

Shorts

Center High School graduation is May 29

CENTER — The Center High School graduation is at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 29, at the CHS football field. Attendance is limited due to the school district's COVID-19 guidelines. Each graduate will have four designated areas for family and friends to sit. Only people from the same household will be allowed in a boxed area. The graduates will determine which family-friends will sit in the designated areas. Families will need to bring their own lawn chairs, or they can stand in the boxed area.

Families or friends can attend the ceremony and sit in their car during the ceremony.

The entire graduation will be streamed on the CHS YouTube channel (Viking News).

Transportation of West Museum opening June

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Historical Society will open the Transportation of the West Museum at 816 First Ave. on June 1 for the 2021 season. Only the Transportation Museum will be open this summer, until Labor Day. The hours are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. The photographic collection is at the Transportation Museum.

Mineral County 4-H breakfast fundraiser is May 30-31

CREEDE — The Mineral County 4-H Club will be hosting a breakfast fundraiser during the Outside Circle Ranch Roping event at the Mineral County Fairgrounds Quonset Hut in Creede on May 30 and May 31 from 7 to 10 a.m. Breakfast burritos topped with green chile provided by local restaurants will be served for \$5 each. Coffee, juice and water will also be available for purchase.

Family of Van Kimberling invites public to social on May 27

MONTE VISTA — The family of Van Kimberling invite their friends and families to join them for coffee and tea and Gaga's donuts from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on May 27 at the Monte Vista Masonic Lodge, 24 Batterson St., Monte Vista. For 14 years Kimberling made donuts Friday mornings delivering them to his grandchildren, schools, shut-ins, police, and many others. This will be a time of sharing and fellowship.

Valley to get nearly \$400K in Revitalizing Main Street grants

State begins awarding funds from additional state stimulus

STAFF REPORT STATEWIDE — The Colorado Department of Transportation

continues to award Revitalizing Main Streets grants to help communities improve their roadways and community infrastructure, supporting strong economic activity and public safety. Recipients in the San Luis Valley were Alamosa, Crestone, La Jara and Manassa.

The Revitalizing Main Streets grant program began last summer as a way to mitigate the negative economic fallout from the

COVID-19 crisis. The continuation and expansion of this program were made possible through a \$30 million allocation from the state legislature in March 2021 and those funds are currently available for local government competition, with significant anticipated demand. Importantly, the passage of SB-260 would further extend this highly successful program beyond the current grant cycle.

Alamosa is due \$249,999 from the grant cycle. The money is allotted to go toward the project of five parklets along Main Street, rectangular flashing beacons for pedestrian safety and the final \$149,999 will go towards creating approximately 11 feet of outdoor space on Main Street to allow for outdoor dining and retail.

Crestone is scheduled to receive \$50,000 for installing covered

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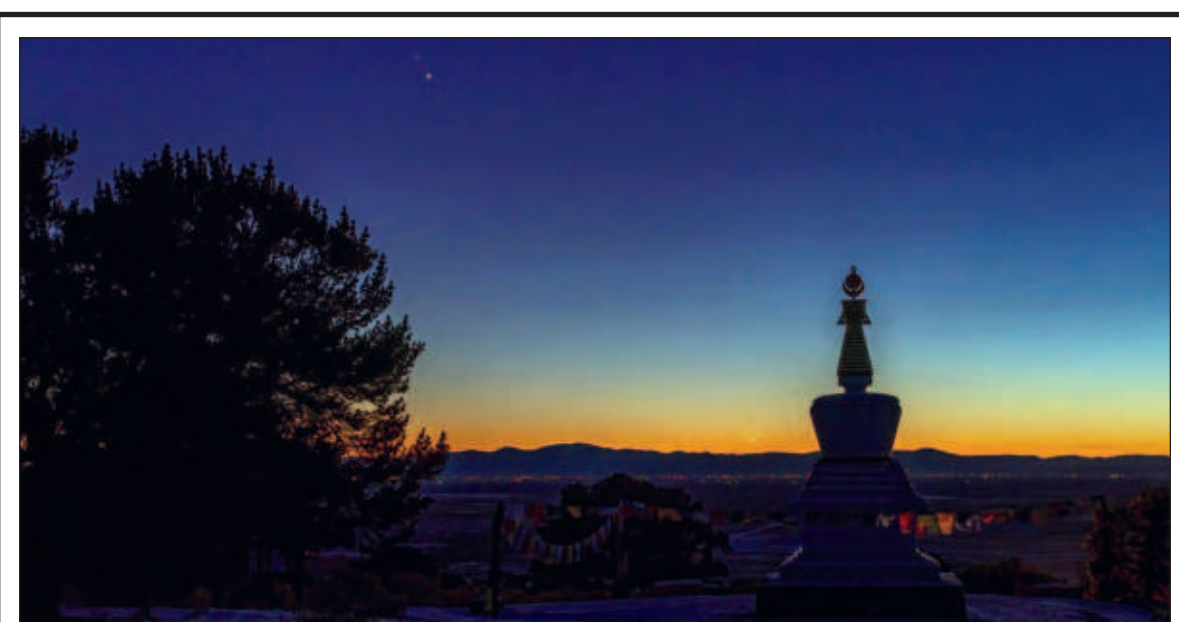


Photo by Peter Ismert

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

Town of Crestone receives International Dark Sky designation

STAFF REPORT

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

Dark Sky Community worldwide and the fourth in Colorado.

"We are delighted to welcome Crestone, Colo., into the family of IDA International Dark Sky Places," said IDA Executive Director Ruskin Hartley. "Its situation and circumstances are key to long-term protection of dark skies in the San Luis Valley, Sangre de Cristo wilderness, and beyond, so we are excited by the possibilities that today represents."

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

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COVID-19 cases in San Luis Valley are dropping

STAFF REPORT

SAN LUIS VALLEY — The rate of COVID-19 cases in the San Luis Valley has begun to decrease. As of Monday, May 24, there were 175 known active cases of COVID-19 in the San Luis Valley. One week ago, the Valley had 219 active cases.

Active case counts and other data are being updated weekdays at <https://www.slvphp.com/slv-regional-covid-dial>.

- Alamosa County — 98
- Conejos County — 39
- Costilla County — 10
- Mineral County — 2
- Rio Grande County — 18
- Saguache County — 7

"The risk of infection is still elevated for those who are not yet vaccinated, so please take precautions to protect yourself and others by keeping gatherings small and wearing a mask in public indoor spaces. If you feel sick, get tested for COVID-19, and stay away from others," SLV public

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RGNF conduct fire safety training

BY LYNDIE FERRELL

RIO GRANDE COUNTY — In preparation for fire season, the Rio Grande National Forest worked with local fire leaders on training exercises the morning of May 19. These training exercises prepare fire personnel who will be working on fires if they happen in the area later this summer.

Firefighters from the San Luis Valley Interagency Fire Management Unit conducted the Work Capacity Test and fire shelter deployment exercises as part of their annual firefighter refresher trainings that are required for all personnel

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San Luis Valley Interagency Fire Management Unit conducted the Work Capacity Test and fire shelter deployment exercises as part of its annual firefighter refresher training required for all personnel that will engage at various levels in a fire area.

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OBITUARIES

Gerald Karl Haynie

Having lived a full and prosperous life Gerald Karl Haynie departed this life on April 1, 2021, in Lehi, Utah. Jerry was born on June 15, 1929, in Manassa to Harran Hall and Mary Manning Haynie. He was the third of seven children. He had a happy childhood and grew up with a large extended family unit. He remained close with his siblings throughout his life.

Jerry graduated from Alamosa High School and attended Adams State University where he met Oma Jean Oliver, the love of his life. They were married on Jan. 21, 1951, in Monte Vista. They were married for 67 years.

Jerry was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. He was stationed in Baltimore, Md., Santa Barbara, Calif., and then Ft. Douglas in Salt Lake City, Utah.

After his discharge, Jerry and Oma Jean made Bountiful, Utah, their home where they welcomed three children into their lives. Their family was always their priority where love, work, honesty and high expectations were emphasized.

Jerry was a hard worker and an excellent provider. In his youth, he worked for various family enterprises including picking peas, digging graves and in the grocery business. He always had a job doing something. In Utah, he sold tires and then he opened a shoe store. In 1964, Jerry and Oma Jean returned to Alamosa to run Haynies Merchandise

Mart which his father had started in 1946. Jerry and Oma Jean purchased the business several years later and changed the name to Haynies, Inc., Napa Auto Parts, and ran it very successfully until their retirement in 1996. Before their retirement they purchased a home, "The Dome," in South Fork where they continued to make new friends. Jerry and Oma Jean loved to entertain guests and were active community members.

Jerry had numerous talents and interests. He loved to golf and held memberships at both Alamosa Golf Course and Rio Grande Club in South Fork where he was a charter member. He loved to play cards with all the groups he associated with and especially enjoyed meeting with his friends at the Alamosa Elks Club. Jerry had a talent for candy making and was a master of making caramels, peanut brittle, and toffee. He attained a pilot's license while in high school in Alamosa, but most of his travel was by automobile and he did love to drive. He enjoyed vehicles very much, including the three-wheelers that he rode as a Shriner in local parades. He enjoyed his association and the work he performed as a member of the Sand Dunes Shrine Club. He was an active member and held various offices with the Shriners. He had great satisfaction in being the representative to the Shriners Hospital in Salt Lake City by referring children with disabilities to receive treatment at no cost to their families. In this calling, he was a hero to many children throughout the Valley as they received life changing treatment to overcome their disabilities. Jerry was also a great help to the Shriners Club with



their fundraisers, most noticeably, the Shrine Circus which comes every year to the Ski Hi Stampede grounds. Jerry was a longtime Adams State Booster Club supporter. Jerry and Oma Jean loved to travel with friends from their associations in NAPA and Shriners.

