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## News in Brief

### Short-term closure to replace damaged culvert

**SAGUACHE** — The Rio Grande National Forest's Saguache Ranger District announced Monday, Aug. 5, that a short-term closure was taking place on National Forest System Road (NFSR) No. 675 at John's Creek (a map is online).

"We recognize that this closure will be a slight inconvenience for some people," said Saguache District Ranger Tristram Post. "We appreciate the public's patience as our road crew work to replace the damaged culvert that was temporarily repaired last year."

The closure will be in effect for approximately two weeks beginning on Aug. 5. The NFSR No. 675 closure can be found online at [www.fs.usda.gov/detail/riogrande/notices/?cid=STELPRDB5143145](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/riogrande/notices/?cid=STELPRDB5143145).

For questions about the closure, contact the Saguache Ranger District at 719-655-2547.

### Loosbrock speaking about mining history

**ALAMOSA** — The San Luis Valley Museum will be hosting a lecture program-slide show presentation about the mining industry in the Valley and Southern Colorado at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16. The event will be given by Adams State University Professor of History Richard Loosbrock, who is a noted authority on the topic. The program is free. The museum is at 401 Hunt Ave., Alamosa.

### CO Dept. of Ag stakeholder meeting

**MONTE VISTA** — The Colorado Department of Agriculture will be holding a stakeholder meeting regarding the requirement for mandatory testing of year-out potato seed at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at the Ski-Hi complex in Monte Vista. CDA needs input to determine the rules needed to implement this testing requirement.

SLV potato growers are being asked to attend and take the time to ensure they hear your voices. Call the CPAC office at 719-852-3322, if you have any questions.

# City submits paperwork for \$12.4M grant for Lariat project

By MARIE MCCOLM

**MONTE VISTA** — The City of Monte Vista is moving forward with the Lariat Ditch Project and submitted the paperwork for a \$12.4 million nonmatching grant, City Manager Gigi Dennis said during a Monte Vista City Council meeting earlier this month.

Dennis said it was a non-matching grant, and the city should be notified

by Labor Day, if they were successful in obtaining the grant. It was submitted in the first week of August.

The Lariat Ditch Project was introduced as part of the city's RERC (Recreation Economy for Rural Communities) plan that was implemented with an EPA grant to Monte Vista. The plan for the Lariat project, according to City Planner DJ Enderle, is to pipe ditch line in the city and

cover it with a paved pathway. The path would begin near Monte Vista High School and go in an easterly direction finishing the Polished Bean.

Dennis also said that the EPA grant that Monte Vista received for RERC planning was gaining notoriety. Chris Perkins, of Jackson, Wyo., visited Monte Vista. She said Perkins is starting to travel all over the country and visit some of the communi-

ties that have been successful with the EPA grant. Perkins is from an organization called the Outdoor Recreation Round table, based in Washington DC.

"He wanted to come to see what work we have been doing and what we have got going," Dennis said, adding that Perkins wrote a letter of support for the Lariat Ditch Project. *Please see GRANT on Page 2A*

# SLV Fair closes another successful run

By MARIE MCCOLM

**MONTE VISTA** — The San Luis Valley Fair kicked off on Aug. 1 and culminated on Aug. 9 with a Junior Livestock Sale and barbecue at the Ski-

Hi Complex in Monte Vista.

This year's fair marked 122 years. Annually, about 350 youth participate in the event.

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Photo by Brian Williams

Jocelyn Malouff, left, and Reese Anderson, right, pose for a photo after their goats were selected Reserve Grand Champion and Grand Champion, respectively, of the San Luis Valley Fair Market Goat Show on Tuesday, Aug. 6, at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista.



Photo by Brian Williams

Lane Mattive, left, shows the Grand Champion of the San Luis Valley Fair Market Sheep Show on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista. Mattive, 13, of Sargent Community 4-H Club, won his class with his 156-pound crossbred lamb before being selected Grand Champion. Macklie Sims, right, showed the Reserve Grand Champion of the fair.

Photo by Brian Williams



Photo by Marie Mccolm

Kaysen Johnson's Grand Champion Market Beef was purchased by Monte Vista Coop at the San Luis Valley Fair Junior Livestock Sale on Aug. 9 at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista.



Photo by Brian Williams

Sargent Junior High Schooler Aubrey Naranjo, 13, has the winning touch for Blue Spruce 4-H. She showed the Grand Champion Market Swine – a 271-pound heavyweight dark cross – at the San Luis Valley Fair on Monday night, Aug. 5, at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista.

# SLV Potato Festival set for Sept. 7 in Monte Vista

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**MONTE VISTA** — The San Luis Valley Potato Festival is set to return for its 17th edition on Saturday, Sept. 7. There will be plenty of opportunities for a day filled with fun at Chapman Park.

The day will begin with the Tater Trot 5K. Proceeds from the race will support pediatric diabetes patients throughout the Valley. The cost to participate is \$25

and early registrants get a free T-shirt.

There will also be an opportunity to join CPAC Executive Director Jim Ehrlich on a free Agricultural Tour. Those who would like to attend can sign up to ride a bus from the festival site to visit the SLV-Research Center and see a field being harvested. The tour is free and provides the chance to learn about the breeding, seeding,

growing and harvesting of Colorado's finest potatoes, right here in the San Luis Valley.

Festivities will continue throughout the day and will include free kid's games, the famous mashed potato dunk tank, and a professional chef competition between Chef Jason Morse of 5280 Culinary, Chefs RJ Harvey and Aurora Hollenbeck of Potatoes USA

and Chef Tim Alfrey of the Windsor Hotel.

There will also be bouncy houses, and a trampoline quad jumper along with food and craft vendors, live animals and much more.

For more information or to sign up for any of these events, visit [coloradopotato.org/potatofestival](http://coloradopotato.org/potatofestival) or call 719-852-3322.

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# San Luis Valley Pride through Aug. 25

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**ALAMOSA** — San Luis Valley Pride, a Non-profit organization dedicated to the ensuring the visibility and inclusion of individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ in the San Luis Valley is hosting the annual Pridefest celebration through Aug. 25 at various locations.

Pridefest brings awareness to queer individuals in the San Luis

Valley. According to the group, “We strive that every individual who is LGBTQ+ feels safe to be themselves in the Valley while providing some education around queer issues.”

Pride originally began as a protest in the late 60’s due to police oppression that was occurring to the queer/LGBTQ+ community in New York. Thus began the famous Stonewall Riots which kick-started some

of the most instrumental civil rights work. Pride then was about securing the rights to love people most genuinely, reduce discrimination, and build job protections for individuals who were being fired due to their sexuality. It still is about that, but much progress has been made and there is more to come. Pride now is a celebration of how far we have come as a marginalized group.

Pride is an important event for everyone, not just LGBTQ+ individuals, but allies alike. It’s the time of the year to show up and be there in support of our families and friends.

SLV Pridefest includes wonderful events. There will be a Brave Spaces Roller Skating event on Aug. 10 at the Alamosa Recreation Center from 4 to 8 p.m.

There is a Pride Gaming Night at Respawn Gameroom and VR Lounge in Del Norte from 5 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 14.

On Aug. 23, there will be pre-kickoff reading in Cole Park from 4 to 6 p.m. A DJ with some Drag Queen/King performers dropping in will be at the Rio Grande Farm Park from 6 to 10 p.m. The first 100 guests to the Kick-Off Party, will get free tacos from Taco Martinez.

On Aug. 24 at 10 a.m., folks will meet in the Alamosa Library parking lot to begin a human-led parade through town, whoever is Embracing their Rainbow the most enthusiastically dressed in their Pride will be rewarded on stage. After the parade, we kick-off Pridefest in Cole Park at 11 a.m. with live music, drag performers, and speakers.

The festivities will round out the weekend with a Drag Brunch on Sunday, Aug. 25, at the San Luis Valley Brewing Company at 9 a.m. for tickets, see our Instagram, Facebook or website slvpride.org.

## GRANT

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as the organization is a big support system of outdoor recreation.

During the city council meeting, Charles Spielman gave an update on the attempt to save two old cottonwood trees at the Monte Vista Golf Course.

“As you’ll recall in your meeting on June 20, I presented a petition signed by over 100 citizens. The petition had two goals, to preserve two cottonwood trees shading the number two tee at the Monte Vista Golf Course, while also preventing damage to the adjoining running track, on high school grounds from Cottonwood tree sap. Today I report to you that we have succeeded in the first goal but have not successfully accomplished the second” he said.

