

## Shorts

### 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.

## SoCo Suds and Sounds draws large crowd

### Poor Boy Car Club Car Show has 130 entries

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — Monte Vista has seen its share of rain over the past few weeks, but on Saturday, Aug. 17, SoCo Suds and Sounds featuring the Poor Boy Car Club Car Show, and Valley Veterans ReCreation are the ones who brought the Thunder to Chapman Park, with over 3,000 attendees at the event this year, and 130 car show entries.

Since the event's inception four years ago, it continues to outdo itself each year with larger attendance numbers and

more and more classic cars.

People from all over the Valley, the state, and from New Mexico, all came to support the various festivities, live demonstrations, and the beautiful collection of cars, bikes, and motorcycles.

OptiMystics Citizens Action Network President Adam Lock was excited about

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**Phinel Garcia speaks to someone about his car that received Best of Show at the Poor Boy Car Club Car Show on Aug. 17 at Chapman Park in Monte Vista. The car show is part of the SoCo Suds and Sounds event.**

Photo by Marie Mccolm



## Mardi Gras celebration takes the town of Center by Storm

By MARIE MCCOLM

CENTER — From an electronic bull, to thrilling children's rides, facepainting, water gun fights, vendors, and food trucks, Center's first-ever Mardi Gras all began in the morning with a colorful parade on Aug. 24.

The event saw about 150 people for the parade in the morning, and over 500 people throughout the day.

The theme for the event was chosen by Mayor Archie Gallegos. Gallegos said that it sounded like a fun theme, so they went with it. The parade was headed up by a Center Police Department patrol car glistening in the early morning sun, as they went down the main highway in Center, adjacent to Casa Blanca Park.

The main streets were lined with smiling adults and eager children, waiting with colorful sacks, for the different floats and people who would be tossing candy during the parade. The parade's Grand Marshall, Judy Crawley, soon came

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Photo by Marie Mccolm

**Children pick up candy that is thrown from Mardi Gras parade floats on Aug. 24 in Center.**

## Crestone Energy Fair is set for Sept. 14-15

By MARIE MCCOLM

CRESTONE — San Luis Valley residents get ready, the 35th annual Crestone Energy Fair is set for Sept. 14-15. This is a full weekend event.

According to the website, the fair is the longest-running sustainability fair in the nation and includes a weekend of instructional presentations with informative speakers, community engagement, music, vendors, and exciting home tours. The event is a free event.

Broker, and owner of Mountainside Realty, and long-time event planner for the Crestone Energy Fair, Nick Navares spoke about the theme for the fair this year, and what people can expect from opening speakers at the Energy Fair.

"We are doing something a little different this year," Navares said. *Please see FAIR on Page 7A*

## 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 *Please see IRON on Page 2A*

**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.'**

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# RGC 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 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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the continued growth of the event, but also announced this would be the last year the OptiMystics would participate in the event.

"Another exciting and fun-filled event in the books," said Lock. "This was our biggest event so far, drawing an estimated 3000 people to Chapman Park. Yet, for me it was also bittersweet, as this is the last time our group will be co-hosting SoCo Suds and Sounds."

Lock said that Valley Veterans ReCreation and the Poor Boy Car Club would be taking it over.

"This event should only get even bigger and better though," said Lock with a smile, adding that his favorite part of the festivities was seeing the community involvement. "Watching the performances of the groups such as MS. Kais and the different youth Cheerleaders, is not only heartwarming, but it aligns directly with our slogan of 'Connecting people, Creating Community.'"

The festivities also drew the crowds in, with a multitude of vendors, multiple food and drink trucks, a cornhole tournament, and live demonstrations, including performances from Monte Vista's mini-cheerleading squad, the Del Norte mini-Spirit Squad, and MS. Kais academy of performing arts club. Gabe Duran was the DJ for the day, and live bands also performed at the event.

Poor Boy Car Club President Richard Garcia was excited about the entries for the car show. For the past few years, Garcia has been wanting to break their

record for the show and have more than 100 participants. This year they went way beyond that drawing 130 entries.

"I couldn't believe it, I have really wanted to break this one hundred, and what a blessing to break it by so much more this year," Garcia said. "We are truly blessed by all the entries, and participants, by the people, who have traveled near and far, that came together to bring about this car show. The reason we do this is for the people."