Jerry was preceded in death by his loving wife, Oma Jean, parents Harran and Mary, and siblings Carol Tate, Louis Haynie, Richard Haynie, Marie Haynie, and Jon Haynie

Jerry is survived by his children: Terry (Sharon) Haynie, of Del Norte, Tammy (Gary) Cooper, of Lehi, Utah, and Sam (Blair) Haynie, of Alamosa; six Grandchildren, Ryan (Tammy) Haynie, of Del Norte, Tiffany (Austin) Nielsen, of North Ogden, Utah, Devin (Angela) Haynie, of Alamosa, Blake (Erin) Haynie, of Syracuse, Ind., Ashley (Kevin) Sorensen, of Spanish Fork, Utah, and Tyler Haynie, of Alamosa; 15 great-grandchildren; sister, Adele Gilchrist, of Bothell, Wash.; sisters-in-

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Fay Williams Jr.

Fay "Willy" Williams Jr., of Buena Vista, passed away peacefully on May 17 at Centre Avenue Health and Rehab Facility in Fort Collins.

Per his wishes, he will be cremated and a rosary held on Sunday night, May 23, with a mass on Monday, May 24, at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church at 118 S. Gunnison Ave., Buena Vista. A luncheon will follow at Jans.

Fay Williams Jr. was born on Sept 25, 1938 in Rigby, Idaho, to Margaret and Calvin Fay Williams Sr. and baptized into the Catholic faith. He held on to that faith his entire life.

His father, Calvin, passed away when he was less than 2 months old and Fay was then raised by his stepfather Dewitt "Dewy" Fox. Dewy moved the family to Monte Vista in Fay's early years.

He graduated from Monte Vista High School in 1958 and went on to work for John Deere as a tractor mechanic, developing a good relationship with many farmers in the local area. This allowed him to become an avid bird hunter, using the local farmers' land. He also served several years in the National Guard and, as a private, even drove generals around the base.

Fay went on to marry Theodora R. Downs in December of 1960. He worked several construction jobs as a heavy equipment mechanic and then found home working at the Climax mine. He moved to Breckenridge and stayed there until 1968. In 1969, he moved his family to Buena Vista and continued to work for the Climax mine until he medically retired in 1983.

Fay was an avid fisherman who loved to take anyone out fishing. His fishing stories varied on size



and count and usually filled with some truth. He did have a few of the larger ones mounted to help back up his wild stories.

He enjoyed being retired and spending time fishing and seeing sites with his grandkids and playing poker with friends. Many of his friends would spend hours playing poker with him and sharing outlandish tales. He loved to travel and, though handicapped most of his life, he never let that slow him down. Even in his older age you would find him out on a snowmobile, ice fishing or out cutting wood in the forest to provide extra income for his family. He would not let any situation slow him down.

Survivors include brother Dale Williams, brother Earl Fox, brother Larry Fox, three sons, Mitch (Dawa) Williams, Gregory Scott (Donalyn) Williams, and Terry (Lori) Williams and 10 grandchildren, David, Uriah, Tshering, Michael, Joshua, Timothy, Elesha, Maya, Evan and Hailey.

He was preceded in death by his ex-wife Theodora, both his parents, brother Perry Fox and sister Oletta Fox.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Colorado Parks and Wildlife Attn: Financial Services 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216.

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Chester Van Kimberling

Chester Van Kimberling, 80, of Monte Vista, Colo., passed away on March 10, 2021, at the Rio Grande Hospital in Del Norte, Colorado. Cremation was selected and a Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday May 28, 2021, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Monte Vista with burial following in the Monte Vista Cemetery. To express condolences, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com. Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista is in care of the arrangements.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Are you inny or outie?

Depending on who cut your umbilical cord and how they tucked that baby in, we all seem to end up with a variety of belly buttons. It's kind of interesting to Ol' Dutch that doctors, society or fashion mags have let that left over from our mother's womb remain unchanged as it really seems to have no real purpose.

Mostly it becomes a repository for lint off our shirts and, not being of the Catholic persuasion, I am not sure what you do with that every Spring, but it has some religious connotation, I guess.

It does represent a dividing line on the human body of sorts so there is that at least. And it does appear, especially among the millennials, that the doctor did a poor job with that simple act as the current generation just cannot seem to be cut loose from their mommas and move out at any age.

I guess a repository for shirt dust is better than a suppository, but it still is more of a nuisance than benefit as far as Ol' Dutch can tell. And of course, studies have been undertaken and the T-shaped navel has been voted to be the most attractive which means -- well, nothing unless you are a model.

But hold onto your horses, friends and relatives, it appears that there is new evidence that the mid-line indentation that we carry from our birth just may have a significant use after all. As with anything, if you give people enough time on their hands they will start to mess with things, and it appears that now they have begun to find beneficial things to do with that belly hole.

It seems that the addition of certain oils to your navel has a medicinal effect on a person's body. Yes, you heard that right.

People who use this method claim that oils such as castor oil seem to help in weight loss, regular application of coconut oil makes for healthy internal organs and prevents bloat, neem oil can cure acne and almond oil boosts the glow on one's face. And yes, they even have a name for it, the Pechoti Method. While it sounds like a new kind of pasta down at Riggalloties, it's a real practice and you can google



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by Kevin Kirkpatrick

that in your spare time if you ever get that bored.

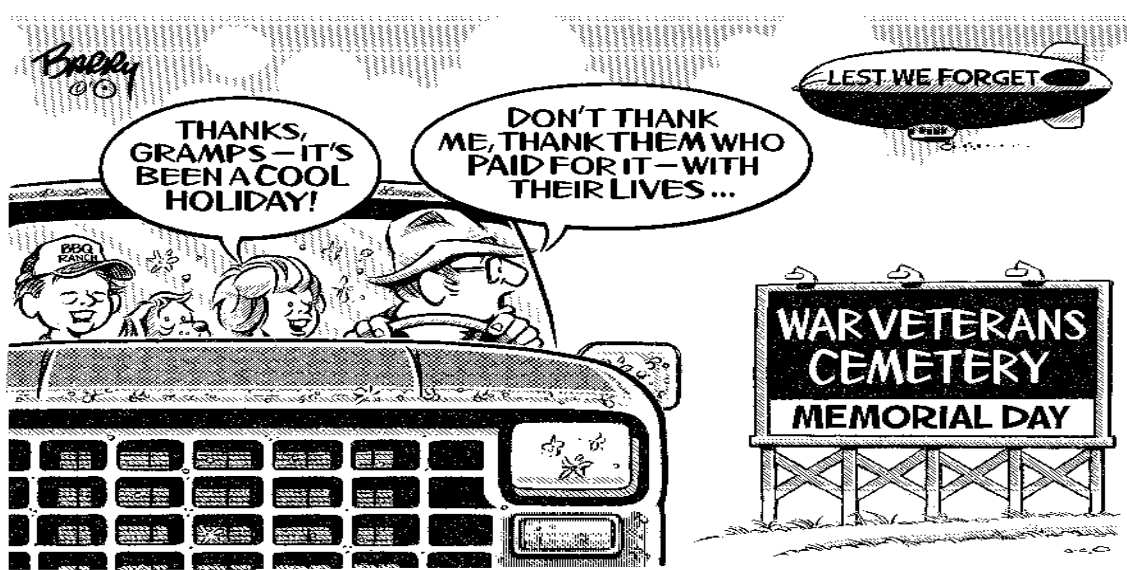
Proponents of this technique suggest all kinds of oils and herbs for application but from researching this a person should be mighty careful just which oils you do use. It seems that olive oil increases fertility in both men and women and so caution should be used unless you want a passel of kids filling your larder. While I am unsure why olive oil would help in that department at least internally, maybe the two participants get so slick they just fall into bed together?

It's no wonder Ol' Dutch has been feeling a bit slow and run down as I bet, I am running about a quart low. That's never good for a finely tuned machine such as myself. (Will someone please get Miss Trixie a doctor? Her eye-rolling is non-stop these days.)

Now while I cannot recommend applying anything into your belly button, I am sure some of you will find uses for that center hole even if it's just a place to hide a mini tootsie roll from the kids.

And if you do so and apply castor oil will that then offset those calories. It's gonna be a slick summer.

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.



SLVH employees, caregivers address hesitation of COVID vaccination

If you have questions or concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine, first of all that is normal. You should always feel empowered to ask questions regarding any medical treatment or procedure you or your family are going to have done. What we do need to make sure of, is that all of our patients and community have access to reliable information and data backed by science and evidenced-based practice.

There is so much misinformation in the news, media, and on social media that has caused confusion and only added to vaccine hesitancy and fear. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has been politicized and used to manipulate people for political gain.

We often look to trusted family members and friends when we have big decisions to make. When it comes to matters dealing with COVID-19 we should be looking to our doctors, nurse practitioners (NPs), physician assistants (PAs), pharmacists, and scientists who have gone to many years of school and have specifically studied vaccines and now have specific knowledge and understanding of COVID-19.

Most people wouldn't ask their plumbers for tax advice or their optometrist to diagnose their car problem or manage their investment accounts. Likewise, we need to

utilize our trusted medical providers to give their advice on whether or not to get vaccinated. Patients trust their primary care providers to manage their diabetes, high blood pressure, and asthma.

