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News in Brief

Unkept weeds are a violation of MV municipal code

MONTE VISTA — The wet, cool spring and summer has resulted in a jungle of weeds clogging alleyways, sidewalks and yards. The City of Monte Vista is reminding the public to these can result in citations.

Any grass or native vegetation over eight inches high on any premises, or into the alleys, sidewalk and parking areas appurtenant to the property, is guilty of creating, continuing and suffering a nuisance to exist. Property owners, lessees and persons in possession of any property in the city shall be responsible for maintaining their property.

Without having a current Code Enforcement Officer, the Public Works Director, Planning Director and Chief of Police will be assessing weed complaints as the city receives them and contacting the appropriate property owner to have the weeds abated.

Citations will be issued, and fines will be assessed, if this is not completed within 14 days of notification. The Monte Vista Municipal Code states that if you as the property owner do not have the weeds cleaned and removed the city may do it and you will be invoiced for time, labor and equipment costs.

For more information on the Monte Vista Municipal Code Chapter 5 Nuisances pertaining to weeds people can contact the Planning Department or Public Works at 719-852-5926 or visit online https://library.municode.com/co/monte_vista/codes/municipal_code?nodeId=CH5NU.

The City of Monte Vista has hired DRC to clean and camera some of the City's Main Sewer lines. This year's project will be in the areas of Lariat Subdivision, 4th

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MV National Night Out was a success

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — More than 350 people showed their support for the National Night Out that was held on Aug. 13, at Chapman Park in Monte Vista.

The National Night Out is a collaboration between residents and law enforcement agencies, banning together, to show people that they are willing to work together against criminal and drug activities.

The Monte Vista Police Department served up free hamburgers,

or hot dogs, and chips and drinks compliments. Residents could also ask law enforcement officers questions and express any concerns that they might have for their community.

There were multiple booths set up at the National Night Out, including

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More than 350 people attended the National Night Out on Aug. 13, at Chapman Park in Monte Vista.

Photo by Marie Mccolm



Show and shine at Chapman Park



Photos by Marie Mccolm
Classic cars and show bicycles filled Chapman Park on Saturday, Aug. 17, for the Poor Boys Car Show during the SoCo Suds and Sounds in Monte Vista. Look for more on this community event on Aug. 28 in the Monte Vista Journal.



Courtesy photo Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake staff enjoying the beautiful weather at Rock Creek on Aug. 15.

Homelake Veterans enjoy annual Rock Creek Breakfast

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — Once a year, Homelake Veterans have a special breakfast that is cooked just for them at the picnic grounds in Rock Creek.

Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake Admissions and Marketing Director Pam Self said the breakfast was on Aug. 15.

"We have been taking our residents to the Rock Creek breakfast for longer than I have worked at Homelake, which is 17 years. I only remember missing one year due to the

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Rock Creek RHC holds open house on Aug. 18

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — On Sunday, Aug. 18, Rock Creek Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, formerly known as Monte Vista Estates, cut the ribbon for its partly renovated facility.

Rio Grande County Commissioner Scott Deacon and Monte Vista Mayor Dale Becker held the ribbon as Rock Creek Regional Social Services Director Shawn Frieze cut it.

Excited members of the Monte Vista community were given tours of the newly remodeled hall and building. There was free food for everyone who attended, along with free coffee. Approximately 150 people attended the event.

According to Business Office Manager Trish Slater, Monte Vista Estates was bought by Centennial HC as of May 1. Renovation on the building began mid-to late May.

Slater said, "The residents here have been so excited to see all the changes that are taking place. One big change I have noticed is that the residents are sitting together and watching TV in the new commons area. The atmosphere is so different, and you can see that everyone is really enjoying the changes."

Centennial HC Chief Executive Officer Ralph Gottlieb came from New Jersey to attend the event and spoke

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Photo by Marie Mccolm
Rock Creek Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, formerly known as Monte Vista Estates, cut the ribbon for its partly renovated facility on Aug. 18. Staff were eager to take people on tours during the open house.

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MONTE VISTA — As a reminder, the Carnegie Library, Monte Vista will be closed for the Labor Day Holiday on Saturday, Aug. 31, through Monday, Sept. 2.

The Carnegie Library, South Fork Branch is having its Summer Book Sale. Stop by and grab your favorite authors like Danielle Steel, David Baldacci, James Patterson, and Kristin Hannah in hardcover and paperback. Check out our website for our Regular South Fork Summer Hours.

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

Here are our latest additions at the library: Summer Loving by Barbara Freethy; The Cabin at the End of the Train by Michael Ivanov; Until Our Time Comes by Nicole Miller;

The Woman by the Lake by Kristen Ashley; What We Hide by Colleen Coble; Her Last Cry by Pamela Fagan Hutchins; The Protector by Wanda Brunstetter; Warrior King by Wilbur Smith; Echo Road by Melinda Leigh; A Love Discovered by Tracie Peterson; The Finders Keepers Library by Annie Rains; A Bright Spot by Jill Shalvis; Arkangel by James Rollins; A Farewell to Arfs by Spencer Quinn; All Our Tomorrows by Catherine Bybee; A Happier Life by Kristy Woodson Harvey; Shadow of Doubt by Brad Thor; The Phoenix Ballroom by Ruth Hogan; Fire and Bones by Kathy Reichs; Shelterwood by Lisa Wingate; The Lost Coast by Jonathan Kellerman; The summer Escape by Jill Shalvis; Our Little Secret by Lisa Jackson; The New Menopause by Mary Clare Haver; An Unfinished Love Story by Doris Kearns Goodwin; Toward the Dawn by Mary Connealy; The Rose Arbor by Rhys Bowen; A Messy Murder

by Simon Brett; Agony Hill by Sarah Stewart Taylor; Burn by Peter Heller; Joy by Danielle Steel; Angel of Vengeance by Preston & Child; Camino Ghosts by John Grisham; The Lost Coast by Jonathan & Jesse Kellerman.

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.

Jones celebrate 60 years



The family of Chester and Kay Jones will be hosting a cake reception on Saturday, Aug. 31, at 2 p.m. to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Location will be Calvary Bible Chapel, 7160 Brush Lane, Alamosa. Chester and Kay met at Adams State College and were married on Sept. 11, 1964.

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about the importance of the improvements to the facility.

"I have been traveling here for the last 2 years. The two biggest things that trigger us in improvements and what we do for places that we operate, are quality of life, and quality of care. We are here for the residents and here for the families. Everyone in the building here has been stepping it up and doing a fantastic job. We have amazing staff in this building. Our consultants have been working with them to try to give them as much support as they possibly can," he said.

Gottlieb said that COO Donna Hauser, who lives in Cortez, has become so dedicated to the renovation project that she was living on site, overseeing everything for almost 4 months.

Both Gottlieb and Houser said that outside the consulting team, all renovations were completed by staff members at Rock Creek Rehabilitation.

"This was a big team effort. There is nothing like a big team effort giving it their all. Our consulting team along with the maintenance man and his son, Jacob, Shawn, admin, and everyone, they all pulled together to make

this happen." Gottlieb said.

Gottlieb said Regional Social Services Director Frieze's family was a tremendous help to the facility with everything for many years, and made many different contributions, that they were thankful for.

"Shawn and his family are the steppingstones between the facilities that have been here, members of his family have been here helping for more than 40-plus years," Gottlieb said.

