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RGH Wellness Center ribbon cutting ceremony set for June 22



By LYNDSIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE — After almost a year of construction, the Rio Grande Hospital Wellness Center will be officially opening to the public, patients and staff on Saturday, June 22.

The center has been part of a long-time dream of the hospital and the greater San Luis Valley.

“We want this facility to be a place for the community to come and feel

Rio Grande Hospital is having a ribbon cutting and open house event for its Wellness Center at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Photo by Lyndsie Ferrell

a sense of family and togetherness. This is about preventative health, longevity living and so much more,” said RGH Development and Communications Officer Eva Timberlake as she walked through the freshly cleaned front lobby of the Wellness Center on Thursday, June 13. “We are promoting health in all forms and will be able to offer some help with that through this facility.”

Rio Grande Hospital’s vision for the Wellness Center began prior to 2020 as they began making plans and seeking funding from countless donors, but it was the COVID

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MORSELS

REC meet and greet at community center in Creede

CREEDE — San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative will host a meet and greet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, at the Creede Underground Mining Museum and Community Center. CEO Eric Ericksen, as well as Director Creede Hargraves, will be available to meet with members and discuss any issues or concerns.

DN Food Bank distribution June 22

DEL NORTE — The Del Norte Food Bank will be open for its June distribution on Saturday, June 22, from 10 a.m. until noon. Anyone in need of food assistance is welcome. If you are unable to attend during distribution hours and need food assistance, call 719-850-2643.

Caldera performing June 23 in Creede

CREEDE — Caldera, a Creede combo, is scheduled to perform from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, at Basham Park in Creede.

This is part of the Creede Arts Council’s Music in the Park series of free public concerts.

Sustained by engaging vocals and improvisatory sections, Caldera will light your fire with a blend of insightful originals and distinct covers. The Creede-based quartet melds Americana and rock sounds.

John Goss will be on the guitar, harmonica, and vocals; Steve Reynolds on lead guitar, resonator, mandolin; Malcolm Snead – drums, percussion; and Tommy Speake will be on the bass and guitar.

For more information, contact the Creede Arts Council at creedearts@outlook.com or check out our whole summer Music in the Park lineup at www.creedeartscouncil.com.

South Fork gears up for 3rd of July celebration

By LYNDSIE FERRELL

SOUTH FORK — Nothing says summer more than long sunny days that fade into beautiful nights, especially those that end in epic firework shows like the one that is an annual celebration in South Fork on the 3rd of July.

For several years, the Town of South Fork has celebrated Independence Day one day early to the delight of locals and visitors.

This year, the Town of South Fork is preparing for another wonderful day filled with everything that makes a small mountain town in Colorado the perfect place to celebrate everything American. From catfish fries to farmer’s markets packed with local fare, South Fork will be the place to be on July 3.

To kick the celebrations off, the South Fork Fire Rescue will be hosting its annual Catfish Fry fundraiser. This event has been a staple in South Fork for many years, bringing crowds of more than 200 hungry people to the forefront with their generosity and love of a home fried catfish meal with all the fixings.

Vendors from all over the southwestern part of the state set up

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South Fork is a great place to kick off Independence Day celebrations in the San Luis Valley. Come enjoy a Catfish Fry with South Fork Fire Rescue, an afternoon parade and a rodeo put on by Burris and Sons on the 3rd of July.

File photo by Lyndsie Ferrell



Creede looks to 4th with an explosion of fun

By LYNDSIE FERRELL

CREEDE — Summer is in full swing in the San Juan Mountains and Creede is getting ready to shell out its best with this year’s Fourth of July celebrations. Over the years, Creede’s popularity has grown due to this summertime event.

Thousands of people venture to the small mountain town tucked away in the San Juans to celebrate the nation’s holiday and have some serious fun while doing it. Luckily for those visiting this year, there will be a shuttle to bring people to town during the busiest times of the day from the Creede School located south of town.

The City of Creede has partnered with the Creede School District to offer a shuttle service to take people to the heart of town for events like the annual Fourth

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Creede’s Fourth of July celebrations are not to be missed and this year promises to deliver the annual fun everyone has come to enjoy.

File photo by Keith Cerny



Deputies exchange gunfire with Monte Vista suspect

By KEITH R. CERNY

ALAMOSA — A 28-year-old Monte Vista man was hospitalized early Wednesday morning after an exchange of gunfire with local law enforcement.

Justin Trujillo sustained incapacitating injuries after allegedly firing at deputies with the Alamosa County Sheriff’s Department (ACSO). Officers returned fire injuring the suspect who was later flown out to a front range hospital in serious but stable condition, according to a press release from Sheriff Robert Jackson.

None of the deputies involved were injured.

Just after midnight Wednesday, *Please see GUNFIRE on Page 2A*

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LIBRARY LINKS

BY LAUREN GALLEGOS

Some new books this week are: "Miss Morgan's Book Brigade" by Janet Skeslien Charles, "Circle in the Water" by Marcia Muller, "First Frost" by Craig Johnson, "All Our Yesterdays" by Joel H. Morris, "Casting Forward" by Steve Ramirez, "James" by Percival Everett, "The Last Ranger" by Peter Heller, "One Deadly Eye" by Randy Wayne White, "Death Behind Every Door" by Heather Graham, "The Precipice" by Paul Doiron, "The Bone Orchard" by Paul Doiron, "The Atlas Complex" by Olivie Blake, "Patton's Prayer" by Alex Kershaw, "When the Sea Came Alive" by Garrett M. Graff, "Eruption" by Michael Crichton & James Patterson, "What the Bees See" by Craig P. Burrows, and "With Each Tomorrow" by Tracie Peterson.

Some new teen and children's books this week are: "The Last Bear" by Hannah Gold, "The Secret Lake" by Karen Inglis, "Return to the Secret Lake" by Karen Inglis, "Beyond the Secret Lake" by Karen Inglis, "The Islanders" by Mary Alice Monroe, "Search for Treasure" by Mary Alice Monroe, "You Are Part of the Wonder" by Ruth Doyle, "The Magical Yet" by Angela DiTerlizzi, "The Curious Why" by Angela DiTerlizzi, "Draw With Art for Kids Hub Animals" by Rob Jensen, "I'm Not Scared" by Britta Teckentrup, "Journey to the Crystal Cave" by Poppy Green, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar's Nature Walk" by Gabriella DeGennaro, "Pearl's Lost Pearls" by Olivier Dunrea.

Some new books on loan from the Monte Vista Carnegie Library are: "Blotto, Twinks, and the Conquistador's Gold" by Simon Brett, "Every Missing Girl" by Leanne Kale Sparks, and "Up on the Woof Top" by Spencer Quinn.

The Summer Reading Program at The Carnegie Library, South Fork Branch is currently underway! You can still register during the weeks of June 3, June 10, and

June 17. Your child will be required to read 120 minutes (2 hours) each week. All three sessions must be completed and reading logs turned in by June 26 to be entered into a drawing to win a grand prize. Registration starts Monday, June 3 at the library during regular hours. A parent and/or guardian must be present with the child to sign up. This program will include children entering K through 6.

As a reminder, on June 1, we changed to our summer hours of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed on Sunday.

Stop by and check out our Summer Book Sale!

