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Tidbits

Holy Name of Mary Church is opening this next Sunday

DEL NORTE — Holy Name of Mary Church is reopening on Sept. 1 for the regular 8 a.m. Mass.

This much-awaited opening is after some 20 months of closure for investigating and mitigating major safety issues, completing much-needed repairs to the church and rectory buildings and fundraising by the DNCA.

Items sought for Antonito Library Yard Sale

ANTONITO — Items are being sought for the annual Antonito Library Yard Sale on Labor Day weekend. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 31, at 112 Main St. in Antonito.

All proceeds from the yard sale will go to support the Conejos County Library District's annual Summer Reading Program.

Drop off items between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursdays or Fridays at the Antonito Library or between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the La Jara Library.

For more information, call the library district at 719-274-5858.

Creede office closes for winter

DEL NORTE — The Divide Ranger District of the Rio Grande National Forest announced Aug. 20 the immediate closing of its Creede office. The early closure is needed to prepare for renovations that will begin in the coming weeks.

“We had a fantastic year at the Creede office, highlighted by valuable engagements with both visitors and locals alike,” said Divide District Ranger Patrick Moran. “Our planned renovations will begin soon, and it would not be prudent to keep our doors open to the public while the work is being implemented. We look forward to next spring when we can resume our information services and education programs.”

Improvements to the office will include window replacements, electrical upgrades, exterior painting and repairs, and other improvements.

To obtain firewood permits, woodcutters will now need to visit the Divide Ranger Station in Del Norte during regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dahlia Festival: a blooming success

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DEL NORTE — This past weekend, Bloomstead Farms in Del Norte held its first-ever Dahlia Festival on Aug. 23-24, marking a momentous occasion for both the farm and the local community.

Nearly 250 people gathered over the two-day celebration to witness the beauty of specialty dahlias and partake in festivities that offered a taste of Colorado's rugged charm mixed with floral elegance.

The event began on the evening of Aug. 23 with a catered dinner under the stars. The setting couldn't

have been more picturesque, with tables nestled near the breathtaking dahlia fields, all in full bloom. Guests enjoyed barbecue beef and veggie kabobs, baked potatoes, fresh buttery biscuits, and an array of grilled vegetables, while a DJ spun music that encouraged dancing well into the night.

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More than 200 people attended the first-ever 'Dahlia Festival' at Bloomstead Farms near Del Norte, witnessing a number of varieties of the national flower of Mexico.

Courtesy photo



Kent Rominger Airport fuel sales up



By LYNDISIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE — The Kent Rominger Airport in Del Norte has had a successful year, first rolling out the red carpet for their new fueling system and then launching a new program that helps track

With a new fuel system installed and a new tracking system, the Kent Rominger Airport in Del Norte has been busy. Data collected over the past few weeks has shown the airport has seen an increase in flights and fuel sales.

Photo courtesy of Kent Rominger Airport

airport traffic 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Rio Grande County Airport Manager Brian Burrell stated that the Colorado State Aeronautics Division is looking to install this new tracking system in airports around the state and Burrell was the first to volunteer to try the system. “When we heard about the new tracking system called Runaway Stats, I volunteered to allow the system to be installed here.”

It wasn't long before data began pouring in from the system,

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Rio Grande County Museum welcomes fall with Heritage Fair

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE — The Rio Grande County Museum will be hosting a Heritage Fair on Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to the fair, the museum will be working with the congregation of the St. Francis of Assisi Church which is in the Seven Mile Plaza south of Del Norte.

For the past several years, parishioners like Ernie Martinez and

his wife have worked to raise funding to help save the St. Francis of Assisi Church that is in dire need of repair. The building needs a new roof and patch work done to the outside stucco as well as work to the inside.

According to research provided by History Colorado, the St. Francis of Assisi Mission Church was constructed in 1881. Approximately 30 years had elapsed since Spanish

settlers first arrived in the San Luis Valley and established settlements in the area around San Luis, Colorado.

In the 1850's, settlers from the southern part of the San Luis Valley arid northern New Mexico also moved into the northern and western reaches of the San Luis Valley. Anglo settlers soon started to move into the area to pursue their interests in the mining, agriculture, transportation,

and commerce, but the settlements in the hills south and east of Del Norte were primarily focused on farming and ranching and strongly centered around the practice of the Catholic faith.

In 1881, travel in the immediate area was accomplished primarily by horse. It was not practical to travel long distances daily for trade or

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Brandt honored for 50 years at CRT



By KEITH R. CERNY

CREEDE — A half-century of memorable performances on the stages of the Creede Repertory Theatre (CRT) were honored Sunday night as Christy Brandt's 50 seasons were remembered at the Creede Hotel with more than 200 friends and fans in attendance in a standing-room-only crowd.

Brandt, tabbed as the “Grande Dame of CRT,” was accompanied by husband John Gary “Brownie” Brown as longtime theatricians and others recapped her first season at CRT in 1973 until now where she is currently playing Lady Bracknell in the Oscar Wilde classic, “The Importance of Being Earnest.” This is the third time she has acted in an adaptation of the play at CRT.

Photo by Keith R. Cerny

New Artistic Director Emily Van Fleet and Kate Berry, interim artistic director, moderated the nearly two-hour tribute to Brandt that saw several of the earliest CRT actors commending her on her tenure, including Steve Reed and well-known musician John Green, a high school friend of Brandt. Green will be performing a

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Early Iron car show in Alamosa this weekend

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ALAMOSA — The Early Iron Festival is a three-day car show that starts on Friday and ends on Sunday in Cole Park. It's full of parties, music, slow cruising, and awesome hot rod displays.

The fun starts at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, and includes food, drink, music, and friends.

The Early Iron Festival is one of Alamosa's and Colorado's premier car shows. Alamosa became a true hot rod town when the Alamosa City Council named the Saturday before Labor Day Early Iron Day. The festival brings visitors from Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Utah, and Kansas to Alamosa. This is the 43rd annual show and now draws well over 600 rodders and car enthusiasts.

The Alamosa Senior Citizens are holding their annual Early Iron Breakfast from 7 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 31. Breakfast includes sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, coffee, tea, milk, or orange juice. It costs \$8 per plate and will be held at the Alamosa Senior Citizen's Center, northwest end of Cole Park.

The Show and Shine is Saturday morning at 7 a.m. It includes nitro displays, pin strippers, 15 best-of-f show awards, and the Rodders and Ladies Choice awards.

Don't miss the Ladies Tea. For years, the Ladies Tea has brought a bit of sophistication to the Early Iron Festival with amazing fashion, pastries, and tea for the ladies to enjoy. The tea begins at 1 p.m. The Scavenger Hunt is a fan favorite. This exciting race (at your own pace, of course) wanders through downtown, giving you a chance to shop and enjoy Alamosa.

The Saturday Night Banquet at 5:30 p.m., is not to be



Photo by John Waters

In this photo from 2023, Barry and Sandy Trujillo of Espanola and their 1964 Chevy Impala Super Sport. Barry said, 'I love the event. We have been coming to this event for several years. The people are really welcoming, and I really love coming here.'

missed. This is your chance to visit with old and new friends, win cash and other prizes including an engine and transmission. Up to \$4,000 will be given away at the show and during the banquet. Be sure to register early as tickets sell out fast. Only those pre-registered will qualify for the \$1,000 drawing.

Remember dragging Main? Well, we do it in style. Cruise your classic vehicle around the historic downtown streets of Alamosa. Just want to watch? No problem. Join us for live music, great food, cold beer, and other downtown festivities.

Explore the beautiful San Luis Valley during Sunday's Poker Run, for details visit www.earlyironclub.com.

OBITUARIES

Leola Roberts

Longtime Monte Vista resident Leola Roberts, 95, died May 24, 2024 at her home in Monte Vista.

Leola's life began in Monte Vista, Colo., on Sept. 5, 1928, the daughter to Delbert Stillings and Blanche M. Jones Stillings. She married James Roberts on Nov. 6, 1949, at the Christian Church in Monte Vista. They enjoyed over 63 years until his death in 2012.

She was as member of the Order of Easter Star for over 59 years, and a part of Beta Sigma Phi for over 72 years, and a member of the Daughter's of the American Revolution.

Leola is survived by her son Edward Roberts of Monte Vista; her sister Lorraine Holland of Dallas, Texas; her granddaughter-in-law Kelly Roberts of Arvada, Colo.; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her daughter Nancy Roberts, her grandson Michael Roberts, her siblings: Charles Stillings, Mauricia Stillings, Lois Barton, and Cynthia Fischer.

Cremation was chosen and a Memorial Service will be held



Friday, Sept. 6, 2024, at the Rogers Family Mortuary, 404 Morris St. in Monte Vista. Interment will take place in the Monte Vista Cemetery. Contributions are suggested to Shriners Children's Hospital at <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org>, or to Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado at <https://scottishritefoundation.org/donations/>

To leave online condolences, words of comfort, or tributes for Blanche's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

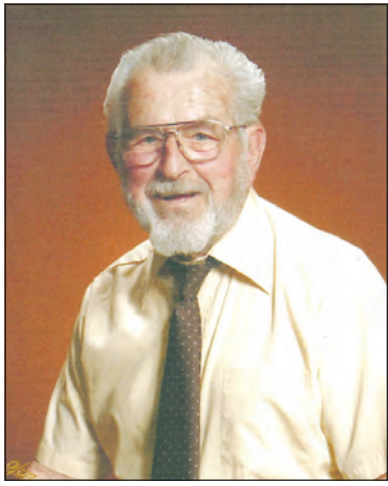
Kenneth George Teunis

Kenneth George Teunis, 94, of Creede, Colo., passed away peacefully on Aug. 10, 2024. Born on June 3, 1930, in Grand Rapids, Mich., Kenneth was a man whose warmth and friendliness touched the lives of many.

Kenneth's journey led him from the place of his birth, through California, and to the scenic expanses of Creede, where he embraced the community and its natural beauty. He was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Barbara Teunis, and a loving father to his son, Tony Teunis. His legacy extends through the lives of his numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who will carry forward the memories of his kindness and his spirited approach to life.