During the open house, Frieze led tours and showed off the newly remodeled part of the facility.

Frieze showed how the entrance to the facility was completely changed. The entire floor entrance to the building was completely redone with a classy-looking black and grey hardwood floor. There is also an all-new commons area for the residents, complete with a TV and new furniture.

The front area, where there was once a huge glass enclosed office for staff to sit in, was now an open space with a large stylish cubicle area for the staff.

The overall appearance of the new renovations was described as "comfortable and inviting" by many who



Photo by Marie Mccolm Renovations at Rock Creek Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Monte Vista began in May, and more are planned. The community got to see some of the progress during an open house on Aug. 18.

attended the open house.

Frieze spoke specifically about some of the other renovations in residents' rooms, and what is coming as the renovations continue.

"We started at the end of May. The rooms have been changed quite a bit. The differences include a bed on one side, and a chair along with another TV on the other side. This is still a 60-bed facility, but everything is slowly being changed," Frieze said.

Frieze explained that as the halls are renovated, residents will be moved to accommodate the change.

For more information about the facility, call 719-852-5138.

WEEDS

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Ave from Morris to Franklin Street South to 8th Avenue. Most of the work will be in the alleys; but there will be work on 6th Avenue and 4th Avenue.

DRC work entails them first cleaning the lines with a high pressure jetter. This may cause issues with your inside plumbing. If you notice them in your area, the city asks that you remove the cap from your clean out so air can escape. If not, you can experience a blow up in the restrooms of your home. The phase after the lines is cleaned is to camera the line

to determine the line condition.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

This past weekend Ol' Dutch got a coveted invitation for a bear hunting trip down into the storied State of New Mexico around Cimarron, which in name alone has always been connected to stories about the Old West.

This was not the normal type of hunt for Ol' Dutch because these young hunters use dogs to chase the bears. Before you get your panties in a bunch and say "poor old bears" let me tell you something. These bears are street smart and as hard to find as a wife in a department store with a new credit card.

Let me start at the beginning. Somewhere up on a mesa south of Cimarron, we set up camp after I, with my ATV on the truck, made the drive up an impassable road. All I can say is if the road to Hell was that bad, very few would ever enter into that dreaded place.

I finally arrived and joined in the camaraderie of a typical hunting camp. This was my first time being around bear hounds and so I was looking forward to hearing them bay and maybe even tree a poor old bear. Little did I know that I would become the "designated driver" of the two young girls that came with their daddies to hunting camp. One, my 12-year-old granddaughter and the second, the daughter of the lead "bear man."

When Ol' Dutch decided to get an ATV years ago, I was single at the time so getting a two-seater seemed like the best way to get a woman to ride along on trips in the mountains – and maybe, even the trip through life. And that's how I found myself hauling around two giggle boxes all over hell's half acre being their babysitter while their dads hunted.

Typically, the day started at first light when we all loaded up and drove the roads looking for bear tracks. The idea is that the dogs would bark and bay should we find a fresh track deposited during the night. Then, they would be turned loose, and the chase would begin.

I have alluded to the horrible road to get to camp but let me tell you something, the roads we took every day looking for tracks would make the camp road embarrassed in comparison. I am used to rocky roads here in Colorado, but these were a jumbled-up mess of lava-created-disaster. We did find some bears eventually after miles of butt-jarring and back-wrenching riding around, but those bears must have taken lessons from Harry Houdini himself as they slipped by those hounds as easily as he did from handcuffs.

While the bear hunt disappointed, one thing that didn't was sleeping un-



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

der the stars without a tent for the first time in memory. Son #1, Bub's, brought along an inflatable bed and put that in the back of his truck. And we climbed up there and took out our sleeping bags and suddenly were rewarded with the most wondrous view of the heavens I have ever seen.

Being far from any outside light sources, the view was amazing, and the clear nights gave us an unparalleled view of God's handwork. I can honestly say I have never slept that good in probably all my life and Miss Trixie may start having to sleep alone as I am a new fan of outdoor living.

All that fun time at my age comes at a price and I am as sore as a bull that has been bit by a herd of bumble bees and about as grouchy, too. I have places hurting on my body I didn't know existed, but it is a good sign that I am still alive and kicking, I suppose. The fun times came to an end soon enough and we all returned to our abodes safe and sound but with tags unfilled.

Ol' Dutch felt thankful to have been able to keep up with the youngsters for two days and was really feeling pretty good about myself. That is until they all said they would be back next weekend for more of the same and wanted me to be sure and come along.

So at least I fooled all of them and will have to beg off on the next bear chase. Maybe. Because by next weekend my weak memory will have forgotten the pains and the roads will have gotten less bad, and it will be off to the races again. Maybe.

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Grumpy talk on the trail

I suppose it's the human thing on a hiking trail to acknowledge one another when passing. But on a well-used trail, the same comments come up time and time again.

"Good Morning." As an introvert I don't understand why I have to say Good Morning to every member of a 30-person group. Nor does Good Afternoon roll off the tongue as nicely. Too many plosives and fricatives. Yesterday I got yelled at for not saying a cheery enough "Good Morning" to a passing hiker. I did not realize I was at a Downton Abbey garden party.

Then there's the consoling "You're Almost There" hello. For one thing, I am almost never almost there when assured that I am. Volunteers at 10-Ks or marathons are warned to never, ever, tell someone they are almost there. Almost there is when you can see the parking lot.

An annoying question is "Everything OK"? Why are they asking this? Admittedly I have more gray hair than brown, but do I look so decrepit that they are concerned about my well being? What would they do if I said, "It would really be OK if you took my pack!"

"How you doing?" Do they really want to know that my trick hip is acting up, and my pack irritates that weird spot on my scapula? Probably not.

"Good Luck." Again, why? Is the only thing that will assure my success a whim of fate? I used to answer, "In the words of the immortal solo climber of Mount Everest, Reinhold Messner, 'I do not believe in luck.'" That usually gets me a blank look.

"Where did you start and how long did it take you?" People usually ask me this while hiking in Grand Canyon. But why ask a random stranger how they did? I'm not racing. One woman asked me this at Bryce Canyon National Park because she and her boyfriend were attempting a loop.



Hikers on the Colorado Trail.
Photo by Ricky Stephenson

She thought they were on the wrong trail, but her boyfriend thought she was wrong. Turned out he was the one who was wrong, and he wasn't happy about finding that out.

"Is it really harder hiking uphill?" Is this a trick question?

"Where are you going?" That seems a deep philosophical question to pose to a complete stranger.

"How was it?" I guess I could answer on a scale of one to ten...

"Was it worth it?" I'm always tempted to reply, "No, turn around now."

"Does this trail go anywhere?" "No," I want to say, "it just kind

of sits there."

"If I hike down this trail, is there another way out?" Not really: Walk in, walk out, is usually the case.

Sometimes a joker will ask, "Are we there yet?" "I sometimes answer, 'Buddha would say, 'We are always there.' That gets me a laugh now and then."

Several times I have been asked where the next shuttle bus stop is. If

this is asked while on a trail in the Grand Canyon, the answer is "A mile back and a thousand feet up the way you came." Poleaxed stare. "The bus doesn't come down here?" "No," I want to say, "they tend to stick to the paved road."

One young man told me, "I hope I can do this." I said, "It looks as though you are." "No, I mean when I am as old as you." I guess I can take that as a compliment. Then there is the compliment: "I hope I'm as fit as you when I'm your age." I want to reply: "I might be as fit as your age!"

