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'...there is no night in Creede.'

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Community Notes
for Mineral County

Pedestrian collides with vehicle

By LYNDIE FERRELL

CREEDE - According to sources, and later confirmed by Mineral County Sheriff, Fred Hosselkus, there was a pedestrian involved incident on Main Street in Creede on Friday. Hosselkus confirmed that a male pedestrian walked into the side of a moving vehicle and was transported to Rio Grande Hospital for minor injuries.

"We did have a report of a pedestrian being hit by a vehicle. The pedestrian was transported to Rio Grande Hospital. After we reviewed the street cameras that the Sheriff's Office has in place, we determined that the pedestrian actually walked into the side of the vehicle (right outside of the drivers view) and the driver didn't see him until she saw him go to the ground. The driver of the vehicle was Debra Wylesky. No citations will be issued."

Creede has had issues in the past with vehicles traveling along Main Street because once vehicles are parked along the curbs, the road almost becomes a one-way street. At times, the street can only be passable by one vehicle at a time.

Pedestrians walking onto the streets from the sidewalks is very common and they can be hard to see when standing next to a parked vehicle. The town has had several conversations about how to resolve the parking issue in Creede and continue to discuss parking lot options for the future.

During the busy seasons in Creede, tens of thousands of people can flock to the area at any given time and it is imperative for those traveling in vehicles to be aware of their surroundings and for pedestrians to understand driver's inability to see them as they are often obstructed from their view.

"We do not have incidences like this very often, in fact, I can't recall another one in my 20 years as sheriff. We just ask people to continue to be cautious whether they are driving or walking Main Street here in Creede," said Hosselkus.

Get the flu shot, not the flu!

Rio Grande County Public Health has flu vaccination clinics scheduled throughout the month of October. Come to Del Norte on Tuesday, October 15th from 3-6 p.m. at the Del Norte County Annex Building. Additional clinics will be held on November 2nd at the South Fork Health Fair. For more information, call Rio Grande County Public Health at 657-3352.

Dance your heart out

Jamboree

Saturday, October 5

7pm at the Creede Elks Lodge

Community dance and party with reggae, funk, soul, blues, country, rock and folk music by local bands.

Featuring:

Rod Mechem & the Horseshoes

First Unitarian Funk Band

Rally Round

BGST Band

Free-will donation to CAC

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CREEDE - Join four local bands and the Creede Arts Council (CAC) at the Creede Elks Lodge on Saturday, October 5th for its first Jamboree. A Jamboree (according to Merriam-Webster) is a large festive gathering or a long, mixed program of entertainment.

Dancing will be encouraged at the Jamboree. The bands will play something for everyone: reggae, funk, rock and country music.

Rally Round is a reggae band featuring Malcolm Snead, Joe Baker and Steve Reynolds. The First Unitarian Funk Band (aka Creede Funk Band) includes vocalist Jo Johnson, drummer Jim Turnbull and guitarists Steve Reynolds and Tommy Speake. Rod Mechem and the Horseshoes is a rock and country combo. BGST (Steve Baxter, John Goss, Tommy Speake and Jim Turnbull) is well-known to Creede music lovers for original country, rock, blues and Beatles covers.

A fun evening for all ages, the Jamboree proceeds will benefit the Creede Arts Council programming. A free-will donation will be accepted at the door and the Elks will offer a cash bar.

For more information contact CAC at 719-658-0312 or creedearts@outlook.com.

Response to LGBTQ speeches creates controversy in the Valley and beyond



Courtesy of Scott Rappold

Protesters gathered outside of Gateway Church in Del Norte on Sunday in light of recent events involving a LGBTQ speech made during Rural Philanthropy Days.

By LYNDIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE - The town of Del Norte recently hosted the Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD), a funding conference provided through the Community Resource Center (CRC) that brought grant makers and grant seekers together for a three-day event. Several organizations from the six counties in the San Luis Valley gathered in Del Norte for three days of networking and learning the fundamentals of grant seeking to help their organizations and communities. RPD is a statewide program hosted by the CRC that helps communities create opportunities for local organizations and nonprofit groups to meet with grant makers and learn how to make a grant proposal a success.

During the conference, which was held at the Gateway Church in Del Norte, an openly gay activist, Justin Garoutte, with the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE) and another pro LGBTQ man gave speeches that have sparked controversy within the San Luis Valley and beyond.

During his speech, Justin Garoutte focused on the struggle many young gay individuals face while trying to accept their sexual identities. Garoutte opened his presentation by stating that he grew up in southern San Luis Valley in the community of Antonito and that he struggled with coming to terms with being a young gay man throughout his life. According to sources, and a transcript

Rio Grande Cutthroat trout designation ends up in court



Photo cpw.state.co.us Website

Rio Grande cutthroat trout, *Oncorhynchus clarkii virginalis*, can be found in high elevation streams and lakes of the Rio Grande, Canadian, and Pecos River drainages in Colorado and New Mexico, giving it the southern-most distribution of any form of Cutthroat Trout. It now only occupies just 12 percent of its historic habitat in approximately 800 miles of streams.

DENVER — Last week, Colorado joined 16 other states in challenging the Interior Department's changes in how endangered species are put on and taken off the list, including a new rule that allows the financial cost of listing a species to be a determining factor.

This includes the Rio Grande Cutthroat trout, normally found in high-elevation streams and lakes of the Rio Grande, Canadian and Pecos rivers in Colorado and New Mexico, according to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, which says the fish now

only occupies some 12 percent of its historic habitat on about 800 miles of streams.

In a federal lawsuit filed by the Tucson, Arizona-based Center for Biological Diversity, U.S. District Senior Judge Marcia Krieger ruled that the service used one method of counting the fish when it first considered adding it to the endangered list in 2008, but changed that method when it reconsidered its decision in 2014 without explaining why.

"We've been fighting to save Rio

Grande cutthroat trout for more than 20 years," said Michael Robinson, a conservation advocate for the center. "It's a relief to have it one step closer to getting the help it so badly needs. The trout is barely hanging on in a small number of tiny, isolated headwater streams."

