison, Grand Mesa and other districts throughout the state, we have not needed to place any restrictions on our forest yet,” he said. “We still want people out recreating to use designated fire pits in campgrounds and even out on the forest itself when possible. Put your fires out when you leave and make sure that it is extinguished.”

Goodland continued saying that

even though the forest is looking good right now, conditions could change quickly and that there is always that one chance that someone starts a fire in a dry location.

“There is always that chance but for now we are experiencing a wetter than normal beginning to our season. Hopefully the trend continues, and we will have a successful year,” he said.

With the fire season looking positive for now, Goodland also gave a brief update on the construction happening at

the old Del Norte High School building that is in the process of becoming their new home.

“We are being told that construction is right on schedule and even a little ahead, but we do not expect that to last long with a shortage of materials in our near future,” he said. “Everyone is experiencing a shortage and we expect to see it soon. Hopefully we will have it closer to wintertime when construction slows down anyway.”

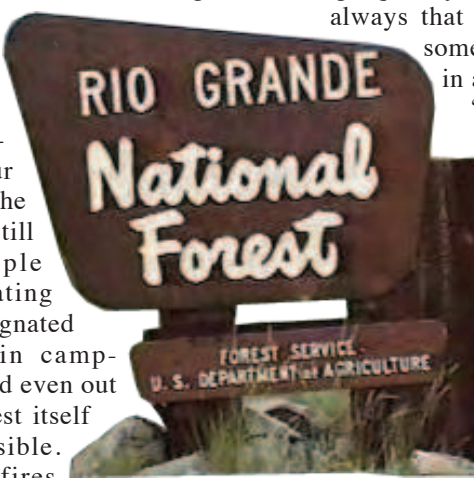
Goodland stated that the walls are being built, electrical, plumbing and the roof are all being constructed, and the main gas line has been installed.

“In coming months, there will be heavy equipment on site to work on the parking lot and access road to the building. So far, things are going to plan, and we hope to finish

on time,” he said.

Beyond that Goodland wanted to encourage people to stay the trail this summer by not avoiding snow or mud that may be on the trail to keep surrounding areas intact.

“Please continue to use good forest stewardship while out recreating this summer. If snow-mud blocks the road or trail — then turn around. Come back another day. Do not go off-road. This creates visible side trails that can be difficult and costly to repair. Other folks might follow those tracks. Just because the OHV can make it, doesn’t mean it should make it. And last but by no means least, if you pack it in, pack it out. Take your trash with you and dispose of materials properly. We think this is shaping up to be a great summer,” he said.



CSP: Pedestrian, motorcyclist seriously injured in crash

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA COUNTY — A pedestrian and motorcycle driver were seriously injured during a crash on Colorado Highway 370 near milepost 12 on Saturday, June 26.

At approximately 8:50 p.m. on June 26, a pedestrian was walking west in the westbound lane of Colorado Highway 370.

A blue 1987 Harley-Davidson motorcycle was also traveling west on Colorado Highway 370.

The Harley-Davidson struck the pedestrian in the westbound lane of travel with its right front side. The pedestrian came to rest on the westbound edge of the road.

The Harley-Davidson continued west for a short distance until it

rolled onto its left side. The Harley-Davidson slid on its side for an additional 250 feet before coming to rest off the westbound edge of the roadway.

Both the pedestrian and driver of the Harley Davidson suffered serious injuries and were transported to the hospital.

The crash was being investigated by the Colorado State Patrol.

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MVHS Track and Field State



Monte Vista's Tyrese Otero takes flight during last week's 2021 CHSAA State Track and Field Championships' Class 2A Boys' long jump feature inside Jeffco Stadium in Lakewood. Seeded second in the event going in, Otero placed second thanks to a best leap of 20 feet, 11 inches. Greeley-based Dayspring Christian Academy's Nathan Freeman, seeded No. 1, recorded a winning 20-11.5. Overall, the Pirate boys totaled 21 points and ended up earning 19th place at the meet.

Monte Vista's Tyrese Otero floats over the bar during last week's 2021 CHSAA State Track and Field Championships' Class 2A Boys' high jump spectacle inside Jeffco Stadium in Lakewood. Initially seeded relatively low in the event, Otero would rise to place eighth — via a best clearance of 5 feet, 8 inches, achieved with two more misses overall than both Del Norte's Logan Cestone and Sedgwick County's Tate Dille — out of 20 qualifiers. MVHS' boys would total 21 points and ended up earning 19th place at the meet.

Courtesy photos

Jack-Goodwin to retire after 35-year career with FSWB



Jack-Goodwin's performance stating, "Jeni's service to FSWB is beyond compare, and her role as president allowed us to grow as a community bank, develop our Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) program and support our mission of providing the greatest impact possible in the communities we serve in the valley. First Southwest Bank certainly has come a long way during her 35 years."

Jack-Goodwin has served as bank president and on the Board of Directors since 2016.

Jack-Goodwin joined the bank (then First National Bank in Alamosa) in 1986 as a bookkeeper. Over the years, she progressed and served as New Accounts Representative, Installment and Commercial Loan Secretaries, and Associate VP and VP Commercial Lender.

At Vectra Bank, Jack-Goodwin served as Senior Credit Officer and VP Branch Manager, and at First Southwest Bank, she has served as Executive

VP Chief Operating Officer-Human Resources Director and President.

Reflecting on her time with the bank, Jack-Goodwin said, "I have truly loved my time with the bank. Going from a true small-town community bank primarily owned by two local businessmen in Alamosa, to one where we had no local decision-making ability and lost many valued customers, back to our roots as a locally owned community bank has been wonderful. I have seen many changes and pleased to have been involved in the growth and success of the bank."

Jack-Goodwin said she will miss the people she has worked with and mentored and is hopeful that the

friendships she has developed will continue into her retirement. She said she will miss the opportunity to contribute to worthy and needy non-profits in our community but knows the bank's CDFI commitment, combined with the First Southwest Community Fund, will continue to take care of our communities and the people in them. She looks forward to her new role as a community ambassador, spending time with her beloved family and traveling.

Curtis wished Jack-Goodwin a happy, fulfilling retirement and announced a retirement party for bank staff and customers on July 29. Details will follow.

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."

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STAFF REPORT
ALAMOSA — First Southwest Bank (FSWB) reported this week that Jeni Jack-Goodwin, the bank's president, has announced her retirement effective Aug. 6.
 Kent Curtis, CEO of FSWB, praised

The Saguache County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Saguache County Road and Bridge Meeting Room located at 305 - 3rd Street, Saguache, Colorado, on the following date:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28th, 2021 at 4 PM

to consider proposed changes to the Saguache County Land Development Code changes

To view the proposed changes BEGINNING MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021, you may contact the Saguache County Land Use Department - PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149 or atorrez@saguachecounty-co.gov, or by calling 719-655-2321 or you may also view the changes on our website at www.saguachecounty.net.