A friend who let her hair go grey during COVID told me that she gets a lot more positive comments than she used to: "Young hikers used to mutter under their breath when I passed them. Now they tend to do a thumbs up and say, 'Good for you.'"

I was hiking one day with a group of women who have hiked the West on trails for years, when a man stepped to the side to let us pass. He beamed at us as he said, "You ladies look radiant." Now that is the kind of trail talk I like.

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Writers on the Range
by Marjorie 'Slim' Woodruff

LETTER

Would you like to help the SLV 4-H?

Editor,
A couple of months ago, Larry Garner introduced me to the family of Eddie VanDamme of Monte Vista. Eddie had recently been moved to Denver by his son, Damian, for health reasons. After visiting with Damian, he and his dad made the decision to donate all the remaining household items to me — with the understand-

ing all proceeds would benefit the SLV 4-H Foundation.

This is a win-win for me, as my husband, Larry, is the SLV Extension Director, and the Foundation is raising money to permanently fund a local full-time agent.

At first, I was going to put everything in my big truck and haul it to the Green Spot and just have a yard

sale. However, when I took a second look at all the items, and realized how eclectic and unusual some of the items were, I decided to have the sale at 227 Bronk in MV.

Plus, I did not want to move the roll-top desk, or the China cabinets, or the pump organ, or the glass display cabinet, etc.

The sale will have something for

everyone: binoculars, jewelry, Colorado Avalanche pictures, collectible books, spittoons, silver, chess sets, prints, collector toy cars, grandfather clock, Victorian settee and two side chairs, and so much more.

In the spirit of raising money for the Foundation, if you would like the early bird special to check out the sale on Saturday evening, Aug.

24, a donation of \$10 will get you in the door, at 6 p.m. Items may be purchased. Larger items may be bid by silent auction.

The actual sale will be on Sunday, starting at 11 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. If you have any questions, call me at 719-580-7838. Thank you!

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Alamosa*



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Monte Vista Police Department Chief Sean McDonagh, right, poses for a photo with Valley Veterans ReCreation, which helped support National Night Out on Aug. 13 at Chapman Park in Monte Vista.

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ing police officers, firefighters, EMTs and other informational booths like the Center for Restorative Programs. A large bouncy house was set up for the kids to enjoy.

Monte Vista Police Chief Sean McDonagh was at the event smiling and talking with people.



A large bouncy house was set up at National Night Out on Thursday, Aug. 13, at Chapman Park in Monte Vista.

MVPD Officer Twila Martinez organized the event for Monte Vista and said, "This is an annual event that we put on. For the planning, I coordinated with EMS, the National Guard, and our Center for Restorative Programs. I tried to get a helicopter, but I knew the weather would probably be bad again," she stated with a chuckle. "But maybe one year we will be able to have a helicopter here."

Martinez said that they coordinated with Top Value for the food. "We usually have a budget, and they help us out with that. They help by donating, too. Pepsi donated a bunch of pop, the ice company here in Monte donated all the ice," she said.

Martinez said that when she put out the flyer for the event, she also received some good calls about people wanting to set up booths.

"I think we have a little bit more vendors this year than we did last year. We try to engage with the community to answer any questions that the community might have. We provide dinner and we try to have a fun-filled night, to build that trust and relationship with our community. We want them to know they are safe, and they can come to us when they need us. What we really want from people is for them to trust us and get to know us. We are here for our community, and we want them to know that," she said.

D.J. Salazar of Valley Veterans ReCreation said his group made a donation to help National Night Out with the food.

"I am excited about being a part of the National Night out, and we are happy to be included and happy to donate, to support local law enforcement agencies, in their efforts against crime," he said.

Chief McDonagh enjoyed the National Night Out. "The Monte Vista Police Department would like to thank the community for braving the weather and supporting the National Night Out event. We enjoyed the connections that we were able to make with our community and value them very much," he said. "As a police agency, we're only going to be as successful as the support that we get from our community. It's really important to us.

"We'd also like to thank the various vendors, local businesses and volunteers that went above and beyond to donate and support our event. We'd also like to thank staff from the City of Monte Vista, who helped to support and organize the event. It was a team effort from so many people and organizations."



Courtesy photo

Once the sun came up over the mountains, everyone from the Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake sat around sharing camping memories and enjoying the beautiful weather at Rock Creek on Aug. 15.

BREAKFAST

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weather. It is definitely a highlight of the year for both residents and staff. Food just tastes so much better in the mountains. We also stay up there for a few hours after breakfast just enjoying nature and sharing past stories of camping and other adventures in the mountains. Everyone is able to open up in a way that is different from when we're at the home," she said.

This year pancakes, hash browns, bacon, sausage, eggs, and cowboy coffee were all served to the residents.

Self said the Homelake residents are excited to attend.

"We were just as excited to have our residents go up, as they were to be up there attending. We are also amazed by the amount that everyone eats. Our

residents have good appetites. The air up there, the smell of the food, it just makes you hungry. Our staff works so well together, to put on this wonderful breakfast together for our residents," she said.

Self said the center does lots of things for the residents throughout the year, but this was by far one of her favorites.

"It's just a great event. We had about 30 residents total attend the breakfast. We brought our handicap accessible buses, and you know many of the residents who attended were in wheelchairs, but the fact that they still get to go up into the National Forest and have a great morning and breakfast and visit with friends. It's really wonderful."

Self said it's nice to be in the forest, with nobody in a rush to leave and all the Veterans were sharing stories of when they went camping, or fishing. Self said that three buses went up, along with a pickup truck to help carry the wheelchairs, or other items that any of the Veterans needed.

"My favorite part of the breakfast is always seeing the smiles on the Veterans faces and seeing how well the residents eat. I also love to hear the residents share their favorite memories, and stories from when they got to camp, or their favorite things to eat while camping, too. All the pictures that we take, and they take up there. These things are my favorite part of the breakfast," she said.

Don't Settle for Less Than God's Best

I think it's healthy to stop periodically and take inventory of our lives. It's important to ask, "Am I really living the life Christ died for me to have? Or am I settling for something less?"

Regardless of what's happened in the past or what obstacles seem to be in our way, God has a big, full life in store for each one of us. However, it's up to us if we're going to get the best out of life and make the most of our time, talents, relationships, and opportunities.

The book of Genesis contains a great lesson in this area. It shares the story of Abraham's father, Terah, who gathered his family, packed up everything, and set out for his ultimate destination—Canaan.

However, Genesis 11:31 tells us, "... they went forth together to go from Ur of the Chaldees into the land of Canaan; but when they came to Haran, they settled there" (AMPC).

I wonder how many people start out to do one thing in life but settle somewhere along the way because they get tired or because it's convenient. It's not really what they want, but it's something they think they can "put up with."

Are there areas in your life where you have "settled" or maybe just haven't made as much progress as you have hoped? The Lord has called us to excellence; however, so many times we settle for being mediocre. The word mediocre literally means "to live halfway between success and failure."

And that's where so many people live; they haven't completely failed, but they're also not where they really want to be!

This applies to every area of our lives. Maybe you have begun studying the Word of God, and you've set a goal to really know your Bible and develop a vibrant relationship with the Lord. If that's the case, don't settle for just reading a chapter a day to "put your time in"—stay determined to make it a priority and reap the benefits of truly knowing God.