These are the people who should be trusted when it comes to questions regarding COVID-19, and especially the vaccine. At this time, I do not know of one provider who has seen what COVID-19 is doing, or those who are treating COVID-19 in the hospitals or emergency departments, who would not recommend getting the vaccine.

COVID-19 has been an ongoing issue in the San Luis Valley and we are currently seeing a surge with many different variant strains of the virus being detected. COVID-19 is not a respecter of persons. It doesn't matter your race, gender, ethnicity, religion, age, or financial status. Those we have been seeing in the hospital have been between the ages of 30-70. These individuals are very sick and require a high level of care in our ICU. We are often full and unable to accept additional patients so they must be transferred outside the Valley.

At this time 100% of the COVID-positive patients who have been hospitalized have not been vaccinated. This is the same for those being seen in the emergency

departments in both Alamosa and La Jara. This is what we are hearing from other hospitals as well.

We have seen far too many deaths as a community from this deadly virus. Those who are dying are not always individuals we would consider old or those with underlying illnesses. That is why this virus is so scary. For those who choose not to get vaccinated, you have the potential of passing the virus to a friend or loved one who may not survive. This is not "just the flu." Those who recover from COVID-19 may continue to see consequences and lasting effects in the lungs and heart for years to come.

We are a community and a family here in the San Luis Valley. Caring for our neighbors has always been a cornerstone of the deep tradition of how we were all raised. Getting the vaccine is a free and easy way to stop the spread of the COVID-19. We are all in this together.

Tiffanie Hoover, NP, is a Valley native and has worked in nursing for over 16 years at SLV Health. She has spent the past three years as an acute care nurse practitioner Hospitalist. The past year she has worked in the Covid Unit and the outpatient Respiratory Clinic, treating people of all ages from 16 days old to 96 year olds.

YOUR NIGHT SKY

Moon visits Jupiter and Saturn

BY DARLENE DANKO

On May 17, Mercury was farthest from the Sun making it very easy to see. Now it's moving back to the Sun. Although it's still visible, tomorrow it's going to meet up with bright Venus making it hard to see. So, when you look at Venus,

use binoculars to help you see Mercury next to it. They're very close together.

I hope we got to see the moon yesterday morning with its lunar eclipse. On Monday, May 31, the moon meets up with Jupiter and Saturn in the morning. It'll be a little below and between them. Jupiter is slightly below the big dim constellation Aquarius. Saturn is close to the constellation Capricornus.

Aquarius is one of the oldest Zodiacal constellations. In the

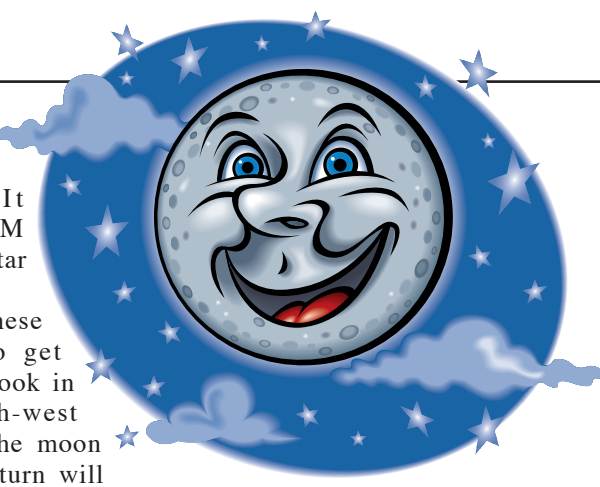
evening, it's best visibility is in June and July. It's seen as a figure pouring water from a jug. This constellation contains some great deep sky objects including the closest planetary nebula to Earth. In early May, the Eta Aquarid meteor shower radiates from it.

Capricornus the Sea Goat is a fainter constellation. That's because it lies at a greater distance from the Milky Way. It's small and one of the oldest constellations in our sky. There are 12 stars that make up a goat with the tail of a fish. The

best time to view it in the evening is August and September. It also contains M 30 which is a star cluster.

So, to see these you'll have to get up by 5 a.m. Look in the south-south-west until you see the moon and planets. Saturn will be to the right of Jupiter and the moon will be slightly below them.

Then see if you can see the two constellations.



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SLV REC annual meeting set for June 8 virtually

STAFF REPORT
MONTE VISTA — The San Luis Valley REC annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8, as an open house annual membership meeting with registration open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at REC's office, 3625 Highway 160 W, Monte Vista. The open house will allow for meeting and prize registration, as well as in-person voting. The business meeting portion of the annual meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will be hosted virtually. Register for the video link through REC's website — www.slvrec.com/annual-meeting. In addition, members can send

questions by mail or email to be answered during the online meeting. All questions must be received at REC by Tuesday, June 8, noon. Email questions to 2021Annmeet@slvrec.com or mail to P.O. Box 3625, Monte Vista, CO 81144. Annual report packets, including the ballot were mailed to members on May 5; ballots can be mailed in, returned to REC's dropbox or brought to the June 8 open house membership meeting. Candidate bios can be found online at slvrec.com/annual-meeting. In addition, the 2020 meeting minutes will need to be

approved; vote for approval on the postage-paid postcard included with the annual report packet. Qualified members who vote in person and register at the June 8 open house membership meeting will be eligible for prizes, which include a \$250 bill credit, one-half beef, one-half pork and more.

Short Memorial Day service at MV Cemetery
MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Cemetery Association Board is hosting a short service in observance of Memorial Day at the cemetery on May 31 at 1:30 p.m. Also, the board will be at the cemetery from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with buckets, water and brushes to assist people with cleaning family headstones. "We will have the chapel open and encourage you to walk through and see some of the improvements we have made this last few years," the board stated. "These improvements have been possible only through the donations of all who love this beautiful place."

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Saguache County Sheriff awards scholarship

STAFF REPORT
SAGUACHE — Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick announced that Center School District's Azia DeHerrera-Valdez was this year's recipient of the County Sheriffs of Colorado (CSOC) scholarship award for Saguache County. CSOC, Colorado's state sheriffs' association, offered a total of 30 awards of \$500 each this year to deserving high school and college students in Colorado to fund higher-level educational expenses for the 2021-2022 academic year. A citizens' committee selected the winner from each county. Committees made their selections

based upon criteria established by CSOC, including leadership, merit, character, involvement, purpose and need. Applicants were required to be full-time, legal Colorado residents who planned to attend a Colorado university, college or trade school. CSOC established the scholarship program in 1978. Since then, this effort has continued as a meaningful expression of the sheriffs' confidence in and respect for education and training. Money for the program is derived, in part, from the CSOC honorary membership fund that consists of contributions from individual citizens and businesses each year.

Keys to Answered Prayer

When you pray, do you have a vague feeling that something is lacking...that there isn't any power in your prayers? Do you struggle with doubt or fear, or simply lack confidence that God even hears you at all?

I used to have feelings like this and would think, "Maybe I didn't say the right thing, or pray long enough, or my words weren't eloquent enough." It was so frustrating because I didn't want to waste time, wondering if it was doing any good. After I pray, I want to know that God is working and my prayers make a difference.

It's easy to complicate our relationship with God and think we have to do certain things a certain way for them to be effective. But I've discovered that powerful, life-changing, dynamic prayer is amazingly simple!

Two Things We Must Do

It's vitally important for us to have faith in God when we pray. Hebrews 11:6 (AMPC) says, "Without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]."

Ask yourself, "Do I believe God hears me, that He cares about me and wants to be involved in every area of my life?" If we don't really believe God loves us and wants to help us, we will struggle to have faith in Him. That's why knowing and experiencing the love of God is critical to developing a powerful prayer life.

It's also important to approach God with sincere hearts. James 5:16 (AMPC) says, "...The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]." A sincere heart is focused on God, trusting that He hears you and will answer. It doesn't mean you have to cry or yell to pray

with sincerity; it's all about the attitude of your heart toward God.

You Have to Ask

It's exciting to get the revelation that God loves us, cares for us and wants to help us. But we have a part to do in getting the things God has for us—we have to ask. James 4:2 (AMPC) says, "...You do not have, because you do not ask."

Now, it's important to understand that we have to ask for God's will to be done, not just for the things we think we want or should have apart from Him. James 4:1 tells us that striving to get what we want based on our carnal or fleshly desires leads to "strife (discord and feuds)...conflicts (quarrels and fightings)." This causes us to be jealous, covet what others have and become angry when we can't "obtain [the gratification, the contentment, and the happiness] we are seeking (James 4:2).

These verses show us what causes problems in people's lives. We think we're unhappy because we don't have all the stuff we want. But the reality is only God can give us what we're longing for in our hearts. He alone is the source of righteousness, peace and joy (Romans 14:17). And we will never enjoy life until we learn to abide in Him and trust Him to do what's best for us.

The Key to Praying for God's Will

If you're not sure whether you're asking for God's will in your life (and we all go through times like this), then you need to take time to just abide in Christ. In John 15:7 (AMPC), Jesus says, "If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you."

To abide means to live, dwell and remain; it's not just spending time with God on Sunday morning and then going through your week doing what you want



apart from Him. God wants to do life with us Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday too! As we spend time studying His Word, meditating on the Word, communicating with Him through prayer, and asking Him to fulfill His plans for us, we will know His will in our hearts.