On June 20, Monte Vista School District Superintendent Scott Wiedeman stated that there was a need for the City of Monte Vista to step in and “do something”, with two cottonwood trees that were presenting a danger to the running track right next to the golf course.

Wideman was concerned that branches from the trees could fall on someone using the track and that the damage the branches would cause to the track surface.

In addition to the petition, Spielman presented the idea of bringing in a tree specialist to check the health of the trees and that the golf course had agreed to help purchase a cover for

the track to protect it from damage.

Spielman said the trees were examined by a specialist who reported that both trees were in good condition.

Spielman said according to Monte Canvas and Upholstery a covering would cost about \$3,800 to manufacture and install.

The MV golf club board members agreed to pay for the cover, Spielman said. But they had hit a snag because the company that just installed the new track had indicated that a fabric cover could cause condensation that might be harmful to the track.

“So, the question of a cover, is still unresolved,” Spielman said.

Council members thanked Spielman for the update but did not make any decisions regarding the trees.

City Manager Dennis said she visited with the golf course and asked why it was so important that the trees remain there, and they had expressed that they were coming up on their 100th anniversary, and those trees had been there longer than they had been around.

In other matters, Dennis also stated that due to the passing of an ordinance, she needed council members to appoint a board of adjustments. The city would begin seeking applicants and present them to the council at a future meeting.

The next city council meeting will be held on Aug. 15.

## OBITUARY

### Vivian Gay Deitrich-MacLean

Vivian Gay Deitrich-MacLean died suddenly on July 10, 2024, while on vacation in Southern Colorado at the age of 69.

She was born to Richard and Margaret (Burkholder) Deitrich in Del Norte, Colo. She lived her childhood in Baltimore, Md., and Denver, Colo. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School and received a bachelor’s degree in social work from Colorado State University in 1978. She worked as a program specialist at the C. Henry Kempe National Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver Colorado for four years before moving to Nashville, Tenn., to study at Vanderbilt University where she received master’s and PhD degrees in clinical psychology. She completed an internship in clinical psychology at the Children’s Hospital and Judge Baker Children’s Center of Harvard University Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts.

She went on to develop indepen-

dent practices in Nashville, Tenn., Laramie, Wyo. and Madison, Wis., over the next three decades as she and her family moved around the country. As a clinical psychologist, she worked initially with children and youth but gradually transitioned to a practice focused on adults, families and couples. She was a gifted clinician who had the privilege of helping hundreds of clients achieve a more fulfilling life. Although skilled in psychological assessment and therapy, it was her boundless empathy that helped her clients overcome their issues.

She enjoyed the outdoors, particularly bicycling, hiking, camping and fishing. At home, she loved flower and vegetable gardening, feeding birds, reading books, and solving puzzles. She also enjoyed traveling and this became a major focus for her and her husband in retirement. But most of all, she loved her dogs.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Margaret and Dick, and her brother-in-law, Greg Hight.



She is survived by her husband of 39 years, William (Bill) MacLean; children Will MacLean and Michael (Courtney) MacLean; granddaughter Sophronia, grandson Cassian, sisters Leslie (Tom) Shivers and Lori Hight, an uncle Craton (Mardell) Burkholder, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many loving friends.

A celebration of life will be held in the near future. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Cathedral Home in Laramie, Wyo., or the Laramie Animal Welfare Society (LAWS).

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Is your cup half full Montana's politicians have lost their ties to land

You don't have to have lived as long as Ol' Dutch to have heard the phrase "Is your cup half empty or half full?" It's a storied line used by psycho-babble people of every persuasion including pastors, shrinks, doctors, motivational speakers, teachers, and marriage counselors. The use of this phrase, of course, is that these well-meaning "helpers of humanity" want to get a person to look at their life in a positive manner instead of a negative one.

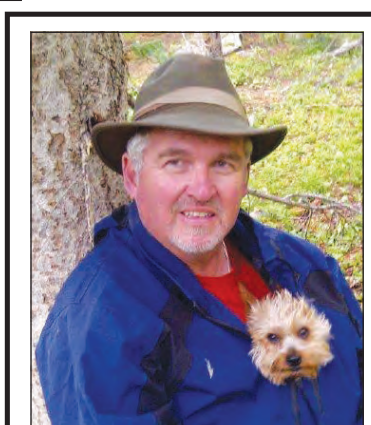
Now, I do know that it's way better for us to think about things in a positive manner and probably makes for a happier life but sometimes I wonder about such thinking. For instance, let's say you are headed on a trip in your car, and you glance down at the gas gauge to make sure you have sufficient fuel for the journey.

In this case, at least, I believe it is better to see the tanks as half empty so that some kind of urgency is placed on finding fuel for the trip. There are people, however, who drive around on fumes as they seem to see that they have "some gas" remaining in the tank hence no rush to replenish the same. They are what we call "walkers" as they soon find themselves without and then cannot believe it happened to them, of course.

Another place where seeing the lack in your situation may be helpful is with a person's bank account. It's a sad fact of reality that having a half full account really doesn't do much good when faced with a purchase. And yes, you can keep positive and say "well, at least I have some money" but that does not seem to help when you want to purchase anything of value. You are still half empty.

I have to say, Miss Trixie is a "half full" type of person and I do appreciate that as she always looks on the bright side of things which tends to pull Ol' Dutch along and out of the "half empty" mentality that he has. It's a good balance, I guess, for any relationship if one person can maintain positive vibes.

There is one area, though, that Ol' Dutch wishes she would come around to my way of thinking. That is with cups of beverages she leaves on the counter. She is her mother's daughter for sure as she is frugal to a fault but saving days old quarter cups of Chai Tea drives me



**Trout Republic**  
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

toward insanity.

And yes, I know some of you say well why can't I just dump them out and I do but mostly I hit them as they balance on the edge of the countertop and dump them on the floor. This elicits all kinds of loud exclamations and words not allowed in mixed company let alone here. And when Ol' Dutch lets loose, this causes Miss Trixie to launch off the bed where she is reclined like Cleopatra of old and come running to see what I did now.

I have tried to reassure her that we can afford the cheap Chai tea she buys and to simply dump it out when she thinks she is done but to no avail. So, it appears that while Ol' Dutch sees her cup as half empty, she will continue to see it as half full and keep it around until mold appears in the life-giving nectar of the elite.

And Ol' Dutch will continue to dump it down the drain at every opportunity which causes words of non-appreciation to spew forth from Miss Trixie's mouth. But Ol' Dutch is pretty hard of hearing now so what used to go in one ear and out the other simply does not even make it in the one hearing appendage.

Is your glass half full? Well then dump it out and save your marriage while you can.

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Tim Sheehy, the Republican seeking to unseat Montana Democratic Senator Jon Tester, is a business executive born and raised out of state. That same description applies to Troy Downing, a Republican running for one of Montana's two Congressional seats. Same for Montana's Republican Governor Greg Gianforte and his challenger, Democrat Ryan Busse.

I have nothing against out-of-staters moving to Montana or working at a business. I fit both categories myself years ago. But I think this change in politicians' backgrounds reflects a change in how Montanans view their identity.

Previous Montana politicians who weren't government lawyers often came from farming and ranching or related businesses. Today's business backgrounds are less intimate with Montana's land. Gianforte started a software company. Sheehy founded imaging technology and aerial fire-fighting businesses. Downing, a real estate developer, has owned everything from self-storage units to vineyards.

Seeking business-friendly policies, Republicans have long favored candidates with business backgrounds. But today's desire for political outsiders includes Democrats like Busse, a former firearms executive without experience in elected office. And recent high-profile Democratic candidates have included educators, managers, and a musician—in other words, people who have not worked daily with nature and its resources.

Montanans used to mistrust government officials who lacked intimacy with the land. But today, both parties elevate politicians who lack that intimacy, probably because Montanans care more about ideological issues such as immigration, abortion, inflation or gender identity.

Political power used to flow from grazing stock and vast acreages. Now it flows from Wall Street stock and scenic mansions. For example,

Sheehy and Downing own homes in the chichi resort of Big Sky; Gianforte comes from the expensive Bozeman area; Busse comes from the scenic and pricey Flathead region.

Sure, those places are Montana. But Montana's politicians once came from less-glamorous places, including bare-knuckle Butte, the faded mining metropolis; remote Libby, with its logging and mining economy; and dusty Billings, an oil and cow town. In the 2000 and 2004 gubernatorial elections, Democrat Brian Schweitzer owned a Flathead mint farm but bragged that he was raised on an eastern Montana cattle ranch.

In other words, politicians once claimed Montanan identity through shared experience. That often included in-state birth and always included land-based pastimes like hunting. Today it's less "Are you a hunter?" than "Are you endorsed by the National Rifle Association?"

