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News in Brief

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.

City holds meeting on Lariat Ditch trail project

People expressed being for and against the proposal

By MARIE MCCOLM
MONTE VISTA – A public meeting for the proposed Lariat Ditch Project was held at the Outcalt Event and Con-

ference Center at SLV Ski Hi Complex on June 11.

The goal of the meeting was twofold, the City of Monte Vista was seeking input on the project for its grant proposals and providing information on what would be a \$10 million undertaking funded by fast-paced grants that would not require a match by the city.

If everything fell into place, construc-

tion would begin in 2025 after the ditch season and be completed in the fall of 2027.

City Planner DJ Enderle said they would pipe the Lariat Ditch and place an 8-foot-wide walking and bicycle path on top of the pipe. The result would be a 2-mile trail from the Monte Vista Golf Course to the Polished Bean.

The ditch runs behind Monte Vista

High School, along Prospect Avenue, across South Broadway Street, along Acequia Drive and Newcomb Avenue, before curving south between Covey Street and Henderson Road.

The trail would have crosswalks, lighting, and have amenities such as benches, flowers, bags for dog waste, and much more.

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Photo by Marie Mccolm

The Monte Vista Elks Lodge hosts the Bike Rally with support of the Monte Vista Police Department.

Children learn bike safety at annual rally

MV Elks gave away bicycles, helmets and more

By MARIE MCCOLM
MONTE VISTA — Approximately 15 children attended the annual Bike Rally on June 15 that the

Monte Vista Elks Lodge hosts with the Monte Vista Police Department.

This year a fun obstacle course was set up for the kids, made of orange safety cones. Children maneuvered their bicycles through the obstacle course. The purpose was to teach children the importance of bike safety.

Children of all ages rode their bikes, laughed, ran through the park, and looked at the four bicycles on display that were given away as part of a raffle that the children signed up for when they first got there. Parents mingled and enjoyed baked goods such as cookies and

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Vali 3 Theater operator closes the doors

Richards has decided not to purchase the locale

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — The Vali 3 Theater is closing after operator Bob Richards decided not to purchase the massive downtown building and is not reupping the lease agreement with the City of Monte Vista.

It is not known if the theater were closing for good or if the city would try to find someone else to take it over.

A year ago, local radio station owner Richards signed a lease with the City of Monte Vista that included the option to purchase the movie theater space.

Low ticket sales caused Richards to reevaluate his option to purchase the theatre.

According to Richards, over 21,000 radio spots were run for the theater this past year, along with a new website that showed movie trailers for the different movies. Facebook boosts and posts were also used to promote the theater, and other various forms of social media marketing.

Despite all the marketing, overall attendance rose by 2 people per show over the previous year.

A lot of money was lost, "tens of thousands of dollars," due to employee costs,

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ASU inducts Class of 2024 Educators Hall of Fame



By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY
ALAMOSA — The Twelfth Annual Adams State University Educators Hall of Fame Cer-

emony on June 4, included a warm welcome from Adams State President David Tandberg, Ph.D., introductions by Master of Ceremonies Curtis Wilson, and a heartfelt address from Alamosa School District Assistant Superintendent Luis Murillo, Ph.D.

They all voiced appreciation for professional educators and their positive impact on individuals, classes, and society. Honorees, or their representatives, expressed gratitude for Adams State and the skills and experiences they acquired in and out of the classroom.

The following were inducted into the Educators Hall of Fame:

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Approximately 65 people attended the public meeting. People were split on the project.

Mick Daniel, executive director of San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!), said a grant for the Recreation Economics for Rural Communities (RERC) led to the Lariat Ditch Project plan.

Daniel explained that in 2021 SLV GO! applied for and received a RERC grant through the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). In 2023, meetings were held to produce outdoor recreation ideas and plans for Monte Vista.

"In that process, the idea came up about the Lariat Ditch and Trail," Daniel said. "SLV GO! at the time had worked in Monte Vista previously, we raised money and built the Skeff Trail."

Daniel said that trails of these types have come to be safe corridors for kids and people. They are specifically built for bikes and walking, to get kids to school, and to get people to go downtown.