Garcia, whose four daughters help him with the car show, said that his daughter Denise said it best when she said, "We are on such a high, from our car show with over 130 entries. Our car club wishes to thank all the drivers for coming out for such a good cause. We love to give back to our SLV community, a place we all love."

The Poor Boy Car Club donates the proceeds from their car shows to people who are sick or terminally ill and need help with expenses. This year's donations will take place after the final tallies are in from the car show.

DJ Salazar of Valley Veterans ReCreation spoke about his group's involvement in the event and how excited he is about making it even bigger next year.

"Talk about a great weekend. Next year, we want to make this a two-day event, if we can. It was amazing to see the community out and enjoying such an event. We look forward to working with the Poor Boy Car Club and continuing to make this the premier car show and

festival of the San Luis Valley," he said.

Valley Veterans ReCreation is all about engaging Veterans and first-responders in outdoor recreation. The group has been hosting events in Monte Vista and the San Luis Valley for Veterans. The group had a big booth at the car show and spoke to many people about their group and wants to incorporate as many Veterans and first-responders as possible in next year's car show.

This year the car show also gave out more awards than ever with the top 15 entries being recognized. The following individuals were chosen for top 15 in this order, Lori Sharp, Phyllis Pacheco, Art Garcia, Jasmine Vigil, James Randall, Michael Rue, the duo Monica and Luciano, Tommy Vigil, Kathi Wright, Keith Pepper, Kent Pepper, Larry Hoover, Emilio and Shannon Lujan, Floyd Vigil, and Ron and Bee Marx.

Best of Show went to Monte Vista's Phinel Garcia. People and Kids Choice was Brad Atencio, and Ladies Choice was Joe Lopez.

Phinel Garcia was appreciative of the Best of Show award and said, "A special thanks to the Poor Boys Car Show and to all those who make this event possible. I am truly blessed and so honored to have won Best of Show with my Olds 442-W30, with more than 130 cars at this year's show, the judges had some incredibly tough decisions. Again, I am truly honored and blessed and want to send my upmost gratitude to the Poor Boys Car Club and their continued success."

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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 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](http://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, Maurice Stillings, Lois Barton, and Cynthia Fischer.

Cremation was chosen and a Memorial Service will be held

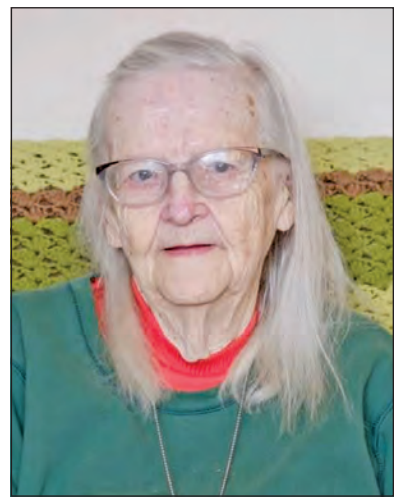
## Kenneth George Teunis

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.

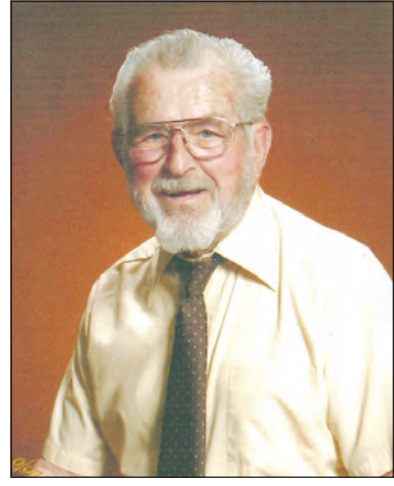
A man of intellect and curiosity, Kenneth earned a degree in structural engineering, a field in which he excelled and contributed significantly throughout his career. His love for learning and innovation was evident in his personal passions as well.

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



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](http://www.RogersFunerals.com).



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.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com).

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## 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 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.