The shift makes it hard to interpret politicians' actions. For example, in 2021, Governor Gianforte a killed a mountain lion and trapped and killed a wolf. Because he's not a rancher-politician, we can't understand, much less endorse, such acts in the context of a lifelong working relationship with land and livestock.

Similarly, Gianforte, Busse, and Downing have all been cited for various gradations of hunting violations. Should we judge them differently than we would a native-born hunter? And Sheehy's company is deeply in debt. For a ranch, that wouldn't be surprising. But for an aerospace company?

To the rest of the country, choosing leaders based on ideologies may sound familiar. But Montana, aka "Big Sky Country," used to pride itself on being different. More place-based, more rural, more centered on the individual.

Outsiders may have dismissed such philosophies as insular and backward—but that dismissal was what made them outsiders.



**Writers on the Range**  
by JOHN CLAYTON

How should we react to this change? We might celebrate that Montana is leaving behind its tired frontier myths. Or we might mourn the shift, because Montana's extraordinary landscapes—and people's deep relationships to them—were what once made the state special. As Montana changes from bovines to business and from rural to resort, its politics can feel like yet another big-box store featuring all the latest national trends.

Then there's Senator Jon Tester, the lone elected Democrat who's running for re-election. The third-generation farmer from the wide-open plains of Big Sandy represents the land-based tradition that Montanans once cherished. But do Montana voters still want a senator like that?

Regardless of outcomes this November, the act of choosing by ideology rather than deep roots in the land marks a huge change.

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## LETTER

### Vote yes for cats to uphold fair and ethical hunting in Colorado

Readers will remember Colorado Division of Wildlife's Tom Beck, our state bear biologist working at the time citizens voted to no longer send dog packs out to chase bears in spring, sparing cubs and Colorado from unfair, unethical practices.

"Most hunting can be ethically defended. Some cannot. Change, where necessary, is our only hope of survival," Beck was quoted in Colorado Outdoors.

The bear measure passed but didn't end all hunting; neither did the voter-approved ban on indiscriminate

leghold traps. CATs also carves out specific, unethical practices and in the widely marketed trophy lion hunting of Colorado, where outfitters charge upward of \$8,000 and a 100% guaranteed head, alongside commercialized fur trapping that lures bobcats with bait to skin them for fur coats on the Chinese market.

Lynx are included because as Colorado Parks and Wildlife reports, bobcats and lynx share habitat, are similar in appearance, and attracted to the same bait.

A vote "YES" in November will

uphold those principles of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, to not allow unfair chase and unsightly commercialization of wildlife.

CPW states on its website it will enforce the "will of the voters" as it always has done so well on moral issues for basic standards and ethics. Our trusted agency is here for the citizens as wildlife is a public trust, not private property of the fur trappers-and-lion-trophy-hunters-only club.

CATs held a press conference last weekend, where Erik Molvar, a pub-

lished wildlife conservation biologist who is also an avid hunter of deer and elk, had this to say:

"Hunting for big cats is trophy hunting, pure and simple. It's not to fill the freezer, it's to bring home a trophy...many hunters are like me, they subscribe to hunting ethics, like the fair-chase principle. Running mountain lions for miles with multiple dogs until they climb into a tree, and then shooting them out of the tree at point-blank range, that's not fair chase. The prey animal doesn't have a fair chance to escape, and hunters aren't taking

the quarry using their own skill and knowledge."

A yes vote on cats is a vote for the best of Colorado and to weed out what is nothing to be proud of. Visit www.catsarentrophies.org to learn more.

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# LOR Foundation helps MV Community Ambulance Service



Monte Vista Community LOR Officer Ivette Atencio helped the Monte Vista Ambulance Service purchase a CPR machine. 'As we all know, CPR machines are essential life-saving machines that are key to our emergency medical services. EMS Director Andree Valdez reached out to the LOR Foundation asking for a little help to purchase an additional LUCAS 3 chest compression machine, which will help EMTs better respond to situations with multiple patients.'

Photo by Marie Mccolm

## FAIR

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On Aug. 1 and 2, there was a horse show. On Aug. 3, breeding shows and hog showmanship shows took place. On Aug. 4, the Mike Kelley Memorial Barrow Show took place.

Kids and young adults could be seen all over the fairgrounds, tending to their animals, feeding them, brushing them, and leading them into the arenas to show their animals during the shows.

Many people also entered other competitions, aside from the animals, throughout the week that were held, including baking, cake making, cake decorating, photography, science experiments, and much more. Each person was also interviewed regarding their project, and they were judged and received ribbons and placement holders in the fair.

In preparation for the fair, many raised their own animals, or purchased animals. They invest a lot of time in the animals. The return on time and money invested comes back to when the animal is sold at the livestock sale.

This year's fair also featured food trucks. Vendors were set up inside of the Outcalt Event and Conference at SLV Ski-Hi Complex.

There were some amazing cake entries this year, including a cake that was decorated to look like a skunk, a beautiful 3-tiered cake that had climbing vines all over it, a cake that was decorated to look like a happy bunny rabbit, a cake that looked like a beach, and a cake that was decorated to look like a beehive. Grand Champion for the cakes was Liam Griffin with his cut up cake that looked just like a skunk, and the reserve Grand Champion was Joslyn Mix with her cake that was decorated like a bunny rabbit.

Winners of the shows included



Photo by Marie Mccolm

Liam Griffin made and decorated the Grand Champion skunk cake at the San Luis Valley Fair.

Grand Champion SLV Fair Market Beef shown by Kaysen Johnson and Reserve Champion SLV Fair Market Beef shown by Trace Johnson; Grand Champion Market Sheep shown by Lane Mattive and Reserve Champion Market Sheep shown by Macklie Sims; Grand Champion Market Goat shown by Reese Anderson and Reserve Champion Market Goat shown by Jocelynn Malouff; and Grand Champion Market Swine shown by Aubrey Naranjo and Reserve Champion Market Swine shown by Makenzie Consaul.

On Friday, Aug. 9, during the livestock sale and barbecue, about 350 people were there. The Grand Champion Market Beef was purchased by Monte Vista Coop for \$28,000.

For more information on the San Luis Valley Fair, visit their website at slvfair.com.



Photo by Brian Williams

Makenzie Consaul's medium weight dark cross was the Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine of the San Luis Valley Fair on Aug. 5

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# Annual Silver Thread Studio Tour is Aug. 17

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The Creede Arts Council is proud to be hosting the 20th annual Silver Thread Studio Tour from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Artist locations will be along the Silver Thread Scenic Byway, Highway 149, beginning in the Indian Trails neighborhood east of South Fork, up through Creede and ending at the Studios at Bristol.

Artists will share ideas, answer questions, and or perform demonstrations for the public. Artwork will be showcased and available for purchase.

This year, South Fork artists Amanda Charlton (acrylic painting), Hugh Lettely (watercolor), and Darlene Danko (textile arts) will be showing out of their home studios.

In Creede, artists Jennifer Inge (jewelry) and David Montgomery (oil painting) will be stops 4 and 5 at Rare Things, Too gallery on Main Street. Textural acrylic painter Colleen DeSanto will be showing out of her home

studio in Creede. Carol Jones (quilting), David Robinson (metalwork) and Jody Stroh (fused glass) are stops 7, 8 and 9.

Ten artists from the Studios at Bristol will be participating this year. Kathy Barnard (handblown glass), Mary Jo Depriest (handmade accessories), Joni Franks (children's books), Teri Inman (clothing design), Kyle Inman (photography), Brielle Killip (western-inspired fashion), Kathy Killip (jewelry), Cathy Ledeker (watercolor), Ken Orr (ceramics), and Rocky Wilson (woodworking) will all be present at the Studios at Bristol to discuss their work.

This year, the Creede Musical Arts Collective will be performing concerts along the Studio Tour route, schedule TBA soon. For questions or more information, e-mail [creedearts@outlook.com](mailto:creedearts@outlook.com) or call the CAC at 719-658-0312. The entire Studio Tour map and artist lineup can be found at [www.creedeartscouncil.com/silver-thread-studio-tour](http://www.creedeartscouncil.com/silver-thread-studio-tour).

## Entries sought for Saguache photo competition

By MARIE MCCOLM

**SAGUACHE** — Sara Fernandez recently announced the photo competition she is organizing is back for another year. Fernandez has held the competition for 10 years now, and entries from all over the Valley are welcome.

The competition began when Fernandez was a volunteer for the Saguache County Museum. The museum was looking for ideas to attract more people.