"Also, other amenities like a way to Ski Hi, the golf course, and parks. We have found good success with doing this. It gets people active and a few more cars off the street," he said.

Daniel said that the trail would be unique because it goes right behind

downtown and would be asphalt.

"With the addition of the new sidewalks that are going to go in, it will also connect directly to Ski Hi."

Daniel also explained how these types of trails help eliminate crime, as usually people who are involved in crimes seek dark places to commit crime.

"With the trail being lit and having this type of an amenity, criminals would be less likely to try to cause problems on this trail," he said.

Daniel said they are aware that not everyone is for the project.

"I know that there is some opposition out there, and I want you to know that you are going to be heard. What we have seen is once this type of trail is put in, and people are actually using it. It ends up being a better neighborhood than what we thought it was going to be," he said.

The president of the Lariat Ditch Board said the ditch had been incorporated since 1883. He also stated that when the city approached him about the project that he was all for it, because the ditch had been used for so many people to dump trash in it for so many years, and the board feels that the trail would help curb this. He said they pull out 4 to

5, 12-yard dumpsters every year out of the ditch, "that does not come from the river it comes from city folks."

Enderle explained the project more in depth. Enderle there had been a lot of public discussion on it, and it was even looked at and voted on by the Planning Commission and by the City Council.

Enderle said that the masterplan for the city specifically mentions how every ditch culvert is approaching the end of life in the city, and the culverts themselves would cost approximately \$100,000 to replace, but adding the trail would take care of all the replacement culverts.

"The city is responsible for every culvert, and every bridge that runs over the ditch, which means the taxpayer is responsible for paying for those things. Another upside to the project is it would take care of those culverts and ditches for the next 100 years or so," he said.

During a question-and-answer period, many people questioned the motive behind putting in the trail and wondered why the city needs another trail.

People to live near the path of the ditch said that this would give criminals more motive to do criminal things, because they would be allowed to walk

via the trail near, in, or by people's yards.

A Monte Vista Golf Club member thanked Enderle for going to their meetings and speaking to them about the trail but stated the club was still in opposition due to safety concerns.

The member asked about the maintenance on the trail and said that ongoing maintenance would be expensive.

Local business owner Raina Bowsher said that instead of trying to put in another trail, the city should try to find a grant that would help put in a swimming pool, as the pool would be something more beneficial that could draw more people to town.

Enderle echoed the comments from Daniel concerning crime, stating the trail would be well lit and people would be less likely to commit crimes in a well-lit area.

Enderle stated that although he did not know the cost of the maintenance, that there is not anything that is built that does not require maintenance, but other grants are always looked at when the decision of maintenance comes into play.

A member of the audience said that an "aquatic" group was currently working on bringing another swimming

pool to Monte Vista, and this was in the works, and would be addressed formally, once more of a plan was made for the swimming pool.

Enderle said he understood the concerns about the trail, and that was the one of the reasons for the meeting.

"Nothing is set in stone, that is why we are here, we want to hear from everyone and then make a good uniform decision that will hopefully benefit us all, whether we put the trail in, or the decision is made not to add it," he said.

"I am curious to see the outcome with so many people being both for and against. I am curious to see what modifications we can use to make it work, because I really believe it is a good project. I don't want to hear just yes; I want to hear everybody's input so we can do the right thing for our city."

City Manager Gigi Dennis said, "I am very upbeat by the number of people that came out in support as well as in opposition to express their concerns. I think this gives us another place to continue to improve the grant. It's Colorado University that will be writing the grant and this gives them more information, to help with the writing of the grant, too."

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Elementary Educators

• Richard Maestas

A native of the San Luis Valley, Maestas received his Adams State Bachelor of Arts in 1974 and his master's degree in 1978. He was a dedicated educator for 20 years with a passion for teaching students with special needs. Maestas is bilingual, which was an important asset when communicating with many of his students and parents. He taught special education in grades two through eight with the Alamosa School District, retiring in 2002. Maestas also served on the Alamosa Education Association as the building representative for one year. Before attending college, Maestas was a Crew Chief on a Bell UH-1 helicopter in the Army for two years. He and his wife, Lenora, have three children -- two are Adams State graduates -- and five grandchildren.