A man of intellect and curiosity, Kenneth earned a degree in structural engineering, a field in which he excelled and contributed significantly throughout his career. His love for learning and innovation was evident in his personal passions as well.

Kenneth was an avid outdoorsman; he found solace and joy in the serene art of fly fishing and the excitement of the hunt. In his younger years, Kenneth's athletic prowess was showcased on the tennis courts where he competed nationally, and his rhythmic steps could be seen as he square danced with Barbara, the



love of his life.

Kenneth's interests were diverse, and his skills varied. He was certified in Ham radio operations, and he dedicated his time to disaster training using the radio, ensuring he was ready to serve others in times of need. His voice was a familiar and cherished presence in the Emmanuel Chapel choir in South Fork, where he was a faithful member.

A Memorial Service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, at the Emmanuel Chapel in South Fork.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online words of comfort, tributes and remembrances for Kenneth's family, please visit www.RogerFunerals.com.

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concert at CRT on August 25, featuring Brandt and Betsy Miller Randle from the hit series "Boy Meets World."

Among others honoring Brandt were longtime friends, former CRT board member Larry Morgan and his wife.

An email tribute from one of CRT's most famous alumnus Mandy Patinkin was also read.

It was estimated that Brandt has appeared in around 150 productions at CRT over the past 50 years.

In the 2024 season program, Brandt said, "I have spoken over a million lines on the CRT stage, and yet I can't come up with a line that describes how happy I am to be back for another season."

She said some of her favorite roles included Marilyn in "Ripcord," Miss Helen in "The Road to Mecca" and Kimberly Akimbo in the title role of Helen in "The History Room."

Brandt said she has been truly blessed to have worked with so many talented actors and supporting staff over the years.

While CRT was established by Kansas University theatre students in 1966, it wasn't until 1973 that Brandt joined another group of KU students to take the stage in Creede.

As the 2024 CRT program states, "Brandt is beloved by generations of theatre goers and is a powerful example of the values of Creede Rep. She embodies community, intentionality, artistry, and grit."

Longtime CRT actor Steve Reed was among those praising Christy Brandt for her 50 years on stage during a celebration of her career Sunday night at the Creede Hotel.

Photo by Keith R. Cerny



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The evening also featured a dahlia field tour complete with map and signs, where guests could get an up-close view of the different dahlia varieties and learn about their unique qualities. Despite being a first-year event, the evening was magical and left attendees talking about next year's celebration before the night had ended.

The festivities continued Aug. 24 with a full day of farm fun. Bloomstead Farms opened its doors to families and dahlia enthusiasts alike, offering farm games, performances by students from Ms. Kai's Performing Arts Academy, and a showcase of Wendi's Good Things market products.

In the heart of the farm's fields, local families played among hay bales while taking in the colorful dahlia blooms that stretched across the landscape.

A highlight of the weekend was the voting of the top dahlias. The coveted title of Dahlia of the Year was awarded to the Camano Zoe, a stunning dahlia known for its perfect symmetry and soft pink and white petals. Coming in as the runner-up was the Belle of Bamera, another showstopper with its bright peach-pink hues and

delicate form. These two dahlias are now available for pre-sale as tubers at bloomsteadfarms.com, and they're expected to sell out quickly as interest in specialty dahlias continues to grow.

The festival also served as the perfect backdrop to launch Bloomstead Farms' U-Pick experience. Now through the first of October, visitors are invited to stroll the fields and pick their own bouquets of dahlias Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This offering allows people to experience the beauty of Bloomstead Farms firsthand while creating their own custom floral arrangements to take home.

For those who couldn't attend the festival, the farm's website now

offers pre-sale orders for their highly sought-after specialty dahlia tubers, which will be shipped in the spring. The Camano Zoe and Belle of Bamera are leading the charge, with orders already rolling in.

As Bloomstead Farms looks ahead to future festivals, it's clear that this inaugural event has laid the foundation for something special. The farm has blossomed into not just a local treasure but also a growing destination for flower lovers from across the region. With the community's support and a love for all things in bloom, Bloomstead Farms is ready to nurture this festival into an annual celebration that brings even more beauty and joy to the San Luis Valley.

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Cooper the wonder dog

It is with tremendous sadness that I must tell you that my dearest friend and companion, Mr. Cooper, has passed to the great beyond. He was my constant companion and a friend like no other, so my missing him is the greatest understatement of the century.

Some 14 plus years ago my wife and I, after 30 years of marriage, decided to leave our marriage. It was the hardest thing I have ever gone through in my life, and I was buried in the depths of a depression that can only be described as a deep, dark hole from hell. One thing about Ol' Dutch is that when he loves someone or something, it's the deepest form of the expression and so my loss was seemingly more than I could stand.

My daughter Cricket, seeing how distraught I had become, hatched a plan to give me some purpose for living. For you see I had recently been hurt very badly at work ending my career, so I had nothing to do and nothing to look forward to each day.

She had a small Yorkie female, and that dog had miraculously given birth to seven of the smallest puppies you ever saw, each one smaller than a tiny mouse. Cricket and her husband took infinite care of the wee little creatures. Since I lived close, Ol' Dutch got to see them almost daily.

There was one little puppy that stood out from the rest as he was always in trouble. He would get in the self-waterer and dig until it covered the floors. In the midst of being ornery, though, he also had dignity and courage. Cricket named him "Cooper" for Gary Cooper because he reminded her of a Western hero. She fell in love with him and didn't want him to go to a stranger's home, and that's how Cooper ended up with me.

She was right in her observation that it did give me a purpose every day to take care of him, and he of me. From that time on there was not a moment when Cooper was not with me. He went everywhere including church, stores, restaurants, ball games, vacations and anything in between. I soon loved him more than even myself and my policy became "if Cooper was not welcome, well then I didn't go."

Because of that constant care and companionship, he became well-adjusted to being in crowds and with people. It was easy to take him places and people accepted him being around. He was always on his best behavior, never causing a scene. He learned to perch on my



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by Kevin Kirkpatrick

shoulder like a parrot as I went into stores or fished or hunted for hours on end. Of course, that brought Ol' Dutch a lot of conversation from passersby in a time when I was so lonely. We moved to Colorado shortly after he came to live with me and the house we lived in was up high on a mountain surrounded by forests and wild animals. Not your typical Yorkie, even by this time he loved to chase the bear that visited nightly and so began the fearless life of a little dog.

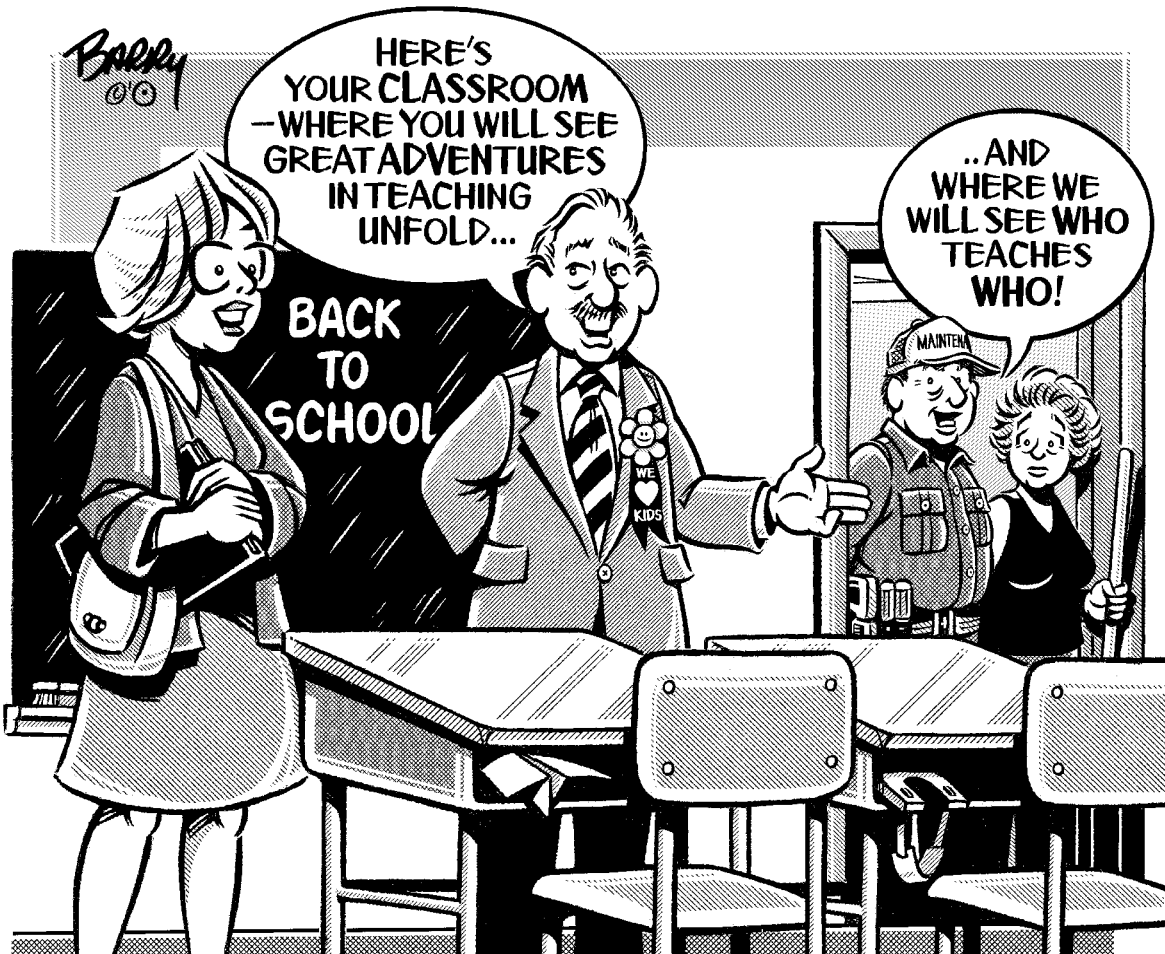
Nothing was off limits to him outdoors and he loved to go fishing and fetch any fish I happened to land. Grouse hunting also was a favorite of his and he would fetch them if given half a chance after Ol' Dutch had brought them to the ground.