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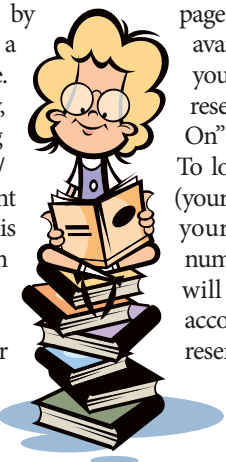
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We hope that you will visit us often.



SFPD seeking support for National Night Out event

CONTRIBUTED

SOUTH FORK — The South Fork Police Department is having its first-ever National Night Out event on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Rickel Park in South Fork.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work.

Most communities celebrate National Night Out by hosting block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and other various community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and more.

National Project Coordinator, Matt Peskin said, "This is a night for our nation to stand together and promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement. When law enforcement and the community

work closely together, some amazing things can happen."

The South Fork Police Department is looking for interested business owners, community groups and individuals to help with South Fork's National Night Out activities.

"We need donations to help pay for the free food, music, and goodies as well as volunteers to help with family-oriented games and activities. Suggested donation amount from businesses is \$100," SFPD officials stated.

If you would like to help, email at ojpierce@southfork.org, the South Fork Friends Foundation, southforkfriendsfoundation@gmail.com or the South Fork Chamber of Commerce, info@southforkchamber.com.

Banners displayed at the event will highlight the names and logos of local business sponsors. A schedule of events, donation form, and volunteer sign-up sheet can be obtained by contacting any of the above groups.

For more information on National Night Out, visit natw.org.

GUNFIRE

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deputies attempted to contact a vehicle in the Alamosa Safeway parking lot due to reckless driving. When they tried to pull the vehicle over by initiating overhead emergency lights and siren, they failed to pull over and tried to flee.

After a brief pursuit, the driver stopped within the 1200 block of Third Street, exited the vehicle, and attempted to flee on foot while brandishing a firearm and firing at

pursuing deputies, who returned fire.

All ACSO deputies involved in the incident were placed on administrative leave until the conclusion of the investigation. The Colorado Bureau of Investigation is investigating the officer involved shooting and no further information will be released at this time.

Sheriff Jackson said this was an isolated incident and there is no risk to the community.

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in the parking lot behind the South Fork Fire building located just south of Highway 160 in South Fork. Vendors offer many different types of arts and crafts. Vendors are open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and the catfish fry is from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Be sure to hop online and get tickets today. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-annual-catfish-fry-fundraiser-tickets-920846485627?aff=FacebookTicket.

Following the catfish fry, people can go to the frontage road on the western edge of town and grab a seat for the annual Third of July Parade. What makes this parade fun is that everyone is invited to participate. Sign up with

the South Fork Visitor Center to join in on the fun.

After the parade there is just enough time to refresh and then go to the Rickel Rodeo Grounds for the Burris and Sons Rodeo. This event features bucking bulls, mutton busting and all top rodeo events.

Later, the annual firework display is put on by the Town of South Fork and South Fork Fire Rescue. The fireworks are shot off from the Rio Grande Club and Resort and can be seen from almost anywhere in town.

For more information or a full schedule of events, visit www.southfork.org.

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

For more than 46 years now, Creede has hosted a two-day competition that draws mining competitors from across the Southwest region. The competitors are actual miners who come to Creede on July 4th each year to battle for the highly coveted prize of "Best Overall Miner of the Year."

On the first day of the competition, the Colorado State Mining Championships features a taxing gamut of events that test the miners' skill levels physically and mentally. The second day of competition, the Days of '92, has been a staple since

the 1960s. When the State Mining Championships came to Creede in the late 1970s, the two competitions were melded into one.

The different events – Jack-Leg Drilling, Hand Steeling, Hand Mucking, Spike Driving, and Machine Mucking – are designed to show spectators the daily life of a hard rock miner.

Spectators can enjoy the mining events in the Basham Park arena in downtown Creede. The events are free to the public and a permanent grandstand has been constructed for easy viewing. The events begin both mornings at 9 a.m. and usually last until mid-afternoon.

People can also enjoy a special Fourth of July Rodeo by Burris and Sons, see a wonderful performance at the Creede Repertory Theatre and what has been dubbed the most beautiful firework display in the San Luis Valley that night after dark.

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

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of July Parade. The shuttle will take riders from the Creede School to Loma Street and will run from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. A full map of the route and other information is available on Facebook under Creede Happenings or people can call the City of Creede at 719-685-2276, for more information.

The theme for this year's parade is simply "Creede." Every year people are welcome to join in the parade and are asked to fill out a parade participation form either at Town Hall or by visiting cityofcreede.colorado.gov. Those wishing to participate must have the participation form in by July 28.

In addition to the family fun events, the parade, a new shuttle service and the vendors, Creede is also famous for its Days of 92 Mining Competition over two full days in Basham Park.

According to the Creede and Mineral County Chamber of Commerce, "It's only fitting that Creede's largest festival of the year centers around preserving the history of mining. Like many Western mining

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Haven't had a bath in 40 years

This past week has been a whirlwind of activity, par for the course when you are in close proximity to Miss Trixie. Those of you who know her at all understand her constant movement. Ol' Dutch has almost gotten used to the beehive of her lifestyle and even though it drives me to distraction some days, at least there won't be any moss growing on her north side from lack of movement, which is a plus, I guess.

Living in an RV has its challenges and Miss Trixie and I have somehow managed to live together for 12 years in just such accommodations without one of us losing our ever-loving mind. And that is a miracle in and of itself for anyone in such close proximity to another human being.

I think the biggest challenge is the almost constant repairs that the big Conestoga requires. I have lived in houses down through the years and of course there are repairs that have to be made there but not like the amount that occurs in an RV.

Just this past week we had just such an event as we came home from a nice evening drive to find water pouring out of the sidewall like Niagra at peak flow. Trixie's cousin Susie Q and her husband Dartman, who are staying next to us in the park, quickly shut the water off and Ol' Dutch let out a low, sad moan as I knew what lay ahead.

Faced with the prospect of no water overnight which also meant no showers, Ol' Dutch began the tedious process of finding the leak and fixing it. Luckily, it was just a loose connection under the sink, and I was able to get us back in business without too much trouble.

Remembering other times when we had no water due to boondocking or a leak, we've actually taken showers with a gallon jug of water. Although it sounds impossible, you can actually get by with a lot less water than we normally use.

In Miss Trixie's mountaineering days, her baths consisted of a thimble of boiled snow and some disinfectant gel. And you wonder why she never married.

There was a comedy sketch one time on TV where a grizzled old prospector's only line was "I haven't had a bath in 40 years." He kept repeating this line to which the reply from anyone he met was "I know."

There is even a world record for the amount of time someone has gone unbathed and as far as I can tell that record is somewhere north of 60 years. And I am sure his neighbors also say "we know" when asked about his odiferous record.

And in fact, just this past week Ol' Dutch found out that many people get by with little to no water to bathe in including many movie star type people. Leonardo himself says he



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by Kevin Kirkpatrick

doesn't bathe all that often to save water and the environment, which is in contrast to his flying in a private jet all across the globe on a regular basis.

So, it appears to me that he just uses that as a convenient excuse not to get his feet wet. And the most amazing thing to me is that women still flock around him like bees to pollen which only proves to me that his money doesn't stink.