It's an amazing privilege to be able to talk to God! I want to encourage you to come to Him with humility and ask Him for the desires that are in your heart. Tell Him, "Lord, I don't want anything You don't want me to have. So if this is not Your will, don't give it to Me. I'm trusting You and want You to be in control of my life." Pray about everything that's on your heart and keep it simple. Remember, prayer is simply talking to God, and you can pray anytime, anywhere, all day long...and He will answer.

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RGNF provides tips for visitors to recreation areas

STAFF REPORT
MONTEVISTA — With visitation to National Forest recreation sites and trails expected to increase over the next several weeks, the Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) would like to remind visitors to recreate responsibly on area public lands. Recreating outdoors is an important way of life for Coloradans and visitors alike, and the RGNF needs everyone's cooperation to help us sustain enjoyable outdoor experiences and preserve natural areas for future generations.

With visitation continuing to increase, the agencies remind visitors to do their part to help protect land, wildlife, water and plants. Numerous small disturbances can quickly harm sensitive natural resources and have a lasting impact on shared public lands. Remember to "Leave No Trace" and be prepared to pack out all trash when receptacles are full or not available. Going armed with reliable information and reservations is now

critical to having a good experience in this current pandemic-driven outdoor recreation frenzy. The RGNF reminds visitors to "KNOW BEFORE YOU GO," plan ahead, and remember several essential responsible recreation guidelines over Memorial Day weekend and throughout the summer, including:

- Plan ahead and know your limits. Local public land agencies continue to see sustained high numbers of rescues. Don't take unnecessary risks. Look at the weather forecast and trail and trailhead information. Visit public lands with a friend or a family member. Tell people where you're going and when you plan on returning. Make sure to bring food and water. Wear appropriate clothing and shoes for cold, wet or changing weather conditions.
- Have a "Plan B." If you're coming and spending the night, do you know where you're spending the night? And if you don't, do you have a plan

B? Many developed sites that are reservable are filling up rapidly or are already fully booked. In addition, dispersed sites are becoming more occupied than ever before.

- Use existing dispersed campsites whenever possible. These sites have already been impacted. By using them, you protect other sites from the impacts of camping and high foot or vehicle traffic that can lead to area resource degradation.
- Bury all human and pet waste. Leaving it on the surface can lead to unsanitary conditions in high use areas. Leave the area in a condition that you would want to find it.
- Be fire safe. Have campfires in safe locations only. Use existing fire rings when possible. Never leave any campfire unattended. Use the drown, stir and feel method to ensure your campfires are dead out, before you leave.
- Don't park illegally at full trailheads and follow all rules and regulations. Have an alternate plan in

case the parking lot is full. Trailhead parking lots are often full early in the morning on weekends. Carpool to popular recreation areas, if possible. Rangers may issue tickets for illegally parked vehicles.

- Stay on trails and walk through the mud. If you need to step off-trail to let others pass, avoid stepping on vegetation. Step back on the trail immediately after people pass. Please don't travel off trail. Help protect sensitive plants and wildlife habitats by staying out of wildlife closure areas.
- Operate Off-Highway Vehicles in

a responsible manner. Respect trail closures. They exist for a reason. Use appropriate speeds, especially in high use areas. Stay on roads and trails. Just one off-road user can lead to multiple operators following tracks and damage to the resource. Visit the Travel Management page for RGNF Motor Vehicle Use Maps. These maps advise users on the legal routes for all motorized uses.

For information on the Rio Grande National Forest, call 719-852-5941, visit the forest website, or follow us on our Facebook page or Twitter.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Yard Sale is June 5

BY MARY LOWERS
CRESTONE — The Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) Yard Sale, will be happening on Saturday, June 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event which kicks off summer will be held at the Town Park in Crestone

between the Town Hall and the Crestone Eagle on Galena Avenue. Donations of merchandise for the sale to benefit NHN will be taken from 8 to 9 a.m. at the sale site. The sale begins at 9 a.m.

"This year we have an antique

Paris piano and some amazing exercise equipment and furniture along with the usual clothing, construction stuff, toys, outdoor rec things and artistic items...be sure to make this yard sale a weekend stop," NHN officials stated.

SAGUACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

SAGUACHE COUNTY — The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the period between May 17 and May 23, 2021.

The Sheriff's Department's activity on the road included nine traffic stops, two Report Every Drunk Driver Immediately 911 calls, four crashes with property damage and one lockout.

In addition, staff recorded one case of harassment, two cases of

suspicious activity, one case of assault, three welfare checks, one protection order violation case, two animal problem reports, a missing person report, one security check, one suicidal subject report, one report of trespassing, one report of property damage, one report of child abuse, one report of stolen property, and one civil dispute.

They also monitored 10 controlled burns, provided information four times, assisted one citizen, checked

on one alarm, assisted on five ambulance calls, inspected three VINs, and assisted on two search and rescues.

- Arrests**
- Lluvia Morales, 36, Saguache, second-degree criminal trespassing.
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TRAINING

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working in the fire area. The Work Capacity Test (WCT) establishes a minimum fitness standard and is required for all firefighters.

The WCT is administered to ensure firefighters meet the expected fitness levels. This training is often called the “pack test” and there are three levels of certification: Light, Moderate and Arduous. Firefighters engaging in direct suppression efforts will be certified at the Arduous level. Firefighters were sent in 1-minute intervals on the pack test to test their abilities throughout the exercise.

All wildland firefighters are required to conduct a practice fire shelter deployment on an annual basis. A fire shelter is an aluminum “tent” that firefighters use to cover themselves with when there is no other way to escape a rapidly advancing wildfire. Deploying these “tents” could mean life or death in a dangerous wildland fire situation and it is paramount that the deployment is practiced regularly.

Firefighters are reminded of historical situations where a “burn over” occurred and firefighters either perished or survived due to shelter deployments. These shelters are deployed with the feet facing the flaming front and the head farthest away from the danger and must be

deployed in a matter of minutes to pass the training test. Coordinators shake each shelter to ensure the firefighter has establish a proper seal to the ground that will allow the least amount of smoke possible into the enclosed area.

Agencies throughout the entire San Luis Valley spend hours working to refine emergency operation plans and train for potential wildland fire scenarios. Tabletop exercises are conducted during annual emergency manager meetings like the one that took place in Mineral County a few months ago. They offer a unique chance for emergency personnel, first responders, emergency managers, local and state officials as well as local fire departments to get together and practice how they will handle different emergency situations.

The Rio Grande National Forest has spent the past several months working through worst-case scenarios for the coming fire season. Last summer, the state was ravaged by wildland fires and though each fire was eventually contained, every fire offers a chance for learning something new. These past fires are used to further education and to improve response to wildland fires. So far, the coming fire season looks average according to reports from Rio Grande National Forest.

GRANTS

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seating areas in the town park for eating and encouraging other outdoor activities.

La Jara will use its \$50,000 for upgrading a portion of the existing sidewalk downtown as well as placing new benches with COVID-19 prevention sanitation stations and installing four planters along Main Street.

The fourth Valley recipient, Manassa, will use its \$50,000 on a Bike and Walk project, constructing a bike path for a half-mile along 1st Street connecting Manassa to M-Hill trail.

“This is a tremendous opportunity to support our community and attract even more business to our fun downtown areas through creative and practical transportation-related safety projects,” said Gov. Jared Polis. “As we recover from the pandemic and work to build back Colorado even stronger, this investment will create meaningful and lasting improvements along our

beloved main streets.”

Since the program’s inception, 84 projects have been awarded from the program’s original set of funding and an additional six projects have now been awarded from the \$30 million in stimulus funding announced on March 19 — bringing the total Revitalizing Main Streets grant awards to 90 projects statewide and growing. Awarded projects span the entire state, from Denver and Boulder to Hugo and Limon to Frisco and Rifle.

“Expanding this program helps communities of all sizes across the state of Colorado implement projects catered toward all modes of transportation to enhance safety, improve the local environment, and support economic vitality,” said CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew. “These partnerships between CDOT and local governments are vital as we work together to help downtown areas stay dynamic and vibrant.”

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Mountain lion near daycare put down in Alamosa

By **KEITH R. CERNY**
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ALAMOSA — An adult mountain



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An adult mountain lion was discovered around noon, May 20, in a large cottonwood tree next to the Children's Garden daycare center on San Juan Avenue in Alamosa.

lion was put down Thursday afternoon, May 20, by officers with Colorado Parks and Wildlife after it was declared a "dangerous animal in a dangerous location."

Rick Basagoitia, area wildlife manager in the Monte Vista CPW office, said the animal's location next to Children's Garden daycare center warranted putting it down. According to Alamosa Police Department officers on scene, the lion was seen in a tree adjacent to the daycare's playground while youngsters were on recess.

No one could be reached at Children's Garden to verify the time of day the large cat was spotted.

Basagoitia said the decision was made to shoot the cat rather than tranquilize it because typically mountain lions will fall or jump when shot with a tranquilizer and often will still attempt to run away which

would have caused officers to have to dispatch it anyway.

The neighborhood on San Juan Avenue between 13th and 14th streets is a long distance from the Rio Grande giving officers pause as to why it was there. An abandoned irrigation ditch runs close by and some theorized that the lion may have followed the ditch to that location.

"The safest call was to put it down," Basagoitia said. "If it had

been anywhere else, we would have probably stationed an officer to watch it until it came down to make sure it left the area."

The CPW official said mountain lions don't typically attack humans unless they feel threatened. "They are amazing predators and are extremely efficient," he said, "but don't typically hunt humans for food."