"Because the service had offered no explanation for the different methodologies it used in 2008 and 2014 to calculate the number of healthy trout populations, the court must conclude that the change in

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OBITUARY

Sharon Woodard, 73

CREEDE— On Friday, Sept. 20, 2019, Sharon Woodard, loving wife, mother and grandmother passed away as a result of glioblastoma at the age of 73. Sharon was born on June 12, 1946 in Michigan.

On March 26, 1982, Sharon married Michael Woodard and they raised their blended family in DeRidder, La. After retirement Sharon and Michael moved to Creede, Colo. where they spent most of their time with the exception of several winters in sunny Yuma, Ariz.

Sharon had a passion for quilting, sewing, cooking, traveling, and volunteering at her church. Sharon also loved to teach quilting and sewing. Sharon was known for her quick wit, infection laugh and kind spirit.

Sharon was proceeded in death by her husband, Michael Woodard and her parents Robert Griffen, step-mother Dorothy Griffen, mother Priscilla Morris and step-father Cliff Morris.

She is survived by her four children, Tara Mitchell, Adam Woodard, Jerilyn Woods and Tiffany Raso Lowe. Sharon “Oma” Woodard is also survived by her 11 grandchildren



ranging in age from eight to 33: Nora Mitchell, Greyson Lowe, Griffen Lowe, Hannah Woodard, Madden Lowe, Carter Lowe, Easton Lowe, Jordan Higgins, Joseph Higgins, Peyton Lowe and Ashleigh Raso.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Sharon requested donations to Upper Rio Grande Animal Society-Conour Animal Shelter, www.slvanimalshelter.com

WAYNE ARNOLD YOUNG, 78

CREEDE - Creede resident, Wayne Arnold Young, 78, passed away on September 24, 2019. He was born on July 14, 1941 to Donald Young and Betty Campbell Sos in Alhambra, California.

Wayne enjoyed being outdoors, especially fishing, exploring and hiking. He was an incredible handyman who was usually found tinkering around with something. He was also a man of service who loved his country as he served in the United States Army, as well as in Law Enforcement and as a Firefighter.

He was preceded in death by his

Mother, Betty Sos; Father, Donald Young; Brother, Michael Young; and his Stepfather, Larry Sos.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Judith Jackson Young; Children Robert (Kim) Young of Colorado Springs, Steven (Amie) Young of Mississippi; Brother, Thomas (Jane) Young; Sister, Sue Sos; Seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild with another one on the way.

Cremation was chosen and a private memorial will be held.

Arrangements are in care of Strohmayer's Funeral Home.

Creede Historical Society presents... 'from the photo files'

BY JAN JACOBS & BOB SEAGO

CREEDE— The Creede Historical Society has thousands of photos in its photo files. Unfortunately, most are not identified in any way. Often we do

not know the people, the locations in the pictures or the date that the photo was taken. We need your help! If you can identify anything in this week's photo, please call or write:

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Students and teacher standing in front of the Fremont School at Wagon Wheel Gap in 1933. Miss Hazel Lewis was the teacher. Names of the students are: (back row) Rex Deaner, Bruce Barksdale, Chuck Deaner and Carolyn Blackburn; (front row) Edna Cassitt (married name Edna Miles), Bobby Blackburn, David Blackburn, Clmere Lee Fox and teacher Hazel Lewis. Blackburn Family Collection, Creede Historical Society Archives, Catalogue #2564-BF-9.

South Fork Chili Cook Off

Coming up on October 17 is the annual Chili Cook Off at the South Fork Community Center. The annual event is a great way to bring both hunters and CPW representatives together for a night full of fun, hunting tips and tricks and delicious, homemade chili and salsa.

The Chili Cook Off will begin at 5 p.m. and is \$5 to taste the entries. There will be a first-place winner

chosen at the end of the night in either the red, green or salsa category. Be sure to come out and have some spicy fun. The event will be moved back to the South Fork Community Center this year and the visitor center is asking for anyone who is interested to participate to fill out the registration form located at the center.

For more information call South Fork Visitor Center at 873-5512



R.G. Hospital announces participation in Colorado's Opioid Solution

DEL NORTE — Rio Grande Hospital (RGH) has joined the Colorado's Opioid Solution: Clinicians United to Resolve the Epidemic (CO's CURE) Hospital Medicine Pilot. RGH's goal is to improve pain management for its patients and return them to a maximum quality of life while recognizing and controlling the inherent risks of prescribing opioids. By joining this pilot program, RGH's clinicians are demonstrating their dedication to understanding and responding appropriately to their patients' physical and emotional symptoms of pain, in addition to taking steps to help the community

combat the ongoing opioid epidemic.

This pilot implements components from the Colorado Opioid Prescribing and Treatment Guidelines for the Medical Inpatient, developed by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Society of Hospital Medicine with guidance from Colorado Hospital Association, Colorado Medical Society and the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention. These guidelines include using alternatives to opioids (ALTOs) as a first line of defense in treating patients with conditions with pain before resorting to opioids. RGH has also implemented a successful ALTO program in their emergency

room for about a year now.

RGH clinician, Dr. Tiffany Ward praises programs like this that help the fight against this growing opioid problem, "We at RGH want to be proactive, and this is a strategic approach that will help our patients and our community." According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Colorado is at the center of the U.S. opioid epidemic with the 12th highest rate of misuse and abuse of prescription opioids across all 50 states. Colorado hospitals are in a strong position to integrate new, more effective pain management treatments that are tailored to each patient's unique pain experience.

RGH is very pleased to be joining these efforts to reduce the opioid epidemic in Colorado.



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PROTESTS

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of his speech, Garoutte continued in great detail about his journey and acceptance of his homosexuality.