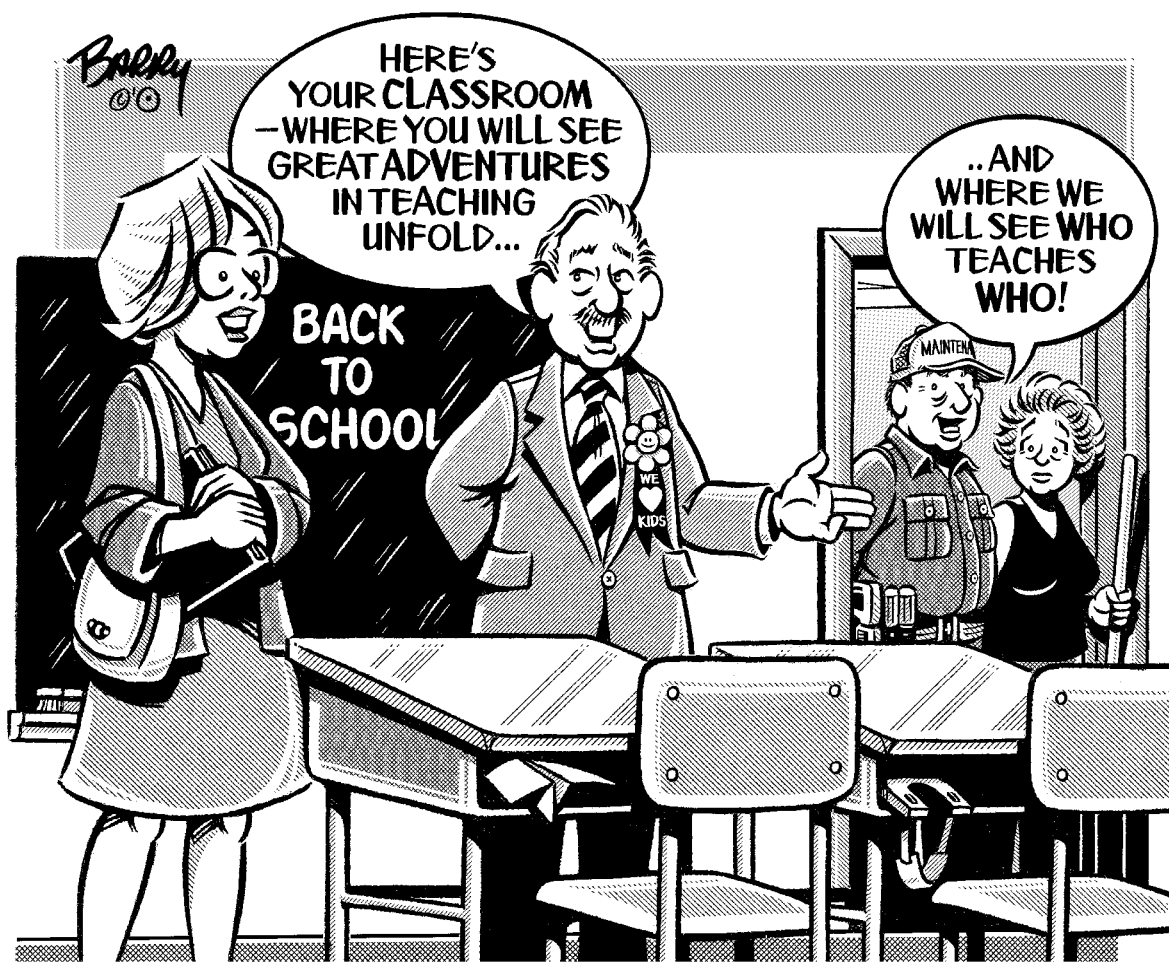
Nothing was off limits to him outdoors and he loved to go fishing and fetch any fish I happened to land. Grouse hunting also was a favorite of his and he would fetch them if given half a chance after Ol' Dutch had brought them to the ground.

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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# 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 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 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.



Photos 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.



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.

## Give Yourself a Push

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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.

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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).

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# 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 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.



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.



Courtesy photos

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



Photo by Marie Mccolm

The Kiwanis Club of Center float makes its way down the Mardi Gras parade route on Aug. 24 in Center.

## MARDI GRAS

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down the road, smiling and waving from a classic white car.

Mayor Gallegos was also smiling and waving, while driving a black city truck in the parade. The Kiwanis Club of Center had an extremely impressive float, decked out in purple with a large golden, traditional Mardi Gras mask adorning the front of the float.