He went on to say that CPW policy states that if a lion is discovered in a

dangerous location it is considered a dangerous lion.

Basagoitia said "liability is a big deal," and CPW would have been responsible for anything that would have happened with the lion once officers intervened.

CPW officials estimated the male lion to be between three and four years old and weighed 104 pounds. The animal was skinned and the meat was donated.

Sagebrush Quilters quilt show is June 12 in Saguache

STAFF REPORT

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

The ladies have kept busy throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and are ready to present their latest creations. On display will be quilts of all sizes from

wall hangings to king-sized, some machine-quilted and others quilted by hand.

"With special thanks to the Saguache County Commissioners, the quilts will be displayed on hanging racks," Sagebrush Quilters stated. "Without their generous grant, we would be unable to present the quilts effectively. Also thank you to Road and Bridge for their generosity in allowing us to use their spacious conference room, not

only for our monthly meetings, but for this annual display."

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

Among their community projects are comfort quilts for those in need, quilts of valor for veterans, and quilts for preschoolers at Mountain Valley School.

Trial date set in Alamosa protest shooting

Attorney Marshall accused of attempted second-degree murder

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA — A trial date in the deadly shooting at a downtown Alamosa protest last summer has been set for Aug. 30. Alamosa attorney James Marshall, 27, allegedly shot a man in the back of the head during the Black Lives Matter protest on June 4.

The date was set on May 11 in 12th Judicial District Court by Judge Gilbert Martinez. Attorneys for Marshall and the District Attorney's office spent months seeking a resolution in the case and when it became apparent no resolution had been reached, Martinez set a date for trial.

The Aug. 30 trial is expected to last eight days. Judge Martinez gave attorneys 30 days from May 10 to file any motions.

After pleading not guilty to seven felony charges in October of 2020, Marshall was originally scheduled to go to trial in March but COVID-19 restrictions required the trial date be re-set to June.

During Marshall's previous hearing in early April, the judge made it clear that he expected counsel to come to a resolution or be prepared to go to trial. Even now, setting a trial date does not automatically mean the possibility of a resolution is out of the question.

When asked what he thought the likelihood was of Marshall ending up in trial, District Attorney Alonzo Payne said, "The matter is set for an eight-day trial commencing August 30." Beyond that, he would

only say, "The charges are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty."

Marshall is facing charges of attempted second-degree murder in the shooting of Danny Von Pruitt Jr., 49, during a Black Lives Matter protest last summer in downtown Alamosa. The other charges include first-degree assault, reckless endangerment, felony menacing, criminal mischief, illegal discharge of a firearm and prohibited use of a weapon.

The June 4 protest was in response to the police-related death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and was conducted outside Marshall's downtown office. Marshall told investigating officers he knew of the event in advance and had planned to attend.

Pruitt, of Canon City, was driving a black Dodge Ram pickup truck westbound through the intersection of Main Street and State Avenue during a green light just before 6 p.m., per police documents. As the truck went through the intersection, a man that witnesses identified as Marshall, on the passenger side of the truck shot a gun at the driver.

Pruitt continued driving and was found parked 10 blocks away. He was taken to San Luis Valley Medical Center and then airlifted to UC Health Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, where he died from the single gunshot wound from a 9mm handgun.

Marshall was arrested June 4 at his Alamosa home.



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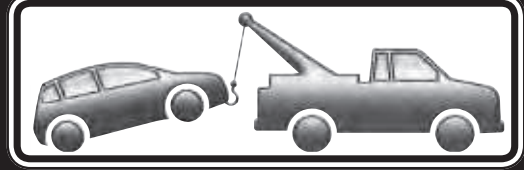
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annually. Crestone's high elevation, low humidity and distance from Colorado's major population centers combine to yield clear views of the night sky.

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

"All this time I believed this was a journey that ended with designation. I now realize that this designation isn't so much the end of a process as the beginning of a relationship with IDA and the broader dark-skies movement around the world," said Mayor Danforth. "I look forward to the prospect of our town not only being welcomed into the IDA family but becoming a part of its future."

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

This commitment is evident in Crestone, from dark-sky-friendly lighting to astronomy outreach, awareness campaigns, and funding to help residents improve lighting on their properties. All Crestone-owned lighting assets are now IDA compliant, as are its streetlights.

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

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

HAYNIE

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law, Martha Oliver, of Alamosa, Gae Haynie and Rolaine Haynie, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Jeannie Haynie, of McKinney, Texas.

The family would like to thank Bellaview Assisted Living Center in Lehi, Utah, for the loving care given to Jerry during the last few months of his life as well as Tom Faris, Lee Cerrone, and Teddy Garcia for always lending a helping hand to Jerry after Oma Jean passed away.

To respect Jerry's wishes no services were held. An Open House in his honor will be hosted on Saturday, June 5 from 1-3 p.m. at Ramon's Mexican Restaurant, 31519 US Highway 160, South Fork. The family invites Jerry's friends and associates to join with us to celebrate his life and legacy.

UPDATE

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health officials stated.

Even if a person has already had COVID-19, vaccination is recommended. Having had COVID-19 does not necessarily mean a person is immune from COVID-19.

"We all respond differently to infection and our immune systems vary in building 'memory cells,'" officials stated. "Re-infection is possible if it has been more than 90 days since you were infected with the virus. Getting vaccinated builds a consistent level of immunity that prevents

the spread of the virus in our community. Getting the vaccine after you have recovered is an important health step to take."

The number of San Luis Valley residents who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 is 16,817, an increase of 939 since last week's report. There are many ways to get the vaccine, including confidential scheduled appointments. See www.slvphp.com to sign up online with local vaccine providers — hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, and public health agencies — or call 719-

480-8719 for help finding a convenient provider.

Special events coming up in various locations are listed below:

• Centennial School, San Luis, Wednesday, May 26, 9 a.m.-noon. CDPHE vaccine bus with J&J and Pfizer, ages 12 and older.

• Adams State Plachy Hall, Tuesday, May 25, 1-7 p.m., CDPHE vaccine bus with J&J and Pfizer, ages 12 and older.

• Adams Street-Main Street, Monte Vista, Wednesday, May 26, 2-4 p.m., CDPHE vaccine

bus with J&J and Pfizer, ages 12 and older.

• Simple Foods Market, Del Norte, Thursday, June 3, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., CDPHE vaccine bus with J&J and Pfizer, ages 12 and older.

• Rio Grande County Courthouse, Del Norte, Friday, June 4, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., CDPHE vaccine bus with J&J and Pfizer, ages 12 and older.

• RGC Del Norte Annex (beside the Courthouse), Wednesday, May 26 and Friday, May 28, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Moderna vaccine, ages 18 and older.



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- New Nix Filters
- Atlas Pipe
- 3rd Link
- Pipe Wrench
- Electric On Demand Water Heater
- Platform Scale
- Glass windows
- Glass School Bus Stop
- Key Machines
- Boxes of Keys
- Hitches
- Live Traps
- Fuel Tanks
- Irrigation Syphon Tube
- Propane Bottles
- Hoists
- Pipe Caps
- Generator
- New filters in boxes (many)
- Items too numerous to mention

Equipment & Trailers

- White 2-150 Tractor
- Homemade Trailer
- 2000 F550 With Dump Box/Flat Bed
- 1968 Dodge T80 Truck with Man Lift
- Vermer W-1-A Power Ditch Truck
- 72 International Load Star 1600
- G450 Mineapolis Molin Diesel
- 90 Houph Pay Loader
- Allis Chalmers 840 Loader
- Harrows
- 2 Bottom Plow
- Grain Auger
- 3PT Sickle Mower
- 3PT Dikers
- 271 NH Baler
- Bobcat Skidsteer
- 6" Pump Ford Motor
- Scissor lift with Motor
- Alkota Hot Water Washer
- Atlas Lathe Metal TH54
- Items too numerous to mention

Misc. Tools

- Shop Air Compressor Hose Reel
- Chains & Boomers
- #8 Vise on Stand
- Bars
- Axes
- Grinders
- Variety of Tool Boxes
- New Pipe
- Hole Saw
- Pipe Benders
- Chain Boomers
- Cut off Saw
- 2" Pump Hose
- Shovels
- Rakes
- Pitch Forks
- Weed Eaters
- Tool Boxes
- Concrete Bull Float
- Lawson Bolt Cutter
- Scythe
- C-Clamp
- Pressure Washer
- Air Tools
- Chain Saws
- Electric Wires
- Items too numerous to mention

Livestock

- Tank Heater
- Calf Bucket
- Livestock Equipment
- Livestock Supplies
- 20- Panels and Gates
- Cattle Chute
- Corral Feeder
- Big Tank
- Items too numerous to mentions

ATV

- Polaris 4-Wheeler
- Yamaha Motor Cycle S-250

Campers

- 5th Wheel Camper
- Sport King Pickup Camper

Scrap

- Scrap Aluminum
- Misc. Scrap Metal

Building/Sheds

- 2 Graineries
- Yard Shed 12x8x4 Approx.

Fencing

- Rolls of Field Fence
- Steel Posts

Welding

- Welding Helmets
- Welding Table
- Oxy Act Unit
- Chicago MIG Welder

Many other items for sale. This is a partial listing only!

Lots and lots more stuff. Big sale!!!!

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2021 Colorado Byways awards presented at Byways Symposium

STAFF REPORT

The Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission presented three awards on Thursday evening, May 6, at the Colorado Byways Symposium 2021, Glenwood Vaudeville Theater, Glenwood Springs, to recognize outstanding contributions.