According to sources, a few attendees walked out of the conference during the speech but otherwise it was well received. However, behind the scenes, those who are associated with the Gateway Church felt differently. Gateway Church Pastor Greg Schaffer told Valley Publishing staff that he responded to his congregation during his sermon the following Sunday by stating, "We were absolutely taken off guard. Even the local group that planned the event was not aware of the presentation. When our church opened our doors to the community for Rural Philanthropy Days, I believed it to be a good thing. I thought it would be a blessing to contribute to the success of local business, people and ultimately to the economic growth of our Valley. However, when a guest speaker got up and began to share his life story about how he embraced his homosexuality, I was a bit taken aback and unsure about what was taking place. As far as I knew, RPD had nothing to do with a man's life story of how he embraced his homosexuality. Let me make this clear. That the surprise, and eventual offence, was not that he was homosexual, but the content of what he shared was offensive. What was shared in our church behind our pulpit was a message that clearly mocked God and belittled our faith. In his story the reference was made to his sexual experiences and the shaking off of his religious guilt."

The refence to sexual experiences was substantiated by the following

transcript of a portion of Garoutte's speech provided by a trusted anonymous source, "The internet was both a blessing and a curse. Late nights in my mother's empty kitchen, after she'd gone to bed, allowed me the freedom to explore my sexuality (the kitchen was the only place I could connect to our dial-up AOL internet connection back then). AOL chat rooms introduced me to entirely new realms that I otherwise didn't have access to in rural Colorado. I could virtually meet other guys online and find answers to my questions that neither of my parents could give me; as they still didn't know what I was going through."

Garoutte continued by stating, "A short while later, after having returned to my studies and having met a gentle, caring man late one night at a college party, I returned home with a hickey. This hickey forced me to come out to my mother and two younger sisters."

In an interview, Pastor Schaffer stated, "In reference to the words I shared last Sunday. First, my congregation deserved an explanation as to what took place. They also needed to be reassured as to who we are and what we believe. In my sharing, most of those who were offended turned their ears off when they heard me say, 'We do not agree with homosexuality.' However, after that statement was made, I called our people to love all in spite of our differences. I also shared that we must see all sin as the same and to first look at our own sins before looking at the sins of another."

Pastor Schaffer continued, "We as Christians are called to forgive, to

walk in peace and to love our fellow brother. We endeavor to do this every day. We will not trade insult for insult. We will forgive what has been said and work on building meaningful relationships with all people to lead to mutual respect. We would ask for the same in return."

The sermon was video recorded and shared online on a YouTube channel and has quickly gained National attention. In response to Pastor Schaffer's sermon, a group of concerned citizens gathered together to protest outside of the church on Sunday, Sept. 29.

Scott Rappold, the organizer of the protest, had this to say, "Many of us in Del Norte were shocked when we heard about the divisive, homophobic sentiments expressed by the pastor of Gateway Church in last Sunday's sermon. And because a gay man spoke at the church when it was loaned out for a community event, Rural Philanthropy Days, Pastor Greg asked for a 'one-prayer cleansing' of the building. Such statements are not indicative of the spirit of inclusion and acceptance that we embrace here in Del Norte. We decided to make our sentiments known by protesting at the church because we want the community and our visitors to know that this is a welcoming town, no matter someone's race, background or sexual orientation. Our goal is not to sow discord in Del Norte but to ask Pastor Greg and Gateway Church to issue a public apology for the sermon, which has cast Del Norte in a negative light and has portrayed the community as one of bigotry and hate, which could not be further from the truth."



Gateway Church Pastor Greg Schaffer delivered a sermon in response to a speech made in the church building during Rural Philanthropy Days that has since sparked a viral controversy.

With regard to the recent San Luis Valley Rural Philanthropy Days (SLV RPD) conference held in Del Norte and corresponding events held at Gateway, The San Luis Valley Rural Philanthropy Days (SLV RPD) Steering Committee Leadership, and partner organizations, Community Resource Center and Anschutz Family Foundation, stated that, "The SLV RPD Steering Committee, made up of diverse individuals from across the region, spent a year collaborating to design and present a conference that reflects our shared values of equality and inclusion for all people - including those from the LGBTQ+ and faith-based communities. This collaboration celebrates and encourages diversity by bringing together regional leaders from all six counties of the San Luis Valley. As members of the nonprofit sector, we

strive to build community, connect people, encourage philanthropy and enhance organizational capacity to support thriving and healthy rural communities across Colorado. We want to focus on our commitment to equality and inclusion for all. The future Steering Committees will ensure that our chosen partners and venues are committed to this message. We want to continue to build bridges and advance a healthy dialogue."

The Del Norte Prospector reached out to Justin Garoutte but did not receive a response by press time. According to sources, the protests of Gateway Church will continue until the church issues a public apology for the Sunday, Sept. 29 sermon. You can follow this developing story on Valley Publishing publications, websites and Facebook pages.

South Fork Fire Rescue Receives New Equipment



Courtesy Photo

Members of South Fork Search and Rescue display recently donated bullet proof vests that they will be wearing in the field.

SOUTH FORK - Rescue members, board members, ladies auxiliary and the Greater South Fork Community Foundation came together on October 1, 2019 where South Fork Fire Rescue was presented with 17 new bullet proof vests and a DJI Mavic 2 Drone by the members of the South Fork Fire Rescue Ladies Auxiliary.

Bullet proof vests were once equipment thought to be only for police officers. In the world today, it's becoming commonplace for Firefighters & EMS providers to utilize them as well. The donation of the vests will help to ensure our members will be safe as they protect the community.

The DJI Mavic Drone will be

used for a variety of applications, from locating wildfires to search and rescue. The drone is equipped with thermal imaging to aid in locating lost or injured parties, as well as, spot fires and quickly pinpointing the locations of lightning strike fires. The drone is GPS enabled allowing members to accurately map incidents and pinpoint locations of lost or injured parties. It



Courtesy Photo

SF Search and Rescue also received a DJI Mavic Drone equipped with thermal imaging, GPS tracking and a voice communications system.

is equipped with a microphone and speaker for rescuers to communicate with parties remotely. During large incidents, the drone will allow for quick assessment and mapping of the incident, such as, a fire or flood to better aid in tactical decision making.

