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News in Brief

Cisneros to compete at NHSCA National Tournament

MONTE VISTA — Monte Vista High School's Kevin Cisneros will compete at the National High School Coaches Association Senior Tournament on April 5-7 at the Virginia Beach Sports Center in Virginia Beach, Va.

The senior tournament will begin at 1 p.m. on April 5. It will conclude with the finals on April 7 at 10 a.m.

Cisneros had a successful senior year at Monte Vista as he was a state runner-up at 150 pounds. He had a record of 36-4. He was also All-League, All-State and was a regional champion.

The tournament will be televised on FLO Wrestling.

Cisneros is looking for sponsors for himself and his coaches for the trip to Virginia. To make a donation, call 719-852-0741 and ask for Jose or Kevin. Make out the check to Monte Vista High School.

Ribbon cutting for Genesis Wellspring is April 4

MONTE VISTA — A ribbon cutting for Genesis Wellspring, 133 Adams St., will be held at noon on April 4.

CPAC Monter Scholarship application

MONTE VISTA — CPAC's Doug Monter Scholarship for San Luis Valley High School graduating seniors is due April 12.

Details and the application for the scholarship can be found at www.coloradopotato.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2023-24-Doug-Monter-Scholarship-Application.pdf or email info@coloradopotato.org for information.

Power outage impacts more than 5,000 homes on Sunday

STAFF REPORT

MONTE VISTA — More than 5,000 Xcel Energy customers in Rio Grande County were without power for more than 10 hours Sunday morning due to two separate power outages.

Rio Grande County Emergency Manager Brian Burrell said that they

were preparing for the worst. He said he was in constant contact with Rio Grande County leaders including the Rio Grande County Public Health Department and Rio Grande County Social Services.

"Behind the scenes, we were preparing for the need for a shelter, should

the temperatures and weather change," he said. "County administration, public health and social services were all preparing for the worst. Luckily, we did not have to deal with the worst."

Xcel customers from Monte Vista, Del Norte and South Fork were notified of the first outage at 12:28 a.m. on

Sunday, March 24. Power was restored according to a notification from Xcel at 7:27 a.m. Sunday. At 8:26 a.m. on Sunday, customers were notified of a second power outage that lasted until 12:37 p.m. on Sunday.

Tyler Bryant, Media Relations Rep-
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Ribbon cutting held for Rocky Mountain Munitions and Surplus

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for a new Monte Vista business — Rocky Mountain Munitions and Surplus — on 229 Adams St.

The Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce was present along with the OptiMystics Citizens Action Network. Heather Hillin, manager of the Monte Vista Chamber, congratulated the three partners in the business as Reyes Nevarez cut the red ribbon in front of the store, with a large pair of scissors.

The business partners — Nicholas Pieper, Nevarez, and Trysten Ogden — along with their media representative and online sales director, Gage Steffens, all stepped into the store to proudly show what they have for sale. About 16 people attended the ribbon cutting and open house.

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A ribbon cutting ceremony was held last week for Rocky Mountain Munitions and Surplus in Monte Vista. The business was started by from left to right, Nicholas Pieper, Reyes Nevarez and Trysten Ogden.

Photo by Marie Mccolm



Elks, MVPD organizing Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — On Saturday, March 30, at 11 a.m. at Chapman Park, the Monte Vista Elks Lodge and the Monte Vista Police Department are having an Easter Egg Hunt.

According to Monte Vista Elks Of-

ficer Joy Werner, the free event will be held at 11 a.m. in hopes that the weather will be nicer around mid-morning for the children. The Easter Bunny is expected to be there.

The hunt will be divided into age groups. There will be several age group

scrambles for children up to 12 years of age. There will be candy and prized filled plastic-colored eggs, along with colored hard-boiled eggs for the children to gather.

"We will be giving out some books as prizes," Werner said. "We also have

a hunt for the little ones who can't walk yet. We do have some prizes for them, too."

Werner explained that there are vendors invited to come out to the hunt.

"We have invited vendors to come
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Center's Roger Mix honored as 2023 CFVGA Member of the Year

CONTRIBUTED

WESTMINSTER — The 2023-24 Colorado Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association (CFVGA) President Roger Mix was recognized as CFVGA's 2023 Robert Sakata Member of the Year, during the CFVGA 10th Annual Conference, Feb. 28 in Westminster.

Mix and his wife, Rosalie, operate Mix Farms in Center, growing potatoes and barley. Roger Mix was first appointed to the CFVGA Board in 2015 and later elected by the membership, ultimately serving as a board member for three terms. In February 2023, Mix was elected by the CFVGA Board to serve as its president for 12 months, ending after the Feb. 27-28 conference, due to his being term-limited.

Established in 2017, the first award was pre-
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Mix and his wife, Rosalie, operate Mix Farms in Center, growing potatoes and barley. Roger Mix was honored as the 2023 CFVGA

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Hickenlooper, Bennet secure \$2 million for SLVH workforce housing

Funding boosts work already underway

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — Colorado U.S. Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper have secured \$2 million in funding to further SLV Health's ongoing efforts to provide workforce housing for some of their contract employees.

The award is part of a larger appropriations package that passed 75 to 22 in the Senate with strong bipartisan support and is now headed to President Biden's desk. Funding in the bill is slated to bring a total \$129 million to 120 community projects across Colorado.

According to Donna Wehe, Communications Director with SLV Health, the application for funding was to improve the Pikes Place apartment building that SLV Health recently purchased.

"The building is located on our campus," Wehe says, "and we want to make improvements to the property to bring it up to par for workforce housing."

Currently, SLV Health is renting between ten and fifteen apartments throughout Alamosa to accommodate those visiting professionals who are working locally and providing needed health care services as well as long term medical students who are doing



Photo by Priscilla Waggoner

Thanks to Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper, SLV Health received \$2 million in federal funding to renovate and update Pike Avenue Apartments. The eleven unit building will provide workforce housing on the hospital's campus.

their residency with the hospital.

"This housing will allow us to keep our workforce nearby and on campus, which is so much more convenient for everyone. It's especially helpful for those people who are part of a couple but have only one vehicle. That can create problems when a spouse needs to go to work and the professional or student needs to come to campus. Renovating Pikes Place and having people comfortably housed on campus solves that problem."

But, Wehe says, there was another prime motivation to do this, not just

for how it benefits SLV Health but also for the benefit it will provide to the Alamosa community.

"We have a serious shortage of affordable housing in Alamosa," she says. "By buying and renovating this apartment building, we can free up those other 10, 12 or 15 apartments we're renting throughout the town and make them available to others who need a place to live. It's just a great deal for everybody involved."

"We're very excited to get this award," Wehe says. "It's really great news."

POWER

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representative with Xcel Energy, stated in an email that, the "weather-related outages started on Saturday, March 23, at midnight and power was fully restored for 4,443 customers on Sunday, March 24, around 7:27 a.m. There was a second outage from 8:18 a.m. to 1:57 p.m. on Sunday affecting 1,015 customers.

"We appreciate our customers' patience as our crews worked to restore power as quickly and safely as possible in the Monte Vista and Del Norte areas this weekend," he stated.

Monte Vista City Manager Gigi Dennis said Ashley Valdez, who is Area Manager Community and Local Governmental Affairs at Xcel Energy, was in contact with the city during the outages.

Dennis said according to Valdez, the outage was transmission related and that Xcel was out "patrolling 41 miles" of line.

The city, like many people, does not have generators for times like this, but help is on the way.

In late 2022, the City of Monte Vista learned it was awarded \$828,000 toward a generator for the Outcalt Event and Conference at SLV Ski-Hi Complex plus four portable showers and 15 RV spaces so the facility can be used as an emergency shelter and warming center for the region.

Construction has not begun on this project.

In all, four San Luis Valley (SLV) projects were among 94 across Colorado to receive funding in the Senate version of the Fiscal Year 2023 federal funding bill, otherwise known as the "omnibus bill."

With the power out, Dennis said the Monte Vista Police Department worked with the Colorado Department of Transportation and set up stop signs at major intersections throughout town.

Monte Vista businesses suffered losses due to the outages, according to Dennis.