Everywhere we went Cooper was loved and people wanted to pet him. In Las Vegas once, I walked the Strip with him sitting on my shoulder and by the time we got to the opposite sidewalk, strangers were already chanting, "Cooper!" and wanting photos with him. He put up with all of that like a King taking admiration from loyal followers.

Many tears have flowed over the loss of my friend, and I do not believe I can ever again own a dog as he was simply the best friend I have ever had and cannot be replaced. Now that he is gone, I realize how much pain he carried for me all these 14 years and it was a huge job and burden for such a little guy, but he never complained.

Godspeed, my dearest friend. See you on the other side.

Kevin Kirkpatrick and his Yorkie, Cooper, fish, hunt, ATV or hike daily. His email is Kevin@TroutRepublic.com. Additional news can be found at www.troutrepublic.com.



A major adventure up Major Creek by a retired major

By **RICHARD L. TROTTER**
U.S. Forest Service, Saguache Ranger District

My plan today was to go check out the Major Creek trail in the northern Sangre de Cristo range. Earlier in the week, the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety let our office know that they would be installing safety enclosures to abandoned mines along the trail. The enclosures keep people out of the dangerous mines and allow cave dwelling creatures, such as bats, to access the old shafts. I thought this would be a great opportunity to see how this operation works and would be a useful (and fun) thing to do on my rare day away from the desk.

Unfortunately, my day started out with the usual problems associated with an office in the far reaches of the National Forests. The office printer failed needing some impromptu maintenance. A weeklong preparation for horsemanship training came to a quick end when one of our new mules took ill and had to be transported to the veterinarian. (She is fine BTW). And numerous administrative details had to be taken care of before I could finally jump in a truck and head out into the woods.

Now finally at the trailhead, I grabbed a small pack with some water and headed out. The well-groomed trail climbs a short hill and then drops down to Major Creek drainage via a series of switchbacks. As I crested the hill and started the zig-zag route

to the creek, I met three members of the reclamation crew as they made their way back to the trailhead. My morning delay at the office caused me to miss the enclosure installation, but we had a very nice discussion about the project and they gave me directions to the site. After the short visit in the shade, we headed our separate ways.

A short distance from the bottom of the switchbacks, I came across the enclosure work. An area was nicely marked with a set of old steel rails the miners used to dump tailings. One of the mine shafts had already collapsed and the crew had sealed off the entrance with rocks and dirt. The second, a gaping hole in the shape of a square that was blasted into the solid rock of the hillside, lay open before me as I ascended a short incline. The mine entrance was still quite visible, but now covered with a steel frame drilled into the rock wall and a heavy-duty cable net that spanned the entire opening. A quick peek through the net revealed places where the mine had already started to collapse within. This was definitely a good place to stay away from. I observed the enclosure for a few more minutes, snapped a couple of photos, and then scrambled back down to the trail.

Major Creek Trail is very spectacular for the short distance I followed it. It initially traverses across BLM ground through pinyon and juniper trees and then zig zags

down into the valley bottom where aspens, cottonwoods and some pine trees shade the trail. Water flowed slowly in the creek. I never saw any fish, but deeper parts held good potential for hiding places. Leftover rose hips from last Fall were scattered all along the route and three or four different species of butterflies flitted along the trail as I made my way to and from the mine. Looking up the drainage, it seemed like Major Creek Trail was mostly clear up to timberline where snow was still visible on top of the mountains.

As I headed up the switchbacks, I met a lone hiker walking down the trail in the same spot that I met the reclamation crew. The hiker had come from Salida and planned to dispersed camp along the trail for the evening. After a pleasant visit, we parted and I headed back to the trailhead.

At the parking area I jumped in the truck and started my way back to Saguache, and my desk. On the way back I had time to reflect on my adventure away from the office. I determined that even though my trip got cut short, it gave this retired major a chance to have a "major" good day on a "major" good trail here on our Rio Grande National Forest.

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Headwaters Music Festival braves the rain

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

CREEDE — Regardless of rain or shine, this year's Headwaters Music Festival brought well over 100 people to Hargraves Park in Creede to dance the weekend away. Even though the clouds and rain dampened a few moments throughout the weekend, the festival was a smashing hit and everyone who attended had a great time.

The festival is in its eighth year and with that came the need to celebrate and thank all who helped bring this one-time dream to reality, including the festival's co-founder Bob Holt. Holt has been a staple in Creede for many years, having come to vacation during the summer and staying to aid in several events including the Friends of Mineral County Emergency Services fundraiser and the festival. Holt's dedication to Creede can be seen throughout his time in the area and many folks are happy to serve by his side.

"If anyone deserves a shoutout for their hard work and dedication it would be our Executive Director Nanci Beazley. Nancy has been in the area for over 20 years, and we wouldn't be able to put this thing on without her. She does an amazing remarkable job. It takes a year to plan for this event and in the days leading up to it, we can always count on Nancy to guide us through. We

are so lucky to have her," said Holt. Saturday morning the festival kicked off just before noon and as the sun chased the clouds away, a bright rainbow could be seen in the distance. The first act to hit the stage was Rally Round, a quick, upbeat reggae style band that had people up on their feet to dance in a matter of minutes. The park was packed with food vendors, local organizations like the Creede Arts Council and so much more. There was something for everyone to enjoy but it was the music that spoke the loudest.

According to Holt, and others throughout Creede have come to agree, Creede is the Live Music Capitol in Colorado based per capita. With the small number of full-time residents compared to the number of live musical talent that lives in the area, it makes for a wonderful combination and a stake to the claim.

The weekend flew by with exceptional talent like Lesli Wood and The Spiceboys, Anthony Garcia and Los Diablos Tejanos, Dan West Band, 2nd Chance, Caldera, Bo Depena Band, Rivertown Folk and The Rifiers.

"These 10 bands were just wonderful. The rain kept threatening to pour down and as soon as a new band would hit the



Photos courtesy of Creede Headwaters Music Association

The Annual Headwaters Music Festival was a rocking good time in Creede this past weekend. Come rain or shine, hundreds gathered for two full days of live music, gorgeous views and to dance the summer away.

stage and strike that first cord, the sun would come out. This year exceeded our expectations and was the biggest year yet as well as the best year."

Holt and his team would like to thank the many sponsors and volunteers that helped make this year's Headwaters Music Festival such a rocking success. "After everything is said and done and the park is clean, we all look back and think of everyone who helped make the weekend so fantastic. We couldn't be happier with how things turned out and we are already planning for next year."

Next up for Creede is the Labor Day celebrations including the Mountain Run and Salsa Fiesta on Aug. 31. For more information or a full schedule of events, visit www.creede.com.



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We all have dreams, and we all experience times in life when we feel like throwing in the towel. Or we say a quick prayer and hope everything will just magically change. However, just wishing for things or situations in life to get better or to be different does not bring change or results.

What makes a difference is setting aside all distractions, opposition from the enemy, reasons why "it can't work," and whatever else holds us back. We also have to decide that when God says something can happen—when He's given us a dream or vision for our lives—it's our job to agree with Him and allow Him to empower us to see it happen.

We've all been frustrated by outcomes in life. We've all been hurt. We've all gone through pain, stress, trials, and adversity. We all have had moments when it felt like life was pressing against us. And the truth is—whether things are good in your life right now or they're difficult—there will be seasons when life seems to be pressing in on you. That's not going to change.

On this side of heaven, none of us get to choose whether or not we'll be free from pain. But that doesn't mean we're helpless. You don't have to sit back and let life happen to you.

No, God's given you something incredibly powerful: He's given you His strength and power, which can help you overcome and press

through any issue in your life!

Wishes don't have any power to change your life. But God's power and your determination to stay the course (no matter what) does.

When life has pressed against you, backed you into a corner, stolen your joy, or kept you from God's best, you have to press back! God is calling you to press against the pressure that's pressing against you. No one else can press in for you, and there's no getting to the other side of the storm without making this choice.

So, what's pressing against you? What's the source of your greatest stress?

Maybe you need to get out of debt. Maybe there's a relationship that needs healing. Maybe you need to change your lifestyle habits, exercise more and take better care of yourself.

You can do it—it's not impossible. But it's not going to just happen by itself.

You've got to decide that you're more desperate for change, more desperate to have what God says you can have—than your desire to stay comfortable or satisfied with where you are.

The apostle Paul says it this way (and he was in prison because of his faith when he wrote it): "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me" (Philippians 3:12 NKJV).

Paul was determined to press in and press on. He wasn't going to let anything stop him from laying hold of everything that Jesus had prepared for him.

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I want you to have. I want you to come to the place where you say, "God, I'm tired of being stuck in this same place and feeling defeated. I'm going deeper into Your purposes and plans for my life, and I'm going to press in. I want to have to have everything You have promised me!"

So, whatever obstacles you are facing—whether they are financial, relational, emotional, or anything else—I encourage you to press in and press on toward the dreams God has placed in your heart. Because when you refuse to give up, God will surely reward you.