The purchase of the equipment was made possible by a generous contribution of \$3,200 received from

the Greater South Fork Community Foundation, an anonymous donation of \$4,000 and the hard work of the South Fork Fire Ladies auxiliary which coordinated fundraisers throughout the year. South Fork Fire Rescue would like to extend gratitude towards all who made this donation possible.

OPINION & EDITORIAL

My compliments to the photographer

How Long Is A Life?

Just the other day Ol' Dutch was perusing the endless news and juicy Hollywood tidbits on the Internet and ran across an article about movie stars without makeup.

It took an inordinate amount of time to scroll through the different people featured due to the click bait mode of presentation but, boy, were some of them shockers.

I was surprised to find out just how much photo-shopping and makeup can do for a person, which got me to thinking -- a dangerous sport according to Miss Trixie.

It appears that about 90 percent of what we see every day is subject to being altered before printed, and that folks, is just plain false advertisement.

Who among us has not gone to a restaurant or fast food joint and seen those lovely pictures of burgers piled high with scrumptious beef and cheese or breakfasts that look like they came out of a five-star kitchen?

Of course when the burger arrives it's smashed flat as a pancake and the fries are soggy and jammed in a carton or the breakfast looks like it may have been eaten before we got it. The first thing that crosses my mind is: "My compliments to the photographer."

During my stints in the journalism world, I learned that there is a difference between photo and image. A photo is supposed to be the original print unaltered while an image can be changed digitally and no guarantee of truthfulness is to be expected.

Those rich movie types are lucky as they can subtract pounds, inches and, in some cases, people out of their lives before being published for all the world to see. Unlike us poor working slobs who have to just go with what we got.

Miss Trixie is still plenty youthful looking without photoshopping and says that's from having a clear conscience. No wonder Ol' Dutch is looking old.

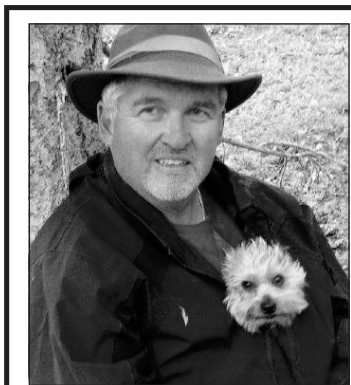
Every advertising we see has probably been altered during the picture taking process and never before has that old adage "let the buyer beware" been more important than today.

A grocery ad featuring plump luscious fruits and veggies or juicy steaks and chops just may be a tad misleading.

Of course I do think that Americans are used to being misled and disappointed when we finally see what we have shopped for.

A lot of items fit into this category as who has never gone to look at a used car or boat and come away wondering where the owner was hiding the ones in the photo?

Many of you know that Ol' Dutch went through some hard times when



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

the ex-wife decided to split the sheets. This led me to invest some hard earned dollars into the online dating site Match.com and let me tell you, there is a lot of false advertising on there.

Many a time Ol' Dutch would show up for a date and the gorgeous well kept, adequately proportioned, fully toothed, perfectly adorned woman who was in the online picture disappeared like last week's milk.

Ol' Dutch would be expecting this youngish thing of playful intent and I swear her mother showed up for the date.

I don't mind if you use your college photo for your profile so much as the ones where the women go get a professional glamor shot. That is just plain misleading to a man on the hunt for companionship. What we need to see is how a woman looks in the morning after a night of the flu. Now that's a true picture of reality.

It's not going to change and in fact will get worse as artificial intelligence gets smarter and faster. Soon we will not be able to tell reality from illusion and be fooled more and more.

With Ol' Dutch it's all there for you to see and I don't put on airs for anyone. Dusty old camo pants and a shirt are good enough for about anyone as I lost my give a damn a long time ago I guess.

When I do dress up for church or some other function whereby Miss Trixie puts her foot down on the camo motifs, people poke and prod me looking to see if it's really me and if I have been photo-shopped myself.

And I have an "in" on the entire process as Miss Trixie being her younger self can outshine any fashion faux pas I may have made.

Now if only she can just get that elk scent smell off Ol' Dutch she may be able to pass me off as presentable too.

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

The week opened with beautiful weather.

Everyone can experience that We also know it could change in a heartbeat.

A heartbeat.

I believe each heartbeat is a treasure. Having experienced heart failure twice and being put back together by skilled surgeons, it's easy for me to say.

When the heart stops, families gather together and lay their loved ones to rest or deal with the ashes left by cremation. It's final.

To people left behind by a criminal death, the finality may be elusive.

Asking why something happened, the daughter of a murder victim said she would live the rest of her life asking that question.

Her elderly aunt had the same question and said she had been able to forgive the killer because God told her to. Her religion said so. Yet there is a longing within her that seeks a final answer.

When I was a young teenager, I had a colossal crush on a young man who had been killed in a car crash.

My mother was some help when she told me God had other plans for him.

It was the night of a big dance and

he died in his white sport coat and pink carnation.

That was the style back then and a song about it hits the airwaves now and then.

Teenagers are still stylish and I still pray about their lives.

As I age, I wonder what my teenaged crush though as his life ended. It was sudden, his mother told mine.

I shouldn't have a broken heart over it, she said.

Did a broken heart play into the script? How did the heart get mixed up with love?

"It didn't mean love before the 13th and 14th centuries," says Eric Jager, author of *The Book of the Heart* and medieval literature professor at UCLA. As the idea of romantic love began to take shape during that medieval period, so did the symbolism.

"[People at the time] thought of our hearts as books of memory, a place where God's commands are written, and [believed] feelings for the beloved were somehow written on your heart," says Jager.

I hope not. My joys may be there, but so are the sorrows.

countless heartbeats.



Native Writes
By SYLVIA LOBATO

I had a discussion with a young woman recently about a man who died alone. Natural causes. One's last heartbeat can be either a blessing or a tragedy.