Or maybe you have a goal to lose 20 pounds. If so, make a decision that you're not going to give up when it gets difficult. Even if you have a bad day and actually gain weight, be determined to bounce back the next day!

Sometimes we get used to the place where we are and almost forget there's something better. Life gets busy, complicated, or even comfortable, and we lose sight of the dreams and goals we used to have. That's when we need to stir ourselves up and become determined to attain every single part of God's plan for our lives.

Let's take a few moments to play what I call the "What If?" game. This game isn't meant to make you feel guilty about what you haven't done—it's designed to help you picture what you can do. Use your imagination and really think through the answers to these questions:

What if you decided to give God your all and seek Him with your whole heart?

What if you demanded the best from yourself instead of settling for "just average?"

What if you stopped making excuses why you can't accomplish your dreams and goals?

What if you changed the way you speak and refused to say anything negative?

What if you started confronting problems instead of running away from them?

What if you decided to stop procrastinating?

Can you imagine where you would be this time next year if you followed through on even just one or two of these things?

The Bible is full of scriptures that encourage us to do our best. For instance, 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed..." (AMPC).

I love that phrase, "do your utmost." Sure, it's always easier to go halfway, but just imagine for a second what could happen in your life if you decided to give your "utmost" in your marriage, at your job, or in other areas of your life.

Some of the greatest blessings in my life now are the things that required the most effort. Today, my husband Dave and I have the awesome privilege of sharing God's Word with millions of people through Joyce Meyer Ministries. However, it required tremendous sacrifice and the

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decision to keep moving forward when so many times we felt like giving up. Yes, it required time and effort to do everything God placed in our hearts to do—but it was worth it in the end!

Today, I am so glad that I didn't stop halfway when things got tough. I thank God that I didn't get discouraged and quit during the days when only 50 people were attending my conferences.

I've learned this powerful lesson: If you will give your best and do what you can do, God will do His part and do what you can't do! A great life isn't just for someone else—it's for you, too.

Yes, it's going to require effort and determination, and in many cases, it may require you to push past fear so you can enjoy greater freedom and success. But I promise you this: It is always worth it.

So, don't settle for average, mediocre, or halfway. God has an incredible, fulfilling, and exciting life just waiting for you...and you can take it as far as you're willing to go. The next move is yours.

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-part teaching resource *Don't Settle for Less Than the Best*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org

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A traffic stop by the Monte Vista Police Department on Aug. 12 led to the arrest of two men on drug charges. After obtaining a search warrant, MVPD officers found drugs – methamphetamine, fentanyl and marijuana – and a gun with ammo and clips in the vehicle.

MVPD arrests two men on drug charges

STAFF REPORT

MONTE VISTA — At approximately 12:17 p.m. on Aug. 12, Monte Vista Police Department officers performed a traffic stop on a vehicle. During the stop, blue pills were observed next to the 53-year-old male passenger, in plain view, and not in an original dispensary container. The passenger threw the packaging containing the pills, after being identified by police, to prevent detection of the drugs. After resisting arrest, he was transported to the Monte Vista Police Department and processed without further incident.

The 29-year-old male driver was also arrested and in possession of a controlled substance. He was also transported to the Monte Vista Police Department.

The 53-year-old male passenger is being charged with suspicion of felony possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, resisting arrest and obstructing a peace officer.

The 29-year-old passenger is being charged with suspicion of misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance.

The Monte Vista Police Department applied for a search warrant to thoroughly search the impounded vehicle and its contents.

This warrant was issued by the 12th Judicial District Judge and a gun, and drugs were seized during the search of that vehicle.

The weight of the suspected drugs found in the vehicle was over 5 ounces of methamphetamine, over 2 ounces of fentanyl and over 280 grams of marijuana, and the suspect has now been charged with additional criminal charges, to include:

- “Special Offender,” which, by the enormity of the drugs seized, projects the possession into a drug felony 1.
- Possession of weapon by previous offender, which is a class 5 felony.

This was the second vehicle stopped by MVPD on Aug. 12 with controlled substances located.

AVSAR rescue on Ellingwood on Aug. 4

STAFF REPORTS

ALAMOSA COUNTY — On August 4, Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue (AVSAR) assisted an injured hiker on Ellingwood Peak in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

AVSAR was alerted via a Garmin SOS activation from a hiker that had fallen on the southwest approach to Ellingwood Point. The individual fell with his leg pinned by a large boulder. He also suffered a severely broken arm.

Canon Helitack transported AVSAR members to the injured who rendered medical attention. The hiker was then extracted from the scene via a hoist by a Colorado National Guard helicopter. He was later transferred to a Reach Air Medical 71 helicopter and taken to a Front Range hospital.

On July 27, AVSAR rescued a hiker from Ellingwood who was also transported by a Colorado National Guard helicopter and a Reach 29 aircraft.

AVSAR thanked the Alamosa County Sheriff’s Office, Eagle Air Med, the Colorado National Guard, Colorado Search and Rescue Association



Photo courtesy of AVSAR

Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue during an emergency situation on Ellingwood Peak.

and the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control-Canon Helitack.

Rescue units such as the one used

by the injured hiker during this event are small and lightweight. The Garmin inReach Mini 2 Satellite Communicator retails for \$349.

Woman found by MVPD with knife wounds

STAFF REPORT

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Police Department is investigating an incident on Aug. 15 when a woman was found with injuries consistent with knife wounds.

Just after 4 p.m., on Thursday, MVPD responded to Rickey Place after someone called in reporting

a person was attacked by a dog in the area.

After arriving, officers determined that at least one female had injuries consistent with knife wounds and she was transported to a nearby hospital by attending EMS.

MVPD detectives are investi-

gating and liaising with the 12th Judicial District Attorney’s Office regarding the incident.

The investigation is ongoing and further details will be released when deemed appropriate by investigating agencies and the 12th Judicial District Attorney’s Office.

Stampede says thanks!

To the Monte Vista Community, and the entire San Luis Valley:

With the 102nd Ski Hi Stampede celebration in the books, the Ski Hi Stampede Committee would like to extend a huge “THANK YOU” to all the people who attended and made it such a special event. The Concert was a tremendous success, the Parade was awesome, the Rodeos were packed with excitement and the Carnival never disappoints.

We could not pull this off without the scores of sponsors!

The committee puts in countless hours during the year to bring this to the valley, but also knows that this event does not happen without the help of the many people who volunteer their time. Too many to mention by name, but please know your hard work did not go unnoticed.

The new building and facilities are amazing and help make the experience even that much better.

The committee looks forward to continue the next 100 years and planning for next year begins today. See you next year for the 103rd Ski Hi Stampede, July 10-13, 2025

You Are Appreciated.

As the Ski-Hi Stampede Committee we have made the decision to continue our event on the second weekend in July in 2025. Our goal is to continue to improve the entertainment we bring to the community.

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Colorado lawmakers again urge IRS not to tax TABOR refunds

By CHASE WOODRUFF

Colorado Newswire

For the third consecutive tax year, Colorado members of Congress on both sides of the aisle are urging the Internal Revenue Service not to tax the state's flat refund payments to residents under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights.

Colorado's congressional delegation wrote in a letter to IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel this week that the issue of whether TABOR refunds are treated by the agency as taxable income should "be resolved in a timely manner to avoid further confusion for taxpayers in our state."