Getting back to our problem, we got the water fixed and showered up and even Cooper had his bath. We are all fresh as a daisy for public exposure, so you don't have to keep your distance if you see us. Lacking the financial wherewithal of Decaprio, cleanliness is about the only thing Ol' Dutch has going for him at the time, so I am thankful for that at least.

And even though we come from a long line of unbathed pioneer type folks, this is 2024 folks. Get in there and scrub it and rub it til you shine. We all will appreciate your efforts.

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.

Wyoming road failure reveals a housing crisis

I live in Victor, Idaho — one of Jackson, Wyo's, bedroom communities. Every day roughly 3,400 Idaho residents drive over Teton Pass to work in Jackson. Only about 11,000 of us live on this side of the pass — 2,000 in Victor — so commuters make up a significant portion of our population.

Commuters include nurses, teachers, police, waiters, cooks, hotel housekeepers, construction workers, landscapers, fishing and mountain guides, and salespeople. All are Jackson Hole's economic lifeline.

On June 8, the highway over Teton Pass failed catastrophically, part of it collapsing into an impassable cliff of rubble. The failure made national news, and now you can spend hours on Facebook reading everyone's opinions about what should be done. Calls for building a tunnel through the mountain are resurfacing, although the tunnel that was previously proposed would not have bypassed the section of road that failed.

The Teton Pass highway is vital to Jackson's functioning as a tourist mecca. In good conditions, driving the 24 miles from Victor to Jackson over Teton Pass takes about 35 minutes. Now, a detour means that workers have to drive roughly 85 miles to get to their jobs, adding about two hours to the daily commute.

Jackson town councilor and economist Jonathan Schechter estimates the road closure is costing the local economy roughly \$600,000 a day, and he says that's a conservative figure. Using IRS numbers for mileage reimbursement, the cost for drivers is \$88 a day, while the mean hourly wage in Jackson is \$40. Not only has the commute become nearly four times longer, but workers also have to put in an extra two hours to cover the cost of that drive time.

Jackson residents have responded to the crisis with compassion and financial aid. Homeowners have opened their houses in Jackson, and



Photo courtesy of Wyoming Department of Transportation

Teton Pass after road collapse on June 12.

many are allowing people to pitch tents in their yards. Businesses are offering parking lot space for RVs. Teton County, Wyoming, eased its temporary shelter regulations, and the daily commuter bus altered its schedule and waived its fees until June 30 to accommodate riders. The Teton Valley Community Foundation set up a fund that accepts donations for affected workers. I am sure there are many other services and resources as well.

But camping in Jackson means you aren't going home after work. It means you may not see your children, partner or friends for days on end. It means you need to get someone to feed your dog or check in on your cat, horses, gardens or plants. It means you cannot enjoy the natural world — why most of us live here — because you're driving a car.

Most of us have a love-hate relationship with Teton Pass. There's an Instagram page called Teton Passholes, dedicated to showing people doing stupid things on the road. Most of the time it's video clips of truckers ignoring the winter trailer ban; sometimes it's pictures of people driving recklessly. We snarl and complain, but we still drive the road because it gets us where we need to go.

The average list price for a single-

family home in Jackson reached \$7.6 million at the end of 2022, according to the Jackson Hole Report. In the first months of 2024, 56 homes were on the market, with only three listed for less than \$2 million.

In Victor, Idaho, the median price for homes was \$537,000, an asking price that's not reasonable for most working people. Housing is in short supply in Victor, too.

For years, affordable housing has been a hot-button topic on both sides of the pass, as well as an hour south of Jackson in booming Star Valley. Now that the funnel that allows Jackson to prosper has been blocked, we can see more clearly than ever that our current model — housing the rich in one town, workers in another — is not sustainable.

Wyoming Department of Transportation has indicated that it hopes to open a temporary bypass around the landslide in as little as two weeks. A long-term solution will undoubtedly take months, if not years.

In the meantime, I hope our community leaders take this as a wake-up call and address the absolute need for workforce housing. A temporary patch will not address the crisis that this road failure has dramatized.

Molly Absolon is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit spurring lively conversation about the West. She is a writer in Idaho.

LETTER

Concerned about proposed walking trail along Lariat Ditch

Editor,
I am writing to express my concerns over the proposed walking trail along the Lariat Ditch, north of State Highway 160.

Residents in the area of Lariat Ditch were informed this week that the City of Monte Vista and the Lariat Ditch Company were planning to use a grant from CU Anschutz to provide a concrete lining of the ditch and construct a walking trail on the ditch right of way. This is, no doubt, a generous offer from CU Anschutz, but it should be considered carefully before it is accepted. At the neighborhood meeting, local residents expressed concerns regarding

the location of the trail next to the Monte Vista High School and the potential for increased crime along the trail. As a retired Professional Civil Engineer and former City Traffic Engineer, I have two different concerns regarding this project.

First, is funding available to sustain the project? No matter how the trail is constructed, it will require ongoing maintenance to assure it remains a usable facility. Unless CU Anschutz is providing an ongoing grant, the cost of maintenance will fall to the City of Monte Vista to fund out of the city budget. This would be the same budget that currently cannot meet costs of maintaining existing

sidewalks. Adding to the City's financial obligations while ignoring our current obligations cannot be justified. I try to walk on a regular basis and walk rather than drive to most of my local destinations. This gives me a daily view of the sidewalks and ADA (handi-cap) ramps within our City. I am sorry to say that they are in deplorable condition.

Second, any project should be reviewed to determine the usefulness, not just is money available to build it. Due to the poor condition of existing sidewalks and the difficulty in crossing State Highway 160, most residents would need to drive to the trail in order

to use it. This will increase traffic on City Streets, put pressure on the City to provide trail parking, impact property owners along the trail, and restrict its usefulness to residents with vehicles.

If CU Anschutz is truly interested in improving the health of our residents (the stated grant goal) they should commit to helping the City improve their failing sidewalk system. Until residents can safely walk around their block or run an errand without a car, a new walking trail is not needed and should not be added as another financial burden.

*Kathleen Krager
Monte Vista*



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'Young Frankenstein' will leave you in stitches

'A REVIEW'

By KEITH R. CERNY

CREEDE — Mel Brooks may be rolling over in his grave, with pleasure, after a sneak preview from the nether world of the Creede Repertory Theatre's (CRT) production of the musical version based on his famous 1974 movie, "Young Frankenstein."

With some of finest choreography and vocals ever produced on CRT's main stage, the production opened before a near sell-out crowd Saturday night with a cast of 14, headlined by veteran CRT actor Graham Ward as Dr. Frederick Frankenstein (steen) and Matthew Tyler Horn as "The Monster."

"Young Frankenstein" is a 2007 musical based on the film co-written by Brooks and Gene Wilder, who played Dr. Frankenstein in the big screen version. Wilder's crazy hairdo in the movie was appropriately copied by Ward with the help of a wig.

Most of the original characters from the movie are featured in the musical version, including "Igor" with the humpback artfully

portrayed by Julian Ibarra, "Inga" the beautiful assistant by Katie Drinkard and "Frau Blücher" by the ever-popular Anne Faith Butler. Throw in Alan Ball as "Inspector Hans Kemp" and 50-year CRT veteran Christy Brandt as the "Hermit," and you have a cast of stars.

As expected, any mention of "Frau Blücher" brings a loud 'winnie' from a horse in the background.