“What an exciting time for our Scenic and Historic Byway communities,” said Nathan Boyless, chair of the governor-appointed Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission.

The first award was given to Walt Boulden, South Central Council of Governments Executive Director, in recognition for best practices in planning by leading the efforts for the Southern Mountain Loop Planning and Environmental Linkages Study. This study provides a long-term, integrated master plan of projects for safety, multi-purpose trail development, and traveler amenity improvements along the Scenic Highway of Legends Byway, which stretches roughly 82 miles between Walsenburg and Trinidad along State Highway 12 and US 160. The work was lauded by the Commission for its goals of improving safety for all travelers, providing a well-connected multi-use trail, and preserving and promoting the region’s natural environment and communities while complementing the Byway’s continued development. What is truly unique about



Courtesy photo

this plan is the identified means of collaboration for these efforts that frequently are kept in silos. The study will provide best practices for other byways and communities to follow in the future.

“Upon completion, these improvements will fulfill the Byway’s transportation needs, promote the region, and protect the qualities important to both local residents and visitors to the region,” said Bouden.

Next, the Commission presented an award to Lindsey Morrow, Grand County Tourism Board, for her leadership on the Colorado River Headwaters Corridor Management Plan Update. Morrow has added Byway’s responsibilities to her tourism duties and successfully worked with various agencies in Grand County to update the Byway’s Corridor Management Plan. The completion occurred during the worldwide pandemic and devastating wildfires that affected her

personally.

“I am so honored for this award. It reflects the partnership and help from regional partners, as well as technical assistance from Kelli Helper. Thank you,” said Morrow.

“I was really impressed with Lindsey’s presentation [to the Byways Commission] and the work they were doing collaboratively,” stated Heidi Pankow, Colorado Byways Commission vice chair and Visit Glenwood tourism promotion project manager.

The third award recognizes a strategic conservation project for the “Heart of the Arkansas” conservation initiative on the Collegiate Peaks Scenic and Historic Byway, and Adam Beh, the Executive Director for Central Colorado Conservancy, who is leading the charge. Central Colorado Conservancy uses the Byway as leverage to secure funding for approximately **Please see BYWAYS on Page 10**



Courtesy photo

David Montgomery

Taste of Creede: David Montgomery is Honored Artist

STAFF REPORT

CREEDE — The 33rd annual Taste of Creede event will be held Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30. The weekend is devoted to showcasing the arts of the region and the foods of Creede. This year’s honored artist is San Luis Valley renowned painter David Montgomery.

Montgomery’s work will be on display at the Creede Hotel during the weekend. He celebrates nature through the magic of his painting. He has a great love for the outdoors and strives to commemorate this region’s amazing vistas with his paint. After graduating from Colorado State

University with a bachelor’s of Fine Arts degree in 1975, he has been painting in the San Luis Valley for almost 50 years.

One of his highlights was being invited to paint at the Forbes Magazine Corporation estate in Normandy, France. During his time there, he enjoyed many plein air excursions to the Normandy countryside with other invited artists. Most notable was painting at Claude Monet’s estate and water lily pond at Giverny.

He has received 2020 Best of Show at the Western Rendezvous in La Veta, in 2012 the Artists’ Choice Award at the Plein Air Painters of New Mexico **Please see ARTIST on Page 9**

Cowhide on the soles of his boots

I wanna tell y’ all a true story that happened to a friend of mine. Big Jim was judgin’ the rodeo at Burlington last year. They call him Big Jim ‘cause he’s big as a round bale and twice as tough. But he don’t move quite as fast as he did in his ol’ bronc ridin’ days.

Big Jim always had a way with animals. He roped a skunk one time when he was a little boy and drug it home. His dad made him unsaddle a hundred yards from the house. Jim said his ol’ pony walked right into the pond and stuck his whole head under the water . . . several times. He finally sold the saddle. Two years later. In the winter.

They claim him and his dog, Pat, cornered a 300 lb. wild boar in a thicket, unarmed, and did him in with his Barlow.

So Big Jim is used to animals behavin’ peculiar around him.

The stock contractor told Jim that his blue mare would buck out and come round to the right. Jim positioned himself to see when the



saddle bronc rider marked’er out. The rider called for the horse.

Out they came pitchin’ and rollin’. The cowboy was spurrin’ fer all he was worth and the ol’ mare was feelin’ her oats. She bucked toward Big Jim. He backed up ‘til he

was backed up against the front of the chute.

Ol’ Blue stuck her head right against Big Jim’s chest and pinned him to the fence! She had her mouth wide open and was sqealin’ like a cheerleader at the high school basketball finals. She was strikin’ and pawin’ and flailin’ on both sides of his rigid body. Splinter and sparks were flyin’ off both sides of Big Jim’s head.

He daren’t move a muscle. He was less than three feet from the dumbfounded bronc stomper who was still spurrin’ like a hound dog in a gopher hole! They were lookin’ at each other with Pekingese eyes.

Silver and horsehair was flashin’ and flyin’ in furious strokes as the rider continued to try and impress the judge. It can be said, he certainly had his attention. This continued for a three second eternity then the mare fell back, wheeled and mule kicked at the petrified judge. Both hooves hit the chute simultaneously on each side of Jim’s

head at eye level. Then she bucked off down the arena.

The other judge come runnin’ over. “Are ya ok? Could ya see what happened? Was he spurrin’ on both sides? How’d ya mark’em?”

“Wull,” said Big Jim, “I know the kids got the makin’s of a bronc rider. He had his toes pointed out so far that from where I was standin’ I could read ‘genuine cowhide’ on the soles of his boots!”

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

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Stay the Trail this summer

By LYNSIE FERRELL
SAN LUIS VALLEY — With summer just around the corner, local organizations are reminding outdoor recreation enthusiasts to “Stay the Trail” and help preserve recreational trails in the area. People who recreate in the back country may not know the ins and outs of trail etiquette so here are some tips from staythetrail.org to remember this coming summer season and throughout the year.

While out on the many trails that surround the San Luis Valley recreators often come across different types of vehicles and outdoor equipment such as OHVs, ATVs, Jeeps, dirt bikes, side by sides, mountain bikes, hikers and more. One rule to keep in mind while out enjoying the trail no matter the form is to move aside for faster vehicles and let them pass. This can allow for people to spread out more and deter from any problems while out on the trail. For those who are the fast riders, pass with care and avoid leaving the trail to ensure there is no damage to local vegetation.

Most trails throughout the Valley are two-way trails and it is important to remember that at any given time, another vehicle or person may be coming the opposite direction. It is dangerous to cross over to the other side of the road on blind or sharp corners incase other traffic is coming from the other direction. These places should always be approached with caution. Also, if traveling in a group, use hand signals toward oncoming traffic to tell the driver or person traveling how many more vehicles or people are coming behind the one leading the group.

A good portion of the local trails travel through wooded areas where obstacles can be found blocking a trail or crossing a road. If you come across an obstacle in the roadway and are not prepared to remove it with equipment, ride over the obstacle if you can. Riding over the downed tree or debris will stop trail widening and possible damage to vegetation in

the area. If an obstacle is too large or dangerous to cross notify the proper organization or land manager to get help to remove the obstacle.

When staging for a ride on the trail, remember to move off to the side of the trail in a designated staging area. Most trails have staging areas prepared for outdoor enthusiast and there is plenty of room that allows recreationalists to prepare for their day or afterwards when loading everything up. Blocking a trail can be hazardous and frustrating for other recreationalists.

Many recreationalists also don't realize that any person traveling uphill has the right of way when venturing up a hill. Almost all trails have small pullouts along the way that allow room for vehicles to pull over when there is not enough room for each to pass. The person heading up hill needs more momentum to keep going than the person traveling downhill, so this rule applies in most cases. If you come across a smaller vehicle that could pull over while heading up hill and allow for the larger vehicle heading downhill to pass safely, it is better to adjust and use common trail sense in order to keep everyone safe.

Above all, good forest stewardship is key. If you pack it in, pack it out. Use proper etiquette when bathrooms are not available and avoid using the “restroom” near a trail. Always be prepared for adverse weather conditions. Colorado is known for the swift changes in weather. As the saying goes, “Don't like the weather? Wait five minutes.” Be prepared for all types of weather even snow in the high country in the summer.

Last but by no means least, always tell someone where you are going and stick to the plan as much as possible. Download maps to help you stay informed on where you are at and where you are going and adhere to warning signs about rough trails ahead. For more information, visit staythetrail.org.