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Society Hall welcomes back Irish-via-Austin singer-songwriter Byrne

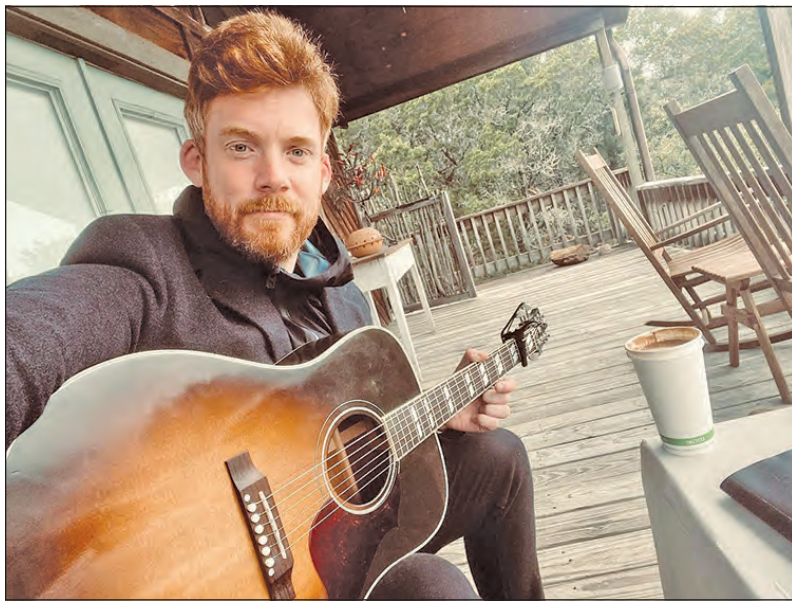
By SOCIETY HALL

ALAMOSA — Society Hall is excited to bring back Irish singer-songwriter Pat Byrne to Alamosa. Now making his home in Austin, Texas, Byrne has rapidly been making a name for himself in Americana and alt-country circles everywhere across the country.

The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 31, at Society Hall, 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are available online at www.societyhall.org and at the Green Spot, 711 State Ave., Alamosa. The concert will also stream live on the Society Hall Facebook page and YouTube channel.

An Irish singer-songwriter, Byrne has come a long way since his first deal with Universal. In late 2017, Byrne began his migration to Austin, Texas. In 2019, he took the US by storm, with breakout performances at the 30A Festival, SXSW, Kerrville Folk Festival and the Americana Festival. Being immersed in the Texas music scene, his sophomore US release, "Into the Light," has an edgier feel underscoring both emotional depth and greater confidence, while blending new influences with his rich Irish heritage.

Upon seeing Byrne and his band playing "Dublin Blues" in Gruene Hall, Peter Blackstock, esteemed Austin (Texas) American-Statesman music writer, said, "I know this song is on Steve Earle's new album, but Pat



Courtesy photo

Irish singer-songwriter Pat Byrne is returning to Society Hall for a concert on Aug. 31 in Alamosa.

does it better, and I'll stand on Guy Clark's workbench in my brown suede Merrells and say that."

Blackstock is not the only one out there describing Byrne as one of the most promising young singer-songwriters. Stuart Gray of Hot Press Magazine wrote, "Pat's voice strikes an emotional chord with his audience; ranging from seductive whisper one moment, to full-bodied rock 'n' roll growl the next."

Even the vaunted Folk Alley was beside itself when it discovered Byrne in January of 2019 at the 30A Songwriters Festival in Florida:

"When you combine the transcendent poetry of Bob Dylan with the gritty, real-world rock-n-roll storytelling that Bruce Springsteen made so famous, and then add a dash of the political activism embodied by Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger, you'll have Irish singer-songwriter Pat Byrne."

Grab your tickets today for a special evening with Pat Byrne, who brings with him an undeniable voice born from a mashup of Cocker, Springsteen and Dylan, bridging the gaps of blues, folk and soul, live on Aug. 31 at Society Hall.



Photo courtesy of Kent Rominger Airport

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showing Burrell and Rio Grande County Commissioners that the airport was seeing a higher volume of flights per day than they originally believed. "This system captures flights in the area within a 15-mile radius and that fly lower than 4,000 feet above ground level.

After the data was collected, we found that we were averaging about 15 flight per 24-hour period, which was exceptionally higher than what we originally anticipated."

Burrell stated that based on the data from the tracking system they estimate that each plane that lands carry about two to three people per plane. "Once you crunch the numbers, that means that we are bringing in roughly 30-40 people per day. Most of those people go into town to utilize services in Del Norte and the surrounding Rio Grande County. That is a huge success for us."

Other data collected by the system also breaks down transient

vs local traffic. "We were also surprised to learn that most of the traffic coming into the airport is coming from out of town. We see more transient flights than we do locals, and that is really great for an airport this size."

Burrell also reported that many of the planes flying into Del Norte are Air Taxi's. Companies like Flex Jet, Net Jet, and Jet Pro are bringing people to the area either as a layover to fuel or to summer homes in the area. "Basically, people buy blocks of flight time and these companies chauffeur them to different locations throughout the world. Having the fuel available has brought more of these companies here."

With the new fuel systems in place, flights that would have had to fuel in Pueblo or other surrounding airports are now coming to Del Norte and the increase in traffic is a welcome sight. "Bringing the fuel in has been a huge benefit to

the economy. One thing I think most people don't understand is the medical benefits this also brings. Medical helicopters, Flight for Life and other medical flights are cutting response times down by at least 30-minutes. That is huge when you're in a medical emergency and are needing special care."

In addition to the fuel and tracking systems, Burrell has also increased marketing at the airport utilizing social media to spread the word and share how wonderful this little mountain airport really is. "We are very fortunate to have the support of not only the community but the Rio Grande County Commissioners as well. We have a great resource here and we are starting to see its potential."

For more information or to stay up to date on the Kent Rominger Airport, please follow them on Instagram at [KRCV_airport](https://www.instagram.com/KRCV_airport) or on Facebook under Astronaut Kent Rominger Airport.

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worship. Thus, there were many small Hispano settlements throughout the area. The people lived in relative isolation in close-knit communities. The St. Francis church and cemetery are located on a 5.49-acre tract of land donated by Juan Pio Valdez in a community known as Plaza de Los Valdezes. Today, it is sometimes called Plaza. In the 1870's and into the early twentieth century, there was also a schoolhouse, and a railroad stop in addition to the church.

In the early days, a small number of priests served the widely dispersed Catholic population. Priests traveled to the various parishes as they were able. By 1895, the Del Norte parish served twelve missions, including St. Francis of Assisi. After the advent of automobile travel, the priest was able

to visit on a weekly basis. The 1920's through the 1940's were probably the heyday of the Mission Church of St. Francis of Assisi. The community was closely knit and devout. The large families filled the church to capacity. After the war, people became more willing and able to travel by auto to Del Norte and Monte Vista to attend mass.

The Heritage Fair will also include demonstrations by local artists and herbalists and reenactments by local historians. The St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be cooking in the old style Spanish Horno oven and supplying food for the occasion. It will be an event the entire family can enjoy so come on out, support a wonderful cause and have some fun to kick off Fall in the San Luis Valley!

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Bond set for Larry Chavez at \$10 million

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — At the request of the district attorney's office, the court has set bond at \$10 million in the case of Alamosa resident Larry Chavez, 33, who was arrested in connection with the Aug. 1 fatal shooting of Enrique Parra.

According to the clerk at the Alamosa County Combined Court, Chavez has been charged with 18 different counts in the case, including one count of murder in the second degree (Felony 2), second-degree assault with a deadly weapon (F4), kidnapping (F2), two counts of motor vehicle theft (F4), four counts of felony menacing (F5), theft \$5,000 to \$10,000 (F6), third-degree assault (Misdemeanor 1), criminal mischief (misdemeanor) plus six counts of habitual criminal.

Due to his criminal history, if Chavez is judged by the court to be a habitual criminal in connection with any of those felonies, his sentence will be four times the maximum range of sentencing for each felony he is convicted of committing.

If Chavez is convicted of some but not all the felony counts he is being accused of committing but is deemed by the court in connection with that felony to be a habitual criminal, a sentence of life in prison is a possibility.

As was reported by the Valley Courier, shortly after 6 p.m. in the evening of Thursday, Aug. 1, Alamosa Police Department was dispatched to the 1700 block of State Avenue on the report of a shooting. Upon arriving at the scene, officers found a male victim, later identified as Parra, who had been shot. Life-saving measures were immediately instigated. Parra was transferred to San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased.

Chavez, identified as a suspect in the shooting, fled the scene, initiating a manhunt with numerous law enforcement agencies in the San Luis

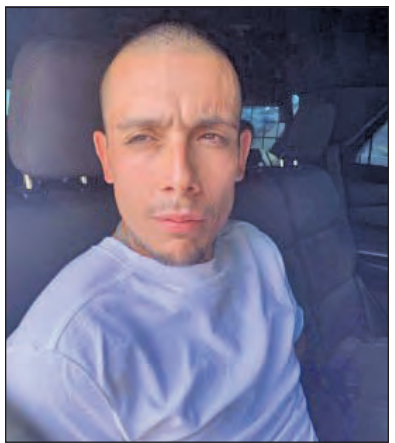


Photo courtesy of Alamosa Police Department
Bond set at \$10 million for Alamosa resident Larry Chavez, 33, who is accused of fatally shooting Enrique Parra.

Valley assisting along with a drone from Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Early Friday morning, APD requested assistance of the U.S. Marshals in locating Chavez and, within hours and the help of local law enforcement, Chavez was taken into custody in Santa Fe, N.M.

Chavez appeared in the court of Judge Daniel Walsz on Tuesday morning for a first appearance in the case. If Tuesday was any indication, District Attorney Anne Kelly will be prosecuting the case with James Valencia serving as the defense.

The next time Chavez is scheduled to appear in court is 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 10.

This is the second time that the district attorney's office has been successful in bond being set by the court in the millions of dollars. The first case, where bond was set at \$5 million, was in the case of Henry Corral, accused of fatally shooting two men and seriously injuring a third.

The Valley Courier reached out to the district attorney's office for a comment on the bond amount set by the court but did not receive a response by press time.

Judge Newmyer-Olsen: 'Next time, a plea or resolution in the case'

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — Mari Felix appeared in court earlier this week for yet another hearing in connection with the charge of accessory to a crime, a class 5 felony related to the alleged sexual abuse of a child by her husband, Martin Felix-Lopez.

In mid-July, the last time Felix was in court, it was hoped that Wednesday's hearing would determine if the case was going to trial or a resolution had been reached but, in at that time, Felix's attorney, Michael Martin, explained that the district attorney's office "has brought in an attorney to handle specifically these kinds of cases."