Monte Vista Subway was one of the businesses. Local owner Juana Villagomez said they lost some food and decided to close for the day due to the outages.

"No power, there wasn't anything we could do," she said, adding that nearly all her employees live in Monte Vista and were without power. "Staying closed the whole day made sense."

Rio Grande County Emergency Response

Burrell said the initial statement from Xcel was that the outage would be restored by 3 a.m. on March 24 but due to the length of transmission lines that needed to be inspected, it took much longer than anticipated.

Burrell said he was working with Xcel Energy Representative Valdez throughout the entire outage.

"The power went out about midnight due to an issue with the transmission line which was found and repaired quickly," he said. "What took the most time was inspecting 41 miles of transmission lines before power could be restored."

Burrell said a few people went to local emergency rooms to get help with their oxygen but "otherwise we were confident that power would be restored before a shelter was needed."

Burrell also made some suggestions to help people prepare for emergencies, including power outages.

"It is always best to be prepared. We have some wonderful resources through the Rio Grande County website and Rio Grande County Public Health Department," he said.

"Most importantly, it is best to have backups batteries or power resources so that devices like oxygen machines and other medical equipment can still be used during an outage."

Burrell said that people who have Medicaid can get back up battery power for oxygen machines through the state by contacting their department of social services.

"It better to be over prepared than to be caught off guard," he said.

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sented to then CFVGA President Robert Sakata and is named after him for his excellence in Colorado produce production and his tireless work to start CFVGA.

"I am honored to be named winner of the Sakata award. It is amazing to see how far CFVGA has come since it was founded in 2014," said Roger Mix. "We currently serve our members through political advocacy, by exploring automated and other options to the ag labor challenges we face, and by putting potential buyers in front of grower members. In addition, CFVGA voting members get free membership in Western Growers and have representation in Washington, D.C. on the issues impacting our operations. I also mention the many avenues CFVGA uses to promote Colorado produce to everyone from consumers to commercial buyers. I couldn't be prouder of what we have accomplished the last decade as a unified organization."

Mix was born and raised in the San Luis Valley and grew up on his family farm. He has represented CFVGA and helped strengthen its partnership with Western Growers. He also is a valued member of the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee and has served as chair of its Industry and Community Committee.

On a national level, Mix has served in multiple leadership roles on the National Potato Council including serving as its president. He is active in many capacities at the regional and local levels and has represented the San Luis Valley on numerous water



Roger Mix
Member of the Year

and labor issues.

According to one of the people nominating him, Mix "has been instrumental in representing the San Luis Valley and has helped unify and direct the shared interests of the potato industry and other produce sectors. He is a clear and conscientious voice for agriculture. His sense of friendliness, humor, and thoughtfulness has made the organization more effective and welcoming for all those around him."

The CFVGA is comprised of some 280 members, including growers of all sizes and types of production throughout the state, as well as representatives of allied industries. The Colorado fruit and vegetable growing sector contributes nearly \$485 million to Colorado at the farm gate and is multiplied as it goes through the distribution chain. Over 90,000 Colorado acres are in fruit and vegetable production. Learn more at coloradoproduce.org.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Easter bonnet

Looks like this year is really on a roll of late and time is flying by like a goose headed North in the Spring migration. And for those of you not familiar with geese, that's fast.

It seems like we get done with one Holiday or special time and another is sprung upon us. Of course, we all know that most of the Holidays are probably an invention of the retailers out there looking to turn a buck on decorations and such. And no small part of that is The Plan to keep us all distracted while the wheelers and dealers deal us out of our money. Regardless of the reason for having so many holidays, we all line up like pigs at a trough to get the bounty that each special day presents.

So, get ready, Ol' Dutch wants to give you the heads up that Easter is around the corner, like literally this weekend.

Of course, most people celebrate Easter for the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the tomb, so they dress up and head off to church even if that is not normally a part of their Sunday routine. Nothing like a little fire insurance that they think they're getting by attending church once a year. And heck, I guess once is double of nothing – unless you're a mathematician and a stickler for accuracy.

I can remember how our home church attendance would swell on Easter Sunday with people all duded out in their best clothes. All the kids were wound up like a nine-day clock and out of control from sugar ingestion of the candy they got that morning in some funky straw basket.

Solemnly they sat until the preacher got Christ out of the tomb for the year and then off they'd go to the lake or golf course enjoying life. One thing that did happen ever so slowly over time was the tendency of people to drop any attempt at dressing up for such a celebration.

When I was a kid — which Trixie said was long before fire was invented — everyone got new clothes to wear to church. The women all had their hair done special, the men got out the "good" suit and they all came into the building in a fine display of Americana family picturesque perfection.

There was even a song written about such doings, called "Easter Parade." Written by Irving Berlin in 1933, it became very popular and such stars as Bing Crosby, Judy Garland and Fred Astaire covered it in records and a movie.

Sing along with me to the tune of "Easter Parade" of course.



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

In your easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it,

You'll be the grandest lady in the easter parade.

I'll be all in clover and when they look you over,

I'll be the proudest fellow in the easter parade.

On the avenue, fifth avenue, the photographers will snap us,

And you'll find that you're in the rotogravure.

Oh, I could write a sonnet about your easter bonnet,

And of the girl I'm taking to the easter parade.

So, I guess people used to stroll up and down the street showing off the first non-winter hat they purchased and for some reason they decided to call that hat a bonnet. Who knows, right?

As I was saying, over time people began to dress more shabbily on Easter and soon you had blue jeans-wearing dads, women in culottes and kids in their school rags and tennis shoes. People stopped doing the traditional things and now no one even dyes Easter Eggs, with a whole generation of kids missing out on that vinegar-laden concoction that emanates from the dye we used.

Plastic eggs and plastic bunnies have taken the place of chocolate ones all in the name of convenience, less mess and slowing down Johnny's sugar fit tantrums. What fun is that?

The Grands will want Ol' Dutch and Miss Trixie to make the drive over to attend church with them on Easter Sunday. And, of course, they usually get whatever they want out of Grandpa and Trisis so we will probably wind our way over there, bonnet-less and blue jeans clad and hopefully be inspired to keep the faith for one more year.

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.

Roads on the RGNF

Land, Water, People

By KELLY DEFAYE

I know, this column typically discusses current matters in the mountains surrounding the San Luis Valley but humor me for a moment while we go a little farther afield and a little further back in time.

I want to tell you about Patti. In 1998, Patti began volunteering with the San Juan National Forest and their nonprofit partner, the San Juan Mountains Association. She drove the forest roads, looking at them from a visitor's perspective to see how appealing they were, checking aspects like cleanliness, hazards such as brush obscuring visibility, road and sign damage, and so on. And then Patti started forming a plan.

Patti wanted to improve the state of the roads she drove, but there were a lot of questions to consider. She started thinking about how people could safely be on the roads to clean up trash, clear brush, and note the road and sign damage. How many miles could someone realistically cover? Which roads should be covered? And, above all, how to keep everyone as safe as possible? Because, of course, that is the highest concern.

As she found the answer to her questions, Patti started talking to the community of forest users. She visited with a lot of people, A LOT of people: ranch families, jeep and OHV clubs, hiking groups, fire departments, and the list went on, and on.

After doing a complete survey of both the Dolores and Columbine Ranger Districts, the idea for an Adopt A Road pro-

gram was approved in 2000. Then it was time to really get to work. Patti started signing up volunteers. They chose the road they wanted to adopt, signed the required paperwork, and got to work.

A volunteer group, which could be a family, a business, a church or school group, etc, signs up for a five-mile stretch of a highly traveled, 2-wheel-drive Forest Service road. They agree to go out a minimum of twice a year to clean up trash, clear brush, and check for any damage like broken or missing signs or blocked culverts. While the minimum is twice a year, Patti tells me some people go out more frequently simply because they WANT to be out there. After a year, San Juan Mountains Association puts a sign on the road, identifying the group and thanking them for adopting that section of road.

Safety training is required, and some safety regulations must be followed too. Patti has been running the program for over twenty years, and she's seen the consequences that can happen when those safety measures are ignored. She told me that once someone ignored the safety regulation to never lean out of an OHV to pick up trash. The woman pulled upslope and leaned out to get something, and the OHV tipped over on her, causing serious injury. After twenty years, Patti's ironed out all the kinks in the program, which now includes over 300 volunteers in the San Juan National Forest.