• Connie Marvel

Marvel attended Adams State on a San Luis Valley Federal Savings and Loan (now SLV Federal Bank) Scholarship. She received her degree in 1975 and was an educator for 30 years. She entered the education profession as a paraprofessional; while working in California middle schools, she earned a teaching certification from San Francisco State University. Marvel taught in American Samoa, Wisconsin, and Colorado. She received her Master of Science from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point in 1993. At Poudre School District in Fort Collins, Marvel and her students collaborated with local resources to engage in watershed studies in their neighborhood. Connie and her husband, Kim, have climbed all of Colorado's fourteeners and visited all 63 US National Parks.

• Antoinette Rodriguez

Rodriguez received an Adams State Bachelor of Arts in 1977 and a Master of Arts in 1984 and served as an educator for 28 years. Before beginning her teaching career, Rodriguez developed and implemented "Urban Experiences," a grant project that exposed sophomores and juniors to diverse work experiences in Denver and Boulder. During this time, she collaborated with Sierra Grande School and initiated ski trips and fostered community-school connections. Rodriguez was a non-traditional student when she received her bachelor's degree and began teaching kindergarteners for the Alamosa School District. At the time, kindergarten operated on a half-day system and Rodriguez taught 30 children in the morning and another set of 30 in the afternoon. Being bilingual was an asset to her chosen profession and helped her connect with families.

• Jack Signs Jr.

After graduating with his Bachelor of Arts in 1968 from Adams State, Signs Jr., taught fifth grade in Sanford School District from 1968 until 1999. He received his Master of Arts from Adams State in 1982. From 1974 until 1999, Signs' students participated in the Wellington Environment Study Area at the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. He coached high school football, basketball, baseball, and track and middle school wrestling. His accomplishments include being named to the 2012 Colorado Volleyball and CHSAA Volleyball Official Hall of Fames. Signs received the Sanford Teacher of the Year Award and was a nominee for the SLV Educator of Year. He started the Sanford fourth through sixth grade noon-hour softball tournament in 1982, which continues today.

He is a third-generation educator and has a granddaughter who is a fifth-generation educator.

• Florence Bell Whiting (posthumous)

Whiting began her teaching career in one-room schoolhouses after attending Colorado State College of Education in Greeley. While teaching with Denver Public Schools she met and married Robert Whiting. At age 50, Whiting completed her Bachelor of Arts from Adams State in 1955. She taught second grade at Boyd Elementary School. At the time, retirement was mandatory at 65 in the Alamosa School District but that didn't stop her desire to work with students; she continued to teach at the Head Start for several years. Whiting was the 1979 Beta Sigma Phi Founder's Day Woman of the Year. She was active in many community organizations and played the organ for St. Thomas Episcopal Church for over 30 years.

Secondary Educators

• Cynthia Brown Gettman (posthumous)

Gettman received her degree in education in 1968. She started her teaching career in 1970 at J.W. Fair Middle School in San Jose, Calif., where she taught special education for 20 years in the subjects of English and history. She was also the drama director, staging two plays a year. In addition, Cynthia Gettman taught special education preparation courses at San Jose State University. She was active in the Gilroy Garlic Festival, which raised millions of dollars for organizations in the community. She also taught English as a second language to adults, after retiring from the public-school systems. She volunteered with her church and community organizations. She and her husband, Harold Gettman, have

two children and three grandchildren.

• Harold 'Doogie' Gettman (posthumous)

A first-generation college graduate, Gettman received his Adams State Bachelor of Arts degree in 1969. After college, he and his wife, Cynthia, moved to California where he taught primary grades while obtaining his special education credential. He soon accepted a teaching and coaching position at Mt. Pleasant High School in East San Jose. While teaching full time, he also served as department chairperson for the special education department. By the mid-1980s, he had moved into special education administration, where he supported and mentored special education teachers. Like his wife, he was very active in charitable organizations including the Special Olympics of Northern California. After 31 years in education, he continued volunteering to benefit children. The Gettmans loved to travel, especially with family and friends.

• James Huerena

A native of Denver, Huerena, a gifted athlete, received many awards and recognition as a high school and college football player. He received his Adams State Bachelor of Arts in 1992, having played on the football team from 1987-1990.