Director Amanda Berg Wilson may have said it best in her program notes, "The musical has in its marrow all that made Brooks' sense of humor so singular; those vaudevillian tropes, physical comedy, parody of genre, pushing of boundaries, and bawdy sexual humor."

Those attending the musical should be prepared for some minor sexual innuendo.

With much of the production played in front of the curtain, an elaborate set design of the famous Frankenstein laboratory drew rave reviews from the audience that was left in stitches most of the night.

With outstanding vocals by many in the production, and incredible choreography overseen by Diana

Dresser and Bethany Eilean Talley, both talents are featured in Irving Berlin's "Puttin' on the Ritz" that was also featured in the film, as well as several other musical numbers.

"Young Frankenstein," is the second feature to open at CRT this summer as Ken Ludwig's wildly popular "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery," continues in the Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre just a few blocks south on Creede's main street. Still to come are "The Importance of Being Earnest", opening June 28, and the world premiere of "Prima's Guide to Funerals" hitting the stage on July 12.

"Prima's" is a comedy and is set along the waters of the Rio Grande in the San Luis Valley and was written by up-and-coming New Mexico playwright Leonard Madrid.

Also featured at CRT in its 59th season is "On the Stage of Sondheim", a summer concert series opening on July 27, and the ever-popular improv comedy show "Boomtown." For a full schedule and to purchase tickets, go to www.creederep.org

"Young Frankenstein" will continue on the main stage through Aug. 31.



CRT photo by Brooke Ashlee Photography

Veteran actor Graham Ward's portrayal of Dr. Frederick Frankenstein (steen) is only one of many outstanding performances in Creede Repertory Theatre's musical production of Mel Brooks' 'Young Frankenstein.'

Saguache County recognizes value, dedication of SAR teams

By JOHN WATERS

SAGUACHE COUNTY — In a statement the Saguache County Office of Emergency Management saluted the volunteers of Saguache County Search and Rescue (SAR) for their dedication and professionalism.

"Training to save lives and serve their community on the Sunday afternoon of June 9 showed a true spirit of service. The county thanks REACH Air Med and the crew of Reach 29 for donating their flight time, fuel, and equipment to conduct this training."

Each year in Colorado, 2,800 SAR volunteers respond to over 3,000 backcountry incidents across the state. According to a 2021 Colorado Parks and Wildlife study, the volunteers spend about \$1,500 of their own money on gas, equipment, and other related expenses

Since 2023, Colorado residents can get a \$29 Keep Colorado Wild Pass when registering a car, motorcycle, recreation vehicle, or light truck through the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The \$29 pass is included

in your registration total unless you choose to opt out. It is estimated the pass will bring over \$41 million in revenue to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), \$2.5 million to SAR teams, and about \$1 million to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center.

According to CPW, "Backcountry Safety - Your pass supports the volunteer and equipment needs of search and rescue professionals across Colorado and avalanche safety programs through the Colorado Avalanche Information Center. Because of your support and the tremendous generosity of our search and rescue responders, Colorado will be a safer place to play."

Just south of Saguache County, the men and women of the Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue (AVSAR) are ready to respond to backcountry emergencies in the county. The unofficial motto of the group is, "Our purpose is to coordinate and conduct search and rescue operations in Alamosa County so that others may live." They can be reached at www.avsar.us.



The Saguache County Search and Rescue volunteers train on June 9 with Reach Air Med and Reach 29. Courtesy photo



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Historic Presbyterian San Pablo Church destroyed in fire

Fire started in house on property

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — The Presbyterian San Pablo Church in Costilla County was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon along with the house, located behind the church, that stood on the same property.

According to Costilla County Sheriff Danny Sanchez, the call reporting the fire came into the sheriff's office around 1 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon. Multiple agencies responded to the call, including the Costilla County Fire Department, Alamosa Fire Department, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control plus three fire stations from New Mexico, including Amilia, Cerro and Cuesta Fire Departments.

Sanchez stated that the fire started in the house and then spread to the church, destroying both buildings.

The structures were occupied at the time the fire broke out, with an "elderly lady and an adult male" in the house and "an adult male" in the church.

Fortunately, all three evacuated in time, and no one sustained any injuries. Within just a few hours, the Red Cross was providing services to those who were impacted.

When the Valley Courier reached Sheriff Sanchez at about 5 p.m. Wednesday evening, he reported that several of the fire departments were still on the scene, and the fire was under control but still smoldering. The fire's cause is not known yet.

The church, located at 10516 County Road 21 in San Pablo, is on the south side of Culebra Creek and, according to a real estate listing, was built in 1897. Sanchez could not confirm the age of the building or if it was recognized as a historic site but said it looked "very old."

"I was there when it came down and you could see the adobe bricks," he said. "It was very sad."



Smoke billows from the Presbyterian San Pablo Church in Costilla County on Wednesday afternoon as fire crews battled the blaze that ultimately consumed the historic building. Crews from five fire departments plus the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control responded to the scene but, sadly, the church and house behind it were both destroyed in the flames. There were no reported injuries in the incident.

Courtesy photo

Kayaker found safe after accidental swim in the Conejos River



Courtesy photo

This kayak was retrieved from the Conejos River after its owner flipped it. He was later found safe.

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CONEJOS COUNTY — On June 11, at approximately 7 a.m., the Conejos County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of an upside-down kayak in the Conejos River.

The kayak was pinned against a rock in swift water. Emergency personnel could not determine if anyone was in the kayak. The South Fork Fire Department Swift Water Rescue team was dispatched. The team entered the

river and recovered the kayak.

The kayak had an expired Wyoming State Parks pass on the side. The river and surrounding areas were searched for the owner of the kayak. Investigators contacted Wyoming officials and determined the owner of the kayak and were able to contact the owner and determined he was safe. He said he was kayaking the river when the kayak overturned. The kayaker swam to the bank but lost the kayak in the swift water.

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Welcome Kiley Lohr, FNP-C in her role as a Certified Family Nurse Practitioner. Kiley has been in the medical field for 23 years, beginning with her certification as a nursing assistant in 2001 while still in high school. After graduating high school, she attended general education classes and acquired her prerequisites for Nursing School at Trinidad State Junior College. She continued to work as a CNA through nursing school and learned skills in Telemetry and ICU to work as a telemetry tech and ICU tech at SLV Health. Then, Kiley obtained her licensed practical nurse license in March of 2007. Kiley worked as a critical care flight nurse with Classic Air Medical Flight Company based in Cortez and Pagosa Springs. She flew in both Rotor Helicopters and Fixed Wing Airplanes.

Her interest in medical care peaked when she was a sophomore in high school when Kiley witnessed her mother providing aid to a man who was found down and not breathing in a store. Watching her mother provide help alongside the EMS crew as they arrived motivated her to want to take care of those in need and critical situations.

Her mother & father both used to work as nurses at RGH! When she's not spending time with her son and boyfriend, she enjoys cooking for her family, crocheting, hiking, and fishing.

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SLVH recognizes latest DAISY winner Garcia

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ALAMOSA — San Luis Valley Health has another DAISY winner — Ellie Garcia.

Garcia was surprised to be chosen as a DAISY recipient at SLV Health. When the shock wore off a bit, she was all smiles. When she signed the traveling DAISY banner, she commented, “I’m going to sign my name right by Taylor’s because she has been my mentor.”