Martin was referring to the recent hiring of Assistant District Attorney Wesley Stafford.

He added, "I believe that this will facilitate a probable resolution."

Stafford, who was in court Wednesday with Martin appearing via Webex, told the court he had not yet had time to review the case.

District Judge Crista Newmyer-Olsen agreed to postpone the hearing "one more time", setting the next court date for Sept. 3 at 3:30 p.m. She also made it clear that she expected at that time for "Ms. Felix to either enter a plea of not guilty or for both parties to have reached a resolution in the case."

In mid-December of 2022, Mari Felix was taken into custody after one



Mari Felix

of her children reported to a school counselor a history of sexual abuse by Martin Felix-Lopez, Felix's husband.

At that time, Felix was charged with four felonies for alleged complicity in sexual assault on a child and child abuse. However, in early January of 2023, District Attorney Anne Kelly reduced Felix's charges to a single count of accessory to a crime, a class five felony.

When asked to comment on the reduction in charges, DA Kelly declined, stating the case was currently in litigation which prohibits her from discussing any details.

Mari Felix has been Alamosa County Clerk and Recorder since July of 2022 when she was appointed to the position following the resignation of her predecessor, Nicole Jaramillo. Just a few months later, Felix, who ran unopposed, was elected to office.

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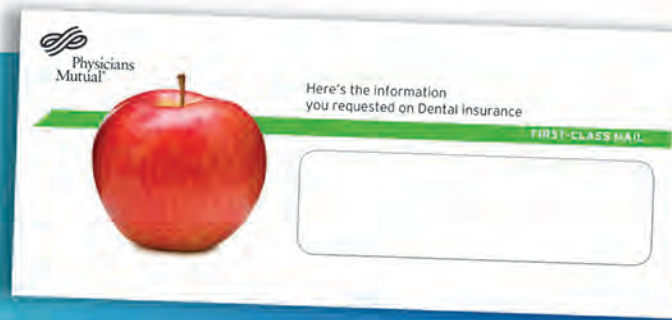
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SLVH RN Archuleta receives DAISY



Courtesy photos

Rikki Archuleta, a registered nurse in the ICU at SLV Health's Regional Medical Center, adds her name to the wall of DAISY winners at SLVH.

By SLV HEALTH

ALAMOSA — Rikki Archuleta, a registered nurse in the ICU at SLV Health's Regional Medical Center, is a deserving winner of the DAISY nomination for this quarter for nursing excellence. She exemplifies the DAISY criteria, especially in this submission from a patient's family member.

"Rikki was my brother's nurse when he was hospitalized. Working in healthcare and being the person that was by his side the whole time you can tell who cares and takes pride in their work and who is there basically to collect a check. Rikki was attentive, caring, and thorough. Of all the nurses he had in his long stay also including a trip to Penrose. Rikki was hands down the most amazing nurse he/we were blessed with. She would get on to her shift and be sure he was given a bed bath or when able was able to shower. My brother was in a poor state of mind, she did not treat him any less of a human being. At one point he kept making messes of himself, which Rikki told him I am sorry I know you're in pain but it's important to keep you clean there as you have an open wound and infection there. The fact she took the time to ensure he was clean was huge to me. She remained diligent and kind his whole stay. When they flew him out to Penrose we missed her as she had become a part of almost every night and her level of care remained unmatched."

The DAISY Award is an international recognition program started in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Pat's family experienced first-hand the difference his nurses made in his care through clinical excellence and outstanding compassionate care. The family created The DAISY Award to express gratitude to nurses and to enable other patients, families, and staff to thank and honor their special nurses.

At the celebration event, Archuleta was joined by her husband and daughter, friends, family, and co-workers.

Archuleta is the fifth DAISY recipient at SLV Health.



San Luis Valley Health Registered Nurse Rikki Archuleta, middle, poses for a photo with her husband and daughter after receiving the DAISY award for nursing excellence.

Saguache County Tourism Council unveils new brand identity

CONTRIBUTED

SAGUACHE COUNTY The Saguache County Tourism Council (SCTC) recently presented its new brand identity, marking a significant step in its ongoing efforts to enhance and promote the unique attractions of Saguache County. This new identity is a crucial part of the organization's strategy to position the county as a premier destination within Colorado.

"Our new brand is more than just a logo; it's a reflection of Saguache County's vibrant spirit and natural beauty," said Theo Boudreaux, board chair of the SCTC. "We believe this identity will help us stand out and connect more deeply with visitors from across the state and beyond."

The brand draws inspiration from the breathtaking San Luis Valley, incorporating the rich hues of our pristinestnightskies, towering mountains, and sunlit days. The palette of blue, purple, orange, and yellow echoes the natural splendor of Saguache County, creating a visual identity that is both recognizable and deeply connected to the area's landscape.

Developed as part of the Colorado Tourism Office's Reimagine Destinations Program, this brand revamp was made possible through 100 hours of dedicated administrative support, aiming to enhance SCTC's engagement with local tourism activities and promote responsible visitation.



Mystic Saguache County

The program includes the new brand identity, the "Do SLV Right" campaign promoting visitor responsibility, strengthened community involvement through collaborative workshops, and improved organizational efficiency.

In addition to the rebranding efforts, the tourism council is advancing various initiatives, including the creation of a new TravelStories series, support for Dark Skies, support for the Historic Hot Springs Loop, active participation in the San Luis Valley Tourism Association, and the "Care for Colorado" program. Moreover, the council is excited to announce a \$20,000 grant from the CTO to enhance trail signage across the county and install visitor kiosks in partnership with the BLM and US Forest Service.

The tourism council has grant funding available to individuals and organizations for marketing and promoting public-facing events that

are held within the county. To view the new brand in action, learn about the "Do SLV Right" principles, apply for a tourism grant, or learn more about our ongoing efforts, visit MysticColorado.com. We encourage those interested in joining our efforts to connect with us at info@mystic-colorado.com.

The SCTC is an all-volunteer board of community members dedicated to promoting and supporting tourism in Saguache County. Current board members are Theo Boudreaux (Chair), Christine Gydesen (Vice Chair), Andy Hackbarth, Faith O'Reilly, and Kairina Danforth. The SCTC wished to extend its deep appreciation to Vivia Lawson and Ed Sparbaro, who recently retired from the board after many years of dedicated service. Ameille Warner serves as marketing and administrative consultant. Anyone who has an interest in joining the board can reach out at info@mystic-colorado.com.

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CPW reminds people to remain bear aware this fall as bears become more active

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DENVER — Black bears in Colorado are entering hyperphagia and will spend up to 20 hours a day trying to search out and eat as much food as possible as they fatten up for winter. In the coming months, it is critical that people are vigilant and proactive in removing all attractants from outside homes and campsites in order to prevent conflicts and encounters with black bears.

Twenty chicken sandwiches, 10 large orders of French fries, 10 soft drinks and 10 milkshakes is the approximate fast-food order needed to total 20,000 calories. That is how many calories hyperphagia, an increase in feeding activity driven by biological need, drives a hungry black bear to consume every single day as they pack on the pounds to build up their fat reserves to survive the winter.

Over half of bear incident reports in 2023 occurred in the months of August, September and October. And as bears begin this annual quest to prepare for winter and hunt for food, Coloradans may see more bear activity in urban areas.

Reported conflicts with bears most commonly result from attractants such as trash, bird seed, pet food, and barbecue grills. When bears become too comfortable around people, they can destroy property or even become a threat to human safety.

“Research shows that bears prefer natural sources of food. But they will seek out sources of human-provided food if it’s available which can become

dangerous to humans,” said CPW Northwest Region Senior Wildlife Biologist Brad Banulis. “Preventing bears from relying on human food sources takes a community effort, and it’s important that we all take proactive steps to limit human food sources in order to avoid any possible conflicts with bears and bear-proof our homes.”

A black bear’s natural diet consists of berries, fruits, nuts, plants and grasses that grow naturally in the foothills and forests. When natural sources of food become scarce, a bear’s drive to search for food can overcome its fear of humans.

Become Bear Aware

CPW offers a reminder that by taking some simple precautions, you can avoid human/wildlife conflicts and help to keep bears wild. CPW encourages you to share Bear Aware information with your neighbors and communities.

Bear-proofing your home:

- Keep garbage in a well-secured location. Only put out garbage on the morning of pickup.
- Clean garbage cans regularly to keep them free of food odors: ammonia is effective.
- Keep garage doors closed. Do not leave pet food or stock feed outside.
- Use a bear-resistant trash can or dumpster.
- Bird feeders are a major source of bear/human conflicts. Attract birds naturally with flowers and water baths. Do not hang bird feeders from April 15 to Nov. 15.
- Don’t allow bears to become



Courtesy photo

CPW reminds people to be vigilant and proactive in removing all bear attractants from outside homes and campsites as bears search out food to prepare for the winter.

comfortable around your house. If you see one, haze it by yelling at it, throwing things at it and making loud noises to scare it off.

- Secure compost piles. Bears are attracted to the scent of rotting food.
- Clean the grill after each use, and clean up thoroughly after cookouts.
- If you have fruit trees, don’t allow the fruit to rot on the ground.
- Talk to your neighbors and kids about being Bear Aware.
- Cars, traveling and campsites:
 - Lock your doors when you’re away from home and at night.
 - Keep the bottom-floor windows of your house closed when you’re not at home.
 - Do not keep food in your vehicle;

roll up windows and lock the doors of your vehicles.

- When car-camping, secure all food and coolers in a locked vehicle.
- Keep a clean camp, whether you’re in a campground or in the backcountry.
- When camping in the backcountry, hang food 100 feet or more from the campsite; don’t bring any food into your tent.
- Cook food well away from your tent; wash dishes thoroughly.
- Protecting your chickens, bees, livestock:
 - Keep chickens, bees and livestock in a fully covered enclosure, especially at night.
 - Construct electric fencing when possible.

- Don’t store livestock feed outside.
- Keep enclosures clean to minimize animal odors.
- Hang rags soaked in ammonia and/or Pine-Sol around the enclosure as a scent deterrent.