It was around the time of the Fall Festival which is usually held in September. Fernandez came up with the idea for a photo competition. It was first rejected, but Fernandez got a call from the museum 10 days before the festival, stating that it wanted to proceed with the competition. Fernandez said she put the first competition together in less than 10 days.

"I put it together so fast. I didn't have that many categories, so it started out small. The following year, the Methodist Church invited me to come to their Fellowship Hall and wanted me to host it there. I have been there ever since. It has been 10 years now and every year it continues to grow, with more and more pictures coming in," she said.

The rules for the competition are simple. The main rule is all pictures submitted need to be taken in the San Luis Valley. Fernandez allows people to submit up to two pictures per category, and all pictures must be framed or matted. No repeat entries from previous years are accepted.

There are various categories available for picture submission including: Historic Buildings, Local (people or activities), Best Buddies (two or more animals, children, adults, or mix of each), Landscapes, Skyscapes (sunrise-sunsets, rainbows, storm clouds, lightning), Wildlife, Miscellaneous (still life, or any topic not fitting into the other categories), Miscellaneous-Organics (floral, trees, vegetables, plant life), Action (working cowboys, rodeo, rafting,

sporting events, etc.), Pets (domestic animals such as dogs, cats, horses, chickens, cows, etc.), Series (2 to 4 related photos), Black and White (any subject), and Professional Category (any subject).

Some categories may be grouped together if the total number of entries are low.

There will be a ribbon given for places 1-6 in each category, an Overall Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, and Teacher's Choice award. All awards are by popular vote.

Entries can be submitted between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13, and or between 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church at 6th and Christy streets in Saguache. Entry forms can be filled out the day photos are submitted. There is no entry fee to submit your photos.

If you cannot submit during these times, call Fernandez at 719-239-0366 to make other arrangements.

Public voting will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, and Friday, Sept. 20, at the church.

The photos will be on display with their awards between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Fellowship Hall. Entries must be picked up between 3 and 4 p.m. Fernandez says she is not responsible for unclaimed photos.

Fernandez said that each year she has received between 40 and 50 pictures.

"A lot of people enter. The public vote is a popular vote. The photo with the most votes receives overall Grand Champion. What is so rewarding about this contest is I have people that enter every year, and every year their pictures just get better and better. It is so amazing to see the people grow. I have also seen people walk out with a fourth or fifth place ribbon and they are just smiling and happy. This makes me feel like I am doing something wonderful," she said.

For more information, contact Fernandez at 719-239-0366.



The artwork of painter David Montgomery will be part of the Silver Thread Studio Tour on Aug. 17.

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# Groups gearing up for music, car show on Aug. 17

**By MARIE MCCOLM**  
MONTE VISTA — One of the biggest car shows of the year will be cruising into Chapman Park on Saturday, Aug. 17.

This year's car show, the 13<sup>th</sup> annual, is being organized by the Poor Boy Car Club. It will be part of the fourth annual SoCo Suds and Sounds in Monte Vista and will feature an exciting demonstration from Ms. KAIS Academy of Performing Arts, a live deejay, and live music from Absolution beginning at 4 p.m. Absolution will play until the show ends at 6 p.m. "We're pleased to be hosting the 4th annual SoCo Suds and Sounds event in conjunction with the Poor Boy Car Clubs 13th annual car show," said OptiMystics Citizen Action Network President Adam Lock. "Additionally, we brought Valley Veterans Recreation on board this year as co-hosts. DJ Salazar and crew have been great to work with and we expect this event to continue to draw large crowds into Chapman Park."

The OptiMystics have announced that this will be their final year hosting the event, and they will be passing the reins for the event exclusively to Valley Veterans Recreation.

"We really didn't intend to be event organizers," Lock said. "However, that's what happened, and the Suds and Sounds event just took off, pulling an estimated 4,000 people last year. We don't want to see the event just die off, so handing it off to VVR is a great thing. That way the OptiMystics can refocus more on the downtown revitalization side of our mission."

The Monte Vista Parks and Recreation Department will also be hold-

ing a Cornhole Tournament. There will also be various vendors onsite and many food trucks.

Registration for the car show is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and show and shine is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with awards being given at 4 p.m. Early registration before the show is \$25, gate entry fee is \$30, additional car entry fee is \$5, motorcycles are \$15, and bicycles are \$10.

Richard Garcia, of Center, who is president of the Poor Boy Car Club, is looking forward to the event.

"This all started when we met the OptiMystics, and we realized that all of us had something in common. This year we are also collaborating with Valley Veterans Recreation to bring an even bigger and better event. We love hosting these events. We love to see the community engagement and involvement," Garcia said.

The Poor Boy Car Club has hosted many car shows and attends many car events to show off their spectacular cars. Garcia said that they try not to miss a chance to enter a car show.

"It's always something amazing to be a part of these car shows, and I love these events," he said.

The Poor Boy Car Club also raises money to help people who are sick or fighting illness. Garcia said that the idea for raising money began when his nephew was diagnosed with cancer at a young age. The club raised some money to help his sister and nephew.

"We ended up having a car show in Sargent that year and raised quite a bit of money to give to my sister and to St. Jude. We did lose my nephew to cancer which left a big hole in our hearts. That is what

made us realize we wanted to do raise money and give it to people in need. So, after that we just have always tried to do that. We have raised money and given it to people who have had illness due to cancer, or other sickness," he said.

This year, Garcia would like to break his record and have more than 100 entries for the car show. Garcia said they have been close to the century mark but have yet to reach it.

"I would really like to bring in 100 entries, cars, bicycles, trucks, all types of vehicles. We will be giving away more awards this year too. We want to make sure we come close to sending everyone who enters something to go home with," Garcia said with a smile.

DJ Salazar of Valley Veterans Recreation is excited to collaborate with So Co Suds and Sounds and Garcia on the car show.

"When I was asked, I answered by saying I definitely want to do this. This is a great opportunity to bring people together. I want to make sure as many cars, trucks, bicycles, and all types of vehicles, come to the park and join in," Salazar said.

Salazar said he is hoping to bring gearheads from everywhere to enjoy and participate in the show.

"I want to help make this show bigger and better than ever before," he said.

For car show information or to register, contact Garcia at 719-580-2673.

There are still spaces open for vendors. Vendor registration deadline is Aug. 9. Visit [optimystics.org](http://optimystics.org), for a vendor application, or call 719-239-1811, for more information.



File photo

People take photos of classic cars during the Poor Boy Car Club car show in 2023 during the SoCo Suds and Sounds event at Chapman Park in Monte Vista. Car show organizers are expecting nearly 100 vehicles at this year's event on Aug. 17 at Chapman Park.

County Court  District Court  Denver Juvenile Court  
RIO GRANDE County, Colorado  
Court Address: 925 6<sup>th</sup> STREET, ROOM 204, DEL NORTE CO 81132 FILED: July 22, 2024 1:23 PM

In the Matter of the Petition of:  
 Adult:  
or  
 Parent/Petitioner: MIKAYLA WORZ  
for Minor Child: ATLAS ROWAN BATZER  
For a Change of Name to: ATLAS ROWAN WORZ

Division 2 Courtroom

Case Number: 2024CV5

**ORDER FOR PUBLICATION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

The Court having read and considered the Petition for Change of Name of  Minor Child or  Adult finds:

That the statements made in the Petition satisfy the statutory requirements.  
 That the desired change of name is proper and not detrimental to the interests of any other person.  
 That the Petitioner has submitted the documentation required in §13-15-101(1)(b), C.R.S. from the fingerprint-based criminal history record check or has provided appropriate certified copies of any dispositions that would constitute a felony conviction in this state or any other state or under federal law.  
 That the change of name is in the best interest of the minor child.

Individuals over the age of fourteen (14) have submitted the documentation required in §13-15-101(1)(b), C.R.S. from the fingerprint-based criminal history record check or has provided appropriate certified copies of any dispositions that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult in this state or any other state or under federal law.

The Court orders the following publication for a change of name:

1. Name of ATLAS ROWAN BATZER  
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is requested to be changed to ATLAS ROWAN WORZ  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

2. Pursuant to statute, public notice of this change of name shall be published three times in a legal newspaper published in this county. This publication is to be made within 21 days of the date of this Order.

3. Proper proof of publication shall be filed with the Court upon final publication to receive a Final Decree for a Change of Name.

Date: July 22, 2024

Judge  Magistrate

No. 4852 published in the Monte Vista Journal, Thursday, July 31 and August 7 and 14, 2024.