My young friend said if he had been murdered, his killer should be executed as a deterrent message to others planning such a heinous crime.

Maybe.

My life has led me to the realization that persons bent on crime don't remember what they learned in civics class in school, read in a paper or heard from dad's old cop buddy.

I told her the killer would spend life in prison without possibility of parole.

"What's life in prison?" she asked.

"Until death," I replied. "It could be one year or 100."

How many heartbeats?

Each one is a blessing.

DEMOCRACY'S CHECKERED PAST

By TERESA L. BENNS

In explaining that youth today expect all kinds of freedoms because their miserly but wealthy parents excessively restricted the flow of money, resulting in a pendulum swing from one side to the opposite side, Plato goes on to describe the warning signs that a democratic state is in danger of decay:

- "Many persons, sentenced to death or exile, just stay where they are and walk about the world," (a good description of the consequences of leniency in the court system);

- "She calls her rulers to account and punishes them," (Nixon and Clinton impeachment efforts, current effort to impeach Trump);

- Loyal citizens are treated as slaves, (plight of the working poor);

- Rulers and subjects, parents and children, masters and students, old and young, even men and women — all are treated as equals;

- Even animals become the equals of men, (the stance of some animal rights groups);

- Citizens show flagrant disregard for the law, (crime increase, disrespect for authority);

- Youthful spendthrifts, multiplied by the repression of miserly or spendthrift fathers/parents, ruin the city, first in the lower, then in the upper classes;

- Citizens are eager to make and spend money, accumulate things,

("the American Dream")

- Upper class spendthrifts squander the state's money, (explanation of federal and state deficits and the burgeoning debt);

- Idle spendthrifts prowl the city, committing all manner of crimes, (drug dealers, pimps, gang members).

Socrates warns against tyranny

Observing that democracy's decline was inevitable, Socrates wrote, "The excess of liberty, whether in States or individuals, seems only to pass into excess of slavery... Tyranny naturally arises out of democracy, and the most aggravated form of tyranny and slavery out of the most extreme form of liberty."

Socrates observes that the insatiable desire for unlimited freedoms and the neglect of higher things is precisely what "occasions a demand for tyranny." He then notes the marks of a tyrannical reign:

- False accusations, impeachments, judgments and trials;

- The murder of people close to the ruler, (some have questioned the deaths of officials close to the Clintons);

- The seizure of private property for distribution among government agencies, (EPA's policies on endangered species, the ongoing land appropriation initiatives, granting of marijuana grow permits in residential areas, the roadless initiative, unjust search and seizure laws);

- The request for a bodyguard, (increased security measures on all levels);

- Failure to recognize the tyrant's reign because "in the early days, he is full of smiles and salutes everyone he meets."

- A pretense of kindness and goodness to all, (describes most political campaigns, promises)

- Disposal of enemies by conquest or treaty, (Germany, Japan, Soviet Union, North Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Iran);

- Eventually fomentation of wars;

- Excess taxation, assuring that people must dedicate all their waking hours to earning their daily bread, and will not have time to address political issues. This is especially true regarding some of the proposals by Progressive candidates.

Clearly, Americans today are witnessing the speedy degeneration of democracy into tyranny in this country. Those who view the spread of democracy worldwide as a hopeful sign should wonder instead if such a spread is not the prelude to universal tyranny. Ironically, Plato himself was guilty of the very overcorrection he warned against in his work: he organized one of the first model communes.

So citizens would be well-advised to know precisely what they are looking at and be careful what they wish for.

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Wolf Creek Pass turned 103 this year



Courtesy Photos

These two pictures show the first people to travel over Wolf Creek Pass in August of 1916.

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

WOLF CREEK- Wolf Creek Pass is one of Colorado's oldest mountain passes and the actual road leading travelers from South Fork to Pagosa Springs turned 103 this year. The pass is formed of tight bends, high cliffs towering over the roadway, swift sloping curves and views that can at times, take a traveler's breath away. It is difficult to imagine what it must have been like at the beginning of the construction of Wolf Creek Pass that occurred in 1916. Black and white photos show the terrain that early settlers had to go through to construct the original road.

According to historical documents, the history of the creation of Wolf Creek Pass began in 1911. Before plans to create the pass were underway, the only way to get over

the San Juan Mountain Range was by the Combres Pass into the Valley or Stoney River Pass over into Silverton. In 1912, talk began among officials about a road that would connect Del Norte with Pagosa Springs, but the question was where and how should the road be built.

In the beginning according to documents prepared by local historian Ruth Marie Colville, two routes were considered for the pass; El wood pass, which is further south, and the route that is what Wolf Creek pass is today. The work was issued on a mile per mile contract basis and several people worked on the road. Mr. J.E. Maloney and Mr. Ed Riley were the engineers assigned to the project which was completed by 1916.

It was in 1930, when plans to expand the highway from the original

12-foot-wide road to a more modern 24-foot-wide roadway took place. Later in 1950 when a paving project was undertaken to create what is traveled on today. Future projects included making the road safe to travel in the winter by creating the snow removal sheds and tunnels along the route. The history of Wolf Creek is one that helps define the San Luis Valley and helped pave the way to what it is today.

Over 67,000 vehicles go over the pass each year and only a handful have never reached their destinations. The safety concern lies in the fact that even though the numbers of vehicles does not reflect the severity of the west side of the pass so officials are still urging people to slow down.

In engineering reports from Colorado Department of

Transportation, it is stated that Wolf Creek has always been designed for higher speeds of travel. "The steep grade and long descending grade of this mountainous pass allows for high speeds to be reached all too easily," said CDOT Communication Manager Lisa Schwantes. "The roadway has been built wide, wider than usual for a mountain pass and there are also some long stretches of straight roadway. These factors (the wideness and straight-aways) result in a deceiving sense of safety."