Written comments will be accepted until Friday, July 23rd, 2021 at 3pm, and may be sent to Saguache County Land Use Department at PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149 or email to atorrez@saguachecounty-co.gov.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of George Paul Vaternick, also known as George P. Vaternick, George Vaternick, George Kvatlanek, and George Kvaternick, Deceased Case Number 2021PR30011. All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Saguache County, Colorado on or before **October 25, 2021**, or the claims may be forever barred.

Paul Vaternick
 16135 S.W. Cattail Court
 Tigard, Oregon 97223

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Healing Your Wounded Soul

The most important message I can ever share with people is that God loves them and has good plans for them through life in Christ. We all need to have a revelation about God's love for us, because until we do, we'll struggle to have true, lasting love, joy and peace in our everyday lives.

The world is full of heartbroken people, who have been mistreated or abused in some way. And they're pretending to be okay, desperately hoping other people will think they've got it all together.

The truth is, none of us are perfect, and we all go through hard times and get hurt by someone or something. It's astounding the hurtful things people can do to others, but it has helped me to understand that hurting people hurt people. And many times when people abuse others, they are acting out of their own pain, so it goes on from generation to generation.

But I have good news: If you've been hurt in the past, you don't have to spend your life being miserable, angry, bitter, resentful or full of self-pity, hurting others. Through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, you can receive complete healing in your soul—your mind, will and emotions. God can restore your life and make your life better than it was before you were wounded.

Going Through the Healing Process

I know what it's like to hurt so much you don't think you can stand it anymore and you feel hopeless about the future. For most of my childhood, my father abused me and I never knew growing up what it was like to feel safe, secure and loved. As a result, I became an angry, suspicious, critical, judgmental adult.

When I left home at 18, I thought I was leaving my problems behind me, but I came to realize there were many problems in my soul because of the abuse I had endured. I desperately needed the healing love of God to restore my life!

Isaiah 61:1-3 (NKJV) says Jesus came "to preach good tidings to the poor...

to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn...to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness...."

Thank God for His promise to heal the brokenhearted, comfort those who mourn, and set the captives free! Now, I'm not going to tell you it's easy to go through the healing process; it takes time, diligence in studying the Word, and lots of prayer to walk out the healing that is yours by virtue of the blood of Christ. But as believers in Jesus, we have the authority of His name to overcome sin and access the power of God in our lives so we can experience the promises in His Word.

And the promises of God belong to anyone who is born again!

Making the Divine Exchange

When we come into a relationship with Christ, a divine exchange happens. He takes our sin and the messes in our lives and gives us His righteousness, peace and joy (see Romans 14:17). He gives us joy for mourning, beauty for ashes, praise instead of depression, forgiveness instead of blame, righteousness instead of guilt, hope instead of despair...and on and on. All we have to do is give up our ashes and receive God's beauty.

A good place to start is admitting you need God's help. *It's okay to not be okay*—God helps the humble! (See 1 Peter 5:5-7.) We need to pray, "I love You, Lord, and I appreciate my salvation, but I am a mess! I want the truth in Your Word to set me free from deception, the bondage of sin, and pain in my soul. Please help me...open my eyes in any area where I am deceived and teach me Your truth."

Then we need to commit ourselves to

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study the Word and grow in our faith in Christ. As we renew our minds according to the Word, we will trust God more completely and believe what He says more than what others say to us, more than our feelings, and more than our circumstances. That's when we live in His beauty...filled with His love, free from the prison of our past, and healed in our soul.

I want to encourage you today to humble yourself before God and take Him at His Word. He loves you more than you can comprehend, and He wants you to be free to walk in His good plans for your life. Take time every day to study His Word, pray and cast your cares on Him because He cares about you and wants what is best for you. When you do, you'll find that life becomes a beautiful, wonderful, amazing journey!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's teaching resource *Healing the Soul of a Woman Action Plan*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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OBITUARY

Eleanor Marie Martinez

Monte Vista resident Eleanor Marie Martinez, 90, passed away peacefully at her home under Hospice Care on June 15, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Aug. 26, 1930, in Los Valdeses, Colo., to Roberto Lobato and Rosalba Lopez Lobato. She was united in marriage to Ben F. Martinez on June 28, 1955. They shared a long and loving union until his passing in 2019.

Eleanor was an outgoing and loving person and a special friend to all she met. She was everyone's grandma. She adored her Colorado sports teams, the Broncos, Nuggets, Rockies as well as her college and local school teams.

Her devotion to her catholic faith kept her busy and gave her so much comfort throughout her precious life. Eleanor's favorite hobbies were doing crossword puzzles, getting her hair done once a week and being able to have time with her friends. She will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her greatest joys, her children Melinda (Stan) Vallejos of Pueblo West, Colo.; Yvonne Lobato of Alamosa, Colo.; Denise Gomez, Greg Martinez both

of Monte Vista, Colo.; grandchildren Matthew (Chelsea) Martinez of Monte Vista, Colo.; Fabian (Sarah) Lobato of Pueblo, Colo.; Roberto (Paige) Martinez of Santa Cruz, Calif.; Mikaela Martinez of Davis, Calif.; Jordan Gomez of Monte Vista, Colo.; great-grandchild Sean Lobato of Pueblo, Colo.; former son and daughter-in-law Dale Gomez of Del Norte, Colo., and Dora Martinez of Davis, Calif. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her parents Roberto and Rosalba Lobato, husband Ben F. Martinez, siblings Joe Lobato, Julian Lobato, Alberto Lobato, Josie Ciardella, Margaret Lobato, Olivia Aguilar and Neomi Lobato.

Viewing and visitation were held on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, from 12-4 p.m. at the Romero Funeral Chapel in Monte Vista. A Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary was held on June 29, 2021, at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Monte Vista. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at 10 a.m. also at St. Joseph Catholic Church



in Monte Vista. Interment will follow at the San Luis Valley Cemetery. To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

Ladies Aid Bazaar will be packed with treasures in July

By LYNSIE FERRELL

CREEDE — After a year off due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Creede Ladies Aid Society is pleased to announce that they will be hosting their annual rummage sale in July. The society was formed many years ago to help the Creede community in several different ways from making quilts for new parents, to offering meals and other services to those in need and everything in between.

According to the press release issued by the society, "The Creede Ladies Aid Society is thrilled to announce the return of their annual Rummage Sale and Bazaar on Wednesday, July 14, and Thursday,

July 15.

Wednesday's schedule, July 14, begins with doors opening at 8:00 a.m. This day will include the rummage sale, as well as the Bazaar, featuring homemade baked goods and crafts. A popular item, the Ladies Aid's famous chile relleno casserole, will be available for purchase. In addition, at 10:30 a.m. there will be an auction of a select pick of the most special and interesting donated items. The day ends at 2 p.m.

Thursday, July 15, will feature the rummage sale only, beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at noon. There will be refreshments for sale in the kitchen area on both days as well.