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Original Beneficiary(ies) Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation, a Utah Corporation

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Nationstar Mortgage LLC  
Date of Deed of Trust May 27, 2011  
County of Recording Rio Grande  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust May 31, 2011  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 201100411749 Book: 554 Page: 830-844

Original Principal Amount \$189,195.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance \$162,264.61

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.

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*Rhonda Richardson*  
By Rhonda Richardson, Public Trustee



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Attorney File # 23CO00345-1

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# Transmission line study to start later this year

By JOHN WATERS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Last month, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) granted Alamosa County \$1,699,965 to study transmission lines in the Valley. The grant is due to the efforts of Alamosa County Commissioner Lori Laske and others.

Laske gave the Valley Courier an overview of the project and said, “I became involved when I first became a County Commissioner in 2021, when there was the fire in Boulder [December 2021], and all of the gas and electricity was turned off in the Valley. This was at night and in winter.

“I started to receive calls from residents who were concerned about the outage. They had family members who were on oxygen and other medical issues. People asked when the power would be on and why something in Boulder was impacting the San Luis Valley and Alamosa County.”

Laske said that event initiated her interest in the issue of transmission lines and learned the lines come through “the same Poncha Pass corridor. We also had an outage in May related to a line down at Poncha Pass. That pass has been identified by emergency managers as a possible fire hazard.”

Laske said her interest in transmission lines increased when she was contacted by Erin Minks with Senator Michael Bennett’s office and asked to attend a meeting to have the issue be placed on a docket to look at providing transmission in and out of the San Luis Valley. This is something that has been considered for a long time, she said.

Xcel Energy operates a 115-kilovolt line over Poncha Pass, and Tri-State Generation and the Western Area Power Authority operate a 230-kilovolt line over the pass. According to Laske, a new line, such as one south to New Mexico, would reduce the risk of relying on power through the one route over Poncha.

“We will study a bigger line, a 345-kilowatt line, that might allow us to export solar energy out of the Valley. As solar is only produced during the day, if we have solar energy storage, that power could stay here.”

Laske added that she has attended many meetings with power experts and always asks why, despite increased solar production in the Valley, no rates have gone down in the region. To date, no one has answered that question.

The study will be an analysis and extensive community engagement around three potential transmission



Power lines over Poncha Pass serve the San Luis Valley. According to the Colorado State Forest Service, Western Spruce budworm and Douglas-fir beetle have decimated trees in the area. The dead and dry timber has increased fire risk in the area, which may imperil the power lines.

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corridors to identify the optimal route to increase electric transmission capacity to the Upper Rio Grande Valley in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico.

According to the DOE, “In a continued effort to expedite the build-out of a resilient and reliable electric grid, the U.S. Department of Energy announced 20 projects across 16 states selected to receive up to \$371 million to accelerate the permitting of high-voltage, interstate transmission projects.

“These projects will also support community infrastructure projects along major new and upgraded transmissions lines, including upgrading public school buildings and emergency response facilities. Administered by DOE’s Grid Deployment Office, today’s Transmission Siting and Economic Development (TSED) grants will help advance at least 16 high-impact transmission lines across the country, supporting the deployment of reliable and affordable energy for consumers and creating good-paying jobs.

“Today, every pocket of the country is experiencing the grueling impact of extreme weather, and there’s

no doubt that we must expand our transmission grid to get more clean, resilient power to more people, in more places,” said U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm.

The study is moving forward. Laske said, “We have a conditional proposal; before we applied for this application, we did an RFP [request for proposal], and that really made us competitive for this grant; there are only 20 grants. We have a contract with a company to do a study.

“The first component is stakeholder engagement and outreach. Community meetings with the railroad, CDOT, and forest service will be held. The second component will be an analysis, not a complete engineering study; it will look at what the best route is, mapping, and routes. After that we will receive their recommendations.”

The Colorado Electric Transmission Authority has applied to construct the line, although Laske said

they are a last-resort option, and the line could be built by any entity.

The \$1.7 million grant study will begin later this year and take 18 months to complete. After this study is finished an engineering study must be completed.

Laske thanked Craig Bearclaw with the Council of Governments and Sarah Stoeber with the San Luis Valley Development Resources Group and the Colorado Energy Office for their assistance.

## How to Make Fear Disappear

It has been said that F-E-A-R stands for “false evidence appearing real.”

Too many times the enemy tries to fill our minds with fear and make us feel trapped—backed into a corner with no way out. He makes what is false look so real!

It’s important to remember that fear comes from our enemy—Satan. Whatever good things God tries to give to us, the enemy tries to ruin it with some kind of poison. Satan uses fear to keep us from having everything God wants us to have.

However, for every poison the enemy tries to bring into our lives, God has the antidote—faith. Faith is the antidote for the poison of fear. We don’t have to stay stuck in a corner surrounded by fear (false evidence appearing real). We can break free, release our faith, and walk in victory.

Fear always makes everything seem worse than it really is and sometimes causes us to do unreasonable, even ridiculous, things.

When my husband, Dave, and I were first married and I was pregnant with one of our daughters, we lived in a place that had mice and we began to see them here and there. I can’t stand mice and would literally scream when I saw them.

Well, one day I went into the bathroom and there was a mouse in the bathtub. I just freaked out. I was petrified. My heart and mind were racing trying to figure out how I could contain this “monstrous” mouse and keep myself safe.

How ridiculous! I’m sure that mouse was more afraid of me than I was of it. The point is that fear can make us do things that are quite unreasonable...even foolish.

Before we react in situations, we need to remember that fear will push us to a level of emotion where we will do things that make absolutely no sense. Our human nature tends to react in fear because we think the situation is so much bigger than it really is.

Fear appears huge and overshadowing. However, when we shine the light of faith on it, fear begins to diminish. The minute fear comes into our lives, all we have to do is release our faith. When we do, the feeling of fear doesn’t always go away, but our faith will keep us going...even if we have to do it afraid.

You see, God wants us to keep going forward and do what we believe He wants us to do. He doesn’t want us to back off because we feel fear. As Psalm 34:4 says, “I sought the

Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears” (NKJV).

There’s no way to count all the people who totally lose their God-ordained destiny because of fear. When they try to step out in faith, fear comes to them, asking all the “what ifs.”

What if I fail? What if people don’t like me? What if I don’t have all of the answers?

Sadly, there are probably relatively few people who actually push past fear and end up boldly doing everything God has planned for them to do in life. Too many consider the fear instead of the evidence of God’s Word about overcoming fear.

Everything that God has for us is better and more powerful than anything Satan has to offer. No matter how powerful and overwhelming fear feels to us, we need to remember that faith is greater.

The Bible says that each one of us is given a measure of faith (Romans 12:3). What does this mean exactly? It means that God will give us the amount of faith we need to do what He has called us to do in life. The evidence is clear!

Whatever you’re going to face in life—whatever is coming in your future—God has already given you the faith for it. It may not look like it, and you may not feel like you have what it takes to overcome, but appearance isn’t everything!

God has given you His Holy Spirit, and He’s all you need to handle whatever life throws your way. The enemy would like for us to believe that we don’t have a chance in life, we’re too weak, too poor...too whatever. But God has a different view of us. God sees us through the eyes of love. He sees what we can be—not what we see or what others see.

But it takes faith to move forward and overcome the situations of life. And faith does you no good if you don’t know how to release it. You have to release it in order for it to work. We release faith through our words, actions, and, of course, through prayer.

Some people seem to go through harder times than others, but God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34) and will give each of us the faith we need for every part of our journey in life. However, it’s up to us to act.

You can’t sit around and think fearful thoughts and continue to walk in faith. What we think about and meditate on is very important. First John 4:4 is a scripture we quote a lot, and almost anytime I say this

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verse in church or a meeting, everybody claps and cheers. But I wonder, how many people really believe it? It says: “...Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world” (KJV).

You and I don’t have to be fearful. I don’t mean that we won’t feel fear, but it does mean that appearance isn’t everything. It doesn’t matter what the enemy wants us to see or how things might look. Our faith overcomes through the One Who lives in us!

First John 5:4 says: “...This is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith” (NKJV). It’s so simple. What do you need so you can overcome the things that come against you? Childlike faith!

That means simply believing God more than you believe anything else. It means believing His promises. It means believing what you know in your heart more than how you feel, what you think, what your friends say, what your circumstances look like, or what the enemy tells you.

Fear doesn’t have to rule your life. Remember, it’s false evidence appearing real! And when you make a decision to stand in faith and consider the truth of God’s Word, fear will disappear...and you will win the battle.

For more on this topic, order Joyce’s four-part teaching resource *Overcoming Fear with Faith*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting [www.joycemeyer.org](http://www.joycemeyer.org).

