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Future Town Tailgate Party returns to Center
Ribbon cutting will be held for new football field

By MARIE MCCOLM
CENTER — The Center Consolidated School District and the Town of Center, in conjunction with the Civic Health Club, Warm Cookies of the Revolution, are excited to announce the second annual Future Town Tailgate Party is on Friday, Sept. 6, beginning at 4 p.m., at Center Town Park.

The theme for the party is Viking Vision/Game Time. There will be food and drinks, games, a live band and DJ, circus performers, face painting, and free t-shirts for everyone until they are gone, at the tail gate party.

Entrance to the party and the game is free. The food is free, too. There will also be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 5:45 p.m., for the new football field.

Warm Cookies of the Revolution are a Civic Health Club that hosts Future Town Tours. According to their website, the group is trying to center rural Colorado's smaller towns in the future rather than the past. In the past, rural areas were not really thought of. The group is working with organizations in different towns through this tour. The group wants to focus on increasing social cohesion, across race, language, culture, and geography. One of the biggest focuses of the group is to bring positive change to rural areas and small towns.

The mission of the group is to inspire ongoing cross-cultural community gatherings where residents can share stories, dreams, fears, and their talents, all while
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Cerny announces retirement

STAFF REPORT
ALAMOSA — Longtime San Luis Valley newspaper publisher Keith R. Cerny has announced his retirement after 32 years here, effective Friday, Aug. 30.

"When we purchased the company a year ago, Keith informed us he planned to retire in six months," said John Elchert, chief operating officer for San Luis Valley Publishing, LLC. "We are grateful that he agreed to stay on for a full year.

"We thank him for his good work with us in the transition, and for his many years of commitment to the community and our industry."

Cerny, 68, has overseen newspaper and digital media operations for the daily Valley Courier and the six weekly newspapers and Lifestyles shopper during his SLV tenure. He previously managed newspapers in Wyoming and Nebraska and served as a division manager for News Media Corporation over papers in Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona

and Oregon.

"I plan to stay involved in the SLV community and continue to volunteer my time for various groups I'm already serving," Cerny said. "And hopefully spend more time in our second home in Creede."

Keith's wife Debra Sowards-Cerny will continue in her role as advertising manager at the Courier assisting customers with their print and digital advertising needs.

Keith R. Cerny



San Luis Valley Potato Festival almost here



File photo

The Potato Festival on Saturday, Sept. 7, in Monte Vista is expected to have bouncy houses for children.

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — The San Luis Valley Potato Festival is less than a week away. This year's festival will be held on Sept. 7 at Chapman Park in Monte Vista.

The day begins with the Tater Trot. This 5K event includes a nice T-shirt for a registration fee of \$25. Proceeds from this event go to the local pediatric diabetes fund at San Luis Valley Health.

The popular agricultural tours will again be available. According to Jessica Bradshaw, of the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee (CPAC) in Monte Vista, there will be a tour that leaves the park at 8 a.m. and another tour that leaves at 1 p.m.

"You can sign up to attend the tour and ride a bus from the park, to

visit the designated area, and watch a field being harvested. The bus will go to the research center and to a potato grower's farm," she said.

The tours are free, but registration is requested to ensure that there is enough room on the bus for everyone. The tour provides education on seeding, production and potato harvesting.

According to Bradshaw, a new ride will be available at the fest.

"We will have a zipline. It's part of the kids' games. A large zipline that is free to the public. Something for everyone to ride and have fun with," she said.

Bradshaw also spoke about the potato bake that will take place.

"The Monte Vista boys varsity
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31st Annual Fall Festival and Quilt Show is Sept. 21

CONTRIBUTED

SAGUACHE — As the leaves begin to change color and the mornings greet us with cooler temperatures, we are reminded of the annual event which occurs on the third Saturday in September. That would be the Fall Festival and Quilt Show held in Saguache on Sept. 21.

Originally entitled Handmade in Saguache Festival, it was meant to celebrate the harvest and the labors of those who had created homemade items during the year. Over the years,

instead of visitors traveling to find the treasures, it was brought to the park in Saguache for ease of shopping. Although fresh vegetables and some homemade items have found other locations, you can find vendors with arts and crafts and creations available to enhance your home.

The Saguache Chamber of Commerce will host this event on Saturday, Sept. 21, in Otto Mears Park from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. You will find the Saguache Sagebrush Quilters inside the Community Building. Be

sure to purchase your ticket for the door prize of a handmade quilt which will be presented at the end of the day. Tickets can be purchased on the day of the event. The cost is \$1 for 1 ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.

Inside the Community Building you will also find a couple of other vendors along with the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction is the one fundraiser held by the Chamber annually. Items will be donated by local supporters and vendors at the event. You can "Buy it Now" or place a bid and take

your chances at the end of the event. Winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m.

Our Vendor Coordinator, Bonnie Salzman, has been busy sending out invitations to potential vendors. It is not too late to sign up for a 10-by-10 space. The vendor form is available on the Chamber website www.saguachechamber.org. Select the Fall Festival on the Home Page and you will locate the form, be sure to complete pages 1 and 2. If you need additional assistance, call Salzman at 715-699-3679.

Suicide Prevention 5K 'Color Run' is Sept. 13

By MARIE MCCOLM

CENTER — The Center Viking Youth Club will again be hosting a Suicide Prevention 5K Walk/Run entitled the "Color Run," on Friday, Sept. 13, beginning at 7 a.m. Registration is \$20 per person.

Center Viking Youth Club Director Carmen Pavlovsky spoke about the race and the STARS Program of Center.

"The race will start at the Viking Club. We are doing the race in collaboration with the STARS Program, which stands for students

teaching about relationships and success. The STARS Program puts this annual Suicide Prevention 5K Walk on every year. We do a Color Run; the students get to get all colored up in chalk. The person in charge of STARS is Camille Villa. She is also the cross-country coach, and her cross-country kids will be doing the 5K, too. We have a suicide coordinator on the campus at the school. Her name is Aspen Paiz. She is available to speak with students about suicide and crisis. We are all working together on 5K run."

Pavlovsky stated that one of the

biggest goals of the suicide prevention coordinator, and the Viking Club, "is to bring suicide awareness and prevention to the kids, to help children feel comfortable when they need to talk about it. We have Aspen, who can speak with the students if they are having bad thoughts and want to talk about it."

Pavlovsky stated that students do think about suicide, more than anyone realizes.

"Our goal is to help students feel comfortable with the term. We want the word 'suicide' to be normal in

conversation for students. We want them to hear it, know what it means, and if they are feeling a certain way they can go to a counselor and tell them I am having these thoughts, and I need to talk to someone. All the counselors at the school are also certified in suicide prevention, too," she said.

Pavlovsky explained that the STARS Program helps students lean on others in times of concern or crisis.

"We do have students that are in STARS. STARS pairs middle school
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Saguache County Tourism Council unveils new brand identity

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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 pristine night skies, 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. 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 Mystic-Colorado.com. We encourage those interested in joining our efforts to connect with us at info@mystic-colorado.com.



OBITUARIES

Lucille B. Garcia

It is with a heavy heart we announce the passing of our Beloved Lucille B. Garcia. Lucille was called home on July 29, 2024. She passed away at home with her loving family by her side. Lucille was welcomed into the world on March 2, 1955, in Del Norte, Colo., the daughter of Jose V. Martinez and Manuelita A. (Manzanares) Martinez.

Lucille devoted her life to caring for her family, raising her children and being an exceptional role model and friend to all. Lucille loved Betty Boop, going to bingo, buying scratch tickets and spending time with her family.

She will forever be remembered for her compassionate and caring nature. She was loved by all and will be missed dearly.

She will be reunited in Heaven with her parents Jose V. and Manuelita Martinez, siblings Joe, Arthur, David Martinez, Florida Grimaldo, Rosalie Abila and Virginia Silva.

Lucille's legacy will live on through her loving husband Gary Garcia, children Gary Paul Garcia, Chris Garcia (Heidi V.), Jay Garcia, Angela Garcia, grandchildren Darian, Brittney, great-grandchild Camila S., siblings Margaret, Beatrice, Fred and Gilbert. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services will be held Sept. 21, 2024, at St. Francis Jerome Church in Center, Colo., at 1 p.m. Burial to follow services at Workers Union Cemetary west of Monte Vista, Colo.



Frances Margaret Kolisch July 29, 1950 – Aug. 3, 2024

Frances Margaret Kolisch, 74, of Creede, Colo., passed away surrounded by loved ones on Aug. 3, 2024. She was born on July 29, 1950, and grew up in South Fork, Colo. Frances made Creede her home in 1970 and quickly became a valued member of the community.

Frances's greatest joy in life was her family. She shared a deep and enduring love with her husband of 54 years, Karl Kolisch. The two first met at a dance at the Community Center in South Fork in 1968, and according to Karl, it was Frances's sweet and kind nature — just like her mother's — that won his heart. Together, Karl and Frances built a beautiful life centered around their only daughter, Karly Kolisch, and their beloved grandson, Bridger Johns. Frances was a devoted wife, a caring mother, a doting Nana to Bridger, a beloved Aunt and cherished friend. Her kindness, generosity, and unwavering love for her family will be remembered by all who knew her.

In addition to her family, Frances was passionate about her work as a librarian at the Creede School, where she spent over three decades sharing her love of books with countless students. Her warm and welcoming spirit made the library a special place



for generations of children, and her dedication to education left a lasting impact on the community.

Frances had a green thumb and loved flowers. For several summers she worked at the 4UR Ranch taking care of the flowers and hummingbird feeders. She enjoyed teasing and chatting with co-workers, kids, and guests.

Frances was known for her sense of humor, love of practical jokes, and even-tempered nature. She was always ready with a smile, a hearty laugh, and a helping hand. Her kind-heartedness knew no bounds — whether you were a stranger or a close friend, she was always willing to offer her help.

Frances's warmth and generosity made her a treasured presence in the lives of everyone she encountered.

Frances also had a soft spot in her heart for dogs. The dogs of Creede knew they could always count on her for a treat, as she was rarely without a pocketful of goodies for her furry friends.

Frances is survived by her husband, Karl Kolisch; their daughter, Karly Kolisch (Johns); their son-in-law, Ben Johns; their grandson, Bridger Johns; and her nieces, Truley and Kebra Check, as well as many other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Herb Check, Jackie Mckenzie, Phelan Poage, and her parents, Joseph and Dorothy Check.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 11 a.m. at Sunnyside Chapel in Creede, Colo. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Upper Rio Grande Animal Society Conour Animal Shelter in Frances's memory, continuing her love of animals, especially dogs.

Frances will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and the entire Creede community. Her gentle spirit, love of life, and devotion to those she cared for will remain in the hearts of all who knew her.

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and high school students. There are mentors and mentees. The mentors offer advice to the mentees," she said.

Pavlovsky explained that the idea is for the students in the Mentor/Mentee Program to lean on each other.

"We want students to know that they have trusted friends in the STARS Program. We want them to know that there are also adults that they can go to, if they need to," she said.

Pavlovsky said they want students to realize that many people are working together to help prevent and help them with bad thoughts. The run is all part of the encouragement and reminder to the students.

"Our main goal is to get the message out there to our students, help is available, if you are having bad thoughts, help is available, and this walk will help with that, too," she said.

The Center Viking Youth Club offers many programs and provides events and many learning experiences to enrich students' minds. Some of the things that the club offers are out of the valley trips, swimming lessons, and art and cultural events. The club runs 5 days a week and 11 months out of the year. The club is a non-profit organization. For more information on the walk, contact the club at 719-937-5093.

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they have fun, and enjoy themselves. Part of the program is to also offer culturally appropriate foods, and fresh baked cookies.

CCSD's Katrina Caldon-Ruggles also spoke about the event, and what the event will entail.

"There was a collaboration grant between Arts in Society and Warm Cookies of the Revolution that is helping us put this on. This was also held last year," said Caldon-Ruggles, adding that Warm everyone is welcome to attend the event.

Last year, approximately 600 people attended the event. Center Mayor Archie Gallegos hopes that people in town will attend.