DAISY awards are given for nursing excellence and can be submitted by co-workers, patients, and family members.

This family member wrote this about Garcia, “My dad came into the Emergency Department in Alamosa with sepsis. The doctor/PA was very pessimistic. However, Ellie was a ray of sunshine. She explained everything she was doing, taught me how to read the screens, and helped my dad feel comfortable with everything that was going on. While we are still not out of the woods on his treatment, we are in a much better place than we might have been. I think Ellie was a big part of that. Her positive outlook and true care for my dad was so apparent and we are truly grateful for her.”

Former DAISY recipient, Kat Cummins, BSN, RN, read about the award and posed for a photo with the traveling banner. Garcia is the second nurse in the SLVH RMC ED to receive this distinguished recognition.

SLVH Chief Nursing Officer, Roberta Bean, RN, read about the history and origin of the award. She also read the nomination form to Garcia. At the reception, Garcia met many of the nursing leaders



Courtesy photo
Ellie Garcia, right, who works in the San Luis Valley Health Regional Medical Center’s ED takes a photo with her supervisor, ED Director, Monica Hinds, RN.

and senior team members at SLVH. She was also surprised when her husband showed up to support her. The traditional cinnamon rolls were served and then Garcia jumped up high to place her name on the wall

art for DAISY winners in the RMC lobby.

To nominate a nurse at SLVH for the DAISY award, visit online www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org/about-us/daisy-nursing-excellence/.

Freedom from Struggle

I’ve been asked, “Joyce, how do you live the Christian life?” My answer surprises a lot of people. I tell them, “You can’t live the Christian life.” I then say, “Only God can live it through you!”

One of the greatest lessons I have ever learned is that we can’t change ourselves—it is only by God’s grace that we can overcome our weaknesses and become more like Him. We struggle and get frustrated when we try to do things apart from God’s grace and strength. The most frequent prayer we should all pray is, “God, help me!”

Years ago, when I first started reading the Bible and getting serious about God, I began seeing all of the things I needed to change—there were so many! I needed to clean up my mind and my mouth; I had to overcome being so negative and judgmental, and my behavior toward my husband Dave also had to improve.

I immediately went to work trying to do it myself. However, I ended up very frustrated and made little progress. Why? Because I was spending all of my own energy trying to something only God can do!

Maybe you’re in the same place. You want to break a bad habit or change your behavior in some way, but you are frustrated and discouraged by a lack of progress. Here’s the good news: God never intended for you to do it alone. In fact, there’s nothing worse than trying to fix something only God can fix!

So, what is our part? Our part is to study God’s Word, especially in the areas where we have a weakness, and spend as much time with the Lord as we can—whether it’s talking to Him in prayer or even just sitting quietly in His presence.

As we do, the Bible says we will change into His image “from glory to glory” (2 Corinthians 3:18). Our part is to diligently and humbly seek the Lord and receive His grace, which is the power of the Holy Spirit to change us and meet our every need.

The Apostle Paul discusses this very thing in Romans Chapter 7. Paul, who wrote a large part of the New Testament and is widely regarded as one of the great

men of the early Church, realized he could do nothing without God’s help.

He says, “I do not practice or accomplish what I wish, but I do the very thing that I loathe [which my moral instinct condemns].... I can will what is right, but I cannot perform it. [I have the intention and urge to do what is right, but no power to carry it out]” (Romans 7:15,18 AMPC).

Does this sound familiar? Have you ever intended to do the right thing but still struggled and couldn’t make it happen regardless of how hard you tried? Paul was going through the very same thing, and he provides us with the answer in verses 24 and 25:

“Who will release and deliver me from [the shackles of] this body of death? O thank God! [He will!]”

Paul is saying we can’t do it on our own. However, God will do it through us if we let Him.

This same principle applies to our relationships with other people—we can’t change them! The greatest thing we can do is pray for others, love them, and allow God to change them Himself.

When my children were young, I was certain that a couple of them would never make it on their own. My daughter Laura was extremely messy, unorganized, and couldn’t keep track of anything. My youngest son, Daniel, struggled his way through school, and I was convinced I would be taking care of him the rest of my life.

I spent so much time worrying and pestering and trying to change them on my own. Most of the time my efforts only seemed to make things worse! Yes, I needed to be a good mother and help them in every way I could. However, instead of worrying, struggling, and making us all miserable, I could have been praying, trusting God, and choosing to believe everything would work out well in the end.

You see, whether it’s ourselves or someone else, the Lord wants us to seek His help, then rest in the knowledge that He is on the case. God doesn’t want us to struggle; He wants us to believe. He



wants us to relax and enjoy our lives even while we’re waiting to see things change.

Today, my daughter Laura is so organized that one of her jobs is to help keep my life organized! And Daniel? The boy who barely made it through school is now the CEO of U.S. Operations for Joyce Meyer Ministries, and he does a fantastic job! Now I look back and realize how much time and effort I wasted worrying and struggling when God had things under control all along!

So, what are you struggling with today? Your behavior, your finances, your kids, or maybe other people? Here’s the best advice I can give you: You can’t do it on your own.

Run to God for help, receive His grace, then make a firm decision to relax and enjoy your life while you trust Him to change things. As you do, you will find freedom from struggling...and discover a new level of God’s peace and joy in the process.

For more on this topic, order Joyce’s four-part teaching resource *Living a Life of Total Freedom*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

Joyce Meyer is a *New York Times* bestselling author and founder of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. She has authored more than 140 books, including *BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND* and *OVERCOMING EVERY PROBLEM (FaithWords)*. She hosts the *Enjoying Everyday Life* radio and TV programs, which air on hundreds of stations worldwide. For more information, visit www.joycemeyer.org.

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Summer Fun Quilt Show coming in July

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ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Public Library and the San Luis Valley Quilt Guild are partnering to bring the community a gorgeous Summer Fun Quilt Show. The library, located at Alamosa City Hall, 300 Hunt Ave., will host an opening reception with refreshments, curated by San Luis Valley Quilt Guild members, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 6.

Stroll through the Alamosa Farmers Market at Sixth and Ross streets; peruse the shelves of titillating books at Spines Book

Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Alamosa Public Library; and then stop by the library to enjoy the Summer Fun Quilt Show and opening reception.

The quilts will be on display from Tuesday, July 2, through Saturday, July 20, at the Alamosa Public Library which is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The library is closed on Thursday, July 4.

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BGC of SLV takes summer whitewater adventure

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ALAMOSA — The Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley was excited to kick off the 2024 Whitewater Season on June 5, by joining close to 200 other Boys and Girls Club members from across Colorado on a whitewater rafting adventure on the Arkansas River.

The excursion, generously provided by the Arkansas River Outfitters Association, included shuttle transportation, raft and gear rental, lunch, and an amazing day on the river with professional guides that ensured a positive and safe experience for all who attended.

The day started with a van trip to Cotopaxi where the rafters had lunch by the river before getting geared up with helmets, life jackets, and paddles. Shortly after, they received a very entertaining safety talk from our Royal Gorge Rafting guides, and then carried boats down to the shoreline of the Arkansas River. The boats were launched and the whooping and hollering began as the rafters were hitting one stacked wave after another.