SCOPING

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projects/?cid=fseprd923090. Or contact the Conejos Peak Ranger District at 719-274-8971.

According to project details, "The Conejos Peak Ranger District of the Rio Grande National Forest is proposing to treat up to 13,200 acres of a 51,460-acre project area in southern Colorado along and near the New Mexico border. Mechanical and prescribed fire treatments are proposed in anticipation of future natural disturbance processes such as wildfire that are likely to occur in portions of the project area over time. A large wildfire has the potential to produce more unfavorable effects than desired, in an area that has been deprived of natural fire for many years. The proposed treatments are

designed to return fire to the landscape to promote more healthy forests and reduce long-term fuel buildup.

"It is anticipated that this proposed action would be implemented over 10 to 15 years after the final decision has been made. The Proposed Treatments include prescribed burning, hand thinning or mastication and commercial timber harvesting.

"The total project area is located near Osier and Fox Creek, Colorado with State Highway 17 bounding the project on the north and west, the Colorado state line on the south and a line from Fox Creek south to the state line on the east. The project area ranges in elevation from approximately 8,300 to 10,800 feet

above sea level. Not all acres within the project area are being proposed for treatment. Only National Forest System land will be treated under this analysis. We are working with our multiple partners to encourage similar treatments on non-Forest Service lands in the area."

INVITATION TO BID

The Saguache Board of County Commissioners are seeking competitive Bids for the following work:

2021 GRAVEL CRUSHING SERVICES

Work under this project involves gravel crushing operation on location at a County owned and permitted pit. The County is requesting two (2) useable products. The County will assume all reclamation responsibilities. The following is a breakdown of the quantities planned at each location:

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Specification and bidding documents may be obtained in the office of the Saguache County Road and Bridge Department, 305 3rd Street, Saguache, CO 81149 or online at saguache-county.colorado.gov under the Road & Bridge tab. Phone requests for documents can be made to (719) 655-2554 and email requests for documents can be made to mhashbarger@saguachecounty-co.gov

A contract for this work shall be let to the lowest reliable and responsible bidder or bidders. Saguache County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids, to waive any informalities or irregularities therein, and to accept the proposal in whole, or portions of the proposal that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the Board and of the County of Saguache, State of Colorado.

A 5% bidder's preference shall be given to bidders whose business address is located within Saguache County as of December 1, 2000. Such preference shall be at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners.

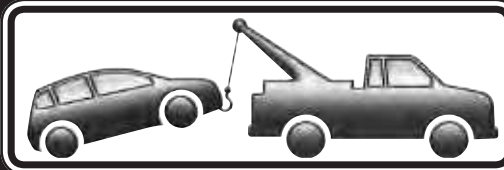
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Book by Monte Vista author King receives praise

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

MONTE VISTA — People are taking notice of first-time author Marianna King's "The Crisis of School Violence: A New Perspective."

The Monte Vista resident's 300-plus page book was published in December of 2020 and is available from Michigan State University Press through its website at www.msupress.org and at fine bookstores.

"The Crisis of School Violence" is the only interdisciplinary book about school violence, according to MSU Press. It presents a broad and in-depth approach to the key questions about why bullying continues at an unprecedentedly high rate and why rampage school shootings continue to shock the nation.

Based on extensive research, "The Crisis of School Violence" investigates human nature and its relation to aggressive behavior, with a special focus on the culture of violence that predates school violence, including rampage shootings, and perpetuates industries that profit from violence.

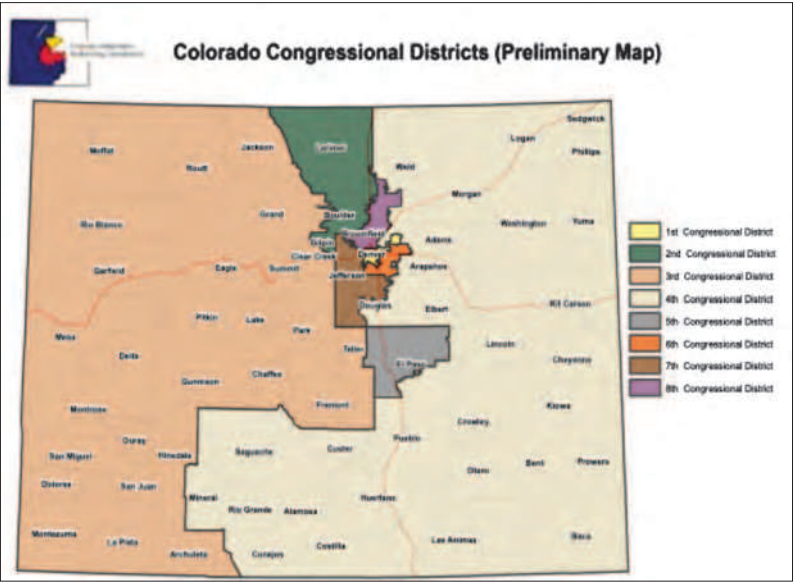
King presents the considerable psychological and neuroscientific research that investigates the effects of violent entertainment media on the brain

and, subsequently, on behavior, which clearly reveals a causal connection between exposure to violent electronic entertainment media — especially violent video games — and increased aggressive and violent behavior.

The book also reveals a more specific connection between exposure to violent video games and rampage school shootings. Ultimately this volume is a call to action that includes recommendations for parents, teachers, decision makers, and citizens alike.

King's book, "The Crisis of School Violence," is a "must-read for anyone interested in the level of violence in American schools. This is not an opinion piece; it is grounded in research evidence. It also treats this important topic with the complexity it deserves, covering multiple risk factors for school violence. No single factor can account for violence in schools," stated Brad J. Bushman, Professor of Communication and Margaret Hall and Robert Randal Rinehart Chair of Mass Communication, Ohio State University.

Because of her groundbreaking work in violence prevention, she was honored with a New Mexico Woman of the Year award in 2000.



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based on the 2019 Census, the results of the 2018 attorney general contest — chosen because it was the most recent and closest statewide race in a nonpresidential election — as well as voter registration figures to measure the political competitiveness of the redrawn districts.

The 2020 census figures are scheduled to be released in August. When those numbers become available, the redistricting staff will adjust the map.

The redistricting process is the result of constitutional amendments approved by the overwhelming majority of Colorado voters. Those amendments called for a non-partisan commission to do the redistricting and for the redistricting to adhere to specific requirements: creating districts based on equal population and in adherence to the Federal Voting Rights Act which protects minority voters from gerrymandering.

With that in mind, the preliminary map creates three districts with more than 28% Hispanic voters: District 1, District 4 and District 8.

The map was also drawn to keep rural areas together as much as possible, to keep the San Luis Valley together (as opposed to splitting the Valley into two different districts) and to keep Boulder and Fort Collins together

as both cities have research facilities.

Although political competitiveness was a consideration, the constitutional requirements were the primary guidelines the redistricting staffers followed.