Sabrina Martinez, of Center, has

a nephew who is a football player in Center. She said it went well last year and hopes it will go just as well this year.

"There was a lot of good food at the tailgate party last year, and everyone looked happy, like they were all having a good time. My nephew plays football, and he is excited about the dedication of the new field for the game. I think this is a chance for everyone in Center to go out and have fun and eat some good food together and enjoy a cool game. We love our Center Vikings," Martinez said.

For more information on the event, visit the Warm Cookies of the Revolution website at warmcookiesoftherevolution.org.

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First dates

Looking back over my lifetime, I can recall some first dates I've had, and I must admit that I really failed in selecting what to do. If you look online there are always suggestions of things to do on a first date and all of them seem to require a substantial outlay of cash. As a reader of this column, you know that Ol' Dutch has that old Scottish blood that makes us tighter than bark on a tree, and my first dates suffered because of it.

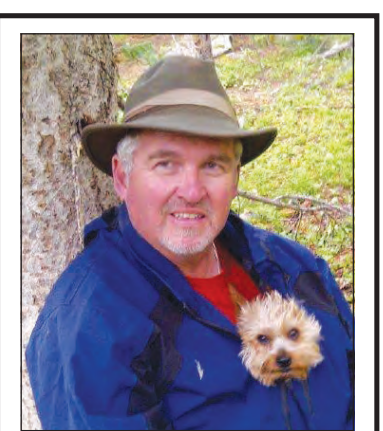
Of course, I also know that I bring a lot to the table, so I really do not have to put out much in the way of monetary expenditures. (Poor Miss Trixie's eyes are rolling around in their sockets like they are pinball marbles. She really needs to get that fixed.) Now, what was I saying? Yes, I bring a lot to the table and couple that with the fact that I really just do not care much about what anyone thinks, it is the recipe for a first date disaster.

I can recall in high school going to a few football games on first dates and that was probably okay given the fact that all of our friends were there, too. And I had a few nice dinners out with young ladies, a few hikes, ATV rides, a concert or two and maybe even a church function when I tried to date religious women.

And I have now figured out that had Ol' Dutch kept to his regimen of boring and unimaginative first dates, I would still be single and free as that bird in the old song "I'll Fly Away." You know the verse, "When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away; Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away." But as life often turns out, I am stuck like a beaver in a draining pond, a giraffe in an eight-foot room, a lion with Biblical Daniel and/or like God seems to be stuck with us.

And it is my own fault as I forgot myself when I first met Miss Trixie and took her on a date to beat all dates. Thus, winning her heart and soul forever, so it seems. I am reminded of this today as tomorrow marks the 12th anniversary of our first date. Now you may ask just what did Ol' Dutch do to Miss Trixie that made her so enamored with me?

And I will tell you so that other Nimrods out there do not make the same mistake as Ol' Dutch and find himself entangled in the lifelong web of togetherness. As embarrassed as I am to admit it, Ol' Dutch forgot



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by Kevin Kirkpatrick

himself and actually took Miss Trixie bear hunting for our first date. I know, right? I didn't think. Obviously, all of you can look back in hindsight with that proverbial 20-20 vision and say, "you should have known better." But as often happens to men, I was blinded by her pretty face and voluptuous figure and as they say, the rest is history.

Now I think I might have been able to skirt around this blessed entanglement if I had simply taken her along. But Ol' Dutch actually got a bear in the first 30 minutes of hunting and Miss Trixie could see that she needed to hang her suitcase up at my door as she would never be hungry again. And I fell in love with her when nature called while we were on a mountain top. And, unlike my first wife, Miss Trixie was able to answer nature in the woods rather than come to town for a flushing toilet. That is true love, indeed.

So here we find ourselves 12 years later, living the good life and happy as two pigs in a mud puddle. Or that's what she tells me anyway.

I will be out bright and early this week trying to get an elk and bear once again but this time I am leaving Miss Trixie at home. One more miracle shot from Ol' Dutch and poor Trixie would be so much in love she would be no earthly good. I have that effect on women.

Kevin Kirkpatrick spends his days fishing, hunting, ATving, hiking or making people laugh. His email is Kevin@TroutRepublic.com. Additional news can be found at www.troutrepublic.com.



Go all-electric—and help change the world

The company I work for recently built a new ticket office at the base of Buttermilk Mountain in Aspen, Colorado. Environmentally, we killed it: argon-gas-filled windows, super-thick insulation and comprehensive air sealing, 100 percent electrification using heat pumps instead of gas boilers. All within budget.

Yet one of the first comments we received was from a famous energy guru: "Nice building. But why do you have a heating system at all?" Or more simply put: "Why didn't you build a perfect building, instead of just a really good one?"

Solving climate change could depend on how we answer that question. My answer: Society needs the Prius of buildings, not the Tesla X.

The green building movement didn't originate only from a desire to protect the environment. It often had elements of the bizarre ego gratification that trumped practicality.

Recall "Earthships" that used old tires and aluminum cans in the walls. Geodesic domes were interesting looking but produced inordinate waste to build. They also leaked. Rudolf Steiner's weirdly wonderful Goetheanum was an all-concrete structure designed to unite "what is spiritual in the human being to what is spiritual in the universe."

Early practitioners such as Steiner, Buckminster Fuller, and Bill McDonough, among others, were often building monuments, whose ultimate goal became the concept of "net zero." Net zero was a building that released no carbon dioxide emissions at all.

Designers achieved that goal by constructing well-sealed, heavily insulated, properly oriented and controlled buildings — but then they did something wasteful. They added solar panels to make up for carbon dioxide emissions from heating with natural gas. The approach zeroed out

emissions, but at extraordinary cost that came in the form of added labor, expense and lost opportunity.

While net zero wasn't a good idea even when most buildings were heated with natural gas, the rapid decarbonization of utility grids — happening almost everywhere — and advances in electrification make the idea downright pointless.

Instead, all you need to build an eventual net zero building is to go all-electric. It won't be net zero today, but it will be net zero when the grid reaches 100% carbon-free power. So, all that really matters is that building codes require 100% electrification.

Yet many communities remain focused on that sexy goal of net zero, and therefore include requirements for solar panels, or "solar ready" wiring. Even apart from the issue of cost, many utilities don't need rooftop solar because they increasingly have access to huge solar arrays, giving them more electricity than they need in peak times.

What utilities really need is energy storage and smart management.

That means home batteries and grid integration that allows utilities to "talk" to buildings and turn off appliances during peak times. The problem is that environmentalists haven't evolved: Just like we can't retire our tie-dyes, we think "green" means rooftop solar panels.

My company's Buttermilk building passes the only test that matters: "If everyone built this kind of structure, would it solve the built environment's portion of the climate problem?" The answer for our building is "yes."

Still, aspirational monuments matter. We need the Lincoln Memorial, the Empire State Building. But if we're going to solve climate change in buildings, which is about a third of the total problem, new structures will have to reconceive what we consider efficient and beautiful. And it doesn't have to



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by Auden Schendler

break the bank.

Electrification, for example, is getting cheaper every year. Years ago, I served on an environmental board for the town of Carbondale in western Colorado. The overwhelming interest there ended dandelion spraying in the town park. But at one point, we worked on a building.

After a long conversation about the technical tricks and feats we could pull off, a Rudolf Steiner disciple named Farmer Jack Reed said: "We should also plant bulbs in the fall so colorful flowers blossom in the spring." "Why?" I asked, stuck in my own technocratic hole. He said: "Because flowers are beautiful and they make people happy."

So, too, are realistic solutions as we adapt to climate change.

Auden Schendler is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He is senior vice president of sustainability at Aspen One. His book, "Terrible Beauty: Reckoning with Climate Complicity and Rediscovering our Soul," comes out in November.

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Salsa Fiesta brings the spice to Creede

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

CREEDE—Main Street was packed to the brim with people gathered for the annual Creede Mountain Run and Salsa Fiesta on Saturday, Aug. 31. Competitors for the Mountain run hit the road early in the morning as the brisk day bloomed over the high caldera cliffs north of town and set the stage for the coming festivities.

As the morning wore on, runners from the race began to trickle in while ticket holders for the Salsa Fiesta eagerly waited for business owners to set up tables with their variety of salsa to try. Over 20 businesses participated in this event, offering spicy selections that varied from fruit, red, green and freestyle salsa for the masses to vote on.

Several businesses throughout town held end-of-summer sales while music filled the air at Basham Park near downtown. The sidewalks filled with people as the day turned warm. The Creede Farmers Market was full of vendors offering everything from fresh produce to canned goods and homemade wares.

Winners for the Creede Mountain Run will be released as they come available, but the race was well



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell

The annual Salsa Fiesta was on Saturday in Creede. Over 20 businesses participated this year, bringing a huge crowd to Creede.

attended with runners from all ages and locations. A booth to welcome the runners back was set up in the Days of 92' Mining arena behind Basham Park and local Nancy Leggitt and her team of volunteers were present to award each runner with a small plaque and snacks to help them recover from the race.

Salsa Fiesta winners were announced in the afternoon and are as follows –

Best Overall Salsa went to the Blue Yak Salon and Boutique; Best Red went to Wander Off Broadway; Best Green went to the Blue Yak and Boutique; Best Fruit went to Rincon Real Estate, LLC; and Best Freestyle went to the Blue Yak Salon and Boutique.

Next up for Creede will be the annual Cruisin' the Canyon Car show that is set for Saturday, Sept. 21, from

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event will also feature the Creede Arts Council's annual Steamroller Print Show that has become a Creede favorite over

the past several years. For more information or a full schedule of events, visit www.creede.com.



File photo

The Antique Iron Club had its colorful train for people to ride at the 2023 Potato Festival in Monte Vista.

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basketball team will host this," Bradshaw said. "It's a free baked potato, but the team does ask for donations for the fixings and the drinks. The traditional potato dunk tank will also be there and begin at 10:30 a.m., and there are four people signed up for that, too."

Bradshaw stated that she is excited every year for the festival, and the CPAC will be at the festival beginning at 8 a.m.

"We have the San Luis Valley Community Band coming in at 11 to do a performance. We will have our Chef Competition, with three chefs competing this year, with RJ Harvey of Potatoes USA, Jason Morse of 5280 Culinary, and Tim Alfrey of the Windsor Hotel. We are

pretty excited about adding some local flair to the competition. They will be focusing their efforts toward Colorado themed potato pizza. It will be fun to see what they come up with," she said.

Bradshaw stated that there will be lots of kids games this year, including bouncy houses and a petting zoo. She also said the "Swoop of the Cranes" live auction would take place at the festival at 3 p.m.

Bradshaw stated that she feels the best part of the festival is that it is family centered.

"It's just a good time to celebrate. We hope everyone comes out," she said.

For more information or to register for the tours, visit the CPAC

website at coloradopotato.org/potatofestival or call 719-852-3322.



The Creede Repertory Theatre serves salsa during the Salsa Fiesta on Saturday in Creede.



Creede was bustling with activity on Saturday for the Farmers Market, the Mountain Run and the Salsa Fiesta.

How to Defeat Procrastination

It's been said that "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step."

The biggest thief of our dreams is procrastination. We can think about doing the right thing, plan to do it, and talk about doing it, but nothing changes in our lives until we start consistently doing what we need to do!

For instance, perhaps you are struggling with bad habits that are holding you back. You would like to change, but you're not sure you want to change. Someone once said that bad habits are like a comfortable bed; they're easy to get into, but hard to get out of.

But think of it this way: Are you willing to sacrifice and do the more difficult thing now in order to enjoy a life of freedom later on?

Hebrews 12:11 says, "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it" (NIV).

The irony is that we are often unwilling to suffer for a short while just to do what needs to be done. Then we end up with continual misery, dread, guilt, and the penalties of having put off something that would have taken a few minutes or a few hours to do.

In other words, by putting off the pain of doing something hard, we often spend much more time avoiding it than it would take to just do it!

To me, nothing feels better than knowing that I am doing my best, making the best choices I can make, and consistently making progress toward the best life that God has for me.

Being mediocre does not feel good to me, and I doubt that it feels good to you either. You may have gotten used to it and forgotten that there is something better, but this is a wake-up call to arise and be all you can be. The best time to get started is now!