During his college career, Huerena was a three-year starting running back and four-year letterman. He recently retired from the field of education after 30 years, nearly all served in the Widefield District 3 in Colorado Springs, Colo. Huerena served for 20 years as a coach for a variety of high school teams including head of the boys' golf team and assistant coach for the girls' team. He and his wife, Tammy Huerena, also an Adams State graduate, have two children.

Administrators

• Richard Aggen (posthumous)

An Adams State student athlete, Aggen became the head wrestling coach at Fort Lupton, after receiving his Bachelor of Arts in 1978. He was the district athletic director at Fort Lupton from 1992-1999. Aggen earned Coach of the Year in 1981, 1986, and 1987 and coached 15 individual state champions. After earning his Master of Arts from Colorado State University, Aggen continued in Fort Lupton, working with middle and high school students. He received the 2013 Lifetime Service in Wrestling Award from the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. He culminated his career at Adams 12 School District as executive director of facilities. Aggen and his wife, Donna, were married for 40 years; they have two children and four grandchildren.

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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 unbatched 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 unbatched 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, motel 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 many are



Photo courtesy of Wyoming Department of Transportation

Teton Pass after road collapse on June 12.

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 TetonPassholes, 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.

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By Molly Absolon

LETTERS

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
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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 and senior team members at SLVH. She was also surprised when her husband showed up to support her. The traditional



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.

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/.



Photos by Marie Mccolm

Manny Martinez, left, won a bike at the annual Bike Rally on June 15.



Zyanayaz Gonzalez won a bike at the annual Bike Rally on June 15.



Elijah Sasser won a bike at the annual Bike Rally on June 15.

RALLY

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cupcakes, from a bake sale that was set up in the park.

Shari Desautell of the Monte Vista Elks Lodge was at the rally and spoke about how it works.

"We have had this for several years now," she said. "We try to do this right around Flag Day so we can incorporate a Flag Day ceremony. We also have some little girls here having a bake sale. The police come in and have a nice obstacle course for the kids, where they teach them things. The police teach the kids hand signals and how to watch for cars, and all the bicycle etiquette. We also do drawings for bicycles, helmets, stuffed animals, coloring books, and other things for the kids. We also have other games here for the kids. We have some prizes for the kids for

those games too."

A Monte Vista Police Department officer talked to members of the Elks Lodge and to the children. The Elks also served a free lunch for everyone. Subway sandwiches were served, with a bag of chips, and a cold bottle of water. Everything got exciting when the tickets started being called by members of the Elks. The children ran across the park and got close to the table with the prizes on it, as the tickets were called. Four bikes were given away at the rally, along with some helmets, coloring books, and stuffed animals. Manny Martinez, Zyanayaz Gonzalez, and Elijah Sasser all won a bike.

For more information on the rally or the Monte Vista Elks Lodge, call 719-852-2456.



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Free seed packets available for pickup across Colorado

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DENVER — Generation Wild, a movement from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) that seeks to reconnect kids with nature, is calling on Colorado's kids to help Save the Bees this summer.

Generation Wild is distributing over 100,000 free packets of "Wilderflower" seeds — a nod to Generation Wild's friendly spokescreature, Wilder — and is encouraging kids and families to plant the seeds in their backyards. Wilderflower packets are now available for pickup at local libraries and more partner locations across the state.

This initiative aims to make our state more beautiful, more ecologically diverse and more friendly to pollinator friends — all while rewilding Colorado's kids.

"The Western Bumblebee population has declined in Colorado by 72% (CBS News), and we're calling on kids across Colorado to Bee the Change!" said GOCO Executive Director Jackie Miller. "Through this effort, kids will be empowered to improve the environment and learn firsthand what helps our local ecosystems thrive. Most importantly, they'll be outside engaging with nature in a fun and personal way— and Generation Wild knows that 'Kids Grow Better Outside.'"

The Wilderflower mix was developed in partnership with Applewood Seed Co. and packets are now available for pickup at local libraries and designated partner sites including more than 80 Little Free Library boxes.