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# Celebrating 80 years of Smokey Bear

The air was heavy with a weak monsoon season moisture as I drove up the mountain on patrol, secretly hoping not to discover any illegal campfires - regardless of whether they were attended, unattended or abandoned. The national forest was under fire restrictions at the time, so campfires weren't allowed where I was patrolling. Windows down, my senses were on high alert as I passed a popular dispersed camping area close to, but not immediately visible from the road. Near the upper part of that area, a light hint of smoke drifted through the truck's cab and into my nostrils igniting a spark of anger within me. I felt violated. So many regular campers on that mountain knew me and I was



**Land Water and People**  
By Gregg Goodland

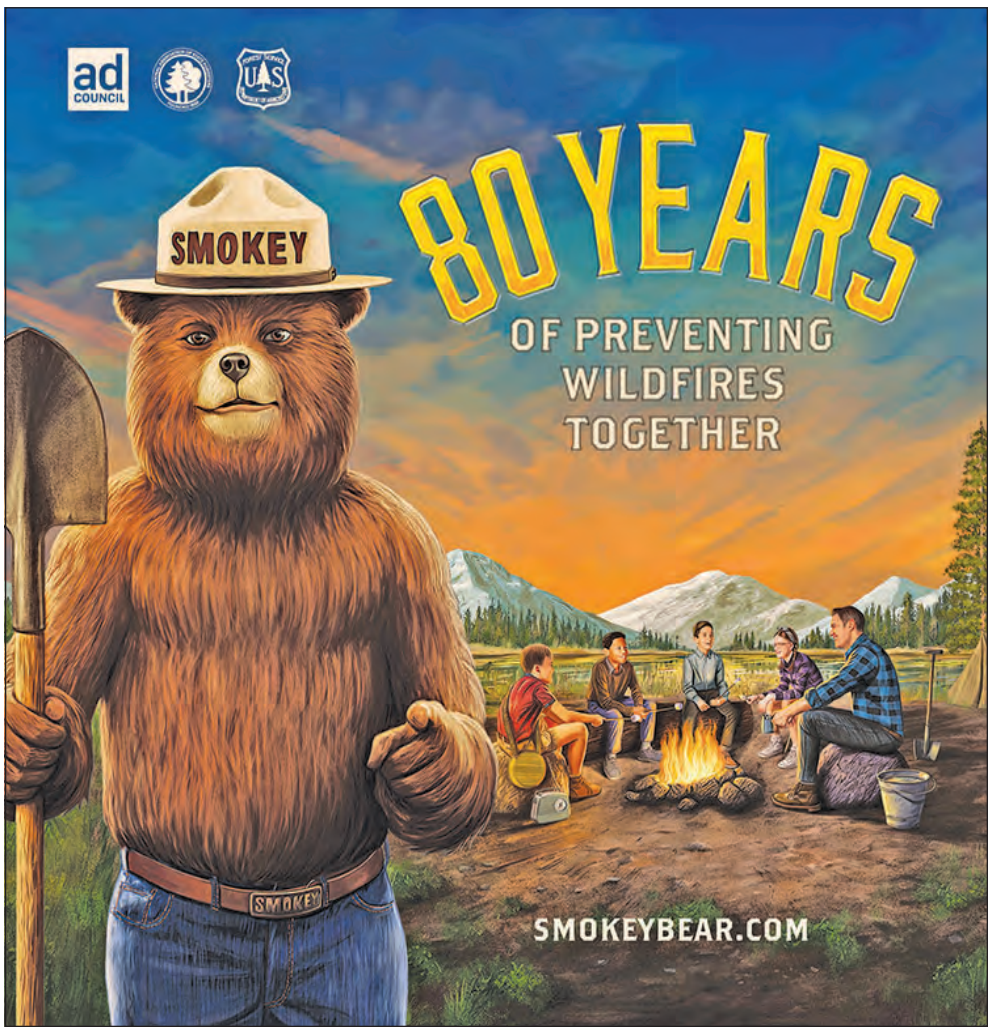
birthday, around 28,000 firefighters are working to manage the several hundred active fires in the United States, primarily in the west. Nearly one hundred of those are considered large fires, accounting for over 95% of the firefighters committed. A large portion of those fires are human caused. Portions of the west are critically parched by drought and when you combine carelessness with anything that can start a fire, you quickly see the often-tragic results of those circumstances.

Eighty years ago, the US was deep into WWII and getting increasingly concerned about the use of young men fighting wildfires and not supporting the war effort. Not to mention the loss of the timber.

As part of a greater effort to address the problem, on August 9, 1944, the creation of Smokey Bear was authorized by the Forest Service, and the first poster was delivered on October 10 by artist Albert Staehle. The poster depicted a bear pouring a bucket of water on a campfire.

The first live Smokey Bear was found in a wildfire in the Capitan Mountains on the Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico in 1950. As word of that bear got out, the campaign spread like wildfire! This is a great true story and I encourage everyone to read about it on [smokeybear.com](http://smokeybear.com).

The campaign evolved over the years and in 2001, the slogan was updated to its current version of "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" to address the unplanned and unwanted brush and grassland fires. Wildfire prevention remains crucial, and Smokey still needs your help. His catchphrase reflects your responsibility: Only you can prevent wildfires. Remember that this phrase is so much more than just a slogan: it's an important way to care for the world around you. These last words, found in "About the



Campaign" on Smokey's website have always resonated with me. I chose this career because I love the public lands we have available for all to use. While not all of us want to, or can, work for the Forest Service, we CAN all choose to be good land stewards. One of the most common ways to do this is to practice campfire safety - every time. Keep your fires manageable and always put them out, cold to the touch, before you leave it. Even just to go to sleep. It's the repetition that will set the correct example for

the next generation of forest users. I urge you to foster that ethic and promote it as much as you can. And, above all, teach your children, and the adults that may not already know, about Smokey Bear. Because, after all, Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires.

*Gregg Goodland is the Public Affairs Officer for the Rio Grande National Forest. As an avid outdoor enthusiast, he encourages individual stewardship and responsible use of our public lands.*





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## Center hosts community mural project

By MARIE MCCOLM

CENTER — On Aug. 4, the Town of Center and artist Bianca Maestas hosted a community mural paint by numbers event at the 300 block of Worth Street.

People of all ages were invited to participate in this beautiful mural project. The Town of Center hosted it as a way to help beautify the downtown area.

The San Luis Valley Agriculture Coalition was having an agriculture appreciation barbecue and encouraged people at their event to also participate in the mural project.

According to Lisa Lucero, a member of the San Luis Valley Agriculture Coalition, and the director of Community Engagement for the San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center, the origins of the paint by numbers mural was from a community survey. A mural was decided for Center. Part of the survey also asked community members what they thought of when they thought of Center. The community stated that they thought of family and community. The paint by numbers mural represents a community quilt.

Maestas was chosen by a committee to create and design the community quilt mural. Committee member Lares Feliciano talked about the selection process.

"It was an awesome opportunity," Feliciano said. "We had a handful of submissions from all over the state, not just from the Valley. Bianca presented this beautiful proposal that was bright

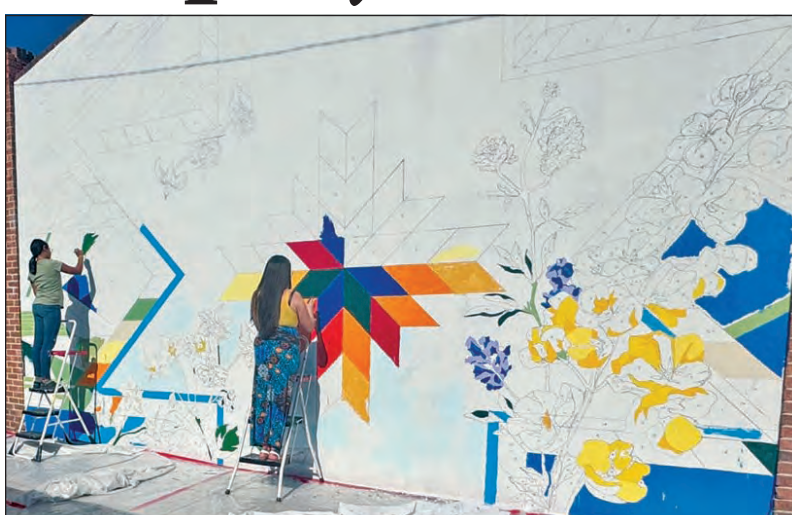


Photo by Marie Mccolm

People help bring the paint by numbers community mural project to life in downtown Center on Aug. 4.

and joyful but also rooted in the earth and agriculture, and the joy and experience of production. We enjoyed her presentation and chose her. It's been really cool to watch this all unfold."