Procrastination is very deceptive. It makes us complacent by telling us that we are going to do the right thing. It justifies inactivity. I once heard a story someone made up to illustrate this point...

Three demons who were graduating from their course on how to deceive people in the world and prevent them from knowing God. Satan was questioning each demon, and he asked each one how he would deceive people.

The first one answered that he would tell people there was no God. Satan answered, "You won't deceive many because most people down deep inside of them do believe God exists even if they have not chosen to follow Him."

The second demon said he would tell people that heaven and hell didn't really exist. Satan said, "You will deceive a few more than your coworker, but you won't get many souls either."

The third demon said that he would tell people that there was no hurry, and they could put off the decision to follow God until another time. Satan got excited and said loudly, "You will reap many souls for the kingdom of darkness by simply telling them to make the decision later."

I have never forgotten this story even though I heard it more than 30 years ago.

Procrastination is a thief—it steals our time, our potential, our self-esteem, and our peace of mind. It is like a lullaby that whispers, "Go to sleep—everything will be fine." But everything will not be fine if we put off doing what we need to do. And the task isn't going to get done by itself!

Procrastination is very deceptive, and we can only conquer it by becoming what I call a "now" person. Be aggressive when you know you need to do something. Don't put it off and keep putting it off—just do it!

When we put things off, they aggravate us. We may not even be consciously aware of it, but unfinished projects pressure us.

If you walk through your home and see dishes in the sink, laundry on the floor, trash cans filled to the brim, beds unmade, every countertop piled high with mail that needs to be sorted, I feel certain that it pressures you in some way.

You may even get grouchy and start an argument with someone else in the house just because you feel overwhelmed. When we find fault with someone else it diverts our attention from how we feel about ourselves. Procrastination never makes us feel good.

If the grass needs to be cut, the weeds need to be pulled, the car needs to be washed and the oil needs to be changed, and the garage is a disorganized mess, it pressures you. You can complain about the mess, or you can stop procrastinating and take action one item at a time to bring order to your home.

God is certainly a God of order and



organization. Some of the details recorded in the Bible about the building of the Ark and the Temple are just amazing to me. God made sure that everything was done in the most orderly and best way possible. Chaos makes us feel confused, and God is not the author of confusion, but He's a God of order and peace (1 Corinthians 14:33).

I encourage you to form the habit of being a now person—one who does what needs to be done as soon as you can. All truly successful people have this habit. We don't become successful by putting things off!

Again, something can seem so big in our minds, but if we make a decision to just get going and take action, it's amazing how much differently things appear after we make a little progress.

Galatians 6:9 is so encouraging. It says, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (NIV).

Take a few moments right now and ask God to give you the grace to become a now person. Then write down one or two things—even if they are small—that you can do today to get started. Then do them. Little by little, you can defeat procrastination if you refuse to give up.

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Rural Philanthropy Days coming to the San Luis Valley

A crucial conference for nonprofits in the San Luis Valley

STAFF REPORT

MONTE VISTA — Once every four years, a stunning event takes place where Colorado funders and grantmakers trek to the San Luis Valley for the Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD) conference, a three-day event that creates the opportunity for rural nonprofits to connect with foundations and funding sources in order to build nonprofit capacity, foster and grow relationships and fuel regional collaboration that leads to increased grant dollars being awarded to rural communities like those found in the San Luis Valley.

This year, the Community Resource Center, who organizes and oversees the RPD events, anticipates more than 75 funders and grantmakers will come to the Valley. The conference, which runs from Sept. 11 to Sept. 13, will be held at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista with evening receptions in downtown Alamosa.

It's difficult to overestimate how valuable this event is for those in the nonprofit sector, not only because of the extraordinary opportunity to connect with new and different funding resources but also for nonprofit professionals, grantmakers, community leaders, distinguished speakers, and elected officials to exchange knowledge and establish meaningful relationships across their professional networks in the region.

The conference also offers professional development, educational opportunities, and relevant panel discussions pertaining to the promises and obstacles of operating a nonprofit in the San Luis Valley region.

Featured events include facilitated tours in the San Luis Valley, a regional town hall, a panel discussion highlighting action change told through lived experiences, networking receptions, and capacity building sessions on the economic impact of nonprofits, building effective coalitions, and intersectionality in the nonprofit sector.

During the San Luis Valley Nonprofit Community Fair on September 11, regional nonprofits and local governments

will have the opportunity to host a table where their peers, statewide leaders, and funders can approach them to connect and learn more about their work. Through this session, funders and nonprofit organizations have the opportunity to develop a mutual understanding of one another in a relaxed environment.

"Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD) conferences stand as flagship events in rural Colorado," says CRC Co-Board Chair, Leslie Baldwin. "These conferences are born out of collaboration with community leaders, fostering dialogue and tackling key topics shaped by their firsthand experiences. This platform allows nonprofit professionals to engage directly with statewide funders, partake in professional development opportunities, and connect with fellow community leaders from across the region. Whether aiming to lay the groundwork for new initiatives or

amplify existing efforts, RPD offers a vital space for networking and growth."

Jason Medina, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of the San Luis Valley notes that "Rural Philanthropy Days are the perfect opportunity for urban nonprofit funders to gain a deeper understanding of rural challenges and opportunities, build relationships with local leaders and communities, and address the unique needs of rural nonprofits. This allows funders to build more inclusive and effective funding strategies, to make more sustainable and meaningful impact, and to promote greater equity in their investments in rural work."

"This conference is so important because of its lasting impact," said event Co-Chair, Karla Shriver. "Participants learn new skills, network with other non-profit leaders, governmental staff, business leaders and potential funders from all over the state. You can draw a direct line from the impact of this conference to increased support for non-profits and individuals living in the San Luis Valley."

Registration is currently open and those who are interested should go to <https://crcamerica.org/programs/rural-engagement/regional-websites/san-luis-valley/2024-slv-rpd-workshops-and-speakers/>.



APD seeking public's help in identifying suspect

CONTRIBUTED

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Police Department has released an enhanced photo of a person-of-interest in an armed robbery from March of 2023.

On March 31, 2023, at approximately 9 p.m., APD officers were notified of an armed robbery that occurred at the Alta Station at 3213 Main St. in Alamosa. The suspect, who is described as Hispanic, 5-foot-8 to 6-foot, and light skinned, presented a knife and took an undisclosed amount of cash.

At the time of the robbery, detectives obtained video evidence, but the video's quality was not discernable enough to provide details on the suspect. Detectives sent the video to an outside agency that enhanced it with advanced technology and provided this photograph.

If you have information on this robbery or can identify the suspect in the photograph, contact APD Detective Brandon Bertsch at 719-589-2548.



Courtesy photo

The Alamosa Police Department released this enhanced photo of a person-of-interest in an armed robbery from March of 2023.

Estate sale benefits local 4-H

By MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — An estate sale in Monte Vista the past two weekends has helped raise more than \$4,000 to help the 4-H Foundation in the San Luis Valley.

The foundation and the Colorado State University Extension San Luis Valley Area Office are trying to raise money to fund a second 4-H agent in the SLV for decades.

According to estate sale organizer Ruthie Brown, so far, the sales have yielded \$4,204, but that total was expected to grow as they tally everything.

"There are still some very nice items available, so we can make more, but that is the running total so far," she said.

According to Brown the estate sale items were donated by an area family.

"Larry Garner, spoke to the family, and told them about me, and about the 4-H Foundation. They were looking for a charity to donate to, and they decided that 4-H would be a good fit. There was a lot of stuff donated. We have had good prices on everything, too. Hopefully, we can sell some more, and I can also sell it in my store at the Green Spot, and continue to donate the money from whatever is sold, to the foundation," Brown said.

The Colorado State University Extension SLV Area Office has had a campaign going to raise money for an endowment. Larry Brown, of the CSU Extension Office, explained that an

endowment is where an organization receives a money and then invests the money so it can earn interest, and the organization uses the interest for what they are doing without ever touching the base amount of money.

"We have had a campaign going to raise \$3 million," Larry Brown said. "We want to use this to make a second 4-H agent position permanent. So, this won't just last two or five years down the road, we want it to last 30 or 40 years down the road, to help pay a second agent."

Larry Brown explained the money raised at the estate sale will be donated to this endowment fund.

To donate to the endowment, contact the local CSU Extension SLV Area Office at 719-852-7381.

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El Pomar awards \$114,000 to 15 organizations in SLV

STAFF REPORT

COLORADOSPRINGS—Fifteen non-profits and government agencies in the San Luis Valley have been awarded grants from the El Pomar Foundation, totaling \$114,000.

Thirteen of the grants were awarded based on recommendations from El Pomar's San Luis Valley Regional Council, which recommends grants in Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache counties. Council members are regional leaders in the business, nonprofit, and public sectors and provide first-hand information about current needs in their own communities.

The remaining two grants were awarded due to a competitive process.

The 13 grant recipients recommended by the SLV Regional Council include Alpine Achievers Initiative in Alamosa, which received \$10,000 for Supporting Health Initiatives for Next-Generation Educators program and \$1,000 for general operating support.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley in Alamosa was awarded \$1,000 for general operating support.

The Center for Restorative Programs in Alamosa was awarded \$3,000 for mental health resilience initiatives in the Alamosa School District and the Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley plus \$1,000 for general operating support.

The Colorado Nonprofit Development Center in Denver was awarded \$10,000 for Antonito Together youth mental health programs and \$1,000 for Antonito Together general operating support.

The Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley in Alamosa was



Photo by John Waters

Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center in Alamosa is one of fifteen recipients of grant funds in the San Luis Valley from the El Pomar Foundation of Colorado Springs.

awarded \$5,000 for the Cozy Corners Program and \$1,000 for general operating support.

HadaNou Collective in Denver was awarded \$10,000 for Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center, Five Star Riders Car Club and \$1,000 for Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center operating support.

High Valley Community Center, Inc in Del Norte was awarded \$2,000 for pilot walking club for youth in afterschool programs and \$1,000 for operating support.

La Puente Home, Inc. in Alamosa was awarded \$10,000 for PALS Children's program and \$1,000 for operating support.

Monte Vista Community Fund, Inc. was awarded \$7,500 for Monte Vista Kids Connection afterschool programs and \$1,000 for Monte Vista Kids Connection general operating support.

The recipients of competitive

Northerners Senior Citizens Association, Inc. in La Jara was awarded \$4,000 for furniture and equipment.

San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center, Inc. in Alamosa was awarded \$10,000 for Home Instruction for Parents with Preschool Youngsters program supplies and \$1,000 for general operating support.

San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services in Alamosa was awarded \$2,500 for San Luis Valley Foundations Academy play equipment plus \$1,000 for San Luis Valley Foundations Academy general operating support.

Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. in Alamosa was awarded \$3,000 for expansion of behavioral health services for youth and families and \$1,000 for general operating support.

grants include Tomorrow's Bread of Monte Vista, which received \$5,000 for general operating support and Valley Citizens Foundation for Health Care, Inc. in Del Norte, which was awarded \$20,000 for Wellness Center Complex equipment.

Founded by Spencer and Julie Penrose in 1937, the El Pomar Foundation has an established legacy of general-purpose grant making.

The competitive process remains the Foundation's primary vehicle for organizations to receive funding.

To increase impact and establish connections across the entire state, the Regional Partnerships program was established in 2003. Each of the Foundation's 11 regional councils advises El Pomar Trustees and recommends grants to help support its communities.

The Saguache County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Saguache County Road and Bridge meeting Room located at 305 - 3rd Street, Saguache, Colorado, on the following date:

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Written comments will be accepted until Friday, September 27, 2024, at 3pm, and may be sent to Saguache County Land Use Department at PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149 or email to atorrez@saguachecounty-co.gov.

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History Colorado to engage communities in preserving Valley's past

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

DENVER — History Colorado has been awarded a \$300,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation to collaborate with residents of the San Luis Valley to develop sustainable, community-led preservation plans that preserve sites of meaning, provide economic and social benefits and increase representation of the Valley on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

The basis of this project is to create deep, meaningful engagement with local leaders and community organizations in the San Luis Valley to identify 10 sites that are eligible for listing on the State and National Registers.