This preliminary map is the first critical step in the process and may or may not closely resemble the final map that is approved. Over the next weeks, members of the redistricting commission will be conducting multiple meetings with the public throughout the state, soliciting input on the map as it now stands.

At this point, it can't be known how much public input will be considered in revising the current map, but the behavior of the commission suggests that public input is taken very seriously in their considerations.

The commission will be in Alamosa on Aug. 6 to meet with the public. Time and place will be published when that is known.

This commission is only addressing the redrawing of Congressional districts for representatives to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The commission addressing the redrawing of state legislative and senatorial districts is due to release its preliminary map on June 29.

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South Fork is gearing up for its annual 3rd of July celebrations with a catfish fry, parade and more fireworks than in previous years.

Third of July celebrations add spark to Independence Day

BY LYNSIE FERRELL South Fork. Plans for the event have been a year in the making. **SOUTH FORK** — It is almost hard to believe that the Third of July celebrations are on the horizon for The weekend of events kicks off **Please see SPARK on Page 2**

2021 Hollyhock Festival & Arts Walk in Saguache

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

As part of the 10th Annual Hollyhock Festival there will be an “all things Hollyhock” theme for art entries using all mediums in the annual art show and contest. Artists are cordially invited to consider creating an entry in one of the two divisions—Adult and Youth (K-12). The art entries will be judged prior to their display at the Community Building. Winners will be announced at 2:00pm with ribbons, recognition and prizes awarded.

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

The Town of Saguache adopted the hollyhock as the Town Flower in 2012. Since 2013, there have been self-guided tours of town gardens and yards. For 2021, the 12th Annual Arts Walk will also be held on the same date. Activities that day will include face painting, making hollyhock dolls, master gardener clinic, beekeeping demonstration along with live music, galleries, children’s activity area, and a car show.

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Creede lights up plans for the 4th of July

BY LYNSIE FERRELL Creede. Plans for the event have been a year in the making. **CREEDE** — Creede is gearing up for its annual Fourth of July celebration and the weekend is packed with family-friendly things **Please see CREEDE on Page 3**



Water

The big boy land developers hired them a worn out hack
To go and buy the water rights off farmers down the track.
“Just pay ‘em anything they ask. Heck, any price on earth.
Those farmer’s haven’t got a clue of what it’s really worth.”

“Them’s fightin’ words,” the farmer said.
“This water ain’t for sale.
It’s all that keeps this place alive. Without it crops would fail.”
The lawyer sorta laughed it off. “We’ll get it anyway.
The cities need it all to grow. You can’t stand in their way.

It’s progress, you should know by now you can’t hold back the flood.”
“There’s lifetimes given to this land. The water’s in their blood.”



BAXTER BLACK
ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

“Old man that’s ancient history, besides we’ll make you rich.
Just name yer price, you’ll have it. It’s nothin’ but a ditch.”
“Yer hollow as your vacant eyes. Yer empty

as yer word.
You can’t see past the dollar signs. These things that you’ve inferred
Are bigger than yer lawyer’s fee, yer Judas ten percent.
You’ve no respect for anything, you covet just the rent.
Go back to your rich puppeteers who’ve never broke a sweat,
Who ride in when the battle’s done and use their bayonet
To finish off the wounded brave and pick their pockets clean
Then sell their spoils to innocents to keep their cities green.

Explain to them the difference between value and price.
That value isn’t what is paid, it’s what is sacrificed
That gives it worth. It’s measured in the turns

around a field,
In families and community, in broken bonds and healed,
In barns burnt down and harvest lost and kids gone off to war.
Explain to them it’s measured in grooves worn in your soul... or,
In depths of neighbor’s breaking hearts when someone’s lost a wife,
And that you can’t just set a price on someone’s way of life.

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



Tips for responsible use of public lands

I had the pleasure again this week, of presenting forestry concepts to a great group of youth, this time from the Lubbock, Texas area. Many of them had never been in a “real forest” before and I was proud to welcome them to Colorado and the Rio Grande National Forest. As I was presenting all the multiple uses that occur on the forest it occurred to me that many of these kids may have not ever been hiking, picnicking, or camping in a wilder area than a city park. So, I decided to dive right in. We talked about how they should behave when out on the public lands because these special lands are there for all of us to use, as long as we do it when we got around to talking about what to do when they have to poop!

Land, Water and People

BY GREGG GOODLAND

Lot’s of giggling, but they got the idea. In fact, they all thought it would be real easy and agreed that is a respectful way to use the land.

Last year, across the nation and, indeed, right here in the SLV, we experienced waves of new recreationists that were just like the students I met this week. Never had been camping outside of the highly developed private campgrounds with swimming pools and room service. Considering this and anticipated crowds of the fast approaching July 4th holiday weekend, I feel that it would be prudent to share

these responsible use concepts with everyone again.

Before you leave:

Check for fire restrictions. This will help you plan how you will cook meals.

Pack plenty of trash bags.

When you get there:

Look for already impacted sites. If you can, use those.

Don’t cut vegetation to create new sites. It is not only illegal, but it is really uncool!

In more pristine areas camp away from water sources. This preserves the more fragile wet environments. Wilderness area all have laws on this. Know the law.

Dig a small cat hole 6 inches deep to go poop in. Bury it when you are done.

Stay on the trails and roads. Don’t cut switchbacks. Know and understand trail use principles.

Be reasonable with your speeds, especially around the more populated areas.

Before you head home:

Check your area for litter, trash, and all of your belongings. If it wasn’t there when you got there, it shouldn’t be left behind.

If the users before you left some trash, consider packing it out too.

If area/site trash receptacles are full, bring your trash home. Don’t leave it next to the can and hope the animals won’t scatter it all over. They will. Which is bad for both the animals and humans. Take it home. It is your responsibility, no one else’s.

I encourage everyone to embrace

these basic concepts and do our part to ensure we have these awesome lands available to us for the indefinite future. A great source of information on how to have minimal impact is the Leave No Trace website at <https://lnt.org/>. This site will guide you in land use principles and responsible outdoor recreation.

I’ll leave you with my personal philosophy on public land use: We all play a critical role in the management of our activities on public lands. After all, they are, in fact, OUR lands. We all have an obligation to treat them well, thinking of what is right for the land as opposed to what is convenient for us.

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

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On Friday, July 2, with the Rockin’ the Rio Grande Rodeo at Rickel’s Arena just behind the South Fork Community Center parking lot. This rodeo is sure to keep families of all ages hanging onto the seat of their pants with events like youth mutton busting, bull riding and much more. Be sure to visit www.burrisandsonsbuckingbulls.com or the South Fork Visitor Center, for advanced tickets. This event has a history of selling out.

The fun does not stop there, and the next few days will be fun for the entire family. Several years ago, South Fork switched its Independence Day celebrations to the Third of July so that people coming to visit would have an opportunity to enjoy all the events held throughout the San Luis Valley while not missing out on South Fork’s celebration. Ever since the town has held its annual 4th of July events on July 3 and it has quickly gained popularity.