So, let's bring it back to the here, and the now. We're looking at implementing this program here on the Rio Grande National Forest and need your help.



Photo by Patti Brady
Rio Grande National Forest is looking to implement an Adopt A Road program that is in place in neighboring ranger districts.

We're going to start determining which roads fit the profile for use and safety, and we're going to start signing up volunteers. Does this sound like a way for you or a group you know, whoever they may be, to connect with our wild lands? Is there a stretch of the 250 or the 41G that is near and dear to your heart? Or maybe you spend a lot of time at Rio Grande Reservoir or Beaver Creek, and so watching over the 520 or 360 would be more to your liking? Or maybe you're in charge of a high school club that needs a service project, and the Rock Creek Road would work better for you? Call me at the Divide Ranger Station, 719-657-3321, and let's chat.

Kelly is the San Juan Mountains Association's Visitor Information Coordinator for the Rio Grande National Forest. Having grown up in the San Luis Valley, she has always considered the surrounding mountains her happy place.

LETTERS

My last month as Crestone Mayor

Editor

It's time to say goodbye. I came to the Baca in 1999, with my husband, to retire and live a contemplative life. Never, by background nor by inclination was I a politician. Rather, I came to Crestone to "find enlightenment" and to reinvent myself.

We lived first in the Baca for four years before moving to Crestone in 2003 to bring my mother to live with us due to failing health. It was only at the request of a local resident that I became a candidate and then elected as a Town Trustee in 2006. In 2012, six months after my husband's passing, at the request of then Mayor Kiz-

zen Lakai, I became a candidate for Mayor and was subsequently elected.

As of April 2, my time as Mayor will end. As I look back at these past 18 years, I am excited to recognize contributions like bringing state recognition as a creative district and the resulting recognition of our many creatives that it brought; bringing for the first time formal walking trails for residents and visitors with associated maintenance and promotion, bringing working relationships with county, valley, regional and statewide organizations; and bringing designation as an international dark sky community.

My valley board memberships

included SLVGO, SLV Community Foundation, SLV Tourism

Association, and the SLF Council of Governments. The two projects I most enjoyed were the work to create our Rights of Nature resolution and a project with Crestone Films to create "A Place of the Heart".

Most of all, I want to thank all my friends, co-workers, Town Board Trustees, and valley board members and residents who have supported me and the many projects spanning this time. I could have done nothing without the help of others.

*Kairina Danforth
Crestone*

Vote for change in Del Norte election

Editor,

We are writing to encourage all Del Norte residents to vote for change on April 2. We will be voting for mayor and three trustees.

We strongly recommend voting for Shelly Burnett for mayor. She is running against a candidate who has been on the town council for

the last 18 years, and mayor for the last 14 years.

We need new vision and transparency. Shelly has been serving on the town board and wants to now step up and serve as mayor. Shelly has good communication skills and a good background in finance. Shelly will be a good change and

fresh direction for the citizens of Del Norte.

We need a mayor that listens to concerns regarding all issues presented to the town council. It is time for a change for the better. Please vote Shelly Burnett for mayor.

*Terry and Sharon Haynie
Del Norte*

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San Luis Great Outdoors receives \$137K grant for trails

Lobatos Bridge project left out of funding round

By JOHN WATERS

DENVER — The San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO) received a \$137,314 grant for trail maintenance as part of the San Luis Valley Open Spaces Trail Stewardship program. The grant was approved by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Commission and was one of 29 trail projects to receive funding. The Great Outdoors Action Team (GOATs) crew, in collaboration with other agencies, plans to maintain approximately 30 miles of trails on public lands. The work will include clearing felled trees, restoring trail braiding and widening, building boardwalk structures to help with flooding, and protecting old-growth cottonwood habitat.

In a statement to the Valley Courier, Mick Daniel of SLV GO said, "This grant is a trail maintenance grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife Recreational Trails program. This is a trial run of what they are calling the Good Stewardship Program which will allow organizations like SLV GO to provide trail maintenance across multiple jurisdictions. We are super excited to be in the first round of this opportunity and it will provide us a chance to touch up many of the projects we have worked on over the last six years. The Great Outdoors Action Team (aka the GOATs) will work in collaboration with the City of Alamosa, Costilla County, Bureau of Land Management, and the US Forest Service. The work will include trail maintenance, tree clearing, and some new boardwalk structures on the the City of Alamosa trail system." According to CPW documents, SLV GO will receive a grant of \$137,314 of the estimated \$174,440 cost of the project.

The grants are made as part of the Non Motorized Trails program that provides funding for trail construction, maintenance, and planning. The program is a multi-agency part-

nership that includes CPW, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), Colorado Lottery, the federal Recreational Trails Program, and the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund which is administered by the National Park Service.

The Lobatos Bridge recreational and educational project did not receive funding, "GOCO turned us down for the first application but wants us to apply again in July, so we're 9 months delayed on any possible GOCO funding."

"Great news is that so far in 2024, we've received donations from Occidental and Trinchera Blanca Foundation. We're now at 30% raised to date, which also qualifies us for other grants. Just this am, we submitted a grant to another Foundation that's been looking for a project in Conejos County so that's exciting. And, we're working on other grant funding opportunities with deadlines before our 2nd submission to GOCO is even due," according to Lori McCullough with the Great Outdoors Fund in a statement to the Valley Courier."

The Lobatos Bridge Recreation and Interpretive Education site has raised \$202,927 of the needed \$669,650. The project includes the goals of providing educational signs to detail the cultural and natural history of the area near the bridge, and increase recreational opportunities such as a boat ramp.

"Colorado's hiking trails are a major way we experience and enjoy our great outdoors. Whether it's hiking through your favorite state park, exploring a new corner of our state, or taking a walk with family and friends, we are now helping more people get outside and have healthy fun by expanding trails and increasing access to them across Colorado," said Governor Jared Polis.

There were a total of 29 Outdoor Recreational Grants funded this year totaling \$7,918,274. According to Travis Duncan with CPW, of this, \$5,478,274 came from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), \$1,500,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado, and \$939,276 from the Colorado Non-Motorized



Photo by John Waters

The Lobatos Bridge education and recreation project in Conejos County did not receive funding in a recent round of grant allocations.

and Diversified Recreational Trails Program. The Land and Water Conservation Fund was established by Congress in 1964 and is funded through federal offshore oil and gas leases. In 2020, the Great American Outdoors Act fully and permanently funded the program.

Statewide Trails Program Manager Fletcher Jacobs highlighted the Colorado Recreational Trails Committee's wildlife review process which emphasizes the importance of balancing wildlife and habitat needs with recreation needs in Colorado.

"We're excited to announce these Non-Motorized Trail and Land and Water Conservation Grants that will empower local agencies to create and maintain accessible trails while prioritizing wildlife conservation," said CPW Director Jeff Davis. "Our agency is tasked with providing wildlife management and world-class outdoor recreation opportunities. To deliver on this mission, we recognize that recreation and conservation goals can often support each other, and that funding partnerships with other organizations and agencies across the state are critical to accomplish those goals. These projects will



Photo courtesy of CPW

The San Luis Valley Great Outdoors Trail Stewardship Crew was one of 29 recipients in Colorado to receive Outdoor Recreational trail grants.

connect Coloradans and our visitors to the outdoors with new and improved opportunities to get outside."

CPW is excited to also launch a new Trail Stewardship pilot program with additional support from Great Outdoors Colorado. This program provides funding specifically to support trail stewardship crews hired by land managers and non-profits who focus on maintenance work throughout Colorado. The State Trails Program will utilize \$500,000 in funding from Great Outdoors Colorado to start this pilot based on the "Good Management" concept, which the OHV Program has operated suc-

cessfully for trail maintenance and resource protection.

"As we continue to see increased use and natural disasters impact our outdoor spaces, we are fortunate to partner with Great Outdoors Colorado to launch a new opportunity to fund stewardship crews who are caring for trails across the state," said Jacobs. "These increased 'boots on the ground' trail crews will help support the Governor's Wildly Important Goals [WIG program] to balance conservation and recreation by increasing the number of trail crew hours funded by the State Trails Program."