By distributing 100,000 Wilderflower packets, Generation Wild is providing more than 56 million seeds for planting in every nook and cranny of the state. All seeds are regionally-native to Colorado, which is important for sustaining the living landscape of bees, birds and other

animals.

Additionally, Wilderflowers use less water than non-native plants. This is especially important as we strive to conserve Colorado's precious water resources.

"Applewood Seed Co. was excited to jump in and help Generation Wild identify a seed mix that is native to the Colorado region and the American West, containing a diversity of flower species to attract and support Colorado's pollinator populations," stated Norm Poppe, CEO of Applewood Seed Co. "We hope efforts like this continue to educate the public on pollinator conservation and the need to protect our native bees and butterflies."

According to a new report from the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 20% of Colorado's bumblebees are now at risk of extinction. Even in a small area like a backyard, planting Wilderflowers can make a positive impact on the local ecosystem and provide native bees a healthy place to live.

Wilderflowers are native Colorado wildflowers, which means they have adapted to our climate and soil, and don't need pesticides to survive. (Pesticides are another key cause of the decline in bee populations.)

With this initiative, Generation Wild is introducing the Bee Team, which will join Wilder out in the community this summer at various events for kids and families. Kids can join the Bee Team movement simply by spreading Wilderflowers in their own backyards and in public areas with approval.

In addition to providing seed packets, Generation Wild highlights several other ways for kids and families to get outdoors and take part in this movement, including:

Pollinator Week (June 17-24) is an annual celebration in support of pollinator health. What better time to spread



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Wilderflowers than during Pollinator Week? Beginning in July, Colorado families can visit stops on the Pollinator Trail, a Denver Park Trust-led initiative to restore native landscapes throughout Denver, providing resilient habitats where nature can thrive.

Pollinators are responsible for one in every three bites of food we eat. In Colorado, pollinators help produce apples from Paonia, pumpkins from Lafayette, tomatoes from Grand Junction, peaches from Palisade, cantaloupes from Rocky Ford and

lots more.

On Generation Wild Day, kids statewide are encouraged to get outside and spread Wilderflowers. Those located in the Denver Metro area are invited to come celebrate at the Children's Museum's Joy Park Free Night from 4:30-8:00 p.m. where

they can get free Wilderflower seeds and meet Wilder.

For more information and a statewide directory for where to find seeds in every community, visit generationwild.com/wilderflowers. Tag @GenerationWild on Facebook and Instagram to share your Wilderflowers.

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IN DEL NORTE

Kiley Lohr, FNP-C

Rio Grande Hospital Clinic

RioGrandeHospital.org

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.

To schedule your appointment with Kiley Lohr, FNP-C, call 719-657-2418

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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



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

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.



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

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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 Reading Program has started, June 3! Don't worry, you can still come to the library to register! The Summer Reading Program will be during the weeks of 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 log turned in by June 26 to be entered into a drawing to win a grand prize! Registration started 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.

The Carnegie Library, South Fork

THEATER

Continued from Page 1A — utilities, insurance, licensing, and other fees, including movie rights.

Richards has held free showings of major sporting events; he has also used the theater as a community gathering space.

In addition to showing the current releases, Richards held family movie nights and specials with the holidays.

The City of Monte Vista owns the theater building and for years helped keep it afloat but decided last year to find a buyer or someone to take it over as the maintenance was costing the city too much.

Presentations for the space were presented to the city. One of the stipulations by the city was that the space be used as an entertainment venue for up to four years. The proposal from Richards was chosen.

Richards appreciated the support he received, but it was not enough for him to keep it going.

Bobolicious Gourmet Coffee will continue to operate in the mornings in the theater's lobby.

Branch is having their Summer Book Sale! We are accepting donations as of now. We can only accept books that are in good condition and have been stored well, away from moisture, dirt, and animals/rodents. Please drop donations off inside the library during regular business hours and not outside at the door. Thank you!

Our regular library hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Tuesday and Thursday, and 12 to 4 p.m. on Sat. We are closed on Sundays. Contact us, for more information at 719-852-3931.