CPW asks all residents and visitors to help save Colorado’s bears by being actively bear aware throughout the late summer and fall seasons. Bear conflicts and, unfortunately, bear euthanization is most often traced back to human behavior. It is all of our responsibility to help minimize risks to humans and bears alike by being mindful of our impacts.

For more information on bears in Colorado, visit cpw.state.co.us/living-bears.

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The annual Alder Ass Sace is set to hit the starting line at Browns Park in South Fork next weekend.

Alder Ass Race trots into South Fork on Aug. 31

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

SOUTH FORK — For the past three years, the South Fork Friends Foundation has worked to strengthen a new event in South Fork and their efforts have paid off. The annual Alder Ass Race is next weekend and is expected to bring the largest crowd of burro racers to the area since the event's start in 2022.

Burro racing has been a staple in small

mountain towns throughout the US and Colorado. Burros played a significant role in South Fork's timber history, which makes it an excellent location to have this historic and fun event.

The South Fork Friends Foundation is planning to host more than 60 pack burro race teams at Browns Park located north of South Fork along Highway 149 on Saturday, Aug. 31.

Burro racing began as a way to honor

the hard work and dedication of those from the past who relied on the animals to travel, work in yards, mines, and agriculture, and participate in some greatest historical events such as the Fremont Expedition that took place in 1848 here in the San Luis Valley.

Each of these historical tales showcases these amazing animals and their ability to survive in the toughest

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Center Viking Youth Club seeks donations, sponsorships

By MARIE MCCOLM

CENTER — The Center Viking Youth Club is again seeking donations and sponsorships from people and businesses.

The Center Viking Youth Club is appreciative of donations and sponsorships from people and businesses in the community. As a nonprofit organization, the club values the generous donations that allow the establishment to stay in business and keep going.

The Center Viking Club was originally established in 2014. The Masonic Lodge donated the building for the club to the Center Consolidated School District. The Center Viking Club became a nonprofit organization and has been open ever since.

The club provides after-school programs serving up to 62 children

per day. According to Katrina Ruggles, Grant Manager for the Center Consolidated School District and the Center Viking Club, the club serves over 300 children throughout

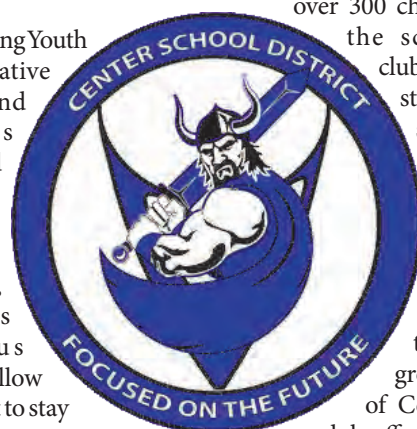
the school year. The club is open to K-12 students who attend school at the Center Consolidated School District.

According to Carmen Pavlovsky, the club is committed to aiding in the growth and wellbeing of Center's youth. The club offers supervision with

an educational atmosphere, and a warm environment.

The club offers many programs and provides events and many learning experiences. Some things the club offers are out of the Valley trips, swimming lessons, and art and cultural events. The club is open five days a

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Labor Day celebration set to spice up Creede

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

CREEDE — Creede has been a busy place this summer and the mountain town has the best way to spice up the summer goodbye with a Labor Day weekend sure to entertain families of all ages.

Friday, Aug. 30, begins the weekend with the Creede Farmer's Market that offers a wide variety of goods, fresh veggies and homemade crafts.

Saturday kicks off with the annual Creede Mountain Run in the morning. This annual tradition is a great way to enjoy the last warm days of summer by running on some of Creede's beautiful trails.

According to the Creede and Mineral County Chamber of Commerce, the Creede Mountain Run, established in 1987, celebrates the end of summer and the beginning of fall in the historic mountain town. This event offers participants the opportunity to enjoy the breathtaking

San Juan Mountains on a 2, 12, 22 mile, or 50K course.

The race begins in the town of Creede, leading racers along Main Street early in the morning, as sleepy stores open and coffee shop patrons step onto the street to cheer racers on. The course follows Willow Creek out of town and up toward the Black Pitch, testing their endurance for a quick altitude gain while piquing their interest with old mines hanging precariously from vertical cliffs. The 12-milers round out the Bachelor Loop, while the 22-milers climb up to the top of the Continental Divide, before making their return into Creede and the start-finish line.

Registration for the 22 Mile and 50K closes at 7 a.m. with a prompt 7:30 start time.

Registration for the 12 Mile and 2 Mvile Run/Walk closes at 8:30 a.m. with a prompt 9 start time.

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Labor Day weekend in Creede is expected to be a spicy affair. Everyone is invited to enjoy the festivities and participate in the annual Salsa Fiesta while taking in all Creede has to offer.

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week and 11 months out of the year. Project-based learning takes place at the club daily, through what are known as STEM Activities. These activities may include gardening, cooking, field trips, and coding robots. The programs also help develop life skills in youth. There is an opportunity for youth to obtain extra educational help by way of tutors, who work with students on homework, and furthering their skills

in different school subjects including language, math, literacy, science, social studies, art, and music.

Throughout the year, the Center Viking Youth Club provides events that parents can also take part in with their children.

Donations to the club can be made by cash, check, or credit card. Checks

can be made directly to the Center Viking Youth Club, and either taken to the club personally or mailed to PO Box 883, Center, CO 81125. Credit card payments can be made by visiting the club.

For more information, contact the Center Viking Youth Club at 719-937-5093.

Items sought for Antonito Library Yard Sale

ANTONITO — Items are being sought for the annual Antonito Library Yard Sale on Labor Day weekend. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 31, at 112 Main St. in Antonito.

All proceeds from the yard sale will go to support the Conejos County Library District's annual Summer

Reading Program.

Drop off items between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursdays or Fridays at the Antonito Library or between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the La Jara Library.

For more information, call the library district at 719-274-5858.

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The fun doesn't end there. Several shops will be open and welcoming people. Local restaurants will be serving delicious food and there will be musical entertainment throughout the town.

The annual Salsa Fiesta begins at 11 a.m. and features local recipes that are sure to keep things spicy throughout the day.

Salsa Fiesta tickets are on sale now through Labor Day weekend and can be purchased at the chamber. This is an excellent opportunity for local restaurants and business owners to show off their culinary talents by offering salsa in four distinct categories — red, green, fruit and freestyle.

In years past, the winners have only received bragging rights but now, thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, each winner receives a trophy to showcase their culinary skills.

Be sure to come to the Creede Repertory Theatre to see some of the last productions of the season, including "Prima's Guide to Funerals," "Boomtown," "Baskerville," and "Young Frankenstein." For tickets or a full schedule of shows, visit www.creederep.org.

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conditions. Though many of the tales end in tragedy, it is another reason the animals are so cherished today.

Several area sanctuaries participate in the annual Alder Ass Race including Burro Buddies that is located in South Fork. This burro rescue is home to several burros that came from the BLM Wild Burro Project and have found not only a new home but a new mission in life serving as some of the pack burros that participate in the race.

South Fork is also home to Tiny as Donkey Experience, another burro sanctuary that focuses on sharing education and the joy of owning a burro with the public.

The Alder Ass Race will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Browns Park. There will be food, fun and entertainment for everyone throughout the day.

Race registration is open until just before the race so be sure to sign up at www.adventuresignup.com/Race/CO/SouthFork/SouthForkAlderAssRace.

The intro course is three miles. Pack saddles, gold pan, pick, and shovel are optional for this distance. The majority of this course is on pavement for an out and back route.

The short course is eight miles. Boots or alternative hoof protection is recommended, but not mandatory. The course may include water crossings. Max elevation can be up to 8,703 feet.

The long course is 19.25 miles. This course is challenging, rocky, and may include water crossings. Boots or alternative hoof protection is highly recommended, but not mandatory. South Fork's elevation gain is 2,862 feet with a max elevation of 10,913 feet.

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)				
		8/22	8/21	8/20	8/19	From 2day	8/22 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	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.13	0.22	0.31	0.42	0.67
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	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.13	0.16	0.28	0.40	0.53	0.84
White Wheat	04/05	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.12	0.18	0.25	0.40
White Wheat	05/05	0.11	0.12	0.15	0.16	0.22	0.38	0.54	0.71	1.09
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	0.08	0.09	0.12	0.13	0.18	0.30	0.43	0.58	0.90
Centennial	05/05	0.15	0.16	0.20	0.22	0.31	0.51	0.73	0.95	1.43
Nugget	05/05	0.15	0.16	0.20	0.21	0.31	0.51	0.72	0.93	1.38
Alfalfa	Est.	0.17	0.18	0.23	0.24	0.36	0.59	0.83	1.07	1.60
Lawnglass	Est.	0.15	0.16	0.20	0.21	0.31	0.51	0.72	0.93	1.38

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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Head Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach needed at Del Norte Jr. High School. Experience as a coach or assistant coach at the middle school and or high school level is preferred. Must possess: effective coaching techniques and a thorough knowledge of the rules of the sport; and have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with school administrators, parents, and students. Please contact Gibbs Sanchez, Athletic Director, at: gsanchez@urtigers.co 719-657-4020; or Annie Hardy, Principal, at: ahardy@urtigers.co, 719-657-4020. (9-18)

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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

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- Moved quickly
- Seagulls
- A seed with hooks or teeth
- Partner to "oohed"
- Exclamation of surprise
- Most unpleasant
- Organization help service

Solution to last week's puzzle

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CLUES DOWN

- Settle in tents
- Big
- Books
- Masses of eggs in fish
- Language
- Not standing
- Chinese philosophy
- Computer giant
- A device to catch
- Emits coherent radiation
- Actor O'Neill
- Smallest interval in western music
- Not lower
- Revolves
- Leavened bread
- Number above the line in a fraction
- members
- Type of cockatoo
- Humorous criticisms
- Went through and organized
- Wakes up
- Cable
- Adult male
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Bullfighting maneuvers
- Broadcast
- ___ Angeles
- Vehicle
- Not religious
- North American peoples
- A baglike structure
- Body art (slang)
- Picked for a role
- Actress Tomei
- Former hoopster "Big Country"
- Icelandic poems
- More pleasant
- It can add flavor to meat
- Self-immolation by fire rituals
- Expression of annoyance
- ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- Consumed
- Body part
- Thus
- In reply (abbr.)