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Solution to last week's puzzle

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		Shown (in./day)				From	5/23 (inches)			
		5/23	5/22	5/21	5/20	2day	3day	4day	5day	7day
Moravian 69	04/05	0.20	0.15	0.13	0.21	0.36	0.49	0.70	0.86	1.04
Moravian 69	05/05	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.14	0.19	0.26	0.30	0.36
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White Wheat	04/05	0.20	0.15	0.13	0.21	0.36	0.49	0.70	0.86	1.04
White Wheat	05/05	0.08	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.13	0.17	0.23	0.28	0.33
WinterWheat	10/01	0.20	0.15	0.13	0.21	0.36	0.49	0.70	0.86	1.06
Potatoes										
Norkotah	05/05	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.07	0.09	0.13	0.16	0.20
Centennial	05/05	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.07	0.09	0.13	0.16	0.20
Nugget	05/05	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.07	0.09	0.13	0.16	0.20
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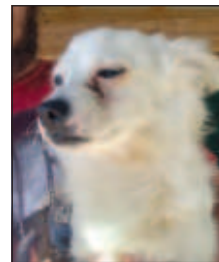
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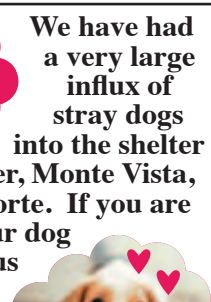
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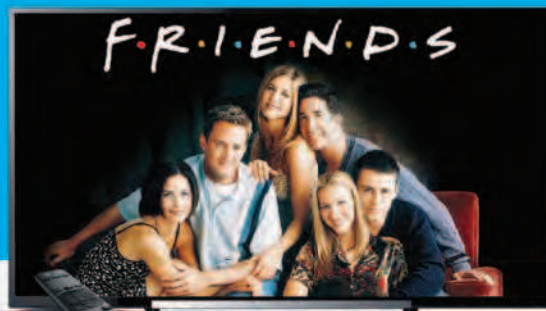
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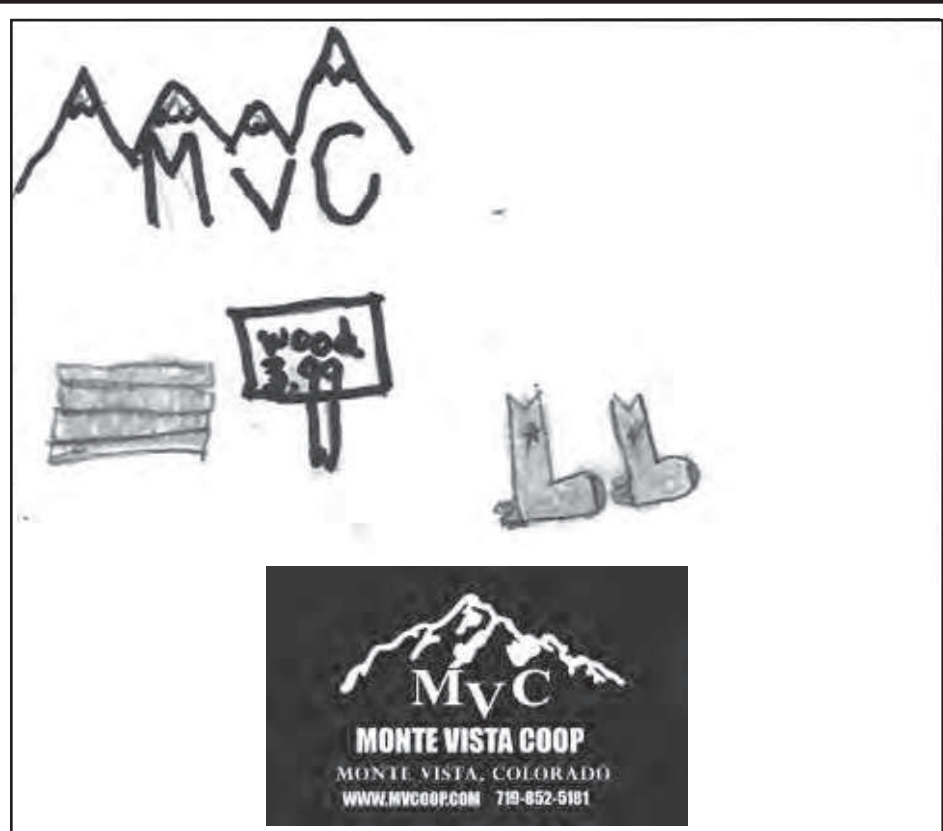
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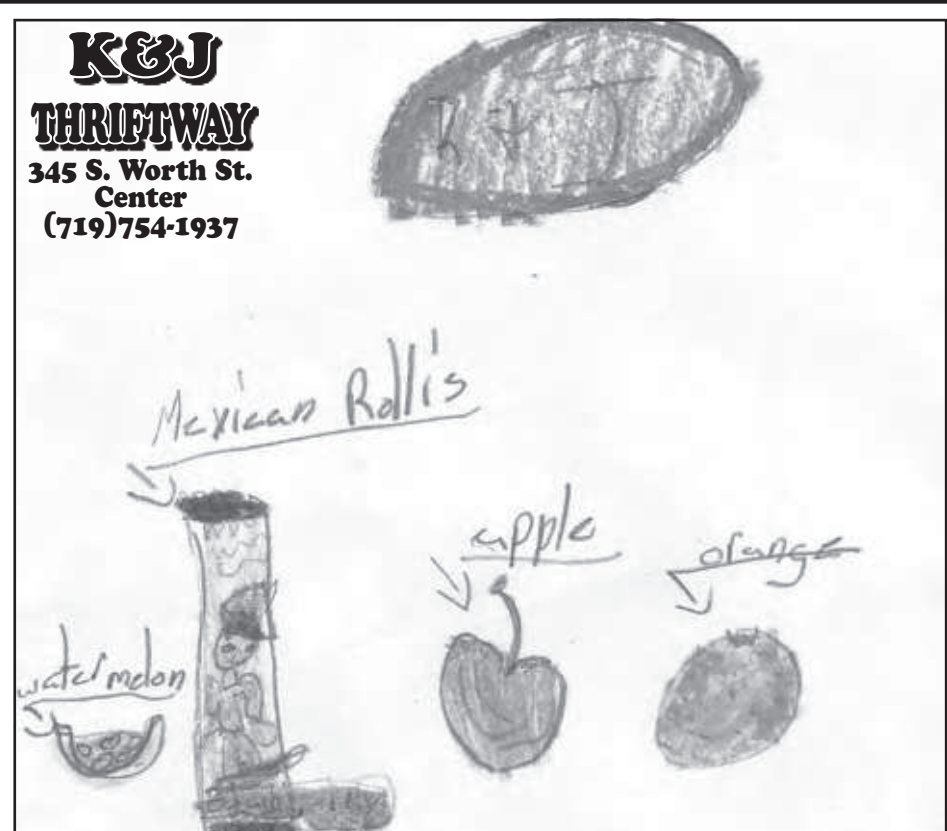
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among many other honors and awards. In Creede, Montgomery is represented by the C. Waters Gallery. During Memorial Day weekend, the main street of Creede will be blocked off and painters will be painting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. On Sunday, artists will be working from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At 1 p.m. a host of artists will participate in the QuickDraw, a one-hour paint out when the public can view artists gathering and painting a variety of subjects and drawing media, watercolor, acrylic, oil and other media. At 2:30 p.m., these same works will be displayed and auctioned off with revenues going to next year's event. Also happening during the weekend will be the Silver Chef Competition at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday at Basham Park. This involves local chefs cooking on Main Street using the same ingredients with judging and food tasting to follow. Everyone is invited to celebrate Taste of Creede. For more information, contact the Creede Chamber at 719-658-2374 or office@creede.com or visit the website at www.creede.com.