CDOT recently completed several

projects in the last year that increased warning signs and white striping along the highway. CDOT is continuing work on the overlook location where several vehicles have driven off the side of the mountain when trying to negotiate the sharp turn or were unable to stop due to traveling too fast.

The pass has a long history, one of which is rich in the historical story of how the Valley was created and is marked with sad events as with many of the other passes in Colorado.

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Dr. Susannah Perkins has joined the San Luis Valley Health Primary Care team in Alamosa at the Stuart Avenue Clinic. She is a dedicated family physician bringing experience, compassion, and professionalism to her role as a primary care provider to SLV Health. She spent the last eight years caring for patients in League City, Texas.



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Creede Historical News

10 Years Ago

Mineral County Miner
October 07, 1999

Bank Votes in favor of locals

Despite the threat that the First National Bank of Creede might be sold to a larger out-of-town firm the Board of the bank , under the direction of Chairman John Parker, gave approval allowing the Creede Organizers to proceed with their plan to capitalize and purchase the Creede facility. After approval was granted Friday, the Creede Organizers were permitted to ask their legal team to develop a prospectus and began selling stock. With outstanding letters of interest Inman said he believed the stock would sell quickly. “ I feel confident that we will be able to capitalize the bank, and keep in under local ownership,” he said.

Inspirational Radio Coming to Creede

The Mineral County Board of Commissioners heard a proposal from Harry Russell , Broadcast Manger for a proposal to bring an inspirational radio station to Creede.

Larson Lands CRT Spot

The Creede Repertory Theatre is proud to announce that Beverly Larson has been hired as the Financial Director at CRT. Bev Larson will begin full time work on Nov 1, 1999. She brings much experience to the position having served at Homelake for 13 years

20 Years Ago

Mineral County Miner
October 01, 1999

Creede reports successful summer

The Creede-Mineral County Chamber of Commerce experienced a record summer 2009, with more visitors than ever coming through the doors of its new headquarters, according to Director Martha Owens. The Chamber had 2,600 visitors in June and Over 3,000 in July, record numbers according to Owens. “ Our events (Taste of Creede, Salsa Fiesta, etc.) have been successful and we feel like we had a good summer. While not every local establishment fared that well , the town’s summer tourist season went relatively well, considering the current national recession.

Scouts compete near Creede

The Boy Scouts of America, Rocky Mountain Council, recently held their caporals at Pinecrest Ranch near Creede. The Focus of the caporals was split between two competitions. One Competition was a search and rescue contest modeled very similar to the old first adorners of the 1960’s. The Teams were give a mission to find, administer first aid to and rescue a dummy. The Second competition was a geo-caching contest to see which team could find the location of many geo-caches. Teams were allowed to use , topographical maps, UTM grid readers and compasses and GPS units. Alamosa Boy Scout troop #307 was the grand champion.

100 Years Ago

Creede Candle
October 04, 1919

Trip up Highway on Wolf Creek Pass

Sunday was the Candle editor's day off and through the kindness of Bert Wheeler, Supervisor of Mineral County's highways, a trip over a piece of road construction on Wolf Creek pass was permitted. The road has been maintained over the summer and is in remarkably good condition with the amount of traffic and rainfall from the past season. Do not expect a boulevard when making the trip. The party consisted of Miss Hester Wheeler and her car "Henry", Miss Olive Dooley and Mr. T.A. Wheeler who all left Creede at 10:00 a.m. and drove to South Fork driving five miles from the top of Wolf Creek Pass, stopping and enjoying lunch at Ed Fulst's camp before driving back to Creede.

Man expires on Prospecting Venture

Word from Arthur Patten was received by this office that M.C. Wells who had been on a prospecting trip on the head waters of Soda Creek expires. It is reported that the group had left camp early in the morning and were in the very roughest part of the country when Mr. Patten said he heard Wells who was in lead of the party say , "I'll have to sit down and rest," and then the unfortunate man keeled over. The deceased was born in Iowa and was 47 years of age and a resident of Wagon Wheel gap for about a year and well liked and respected by all who knew him.



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Creede Repertory Theatre opens doors for Friday youth camp

By LYNSIE FERRELL

CREEDE- The Creede Repertory Theatre marked the end of their 54th season just a few weeks ago. As summer faded into fall the theatre closed their curtains and began preparations for their coming season. In addition to several Boomtown Productions, the theatre has also opened their doors once again for their Friday youth camp.

Students from Creede and surrounding areas are invited to come join the cast and crew at the theater every Friday, beginning October 4 for three weeks. The camp is open to all students that can travel to the area and the program is free.

According to the website, "Each Friday, the students will be exposed to a different area of theatre, including but not limited to Playwriting, Stage Combat, Theatrical Design, Improvisation, and Musical Theatre. All camps are pay what you can."

Students will learn the basic fundamentals of running a repertory theatre, learn about stage design and prop creation while learning everything else in between. "The purpose of Friday Day Camp Programming is to provide students with a safe environment outside of school. Creede School and schools in the San Luis Valley do not have sessions on Fridays, which makes finding positive and affordable opportunities for the students challenging. Moreover, when parents and guardians are working full-time, they are not always able to secure activities for their students to participate. Friday Day Camps will both provide a resource for the families, as well as, allow theatre professionals to work specifically with the youth in the community to create leadership opportunities, develop specific skills, grow in confidence, and connect with fellow youth."

Many of the Valley's schools run on four-day school weeks, which leaves students free on Fridays. The theatre along with other programs throughout the Valley like High Valley Community Center and the Boys and Girls Club in Alamosa and Monte Vista strive to keep students busy during their three-day weekends.

According to the American Alliance for Theatre and Education, involvement in the arts increases student engagement and encourages consistent attendance. In fact, drop-out rates directly correlate with student levels of involvement in the arts.

For those who are interested in participating please visit the theatre's website at www.creederep.org and click on the education tab for more information and instructions on how to sign up.