Maestas talked about the creation of the mural.

"If you look at the community quilt pattern there are a lot of different things here," she said. "There is a community weaving through time, there are different flowers featured in the area. We have potato flowers, canola flowers, and alfalfa flowers. There's a view of the fields representing agriculture."

Maestas said the paint by numbers was put in the mural, on all the pictures, with the idea that people of any age

could help paint the mural. Maestas said that many people had been by to help paint, "mostly children."

"I also wanted to make the mural easy and not too complicated, so that small children and anyone else that wanted to, could enjoy painting the mural," she said.

Lucero said she enjoyed being a voice regarding the mural painting in Center.

"I had been wanting to do something like this forever. I cannot take any credit for this, except to be one of the biggest voices in the room. I maybe helped the process along by helping with the marketing and making sure it happened on the same day as the barbecue. I

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Courtesy photo

The artwork of painter David Montgomery will be part of the Silver Thread Studio Tour on Aug. 17.

## Annual Silver Thread Studio Tour is Aug. 17

CONTRIBUTED

The Creede Arts Council is proud to be hosting the 20th annual Silver Thread Studio Tour from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Artist locations will be along the Silver Thread Scenic Byway, Highway 149, beginning in the Indian Trails neighborhood east of South Fork, up through Creede and ending at the Studios at Bristol.

Artists will share ideas, answer questions, and or perform demonstrations for the public. Artwork

will be showcased and available for purchase.

This year, South Fork artists Amanda Charlton (acrylic painting), Hugh Letterly (watercolor), and Darlene Danko (textile arts) will be showing out of their home studios.

In Creede, artists Jennifer Inge (jewelry) and David Montgomery (oil painting) will be stops 4 and 5 at Rare Things, Too gallery on Main Street. Textural acrylic painter Colleen DeSanto will be showing out

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## Creede Community Church marks 130th anniversary

Dedicates community Meditation Garden Aug. 4

CONTRIBUTED

CREEDE — In honor of its 130th anniversary on Aug. 4, the Creede Community Church dedicated its new Meditation Garden.

During the ceremony, the Rev. Sarah B. Linn offered appreciation to the trustees and to church members Stan and Michael Tucker-McDermott of the Tucker-McDermott Foundation, who shepherded the project over the past five years.

Several members and friends of the congregation contributed hours of work to bring the vision to life.

The Meditation Garden is open to the public 24 hours a day and features picnic tables, park benches, lovely plant life, and "Spin/Monarch," an inspiring work of art by public sculptor Joe Norman. The sculpture was a generous gift from

an anonymous donor and serves as the centerpiece of the garden.

Creede Community Church, UCC began as a series of house meetings in 1892. The original congregation was chartered as Creede Congregational Church on Aug. 4, 1894.

Five years later, CCC formed the Ladies Auxiliary to raise money to support the church. They eventually become what is now known as the "Ladies Aid Society" (LAS), which has expanded its mission to include supporting local non-profits and neighbors in need. LAS is celebrating its 125th anniversary this summer.

The Congregational Church became Creede Community Church, UCC when it was folded into the United Church of Christ when the denomination was founded in 1957.

The Meditation Garden at Creede Community Church welcomes anyone who could use a break, a sunny or shady place to rest, or a moment of quiet reflection.



Photos by Brooke Ashley Photography

Creede Community Church, UCC members Stan and Michael Tucker-McDermott of the Tucker-McDermott Foundation, shepherded the Medication Garden project.

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# San Luis Valley Area Real Estate

## 48 Whispering Pines Drive • South Fork

Mountain Charm - Where Dreams Blossom Nestled in the heart of South Fork, Colorado, this Mountain haven awaits where simplicity meets enchantment. Picture it: a 3-bedroom, 2-bath retreat, bathed in the golden light of the Mountains. With 1,440 square feet and attached large 2 car garage. This home will cradle your memories like a cherished heirloom. This lot steals your breath—a canvas of possibility stretching wide. Here, mule deer and wild turkeys play, visiting often as if drawn by whispers from the pines. No stern HOA rules here; just a neighborhood that nods in camaraderie. Large lot to grow your own garden and enjoy the existing rhubarb patch! Imagine stepping onto your covered front porch, the scent of freshly baked rhubarb pie dancing in the air. Yes, you'll bake your own—pluck ruby-red stalks from the earth, mix them with sugar and secrets, and let the mountains witness your culinary magic. Paved roads with city water and city water & sanitation. Modern comfort wrapped in rustic allure. All this and more, only a short walk takes you to the Rio Grande River, its waters a silver ribbon of promise. Gold medal fishing awaits, and the mountains echo your joy. And when winter blankets the land, Wolf Creek Ski area beckons. Adventure, your faithful companion, stands at your doorstep. Your Dream come true, pick up the phone. Schedule your showing, and step into the pages of Mountain Charm. Your Adventure starts here, give me a call today! MLS#815494 - \$367,900



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## 193 Whispering Pines Drive • South Fork

Charming Mountain Retreat with Breathtaking Views Nestled in the picturesque town of South Fork, CO, this finely crafted Ranch Style Mountain home is a delightful blend of rugged elegance. With 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, this home provides ample room for relaxation and rejuvenation. The open living area boasts a large Sunny Bay window, allowing natural light to flood the space and framing panoramic Mountain Views. The heart of this home is the well-appointed kitchen, abundance of cabinets, including convenient lazy Susan storage. You'll find all the essentials: a refrigerator, cookstove, dishwasher. Perfect kitchen for entertaining your friends and family. Gather around the wood-burning stove in the living room, where warmth and comfort await. The home's insulation ensures a snug retreat during chilly mountain evenings. Step onto the inviting front sitting porch, sip your morning coffee, and observe the local wildlife. Mule deer and wild turkeys frequently visit the serene Ponderosa Valley Estates. A large laundry room with abundant storage, a wash sink, and a washer and dryer adds convenience to daily living. Park your vehicles in the 2-car garage and utilize the detached cement floor garage/workshop with water supply and 110/220 power for all your mountain toys or hobbies. This home is ready for you to make it your own—whether it's your dream residence, a home away from home, or a vacation rental. Explore nearby activities such as skiing, four-wheeling, hiking, and gold medal fly fishing. The Rio Grande River is just moments away. Enjoy the convenience of paved roads, city water sewer system, and your very own well and large .83-acre lot. Priced at \$479,500 this property offers an exceptional opportunity to embrace mountain living. Schedule your private showing today and embark on Your Mountain Adventure in this beautiful, tranquil Ponderosa Valley Estates neighborhood! Don't wait, call and schedule today! MLS#810774 - \$479,500



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### 05 Notices

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**Del Norte High School is seeking a qualified Assistant Volleyball Coach** for the 2024 volleyball season. The individual would be responsible for developing the junior varsity program and assisting the varsity coach in all aspects of the high school volleyball program. If interested, please email Gilbert (Gibbs) Sanchez, Del Norte Jr/Sr High School Athletic Director at gsanchez@urtigers.co or contact him at 719-657-4020. (9-4)