A great time was spent swimming in the current, surfing on waves, and splashing other boats! After paddling from the launch all the way to the Texas Creek takeout, the group was soaked, smiling, and all thankful for the experience! The Boys and Girls Clubs are extremely grateful for the opportunities and continued support provided by communities, businesses and organizations from across Colorado.

This event would not have been possible without the support of participating outfitters like Rocky Mountain Outdoor Center, River Runners, Noah's Ark, Wilderness Aware, The Adventure Company, Arkansas River Tours, Performance Tours, Echo Canyon

River Expeditions and Royal Gorge Rafting. The amazing and dedicated staff from these organizations provided hundreds of kids with a rare opportunity to experience a whitewater adventure they will never forget. This event also received much appreciated financial support from the El Pomar Foundation.

The Boys and Girls Clubs strive to provide kids and teens with positive experiences that complement classroom learning and give them opportunities for personal growth and reflection. Events like whitewater rafting teach teamwork, build resilience and confidence, while allowing club members to form positive relationships with their peers. When combined with swimming lessons, hiking, camping, and other club programs, members begin to understand more about who they are and what they can become.

Trips like whitewater rafting, skiing, or flying in an airplane often become milestone events in the lives of club members that help them realize that their world is filled with possibilities. The Club strives to create meaningful programming that helps kids and teens understand and realize their full potential as responsible, caring, and productive citizens of our amazingly diverse world.

Whitewater rafting is just one of the club's planned excursions for the Summer of 2024. Summer at the Club includes 10 weeks of themed programming and events like; Cumbres and Toltec Railroad, Weekly Fishing and Hiking, visits to the Rio Grande Farm Park, Splashland, Earthships in Taos, the Pueblo Zoo, and the Albuquerque Bio Park. Every week this Summer is packed with adventure and learning opportunities for kids and teens alike.



Courtesy photos

Kids from the Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley enjoyed rafting the Arkansas River on June 5.

Running the Arkansas River by raft was enjoyed by the Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley earlier this month.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CO Grocers Group LLC, d/b/a Rainbow Express has applied for a Retail Liquor License. The Liquor License Application is for the premises located at 30359 West Highway 160, South Fork, Colorado, 81154.

A Public Hearing on this application is scheduled for July 9th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. This hearing will be held at the South Fork Community Building located at 0254 Highway 149, South Fork, Colorado, 81154.

Comments and Petitions can be filed at the South Fork Town Hall located at 0100 Silver Thread Lane, mailed to P.O. Box 369, or emailed to townadministrator@southfork.org.

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pandemic that stopped the project in its tracks until June of 2023 when the hospital broke ground.

“This is going to be amazing for the community and the hospital,” said Timberlake.

While venturing into the Wellness Center, one of the first things that catches the eye is the color scheme and the view. Panoramic windows capture the gorgeous colors of the La Garita foothills to the north of Highway 160 and offer a sense of peace and wellness that can only be found in this part of Colorado.

A drywall mural greets people thanks to the artistic talents of Casey McCoy. Viewers will notice when they first look at the wall, that there will be a young woman meditating in a yoga exercise. However, unlike the traditional yoga meditation pose, where the hands are closed or face down on

her lap, McCoy made her head look upward with her hands open. He made this change because he wanted to show the symbolism that this young lady is being open and ready

to receive inspiration, revelation, guidance, direction, and change.

This little gesture has a big meaning behind it. McCoy has placed all sorts of symbolisms throughout this art piece and McCoy thinks it will be interesting to see what people will notice each time they see his finished work.

The front lobby opens to a wide-open space that will

feature community happenings, resources for health and wellness and schedules for classes or events at the center for the public to enjoy.

Flowing off the main lobby is the teaching kitchen that, according to Timberlake, will serve as the heart of the Wellness Center that offers cooking and dietary classes for many to enjoy.

“We will even have a chef that can teach how to fit a healthy diet into your life and what you need for a better lifestyle,” she said.

The kitchen then opens into a main conference room that boasts an interesting twist on the floor in the form of a walking maze. When the conference room is not in use, all the tables and chairs can be whisked away, and guests can walk the calming maze while enjoying the view that is like the one in the lobby.

Beyond the many features the Wellness Center offers, it will also serve as a place for family and visiting physicians to stay whether it is in one of the

cottages on the property or at the RV sites. The cottages are decorated in themes of places that have been proven to have longer living communities like those in Greece, Italy, Costa Rica, and Japan.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be at the Wellness Center just west of the main hospital on June 22 at 1 p.m.



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell
The Rio Grande Hospital Wellness Center features a teaching kitchen, large conference space, cottages and an open lobby with expansive views and a welcoming mural.

The beautiful new Rio Grande Hospital Wellness Center was made possible by generous donors from all over the San Luis Valley and beyond.



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Courtney Hamilton, a 2021 Centauri High School graduate, at the CERN LAB in Geneva, Switzerland.

Local graduate attends a 'History of Women in Science' study abroad program in Europe

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Courtney Hamilton, a 2021 Centauri High School graduate, has been attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where she is studying Health Science. Hamilton has been given an opportunity to study about the "History

of Women in Science" this summer in Europe. She will visit England, France, Switzerland, Germany and Sweden.

She will study the history of science, women's contributions to the field, and in supporting and

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Stampede scholarship applications open

STAFF REPORT

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Applications are now open for the annual Ski-Hi Stampede Adams State University Foundation (ASUF) scholarship, with an application deadline of June 24.

The Ski Hi committee and ASUF have teamed up to provide three scholarships to any male or female SLV resident that plan to attend or continue to attend ASU, both traditional and nontraditional students.

During the Stampede, July 11-14, 2024,

three scholarships valued at \$3,500 each will be awarded to qualifying applicants. In the year of the scholarship application, the applicant must have participated or will be participating in any of the following events: Stampede rodeo, SLV high school rodeo, SLV Little Britches rodeo, or the SLV Regional Fair as a 4-H or FFA participant, or be a stockholder or child of a Stampede stockholder, or be a volunteer during the Stampede event.

To apply, go to www.skihistampede.com/asu-scholarship-application.

ALMA Sundays at Six begins June 30

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Live Music Association (ALMA) is again providing free live music in Cole Park all summer long, with its Sundays at Six concert series. Head on over to Cole Park at 6 p.m. on most Sundays this summer and enjoy some quality live music.

Grab your dinner and dessert from Tacos Martinez and Frosty Acres Rolled Ice Cream, whose food trucks will be on site selling their delicious offerings at each concert this summer. And please bring a non-perishable item for the food drive to benefit the Alamosa Food Pantry.

On June 30, the sound of bluegrass will fill

Cole Park as Sundays at Six officially begins with Stillhouse Junkies. On July 14, indie rockers Mo Lowda and The Humble will wow the crowd, followed by the Chicano funk of Los Mocochetes on July 21. Finish July 28 with the indie stylings of Xerephine Band with Sage and Aera. Mojomama will bring their funky blues rock on Aug. 11, and Aug. 18 will feature the winner of Battle of the Bands 1000 shadows.

The final show of the season is on Aug. 28, with the variety group Groove 'N Motion. The shows will be livestreaming on ALMA's Facebook page www.facebook.com/almalivemusic.

San Luis town manager Sanderford honored by Colorado Preservation

STAFF REPORT

COSTILLA COUNTY — San Luis Town Manager Susan Sanderford has received the Colorado Preservation Inc. (CPI) Mark Rodman Award.