"As you are well aware, the IRS has never considered TABOR refund payments as taxable income since the state constitutional amendment was ratified by Colorado voters in 1992 — over thirty years ago," said the letter. "A change this significant would take considerable time and resources from the state to ensure regulatory stability and to appropriately inform the public of how these changes may affect them. It would also have a significant impact on taxpayers — especially low-income taxpayers — who may have new unanticipated tax obligations as a result of this policy interpretation."

Democratic U.S. Sens. Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper, Democratic U.S. Reps. Yadira Caraveo, Jason Crow, Diana DeGette, Joe Neguse and Brittany Pettersen, as well as Republican U.S. Reps. Lauren Boebert, Greg Lopez and Doug Lamborn, all signed the letter.

Uncertainty over the issue began with the 2022 tax year, when the IRS, responding to a wave of special tax refunds issued by states in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, raised the possibility of treating such payments as taxable income. Colorado issued \$750 flat refunds to all individual tax filers in 2022, and \$1,500 payments to all joint filers, rather than use a tiered system based on income levels, as the state had done in the past.

The IRS has twice previously backed off its plans and announced it would not tax TABOR refunds in tax years 2022 and 2023. Guidance released by the agency last year revived the possibility of taxing the payments in the future, but a new state law enacted in the 2024 legislative session should resolve the issue going forward, lawmakers say.

"I appreciate ... the Colorado delegation for their support in ensuring that Coloradans' TABOR refunds are not taxed and keeping more money in the pocket of hardworking Coloradans," Gov. Jared Polis said in a statement. "I urge the federal government to maintain the decades of precedence that tax refunds are not taxed."

TABOR limits the amount of revenue the state can retain and spend. The limit rises based on inflation and population growth, and revenue collected in excess of the limit must be refunded to taxpayers.

DISTRICT COURT, ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO Alamosa County Courthouse 8955 Independence Way Alamosa, CO 81101	DATE FILED July 30, 2024 11:31 AM
IN THE MATTER OF THE SOUTHERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT AND THE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT SUBDISTRICT OF THE SOUTHERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> COURT USE ONLY <input type="checkbox"/>
IN SAGUACHE, ALAMOSA, AND RIO GRANDE COUNTIES.	Case No. 2024CV30030 Division 2
ORDER FIXING A PLACE AND TIME FOR HEARING ON THE PETITION TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTHERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT AND THE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT SUBDISTRICT OF THE SOUTHERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT	

This matter comes before the Court pursuant to the applicable provision of C.R.S. §37-45-109 and §37-45-120, "the Water Conservancy Act," upon the petition to the Honorable District Court sitting in and for Alamosa County, State of Colorado, for the establishment of a Water Conservancy District and Subdistrict.

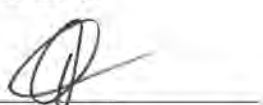
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a hearing on said Petitions shall take place on the 17th day of October 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Alamosa County Justice Center, Alamosa, Colorado, in Courtroom A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall cause to be published said Petition in a newspaper of general circulation in Alamosa, Rio Grande, and Saguache counties and shall mail a copy of the published notice to the Alamosa, Rio Grande, and Saguache Board of County Commissioners as required by CRS 37-45-111(1).

FINALLY, the matter shall be set for a Status Conference on August 19, 2024, at 10:45 a.m. at the Alamosa County Justice Center, Alamosa, Colorado, in Courtroom A, for a determination of the amount of necessary bond pursuant to CRS 37-45-110.

DATED this 30th day of July 2024.

BY THE COURT:


Michael A. Gonzales,
District Judge and Water Judge
Water Division 3

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION

To All Persons Interested:
Public Notice is Hereby Given:

- That on the July 23, 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Colorado Water Conservancy Act, C.R.S. §§ 37-45-101 *et. seq.*, there was filed with the clerk of the district court sitting in and for Alamosa County, Colorado, a petition ("Petition") for the establishment of a water conservancy district to be known as the Southern Colorado Water Conservancy District ("District") and for the establishment of the Groundwater Management Subdistrict of the Southern Colorado Water Conservancy District ("Subdistrict").
- The formation of the District and Subdistrict will encourage the conservation, development, and stabilization of water supplies used for domestic, irrigation, commercial, power, manufacturing, and other beneficial uses. *See* C.R.S. §37-45-108. Irrigated lands within the District and Subdistrict are irrigated by a combination of surface water supplies and wells withdrawing water from the Confined and Unconfined Aquifers. The lands proposed for inclusion also utilize wells for related industrial and commercial uses. In order to continue operating their wells for irrigation and related commercial and industrial uses, these well owners will require the development of works and acquisition of supplemental supplies of water for the purposes of replacing depletions to the Rio Grande River and any other river or creek where depletions are required to be replaced and for purposes of conserving water within the Unconfined Aquifer in order to ensure that a sustainable water supply is achieved and maintained within that aquifer as required by C.R.S. §37-92-501(4). The District and its Subdistrict will be distinct legal entities, funded by a mill levy imposed by its board pursuant to the provisions of the Act, by fees and assessments paid by well owners who enter water allotment contracts with the District or Subdistrict and by any other lawful means. Assessments will be proportional to the cost of obtaining sufficient water to augment the wells of contract holders and to achieve and maintain a sustainable water supply in the Unconfined Aquifer. The District and the Subdistrict will employ a number of means to develop works and a portfolio of water rights sufficient to achieve and maintain a sustainable water supply and augment its member wells to ensure that such wells are allowed to continue operating under all applicable laws, rules, and water court decrees, including but not limited to, the lease and purchase of senior, transmountain or other fully consumable water rights, the change of senior water rights to augmentation use, the development of recharge projects, forbearance agreements, the construction of water storage projects, and the purchase, lease and retirement of irrigated land and wells which divert water from the Confined and Unconfined Aquifers, alone or in concert with other entities, and will employ all means available under the Act for the financing of its activities, including but not limited to the issuance of Water Conservancy Bonds, the imposition of mill levies, the creation of one or more water activity enterprise and financing through the Colorado Water Conservation Board or other available lenders. The District and Subdistrict intend to prosecute an application for approval of one or more plans of augmentation with the Division 3 Water Court, may seek approval of substitute supply plans pursuant to C.R.S. §37-92-308(4) during the time the application is pending and may develop a groundwater management plan under C.R.S. §37-92-501(4)(c).
- The District and Subdistrict will be composed of non-contiguous parcels of land in Alamosa, Rio Grande, and Saguache Counties, Colorado, described below. One hundred percent of the owners of said lands have signed the petition for the formation of the District and the Subdistrict.
Irrigated Lands:
Section: 10 Township: 40 Range: 8 LY NW & SE OF FARMERS UNION CANAL
Section: 10 Township: 40 Range: 8 FR SE4SE4 DESC AS FOLS BEG AT SE COR OF PAR WH S4 COR SEC 10 BEARS S 79 DEG 49' W 2296.5 0 FT TH N 45 DEG 27 1/2' W 389.29 FT TH S 89 DEG 15 1/2' E 454.28 FT TH S 88 DEG 46 1/2' E 32 FT TH S 38 DEG 04 1/2' W 388.54 FT TO POB CONT 1.51 A
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LOTS 1-2, E1/2NW1/4 31-42-10 (SMR)
SW1/4 31-42-10
SE1/4 31-42-10
SE1/4 36-41-7 LESS 2.41 AC. B312 P26, ALSO LESS 5.21 AC. B451 P581
SW1/4 1-41-8
A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SW1/4NW1/4 21-41-8 CONTAINING 7.10 ACRES, REC# 392916, TRACT 2 SKYLINE LAND COMPANY LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT
NE1/4 14-41-8 (SMR)
NE1/4 20-41-8
NW1/4 21-41-8 LESS A TRACT OF LAND CONT. 1.00 ACRES B32 2 P241, ALSO LESS A TRACT OF LAND CONT. 4.31 ACRES, ALSO LESS A TRACT OF LAND CONT. 4.56 ACRES REC# 320956, ALSO LESS A TRACT OF LAND CONT. .79