Sites will be considered for research and nomination based upon the benefit their designation will be to the public, including factors like how accessible the site to the community is, what kind of learning opportunities can the site provide and what are the site's relationship and contributions to the local economy and social infrastructure.

"The San Luis Valley was historically both a geo-political and cultural borderlands, in which the combination and collision of Indigenous, Hispano, and Anglo peoples formed a hybrid culture that is like no other in the United States," said Dawn DiPrince, President/CEO of History Colorado and State Historic Preservation Officer.

"Preserving the sites that tell the authentic stories of the Valley and provide collective meaning to its people is critical to recognizing the full breadth of our state's history before it

is lost to time.

"This effort will also provide us an opportunity to invest in the future prosperity of the Valley as historic designations can provide access to funding avenues that can be used to protect sites which define communities," DiPrince said.

While the specifics of how this project will be implemented are still being developed, Luke Perkins, History Colorado's Manager of Communications and Public Relations, told the Valley Courier, "We're planning to hold three major convening events where we will engage with community leaders to identify the sites. We'll also be offering an honorarium for those people who attend."

In addition to providing technical support in researching and nominating sites, this grant funds consultation opportunities with grant-writing and sustainability planning experts who will help locals establish sustainability plans for each of the sites added to the State and National Registers. This consultation will assist locals to develop funding applications that support ongoing maintenance, operation, and/or redevelopment and restoration plans for sites so they both preserve the past and serve the contemporary and future needs of San Luis Valley and its residents.

It's the hope of History Colorado that the preservation support and projects put in place by this grant will continue to pay dividends for the community long after the grant funded effort is completed by empowering locals to lead preservation efforts across the San Luis Valley and provide a model for how preservation can meet the needs of under-resourced communities.



Photo Courtesy of History Colorado

S.P.M.D.T.U. in Antonito is an example of historic resources in the San Luis Valley currently on the State and National Register of Historic Places.

"We are lucky that San Luis Valley communities have fiercely and lovingly preserved their rich historic resources for generations, and we are eager to support their stewardship with additional resources and tools," DiPrince said. "This project has the potential to set a standard for how historic preservation can turn the vital markers of the past into economic drivers of the future."

The work done in the San Luis Valley will also provide History Colorado an extensive opportunity to evaluate the processes and procedures which govern nomination to the State Register. It is the organization's hope that community input provided through this project will help remove any undue barriers that restrict marginalized communities from

accessing historic designation and preservation funding.

"When people think classically about historic properties, they envision stunning Victorian houses, and the creations of renowned architects, but this only represents a portion of our shared history," DiPrince said. "This work allows us to advance what historic preservation looks like and build an inclusive historic record that represents the experiences of all of Colorado's people."

Colorado Heritage for All is an intentional effort by History Colorado to address the lack of representation of all of Colorado's diverse communities on the State and National Register of Historic Places. Colorado Heritage for All supports nominations and the

listing of 150 currently unrecognized historic resources that tell the stories of marginalized communities by the end of 2026.

History Colorado's mission is to create a better future for Colorado by inspiring wonder in our past. We serve as the state's memory, preserving and sharing the places, stories, and material culture of Colorado through educational programs, historic preservation grants, collecting, outreach to Colorado communities, the History Colorado Center and Stephen H. Hart Research Center in Denver, and 10 other museums and historic attractions statewide. History Colorado is one of only six Smithsonian Affiliates in Colorado. Visit HistoryColorado.org, or call 303-HISTORY, for more information.

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Semi-truck accident causes power outage in Center

By MARIE MCCOLM

CENTER — An accident involving a semi-truck into a power pole on Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 28, caused parts of Center to be without power and internet, according to Facebook posts by the Center Consolidated School District and the San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative.

The accident was at the corner of 4th and Broadway streets near CCSD's preschool at approximately 3 p.m. CCSD reported that no students or staff were injured, but that preschool students of the district were being released at the kindergarten for pickup rather than the usual designated area.

SLV REC announced they were providing "mutual aid" to the town and working to get power restored and that Ciello was working on the internet.

Power and internet services were restored around 6 p.m. according to SLV REC and Ciello, but they also warned residents that they may still experience service interruptions while they made permanent repairs.

Center resident Barbara Ulibarri spoke about the outages and how it was worrisome to be without power.

"I was at work when we heard what happened," she said. "We were without power for a couple of minutes before our generator kicked on, so we had some power to our building. I left work and went home and had no power at home. A neighbor told me that she heard that we might be without power for up to 24 hours. I decided to go to town to purchase something for dinner that wouldn't have to be cooked, and when I got home, the power had been fully restored."

Ulibarri said that power was restored around 5:20 p.m. Ulibarri said she was worried that Center would be without power overnight.

"Thank goodness that didn't happen," she said.

Information about why the accident occurred has not been released.



SLV REC Facebook photos San Luis Valle Rural Electric provided 'mutual aid' to Center on Wednesday, Aug. 28, after a semi-accident caused a power outage.

San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative works on downed power poles in Center on Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 28.



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CRT receives Henry Award nomination

By LYNDSIE FERRELL

CREEDE — It was an evening full of laughter and fun for all who attended the Colorado Theatre Guild's Henry Awards and those present made the best of it including several members of the Creede Repertory Theatre (CRT).

According to the Colorado Theatre Guild, the Henry Awards began in 2006 and were named for Henry Lowenstein.

"The awards are named for longtime local theatre producer Henry Lowenstein. Nominations are determined through a judging process conducted by more than 100 statewide peer professionals, academics / educators and other theatre lovers. Few people have had as much impact on theater in Denver — or the lives of theater people in Denver — as Henry Lowenstein, who ran Denver Post publisher Helen Bonfils' crown jewel on East

Colfax Avenue and Elizabeth Street until the theater closed in 1986. He discovered new talent. He launched careers. He encouraged women and people of color. For hundreds of thousands of Coloradans, the Bonfils served as their first experience in live theater."

CRT Marketing Director Kate Berry was nominated for her lead role in "Mountain Octopus" that hit the CRT stage in 2023. It was a beautiful play about the process of grief in a small mountain town that resembled Creede.

In addition to Berry's nomination, CRT's newly appointed Artistic Director, Emily Van Fleet, was nominated for Best Lead Actress in a Musical for her role in "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" at the Arvada Center.

CRT alumni also received nominations: Christy Montour-Larson **Please see AWARD on Page 3**

Larry Holder Exercise and Cancer Survivorship program seeks participants

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA — The Larry Holder Exercise and Cancer Survivorship program offers cancer survivors in the San Luis Valley the opportunity to participate in an individualized exercise program conducted in a group setting which meets three times per week for 10 weeks.

Starting its sixth year, this program offers a place where participants can work toward their personal fitness goals in a non-judgmental setting while enjoying a support network of fellow cancer survivors. The program also gives Adams State undergraduate and graduate kinesiology students experience in fitness testing and guiding and supporting program participants throughout the exercise program.

The Adams State University Department of Kinesiology continues important research on the benefits of several types of exercise on the physical, mental, and social health of cancer survivors. According to the American Society of Clinical Oncology, regular exercise **Please see EXERCISE on Page 2**



Courtesy photo

The Adams State Department of Kinesiology is seeking volunteers to participate in this ongoing program again this fall. Pictured, a resistance training circuit, from the spring 2024 Larry Holder Exercise and Cancer Survivorship program.

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



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.

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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 ac-

tivity 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 **Please see AWARE on Page 3**



Courtesy photo

Fish on!

Let's Go Fishing Kids' Program announced the winner of the fishing competition sponsored by Alamosa Riverkeeper. Finneas Wright, pictured, of Capulin caught a 13-inch rainbow for the first prize of \$100 offered by Alamosa Watershed. Second-place winners are Len Hanson and Matthew Martinez, with 10.5-inch rainbows. The fishing program partners with Colorado Parks and Wildlife to promote fishing in the Alamosa River and develops trained volunteers in water sampling, macroinvertebrate sampling, and riparian and health assessment, which helps protect the river and watershed.

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.

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has been shown to be beneficial for individuals across all stages of cancer and cancer types. In addition, regular exercise has been shown to reduce the risk of cancer recurrence.

All cancer survivors ages 18 years or older are welcome regardless of gender, type, or stage of cancer. This fall's research study begins the week of Sept. 2 with appointments for individual fitness testing. There is no cost to the participant, but completing the entire twelve weeks of the study is crucial to ensure accurate results are obtained. The study consists of one week of pre-testing followed by 10 weeks of exercise programming, with post-testing to identify changes in fitness and overall health starting the week of Nov. 18. The program is funded through local support from the SLV Health Foundation, including the Larry Holder Golf

Tournament, after completing a two-year grant from the Colorado Cancer Coalition.

Interested participants are encouraged to attend one of the following pre-registration meetings: 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, or 12 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22. All meetings will be held in the Adams State East Campus Building, room 109. The East Campus Building is on the corner of First Street and La Veta Avenue in Alamosa.

For more information, or for those who cannot attend one of the scheduled pre-registration meetings, contact the Adams State Kinesiology Department program coordinator, Ally Miles at 303-519-9932, milesaj@adams.edu; or Abby Adiong, adiongar@adams.edu; or Peggy Johnson at pyjohnson@adams.edu.

Visit larryholdersurvivorship.com, for more information.

ESTIMATED CROP WATER USE

Crop	Date Planted	Daily Crop Water use for Dates Shown (in./day)				Accumulated Water Use (ET) (inches)				
		8/29	8/28	8/27	8/26	From 2day	8/29 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	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.08	0.13	0.17	0.23	0.38
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	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.12	0.19	0.25	0.33	0.53
White Wheat	04/05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05
White Wheat	05/05	0.09	0.11	0.12	0.09	0.20	0.32	0.41	0.52	0.81
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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22
Centennial	05/05	0.14	0.18	0.19	0.13	0.32	0.50	0.64	0.81	1.23
Nugget	05/05	0.15	0.18	0.20	0.14	0.33	0.53	0.67	0.85	1.28
Alfalfa	Est.	0.18	0.22	0.23	0.16	0.40	0.63	0.80	1.01	1.50
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 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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(CRT: "August: Osage County," "The Last Romance," "Baskerville") for Best Director of "Truth Be Told" at Curious Theatre Company; Max Silverman (CRT: "Steel Magnolias," "The Royale," "Baskerville") received two nominations for Best Sound Design; and actor Torsten Hillhouse received a nomination for Best Lead Actor in a Play for "Misery" at Miners Alley Playhouse.

CRT is gearing up for their end of summer activities including the Headwaters New Play Festival which will kick off at the end of August. This year, the festival will include CRT's 10-Minute Plays alongside a viewing of the Young Audience Outreach Tour: "Coyote and the Counting Game."

"Coyote and the Counting Game's" book and lyrics by Diana Grisanti and music by Emiliano Messiez.

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CRT will be celebrating their 60th anniversary in 2025 with plays, celebrations and much more. For up-to-date information and a full schedule of events, visit www.creederep.org.

AWARE

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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 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.