CPI is a statewide nonprofit historic preservation organization that advocates for the preservation of place. One of the ways that CPI supports the effort of local preservation is to acknowledge the individuals and projects occurring across the state that exhibit strong preservation practices, this annual recognition is given at their Dana Crawford and Alpine Bank State Honor Awards.

In 2023 with the passing of pres-

ervation leader, Mark Rodman, CPI introduced a new award focused on individuals making a strong difference in their communities.

Sanderford is the second individual to receive this award as a result of her commitment, vision, dedication and partnerships - often spearheading preservation projects within the community of San Luis.

CPI has worked on many projects within the Valley to include the People's Market (the R&R Market being listed as one of Colorado's Most Endangered Places) as well as the Sangre de Cristo Heritage Center, which received a finan-

cial grant from CPI's Rural Revitalization grant program last year.

CPI commends Sanderford's ability to move preservation forward locally. CPI recognized her commitment on May 20.

Left to right, Tom Witt, CPI Board President, Susan Sanderford's son, Susan Sanderford, Jennifer Orrigo, and Charles Executive Director CPI. Susan Sanderford received the Colorado Preservation Inc. Mark Rodman Award on May 20.

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SLVH, Children's Hospital Colorado form Care Alliance



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The photo features Dr. Joyce Oleszek. She is one of the CHCO providers who will provide specialty care in Alamosa in the Pediatrics Clinic at San Luis Valley Health (SLVH).

*Shared goal:
Deliver highest
level of pediatric
care close to home*

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ALAMOSA — San Luis Valley Health (SLVH), the region's largest hospital, and Children's Hospital Colorado (Children's Colorado), one of the nation's top children's hospitals, announced Wednesday they have entered into a Care Alliance, which is a collaboration across the organizations to provide children and their families with the highest level of coordinated medical care as close to home when possible.

"We're very excited about the Care

Alliance with Children's Colorado," said Antonio Gurule, San Luis Valley Health's director of clinics. "This will improve our ability to deliver pediatric care right here in the San Luis Valley. It is very much in keeping with our 'trusted partner in health' philosophy. One important aspect of the Care Alliance is the Children's Colorado Regional Clinics which will be located in the pediatrician clinic space at San Luis Valley Health."

The formal agreement establishes a standing Care Alliance Steering Committee between the two hospitals. The committee's work will include streamlining care coordination to help reduce costs, improve quality, support collaborative case management, and knowledge sharing. Of key significance, the alliance means that local kids and their families will have increased access to some of the

best minds in pediatric care for their children and young adults without having to travel.

In addition to providing this care, the professional team from Children's Colorado will also provide mentoring, education, and training across care teams at SLVH to enhance delivery of pediatric care.

"We are humbled and proud to partner with San Luis Valley Health to bring increased access to top-ranked pediatric care closer to home for families in the San Luis Valley," said Jennifer Knotts, Children's Hospital Colorado's vice president of partnerships and business development. "Founded more than a century ago, our mission is to improve child health. This new partnership demonstrates our continued commitment to care for Colorado children regardless of **Please see ALLIANCE on Page 6**

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		6/13	6/12	6/11	6/10	From 6/13				
		2day	3day	4day	5day	7day				
Moravian 69	04/05	0.27	0.23	0.19	0.17	0.50	0.70	0.87	1.09	1.58
Moravian 69	05/05	0.26	0.22	0.18	0.15	0.48	0.66	0.81	1.00	1.41
Early Wheat	04/05	0.27	0.23	0.19	0.17	0.50	0.70	0.87	1.09	1.58
Early Wheat	05/05	0.26	0.22	0.18	0.15	0.48	0.66	0.81	1.00	1.40
White Wheat	04/05	0.27	0.23	0.19	0.17	0.50	0.70	0.87	1.09	1.58
White Wheat	05/05	0.26	0.22	0.18	0.15	0.48	0.66	0.81	1.00	1.40
WinterWheat	10/01	0.27	0.23	0.19	0.17	0.50	0.70	0.87	1.09	1.58
Potatoes										
Norkotah	05/05	0.10	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.17	0.23	0.26	0.31	0.40
Centennial	05/05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.10	0.13	0.16	0.21	0.30
Nugget	05/05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.10	0.13	0.16	0.21	0.30
Alfalfa	Est.	0.31	0.27	0.22	0.19	0.58	0.80	0.99	1.24	1.81
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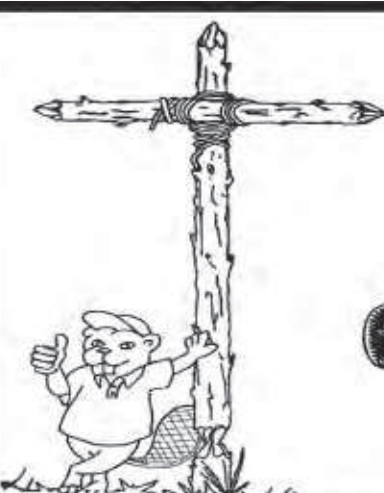
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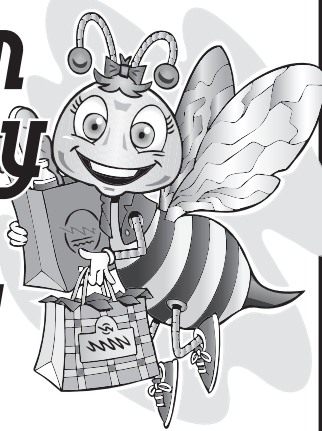
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This free Vacation Bible Camp is open to all adventurous kids from over 3 years old to those having completed sixth grade.

Family and friends are invited to camp Friday, June 28, for a cookout at 6 p.m. followed by a children's program at 7 p.m.

HAMILTON

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empowering women to pursue their scientific interests.

The study will include the European exploration into how politics, custom and society shaped the lives of early female scientists, and how these individuals worked to overcome obstacles and break the barriers of scientific thought.

In addition, she will hear from outstanding modern-day female scientists and champions of women in science, their advice for success, and the challenges they have overcome.

Highlights of the experience include visiting King's College in London to learn about Rosalind Franklin and her X-ray diffraction images leading

to deciphering of the DNA structure; hunting for fossils in the Lyme Regis region; visiting the Marie Curie museum in Paris and learning about her life contributions to chemistry, biology, and her discovery of novel elements; touring CERN, the European Organization for Particle Research near Geneva; visiting the Max Planck Institute for Science and Technology in Munich and Berlin; as well as viewing the Nobel Prize Museum and Concert Hall in Stockholm; all while exploring the culture and history of these five countries.

Hamilton received a competitive scholarship to help fund this experience.

ALLIANCE

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where they live by eliminating barriers and increasing access to the knowledge and care of our pediatric experts in partnership with San Luis Valley Health."

The only dedicated pediatric health system within a seven-state region, Children's Colorado partners with community hospitals across a 1,000-mile-radius that comprises Colorado, Montana, Wyoming and New Mexico to bring pediatric specialty care closer to home. This new partnership marks the 11th Care Alliance for the system. The Care Alliance goals are to support community hospitals across the region by elevating and enhancing pediatric care in communities and, when needed, to streamline care to Children's Colorado when a higher level of care or more specialized need arises for a family. Each Care Alliance is uniquely tailored to meet the specific needs of the community.