ACRES B454 P697
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NE1/4 23-41-8
S1/2 25-41-8 LESS 2.04 ACRES, ALSO LESS 3.94 ACRES REC# 330222 AKA TRACT 1 OF THE JIM FORD DIVISION OF LAND
NE1/4 26-41-8 SLV
SE1/4 26-41-8
SE1/4 27-41-8
SE1/4 28-41-8
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NE1/4 34-41-8
NE1/4 35-41-8 LESS A TRACT OF LAND LOC. IN: NW1/4NE1/4 35-41-8 CONT. 1.68 ACRES B459 P392 B460 P110
NW1/4 35-41-8
NE1/4 36-41-8 LESS 1.09 ACRES REC# 386664 (AKA TRACT 1 DAVID TONSO DIVISION OF LAND REC# 385346)
NW1/4 36-41-8 LESS 1 AC. B390 P834
SW1/4 36-41-8
NE1/4 1-41-9 LESS 1.835 ACRES B424 P852, ALSO LESS 0 .80 ACRES REC# 338252 (SMR)
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NE1/4 19-41-9
NW1/4 19-41-9 B 364 P 642 (SMR)
SW1/4 19-41-9
SE1/4 19-41-9
SW1/4 22-41-9
SE1/4 22-41-9
NE1/4 27-41-9 LESS A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 2.57 ACRES REC# 398180 (A/K/A TRACT 1 MYERS LAND RLLP, DIVISION OF LAND REC# 397712)
NW1/4 27-41-9
SW1/4 29-41-9 B380 P120
NW1/4 30-41-9
SE1/4 31-41-9 LESS 5.78 ACRES REC# 387907, ALSO LESS 4.39 ACRES REC# 391242 (AKA TRACT 2A JADA HOLDINGS DIVISION OF LAND)
SE1/4 7-41-10
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S1/2NE1/4 8-41-10 (SMR)
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SE1/4 8-41-10
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NW1/4 17-41-10 LESS 10 ACRES B361 P259
SE1/4 17-41-10
SE1/4 18-41-10 LESS A TRACT OF LAND CONT. 4.35 AC B457 P233 (SMR)
SW1/4 19-41-10
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SW1/4 29-41-10
SE1/4 29-41-10 LESS 7.082 ACRES REC# 350421 (SMR)
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SE1/4 31-41-10 LESS A TRACT OF LAND LOC. IN SE1/4SE1/4 CONT. 6.62 ACRES B436 P389 (SMR)
NW1/4 32-41-10
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SE4 5-40-9 156A (SLV) JWD REC #380858 05-17-2021
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SW4 10-40-9 154A (SLV) JPRD REC #383309 12-01-2021

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Non-Irrigated Lands:
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TR A-1 IN SE1/4 33-41-8 B353 P492 B396 P333
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A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SW1/4 3-41-9 CONTAINING 5.00 ACRES A/K/A/ TRACT 2 REC# 315607
4. Pursuant to C.R.S. §37-45-114, Petitioners request the initial Board of Directors be comprised of Asier Artaevarria who is a farmer and landowner within the District; William Meyers who is a farmer and the appointed agent of Myers Family Farm, LLC and its members who are landowners within the District, and Les Alderete who is the General Manager of Skyline Potato and the appointed agent of Skyline Land Company and its owners who are landowners within the District. These people are landowners or agents for entities who are landowners and are familiar with and representative of the beneficial users of water within the District and Subdistrict.

5. The public hearing on the Petition will take place on **October 17, 2024** at 9:00 a.m. at the Alamosa County Justice Center, Alamosa, Colorado, in Courtroom A.

Newcomer's Guide to Gardening in the SLV

Perennial flowers for the Valley

By EMILY FOLZ
 CSU Extension Colorado Master Gardener

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Driving along Highway 160 and looking across the arid landscape of the Valley, with its sagebrush and saltbush, tumbleweeds and dust devils, one might think growing colorful gardens full of perennial flowers was nearly impossible. But I keep stumbling across Valley gardens, which I would have thought were too delicate to grow here. We have harsh wind — yes, and bitterly cold winters — yes, and hungry deer — yes, but Valley gardeners have found ways to grow gorgeous flower gardens anyway.

An avid Valley gardener shared her list of no-fail plants. Lists like these are indispensable to newcomers like myself. They come with years of trial and error, 50 years in her case. I was surprised by some of the perennial flowers that made her list — Asiatic lilies, bearded iris, Siberian iris, and peonies — all plants I would have thought too fragile for our conditions. I'm delighted to say I was completely wrong.

The list also included other colorful perennials such as columbines, yarrow, salvia, bleeding heart, spiderwort, mint, and hollyhocks. Hollyhocks are the official flower of Saguache, which just held its annual hollyhock festival. Who would have thought hollyhocks, with their tall, stately stalks covered with seemingly delicate blossoms, would thrive here? But they do!

Early in the summer, I saw several beautiful perennial gardens all planted in full sun with no protection from wind or critters. Blooming during the first few weeks of June were deep purple woodland sage (*Salvia nemorosa*), red and yellow blanket flower (*Gaillardia aristata*), blue flax (*Linum lewisii*), purple Rocky Mountain penstemon (*Penstemon strictus*), creamy white and soft yellow yarrow (*Achillea*), white Snow-in summer



Blue flax (*Linum lewisii*) nestled between small boulders in mid-June. Photos by Emily Folz

(*Cerastium tomentosum*), soft white Apache plume (*Fallugia paradoxa*), golden columbine (*Aquilegia chrysantha*), and light violet catmint (*Nepeta*). Several gardens contained irises in deep purple, bright orange, golden yellow, and soft lavender and cream. One garden had a flower bed completely filled with brilliant red-orange oriental poppies. Another garden had bright yellow-orange California poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*) which, although a hardy annual in our area, looked beautiful planted alongside perennial deep purple woodland sage.

In July, I visited a gardener south of Monte Vista, who had several flower beds awash with colorful blooming perennials. She had strategically placed her flower beds in areas protected from the wind. My favorite was a flower bed filled with blooming lilies in a multitude of colors - bright fuch-

sia, butter yellow, bright orange, deep red, pale pink and white. Another flower bed had gorgeous blooming delphiniums in deep purple-blue reaching 4 feet tall, also protected from the wind.

These gardeners, like many others in the Valley, are great teachers, having learned to create beautiful flower gardens despite our tricky growing conditions. They address the issue of wind by planting next to buildings, berms, windbreaks, and shrubs, or by choosing plants that don't seem to mind it. They address the need to conserve water by using drip irrigation or by choosing plants that prefer more arid conditions.