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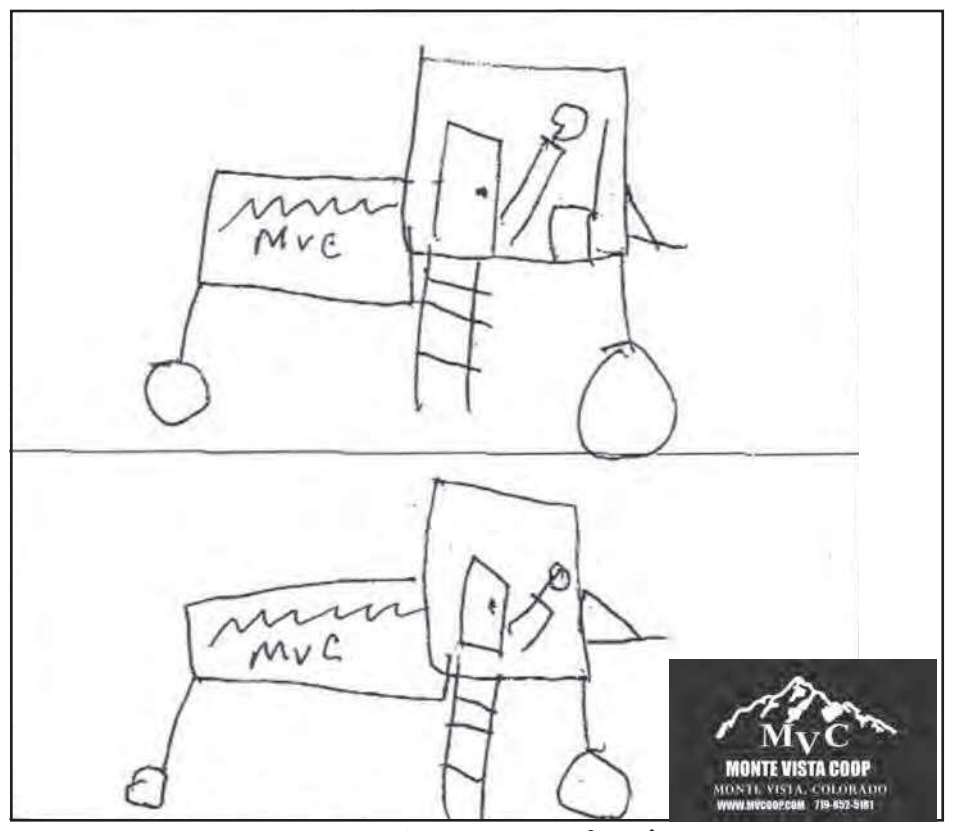
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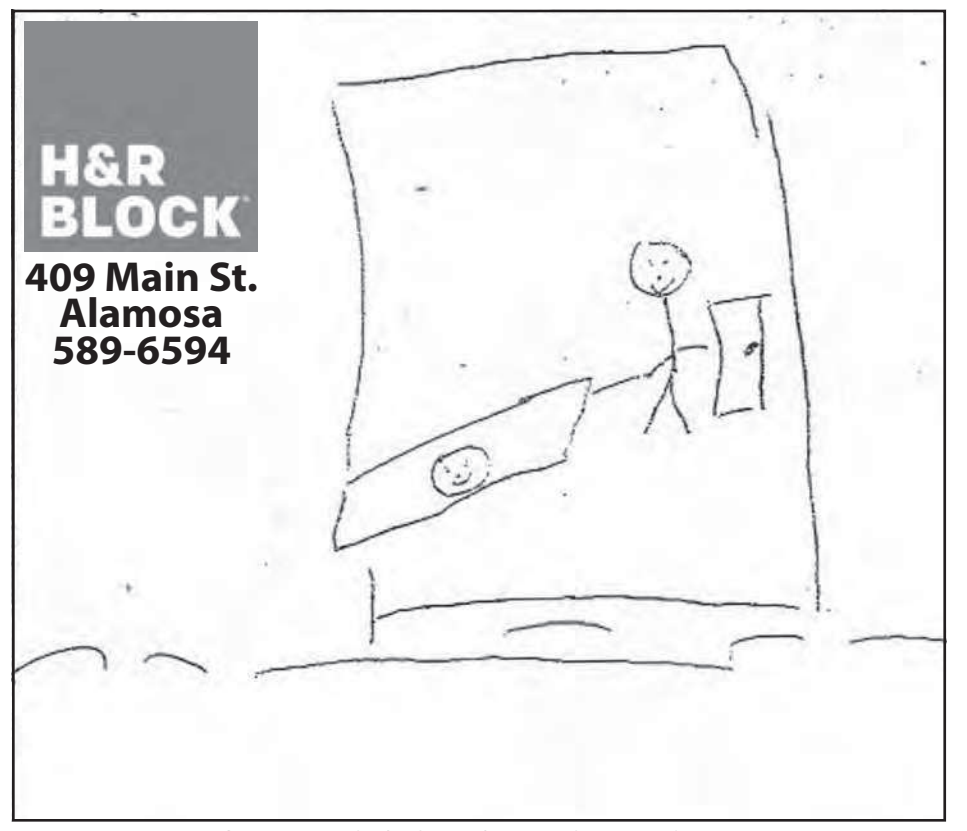
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"It is even more remarkable to actually get together and recognize amazing activities at our postponed event," said Lenore Bates, Colorado Byways program manager. "We appreciate the award winners, participants, sponsors, presenters, and volunteers for making the Colorado Byways Symposium 2021 a success. Furthermore, our Symposium's theme, 'Thirty-plus Years of Scenic Vistas & History One Mile at a Time' will inspire us until we meet again."

The Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways program of the Colorado Department of Transportation isn't just a list of roads connecting one place to another. The 26 Byways have been carefully selected by the Colorado Byways Commission to awe, instruct, delight, inform, physically challenge, soothe, and bolster the physical and spiritual health of the thousands of travelers who traverse Colorado's chosen trails. Always evolving, the Colorado Byways has several fresh ventures to announce. For more information, visit www.codot.gov/travel/scenic-byways.

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- Alpine Loop Back Country Byway — Ouray, Hinsdale, San Juan Counties
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Effective exercises for seniors

Losing interest in an exercise regimen is a situation many fitness enthusiasts have confronted at one point or another. Overcoming a stale workout routine can be simple for young athletes, whose bodies can typically handle a wide range of physical activities. That flexibility allows younger athletes the chance to pursue any number of physical activities when their existing fitness regimens grow stale. But what about seniors who have grown tired of their workouts?

Even seniors who have lived active lifestyles since they were youngsters are likely to encounter certain physical limitations associated with aging. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the likelihood of dealing with one or more physical limitations increases with age. CDC data indicates that 8 percent of adults between the ages of 50 and 59 have three or more physical limitations. That figure rises to 27 percent among adults age 80 and over.

Physical limitations may be a part of aging for many people, but such obstacles need not limit seniors looking to banish boredom from their workout routines. In

fact, many seniors can successfully engage in a variety of exercises that benefit their bodies and are unlikely to grow stale.

- **Water aerobics:** Sometimes referred to as “aqua aerobics,” water aerobics may involve jogging in the water, leg lifts, arm curls, and other activities that can safely be performed in a pool. The YMCA notes that water aerobics exercises are low impact, which can make them ideal for seniors with bone and joint issues like arthritis.

- **Resistance band workouts:** Resistance band workouts can be especially useful for seniors who spend a lot of time at home. Resistance bands are inexpensive and don’t take up a lot of space, making them ideal for people who like to exercise at home but don’t have much space. Resistance bands can be used to strengthen muscles in various parts of the body, including the legs, arms and back. Resistance bands can be pulled or pushed in any direction, which allows for more versatility in a workout than weight machines and dumbbells. That versatility allows seniors to spice up their workout regimens when things get a little stale.

- **Pilates:** Pilates is another

low-impact exercise that can be ideal for seniors with bone and joint issues. According to Silver-Sneakers®, a community fitness program for seniors that promotes living through physical and social engagement, Pilates can help seniors build overall strength, stability and coordination. Silver-Sneakers® even notes that seniors can experience improvements in strength and stability by committing to as little as 10 to 15 minutes of daily Pilates exercises.

- **Strength training:** Seniors on the lookout for something more challenging than a daily walk around the neighborhood should not overlook the benefits of strength training. The CDC notes that seniors who participate in strength training can stimulate the growth of muscle and bone, thereby reducing their risk for osteoporosis and frailty. In fact, the CDC notes that people with health concerns like arthritis or heart disease often benefit the most from exercise regimens that include lifting weights a few times each week.

Physical limitations are a part of aging. But seniors need not let such limitations relegate them to repetitive, boring workouts. TF217079



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Rivers around the Valley are rising due to spring runoff. Use caution when recreating on or near swift moving water and be prepared.

Swift-water tips to stay safe this spring

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

SAN LUIS VALLEY — It is officially springtime here in the Valley and the snow up high is melting. It is important to be safe when near rivers and tributaries as water levels are on the rise.

Over the past several years, there have been incidents in the Valley that can be considered a word of caution when navigating the rivers this time of year.

Even the most experienced rafters can find themselves in sticky situations so here are a few reminders to keep everyone safe.

The first thing to keep in mind is simple and should be used no matter what outdoor recreationists are doing — tell someone where you are going. If venturing out on a solo mission on the river it is always the safest course of action to take someone along or at the very least, tell someone where you are going. Swift-water rescues are difficult with groups of people let alone trying to navigate currents by yourself. If an incident should occur, the other person can go for help if they cannot help you.

The next thing to remember and one that could save your life is to wear a life jacket. Those puffy outdated, uncool safety devices could mean the difference between floating out of a bad situation or not. It is always better to be prepared than to be caught off guard. There are many things to consider when choosing a life jacket, the most important one being that it fits correctly. Most life jackets come with fitting instructions and warnings to help individuals

choose the appropriate gear.

Beyond life jackets, those venturing out on the river should be prepared. Have clothing suitable for the weather conditions that can rapidly change, and food and water for the trip. Bring first-aid kits and other supplies to make sure you are ready for any situation. When venturing out on the river with any of the local rafting or fishing guides, their boats and rafts will be equipped with any number of items to make it a safe and fun trip. If venturing out alone, or on a private venture, your boat should be just as equipped.

Never forget how powerful the river is. Especially during the spring runoff here in the high country, water levels can rise suddenly during warm parts of the day or during rain or snowstorms. Water temperatures are low this time of year and can knock a person out just from the freezing temperatures. Beware of banks along the river. Swift moving water can make shores and banks unstable and these can collapse underfoot.

Take time to learn what to do if you find yourself in an emergency. There are several resources available online for free. No matter how you choose to educate yourself on swift-water techniques it is worth the amount of time it would take, and it never hurts to refresh your memory.

Floating the river this time of year is an epic adventure enjoyed by many and is one that is sure to get anyone's blood pumping, but it is also one that should not be taken advantage of if you are inexperienced. Be safe and have fun out there!

Silver Thread Studio Tour seeking participants

The Silver Thread Studio Tour will be held on Aug. 14 and is seeking artists to participate in South Fork and Creede. The Studio Tour showcases talented and creative artists in the area from new artists to those with national recognition. Previous venues include private homes, private studios and art galleries where artist show their work.

Artists will share ideas, answer questions, and or perform demonstrations to the public. Artwork will be showcased and available for purchase. All types of artists are encouraged to apply including painting, jewelry, pottery, glass blowing, stained glass, photography, wood

carving, papermaking, sculpture, wind chimes, metal arts, deer skin, rocks, furniture, ceramics; and fiber arts such as quilting, weaving, spinning yarn, knitting, felting and various surface design techniques.

Artist locations must be along the Silver Thread Scenic Byway, Highway 149, beginning in South Fork, through Creede and ending at The Studios at Bristol.

Full- or part-time residents in these areas are eligible. To download an application, visit creedeartscouncil.com/silver-thread-studio-tour. For questions or more information, e-mail creedearts@outlook.com. The application deadline is June 20.

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