As the floats came down, lots of candy was thrown from the floats, and the children smiled happily, running into the streets, picking up the candy and loading it into their colored bags.

Each float and car in the parade was decked out with some form of Mardi Gras signage, and many of the people in the vehicles also gave out traditional Mardi Gras necklaces. Richard Garcia of the Poor Boy Car Club was seen in the parade, giving out necklaces to

many attendees.

Casa Blanca Park was decked out with Mardi Gras balloons, and adults and children could be seen walking in the park and outside in the streets where the vendors were selling their wares, and many people could also be seen dancing in the streets to the live Spanish music band that was performing.

In the park’s corner, the electronic bull was bucking and spinning around, with children and adults riding on it. Eight-year-old Jesus Vargas was on the bull, and after riding it for a bit stepped down with a laugh.

“I want to do that again, but my mom says I have to wait a minute,” he said with a smile. “She said I could get dizzy, but it’s so fun.”

Resident Diane Martinez said the

event was nice and hoped they would consider putting it on every year.

“Monte Vista has Stampede, and I know Del Norte has a big celebration too, we have events, but nothing really like this. I hope we can convince the Town of Center to put this on next year, everyone was so excited about the parade. My grandkids loved getting candy and checking out the floats. The kids’ rides are just so cool. Yes, if Center keeps doing this, it would be a good thing for the town,” she said.

Valerie Atencio, a jewelry vendor at the event, said that she had a lot of interested people and it seemed like a good crowd.

“There’s been a few people out today, and I have done pretty good. This is a really nice event that the community put on,” she said.

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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), two 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

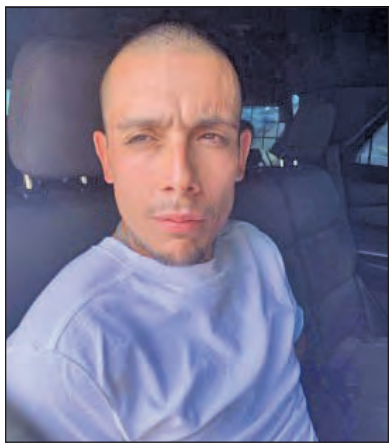


Photo courtesy of Alamosa Police Department  
**Bond set at \$10 million for Alamosa resident Larry Chavez, 33, who is accused of fatally shooting Enrique Parra.**

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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# SLV's Got Talent seeking talented community members

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA — In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Adams State University's Equity Board and El Llamado Hispano, a committee of the Alamosa Chamber of Commerce, are seeking talented community members for their San Luis Valley's Got Talent contest, scheduled for Oct. 12.

San Luis Valley's Got Talent is inspired by the traditions of the mythical fandango of the greater Mexico, including the American Southwest. Previous generations of the San Luis Valley and the larger Hispanic worlds, created fandangos to gather, celebrate, and perform. The identity of the valley community was created through performance and play. Just like generations before us, we aim to

bring the diverse peoples of the valley together for a joyful celebration of life and community, through performance. For the San Luis Valley's Got Talent contest, original pieces should be presented in Spanish or showcase a theme from Hispano/Latinx cultures. Potential performance categories are: singing, music (band performance or playing an instrument), dance, poetry, theater sketch, monologue, stand-up comedy, acrobatics, circus skills, clown, magic, mime, puppetry, and ventriloquism.

Anyone interested must register by Aug. 29. The minimum age required to enter this competition is 14 years old. Judges will review registrations and notify the selected candidates about auditioning on September 6, where they will receive support through constructive

feedback. Participants will have a month to refine their performance. There will be a dress rehearsal on Oct. 11, where participants will receive guidance. The San Luis Valley's Got Talent final performance begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, in the Adams State Richardson Hall Auditorium. Entrance to the show is free to the public and tickets will be available for pick up at designated places throughout the San Luis Valley, which will be announced soon.

Everyone is welcome to participate in The San Luis Valley's Got Talent contest.

The San Luis Valley's Got Talent Terms and Conditions can be found in the online registration form. To register or for more information, send an email to: slvsgottalent@gmail.com or visit SLV's Got Talent's facebook page: SanLuisvalleyGottalent.