Breaking Up with Worry

Worrying is a natural response in many situations, and I've wasted many days getting caught up in it. I thought that was a normal way to live. But through the years, God has helped me end my relationship with worry. And He did it with the help of my husband, Dave.

Every time I have come to him with a problem, Dave has had only one thing to say: "Cast your care." But I didn't always want to hear this when I was feeling frustrated and upset—but it's exactly what the Bible tells us to do.

First Peter 5:7 says to cast, "all your cares [all your anxieties, all your worries, and all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares about you [with deepest affection, and watches over you very carefully]" (AMP).

In the dictionary, the word *cast* means "to pitch or to throw." I think that description says a lot because if you're going to end your relationship with worry, then you're going to have to get aggressive about it.

For example, we don't have to accept every thought that comes into our head. We can cast out the wrong ones and let the right ones take root. And I find that my whole outlook changes as I say simple prayers: "God, I believe You're working in my life, and I'm expecting something good to happen today."

I'm not saying we should ignore our problems, wishing they'd just go away. We need to see them for what they are, but we can't let them keep us from choosing a hopeful, positive attitude that says, "I believe God is in control!"

I like this saying: "Worry sees the problem. Faith sees the God who can handle the problem."

The question is, do your problems know where they stand in relationship to God in your life?

I'm reminded of the story of Abraham, who at 100 years of age, believed God would give Him a son and make him the father of many nations. He chose to look beyond his circumstances and believe God. I'm

absolutely amazed by that!

The Bible says that God can "do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20). So, no matter what our circumstances look like, we just need to keep our eyes on God.

Typically, when we have a problem, God will do one of two things. He'll either remove the problem or He'll give us the ability to get through it with a positive attitude.

I've found that as I've grown in my relationship with God, I've become more comfortable leaving that choice up to God. Because if He leads me through something I really don't want to go through, then I know for sure He has a purpose in mind.

As a child I experienced years of sexual and emotional abuse, which was absolutely tormenting. The amazing thing is, everything God has done in my life through that horrible situation—all of the healing and restoration—has prepared me to do what He's called me to do today. I didn't always understand why things were happening the way they did at the time, but I learned how to walk by faith and trust God's goodness even when my circumstances didn't make sense to me.

It's absolutely wonderful when we can feel completely comfortable not knowing the "why" behind what's happening in our lives.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (AMPC) says, "Trust in and rely confidently on the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know and acknowledge and recognize Him, and He will make your paths straight and smooth..."

We don't always have to know what God is going to do or when He's going to do it. All we really need to know is that God has a plan and He is in control. We can rest in the truth that at the right time, God will execute His plan.

In fact, there may be something happening in your life right now that



you just don't understand, and it's causing you to worry. Instead, you can choose to say, "I don't understand this, and it hurts right now, but I believe God is going to work it out."

If you've already wasted a lot of your time worrying, I encourage you to break up with worry. Instead of giving way to anxious emotions, you can do what God has urged me to do all these years: *Cast your care*. In time, God's good plan will be revealed.


Romans 8:28 (AMPC) says, "We know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose."

Not everything that happens is good. But it can all work out for if you'll keep loving God and pursuing His will for your life. There's nothing God can't turn around if you'll put your trust in Him!


For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-part teaching resource **How to Attack Anxiety**. 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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Med/surg nurse honored with DAISY award

By DONNA WEHE

Director of Communications SLVH ALAMOSA — Kathleen (Kat) Cummins, BSN, RN, is the SLVH DAISY Recipient. She works on the med/surg floor at the Regional Medical Center in Alamosa along with a great team of caregivers.

Kathleen admitted a patient who had emotionally shut down due to her prior negative experience. When this patient arrived, Kathleen noticed this patient had not established any rapport with her transport team.

The patient was hypoxic and was fluid overloaded with other symptoms that flagged the EMT's attention, such as ashen in color. The EMT immediately instructed the transfer team to stop the fluid bolus and to sit the patient up. This patient is morbidly obese and has difficulty breathing in a supine position. This patient was not talking to anyone on the care team on arrival. These interventions quite possibly saved her life.

Once the patient arrived on the floor under Kathleen's care, she took the time to talk to the patient and gain the patient's trust. Kathleen was asking the patient questions and initially, the patient did not respond. Eventually, the patient responded with the comment, "Why should I talk when no one listens?"

Kathleen could see that this patient had just experienced something traumatic. She comforted the patient and expressed that she has every intention of developing a fresh and caring relationship with her. She listened to this patient with intent and gave



Photo courtesy SLV Health

DAISY recipient Kat Cummins, BSN, RN, is congratulated by her supervisor, Amber Marquez, RN.

autonomy back to this patient. This patient transformed from a hurt and discouraged person into a trusting and delightful woman.

Kathleen and the care team should be recognized for how they transformed this patient's experience and care into what any family member and member of the community deserves.

Why DAISY? Patrick Barnes woke up with some blood blisters in his mouth. A visit to the doctor revealed he had a dangerously low platelet count, and he was admitted to the hospital. The diagnosis was the auto-immune disease ITP (Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura).

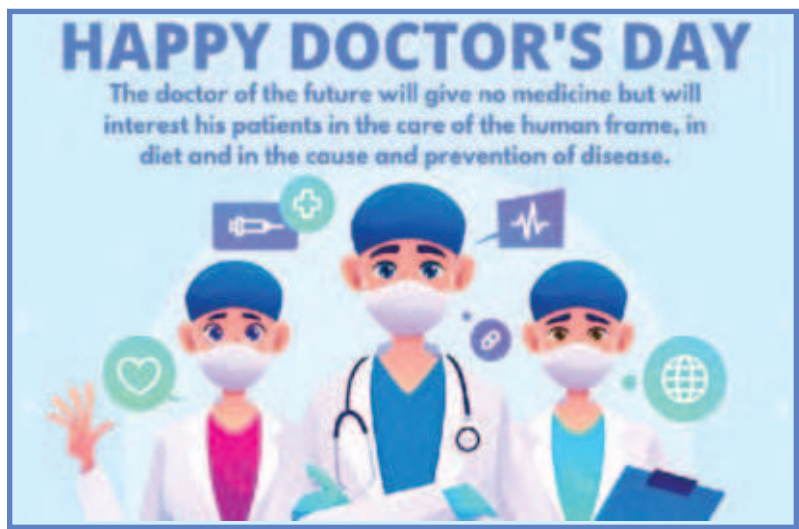
The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died from complications of the autoimmune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP) at the age of 33. DAISY is an acronym for Diseases

Attacking the Immune System. The family wanted to recognize the nurses for providing extraordinary care to their loved ones.

Who can recommend an excellent nurse? Patients, family members of patients, co-workers, and visitors to SLV Health are all welcome to recognize a nurse for their outstanding care. To recommend a nurse at SLV Health for the DAISY award, go to <https://app.roundsplus.getwellnetwork.com/SurveyAction/SurveyGo/xjvBd5ceWj6Sz?u=4416>

Which credentials qualify for a DAISY nomination? Registered Nurse (RN), Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), Certified Nurse Mid-Wife (CNM), Nurse Practitioner (NP), or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

Visit www.slvh.org/about-us/daisy-nursing-excellence to read about SLVH's other recipients, submit an application, or learn more.



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Ullman Colorado's new State Engineer and Director of the Division of Water Resources

CONTRIBUTED

DENVER — Jason Ullman, Deputy State Engineer for the Division of Water Resources, has been appointed as Colorado's new State Engineer and Director of the Division of Water Resources (DWR).

Ullman fills the position formerly held by Kevin Rein, who retired in January. Deputy State Director Tracy Kosloff had been serving as Interim Director since Rein departed.

Ullman's appointment was announced by Gov. Jared Polis and Executive Director of the Division of Natural Resources Dan Gibbs in a press release issued on Thursday. "I congratulate Jason as he steps into this new role," Polis said. "Jason brings years of experience in water management, from working with water users in the orchards and fields of the Western Slope to leading on interstate water issues like the Colorado River. At a time when the stakes are higher than ever before on water, I look forward to his contributions and leadership as our State Engineer and know his expertise will help protect Colorado's precious water resources."