• 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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Solution to last week's puzzle

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Human Resources and Equity Coordinator - San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition seeks an Human Resources and Equity Coordinator. Related college degree and/or 4 years experience with HR, preferably in a non-profit. Submit your resume and cover letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com. Additional requirements can be found at www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/. Applications close August 31, 2024 (9-18)

Outreach Assistant - San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition seeks an LFLP Outreach Coordinator. Strong communication and computer skills are required. Submit your resume and cover letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com. Additional requirements can be found at www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/. Applications close September 9, 2024. (9-11)

Valley Roots Food Hub General Manager - San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition seeks a Valley Roots Food Hub General Manager. As the General Manager, you will learn, understand, and oversee the jobs of Driver, Aggregator, Markets Manager, Warehouse Manager, Operations Manager, Bookkeeper, Kitchen Manager, Sales Manager, and Fleet Manager. Minimum of 5 years of relevant experience. Submit your resume and cover letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com. Additional requirements can be found at www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/. Applications close September 15, 2024. (9-11)

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 Gilbert (Gibbs) Sanchez, Del Norte Jr/Sr High School Athletic Director at gsanchez@urtigers.co or contact him at 719-657-4020. (9-4)

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Jr/Sr High Language Arts Teacher needed at Del Norte Jr/Sr High School. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado

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Substitutes needed at Upper Rio Grande School District in Del Norte! We need subs for teachers (must have a sub license), classified employees (must have sub license), cafeteria workers, and bus drivers. Call or email: Sophia Cruz at 719-657-4040 x4000, scruc@urtigers.co. (9-4)

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328 Fir Drive • South Fork

Your Mountain Dream Awaits! Discover this splendid 3 bedroom home perfect for Vacations or Year-Round living, boasting an excellent rental history. Nestled in a hollow brimming with aspen trees, this 3-bedroom, 2-bath home is all on one level, ranch style and easily accessible. Two bedrooms feature walk-in closets. Enjoy an open floor plan with wood and laminate floors, aspen paneling, and abundant sunlight in the living areas. The large kitchen offers plenty of cabinets, an island for eating or work, a laundry closet, and a walk-in pantry. Stay cozy with a grand wood stove, solar heat, backup electric baseboard heat, and ceiling fans. This heavily treed lot provides privacy and tranquility, complemented by a large storage shed. There's ample parking for multiple vehicles, ATVs, or snowmobiles. The backyard, enclosed by an 8-foot privacy fence, is wired for a hot tub. High-speed internet is available, and the Town of South Fork maintains and plows the roads. Conveniently located within town limits, Moments from the Rio Grande Club and Wolf Creek Skiing. It's an easy walk to the Rio Grande River and town amenities. Bring your Fishing Pole and Live Your Dream! Don't let this One get away! Call me for more information and schedule your showing today! More pictures coming soon. MLS# 7894641 - \$350,000



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



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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

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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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259 Orville Way • South Fork

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Grand Champion Goat
Reese Anderson
Buyer - Consaul Farms



Grand Champion Poultry Pen of 3
Grant Walker
Buyer - Cultivating Hearts



Grand Champion Market Turkey
Maelyn Garcia
Buyer - Colorado Realty Land Co



Grand Champion Market Waterfowl
Westlea Tipsword
Buyer - Sunset Grill



Grand Champion Rabbit Pen of 3
Leah Sirochman
Buyer - Lenco West



Grand Champion Rabbit Single Fryer
Leah Sirochman
Buyer - World Fuel Services/Alta Fuels



Grand Champion Swine
Aubrey Naranjo
Buyer - Dobbs Enterprises



Grand Champion Beef
Kayson Johnson
Buyer - MV Coop



Grand Champion Lamb
Lane Mattive
Buyer - Lenco West

~ GRAND CHAMPIONS ~

~ 2024 RESERVE GRAND CHAMPIONS ~



Reserve Champion Goat
Jocelynn Malouff
 Buyer - Colorado Land Realty Co



Reserve Champion Poultry Pen of 3
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 Buyer - Conejos County Rotary



Reserve Champion Market Turkey
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 Buyer - SLV Quality Concrete



Reserve Champion Market Waterfowl
Westlea Tipsword
 Buyer - Dale Becker



Reserve Champion Rabbit Pen of 3
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Reserve Champion Rabbit Single Fryer
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 Buyer - Country Kids Daycare



Reserve Champion Swine
Mackenzie Consaul
 Buyer - Chris & Roxann Sittler



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Exhibitor	Division	Class	Placing	Awards
Reese Anderson	Showmanship	1/Grand Champion Senior Showman		
	Breeding Meat Goat		1	
	Market Goats		1	
	Market Goats		1	
	Market Goats	Grand Champion Meat Goat		
Paisley Anderson	Market Goats		4	
	Market Goats		2	
Paisley Anderson Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Photography/ Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Reserve				
Lazarus Archuleta	Market Goats		8	
	Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating Unit Reserve	Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Paradise Archuleta	Showmanship		5	
	Showmanship		8	
	Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating Unit Reserve	Champion, State Fair Delegate		
	Market Goats		1	
	Market Goats		3	
Juliannah Arellano	Market Goats		1	
	Breeding Rabbit		1	
Axel Averette	Market Goats		6	
	Market Goats		7	
Axel Averette Natural Resources - Shooting Sports				
Maddie Averette	Family Consumer Science - Heritage Arts			
	Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate			
Celia Baldwin	Family Consumer Science - Food Preservation	Unit		
	Champion, State Fair Delegate			
	Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating	State Fair Delegate		
James Baldwin	Mechanical Sciences - Woodworking	State Fair Delegate		
	Mechanical Sciences - Robotics and Engineering	Unit		
	Champion, State Fair Delegate			
Ely Ballard	Market Goats		7	
	Market Goats		6	
Aspen Barela	Market Sheep		6	
	Market Sheep		9	
Braydyn Barela	Market Sheep		4	
	Market Sheep		2	
Brigston Barr	Market Sheep		4	
	Market Sheep		2	
Dustin Bechaver	Market Sheep		6	
	Market Sheep	Breed Reserve Champion		
Exhibitor				
Division				
Class				
Placing				
Awards				
Avery Beckner	Gymkhana		1	
	Showmanship		7	
	Gymkhana		5	
	Gymkhana		1	
	Written Test		1	
Western Events			2	
	Gymkhana		2	
	Western Events		1	
	Gymkhana		1	
Myra Beckner	Showmanship		5	
	Written Test		1	
	Western Events		5	
Hailey Black	Breeding Rabbit		1	
	Best of Breed			
	Breeding Rabbit		3	
	Breeding Rabbit		2	
	Market Rabbit		4	
Showmanship			9	Grand Champion Showman
	Market Rabbit		8	
Breeding Rabbit		4		
Emma Booth	Family Consumer Science - Food Preservation	Unit		
	Champion, State Fair Delegate			
	Family Consumer Science - Food Preservation	Unit		
	Champion, State Fair Delegate			
Market Goats		7		
Market Goats		7		
Western Events		9		
Family Consumer Science - Food Preservation	Unit			
Champion, State Fair Delegate				
Showmanship		9		
Written Test		6		
Western Events		10		
Family Consumer Science - Food Preservation	Unit			
Champion				
Family Consumer Science - Food Preservation	Unit			
Reserve Champion				
Ryan Booth	Working Ranch Horse		2	
	Western Events		2	
	Written Test		3	
	Showmanship		3	
	Western Events		1	
	Western Events		3	
	Working Ranch Horse		2	
	Mechanical Sciences - Metalworking			
	Working Ranch Horse		1	
	Western Events		2	
Market Beef		4		
Levi Brittain	Self Determined - County Project			
	Natural Resources - Shooting Sports	Unit Reserve		
	Champion, State Fair Delegate			

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Division **Class Placing\Awards**

Lucy Brittain		
English Events		2
English Events		2
Western Events		1
Written Test		1
Gymkhana		2
Market Sheep		4
Western Events		3
English Events		2
Working Ranch Horse		1
Western Events		2
Working Ranch Horse		2
English Events		1
Market Sheep		6
Gymkhana		7
Gymkhana		1
Gymkhana		11
Western Events		6
Gymkhana		1
English Events		1
Elijah Brown		
Mechanical Sciences - Robotics and Engineering	Unit	
Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Market Rabbit		3
Market Rabbit		4
Showmanship		2
Reserve Champion Showman		
Mechanical Sciences - Model Rocketry	Unit Reserve	
Champion		
Avi Buhr		
Market Sheep		5
Market Sheep		6
Market Sheep		2
Breed Reserve Champion		
Ryker Buhr		
Market Sheep		7
Market Sheep		3
Breeding Sheep		2
Market Sheep		6
Tynnley Buhr		
Market Sheep		1
Reserve Champion Bred and Fed		
Showmanship		1
Grand Champion Intermediate Showman		
Breeding Sheep		1
Breeding Sheep		4
Market Sheep		6
Market Sheep		4
Market Sheep		4
Market Sheep	1\3rd Overall Market Lamb	
Market Beef		1
Showmanship		3
Cheylynn Buxman		
Gymkhana		9
Gymkhana		10
Gymkhana		13
Jewel Caldon		
Market Swine		8

Exhibitor	Division	Class Placing\Awards
Journey Caldon	Market Swine	4
Stockton Caldon	Market Swine	9
Tucker Canty	Western Events	2
Western Events		1
Gymkhana		2
Market Swine		4
Showmanship		4
Written Test		5
Gymkhana		1
Gymkhana		1
Western Events		1
Gymkhana		2
Working Ranch Horse		1
Working Ranch Horse		1
Breeding Swine		3
Gymkhana		2
Western Events		1
Gymkhana		1
Working Ranch Horse		1
Brevan Cary	Showmanship	5
Market Beef		6
Kaden Cary	Market Beef	4
Samantha Cerny	Market Swine	7
Market Swine		4
Cysco Claunch	Market Sheep	6
Market Sheep		5
Elly Cobb	Animal Science - Cats	
Self Determined - County Project		
Animal Science - Horseless Horse		
Elaina Consaul	Showmanship	1
Grand Champion Intermediate Showman		
Market Swine		1
Breed Champion, 4th Overall Market Hog		
Makenzie Consaul	Market Swine	1/Grand Champion Market Hog, Breed Reserve Champion
Showmanship		1
Grand Champion Senior Showman		
Nova Cordova	Market Sheep	8
Carmen Cortez	Market Swine	2
Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Visual Arts		
Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Grand		
Diego Cortez	Market Beef	3
Market Swine		5
Market Beef		5
Tobias Cortez	Market Swine	5
Faith Crowder	Gymkhana	10
Gymkhana		6
Gymkhana		7
Gymkhana		5
Written Test		5
Landon Crowder	Mechanical Sciences - Woodworking	Unit Champion,
State Fair Delegate		
Braylee Crowther	Market Swine	8
Claire Crowther	Market Swine	3
Market Swine		4
Cooper Crowther	Market Swine	7
Harper Crowther	Market Swine	6
Market Swine		1
Kaisley Crowther	Market Swine	5
Market Swine		6
Kannin Crowther	Market Sheep	3

Exhibitor	Division	Class Placing\Awards
Kaylan Crowther	Market Sheep	8
Breeding Poultry		4
Family Consumer Science - Heritage Arts	Unit Reserve	
Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Showmanship		2
Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman		
Breeding Poultry		1
Best of Breed, Class Champion		
Breeding Poultry		1
Best of Breed, Class Champion		
Production Class (3 pullets or hens of same breed)		5
Production Class (3 pullets or hens of same breed)		6
William Crowther	Market Swine	4
Kenna Culver	Natural Resources - Shooting Sports	
Market Swine		11
Market Swine		5
Market Swine		3
Lawson Culver	Market Beef	7
Carmelo Devora	Market Swine	3
Market Swine		8
Alden DiCamillo	Natural Resources - Shooting Sports	Unit Champion,
State Fair Delegate		
Natural Resources - Shooting Sports	Unit Reserve	
Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Hadley Edgar	Market Swine	5
Market Swine		3
Roman Edgar	Market Beef	2
Ashley Entz	Breeding Sheep	3
Market Sheep		3
Market Sheep		4

Exhibitor	Division	Class Placing\Awards
Elly Entz	Breeding Swine	2
Market Swine		4
Market Swine		2
Market Swine		6
Elena Escobedo	Showmanship	4
Market Sheep		2
Market Sheep		5
Market Swine		5
Showmanship		4
Saida Eskew	Showmanship	5
Market Sheep		2
Market Sheep		4
Fashion Revue	State Fair Delegate	
Market Swine		1
Market Swine		5
Natural Resources - Shooting Sports	Unit Champion,	
State Fair Delegate		
Family Consumer Science - Clothing Construction	Unit	
Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Zaine Eskew	Market Swine	1
Breed Champion		
Market Swine		3
Market Swine		2
Showmanship		5
Natural Resources - Shooting Sports	Unit Champion,	
State Fair Delegate		
Brecklyn Fobert	Market Sheep	5
Showmanship		3
Hayden Fobert	Market Sheep	2
Kelby Fobert	Market Sheep	5