On Saturday, July 3, people can start the morning off with a pancake breakfast at the community center and then head out to enjoy the fresh morning air and shop local businesses. After working off the morning meal, people can head on over to the South Fork Fire Rescue (SFFR) building for the annual

Catfish Fry and silent auction. There will be several vendors in attendance as well. This is SFFR’s only major fundraising event of the year.

The crew at SFFR gather days in advance to prepare food for hundreds of guests. Then on the day of the event, they gather at the fire station and work countless hours to bring guests freshly breaded and fried catfish and a full course meal. All money raised during the event is used for equipment and training to ensure.

The parade theme this year is “She’s a Grand Old Flag” and those who wish to participate in the parade can sign up at the South Fork Visitor Center. The parade kicks off at 3 p.m. on July 3 and is usually full of colorfully decorated vehicles, fire engines, and more.

Later in the evening will be another chance to catch the Rockin’ the Rio Grande Rodeo with a special flag retirement ceremony conducted by the Fort Garland Color Guard.

People can then head over to the visitor center parking lot to grab a space for the annual fireworks show. This year there are double the fireworks according to South Fork Visitor Center Director Mark Teders as they have saved what they purchased last year with hopes of having an epic show in 2021.

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

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)				
		6/27	6/26	6/25	6/24	From	(inches)			
						2day	3day	4day	5day	7day
Moravian 69	04/05	0.26	0.24	0.26	0.23	0.50	0.77	1.00	1.19	1.63
Moravian 69	05/05	0.23	0.21	0.22	0.19	0.44	0.66	0.85	1.00	1.33
Early Wheat	04/05	0.26	0.24	0.26	0.23	0.50	0.77	1.00	1.19	1.63
Early Wheat	05/05	0.23	0.21	0.22	0.19	0.44	0.66	0.84	0.99	1.31
White Wheat	04/05	0.26	0.24	0.26	0.23	0.50	0.77	1.00	1.19	1.63
White Wheat	05/05	0.23	0.21	0.22	0.19	0.44	0.66	0.84	0.99	1.31
WinterWheat	10/01	0.26	0.24	0.26	0.23	0.50	0.77	1.00	1.19	1.63
Potatoes										
Norkotah	05/05	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.11	0.16	0.20	0.24	0.32
Centennial	05/05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.15	0.19	0.23	0.31
Nugget	05/05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.15	0.19	0.23	0.31
Alfalfa	Est.	0.30	0.28	0.30	0.27	0.58	0.88	1.14	1.35	1.86
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to do. Creede always honors its mining history and the Fourth of July celebrations allow the town to welcome back the Colorado State Mining Competitions.

Last year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the town kept events small to ensure safety but this year celebrations are expected to be back to normal.

Starting on Friday, July 2, the Creede Farmer's Market will set up on Main Street near San Juan Sports and will offer a variety of veggies and homemade goods. Local businesses will be setting out the welcome mats and be open for the remainder of the day.

The fun is only beginning because the Creede Repertory Theatre is preparing to serve up some fun, not only outdoors at Seime Park, but downtown at the historic Creede Hotel as well. On Friday, guests will have a chance to see a production of "The Iliad" at 7 p.m., a Cabaret production at the Creede Hotel and a production of "Boomtown" later at 9 p.m.

The weekend is packed with productions by the theatre so be sure to visit their website at www.creederep.org, for a full schedule and more information.

Saturday is the day to bring the family and honor Creede's mining history. For two days, the Colorado State Mining Competitions will take place at Basham Park in the Days of '92 mining competition arena. This event is one not to be missed and includes several different categories where local and out-of-state miners come to show off their skills.

According to the Creede and Mineral County Chamber of Commerce, "It's only fitting that Creede's largest festival of the year



centers around preserving the history of mining. Like many Western mining towns, Creede has always had mining competitions. When the area's mines were operational, the events were sponsored by the different mining companies as morale boosters for the miners. With the mines being mostly closed for more than 30 years, the need to preserve Creede's mining past is as important as ever. Creede is and always has been a close community whose residents pride themselves on the town's storied past.

"For more than 45 years now, Creede has hosted a privately funded, two-day competition that draws mining competitors from across the Southwest region. The competitors are actual miners who come to Creede for the July 4th each year to battle for the highly-coveted prize of 'Best Overall Miner of the Year.'"

The Fourth of July starts with more of the state mining competitions and at 10 a.m. the annual City of Creede Fourth of July Parade makes its way down Main Street. Following the parade, there will be beer gardens, food and vendors booths as well as even more productions from CRT. Later in the evening, there is a rodeo from Burris and Sons at the fairgrounds.

The day wraps up with Creede's famous fireworks display.

For more information and a full schedule of events, visit www.creede.com.

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- ___ Caesar, comedian
- ___ and flow
- Horsefly
- Egyptian pharaoh
- African nation
- Tony-winning actress Daisy
- Initial public offering
- Long-winding ridge
- Guinea peoples
- Fellow
- About aviation
- Able to make amends
- Easy to perceive
- Cut off
- Northeast Thai language
- Earthy pigment
- Water nymphs
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Those who deal
- Apply a new fabric
- Confusions
- "To ___ his own"
- Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- Heavy cavalry sword
- Partner to pain
- A type of savings account
- In a way, felt pain
- Wide-beamed sailing dinghy
- Consume
- Jewish spiritual leader
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64. Cheek

CLUES DOWN

- Indicates a certain time (abbr.)
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Central American lizard
- Muslim military commanders
- One who takes to the seas
- Select jury
- Parts of the small intestine
- Painter's accessory
- Honk
- Ballpoint pen
- Large, dark antelope
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- Exhausts
- ___-bo: exercise system
- Not written in any key or mode
- Chinese principle underlying the universe
- Corpuscle count (abbr.)

- Powdery, post-burning residue
- Company that rings receipts
- Rugged mountain range
- Commercials
- NY football player
- A form of be
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Kindnesses
- Natural electrical phenomenon
- Your
- Diana __, singer
- Upper surface of the mouth
- National capital
- Fluid in Greek mythology
- Renowned jazz trumpeter
- Freedom from difficulty
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- Actor Idris
- Revolutionaries
- Criticize

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It is tick season in the San Luis Valley

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

Tick season is from spring to mid-summer. There is no Lyme Disease in Colorado. Five percent of all tick bites result in infection transmission.

Living an "outdoor life" means that you might come in contact with critters who are going to take, shall we say, a particular interest in you. Late spring and early summer are the times when you may encounter ticks. To thrive, ticks acquire nutrients through a blood meal from a human, rodent or other animal. Ticks transfer a number of diseases to humans through their saliva during a blood meal.

In Colorado, the most common tick-borne disease is Colorado Tick Fever. It is caused by a virus and causes flu-like symptoms that include fever, joint pain and fatigue. Symptoms begin 3-5 days following a Colorado Wood Tick bite. You should contact your healthcare provider for further treatment.