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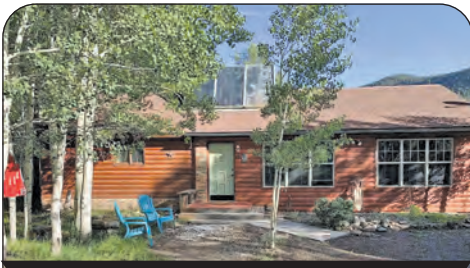
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193 Whispering Pines Drive • South Fork

Charming Mountain Retreat with Breathtaking Views Nestled in the picturesque town of South Fork, CO, this finely 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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222 Bristlecone Drive • South Fork

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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Sept. 20	SIERRA GRANDE*	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	BRANSON/KIM*	1 p.m.
Oct. 5	At Cotopaxi*	6 p.m.
Oct. 12	LA VETA*	1 p.m.
Oct. 19	PRIMERO*	1 p.m.

Cross Country

Aug. 30	ANTONITO NIGHT MEET	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	At Joe I. Vigil Invitational (at Cattails)	9 a.m.
Sept. 14	At Bayfield Invitational	9 a.m.
Sept. 20	GERALD ARCHULETA INVITATIONAL	9 a.m.
Sept. 27	At Lake City Invitational	3 p.m.
Oct. 1	At Del Norte Invitational (at South Fork)	4 p.m.
Oct. 12	At Chicken Creek Challenge (at Mancos)	9 a.m.
Oct. 18	At Eric Wolff Invitational (at Monte Vista)	9 a.m.
Oct. 25	At Regional Meet	TBA
Nov. 2	At Class 2A State Meet (at Colo. Springs)	TBA

Volleyball

Aug. 24	At Hanover Invitational	TBA
Aug. 30	MANZANOLA	11 a.m.
Sept. 6	At Creede*	2 p.m.
Sept. 7	At Sargent, W/Creede	1 p.m.
Sept. 10	SANGRE DE CRISTO*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	At Mountain Valley*	11 a.m.
Sept. 17	At Questa (N.M.)	TBA
Sept. 20	SIERRA GRANDE*	11 a.m.
Sept. 24	CENTER	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	At Cotopaxi	4 p.m.
Oct. 11	At Hanover	TBA
Oct. 18	COTOPAXI	5 p.m.
Oct. 19	PRIMERO	11 a.m.
Oct. 25	CENTENNIAL*	4 p.m.

CENTENNIAL Rams



Cross Country

Aug. 30	At Antonito Night Meet	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	At Joe I. Vigil Invitational (at Alamosa)	9 a.m.
Sept. 20	At Gerald Archuleta Invite (at Antonito)	9:30 a.m.
Oct. 5	At Salida Invitational	9:30 a.m.
Oct. 25	At Regional Meet	TBA
Nov. 2	At Class 2A State Meet	TBA

Volleyball

Aug. 31	At Primero Invitational	TBA
Sept. 6	QUESTA (N.M.)	5 p.m.
Sept. 7	At Sierra Grande*	TBA
Sept. 14	At Cripple Creek-Victor	1 p.m.
Sept. 19	At Questa (N.M.)	TBA
Sept. 21	PRIMERO, SARGENT	11 a.m.
Sept. 26	At Sangre de Cristo*	5 p.m.
Sept. 28	CREEDE*	1 p.m.
Oct. 4	MOUNTAIN VALLEY*	TBA
Oct. 12	COTOPAXI	TBA
Oct. 19	At Manzanola	2 p.m.
Oct. 25	At Antonito*	4 p.m.
Oct. 26	CREEDE	1 p.m.

CENTAURI Falcons



Football

Aug. 30	At Meeker	7 p.m.
Sept. 6	PAGOSA SPRINGS	7 p.m.
Sept. 13	At Buena Vista	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	BAYFIELD	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	IGNACIO*	7 p.m.
Oct. 11	At Center*	7 p.m.
Oct. 18	DELNORTE*	7 p.m.
Oct. 25	At Trinidad*	7 p.m.
Nov. 1	At Monte Vista*	6 p.m.

Cross Country

Aug. 23	At Cheyenne Mountain Stampede	2 p.m.
Aug. 30	At Rocky Ford Invitational	10 a.m.
Sept. 7	At Joe I. Vigil Invitational (at Alamosa)	9 a.m.
Sept. 14	At Gunnison Invitational	11:15 a.m.
Sept. 20	At Gerald Archuleta Invite (at Antonito)	9 a.m.
Sept. 27	At Rampart Invitational	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	At Pagosa Springs Invitational	9 a.m.
Oct. 18	At Eric Wolff Invitational (at Monte Vista)	10 a.m.
Oct. 25	At Regional Meet (at Lamar)	TBA
Nov. 2	At Class 2A State Meet (at Colo. Spgs.)	TBA

Volleyball

Aug. 24	At Lamar	1 p.m.
Aug. 31	At Delta	1 p.m.
Sept. 7	At Lewis-Palmer Invitational	TBA
Sept. 17	ALAMOSA*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	PUEBLO EAST	6 p.m.
Sept. 21	At Pagosa Springs*	1 p.m.
Sept. 27	BAYFIELD*	5 p.m.
Sept. 28	MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ*	1 p.m.
Oct. 3	At Sanford	6 p.m.
Oct. 5	At Colorado Springs Christian	2 p.m.
Oct. 8	At Alamosa*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	At Montezuma-Cortez*	6 p.m.
Oct. 12	At Bayfield*	1 p.m.
Oct. 19	PAGOSA SPRINGS*	1 p.m.
Oct. 26	At Sterling Invitational	TBA

CENTER Vikings



Football

Aug. 30	At North Fork	1 p.m.
Sept. 6	OLATHE	1 p.m.
Sept. 13	CEDAREDDGE	1 p.m.
Sept. 20	At Ellicott	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	At Monte Vista*	7 p.m.
Oct. 11	CENTAURI*	7 p.m.
Oct. 18	At Ignacio*	6 p.m.
Oct. 25	DEL NORTE*	7 p.m.
Nov. 1	TRINIDAD*	7 p.m.

Cross Country

Aug. 30	At Antonito Night Invitational	
Sept. 7	At Joe I. Vigil Invitational (at Cattails)	
Sept. 14	At Bayfield Invitational	
Sept. 20	At Gerald Archuleta Invitational (at Antonito)	
Oct. 3	At Del Norte Invitational (at South Fork)	
Oct. 5	At Salida Invitational	
Oct. 18	At Eric Wolff Invitational (at Monte Vista)	
Oct. 24	At Regional Meet	
Nov. 2	At Class 2A State Meet (at Colorado Springs)	

Volleyball

Aug. 22	SALIDA	5 p.m.
Aug. 29	CRESTED BUTTE	4 p.m.
Aug. 31	At Primero Invitational	10 a.m.
Sept. 6	At Sierra Grande	6 p.m.
Sept. 12	At Buena Vista	4 p.m.
Sept. 13	At Cotopaxi	2 p.m.
Sept. 14	ROCKY FORD	1 p.m.
Sept. 20	At La Veta, w ECA and Sangre	TBA
Sept. 21	MONTE VISTA*	11 a.m.
Sept. 24	At Antonito	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	SARGENT*	4 p.m.
Sept. 28	DEL NORTE*	1 p.m.
Oct. 4	At Dove Creek	3 p.m.
Oct. 5	At Sanford*	4 p.m.
Oct. 11	At Custer County	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	At Olathe	1 p.m.
Oct. 19	SOUTH PARK	1 p.m.
Oct. 25	LAS ANIMAS	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	At Trinidad*	11 a.m.

*Southern Peaks League games

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DEL NORTE Tigers



Football

Aug. 30	OLATHE	7 p.m.	
Sept. 13	At Roaring Fork	7 p.m.	
Sept. 20	At Cedaredge	7 p.m.	Aug. 16
Sept. 27	DOLORESA HUERTA PREP	7 p.m.	Aug. 28
Oct. 4	TRINIDAD*	7 p.m.	Sept. 5
Oct. 11	MONTE VISTA*	7 p.m.	Sept. 6
Oct. 18	At Centauri*	7 p.m.	Sept. 9
Oct. 25	At Center*	7 p.m.	Sept. 30
Nov. 1	At Ignacio*	7 p.m.	Oct. 7-8

*South Central League games

Cross Country

Aug. 31	At Durango Invitational	8:45 a.m.
Sept. 7	At Joe I. Vigil Invitational (at Alamosa)	9 a.m.
Sept. 14	At Gunnison Invitational	9 a.m.
Sept. 20	At Gerald Archuleta Invite (at Antonito)	3 p.m.
Sept. 27	At Lake City Invitational	3 p.m.
Oct. 1	DEL NORTE INVITATIONAL (at South Fork)	9 a.m.
Oct. 5	At Pagosa Springs Invitational	9 a.m.
Oct. 18	At Eric Wolff Invitational (at Monte Vista)	9 a.m.
Oct. 25	At Regional Meet	TBA
Nov. 1	At Class 2A State Meet	TBA

Aug. 24	LA VETA, ROCKY FORD	9 a.m.
Aug. 29	At Ignacio	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	At Custer County	TBA
Sept. 12	At Pagosa Springs	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	SANFORD*	noon
Sept. 21	MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ	5 p.m.
Sept. 24	At Sargent*	5 p.m.
Sept. 27	DOLORES HUERTA PREP	TBA
Sept. 28	At Center*	1 p.m.
Oct. 4	SOUTH PARK	5 p.m.
Oct. 9	CRESTED BUTTE	4 p.m.
Oct. 17	At Buena Vista	TBA
Oct. 19	TRINIDAD*	TBA
Oct. 25	SANGRE DE FRISTO	5 p.m.
Oct. 26	MONTE VISTA*	TBA
Oct. 29	HOEHNE	TBA

*Southern Peaks League games

CREEDE Miners



Volleyball

Aug. 24	At Crested Butte Invitational	9 a.m.
Aug. 31	COTOPAXI	1 p.m.
Sept. 6	ANTONITO*	2 p.m.
Sept. 7	At Sargent, w/Antonito	1 p.m.
Sept. 21	At Sierra Grande*	11 a.m.
Sept. 28	At CentenniL*	1 p.m.
Oct. 5	At Ouray, w/Dove Creek	10 a.m.
Oct. 11	SANGRE DE CRISTO*	5 p.m.
Oct. 12	At Mountain Valley, w/Primero	10 a.m.
Oct. 18	MOUNTAIN VALLEY*	2 p.m.
Oct. 19	DOLORES	2 p.m.
Oct. 25	At Cripple Creek-Victor	3 p.m.