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For the birds and also beer

BY LYNDIE FERRELL

SAN LUIS VALLEY- Barely is one of the largest crops grown here in the Valley; coming in second to potatoes and Alfalfa. Several area brewers use the barley grown locally to perfect their craft. Alamosa's SLV Brewery and Three Barrels Brewery in Del Norte are two of many neighboring breweries that take advantage of the locally grown crop. The two are known for their unique crafts including a malted beer that is derived by harvesting the barley just before it flowers and to grind it down into finer grains used to create the tasteful beer.

The barley plant contains high amounts of starch much like flour. The first step in preparing the plant for beer, is to remove the starch through a toasting process which breaks down the starch into a sugar. This process is what gives the beer its unique taste and can be combined with other grains such as corn which gives beer a milder taste. The toasting process also gives the beer its color depending on the amount of time in the kiln used for toasting.

After the barley has been steeped, toasted and milled into a fine flour, it is typically combined with fresh water, yeast and hops. Once the ingredients are combined, the beer is poured into a fermentation tank where the yeast produces alcohol and



Photo NFS.gov

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has contracted several fields of barely from growers to ensure the beloved Sand Hill Cranes have food when they migrate through the Valley every spring and fall.

carbonation. The beer remains in the formation container for a period of eight to 10 days, depending on the type of beer the brewer is making. The last step is to let the beer mature before it is bottled or poured into kegs and shipped to a consumer.

Barley makes up over 85 percent of the Valley's crops. The crop alternates with potato crops every two years. The two crops grow abundantly and aid each other in the process. Barley helps control weed infestations in the soil when potatoes are planted where barley once

grew. Potatoes provide moisture and protein for the barley crops on opposite years. Both things are instrumental to a successful harvest.

A large majority of the barley crop within the Valley is distributed to several brewing companies. Miller Coors is the main buyer of barley grown in the Valley. Barley

undergoes rigorous testing before it can be used for brewing purposes. Any portion of the harvest that does not pass the test is used as feed for animals. Miller Coors tests the barely for moisture content, protein amounts, skinned or broken kernels, or any type of foreign material. After successful testing is completed,

barley can be transferred and shipped to its brewery destination.

Not only does barley provide economic stability for the residents and communities in the Valley, it also provides nutritious food for some of the Valley's wildlife. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has contracted several fields of barely from growers to ensure the beloved Sand Hill Cranes have food when they migrate through the Valley every spring and fall. Through alliances between growers and CPW the Greater sandhill crane is provided with a safe temporary home during their migration periods.

The Sand Hill Cranes have been visiting the Valley for over 2,000 years. Petroglyphs in the area provide evidence that the massive birds have been coming to the area all this time due to the abundance of food and safe refuge. The birds attract bird enthusiasts from all over the world for a week each March during the Sand Hill Crane festival in Monte Vista. Barley growers help provide food and a safe haven for the birds, giving back to the community that supplies the crop to the nation.

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OUTDOORS

WILDLIFE GRANT APPLICATION STARTS OCT. 1



Photo by Trey Spaulding

DENVER — Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is announcing the application period for Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 1. Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants are offered by CPW to support wildlife rehabilitation efforts across the state. Grant amounts are for a minimum of \$1,000 and are awarded with the goal of maximizing wildlife rehabilitation efforts in Colorado. All applications must be submitted by Nov. 4. Eight grants were awarded in the first year of the program in 2018. Awards ranged from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and supported a flight cage renovation, new wildlife recovery enclosures, an intensive care unit, food, medical supplies and other rehabilitation center needs. To be eligible for the Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants, applicants must meet the following criteria:

Applicants must be a wildlife rehabilitator currently licensed by CPW.

In general, grant funds can only be used for species authorized under the applicable wildlife rehabilitation license.

Per the authorizing statute, the minimum grant award is \$1,000. Please note, the total funding estimate for 2019 is \$19,000.

This grant program was created through House Bill 17-1250. This update to Colorado law replaced the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Cash Fund with the Colorado Nongame Conservation and Wildlife Restoration Cash Fund. Funding for Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants is primarily from the nongame tax check-off program, along with fines from nongame wildlife-based offenses and interest income. For the first \$250,000 raised annually through the nongame check-off, 10 percent is allocated to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Grant program, which aims to provide funding specifically for wildlife rehabilitation centers. A board established by HB 17-1250 reviews applications and sets funding recommendations. The board is comprised of seven members, each

appointed by the CPW director, who serve staggered three-year terms. Board members serve at the pleasure of the director, and serve until a successor is appointed, but no longer than six years. To facilitate wildlife rehabilitation in Colorado, CPW will expend funds in accordance with the recommendations of the Board. Regular operational expenses and capital improvements are both eligible for funding. Rehabilitation of both game and nongame species is eligible; exotic species are not. Awardees must execute a contract with CPW to receive a grant, and work done under the grant must be performed or managed by the grantee. Matching funds are not required, and applicants do not have to be a 501(c)(3) organization. After funding decisions have been made, CPW will make information on grant recipients, award amounts and grant annual reports available on its website. For more information on the grant program and application materials, please visit the Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants page.

15th Annual Kid's Crane Festival



Courtesy Photo

Last year's Kid's Crane Festival attracted more than 200 children and their families from all over Colorado, including Denver and Colorado Springs. "It was a great mix of activities for a good range of ages," said Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge Manager Suzanne Beauchaine.

MONTE VISTA — It's that time of year again, when thousands of Sandhill Cranes migrate southward through the San Luis Valley to their wintering grounds in New Mexico's Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge.

To celebrate the cranes' return, the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge will be hosting the 15th Annual Kid's Crane Festival on Saturday, Oct. 5. The festivities begin at the refuge visitor's center with hot dogs and drinks from noon to 12:30 p.m., followed by an array of exciting activities for both kids and adults.

There will be crane viewing, of course, as well as scavenger hunts, migration and egg matching games, wildlife trivia, crafts with pinecones and origami and a table for investigating owl pellets to find out more about the raptor's diet and other natural traits.