Another possible fatal illness is the Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF), but despite its name, it is not commonly found in Colorado,

but in the Midwestern United States.

The tick that transmits Lyme Disease (the Black Legged Tick) does not live in Colorado, therefore it would be highly unlikely to contract Lyme Disease from a Colorado tick bite.

At lower elevations we might encounter the Brown Dog Tick and the American Dog Tick.

Below is a list of tips for prevention and treatment:

- Wear long pants and long sleeves when working or recreating outdoors. Wearing light colors helps to identify ticks.

- Common repellants used to prevent tick bites include DEET, picaridin, IR3535 and oil of lemon eucalyptus.

- Shower after outdoor adventures and complete a full body tick check. Look particularly closely at hairlines and along the neck.

- Use a tick collar on your dogs and perform a regular check for ticks.

- Remove any ticks with tweezers, grabbing as much of the tick as possible and pulling. Use gloves and



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— Submitted by SLVH Infection Prevention, Jeffrey Oster, DPM and Jessica Garcia, RN, BSN, CIC

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By REBECCA COPLEY

As the San Luis Valley enters summer many of its beautiful wild areas are being explored and enjoyed. While it is wonderful to get out unplug, and camp in the beautiful mountains it is important to practice fire safety to keep these places safe. According to smokeybear.com in the United States 9 out of 10 wildfires are caused by people not being careful.

Here are some helpful tips to make sure you follow the next time you have a campfire:

1. Make sure you know the rules of the place you are pitching your campsite or having your campfire. Before you go make sure you have found out the fire regulations of the campground or wilderness area where you are planning to have your fire. Often fire rules change with conditions and there may be temporary bans on fires if the risk is high in the area. Make sure to pay attention to posted signs and check the ranger's station for current campfire regulations.

2. If you are staying at a campground, they often provide a fire pit or fire ring to have your fire in. If a pit is provided this is the only place you should be having a fire. However, if you are not camping in a campground but are in a remote area where campfires are still allowed dig a fire pit in an open area away from low hanging tree branches, power lines, or other things that can easily catch on fire. Once you have dug your pit place rocks around it and make sure that there is a ten-foot area around the pit that is cleared of any debris or things that could catch fire.

3. If you're using matches to start your fire make sure the match is completely extinguished before you get rid of it after lighting your fire. It is a good idea to pour water over the match to be sure it is completely extinguished. You should never use gas, kerosene, lighter fluid, or any other flammable liquids to start a fire.

4. You should always have a bucket of water and shovel nearby when you start a campfire. That way if any flames stray you can easily douse it with your water or throw dirt on any sparks or flames that jump out of your fire pit. It is also a good idea to keep a few feet of the ground outside of your fire pit watered down.

5. Make sure you are also aware of the wind. A strong gust of wind can easily spread fire. Make sure to keep anything flammable, including firewood upwind and at least 16 feet away from your campfire. This also applies to your tent.

6. If you are camping with children make sure that you teach them about the dangers of fire and do not leave them by the fire unattended. Not only can playing with fire lead to potential wildfires but it can also lead to injuries if children are not properly being watched and taught around fires.

7. You should never leave your campfire unattended. Even if you are only leaving for a short hike or to get something, someone should be always monitoring the flames. If you are leaving even for a short amount of time the fire should be completely extinguished.

8. When you are finished with your campfire it is important to make sure it is extinguished completely. Pour water on the fire and stir the ashes left with a shovel and then pour more water over it. The fire pit should be cold before you leave it. Move the stones around your fire pit and check for any burning embers under them. Do not ever bury coals from a fire as they can easily smolder and start to burn again.

So, as you go out and camp this summer have fun but be mindful and careful as you start your fires. Remember as Smokey says, "Only you can prevent Wildfires."

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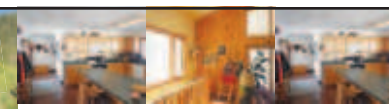
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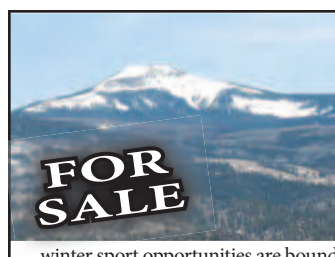
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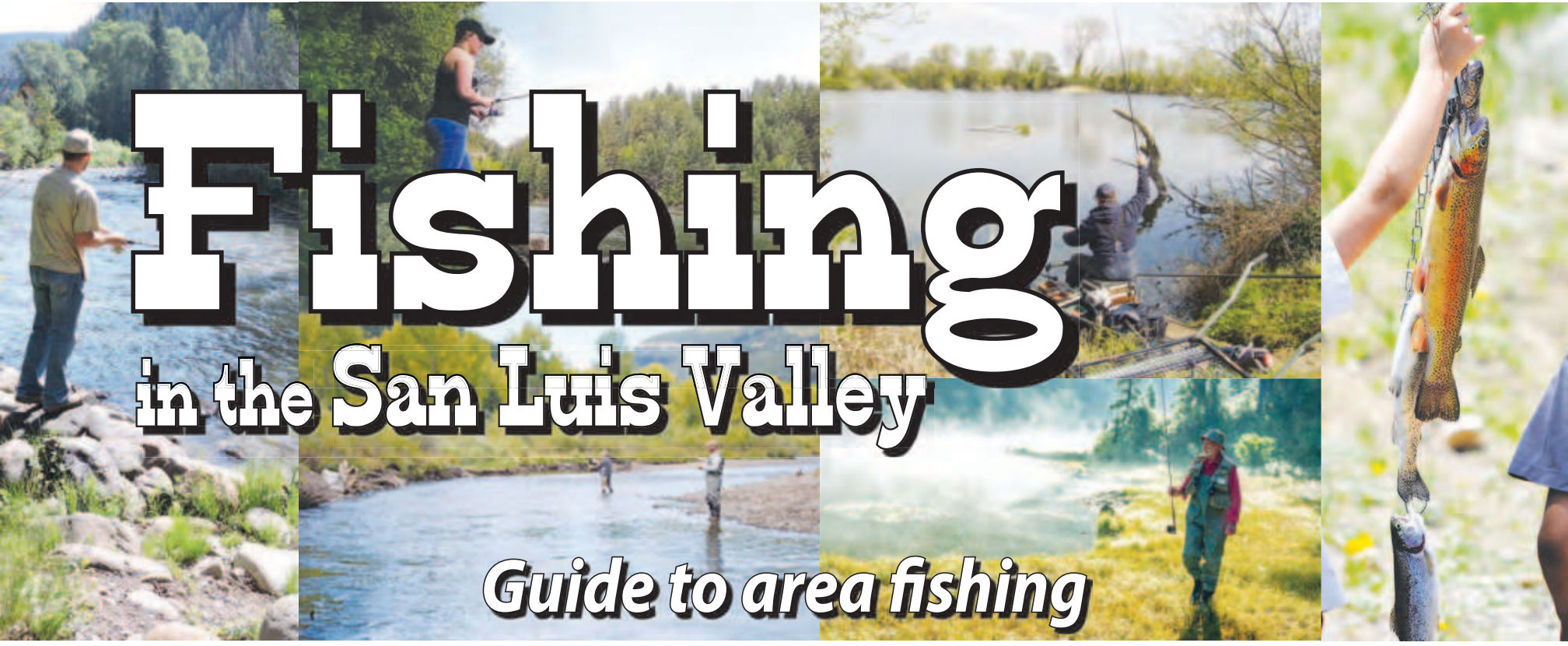
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Fishing

in the San Luis Valley

Guide to area fishing



How to make the most of kids' first fishing trips

Fishing provides a great way for parents to bond with their children in the great outdoors. The value of first impressions has been well-documented, and parents who want their kids to inherit a love of fishing can take the following factors into consideration so their youngsters' first fishing trips are successful.