Here are our latest additions at the library: Found by Harlen Coben; Evergreen Christmas by Janet Daily; Mind Games by Nora Roberts; You Like it Darker by Stephen King; Butcher by Joyce Carol Oates; One Perfect Couple by Ruth Ware; Tom Clancy Act of Defiance

by Andrews & Wilson; Hidden in the Pines by Victoria Houston; Drown her Sorrows by Melinda Leigh; If Something Happens to Me by Alex Finlay; First Frost by Craig Johnson; Look on the Bright Side by Kristan Higgins; You Never Know by Tom Selleck; The Devil's Fortress by Dale Brown; The Lost Bookshop by Evie Woods; The Cemetery of Untold Stories by Julia Alvarez; Good Energy by Casey Means; Southern Man by Greg Iles; Camino Ghosts by John Grisham; The Last Mrs. Parrish by Liv Constantine; I Will Ruin You by Linwood Barklay; Cleto by James Lee Burke.

Have you taken advantage of our ILL program? That is our Inter Library Loan program. We can order books from another library if we don't have what you're looking for. Ask at the desk about this and we are happy to assist!

We also have a PUZZLE EXCHANGE where you can bring in a gently used puzzle and exchange it for one of ours on the shelf! Please make sure no pieces are missing and that the boxes are secure.

Don't forget about Libby. It is our online system for accessing books to read. Contact us for more information on how to get set up with this system.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of public hearing before the City Council of Monte Vista, Colorado at 6 p.m. on the 18 day of July 2024, located in the chambers of the City Council, City Hall, 95 W 1st Ave, Monte Vista, CO 81144 for the purpose of considering Ordinance of Adoption of the Guidelines and Regulations for Water Projects for Export Outside the San Luis Valley as Designated as Matters of State Interest of the City of Monte Vista.
 Materials relating to the guidelines and regulations may be examined at the office of the City Clerk, City of Monte Vista, 95 W 1st Ave, Monte Vista, CO 81144.
 This Notice given and published by the order of the City Council, Monte Vista Colorado. Dated this 11 day of June 2024.
 City of Monte Vista, COLORADO
 Unita Vance
 Unita Vance, Town Clerk
No. 4833 published in the Monte Vista Journal, Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

Notice: All contents of storage unit rented by Loretta Pickens, at PO Box 73, Capulin CO 81124, shall be disposed of two weeks from this publishing date. Gunbarrel Storage LLC, 1748 Hwy 285 N, Monte Vista, CO 81144.
No. 4836 published in the Monte Vista Journal, Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

Notice: All contents of storage unit rented by James Dean Talon, at 452 Calle Undid, Monte Vista CO 81144, shall be disposed of two weeks from this publishing date. Gunbarrel Storage LLC, 1748 Hwy 285 N, Monte Vista, CO 81144.
No. 4837 published in the Monte Vista Journal, Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

Second Posting of ORDINANCE 927
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA COLORADO REPEALING AND REENACTING PROVISIONS OF THE MONTE VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
 To View the full Ordinance Please contact City Clerk's Office at 719-852-6171 or email uvance@ci.monte-vista.co.us
No. 4834 published in the Monte Vista Journal, Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

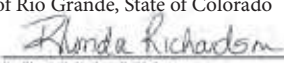
Notice of Public Hearing
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing before the Rio Grande County Board of County Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 11:00am
 The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed adoption of Guidelines and Regulations for Water Projects for Export Outside the San Luis Valley as Designated as Matters of State Interest of Rio Grande County. The proposed Guidelines and Regulations are available for review at www.riograndecounty.org under "Public Notices" on the main page or in the County Administration Office at 925 6th St Rm 200, Del Norte, between 8am - 4pm Monday - Friday.
 Any interested person may appear to be heard at the public hearings. These public hearings will be held in the commissioner's meeting room located in room 207 at 925 6th St., Del Norte, CO 81132. Written comments may be emailed to rgcadministrator@riograndecounty.org or mailed or hand delivered to the County Administration Office at 925 6th St Rm 200, Del Norte, CO 81132. Written comments must be received by 4pm on June 14, 2024.
No. 4824 published in the Monte Vista Journal, Wednesday, May 15, 22 and 29 and June 5, 12 and 19, 2024.

DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF RIO GRANDE STATE OF COLORADO 925 6th Street, Del Norte, CO 81132 719-657-3394 BRADEN ORR, Plaintiff v. ELI SANCHEZ; RHONDA RICHARDSON, Rio Grande County Treasurer and Public Trustee; and all other persons who claim as heirs, devisees, creditors or otherwise under said defendants, and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action, Defendants		COURT USE ONLY Case Number: 2024 CV 30008 Div.: <u>Ctrm</u>
LAW OFFICE OF ANGELA LEE Angela Lee, #53495 620 Grand Ave, Del Norte, CO 81132 mail: PO Box 69, Del Norte, CO 81132 719-657-1919 angela@angelalee.law Attorney for Plaintiff		

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS
 You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this Court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within thirty-five (35) days after service of this Summons upon you. Service of this Summons will be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty-five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint, without any further notice. This is an action to quiet the title of the Plaintiffs in and to the real property situated in Rio Grande County, Colorado, more particularly described as LOTS 3-4-5, BLOCK 102 DEL NORTE, subject to any and all matters of record, with a Parcel No. 1531043003, County of Rio Grande, State of Colorado
 Dated May 17, 2024
 /s/ Angela Lee, Attorney for Plaintiff
 #53495 Law Office of Angela Lee
 PO Box 69, Del Norte, CO 81132
No. 4827 published in the Monte Vista Journal, Wednesday, May 22 and 29 and June 5, 12 and 19, 2024.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 24-1121
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
 On March 21, 2024, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Grande records.

Original Grantor(s)	Eliseo Morales Cisneros
Original Beneficiary(ies)	Del Norte Bank, a Savings & Loan Association
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	
Date of Deed of Trust	December 19, 2022
County of Recording	Rio Grande
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	December 27, 2022
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)	202200448889
Original Principal Amount	\$162,286.45
Outstanding Principal Balance	\$111,087.44

 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 All that part of the SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 34, Township 39 North, Range 7 East, N.M.P.M., County of Rio Grande, State of Colorado, that lies West of the right of way of the Monte Vista Canal. Together with any and all water and water rights, wells and well rights, pumps, motors, equipment, etc. associated with said property.
 Purported common address: 2463 Lariat Road, Monte Vista, CO 81144.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 07/24/2024, at Public Trustee Office, 925 6th St.Rm.103, Del Norte, CO 81132, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
 DATE: 03/21/2024
 Rhonda Richardson, Public Trustee in and for the County of Rio Grande, State of Colorado

 By Rhonda Richardson, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 Tuck Young #2190
 Kettelkamp, Young & Kettelkamp, P.C. 201 W. 8th St. Suite 540, Pueblo, CO 81003 (719) 543-4321
 Attorney File #
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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Staff recognized with Boots on the Ground Awards

By MATTHEW TULLEY
ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Joint Interagency Oversight Group (SLV Joint IOG) is pleased to honor partner agency staff members with the “Boots on the Ground” award in recognition of employees who exemplify the spirit of cross-systems collaboration.

The award recipients for June 2024 are Cristalray Dominguez and Jamie Dominguez of Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center. Both are co-founders of center and have passion to restore the generational trauma of Alamosa, CO. They were nominated by Don Hanna of PALS (Positive Activities Lead to Success).

“Jamie and Cristal have been incredible community advocates for years. Their hearts for the community, especially Southside residents and the Latino community is palpable. Again and again, they have gone above and beyond to lift up youth and families who too often are overlooked or fall through the cracks. Their sensitivity to the culture of the families and youth they are working with, their ability to share their lived experience, and their deep understanding of the needs of the community, make their efforts particularly valuable and effective. They both serve as shining lights for Alamosa. We are incredibly lucky to have them and the work that they are doing,” from the nomination written by Don Hanna.