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Brady Francis
 Western Events 3
 Western Events 3
 English Events 1
 Written Test 5
 Showmanship 1
 Showmanship Grand Champion

Jaycee Francis
 Gymkhana 3
 English Events 3
 Western Events 1
 Working Ranch Horse 6
 English Events 2
 Gymkhana 4
 Gymkhana 3
 Western Events 2
 Written Test 2
 English Events 1
 English Events 1
 English Events 1
 Working Ranch Horse 2
 Herdsmen
 Western Events 2
 Showmanship 1
 Showmanship Grand Champion
 Working Ranch Horse 2
 Gymkhana 1
 Western Events 2

Emilee Fredrick
 Breeding Swine 5

Lucius Gallegos
 Dairy Goat 1
 Dairy Goat 1
 Dairy Goat 1
 Reserve Champion
 Dairy Goat 2
 Dairy Goat 2
 Mechanical Sciences - Model Rocketry Unit Champion,
 State Fair Delegate
 Dairy Goat 1
 Grand Champion
 Dairy Goat 1
 Grand Champion
 Dairy Goat 3
 Self Determined - County Project
 Dairy Goat 1

Elijah Garcia
 Mechanical Sciences - Robotics and Engineering 2
 Market Poultry 2
 Breeding Poultry 8
 Breeding Poultry 2
 Mechanical Sciences - Model Rocketry
 Breeding Poultry 1
 Breeding Poultry 3
 Breeding Poultry 1
 Class Reserve Champion, Reserve of Breed
 Family Consumer Science - Foods and Nutrition Unit
 Champion, State Fair Delegate
 Breeding Poultry 1
 Best of Breed, Class Champion

Isaac Garcia
 Family Consumer Science - Foods and Nutrition 2
 Breeding Poultry 1
 Breeding Poultry 1
 Class Reserve Champion
 Market Poultry 6
 Breeding Poultry 1
 Best of Breed, Class Reserve Champion
 Breeding Poultry 2
 Mechanical Sciences - Robotics and Engineering
 Production Class (3 pullets or hens of same breed) 1
 Mechanical Sciences - Model Rocketry
 Breeding Poultry 1
 Class Reserve Champion, Reserve of Breed
 Breeding Poultry 4
 Breeding Poultry 6
 Breeding Poultry 7
 Breeding Poultry 1
 Class Reserve Champion

Maelyn Garcia
 Breeding Poultry 1
 Breeding Poultry 2
 Breeding Poultry 3
 Breeding Poultry 1
 Family Consumer Science - Foods and Nutrition Unit
 Champion, State Fair Delegate
 Natural Resources - Gardening Unit Champion, State Fair
 Delegate
 Market Poultry 1
 Grand Champion Market Turkey

Exhibitor

Division Class Placing/Awards

Brandi Garrison
 Dog Rally 2
 Unit Reserve Champion
 Dog Obedience 2
 Unit Reserve Champion
 Market Sheep 7
 Dog Rally 1
 Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
 Dog Obedience 2
 Unit Reserve Champion
 Dog Agility 1
 Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
 Breeding Rabbit 8
 Showmanship 4
 Dog Showmanship 1
 Unit Champion
 Dog Agility 1
 Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate

Kristin Garrison
 Dog Showmanship 1
 Unit Champion
 Dog Obedience 2
 Unit Reserve Champion
 Dog Obedience 1
 Unit Champion
 Showmanship 3
 Breeding Rabbit 7
 Natural Resources - Entomology Unit Champion, State
 Fair Delegate
 Market Sheep 5
 Dog Rally 3
 Dog Rally 4
 Breeding Rabbit 4
 Breeding Rabbit 5
 Breeding Rabbit 6
 Breeding Rabbit 2

Riggin Gartrell
 Market Swine 6
 Market Swine 5

Exhibitor

Division Class Placing/Awards

Addison Gilbert
 Animal Science - Veterinary Science Unit Champion, State
 Fair Delegate, Division Reserve
 Mechanical Sciences - Electricity Unit Champion, State
 Fair Delegate

Brayton Gilleland
 Market Swine 5

Emeri Gilleland
 Market Swine 2

Taysha Gilleland
 Gymkhana 9
 Gymkhana 9
 Gymkhana 8
 Western Events 10
 Western Events 9
 Gymkhana 7
 Showmanship 13
 Gymkhana 11

Kruz Gonzales
 Written Test 4
 Market Goats 2
 Market Goats 4
 Western Events 1
 Western Events 2
 Unit Champion
 Showmanship 4

Jayir Gonzalez
 Market Goats 7
 Market Goats 1
 Showmanship 6

Samuel Gonzalez
 Market Goats 7



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Exhibitor	Division	Class Placing\Awards
Caleb Gregory	Dairy Goat	2
Dairy Goat	1/Grand Champion	2
Dairy Goat	2	
Animal Science - Veterinary Science		
Family Consumer Science - Heritage Arts		
Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Mechanical Sciences - Metalworking		
Family Consumer Science - Heritage Arts		
Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Dairy Goat	2	
Dairy Goat	1/Reserve Champion	
Dairy Goat	1/Grand Champion	
Dairy Goat	2/Reserve Champion	
Dairy Goat	1/Grand Champion	
Dairy Goat	2	
Dairy Goat	1	
Family Consumer Science - Foods and Nutrition/ Showmanship	2/Reserve Champion Senior Showman	
Callie Griffin	Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating	Unit
Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Scrapbooking		
Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Reserve		
Kyra Griffin	Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating	Unit
Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Liam Griffin	Cake Decorating	State Fair Delegate
Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating	Unit	
Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Rory Grover	Market Swine	4
Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating	Unit	
Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Reserve		
Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating	Unit Reserve	
Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Kynzleigh Hanel	Showmanship	2
Reserve Champion Junior Showman		
Western Events	1	
Market Beef	2	
Western Events	2	
Western Events	4	
Written Test	2	
Showmanship	1	
Showmanship Grand Champion		
Showmanship	5	
Peyton Harmon	Western Events	13
Showmanship	3	
Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating	Unit Reserve	
Champion, State Fair Delegate		

Exhibitor	Division	Class Placing\Awards
Braxdyn Harmon	Market Swine	6
Mechanical Sciences - Metalworking	Unit Reserve	
Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Reserve		
Market Swine	6	
Showmanship	1	
Reserve Champion Junior Showman		
Market Swine	2	
Rylie Harmon	Breeding Beef	1
Showmanship	2	
Market Beef	5	
Animal Science - Veterinary Science		
Lilli Heminger	Written Test	8
Western Events	9	
Working Ranch Horse	6	
Western Events	5	
Working Ranch Horse	6	
Gage Henderson	Showmanship	2
Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship		
Western Events	2	
Breeding Sheep	1	
Western Events	1	
Market Beef	2	
Market Beef	3	
English Events	2	
Market Beef	3	
Written Test	2	
Showmanship	2	
Lily Holman	Showmanship	3
Market Poultry	7	
Market Poultry	5	
Landon Hostetter	Market Goats	6
Lilian Hostetter	Market Goats	7
MaryAnn Hostetter	Market Goats	9
Logan Huffaker	Market Goats	7
Market Goats	9	
Market Goats	9	
Market Goats	7	
Market Goats	6	
Showmanship	6	
Makenzie Huffaker	Market Goats	8
Market Goats	10	
Western Events	2	
Western Events	5	
Written Test	4	
Showmanship	2/Showmanship Reserve Champion	
Market Goats	9	
Market Goats	9	
Western Events	5	
Russell Huffaker	Gymkhana	5
Market Goats	8	
Market Goats	8	
Gymkhana	3	
Gymkhana	8	
Western Events	5	
Market Goats	9	
Market Goats	8	
Gymkhana	6	
Gymkhana	2	
Showmanship	8	
Gymkhana	12	
Zane Huffaker	Gymkhana	8
Showmanship	12	
Western Events	5	
Working Ranch Horse	5	
Gymkhana	4	
Working Ranch Horse	3	
Western Events	10	
Gymkhana	4	
Gymkhana	2	
Unit Champion		
Western Events	3	
Gymkhana	3	
Market Beef	6	
Western Events	4	
Working Ranch Horse	8	
Finley Hutchinson	Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Visual Arts	
Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Grand		
Self Determined - County Project		

Exhibitor	Division	Class Placing\Awards
Gannon Hutchinson	Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating	
Jessica Jackson	Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating	
Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Leathercraft		
Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Grand		
Animal Science - Veterinary Science	Unit Reserve	
Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Market Sheep	5	
Market Beef	5	
Family Consumer Science - Foods and Nutrition	Unit	
Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Market Beef	2	
Junior Females	1	
Alec Jacquez	Market Sheep	5
Market Sheep	9	
Showmanship	6	
Jaelie Jaminet	Working Ranch Horse	3
Showmanship	6	
Western Events	3	
Western Events	8	
Gymkhana	5	
Western Events	11	
Written Test	7	
Market Swine	5	
Market Swine	2	
Working Ranch Horse	5	
Gymkhana	8	
Showmanship	2	
Showmanship Reserve Champion		
Gymkhana	7	

Exhibitor	Division	Class Placing\Awards
Taela Jaminet	Gymkhana	2
Western Events	5	
Written Test	5	
Western Events	3	
Showmanship	4	
Gymkhana	6	
Gymkhana	3	
Family Consumer Science - Clothing Construction	Unit	
Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Showmanship	8	
Gymkhana	2	
Working Ranch Horse	5	
Western Events	8	
Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Leathercraft		
Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Grand		
Market Swine	3	
Fashion Revue	State Fair Delegate	
Gymkhana	3	
Working Ranch Horse	4	
Caleb Janis	Natural Resources - Shooting Sports	
Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Visual Arts		
Unit Reserve Champion, Division Reserve		
Jaxon Jaramillo	Market Sheep	9
Market Sheep	8	
Market Sheep	8	
Ada Johnson	Market Sheep	7
Jayce Johnson	Market Swine	6
Market Swine	5	
Junior Johnson	Showmanship	5
Market Goats	4	
Kaysen Johnson	Market Beef	1/Grand Champion Beef
Exhibitor		

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Division **Class Placing\Awards**

Koy Johnson	Market Beef	4
	Showmanship	3
Trace Johnson	Market Beef	1
	Reserve Champion Beef	1
Tyson Johnson	Market Beef	2
	3rd Overall Market Beef	1
	Showmanship	1
	Grand Champion Intermediate Showmanship	
Elyan Juarez	Market Swine	9
	Market Swine	4
Syrenna Keelin	Dog Obedience	
	1 Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Dog Rally	1
	Unit Champion	
	Dog Showmanship	1
	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Dog Agility	1
	Dog Rally	1/Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Dog Agility 1/Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate	
	Dog Agility	1/Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
	Dog Agility	1
	Unit Champion	
	Dog Obedience	1/Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
Isaiah Kelley	Breeding Swine	1
	Bred & Fed	7
	Bred & Fed	7
	Market Swine	3
	Market Swine	3
	Market Swine	7
	Breeding Swine	2
	Breeding Swine	3
	Breeding Swine	5
Forrest Keys	Market Swine	4
Jaycee Keys	Market Swine	3
Trista Kreps	Showmanship	3
	Market Goats	4
	Market Goats	2/4th Overall Market Goat
Camdon Larsen	Western Events	4
	Gymkhana	6
	Working Ranch Horse	4
	Gymkhana	1
	Western Events	4
	Market Swine	7
	Written Test	10
	Working Ranch Horse	4
	Gymkhana	5
	Gymkhana	1
	Working Ranch Horse	4
	Showmanship	6
	Gymkhana	9