Local programs
Fishing need not be an expensive hobby, but the costs can add up. Parents who are not sure if their kids will embrace fishing should look into local programs. Many towns, especially those with reputations for fishing, host free family fishing events. These events give parents an opportunity to see if their kids enjoy fishing before they start buying them gear.

Starting simple
Any fisherman would love to snag a trophy fish such as a largemouth bass on his or her first trip. And while that's possible, it's unlikely, especially for youngsters. Such fish tend to be difficult to catch, even for seasoned fishermen. When taking kids fishing for the first time, fish for something that's somewhat simple to catch and capable of being caught throughout the day. If you aren't familiar with your local rivers or lakes, visit a local outdoors store and ask for

advice about which local bodies of water are home to fish that kids might be able to snag. Though it's not imperative that kids catch a fish on their first trip, doing so might make them more enthusiastic about their next trip.

Having fun
Don't make the day all about catching fish, as even the most seasoned fishermen have their off days when nothing is biting. If the focus is on catching fish, kids might grow discouraged and not want to come back if they don't catch anything on their first trip. Focus on the fun everyone is having rather than the fish they are (or aren't) catching. Some youngsters might just be thrilled to spend a day out on the water with their parents. Encourage that enthusiasm and kids are more likely to remember their first fishing trips fondly.

Break time
Kids might not have a full day of fishing in them on their first trip. Frequent breaks to explore nearby nature, enjoy a snack or even toss a ball around can keep children from growing bored throughout the day.

Fishing is a family-friendly activity that youngsters can enjoy from the moment they first pick up a rod.

Campsite safety tips

The appeal of camping is undeniable. According to The Business Research CompCamping has long been a popular pastime for outdoor enthusiasts, but it may have developed an entirely new group of devotees in 2020. Traditional vacations may not have been possible in 2020, when governments across the globe urged citizens to avoid conventional travel as the world found itself in the throes of a global pandemic. In an effort to overcome cabin fever, many people viewed camping as a safe way to get out of the house while still limiting contact with people from other households.

The National Park Service recognizes the popularity of camping and urges people to stay safe.

- Plan ahead. But camping trips still require ample planning. When planning a trip, take into account who's coming along. Assess their camping skills and physical fitness to determine the most appropriate place to camp.

- Research the campsite and surrounding area. Know as much as possible about the campsite prior to embarking on your trip.
 - Develop an emergency plan. The NPS urges campers to develop an emergency plan, noting that it's always wise to expect the unexpected when camping. Bring a first aid kit along when leaving the campsite to engage in activities like hiking or fishing. Go over safety protocols before going on a hike, including the need to stay together and remain on the trail at all times.
 - Bring the right gear. Navigational supplies, sun and insect protection, insulation (i.e., extra clothing and blankets), shelter, flashlights and headlamps, first aid kits, extra food and water, firestarters, repair kits and tools, and a communication device.
- Camping is a great way to get away. Campers of all skill and experience levels can make the most of their trips by emphasizing safety at all times.

LICENSE INFORMATION

SEASON DATES: Colorado waters are open to taking fish, amphibians and crustaceans day and night, year round, except if otherwise stated in the regulation section of this brochure. See pages 11–39.

FREE FISHING DAYS: Residents and nonresidents can fish without a license or Habitat Stamp from June 5–6, 2021. All other rules and regulations apply.

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NONRESIDENTS	
Annual	\$50.00

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Senior annual (65+)	\$10.07
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Senior small game & fishing combo (65+)	\$30.50
NONRESIDENTS	
Annual	\$100.57
Five-day	\$32.95
YOUTH	
Residents ages 16–17	\$10.07
<i>Second-rod charge still applies.</i>	

RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS	FEE
Second-rod stamp	\$11.11
<i>A second-rod stamp per year is available to anyone who has purchased a fishing license and any youth under 16 (see "Second-rod Stamp" below).</i>	
One-day fishing: residents	\$14.23
One-day fishing: nonresidents	\$17.35
Additional-day fishing	\$6.95

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Rio Grande County Museum highlights local artist

BY LYNSIE FERRELL

RIO GRANDE COUNTY — The Town of Del Norte consists of a wide range of residents, many of whom enjoy the tightknit community, and one such resident has always shined a light on the beauty and gracious nature of the town as well as those who reside there. The Rio Grande County Museum was pleased to learn that this resident has been spending her time with a local art teacher and through these lessons, has become quite the artist.

According to a press release from the museum, "With the continuing theme of encouraging the young people in the area to participate in museum events, we are proud to announce that Amanda Black is the artist who will show during June and July."

Black's work will be in the gallery hallway. She is a bright young lady and a ray of sunshine to everyone around her. She has lived in Del Norte her entire life and is a definite part of the Del Norte community. She can be found helping her mother at the local quilt shop "Kathy's Fabric Trunk" in Del Norte and her parents are Kelly and Kathy Black. Kelly Black is part of the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Department.

Amanda Black attended school in Del Norte and Monte Vista and while in Monte Vista, she had a special friend and teacher, Ginny Silcox. A few years ago, they connected again and began painting lessons. This is something that they enjoy doing together.

Silcox is a self-taught artist, and her paintings are gorgeous. Black has done a wide variety of paintings and given many to her family members. She and Ginny can be heard giggling while painting.

When asked if she wanted to sell any of her paintings during the show, Black replied "let me think about it."

The museum is also highlighting another exhibit that may intrigue history buffs in the area or those traveling through. The World War II exhibit will be shown at the museum for the duration of the summer and is

must-see. Rio Grande Museum staff is once again continuing the theme of highlighting local youth in the exhibits that will be showing through the summer.

The World War II drawings done by Joseph Trujillo will be featured with the stories provided by research done by the museum staff. It has been an interesting concept to provide an exhibit done with the thoughts of a young man who is interested in the military. He has drawn airplanes used by the Germans and Axis powers and presents both sides of the War. His drawings include a Sherman tank, posters that reflect the patriotic themes of the period and a wonderful drawing remembering the Pearl Harbor attack.