CSU Extension has some great online resources about growing pe-



Beautiful columbine (*Aquilegia*) with golden yellow petals and coral-colored sepals blooming in mid-June.

rennials in Colorado. Although not specific to the Valley, the fact sheets below include perennials that grow well at high altitude.

- Flowers for Mountain Communities - 7.406: <https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/garden/07406.pdf>

- Native Herbaceous Perennials for Colorado Landscapes - 7.242: <https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/garden/07242.pdf>

Another great resource is the CSU Extension office in Monte Vista. San

Luis Valley master gardeners staff the help desk at the CSU Extension office each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and are happy to answer your gardening questions. You can reach them at 719-852-7381 or by visiting the office. If you don't have access to a computer, you can obtain printed copies of the above fact sheets from them as well.

Do you have garden favorites not listed above? I'd love to hear about them! Please share your experiences and your photos! Email me at SLV-gardening@gmail.com

First Reading of Ordinance 929 An Ordinance of the Monte Vista City Council Regulating the Possession of Firearms in the Monte Vista City Buildings and Meeting Locations. To view the full ordinance please contact the City Clerk's Office at 719-852-6171. No. 4858 published in the Monte Vista Journal, Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

District Rio Grande Combined Court, State of Colorado COURT ADDRESS: 925 6TH STREET, ROOM 204, DEL NORTE, CO 81132 PHONE NUMBER: 719-657-3394	
Plaintiff: JONATHON JAMES TRACY	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
v.	Case Number:
Defendants: CHRISTOPHER DANIEL SCOTT, STEWART TITLE GUARANTY COMPANY, and ALLPINE TITLE, INC	Division: Courtroom:
DISTRICT COURT CIVIL SUMMONS	

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: Christopher Daniel Scott, Stewart Title Guaranty Company, and Allpine Title, Inc.
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to file with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response to the attached Complaint. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you within the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 21 days after such service upon you. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you outside of the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after such service upon you. Your answer or counterclaim must be accompanied with the applicable filing fee. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within the applicable time period, the Court may enter judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.

Dated: 5-31-24

Clerk of Court/Clerk: _____
 Signature of Attorney for Plaintiff: Jay Pichani
12712 W. Ken Carv1 Ave., Littleton, CO 80127
 Address of Attorney for Plaintiff
303-989-6655
 Plaintiff's Attorney's Phone Number

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RGH Keeping the Dream Alive event serves gratitude

By LYNDIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE — Rio Grande Hospital welcomed more than 200 people to its new Wellness Center on Saturday, Aug. 10, for the annual Keeping the Dream Alive fundraiser. People gathered inside and outside of the Wellness Center for an evening of appreciating and celebrating a year full of accomplishments.

Keeping the Dream Alive began in 2008 in honor of Dr. Norman Haug. According to research done by the Denver Post in 2007 and provided by Rio Grande Hospital, Dr. Haug was a hero among rural doctors throughout Colorado and was the person who envisioned a rural hospital offering state of the art medical care for the San Luis Valley.

Dr. Norman Haug “was a hero” for the rural doctor, said Dr. John Westfall, a former rural doctor who now trains others in the same field. Haug was 69 when he died May 6. He had been a doctor in Del Norte for years, served as coroner and jail physician and spearheaded the drive to open a \$10 million hospital after the Del Norte hospital closed. He was hospital administrator for that institution, and the Rio Grande Hospital.

Haug worked to get much of the \$10 million for the hospital through a Housing and Urban Development grant. He also was medical director for the Colorado State Veterans’ Center in Homelake, near Monte Vista. In 1998, he and his wife, Rebecca Haug, a nurse, went to Honduras to help people injured in Hurricane Mitch. He was named Rural Health Practitioner of the year in 2003 by the National Rural Health



Rio Grande Hospital welcomed over 200 guests to their annual fundraiser Keeping the Dream Alive on Saturday, August 10. The event was started in 2008 in honor of Dr. Norman Haug.

Photo courtesy of Rio Grande Hospital

Association.

Haug was born in Lakewood on Dec. 14, 1937, and graduated from Regis High School and Regis University in Denver. He earned his medical degree at the University of Colorado at Boulder and a master’s degree in public health at the University of Oklahoma.

He was a Peace Corps doctor in Malaysia in the early 1960’s and later helped set up the Vietnamese health system. In 1980, he married Rebecca

Sue Sutterfield and moved to Del Norte the next year.

Haug liked the idea of living in a small town and of having a few farm animals. He grew up on a small farm outside Lakewood. In addition to his wife and son, Haug is survived by two other sons: Frank Haug of Boulder and Anthony Haug of Denver; and sisters Jeanne Haug and Dorothy Healy, both of Lakewood.”

During the fundraiser, Rio Grande Hospital CEO Arlene Harms spoke

about the need to get back to preventative care and working to make a healthy community through wellness. Rio Grande Hospital’s vision for the Wellness Center began prior to 2020 as they began making plans and received funding from countless donors but it was the COVID pandemic that stopped the project in its track until June of 2023 when the hospital broke ground.

Mountain View Restaurant of Monte Vista prepared a delicious,

healthy meal for the attendees while several staff members volunteered to serve guests as a way to say thanks throughout the evening.

“I just want to say how proud I am of our staff, our physicians and everyone who came to help make this evening one to remember. It was really nice to have this event in our own facility and we are grateful to our community for all of the support,” said Development and Communications Officer Eva Timberlake.

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Conservation districts hosting free events Aug. 23-24

STAFF REPORT

CENTER — San Luis Valley conservation districts will be hosting free events on Aug. 23 and 24.

The events are free and begin on Friday, Aug. 23, at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista. There will be a soil and water workshop held on Friday, with guest speaker Annie Overlin from the CSU Extension office.

Overlin will explain the connection between soil and water conservation and ways

to track and test soil health. She will also be explaining different ways to implement water conservation in daily planning. Attendees can also connect with other likeminded individuals, ask questions about water conservation and soil health, and take a deeper look at innovation and practices. The workshop will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Dinner will be provided by Gosar Sausage.

On Aug. 24, the public is invited to the USDA Office in Center for the San Luis

Valley Farmer to Famer Field Day Tours. The tour will make stops in Rio Grande, Saguache, and Alamosa counties. The tours are being provided to help residents of the San Luis Valley understand and see what local farmers and ranchers are doing to help with water conservation and overall soil health. Attendees will have the chance to ask farmers and ranchers questions.

After the tours, there will be a discussion held at the USDA Office. There will be plenty

of time for attendees to ask questions, and gain insight into anything they may have seen on the tours. The tours will run from 8:30 a.m. until about 3:30 p.m. Transportation is provided for people who attend, and lunch from the Ruby Rose Café will also be served.

There is no cost for the workshop or the tour event, to RSVP call or text Mattea Freel, the District Manager at 970-371-0687 or Seth Armentrout at 719-289-7332, or email centercd1@gmail.com.

Dahlias bloom in Del Norte

Bloomstead Farms' first festival is Aug. 23-24

Wes and Cole, and nephew, Henry.

A Legacy of Transformation

The story of Bloomstead Farms is one of transformation. In 1997, Matt and Wendi Seger purchased a piece of the family land that Gary and Jody had initially bought. With their family, they began the arduous task of transforming it. Over the years, they have unearthed an astonishing 39,000 tons of rocks, turning a once barren landscape into fertile ground. Initially, potatoes, barley and canola were their primary crops, but a chance encounter with dahlias sparked a new passion.