# FAIR

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different this year, we are having a symposium called 'Rooting Forward,' which is our theme for this year. What it is about is that, especially here in Crestone, there's a lot of change happening. People are recognizing that the cost of living here is a lot lower than other places, but also the quality of life here is really good. Our first talk of the day is going to be a culmination of older, and newer members of the community, talking about how we can integrate change into our lives in a sustainable way, that isn't disruptive to the status quo, but also allows for that change to happen organically. That will be our first talk in the morning on Saturday."

Nevares also stated that this year the Energy Fair has really tried to focus on bringing in some amazing speakers.

"Our headline speaker is Lloyd Kahn. He was named by the New York Times as the father of DIY, Do it Yourself Building. He is an innovator in tiny houses. He is going to be talking about living a more sustainable lifestyle through regenerative practices and things like that. We also have Tim White, who is with Texas Healthy Homes. Texas Healthy Homes, is showing people how to build more sustainably with hempcrete, and rammed earth, and things like that in Texas."

Nevares stated that it's like what is being done in Crestone, it's just done, and well known in the Texas environment.

Nevares also spoke about another speaker named George Whitten, and how his family and he practice Pastoralism.

"His family has been in the San Luis Valley since the early 1800s. They moved here, originally for what's called Pastoralism, which is using grazing animals, like sheep and cows, his family moved here and did that through ought the valley openly for about 100 years. He is continuing to carry on his family lineage of doing that. He is going to talk about the evolution of doing that, and the ways that we have changed and work with land and things like that."

Nevares also spoke about an interactive workshop that would be taking place as something new this year at the fair, with a gentleman by the name of Diamond Mauriello.

"He has a 100-acre Permaculture farm up in Pagosa Springs. He has been a secret of ours for a number of years, and this year he is doing a multi tent activation, where he is going to teach you not only how to save seeds from plants you grow, but he's going to show you how to harvest them from different plants, and how to properly store them."

Nevares stated that there is an importance in doing this, as when

you use your own seeds, they are acclimated to the environment you have had them in.

"They grow better this way. That's going to be a neat activation that we have."

Nevares stated that they are also going to have a few different ways for people to interact with the crew that is putting on the energy fair.

"We are going to have an afterparty this year on Saturday Night at T-Road Brewing. They are sponsoring an after-party event. We are going to have a performance by a local band. In October we are also going to have a celebration event."

Nevares explained that every year they start from ground zero to raise the funds for the energy fair all year round, but this year they are going to hold a seated dinner party in October at the Dune Valley Distillery, to begin raising funds for next year's Energy Fair, too.

"I am going to be personally cooking a four course Indian Dinner. We are selling tickets right now on our website. We will be having bands, and things like that for the evening. So, it's like a nice dinner date night, but also a fundraiser for the Crestone Energy Fair, both as a celebration of what we

have done, but also as a fundraiser for the next year too."

Nevares stated that he is hoping these added events will be successful as they will aid in the Energy Fair for next year with some startup money, and it will also be a way for people to engage with the energy fair crew, as they are extremely busy during the fair and not always able to engage and answer a ton of questions the way that they would like to.

The Crestone Energy Fair has been around for 35 years now and is always an amazing and educational event. As always there will also be home tours offered, of both finished and unfinished homes. Saguache County has always allowed different homes to be built without the restrictions that other counties have, Crestone has partaken in this way of natural life and has built some very impressive homes made from natural sustainable compounds.

The Energy Fair will also feature music, yoga, and art. The Fair is a huge celebration of sustainable living that everyone should consider attending. To register for home tours or for more information on all speakers, workshops, and activities available at the fair, visit Crestoneenergyfair.org.

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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](http://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

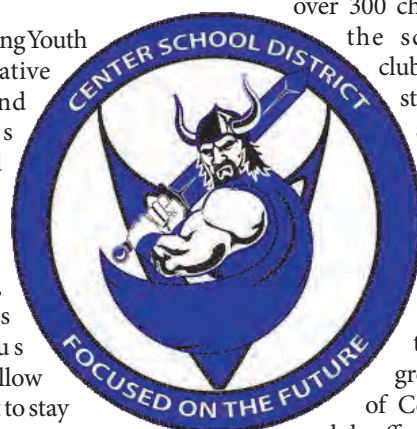
the school year. The club is open to K-12 students who attend school at the Center Consolidated School District.