Ullman brings significant experience with him to the position, including 20 years spent in water resources engineering. Fourteen of those years have been at DWR, most recently as the Deputy State Engineer.

Before coming to DWR, Ullman was the city engineer for Montrose. He has also been a consulting engineer for various ditch and reservoir companies throughout Colorado.

"The State Engineer and Director of the Division of Water Resources is charged with the difficult task of shepherding our State's precious water to users within the State of Colorado and through our interstate compacts and decrees," said Gibbs. "Jason is the right person at the right time as our next State Engineer as he must ensure these uses while balancing the increasing needs of outdoor recreation, wildlife and managing for the impacts of climate change on our water supplies. I know Jason is up for the challenge and look forward to working with him as State Engineer and Director at the Division of Water Resources."

The Division of Water Resources, within Colorado's Department of Natural Resources, has over 270 staff members working in every watershed in Colorado. The scope of their responsibilities are expansive, including administering the state's water rights, issuing water well permits, representing Colorado in interstate water compact matters, monitoring streamflow and water use, approving construction and repair of dams and performing dam safety inspections, issuing licenses for well drillers, assuring the

safe and proper construction of water wells and maintaining numerous nation-leading databases of publicly available Colorado water information.

"As a teenager, I developed an understanding of the importance of water in Colorado, both working to set irrigation on my grandparent's farm and backpacking to beautiful remote lakes," Ullman said. "This turned into a passion for water that led me to pursue a career in water resources engineering."

"Since the appointment of the first State Engineer in 1881, the position has managed the staff in charge of directing the use of Colorado's water resources based on the prior appropriation system and ensuring that Colorado meets its compact obligations to downstream states. Increasing demand, including to protect water in streams for environmental and recreational uses, paired with decreasing supply, have added to the complexity and challenges that DWR faces in fulfilling this role. It is an honor to be selected as the State Engineer and Director of the Division of Water Resources, and I look forward to leading our dedicated staff to tackle these challenges."

Ullman is a native of Colorado and grew up in Fort Collins, where he attended Colorado State University and was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.



Jason Ullman

The last 17 years have been spent in Montrose where he's been involved in numerous volunteer roles and raising three kids with his wife Jessica.

Ullman has worked for the Division of Water Resources since 2010, previously as the Assistant Division Engineer in Division 4 (Gunnison and San Miguel Basins) followed by serving as Deputy State Engineer until his appointment as State Engineer and Director of DWR.

Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office auctioning off 2 Dodge Chargers

CONTRIBUTED

DEL NORTE — The Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office is auctioning off two used Dodge Charger police cars. These online auctions are open to the public at municibid.com and end on Sunday, March 31. Colorado

residents are able to bid in these government auctions online, 24/7, on Municibid.

All the proceeds from these auctions are going back to the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office to help fund community safety initiatives. The

funds can be used for new police equipment and initiatives that will help keep the Rio Grande County safe.

Up for auction is a 2012 Dodge Charger police vehicle, which has 180,712 miles on it and features a 5.7L V8 OHV 16V engine and 5-Speed

Automatic transmission. It runs and drives, and the tires have good tread. The vehicle was removed from service as a police vehicle and does not have a console between the front seats.

Also, up for auction is a 2011 Dodge Charger police vehicle, which has

188,406 miles on it and features a 3.6L V6 DOHC 24V engine and 5-Speed Automatic transmission. It starts and runs, and the tires have good tread. The vehicle was removed from service as a police vehicle and does not have a console between the front seats.

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Alamosa County Fire district calls work session

ALAMOSA — A special work session will be held Tuesday, April 2, by the Alamosa County Fire Protection District (ACFPD) for a public consulting group to present their staffing operational analysis. The work session will be held at 6:30 p.m. at 8900 Independence Way here.

The work session, called by the ACFPD board of directors, is open to the public but is not a meeting and no decisions will be made. There will be no opportunity for public comment and there is no meeting agenda.

MUNITIONS

Pieper spoke about the store and what the store has inside.

“The store has been open for about six weeks now,” Pieper said. “Everything we have is pretty much strictly military surplus. We do have a few survival items, a lot of cold weather gear, including some level 7, special operations cold weather jackets, ready for negative 60 degrees Fahrenheit. That’s definitely our prize item right now. We also are going to be adding first responder and more survival items, and some fishing gear as well.”

Ogden spoke about the specialty ammunitions and firearms they will be carrying in their store soon.

“Our goal is by September to be manufacturing our own ammunition on a proprietary design and within the next 18 to 24 months we are hoping to be manufacturing our own firearms also on proprietary designs,” Ogden said.

Ogden explained that the only hold up on the ammunition and firearms is paperwork. It was explained that between the FFL, the Federal Firearms License, and state limitations on munitions, that it does get expensive and is also time consuming for the application.

Ogden said that Nevarez is working on obtaining some grants to help the business with more inventory and with firearms and ammunitions.

Ogden also said that if it’s possible, depending on the legal end of it, they would also like to repair firearms, but that is something that they will have to investigate more.

Pieper said he thinks that the specialty firearms and ammunitions are going to help establish the store.

“We just have to get to that point first, but we are hoping that it will be

PUBLIC NOTICES

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No. 4815 published in the Monte Vista Journal, Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

Due Date: April 3, 2024 by 2:00 PM MST

The City of Monte Vista is requesting proposals from qualified contractors to provide Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and CCTV Inspection Services. Examples of potential type of work may include, but is not limited to the following:

Cleaning of sanitary sewers ranging in size from 4 to 24 inches in diameter. This work includes flushing, debris removal, grease removal, root cutting, deposit cutting, and grinding protruding break-in service connections. Internal video inspection of sewers via Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) of sewers ranging from 4 to 24 inches in diameter. The inspections shall include providing the City with digital videos, images, and reports that include condition and other descriptive data related to the sewer according to NASSCO’s Pipeline Assessment Certification Program. Proposal submission via hardcopy is required. Hard copy proposals shall be submitted, three (3) copies, will be received at the City of Monte Vista, 95 W 1st St., Monte Vista, CO 81144. Proposals will be received before 2 pm MST, Wednesday April 3, 2024 and referenced as #2024-03 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning Services and CCTV Inspection. Requests for proposals and or questions concerning the scope of the project or the bid submittal process should be directed to the Public Works Director, Robert Vance at rvance@ci.monte-vista.co.us.

The City of Monte Vista is subject to public information laws, which permit access to most records and documents. Proprietary information in your response must be clearly identified and will be protected to the extent legally permissible. Proposals may not be marked ‘Proprietary’ in their entirety. Information considered proprietary is limited to material treated as confidential in the normal conduct of business, trade secrets, discount information, and individual product or service pricing. Summary price information may not be designated as proprietary as such information may be carried forward into other public documents. All provisions of any contract resulting from this request for proposal will be public information.

The City of Monte Vista reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularities or informalities. Please visit <https://cityofmontevista.colorado.gov/> or contact Rob Vance at 719-852-8281 or rvance@ci.monte-vista.co.us for more information.

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HUNT

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out. It is a little later than previous times because we are trying to work with the weather for the kids. Last year, we did it at 10, which was later than the year before. This year we are trying it at 11. We are hoping the kids will not have to hunt Easter Eggs in the snow. There will be lots of traditional dyed eggs, and plastic eggs with prizes. There is going to be something for everyone.”

Werner, who is the officer and chair for the youth activities of the Elks, is

been said. I think Trysten is going to make the history books with his designs, but ultimately seeing us succeed is my driving goal.”

All three were excited about the ribbon cutting and open house. Pieper said, “We want to thank the City of Monte Vista, the Monte Vista Chamber and the OptiMystics, for helping us out with this ribbon cutting today. Thank you for acknowledging us. We are excited about bringing the store to the community. We just want to thank everyone. We look forward to bringing in more people and growth with success.”

For more information, visit the store at 229 Adams St., Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

excited about the egg hunt.

“The Elks have traditionally always tried to put on community events like this,” she said. “We like to help support and provide activities for the youth and the Veterans in the community, that is something that is very important to us. We enjoy it and are happy to be doing it again this year. We are excited about doing this with the Monte Vista Police Department, too.”