The Segers planted their first 400 dahlia tubers, and the results were nothing short of magical. The fields, once rocky and inhospitable, became a kaleidoscope of color and life. The farm is now focusing on cultivating unique and specialty varieties, adding even more charm and allure to their offerings.

Introducing the Dahlia Festival

To celebrate this transformation and share the farm's beauty with the community, Bloomstead Farms is hosting its first-ever Dahlia Festival on Aug. 23 and 24. This enchanting event promises to capture the whimsical, heartwarming essence of a Hallmark movie, offering a perfect setting for fun, friendship, and perhaps even a touch of romance.

- Aug. 23: A Night Under the Stars The festival kicks off with a catered dinner and dance under the stars. Enjoy a catered meal and dance the night away with a DJ, all set against the breathtaking backdrop of our blooming dahlia fields. The cost is \$30 per person.

- Aug. 24: Fields of Fun and Friendship The festivities continue with a day of farm games, designed to delight participants of all ages. Enjoy entertainment from Ms. Kai's Performance Academy, delicious food from onsite vendors, and the chance to win fantastic prizes. The entry fee



Courtesy photo

Members of the Seger family of Del Norte are shown at Bloomstead Farms; front from left, Wendi and Jody; back, Henry, Wes, Matt and Cole.

is \$5 per person, which includes 10 tickets for the games.

For more details about the festival and to purchase tickets, visit bloomsteadfarms.com/pages/dahlia-festival.

Wendi's Good Things Market Adding to the charm of Bloomstead Farms is Wendi's Good Things Market. **Please see DAHLIAS on Page 7**

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DEL NORTE — In the rugged landscape of Del Norte, where the San Juan Mountain Range casts its majestic shadow, lies a remarkable testament to vision, perseverance, and community spirit — Bloomstead Farms.

What began as rocky pieces of land bought by Gary and Jody Seger and affectionately referred to as "Baltic Avenue" has transformed into a vibrant haven of beauty and joy under the stewardship of their son, Matt, and his wife, Wendi, along with their sons,

San Luis Valley Fair closes another successful run



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

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.

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.

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

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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 or call 719-852-3322.

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) (inches)				
		8/15	8/14	8/13	8/12	2day	3day	4day	5day	7day
		Moravian 69	04/05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Moravian 69	05/05	0.14	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.26	0.37	0.49	0.59	0.79
Early Wheat	04/05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Early Wheat	05/05	0.17	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.32	0.45	0.59	0.71	0.95
White Wheat	04/05	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.17	0.24	0.32	0.38	0.51
White Wheat	05/05	0.21	0.18	0.16	0.17	0.39	0.56	0.73	0.87	1.14
WinterWheat	10/01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Potatoes										
Norkotah	05/05	0.18	0.16	0.14	0.15	0.34	0.48	0.63	0.76	1.01
Centennial	05/05	0.25	0.21	0.19	0.19	0.46	0.65	0.83	0.99	1.27
Nugget	05/05	0.24	0.20	0.18	0.18	0.44	0.62	0.79	0.94	1.21
Alfalfa	Est.	0.28	0.23	0.21	0.21	0.51	0.72	0.93	1.10	1.42
Lawnglass	Est.	0.24	0.20	0.18	0.18	0.44	0.62	0.79	0.94	1.21

For the latest ET information, call 719-754-3494 extension x40 for Center, x36 for Center #2, and x38 for La Jara. Use the crop maturity and planting data and weather station closest to your own. Find this up June 8 table each day at this web address: <http://aes-slvr.c.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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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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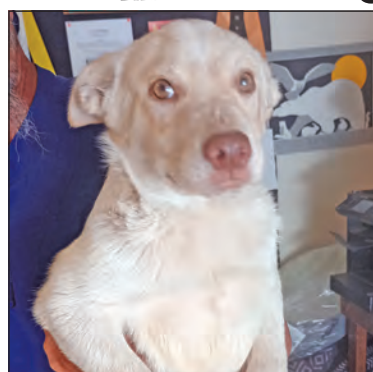
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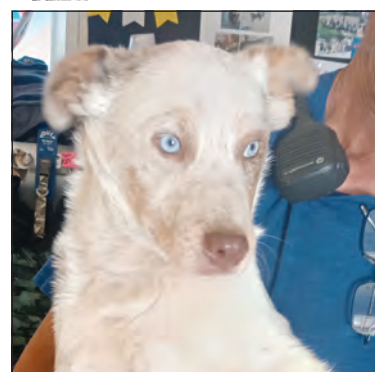


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Charming Mountain Retreat with Breathtaking Views Nestled in the picturesque town of South Fork, CO, this finely finished Ranch Style Mountain home offers a delightful blend of rugged elegance. With 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, this home provides ample 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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Nestled among the pines in Dakota Park, South Fork, Colorado. This immaculate home offers mountain views and abundant common areas. The neighborhood is a haven for deer, adding to its charm. Large windows flood the home with natural light, while the landscaped property enhances curb appeal. The expansive decks, including a hot tub on the back deck, is perfect for outdoor entertaining. Inside, you'll find 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, all appliances, including washer and dryer, a new evaporative cooler for extra cooling during the summer, propane stove to keep you cozy in winter. With high-speed fiber optic internet and ample storage in the home and one-car garage, this home is ideal for those who love outdoor activities. Enjoy hiking in the Weminuche Wilderness, fishing in the Rio Grande River, skiing at Wolf Creek Ski Area, and much more. Whether hiking, fishing, skiing, or just enjoying the great outdoors, this home has something for everyone! Call me for more information and to schedule your showing today! MLS# 816979 - \$489,500



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120 Fairway Ridge Lane • South Fork

Serenity Await in Fairway Glen, South Fork Ranches! Nestled within the coveted Fairway Glen subdivision, this 0.61-acre gem awaits your vision. Perched near the Rio Grande Club and Resort, it boasts an unrivaled vantage point overlooking Hole #11—a golfer's dream come true. Imagine waking up to sun-kissed mornings, gazing across rolling hills and pristine fairways. Whether you're sipping coffee on your future deck or planning a cozy evening by the firepit, these views will steal your heart. All utilities stand ready at the lot line, eager to serve your dream home. South Fork, a haven for outdoor enthusiasts, beckons with adventure. Within minutes, you'll find: Tee off at the Rio Grande Club & Resort's 18-hole course, where fairways merge seamlessly with mountain vistas. Chase winter thrills at Wolf Creek Ski area—powder days and après-ski stories await. Lace up your hiking boots or hop on an ATV—the nearby trails lead to hidden lakes, wildflower meadows, and secret overlooks. Cast your line into the Rio Grande River, where trout dance and rafting adventures unfold. Don't miss out! Call today to schedule a private showing. Let's turn this canvas of land into your forever retreat. MLS#816135- \$64,000



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48 Whispering Pines Drive • South Fork

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DAHLIAS

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Market, an elevated farm shoppe with a mission to help women live more joyful and purposeful lives. Wendi Seger, the former owner of the beloved eatery Locavores in Alamosa, started the market in response to the challenges of COVID-19, aiming to keep her employees working.

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For more information on when the farm will be open for photography and bouquet purchases, visit bloomsteadfarms.com.



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FAIR

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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 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.



Photos 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.



Lane Mattive, left, shows the Grand Champion of the San Luis Valley Fair Market Sheep Show on Aug. 7. 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.



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

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