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](http://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](http://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)				
						From				
		8/22	8/21	8/20	8/19	8/22	3day	4day	5day	7day
<b>Moravian 69</b>	<b>04/05</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Moravian 69	05/05	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.13	0.22	0.31	0.42	0.67
<b>Early Wheat</b>	<b>04/05</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Early Wheat	05/05	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.13	0.16	0.28	0.40	0.53	0.84
<b>White Wheat</b>	<b>04/05</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.40</b>
White Wheat	05/05	0.11	0.12	0.15	0.16	0.22	0.38	0.54	0.71	1.09
<b>WinterWheat</b>	<b>10/01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Potatoes</b>										
Norkotah	05/05	0.08	0.09	0.12	0.13	0.18	0.30	0.43	0.58	0.90
<b>Centennial</b>	<b>05/05</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>1.43</b>
Nugget	05/05	0.15	0.16	0.20	0.21	0.31	0.51	0.72	0.93	1.38
<b>Alfalfa</b>	<b>Est.</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>1.07</b>	<b>1.60</b>
<b>Lawnglass</b>	<b>Est.</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>1.38</b>

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/>  
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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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- Bonus materials
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- One who scrapes away
- Type of device
- Skin cancers
- The Show Me State
- Plate glasses
- Red-brown sea bream
- Small (Fr.)
- Flightless Australian birds
- High IQ group
- Stiff structures
- Revolutions per minute
- Where a bachelor lives
- Licensed for Wall Street
- A place to park
- Energy, style and enthusiasm
- An important creed in Catholic Church
- 18-year astronomical period
- Furies
- Removes from the record
- Noted child psychiatrist
- Feline
- High schoolers' test
- Not happy
- They \_\_\_
- On top
- Precious stones unit of weight
- 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**

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

**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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## 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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## 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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## 0254 Timberline Trail • South Fork

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## 222 La Lomita Circle • South Fork

Perfect 2.0-acre lot to build Your Dream Home. Luxurious Mountain Retreat Awaits: Build Your Dream Home! Nestled amidst the majestic peaks, this pristine lot awaits your architectural vision. Imagine waking up to panoramic vistas that stretch as far as the eye can see—each sunrise painting the sky in hues of amber and rose gold. Welcome to your own private haven, where nature's splendor meets refined living. Breathtaking Views. This parcel of land boasts captivating views in every direction. Gaze upon rolling hills, snow-capped summits, and the meandering Rio Grande River. Whether you're sipping morning coffee or stargazing at night, the scenery will leave you spellbound. Ready for Your Vision. The canvas is blank, awaiting your brushstrokes. With water and sewer readily available, however you will need to secure your water and sewer taps. Picture a modern retreat with floor-to-ceiling windows, seamlessly blending indoor and outdoor spaces. Paved Road Access No rugged trails here—just a smooth, paved road leading to your paradise. Arrive in style. Over Two Acres of Possibility Spread your wings across two gently sloping sprawling acres. Design your oasis—an infinity pool, terraced gardens, or perhaps a meditation pavilion. Outdoor Enthusiast's Paradise For the angler's heart, the Rio Grande River beckons. Cast your line, and reel in memories. Nearby, the National Forest is a playground for hikers, birdwatchers, and seekers of solitude. Your Winter Wonderland Awaits just 20 miles away, the Wolf Creek Ski Resort cradles you in its snowy embrace. Glide down powdery slopes, cozy up by the fire, savoring the warmth of shared stories. Your Legacy Awaits This isn't just land; it's your legacy in the making. Generations will gather here, creating memories under star-studded skies. Build your dream home refuge—a testament to life well-lived. More pictures coming soon. MLS#812710 - \$79,900



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## ANTONITO Trojans



### Football

Aug. 30	MANZANOLA	1 p.m.
Sept. 7	At Bethune	11 a.m.
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.

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# DEL NORTE Tigers



# CREEDE Miners



## 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

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## 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

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## Boys Golf

## Volleyball

## 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.

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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.

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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

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## 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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## 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.

\*Six County League games

#At Buena Vista

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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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