The drawings are matted in red, white and blue. The Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service launched the surprise attack on the then still neutral United States at the naval base at Pearl Harbor on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941. The base was attacked by 353 Imperial Japanese aircraft including fighters, level and dive bombers and torpedo bombers.

Eight U.S. Navy battleships were present in the harbor with all being damaged. Four were sunk, three of which were raised. The Arizona remains in the harbor. It was sunk in approximately forty feet of water and the ship burned for two days. More than 900 sailors were lost on the ship. One of these sailors was Virgil S. Off who was born in Del Norte on May 24, 1911, to Simon and Mary Off. However, the family moved to Alamosa County by the 1920 census. Attempts have been made to determine the location of enlistment for Virgil.

Virgil is honored at the Courts of the Missing in Honolulu Memorial. Many stories of the World War II heroes are documented in research done by the museum staff and contained in a notebook which is with this exhibit.

The Rio Grande County Museum is located at 580 Oak St., Del Norte. For information on the museum and current hours, visit online www.riograndecounty.org/museum.



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FGRC returns for 2021 Visitor Center operations

STAFF REPORT

FORT GARLAND — Thanks to funding from the Costilla County Commissioners and assistance from the Fort Garland/Dist. 1 shop staff, the Fort Garland Revitalization Committee (FGRC) has opened the Visitor's Center for the summer season.

"The original mission statement still holds today. We are a caring group of residents, volunteers and neighbors of Ft. Garland, Colo., united since 1989 as a non-profit corporation. Our mission is to give our community new life through actions and programs benefiting Ft. Garland's residents, neighbors, visitors and future generations," FGRC stated.

FGRC strives to provide services and beautification projects to and for the local community, including donations, maintenance and upkeep of the park and cemetery and of course Visitor Center operations. Based on volunteer availability FGRC opens the Visitor Center Memorial Day-Labor Day and typically filter an average of 3,000 visitors a year.

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Caminos del Valle walking tours begin July 30

STAFF REPORT
VALLEY — Caminos del Valle walking tour begins on Friday, July 30 in Alamosa. The walking tour is a signature project of the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area (SdCNHA) with partial funding from San Luis Valley Great Outdoors, Walk to Connect, Intrinsic Paths, and Move Mountains.

This project recruited and trained three youth between the ages of 16-18 representing Alamosa, Conejos, and Costilla counties. Carmelita, Dhara, and Jalyssa were trained in group leadership roles in neighborhoods and public lands, cultural and historical nature of the SdCNHA, land and water conservation, nature-based education, walk facilitation, cultures, landscape, and tradition. Along with learning the local history, youth were also trained in first aid and CPR, public speaking, and self-defense.

Youth will lead and assist their cohorts in walking tour events that are free to the public. Participants

of these walking tours will explore history, culture, landscapes, and traditions, which youth have learned from local historians.

Caminos del Valle 2021 Walking Tour Schedule

- Walking the Rio (Alamosa): Friday, July 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Art in Antonito: Saturday, July 31, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Shrine and Main Street in San Luis: Saturday, July 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Art in Antonito: Friday, Aug. 6, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Shrine and Main Street in San Luis: Saturday, Aug. 7, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Walking the Rio (Alamosa): Saturday, Aug. 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Culebra Basin, Costilla County Walk: Saturday, Aug. 14, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

For more information on Caminos del Valle, visit www.walk2connect.com/caminosdelvalle.

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Saturday, July 3rd

9am- Late Afternoon:
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Team Machine (Jack-leg) Drilling
Spike Driving • Double Jack
Machine Mucking

1pm: Theatre Show "Red Riding Hood"
7pm: Theatre Show "Dear Jack, Dear Louise"
7pm: CRT's Cabaret at the Creede Hotel
8pm: Elks Lodge Dance
Live Music at various places in town

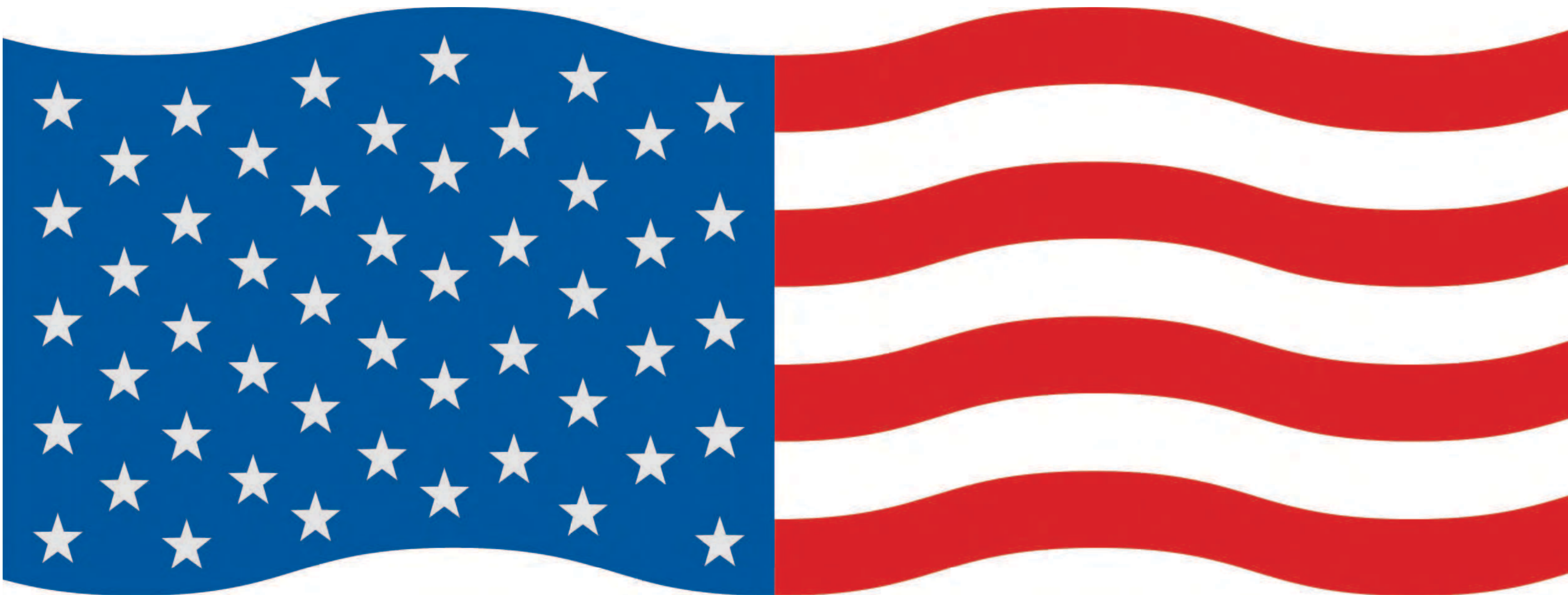
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