Vendors who would like to participate in the event are encouraged to contact the Elks Lodge at 719-852-2456, for more information on the event, or to reserve a space. In the event of harsh weather, other entertainment may be available.

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By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

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The event will include tours of the facility throughout the day; demonstrations of the new jet engine at 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; and machine demonstrations throughout the day;

3D printer displays and free refreshments. Mechanical engineering students and staff will be available to share their knowledge of the program and instruments and Adams State Mechanical Engineer Director Matt Nehring, Ph.D., and Colorado State University Engineering Department Director Christian Puttlitz, Ph.D., will also be available for questions about the program.

Every participant will receive a small giveaway. Large groups are welcome, including schools; to accommodate please schedule an appointment by contacting Scott Clayton, CSU Undergraduate Teaching Labs Engineer, at 719-587-7858.

Adams State partnered with Colorado State University to establish the mechanical engineering bachelor's degree. Students have the opportunity to earn the CSU degree, delivered entirely on the Adams State campus. Adams State provides all lower-division coursework for the first two years of the program and CSU provides all upper-division coursework with face-to-face instruction for the last two years by CSU faculty located in Alamosa.

The late William A. Porter, Class of 1951, was founder and chairman of E*TRADE Group, Inc. Porter donated \$4.6 million worth of stock in E*TRADE Group, Inc. in 1998. He received the Adams State Associated Alumni's 1991 Outstanding Achievement Award and the 2005 Billy Adams Award.



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Adams State First Year Seminar Engineering students work in the new Adams State Engineering Manufacturing Education Center (EMEC). The public is invited to the EMEC Open House from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday, April 1, located in Porter Hall.



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The annual San Luis Valley Seed Exchange is more than the exchange, attendees can learn about local food cultivation, ethnobotany, mycology and more.

SLV Seed Exchange celebrating food sovereignty, self-reliance, and community

By JOHN WATERS

SAGUACHE COUNTY —The 14th Annual San Luis Valley Seed Exchange is gearing up for a fantastic event on March 30 and 31. This event continues to be an important community gathering to share seeds, knowledge, and enthusiasm for promoting the mission of making our community more resilient and food secure.

The SLV Seed Exchange is at Joyful Journey Hot Springs Spa in Saguache County. The gathering offers many opportunities for attendees to engage in the vibrant local food, gardening, and agricultural communities of the San Luis Valley. Activities will start at 10 a.m. each day, and end at 5 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Please see SEED on Page 7

Local mycologist Tylor Berreth will speak about Wild Mushrooms in the San Luis Valley and Their Medicinal Use at the San Luis Valley Seed Exchange March 30 and 31 at Joyful Journey Hot springs in Saguache County.

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Rio Grande State of the Basin Symposium March 30

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA — Register now for the sixth annual Rio Grande State of the Basin Symposium that is on Saturday, March 30, on the Adams State University campus. This year's theme, "Perspectives on Historical Challenges," will include a keynote address by David Robbins. The event is free and open to the public.

Sponsored by the Adams State Salazar Rio Grande del Norte Center, the symposium will begin at 8 a.m. with registration and breakfast in Richardson Hall. The symposium begins with brief introductions and reports by Adams State President David Tandberg and State Senator Cleave Simpson, general manager of the Rio Grande Water Conservations District (RGWCD).

Aracely Chapa, University of New Mexico Center for Regional Studies, presentation and film clips "Acequias: The Legacy Lives On," begins at 9 a.m. followed by Acequia Associations and Colorado Title 7, Art. 42, speaker TBD.

Following a short break, "History and Context: The Rio Grande Compact," a panel discussion, will include Attorney David Robbins; Nathan Coombs, Colorado Water

Conservation Board; and Colorado Senator Simpson.

Just before lunch, participants will be updated on the ongoing lawsuit between compact states as well as "Prior and Paramount Water Rights" and the position of the middle basin pueblos in the Rio Grande compact.

Participants will then move to the Student Union Building for lunch and keynote address by David Robbins who will discuss prior water grab schemes in the upper basin.

According to hillandrobins.com, David Robbins is president and co-founder of Hill and Robbins, P.C., where his practice emphasizes the fields of water and natural-resources law, water quality, and environmental law. Since 1981, Robbins has served as general counsel to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, where he led efforts to defeat speculative proposals to mine the ground water of the San Luis Valley, AWDI v. City of Alamosa. The actions ultimately resulted in Congressional action on a bill Robbins initially drafted to create the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

For more information, or to register, visit adams.edu/about/salazar-center.



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The sixth annual Rio Grande State of the Basin Symposium keynote speaker is David Robbins, president and co-founder of Hill & Robbins, P.C. The event, on March 30, is free and open to the public. Register now at adams.edu/about/salazar-center.

Del Norte Easter Egg Hunt is set for March 30

DEL NORTE — Del Norte Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 30, at 1 p.m. at the Del Norte City Park. This is a community event sponsored by the Del Norte Christian Association (DNCA). All are invited to the Easter egg stuffing on Friday, March 22, at 7 p.m. at the DNCA building lower floor at 595 Pine St.

DNCA is seeking volunteers to help load the plastic eggs and donations of small "wrapped" candy.

For more information on the event or participation, call or text Greg Porter at 719-849-8415.

SLVREC board meeting March 28

MONTE VISTA — SLVREC will have the regular meeting of the board of directors on Thursday, March 28, at 9:30 a.m. located at 3625 US Highway 160 W, Monte Vista. This is a change from the regular meeting day. Advance notice is required to attend the meeting, call Michelle Trujillo 719-852-3538.

GOCO awards \$100,000 to staff new CCALT office in Del Norte

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

DENVER — As part of the largest-ever cycle of funding totaling over \$117 million in grants, the board of GOCO (Great Outdoors Colorado) has awarded \$100,000 to the Colorado Cattleman's Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT) to support the employment of a new regionally located staff member. The funding was allocated as part of GOCO's Planning and Capacity program, which invests in projects that address opportunities, explore issues, engage communities, and examine outdoor trends.

According to Karina Puikkonen, media spokesperson for the organization, a new office was established in Del Norte last fall with a new staff member, Jocelyn Catterson, hired at that time. Puikkonen said Catterson, who is a resident of Del Norte, will serve as the organization's Conservation and Outreach Manager for the area. The GOCO grant will help with "onboarding, orientation and establishing the office".

The position, also made possible with support from the Trinchera Blanca Foundation, was created to help enhance connections and relationships with communities, partners, and landowners in the San Luis Valley and surrounding regions of Southern Colorado. As part of her role, Catterson will also support the organization's existing and future conservation services and easements in the region.

"The addition of a regional position based in the San Luis Valley will enable CCALT to serve our landowner partners better, engage in the communities of southern Colorado, and expand conservation opportunities for farm and ranch families," said

Executive Director Erik Glenn.

With this funding, the agricultural land trust expects to be able to significantly expand its conservation work in southern Colorado. The group's Agricultural Resiliency Fund will assist landowners in further leveraging the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentives Program and other resources to advance restoration and enhancement projects and outcomes throughout southern Colorado. CCALT will be better positioned to become actively involved in water issues and other discussions important to southern Colorado communities.

The office complements CCALT's headquarters in Denver and its Northwest Colorado regional office which opened in 2019 in Steamboat Springs. The Del Norte office enables the group to expand its ability to offer services to the southern part of the state where it has had a strong presence since 1998.

"Having a local person to serve the needs of the landowners and conservation community here in the San Luis Valley and Southern Colorado is incredibly important," said Catterson. "I am excited to step into this new role and serve the regional needs of CCALT from a local perspective."

Prior to starting with the group, Catterson was awarded the Colorado Art, Science + Environment Fellowship and has been working closely with conservation and water-related organizations throughout the San Luis Valley on an artistic and educational outreach project tied to groundwater. Through this fellowship, she developed strong relationships with farmers, ranchers, public agencies, and conservation organizations throughout the area.