Established in 2008 and funded through Colorado House Bill

1451, the SLV Joint IOG currently includes Alamosa and Saguache Counties. Over twenty agencies participate including the 12th Judicial District, Probation Department, the Colorado Youth Detention Continuum program, Alamosa County Department of Human Services, Alamosa County Public Health Department, Alamosa School District, Center for Restorative Programs, Colorado Division of Youth Services, Colorado Health Partnerships, Crossroads’ Turning Points, San Luis Valley Early Childhood Council, San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group, San Luis Valley BOCES, Signal Behavioral Health Network, Health Colorado Inc., Boys and Girls Club of the San Luis Valley, Saguache County Department of Social Services, Saguache County Public Health Department, Center School District, Moffat Consolidated School District, Mountain Valley School District, Valley-Wide Health Systems Inc., La Puente Inc., Tu Casa, and Teri Sisneros, Family Representative for the SLV Joint IOG.

The goal of the SLV Joint IOG is to develop collaborative approaches for the provision of individualized, strength-based, family-centered, and culturally sensitive services to children, youth, and families. The SLV Joint IOG works to increase the quality and appropriateness of services while encouraging cost sharing and reducing service duplication and fragmentation.



Award recipients for June 2024, Boots on the Ground, from left to right: Cristalray Dominguez, Don Hanna and Jamie Dominguez. Courtesy photo

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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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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.

Courtesy photo



SLVH, Children's Hospital Colorado form Care Alliance



Courtesy photo

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

CONTRIBUTED

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

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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.

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and be able to work a fluctuating schedule including alternating Saturday's. Position open until filled. \$16.00 per hour 20-30 hours per week. Applications can be emailed to officemanager@slvlandfill.com or returned to the office. Download the application at slvlandfill.com. (6-26)

The Town of Del Norte Board of Trustees is accepting letters of interest to fill two appointed positions on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission takes part in charting the course of growth and development within Town limits while learning more about local planning. The Planning Commission members are appointed by the Del Norte Town Board there are two terms (two- year term and four- term) and they meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. to review and make recommendations on subdivision proposals, zoning, conditional use applications. If you are interested in serving on the Del Norte Planning Commission. Applicants MUST BE qualified electors (live Town limits) of the Town of Del Norte. If you are interested in serving on the Planning Commission, please call Town Hall at 719-657-2708 to receive an application or email/mail letters of interest with application to Del Norte Town Hall at 140 Spruce Street, Del Norte, Colorado 81132, or email to delnorte1860@outlook.com. Deadline for letters of interest and application is July 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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ESTIMATED CROP WATER USE

Weather Data from SLV Research Center located on the 9N and Hwy 285

Crop	Date Planted	Daily Crop Water use for Dates Shown (in./day)				Accumulated Water Use (ET) From 6/13 (inches)				
		6/13	6/12	6/11	6/10	2day	3day	4day	5day	7day
		Moravian 69	04/05	0.27	0.23	0.19	0.17	0.50	0.70	0.87
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
Lawnglass	Est.	0.26	0.22	0.18	0.16	0.48	0.66	0.82	1.04	1.51

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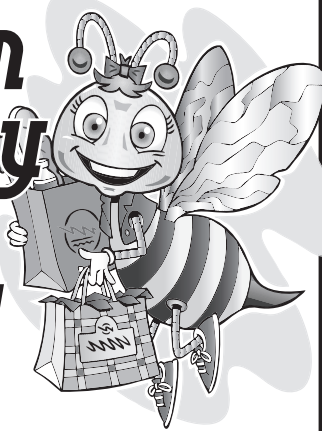
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This free Vacation Bible Camp is open to all adventurous kids from over 3 years old to those having completed sixth grade.

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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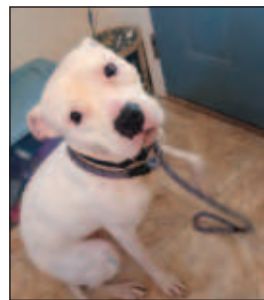
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Found on 5/29 on Covey St in Monte Vista



Found on 6/1, brought to the shelter on 6/13 from the Del Norte area

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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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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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23. One point east of southeast
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26. Grouped by twos
29. Disfigure
31. Woods
32. Political action committee
34. Longer of 2 bones in the forearm
35. Kin groups
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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49. Swiss river
50. Foot (Latin)
53. Have surgery
57. Formal withdrawal
58. Monetary units of Peru
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5. A place to work or relax
6. Sharp mountain ridge
7. Helicopter
8. Mimic
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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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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.

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