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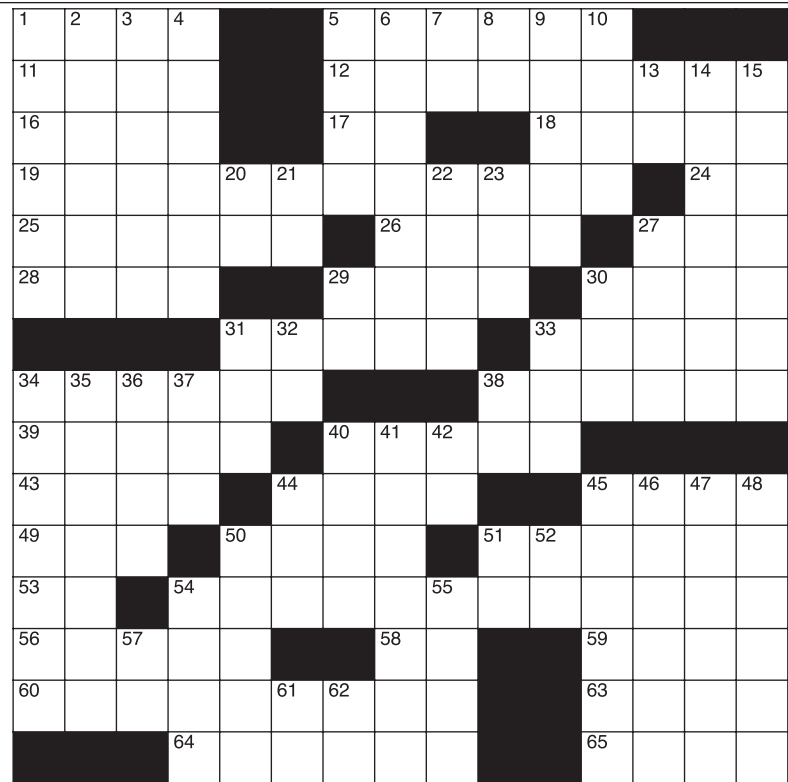
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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Database management system
5. Medical procedures
11. \_\_ Clapton, musician
12. Defender
16. Exert oneself
17. Indicates position
18. Prevents river overflow
19. Atrocities
24. Mister
25. Ends
26. Slope or tilt
27. Taxi
28. The very ends
29. Actor Sean
30. Japanese persimmon
31. Sours
33. Beneficiary
34. Baseball official
38. Muddy, boggy ground
39. Not worldly
40. Actress Lathan
43. Soil
44. \_\_-Cola
45. Asleep
49. \_\_ Angeles
50. Give birth to a child
51. Beach shelter
53. Commercial
54. Taste property
56. Local jurisdictions
58. It cools your home
59. Dismounted from a horse
60. Charge with a crime
63. Close in
64. Spoke
65. Famed garden



### CLUES DOWN

1. Draw a scene
2. Its sultan is famous
3. Unlucky accident
4. A way to ski
5. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
6. Saw
7. "Westworld" actor Harris
8. Belonging to me
9. Shoelace tube
10. Takes to court
13. Early multimedia
14. In a way, produces
15. Bowlers
20. Of I
21. Equally
22. Gets some sun
23. A place to stay
27. Town in Galilee
29. Aronofsky film
30. Klingon character, "Star Trek"
31. Equal to 100 square meters
32. Atomic #58
33. Arrived extinct
34. Loosen grip
35. A distinctive odor that is unpleasant
36. Membranes
37. Some is poisonous
38. Partner to Pa
40. Small brown gray rail
41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
42. Sodium
44. Military official (abbr.)
45. Lighted
46. Took off
47. All
48. Ohio city
50. More abject
51. A radio band
52. Controversial tech product (abbr.)
54. Monetary unit
55. Passed with flying colors
57. A way to win a boxing match
61. The Golden State
62. Home of the Longhorns

### Solution to last week's puzzle

4	7	2	1	8	5	3	6	9
8	6	5	2	3	9	1	7	4
9	3	1	7	6	4	8	5	2
2	8	7	3	9	1	6	4	5
5	1	6	4	7	8	9	2	3
3	9	4	5	2	6	7	1	8
1	4	9	8	5	7	2	3	6
6	5	3	9	1	2	4	8	7
7	2	8	6	4	3	5	9	1

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**Time Staff Accountant.** Those with Bookkeeping, Payroll, Accounts Payable or public accounting experience are encouraged to apply. Familiarity with Microsoft Excel is preferred. Attention to detail, and organizational skills are required. The office is located at the Ski Area located on top of Wolf Creek Pass and requires commuting throughout the year. This is a year-round position, with longer hours during the winter operating months, and a shorter work week in the summer months. This position offers skiing privileges, and the compensation starts at \$34 per hour depending on experience. Full slate of insurance benefits and PTO available after a probationary period. Please email resume to: Payroll@WolfCreekSki.com. (8-28)

# 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)				
		8/8	8/7	8/6	8/5	From 8/8 (inches)				
						2day	3day	4day	5day	7day
<b>Moravian 69</b>	<b>04/05</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.17</b>
Moravian 69	05/05	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.20	0.33	0.46	0.66	0.89	1.33
<b>Early Wheat</b>	<b>04/05</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.45</b>
Early Wheat	05/05	0.20	0.18	0.15	0.23	0.38	0.53	0.77	1.03	1.54
<b>White Wheat</b>	<b>04/05</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.91</b>
White Wheat	05/05	0.24	0.20	0.17	0.25	0.43	0.60	0.85	1.12	1.63
<b>WinterWheat</b>	<b>10/01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.04</b>
<b>Potatoes</b>										
Norkotah	05/05	0.22	0.19	0.16	0.25	0.40	0.56	0.81	1.08	1.61
<b>Centennial</b>	<b>05/05</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>1.12</b>	<b>1.63</b>
Nugget	05/05	0.23	0.19	0.16	0.24	0.41	0.57	0.81	1.07	1.55
<b>Alfalfa</b>	<b>Est.</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>1.85</b>
<b>Lawnglass</b>	<b>Est.</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>0.57</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>1.07</b>	<b>1.55</b>

For the latest ET information, call 719-754-3494 extension x40 for Center, x36 fro Center #2, and x38 for La Jara. Use the crop maturity and planting data and weather station closest to your own. Find this upJune 8d table each day at this web address: <http://aes-slvrc.agsci.colostate.edu/daily-crop-water-use-report/>  
 This information is provided by the SLV Research Center (Colorado State University) and the Colorado Potato Certification Service. For info, call 754-3494 x26 or e-mail: andrew.houser@colostate.edu

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**Matthews 240 Acre Farm**  
 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Approx. 1,197 Sq. Ft.  
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**Rio Grande Riverfront Home**  
 4 Bedroom, 4 Bath, Approx. 3,740 Sq. Ft. / and 0.630 Acres  
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 11 Iron Bridge Place South Fork, CO  
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**Mountain Outlook /Approx. 69.750 Acres**  
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**Amazing Ranch Style House with Barn and 50 Acres!**  
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 13725 Road 104 South Alamosa, CO  
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**Lot 10 and 11 Conejos River Trails**  
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 \$380,000/MLS#814904  
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did enjoy being a part of the process," Lucero said.  
 Lucero said she enjoyed seeing a little girl painting at the site.  
 "She is a little artist, and her mom is too," Lucero said. "It was so cute she texted all her little friends, to help her paint that night, and they all came down too. Another aspect of

the mural that I really liked was that agricultural workers were involved in the painting. I have a picture that I took, where there were a lot of H2H workers painting the mural. If you think about it, they may not come back next year, but their spirit, a piece of them, will always be in Center, because they painted there."

# TOUR Continued from Page 1

of her home studio in Creede. Carol Jones (quilting), David Robinson (metalwork) and Jody Stroh (fused glass) are stops 7, 8 and 9.  
 Ten artists from the Studios at Bristol will be participating this year. Kathy Barnard (handblown glass), Mary Jo Depriest (handmade accessories), Joni Franks (children's

books), Teri Inman (clothing design), Kyle Inman (photography), Brielle Killip (western-inspired fashion), Kathy Killip (jewelry), Cathy Ledeker (watercolor), Ken Orr (ceramics), and Rocky Wilson (woodworking) will all be present at the Studios at Bristol to discuss their work.  
 This year, the Creede Musical

Arts Collective will be performing concerts along the Studio Tour route, schedule TBA soon. For questions or more information, e-mail [creedearts@outlook.com](mailto:creedearts@outlook.com) or call the CAC at 719-658-0312. The entire Studio Tour map and artist lineup can be found at [www.creedeartscollective.com/silver-thread-studio-tour](http://www.creedeartscollective.com/silver-thread-studio-tour).

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# Alamosa County will receive \$1.7M from the U.S. Department of Energy

## Funding to study three potential electric transmission lines

### STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON, D.C. —The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has granted Alamosa County \$1,699,965 to study transmission lines in the Valley, according to Alamosa County Commissioner Lori Laske.

Alamosa County will conduct an analysis and extensive community engagement around three potential transmission corridors to identify the optimal route to increase electric transmission capacity to the Upper Rio Grande Valley in Southern Colorado and northern New Mexico.

According to the DOE, "In a continued effort to expedite the build out of a resilient and reliable electric grid, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today announced 20 projects across 16 states selected to receive up to \$371 million to accelerate the permitting of high-voltage, interstate transmission projects.

"These projects will also support community infrastructure projects along major new and upgraded transmissions lines, including upgrading public school buildings and emergency response facilities. Administered by DOE's Grid Deployment Office, today's Transmission Siting and Economic Development (TSED) grants will help advance at least 16 high-

impact transmission lines across the country supporting the deployment of reliable and affordable energy for consumers and creating good-paying jobs."

"Today, every pocket of the country is experiencing the grueling impact of extreme weather and there's no doubt that we must expand our transmission grid to get more clean, resilient power to more people, in more places," said U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm.



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