The organization, which also has offices in Lakewood, Carbondale



Photo by Karina Puikkonen, CCALT

CCALT holds the conservation easement for Wilson Rio Grande Ranch in Del Norte.

and Steamboat Springs, helps farming and ranching families conserve agricultural lands and their associated natural resources. For nearly 30 years, CCALT has partnered with more than 400 landowners to protect over 775,000 acres in Colorado. In southern Colorado, the agricultural land trust holds 251 conservation easements, including 54 in the San Luis Valley, totaling 175,272 acres.

The \$117 million granted in funding reflects investments in partner-led conservation, recreation, and outdoor access efforts statewide, including \$68 million that will go toward large-scale, once-in-a-generation Centennial Program projects that will create lasting impact for the state's people, places, and wildlife.

As stated on its website, GOCO is funded by Colorado Lottery proceeds and receives zero dollars from general funds or taxpayers. Per the constitution, Lottery net proceeds are allo-



Photo by Karina Puikkonen, CCALT

Jocelyn Catterson, conservation and outreach manager, stands on the steps of Colorado Cattleman's Agricultural Land Trust's office that opened in Del Norte last fall. Great Outdoors Colorado recently awarded the group \$100,000 in grant funding to support the new staff position.

cated according to this breakdown: 10% to Colorado state parks through Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW); 40% to the Colorado Conservation Trust Fund, which allocates funds to eligible local governments on a per capita basis; and up to 50% to GOCO against a constitutionally mandated cap adjusted for inflation each year. Once the cap is met, surplus funds go to Building Excellent Schools Today, the Colorado Department of Education's school capital construction fund, and the Outdoor Equity Fund.

Sweat Ceremony and Potluck set for April 6 in Crestone

By MARIE MCCOLM

CRESTONE — A Rainbow Sweat Ceremony and Potluck is planned for Saturday, April 6, from 12 to 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite dish and come and network and speak to others about different cultural and spiritual ideas.

The potluck will take place at a sweat lodge and is being organized by Andrea Beaubien. There will be music, socializing, networking with people of all religions and cultures. The community is invited to attend and celebrate the coming of spring, joy in the Crestone community, and meet and celebrate with the special birthday

girl, according to Beaubien.

Baubien has lived in Crestone for over 20 years. Beaubien's husband has Native American ancestry. Her husband introduced her to the spiritual path that she is on now, including traditional north American indigenous ceremonies.

"We really enjoy helping people," she said. "We lead sweat lodges, vision quests and all sorts of traditional ceremonies here at our home. We have also gone into the woods for vision quests. We enjoy singing songs, and prayers. We enjoy goal setting. I enjoy leading and helping others."

Baubien said that she is looking forward to

the ceremonial potluck because she is open to other religions and enjoys meeting people of other spiritual backgrounds and cultures.

"I am open to other traditions. I do go to the Hindu Temple here in Crestone and participate. That is what I am really looking for with this lodge is a merging of cultures and religions. A friend of mine is also having a birthday. So, this will be a ceremony for her birthday too. She is from Creede. I am really looking forward to this and would love to get everyone to come out and attend," she said.

Part of the intention behind the event is so that people can come and connect.

"We have a shared intention here, for people to celebrate a birthday, but also celebrate their religions and their cultural diversities. We are sharing a blessing for her. What we realize is through this we are all connecting to each other too. We might be strangers in the beginning but by the end we will all be really close, like a community," she said. "Spirituality is becoming less common. I feel like here we can start a tradition and help each other here. We can create something new here for everyone to network and enjoy."

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SEED

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The event is a cornerstone of the region's commitment to sustainability, biodiversity, and community resilience. This year's event continues the tradition with an exciting lineup of educational speakers, vendors, and attractions for plant and gardening enthusiasts. This year's theme is "Wild Foods & Medicines of the Valley"

Jae Sanders, executive director of the seed exchange told the Valley Courier the exchange began in Saguache County, "Where neighbors showed up and brought their seeds and they went through them, traded and brought them home. That tradition has been kept alive, now it is just a much bigger event. The community can come, bring their seeds, leave them on the tables and people can collect whatever they want and bring them home. This is a great, big seed swap."

"One of the things I and the board want to highlight is, we think there should be more food and seed sovereignty in the region. That is why I have been doing this for six years, I want our community to have access to food and have that food grown here. This is really about enabling, inspiring and educating people on providing for themselves and their community," said Sanders.

"That is what this event is about. This is a great opportunity to lift up food production and help our neighbors by sharing. That is why this event is free, the educational speakers are free.

"Food sovereignty is a big deal; we need to support our local farmers and ranchers if we want to have any say in our food system. I'm a local farmer-rancher advocate and the local foods coalition has done a lot to support the seed exchange."

The event is free and there will be vendors selling food related items and food will be available for purchase.

Sanders is grateful to the many supporters and sponsors of the event including Joyful Journey Hot Springs, Saguache County, San Luis Valley REC Energy Foundation, Saguache County Tourism Council, Crestone Energy Fair, Mountainside Realty and, the San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition.

"It takes a community to put this on, and this builds the community that is out there. This is about the community connections that get made and the chance interactions people have. Everyone just loves it, they bump into neighbors they haven't seen, and share seeds, this is a niche group; people who are gardening, or growing food. This is just a really sweet event."

Highlights of this year's event include:

- Local Vendors: Explore a variety of offerings from local artisans, growers, and producers showcasing the best of what the San Luis Valley has to offer. Sanders said she expects to have between 25 and 30 vendors.

- Food Options: Enjoy delicious food offerings crafted from locally sourced ingredients, highlighting the rich flavors of the region.

- Seed Swap Table: Participate in the time-honored tradition of exchanging seeds, fostering biodiversity, and promoting the preservation of heirloom varieties.

- Door Prizes: Anyone in attendance is eligible for a chance to win exciting prizes generously provided by event sponsors and supporters.

- Speaker Series: Dig into the theme of "Wild Foods & Medicines of the Valley" with engaging presentations from eight knowledgeable speakers, offering insights into the rich botanical heritage of the region. Spanish interpretation will be available for the speaker series happening in the yurt.

Sanders said she is excited that this year the event will have eight speakers including the following:

- Dr. Kristy L. Duran is a sixth-

generation native to the San Luis Valley. As a professor at Colorado Mesa University, she worked with the CSU Extension Office to create the Ute Ethnobotany Garden and will speak about plants and ethnobotany of the San Luis Valley. Duran also taught at Adams State University and is currently on the faculty at Metropolitan State University in Denver.

- Tylor Berreth is a mycologist who owns Saguache-based Alpine Valley Mushrooms with his wife Danielle. Tylor will speak about Wild Mushrooms in the San Luis Valley.

- Teresa de Jesús Vigil is a rural herbal practitioner who is familiar with natural healing methods traditional in the upper Rio Grande bioregion. She will speak about Reflections on Herbal Use by Our Ancestors. Sanders said she is looking forward to recording de Jesús Vigil and it may be the first time anyone has recorded her.

- The seed exchange will include a Community Sharing Hour: Take the stage and share your passion, projects, or announcements with fellow attendees during this interactive session dedicated to community engagement and collaboration.

- Discount Soaking at Joyful Journey: The event program contains a \$2 coupon for soaking at Joyful Journey Hot Springs Spa.

The organizers of the seed exchange are actively seeking sponsors. Various sponsorship levels are available, providing businesses and organizations the chance to show their support for community-based initiatives and sustainable agriculture. For sponsorship inquiries, contact Ame Warner at 719-207-2597 or via email at marketing@jjhotsprings.com.

Volunteers are needed to help throughout the event. To sign up as a volunteer or vendor or for more information, reach out to Sanders at 575-999-5319 or slvseedex@gmail.com.

For those interested in becoming the Executive Director of the San Luis Valley Seed Exchange, email Sanders at the email address above.

Stay informed about the latest updates regarding speakers, sponsors, and vendors by visiting www.SLVSE.org. The San Luis Valley Seed Exchange is a nonprofit and donations can be made via their website or at the seed exchange event.