Exhibitor	Division	Class Placing\Awards
Conner Larsen	Gymkhana	6
	Western Events	4
	Western Events	7
	Written Test	10
	Gymkhana	3
	Gymkhana	6
	Showmanship	5
	Market Swine	4
	Working Ranch Horse	2
	Showmanship	8
	Working Ranch Horse	3
	Western Events	7
Maggie Larsen	Market Swine	6
Raelan Larsen	Market Swine	9
Logan Larsen	Market Swine	2/Breed Reserve Champion
	Market Swine	3
Tiffany LePlatt	Showmanship	3
	Market Beef	6
Tyler LePlatt	Market Swine	7
	Showmanship	8
	Market Swine	4
Faith Livingstone	Breeding Meat Goat	7
	Breeding Meat Goat	6
	Breeding Rabbit	2
	Market Goats	4
	Market Goats	8
	Market Goats	5
	Breeding Meat Goat	1
	Showmanship	6
	Market Goats	6
	Breeding Meat Goat	1
	Breeding Meat Goat	1
	Showmanship	3
	Breeding Rabbit	4
	Breeding Meat Goat	1
Isaiah Livingstone	Breeding Rabbit	5
	Market Goats	5
	Market Swine	12
	Showmanship	7
	Market Swine	11
	Market Goats	7
	Breeding Rabbit	3
Jesse Lopez	Market Sheep	7
Julian Maez	Market Sheep	7
	Market Sheep	6
Jaelynn Mahan	Market Goats	5
	Market Goats	4
Dillon Malouff	Market Goats	4
	Market Goats	6
	Breeding Meat Goat	2
	Market Goats	5
	Market Goats	6
	Breeding Meat Goat	2
	Showmanship	7
James Malouff	Market Goats	3
	Market Goats	1
Jessilynn Malouff	Market Goats	3
	Market Goats	7
	Market Goats	3
	Breeding Meat Goat	1
	Breeding Meat Goat	3
	Showmanship	2/Reserve Champion Senior Showman
	Market Goats	5
	Market Goats	7
	Market Goats	3
Jocelynn Malouff	Market Goats	2
	Market Goats	1/Champion Bred & Fed
	Market Goats	2
	Breeding Meat Goat	4
	Showmanship	1/Grand Champion Intermediate Showman
	Market Goats	1
	Market Goats	1/Reserve Champion Meat Goat
	Market Goats	1/5th Overall Market Goat
	Breeding Meat Goat	1

Exhibitor	Division	Class Placing\Awards
Samuel Malouff	Market Goats	5
	Market Goats	2/Herdsman
	Breeding Meat Goat	1
	Breeding Meat Goat	5
	Breeding Meat Goat	4
	Market Goats	1
	Market Goats	3
Ava Mankowski	Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Photography	
	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Reserve	
Kendrick Martin	Mechanical Sciences - Metalworking	Unit Reserve
	Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Reserve	
	Western Events	4
	Showmanship	1
	Market Beef	4
	Written Test	1
	Western Events	4
	Market Beef	6
	Market Swine	6
KayleAnn Martinez	Showmanship/4	
	Breeding Rabbit	1/Best of Breed
Jordyn Matt-Mondragon	Market Sheep	8
Cason Mattive	Mechanical Sciences - Metalworking	Unit Champion,
	State Fair Delegate, Division Grand	
	Market Sheep	3
	Market Sheep	2

Exhibitor	Division	Class Placing\Awards
Lane Mattive	Market Sheep	2/4th Overall Market Lamb
	Market Sheep	1/Grand Champion Lamb
	Mechanical Sciences - Woodworking	Unit Champion,
	State Fair Delegate	Showmanship/3
Johnathon Maxwell	Market Swine	8
	Showmanship	1
	Market Swine	7
	Market Swine	7
	Market Swine	10
	Market Poultry	3
Corbin McBartlett	Natural Resources - Entomology	Unit Champion, State
	Fair Delegate	
	Market Goats	2
	Market Goats	2
Averie McBartlett	Market Swine	1
	Showmanship	7
	Market Swine	1
Kollyns McCullough	Working Ranch Horse	3
	Showmanship	11
	Working Ranch Horse	6
	Written Test	8
	Working Ranch Horse	1
Kamrin McGraw	Market Goats	2
	Market Goats	4
Exhibitor		

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Division	Class Placing\Awards	Exhibitor	Division	Class Placing\Awards	Exhibitor	Division	Class Placing\Awards	Exhibitor	Division	Class Placing\Awards
Karsin McGraw					Bristol Pence			Khaleesi Reynolds		
Market Goats	7				Breeding Swine	2		Market Goats	2	
Market Goats	2				Market Swine	4		Market Goats	1	
Mary Millard								Market Goats	2	
Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Visual Arts					Ledoux Pence			Market Goats	2	
State Fair Delegate					Showmanship	4		Western Events	3	
Family Consumer Science - Heritage Arts Unit Champion,					Market Beef	3		English Events	2	
State Fair Delegate					Market Beef	3		Working Ranch Horse	1	
								English Events	1	
Clara Miller					Hayden Peterson			Working Ranch Horse	2	
Gymkhana	8				Market Swine	7		Market Goats	1	
Working Ranch Horse	5							Market Goats	2	
Western Events	5				Michael Peterson			Market Goats	1	
Western Events	7				Market Swine	3		Market Goats	2	
Gymkhana	6							Market Goats	5	
Gymkhana	7				Broly Plane			Western Events	3	1/Herdsman
Western Events	8				Mechanical Sciences - Robotics and Engineering	State Fair		Written Test	3	
Gymkhana	3				Delegate			Showmanship	2/Showmanship Reserve Champion	
Working Ranch Horse	6							English Events	1	
Showmanship	5				Clara Polkowske			Showmanship	1/Grand Champion Junior Showman	
Gymkhana	5				Market Swine	8				
Cody Miller								Bryndal Reynolds		
Market Swine	4				Kasyn Polkowske			Market Beef	4	
					Mechanical Sciences - Woodworking	Unit Reserve		Showmanship	1	
Wyatt Miller					Champion, State Fair Delegate			Grand Champion Junior Showmanship		
Market Goats	7				Production Class (3 pullets or hens of same breed)	4		Market Beef	3	
Mechanical Sciences - Model Rocketry	Unit Champion,				Showmanship	1/Grand Champion Junior Showman		Breeding Beef	1	
State Fair Delegate								Reserve Champion Breeding Beef		
Mechanical Sciences - Robotics and Engineering	Unit				Rylun Polkowske					
Champion, State Fair Delegate					Market Swine	5		Cooper Reynolds		
					Market Swine	1		Market Goats	3	
Kenley Mitchell										
Animal Science - Veterinary Science	Unit Champion, State				Meliyani Pulido			Breeding Rabbit	1	
Fair Delegate					Market Poultry	3		Best of Breed		
Dog Agility	1				Natural Resources - Gardening			Breeding Rabbit	1	
/Dog Rally	2/Unit Reserve Champion				Dairy Goat	3		Best of Breed		
Family Consumer Science - Artistic Clothing	Unit				Showmanship	4		Breeding Rabbit	3	
Champion, State Fair Delegate								Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating	Unit	
Dog Obedience	1				Helen Pulkrabek			Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Unit Champion					Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Leathercraft			Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Global		
Fashion Revue	State Fair Delegate				Unit Reserve Champion, Division Reserve			Citizenship	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate	
Dog Showmanship	1/Unit Champion				Market Goats	9		Fashion Revue	State Fair Delegate	
Dog Agility	1/Unit Champion				Market Goats	5		Breeding Poultry	1/Best of Breed, Class Champion	
								Cake Decorating	State Fair Delegate	
Parker Mitchell					Brooklynn Reynolds			Breeding Poultry	1	
Mechanical Sciences - Metalworking	Unit Champion,				Market Beef	5		Breeding Poultry	2	
State Fair Delegate								Family Consumer Science - Artistic Clothing		
Natural Resources - Sportfishing	Unit Champion, State				Clara Reynolds			Animal Science - Veterinary Science	Unit Champion, State	
Fair Delegate					Breeding Beef	1/Grand Champion Breeding Beef		Fair Delegate, Division Reserve		
Natural Resources - Sportfishing	Unit Reserve Champion				Market Beef	4/Herdsman		Family Consumer Science - Foods and Nutrition	Unit	
					Showmanship	4		Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Sophia Mitchell					Colton Reynolds			Natural Resources - Shooting Sports	Unit Champion,	
Family Consumer Science - Artistic Clothing	Unit Reserve				Showmanship	5		State Fair Delegate		
Champion					Market Beef	5		Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Photography		
Fashion Revue	State Fair Delegate				Nahli Reynolds			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Grand		
					Market Beef	2		Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Scrapbooking		
Joslyn Mix					Reserve Champion Bred & Fed			Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Grand		
Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating	Unit Reserve				Riley Reynolds			Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Scrapbooking		
Champion, State Fair Delegate					Market Beef	4		Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Reserve		
								Showmanship	3	
Jacey Mondragon								Breeding Rabbit	2	
Showmanship	2/Reserve Champion Senior Showman							Family Consumer Science - Foods and Nutrition	Unit	
Market Sheep	3							Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Market Sheep	1/Breed Champion							Breeding Poultry	1/Best of Breed, Class Champion	
Addison Mondragon								Creative Cooks	State Fair Delegate	
Showmanship	5							Family Consumer Science - Foods and Nutrition	Unit	
Market Goats	5							Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Market Goats	3									
Skylar Montague										
Showmanship	7									
Bred & Fed	2									
Bred & Fed	6									
Market Swine	3									
Market Swine	2									
Sydney Montague										
Market Swine	3									
Showmanship	6									
Breeding Swine	1									
Tyson Montague										
Market Swine	1/Breed Reserve Champion									
Showmanship	7									
Market Swine	4									
Market Swine	3									
Violet Morgan										
Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating										
Pearl Morgan										
Breeding Meat Goat	5									
Market Goats	3									
Market Goats	6									
Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating										
Breeding Meat Goat	1									
Market Goats	2									
Showmanship	3									
Colsen Myers										
Natural Resources - Shooting Sports	Unit Reserve									
Champion, State Fair Delegate										
Market Sheep	3									
Market Sheep	2									

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Division **Class Placing\Awards**

Alyssa Rice
Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating
Natural Resources - Shooting Sports Unit Champion,
State Fair Delegate
Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Scrapbooking
Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Scrapbooking
Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Grand
Fashion Revue State Fair Delegate
Breeding Rabbit 1/Best of Breed
Showmanship 2/Reserve Champion Showman
Cake Decorating State Fair Delegate
Family Consumer Science - Heritage Arts Unit Champion,
State Fair Delegate

Aydan Rice
Natural Resources - Shooting Sports Unit Champion,
State Fair Delegate

Andrew Robinson
Market Goats 8
Market Goats 6

Toby Robinson
Market Goats 9

Ellaree Rocky
Bred & Fed 5
Bred & Fed 9
Showmanship 3
Market Swine 4
Market Swine 2/Breed Reserve Champion
Self Determined - County Project Unit Champion
Market Swine 1
Market Swine 4
Breeding Swine 1

Mabel Rue
Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating Unit Reserve
Champion, State Fair Delegate

Johnny Ruybal
Market Swine 7

Rhex Ruybal
Market Swine 6
Market Swine 8

Jayce Salazar
Market Sheep 9

Katelynn Salazar
Market Sheep 4
Breeding Sheep 2

Ciara Salazar
Showmanship 4
Elijah Sanchez 10

Joshua Sanchez
Market Goats 9

Allegra Sanderson
Gymkhana 5
Working Ranch Horse 2
Showmanship 6
Gymkhana 5
Written Test 4
Western Events 8
Gymkhana 4
Gymkhana 2
Working Ranch Horse 5
Gymkhana 4
Market Sheep 7
Working Ranch Horse 2

Eliza Sanderson
Western Events 1
Gymkhana 1
Gymkhana 2
Market Sheep 4
Working Ranch Horse 7
Working Ranch Horse 7
Working Ranch Horse 1
Western Events 1
Showmanship 7
Western Events 3
Written Test 9
Gymkhana 2

Michelle Schaefer
Market Swine 2

Savannah Schaefer
Market Swine 3

Zane Schmidt
Mechanical Sciences - Electricity Unit Champion, State
Fair Delegate

Brooklyn Schneider
Showmanship 6
Market Goats 10
Market Goats 9

Bryson Schneider
Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Leathercraft
Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Grand

McKenzie Schneider
Showmanship 7
Market Goats 4
Market Goats 8

Exhibitor
Division **Class Placing\Awards**

Emily Seger
Showmanship 1/Grand Champion Senior Showman
Breeding Sheep 1
Market Sheep 1/Breed Champion
Market Sheep 1
Animal Science - Veterinary Science Unit Champion, State
Fair Delegate, Division Grand
Mechanical Sciences - Metalworking Unit Champion,
State Fair Delegate, Division Grand
Market Swine 3
Showmanship 6