"Children's Colorado has and continues to help us support our most critically ill and complex patients, but this collaboration signals a focus on prioritizing and enhancing pediatric care in the San Luis Valley," said Dr. Amarilys Rojas, pediatrician, SLVH Pediatrics Clinic. "As the leading medical facility in the region

with the most on-staff pediatricians, it is our duty to provide comprehensive care and be the medical home for the valley's children. This is especially true for complex patients and families where it is extremely difficult for them to be away from home and/or work when their child has medical or surgical needs. This collaboration is vital to the advancement of pediatric medical care in the region and serves as proof that both

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Moffat Volunteer Fire Department hosts tasty Cajun Boil

By **MARIE MCCOLM**

MOFFAT — On Saturday, June 8, the Moffat Volunteer Fire Department hosted a scrumptious Cajun Boil fundraiser at the firehouse.

Members of the fire department served the meal. The meal consisted of a generous helping of white rice and beans, along with a few large, delicious shrimp, pieces of baked potato, onions, a generous amount of crab legs, corn on the cob and two hush puppies.

As an alternative people could also choose blackened chicken and rice for their donation of \$20. Drinks included iced tea, lemonade, or water. There was also soda available for sale.

There was a silent auction during

the boil that featured donated items from Valley businesses. There was also a 50/50 raffle.

Former member of the Moffat Volunteer Fire Department, Nelly Ruggles was at the Cajun Boil with her husband, and said the dinner was nice.

“This is great. We used to be members of the fire department. We were here, then we were in Springs for about 30 years, and then we came back. We had no idea they made a new fire house. We support the fire department totally. I was able to help with fires years ago, so I do know how those hoses, and that equipment works. It’s a lot of work. This is a great event tonight,” Ruggles said.



Photos by Marie Mccolm

The Moffat Volunteer Fire Department hosted a scrumptious Cajun Boil and Silent Auction fundraiser inside the firehouse on June 8.

MVFD Assistant Chief Francisco Silva, who headed up everything at the doorway, selling tickets and taking donations for the food at the Cajun Boil.

“We are excited. A lot of people showed up. We are happy with the turnout,” Silva said.

The Moffat Volunteer Fire Department extended thanks to everyone who supported their Cajun Boil event.



Moffat Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Francisco Silva standing at the entrance of the fire house for the Cajun Boil and Silent Auction.

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15. Recidivists
17. City of Angels hoopster
19. A way to mark with one’s signature
20. OJ trial judge
21. Rice cooked in broth
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31. Woods
32. Political action committee
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37. Philippine Island
38. Contrary to
39. Bluish-gray fur
40. Comprehend the written word
41. Natural depressions
43. Felines
45. Breathe noisily
46. Taxi
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5. A place to work or relax
6. Sharp mountain ridge
7. Helicopter
8. Mimic
9. Suggests
10. More musty
11. Large, flightless rail
12. Make beer
13. Soviet Socialist Republic
16. People who can account for you
18. Taunt
22. South Dakota
23. Cover the entirety of
24. Kids’ favorite visitor
25. A way to save for retirement
27. Fencing swords
28. C. China mountain range
29. Type of sandwich
30. Team
31. Paddle
33. Partly digested food
35. Most cagey
36. Shoppers make one
37. Cathode-ray tube
39. Food supplies
42. Backbones
43. Concern
44. Blood group
46. Broadway songwriter Sammy
47. Dutch colonist
48. Full-grown pike fish
49. Deity of a monotheistic cult
50. Type of bread
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52. Scottish tax
53. Young women’s association
54. Brazilian city
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56. Midway between north and northeast

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Valley Roots Food Hub SLV Farm Tours begin June 22

By MARIE MCCOLM
MOSCA — Agriculture and farm lovers, are you looking for something fun and exciting to do this summer? Valley Roots Food hub has you covered. Valley Roots Food Hub will be hosting exciting San Luis Valley Farm Tours that will begin in June and go through September. Tickets for the tours are available online for \$35 each and include lunch and transportation to the farms. There will be three different areas where the tours will take place. June tours will take place in the west part of the Valley. July tours will take place in the south part of the Valley. September tours will take place in the north part of the Valley. The first set of tours will take place on June 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Farms that

are scheduled for that day are Laz Ewe 2 Bar Goat and Dairy Farm in Del Norte, Colorado Fresh Farms, and Three Guys Farm in Monte Vista. The second set of tours will take place on July 27 from 9 a.m., to 5 p.m. Current farms that are scheduled for that day are White Rock Specialties in Mosca, Rio Grande Farm Park in Alamosa, and Elevation Farm and Orchards in Alamosa. The third set of tours will take place on Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Current tours schedule for that day are to Jones Farms Organics in Hooper, San Juan Ranch in Saguache County, and Alpine Valley Mushrooms in Saguache. More farms may be added to each of the tours. Nick Chambers spoke about the Valley Roots Food Hub, “Valley Roots

is a Colorado local food distributor. We have over a hundred producers in our network statewide, and that’s across produce, meat, dairy, and value added. You know we run online markets, where customers place orders. We are a project of the nonprofit in Alamosa called the San Luis Valley Local Food Coalition. We operate in Mosca, and we operate out of White Rock Specialties, which is a potato and quinoa plant. We are all about just small, medium, and large-scale Colorado local foods. We essentially aggregate all the products from those hundred producers that we have in our network. We put them all together for buyers to see. Buyers will get one invoice representing over 100 producers. This is again across, meat, dairy, produce, and value added, all those categories.” Chambers said they operate on a

produce model, so the idea is to sell the produce before it is harvested. Chambers explained that this gives farmers fresh numbers to know exactly how much to harvest. “When the food is harvested, it is picked up and aggregated in our warehouse in Mosca, and then it has a very quick turnaround time to our customers, since it’s already sold, of about 24 to 36 hours from warehouse to customer establishments,” he said. Chambers said that the customers in network include, grocers, restaurants, buying clubs, hospitals, dude ranches, dude trucks, caterers, and wholesalers. Chambers also said there is a CSA market specifically for people who like shopping from home. “We do home deliveries for them. We also have a bunch of pick-up locations in

their communities where they can pick up their goods once per week,” he said. Chambers said that for as many stakeholders and moving parts as Valley Roots has, they are mission driven as well. “We come out of the pioneers for organic food, are some of the founders of our board. We really want to promote soil health and growing food. We really wanted to bring that to the forefront of consumers’ buying choices. We really try to encourage the development of the economy and community. It really starts with the buying choices that all our community members have. We really want to be the ones that people buy from. We also know that if we keep the buying local, that’s how we create wealth and abundance in our community,” he said. For more information on the SLV Farm Tours, call 719-206-2839.

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BEAUTIFUL RIVER LOT FOR SALE!
 APPROX. 0.500 ACRES
 \$174,900/MLS#812252
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Large Warehouse Approx. 6,579 sq. ft. on 1.57 Acres
 \$150,000 | MLS #811519
 1665 S. County Rd. 4 E. Monte Vista, CO

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Amazing Opportunity/Car Wash for Sale!
 \$215,000 | MLS #809144
 219 Main Street Antonito, CO

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Commercial Lot with Easy Access/ Approx 1.42 Acres
 \$79,900 | MLS #813004
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Perfect Live/Work Property
 APPROX. 3.47 ACRES
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