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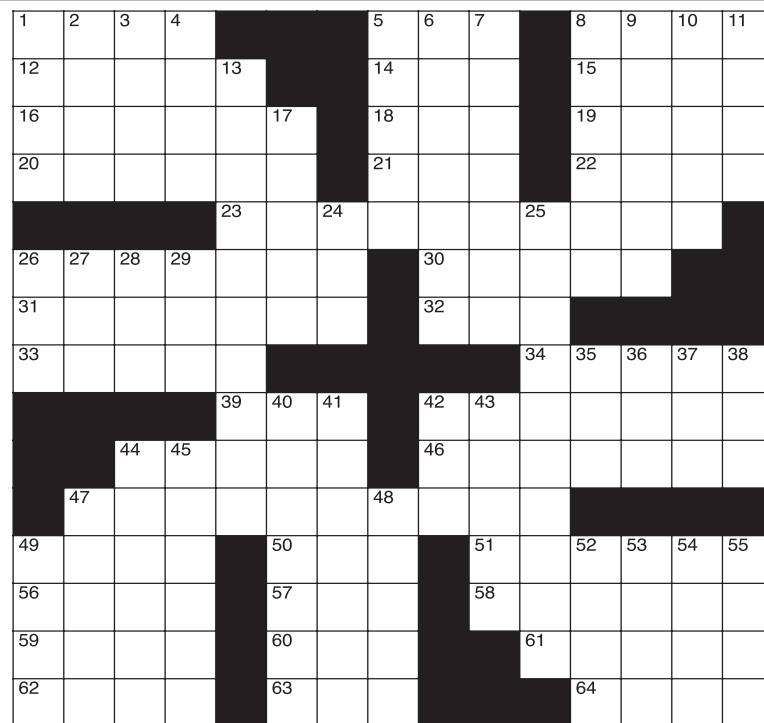
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1. A device to disengage without a key
5. Subdivision
8. Network of nerves
12. Lounge chair
14. Ocean
15. C. European river
16. Bowl-shaped cavity
18. ___ Caesar, comedian
19. Lyric poems
20. Tia's sister
21. A way to develop
22. Cows collectively
23. Areas close by
26. Slightly disreputable
30. Made a mistake
31. One who cites
32. Food stall: ___ pai dong
33. Narrow valley between hills
34. Members of people living mainly in the Congo
39. More (Spanish)
42. Classroom implements
44. Cognizant of
46. One who tells on others
47. Free from slavery
49. Thick piece of something
50. Containing two nitrogen atoms between carbon atoms
51. Removed entirely
56. Late rocker Turner
57. Appreciated
58. Observation expedition

Solution to last week's puzzle

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59. Opposite of subtracts (abbr.)
60. Unit of work
61. Wreckage on the sea bed
62. Affirmative! (slang)
63. Witness
64. River in England

CLUES DOWN

1. A dissenting clique
2. Japanese city
3. Spiritual leader
4. Second letter of Greek alphabet
5. Musical term
6. Ruled over
7. Fortified wine
8. First year player
9. Moved in a circular way
10. Adolescents
11. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
17. Bring up
24. Factual written account

25. Having three sides
26. Annoy
27. Hustle
28. American WW2 leader
29. Stale atmosphere
35. US Treasury
36. Sound unit
37. They ___
38. Soviet Socialist Republic
40. Places to play video games
41. Medical event
42. When you hope to arrive
43. Fixed prices
44. Popular Boston song
45. Valley in Indiana and Illinois
47. Omit when speaking
48. German explorer of the Congo Basin
49. Stick around
52. From a distance
53. Heroic tale
54. Amounts of time
55. Eat

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Mountainfilm on Tour to screen in Monte Vista April 11

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MONTE VISTA — Mountainfilm on Tour brings a selection of culturally rich, adventure-packed and incredibly inspiring documentary films curated from the Mountainfilm festival in Telluride. The tour will visit Monte Vista at the Vali 3 Theater on Thursday, April 11, with films that explore themes connected to Mountainfilm's mission of using the power of film, art and ideas to inspire audiences to create a better world.

Mountainfilm on Tour in Monte Vista is hosted by San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!) and sponsored by the LOR Foundation, San Luis Valley Federal Bank, SLV Health, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, The Law Office of Mark Loy, LLC, Sweetgrass Therapeutics, and The Church Project. SLV GO! has been organizing Mountainfilm on Tour for three years and has been working to provide accessible and inclusive outdoor recreation opportunities that balance conservation, connect communities, improve wellness, encourage stewardship, and contribute to the economic vitality of the region. SLV GO! believes the great outdoors is a place of common ground, a place that transcends societal barriers, and has the ability to bring people together and foster a sense of community, belonging, and shared stewardship for the environment. While hosting an inspiring collection of films, the show is also

an opportunity to raise funds that support SLV GO! in ongoing outdoor recreation and conservation projects that improve community wellness and environmental stewardship.

SLV GO! is kicking off the event on Thursday, April 11, with a social hour beginning at 4:30 p.m. at The Pivot Public House at 201 Jefferson St. in Monte Vista. Stop by for appetizers, drinks, good company, and a chance to win local prizes including artwork, outdoor gear, and outdoor experiences. Doors open at 6 p.m. at the Vali 3 Theater and showtime starts at 6:30 p.m. You can purchase your tickets at the door or online at eventbrite.com. The cost for the show is \$15 per adult and \$10 per student. If you have any questions, contact SLV GO!'s Community Outreach Manager, Dani Robben at danirobben@slvgo.com.

Mountainfilm is a documentary film festival that showcases stories about environmental, cultural, climbing, political and social justice issues. Mountainfilm is held every Memorial Day weekend in Telluride. Along with exceptional documentaries, the festival goes beyond the film medium by bringing together world-class athletes, change makers and visionary artists for a multi-dimensional celebration of indomitable spirit. Mountainfilm's mission is to use the power of film, art and ideas to inspire audiences to create a better world. To learn more about Mountainfilm, visit www.mountainfilm.org.

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Discover The Essence of Excellence Mountain Living in this custom-built masterpiece! Situated on 1.84 sloping acres within the prestigious Rio Grande Club, this 4,466 sq ft home offers unparalleled vistas and modern elegance. Key Features: Inspiring Views: Unsurpassed panoramas stretch north, east, and south, capturing the rugged beauty of the San Juan Mountains. Architectural Marvel: A two-level design seamlessly blends contemporary finishes with a mountain aesthetic. Grand Entryway: Step into the vaulted ceiling living room adorned with Swedish Cope logs and a striking rock gas fireplace. Expansive Deck: Access the large stone rock deck from the living area, where you'll soak in views of the golf course, mountains, and valley below. Gourmet Kitchen: Culinary enthusiasts will appreciate custom cabinets, granite countertops, and top-of-the-line Wolf appliances. Master Suite: The upper-level primary suite boasts a spa-like bathroom and an adjacent study. Lower-Level Comfort: Three additional bedrooms with 9-foot ceilings offer Alderwood doorways and magnificent vistas. Entertainment Haven: The lower level features a spacious game room with a pool table, TV, and workout equipment. Year-Round Comfort: Radiant floor heat and an extra-large 1000-gallon propane tank ensure warmth during chilly days. Outdoor Delight: Enjoy ever-changing mountain views from the adjacent deck or cozy up by the stone mantel gas fireplace. Gas-Burning Fireplace: The lower level sitting area with a mini bar and stunning views is perfect for relaxation and entertaining family and friends. This home includes an adjacent parcel allowing direct access to the national forest from the front of the property so enjoying your favorite outdoor activities are just steps away. The 2-car garage has workshop hot & cold sink an extra - large 76-gallon water heater, water softener. Programmable hot water throughout the home, hot & cold water outside faucet and plenty of room for storage and a workbench. There is a security system monitored by Valley Lock and Security. Land lines in most every room. Century-Link phone highspeed internet and Direct TV. Managed lighting and surround sound throughout the home and the Smart Home allows you to control from anywhere. This home is a Hole in One! One of a kind, designed and built providing that sense of hospitality, openness, beauty, and tranquility. Location Highlights: Rio Grande Club: Overlooking the 11th hole, this exclusive community offers golf, recreation, and natural beauty. Outdoor Paradise: Explore nearby trails, fishing spots, the Rio Grande River, the South Fork River and Wolf Creek Ski area. Doesn't get any more epitome than this! Check out the Video. Call and schedule your private showing today! **MLS#811509 - \$2,750,000**



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