Hannah Seger
Breeding Sheep 1
Market Swine 4
Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Photography/
Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Grand
Market Sheep 3
Showmanship 2/Reserve Champion Intermediate
Showman
Market Sheep 3
Market Sheep 1/5th Overall Market Lamb
Breeding Sheep 1
Showmanship 4
Breeding Swine 1

Rachel Seger
Breeding Sheep 2
Market Sheep 4
Market Swine 1/Breed Champion
Breeding Sheep 1
Natural Resources - Gardening 3
Showmanship 3

McKenna Shawcroft
Market Goats 10
Market Goats 6
Market Goats State Fair Delegate
Creative Cooks 8
Market Goats 5
Market Goats 5
Animal Science - Veterinary Science Unit Champion, State
Fair Delegate, Division Grand

Trinity Shawcroft
Market Goats 8
Market Goats 10
Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Leathercraft/
Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division
Reserve
Creative Cooks State Fair Delegate
Market Goats 11
Market Goats 10

Ryan Shirley
Market Swine 4
Market Swine 9

Rylee Shirley
Market Swine 5
Market Swine 2

Tynlee Simmons
Market Goats 3
Market Goats 5
Market Goats 6
Market Goats 3
Breeding Meat Goat 5
Showmanship 4

Braylyn Sims
Mechanical Sciences - Metalworking Unit Champion,
State Fair Delegate
Mechanical Sciences - Small Engines Unit Champion,
State Fair Delegate

Macklie Sims
Gymkhana 3
Showmanship 3
Western Events 5
Written Test 7
Gymkhana 2
Market Sheep 5
Market Sheep 1/Reserve Champion Lamb
Market Sheep 3
Market Sheep 2/Breed Reserve Champion
Gymkhana 2
Western Events 6
Gymkhana 3

Leah Sirochman
Breeding Rabbit 3
Market Rabbit 2
Market Rabbit 1
Showmanship 2/Reserve Champion Showman
Market Rabbit 1
Market Rabbit 3
Breeding Rabbit 2
Breeding Rabbit 4
Breeding Rabbit 1/Best of Breed

Weston Sirochman
Market Rabbit 2
Breeding Poultry 1/Reserve of Breed
Breeding Poultry 1
Production Class (3 pullets or hens of same breed) 2
Production Class (3 pullets or hens of same breed) 1
Showmanship 4
Breeding Poultry 1/Best of Breed, Best of Variety
Breeding Poultry 3



Exhibitor
Division **Class Placing\Awards**

Clarissa Sisneros
Market Sheep 4
Market Sheep 7

Brooke Sliwkowski
Market Swine 10

Tyler Sliwkowski
Market Swine 2

Dali Smartt
Written Test 3
Western Events 4
Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating 1
Western Events 4
Showmanship 3

Dakota Smith
Market Goats 6
Showmanship 9

Ethan Smith
Market Goats 7

Olivia Smith
Market Goats 4

Elisa Story
Animal Science - Cats Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair
Delegate, Division Reserve
Dog Showmanship 1/Unit Champion
Dog Obedience 1/Unit Champion

Lucy Story
Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Photography
Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Grand
Natural Resources - Gardening Unit Champion, State Fair
Delegate

Forrest Tedford
Natural Resources - Shooting Sports Unit Champion,
State Fair Delegate

Kade Temple
Market Swine 10
Market Swine 1

Kade Temple
Market Beef 1
Champion Bred & Fed
Market Beef 1
Market Beef 3
Market Beef 2
Showmanship 1/Grand Champion Senior Beef Showmanship

Ayden Tighe
Market Goats 8
Market Goats 10
Showmanship 2
Dairy Goat 1

Rorie Tillman
Natural Resources - Shooting Sports Unit Champion,
State Fair Delegate

Rorie Tillman
Market Swine 7
Market Swine 2/Breed Reserve Champion
Market Swine 1/Breed Champion
Showmanship 3
Market Sheep 3
Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating

Syrie Tillman
Market Sheep 4
Market Sheep 3
Breeding Sheep 2
Market Swine 2
Showmanship 2/Reserve Champion Junior Showman
Market Swine 1
Market Swine 5
Natural Resources - Shooting Sports Unit Reserve
Champion, State Fair Delegate
Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating Unit
Champion
Market Swine 5

Exhibitor
Division **Class Placing\Awards**

Westlea Tipsword
Working Ranch Horse 3
Mechanical Sciences - Electricity 1
English Events 2
Breeding Poultry 2
Mechanical Sciences - Robotics and Engineering Unit
Champion, State Fair Delegate
Natural Resources - Gardening Unit Champion, State Fair
Delegate

Working Ranch Horse 3
Gymkhana 1
Dog Rally 1/Unit Champion
English Events 1
Market Poultry 2/Reserve Champion Market Turkey
Western Events 3
Showmanship Reserve Champion Senior Showman
Family Consumer Science - Foods and Nutrition Unit
Champion, State Fair Delegate

Production Class (3 pullets or hens of same breed) 2
Showmanship 5
Family Consumer Science - Heritage Arts
Breeding Poultry 1/Reserve of Breed
Family Consumer Science - Foods and Nutrition Unit
Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate
Creative Cooks State Fair Delegate
Family Consumer Science - Foods and Nutrition Unit
Champion, State Fair Delegate

Western Events 3
Gymkhana 1/Herdsman
Animal Science - Cats Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate,
Division Grand

Dog Obedience 3
Written Test 2
Breeding Poultry 3
Breeding Poultry 5
Breeding Poultry 1/Class Champion
Breeding Poultry 2
Breeding Poultry 4
Breeding Poultry 5
Breeding Poultry 1
Breeding Poultry 2
Breeding Poultry 3
Breeding Poultry 2
English Events 1
Gymkhana 2

Natural Resources - Beekeeping Unit Champion, State Fair
Delegate
Market Poultry 1/Grand Champion Market Waterfowl
Market Poultry 1/Reserve Champion Market Waterfowl
Family Consumer Science - Foods and Nutrition Unit
Champion, State Fair Delegate

Animal Science - Veterinary Science 3
Western Events 1
Breeding Poultry 1
Breeding Poultry 2/Reserve of Breed
Breeding Poultry 1/Best of Breed, Class Reserve Champion
Breeding Poultry 1/Class Reserve Champion, Reserve of
Breed
Breeding Poultry 1
Best of Breed, Class Champion

Showmanship 3
Dog Showmanship 2/Unit Reserve Champion
Gymkhana 2

Levi Torres
Market Sheep 5

Oliver Torres
Market Sheep 6

Abigail Urrutia
Working Ranch Horse 3
Gymkhana 5
Western Events 4
English Events 4
Working Ranch Horse 1
Written Test 9
Western Events 6
Western Events 1
Gymkhana 1
English Events 2
Gymkhana 4
Showmanship 4
Gymkhana 4
Working Ranch Horse 1/Herdsman

Anicia Valdez
Breeding Meat Goat 3
Market Goats 8
Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating 5
Market Goats 2
Breeding Meat Goat

Ayanah Lynn Valdez
Market Sheep 4
Breeding Meat Goat 3
Breeding Meat Goat 2
Market Beef 5
Market Beef 4
Breeding Rabbit 2
Breeding Meat Goat 1
Natural Resources - Shooting Sports Unit Champion,
State Fair Delegate

Exhibitor

San Luis Valley Fair Results

Division	Class Placing\Awards
Ryan Valdez	
Market Beef	7
Uriah Valdez	
Market Sheep	7
Market Goats	5
Market Goats	4
Natural Resources - Shooting Sports	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
Darian Vance	
Market Swine	2
Showmanship	5
Bred & Fed	4
Bred & Fed	1
Market Swine	4
Showmanship	5
Market Swine	1
Market Sheep	1
Jayden Vance	
Market Sheep	1/Breed Champion
Market Swine	2
Bred & Fed	8
Showmanship	5
Market Swine	3
Paisley Vandiver	
Gymkhana	6
Western Events	4
Showmanship	9
Western Events	6
Written Test	6
Western Events	6
Western Events	9
Emily Vannoy	
Market Goats	8
Market Goats	5
Market Goats	3
Market Goats	2
Dairy Goat	2
Dairy Goat	3
Market Goats	9
Market Goats	3
Market Goats	7
Market Goats	8
Market Goats	6
Breeding Meat Goat	1
Breeding Meat Goat	2
Dairy Goat	3
Showmanship	1/Grand Champion Senior Showman
Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Photography	Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
Jaxon Vannoy	
Showmanship	4
Showmanship	1
Market Goats	3
Market Goats	6
Market Goats	3
Dairy Goat	1
Market Goats	6
Market Goats	6
Market Goats	4
Dairy Goat	2
Luke Vannoy	
Market Goats	4
Market Goats	8
Dairy Goat	3
Market Goats	9
Market Goats	7
Showmanship	3
Payson Vannoy	
Breeding Meat Goat	5
Market Goats	5
Market Goats	4
Market Goats	1
Breeding Meat Goat	4
Showmanship	4
Market Goats	5
Market Goats	6
Market Goats	2
Liliana Villagomez	
Market Sheep	1

Exhibitor	Division	Class Placing\Awards
Janayah Villasenor		
Market Goats		6
Showmanship		5
Family Consumer Science - Foods and Nutrition State Fair Delegate		
Alyssa Voss		
Showmanship		3
Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Leathercraft		
Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate, Division Reserve		
Breeding Rabbit		6
Breeding Rabbit		1/Best of Breed
Market Rabbit		6
Market Rabbit		5
Kaylee Voss		
Breeding Rabbit		5
Market Rabbit		5
Showmanship		1/Grand Champion Showman
Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating		Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate
Breeding Rabbit		6
Grant Walker		
Mechanical Sciences - Robotics and Engineering		Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate
Market Poultry		1/Grand Champion Pen of 3
Market Poultry		4
Showmanship		2/Reserve Champion Junior Showman
Self Determined - County Project		Unit Champion

Exhibitor	Division	Class Placing\Awards
Toni Wells		
Dairy Goat		1/Grand Champion
Dairy Goat		1
Mechanical Sciences - Metalworking		
Market Goats		3
Market Goats		5
Dairy Goat		2
Natural Resources - Shooting Sports		
Dairy Goat		1/Reserve Champion
Communication Arts and Leisure Sciences - Photography		
Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate		
Showmanship		2/Reserve Champion Intermediate
Showman		
Animal Science - Veterinary Science		Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate
Dairy Goat		1/Grand Champion
Breeding Poultry		1/Best of Breed, Class Reserve Champion
Market Rabbit		7
Breeding Poultry		1/Class Reserve Champion
Breeding Poultry		1/Class Champion
Alyson Wilt		
Family Consumer Science - Cake Decorating		Unit Reserve Champion, State Fair Delegate
Showmanship		1/Grand Champion Showman
Dog Rally		1/Unit Champion
Dog Agility		2
Dog Showmanship		2/Unit Reserve Champion
Dog Obedience		2/Unit Reserve Champion
Natural Resources - Gardening		Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
Dog Agility		2/Unit Reserve Champion
Breeding Rabbit		3

Exhibitor	Division	Class Placing\Awards
Rylin Wilt		
Dog Agility		3
Dog Rally		2/Unit Reserve Champion
Showmanship		3
Dog Showmanship		3
Dog Agility		3
Production Class (3 pullets or hens of same breed)		3
Natural Resources - Shooting Sports		Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
Dog Obedience		4
Natural Resources - Wildlife		Unit Champion, State Fair Delegate
Alia Yund		
Gymkhana		4
English Events		2
Written Test		3
English Events		3
English Events		3
English Events		7
Western Events		3
Showmanship		10
Western Events		6
English Events		3
Market Poultry		2/Reserve Champion Pen of 3
Market Poultry		3
Western Events		2
Gymkhana		7
Showmanship		1/Grand Champion Intermediate Showman
Breeding Poultry		1
Class Champion		
Western Events		5
Gymkhana		4

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