*Southern Peaks League matches

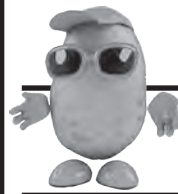
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MOUNTAIN VALLEY Wolves



Volleyball

Aug. 24	At Crested Butte Invitational	9 a.m.
Aug. 31	At Primero Invitational	9 a.m.
Sept. 6	MOUNTAIN VALLEY INVITATIONAL	9 a.m.
Sept. 14	ANTONITO*	11 a.m.
Sept. 20	At South Park	1 p.m.
Sept. 21	At Crested Butte	noon
Sept. 27	At Sierra Grande*	3 p.m.
Oct. 3	At Sangre de Cristo*	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	CENTENNIAL*	11 a.m.
Oct. 5	At Sargent	5 p.m.
Oct. 12	Creede, Primero	10:30 a.m.
Oct. 18	At Creede*	11 a.m.
Oct. 24	At Cotopaxi	4 p.m.

FOOTBALL

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No fall sports



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MONTE VISTA Pirates



Football

Aug. 30	Alamosa (at Adams State)	7 p.m.
Sept. 6	At Rye	7 p.m.
Sept. 13	NORTH FORK	6 p.m.
Sept. 20	At Pagosa Springs	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	CENTER*	6 p.m.
Oct. 11	At Del Norte*	7 p.m.
Oct. 18	TRINIDAD*	6 p.m.
Oct. 25	At Ignacio*	7 p.m.
Nov. 1	CENTAURI*	6 p.m.

*South Central League games

Volleyball

Aug. 24	MONTE VISTA INVITATIONAL	9 a.m.
Aug. 29	SANFORD*	6 p.m.
Sept. 3	BUENA VISTA	6 p.m.
Sept. 13	NORTH FORK	1 p.m.
Sept. 14	At Eaglecrest Invitational	TBA
Sept. 21	At Center*	noon
Sept. 28	CRESTED BUTTE	1 p.m.
Oct. 5	At South Park	1 p.m.
Oct. 6	At Trinidad*	1 p.m.
Oct. 12	At Dove Creek	noon
Oct. 19	At Custer County	1 p.m.
Oct. 22	At Pagosa Springs	6 p.m.
Oct. 26	At Del Norte*	1 p.m.
Nov. 1-2	At Buena Vista Invitational	TBA

*Southern Peaks League games

Cross Country

Sept. 6	At Rocky Ford Invitational	TBA
Sept. 7	At Joe I. Vigil Invitational (at Cattails)	9 a.m.
Sept. 14	At Bayfield Invitational	10 a.m.
Sept. 20	At Gerald Archuleta Inv. (at Antonito)	10 a.m.
Oct. 5	At Pagosa Springs Invitational	9 a.m.
Oct. 5	At Salida Invitational	9 a.m.
Oct. 25	ERIC WOLFF INVITATIONAL	9 a.m.

Boys Golf

Aug. 12	At Swink Invitational	9 a.m.
Aug. 16	At Alamosa Invitational	9 a.m.
Aug. 23	At Pueblo County Invitational	9 a.m.
Aug. 27	At Montezuma-Cortez Invitational	9 a.m.
Aug. 28	At Pagosa Springs Invitational	9 a.m.
Aug. 29	At Canon City Invitational	9 a.m.
Sept. 6	MONTE VISTA INVITATIONAL	9 a.m.
Sept. 9	At Gunnison Invitational	10 a.m.
Sept. 10	At Salida Invitational	9 a.m.
Sept. 30	At Regional Meet (at Hollydot)	9 a.m.
Oct. 7-8	At Class 2A State Meet	TBA

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SANFORD Mustangs



Volleyball

Aug. 23	At La Veta	2 p.m.
Aug. 24	GUNNISON	4 p.m.
Aug. 29	At Monte Vista*	5 p.m.
Aug. 30-31	At West Grand Tournament	TBA
Sept. 2	At South Park	2 p.m.
Sept. 13	At Swink	4 p.m.
Sept. 14	At Del Norte*	4 p.m.
Sept. 21	TRINIDAD*	11 a.m.
Sept. 27	At Escalante (N.M.)	4 p.m.
Sept. 28	At Buena Vista	noon
Oct. 3	CENTAURI	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	CENTER*	11 a.m.
Oct. 12	SARGENT*	4 p.m.
Oct. 18	MANCOS	2 p.m.
Oct. 22	CUSTER COUNTY	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	At Crested Butte	4 p.m.
Oct. 25-26	At Rye Invitational	TBA
Nov. 1	At Dove Creek	noon

*Southern Peaks League matches

Football

Aug. 31	At West Grand	5 p.m.
Sept. 7	At Swink	2 p.m.
Sept. 13	HAXTUN	7 p.m.
Sept. 20	FOWLER	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	NORWOOD*	6 p.m.
Oct. 11	SARGENT*	6 p.m.
Oct. 18	MANCOS*	6 p.m.
Oct. 25	At Dolores*	2 p.m.
Nov. 1	At Dove Creek*	3 p.m.

*Southern League games

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SARGENT Farmers



Football

Aug. 30	At Lake County	6 p.m.
Sept. 6	HAYDEN	7 p.m.
Sept. 13	At Hoehne	7 p.m.
Sept. 20	CUSTER COUNTY	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	DOLORES*	6 p.m.
Oct. 11	At Sanford*	6 p.m.
Oct. 18	At Norwood*	6 p.m.
Oct. 25	DOVE CREEK*	6 p.m.
Nov. 1	At Mancos*	6 p.m.

*Southern League games

Cross Country

No team this year

Volleyball

Aug. 24	At Mountain Valley Tri	9 a.m.
Aug. 31	At Crested Butte Invitational	TBA
Sept. 7	ANTONITO/CREEDE	1 p.m.
Sept. 19	At Sangre de Cristo	5 p.m.
Sept. 21	At Centennial, w/Primero	11 a.m.
Sept. 24	DEL NORTE*	5 p.m.
Sept. 27	At Center*	4 p.m.
Sept. 28	SIERRA GRANDE	1 p.m.
Oct. 5	MOUNTAIN VALLEY*	1 p.m.
Oct. 8	BUENA VISTA	5 p.m.
Oct. 12	At Sanford*	4 p.m.
Oct. 18	PEYTON	5 p.m.
Oct. 19	MANCOS	1 p.m.
Oct. 24	At Trinidad*	TBA
Oct. 31	At Ignacio	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	At Byers Invitational	TBA

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SANGRE DE CRISTO Thunderbirds



Volleyball

Aug. 22	PRIMERO	4:30 p.m.
Aug. 24	THUNDERBIRD CROSSOVER	TBA
Aug. 30	LAS ANIMAS	2 p.m.
Sept. 10	At Antonito*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	COTOPAXI	6 p.m.
Sept. 14	CHERAW	2 p.m.
Sept. 19	SARGENT	5 p.m.
Sept. 20	At La Veta Tri	9 a.m.
Sept. 26	CENTENNIAL*	5 p.m.
Sept. 28	At Sierra Grande*	4 p.m.
Oct. 5	MOUNTAIN VALLEY*	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	At Creede*	5 p.m.
Oct. 12	At Swink Classic	9 a.m.
Oct. 25	At Del Norte*	5 p.m.

*Southern Peaks League matches

Football

Aug. 30	LAS ANIMAS	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	Soroco#	1 p.m.
Sept. 21	At Dove Creek	1 p.m.
Oct. 4	At Fowler*	7 p.m.
Oct. 11	HOEHNE*	7 p.m.
Oct. 18	At Walsenburg*	7 p.m.
Oct. 25	CROWLEY COUNTY*	7 p.m.
Nov. 1	At Custer County*	7 p.m.

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SIERRA GRANDE Panthers



Volleyball

Aug. 24	At Custer County Tri	10 a.m.
Aug. 30	At Sangre de Cristo crossover	TBA
Sept. 6	At Center	6 p.m.
Sept. 7	DEER TRAIL	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	At Walsenburg	TBA
Sept. 13	KIOWA	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	At Bethune Invitational	10 a.m.
Sept. 19	SANGRE DE CRISTO*	6 p.m.
Sept. 20	At Antonito*	11 a.m.
Sept. 21	CREEDE*	11 a.m.
Sept. 27	MOUNTAIN VALLEY*	3 p.m.
Sept. 28	At Sargent	1 p.m.
Oct. 4	PRIMERO	4 p.m.
Oct. 5	At Trinidad	11 a.m.
Oct. 11	KIM/BRANSON	4 p.m.
Oct. 19	COTOPAXI	3 p.m.
Oct. 25	CENTER	1 p.m.

*Southern Peaks League matches

Football

Aug. 30	At Cheraw	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	DEER TRAIL	4 p.m.
Sept. 13	At Kiowa	7 p.m.
Sept. 20	At Antonito*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	PRIMERO*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	BRANSON/KIM*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	COTOPAXI*	6 p.m.
Oct. 24	At La Veta*	7 p.m.

*Southwest League games

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