The refuge is located approximately seven miles south of Monte Vista on Route 15. The festival will be held rain or shine.

No reservations are necessary, but children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information please call Tim Armstrong at 719-852-2452.

TROUT

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methodology was, on the instant record, arbitrary and capricious," Krieger wrote.

"It may very well be that new studies, new sampling methods, or other analytical tools developed since 2008 call into question the service's 2008 determination that 2,500 trout are required before a population can be declared stable," she added. "But the service has not pointed the court to evidence in the record that establishes the basis for such a change in methodology."

As a result, Krieger reversed the service's 2014 denial of adding the fish to the endangered species list, and ordered the federal agency to provide more analysis and explanation for the criteria it used to calculate what constitutes a healthy trout population.

Officials with the center said this doesn't mean the trout will be added to the list just yet, but the ruling gets it closer to that goal.

Robinson said the service had found that the trout deserved protection in 2008, but never actually added it to the list. In 2014, it changed its mind about that determination, saying it the fish didn't need protection, but did so after arbitrarily lowering that 2,500-fish population threshold to just 500, he said.

"The Fish and Wildlife Service moved the goal posts in order to get to a politically driven decision that the trout doesn't warrant protection," Robinson said. "The livestock industry and states like Colorado and New Mexico oppose trout protections."

San Luis Valley Scoreboard 2019 -2020

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| Centauri 37 | Buena Vista 0 |
| Dove Creek 53 | Sangre de Cristo 8 |
| Sanford 48 | Norwood 6 |
| Lamar 48 | Alamosa 25 |
| Center 19 | John Mall 6 |
| Mancos 58 | Del Norte 0 |
| Rocky Ford 13 | Monte Vista 12 |
| Mt. Valley/Moffat 33 | Sierra Grande 32 |
| Sargent 60 | Dolores Huerta 12 |

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| Del Norte def Custer County | 3-1 |
| Sargent def Primero | 3-0 |
| Sanford def Center | 3-0 |
| Alamosa def Bayfield | 3-1 |
| Antonito def Centennial | 3-0 |
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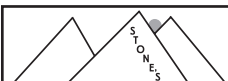
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SoS QR code election security measure

By TERESA L. BENNS
DENVER — According to a Sept. 16 news release on the Colorado Secretary of State’s (SoS) website, Secretary of State Jena Griswold announced that Colorado will stop using ballots with QR codes, a marking used to track packages and other materials pictured above.

The removal of QR codes from ballots will increase the security of vote tabulation and ensure voters can accurately verify that their ballots are correctly marked. With foreign countries actively trying to exploit voting vulnerabilities, this is a first-in-the-nation added security measure.

Marilyn Marks, who advocates for voting integrity nationwide, came to Saguache County in 2011 to investigate the irregular county election held in 2010. During that time, she also monitored an election held in Chaffee County where the QR code question was first raised.

“Chaffee ballots are identifiable by both the voter and the government,” Marks said in an Aug. 9, 2012 *Center Post-Dispatch* article. (QR) codes on the ballot can be traced back to the voter in what Marks says is a very sophisticated process that could not have been detected by most voters or watchers.

A subsequent experiment by Marks and Chafee county resident Melodee Hallett demonstrated that the QR code could be read on-line or with a smartphone application. If she voted, Hallett could identify her own voted ballot (because they are public records) and prove to a candidate how she voted.

Using Hallett’s ballot with its barcode and data matrix mark, then adding specific numbers deduced from the method used, people could figure out who voted for whom right off the Internet. Using these numbers, even a high school kid using a PDF reader could work up a spread sheet showing how people voted, Marks

observed.

Marks’ findings were made known to the SoS and then Secretary of State Scott Gessler in the course of a ballot-secrecy lawsuit filed against election officials in Chaffee, Eagle, Jefferson, Boulder, Larimer and Mesa counties.

“I am proud that Colorado continues to lead the nation in election cybersecurity,” said Secretary of State Jena Griswold in the news release. “Voters should have the utmost confidence that their vote will count. Removing QR codes from ballots will enable voters to see for themselves that their ballots are correct and helps guard against cyber meddling.”

Colorado will be the first state to require voting systems to tabulate all ballots using only human-verifiable information and not QR codes. Because of this initiative, an enhanced system is being developed and it will be tested and certified before it is deployed. Once fully implemented, all ballots voted in Colorado will be tabulated using the marked ovals on the ballot rather than information from a QR code.

More QR information from the SoS website

The U.S. intelligence community has concluded that Russian operatives executed a campaign to influence the outcome of the 2016 Presidential Election and warns that efforts will continue in the future. Cybersecurity experts and election integrity advocates have raised questions about the security and verifiability of paper ballots containing a QR code. Secretary Griswold is proactively leading the nation to reduce future vulnerabilities.

“We live in a constantly changing threat environment. Hostile actors will continue their efforts to discover vulnerabilities in the attempt to undermine confidence in our elections. We must continually

assess all election systems to identify areas that should be improved. Our adversaries are not standing still, and neither can we,” continued Secretary Griswold.

Currently, when a Coloradan votes at a polling location, they may use a ballot marking device that prints a paper ballot that displays both the voter’s choices and a QR code embedded with the voter’s choices.

Although voters can see their vote choices, they cannot verify that the QR code is correct. These ballots are tabulated by machines that decode the votes contained in the QR code. QR codes could be among the next target of an attack and are potentially subject to manipulation. Colorado will be the first state to require ballots from ballot marking devices to be tabulated using only human-verifiable information and not QR codes.

Unlike Colorado, many states do not have safeguards built in to catch manipulations. Colorado is the only state to have successfully conducted a statewide risk-limiting audit, in which bipartisan teams count randomly selected ballots and compare those results to the machine tallies of the same ballots. This statistically-proven method allows Coloradans to have confidence in our state’s election outcomes and guards against QR code manipulation.

There is no evidence that any of Colorado’s voting systems have been targeted or attacked by malicious actors. By design, in Colorado the computers and devices that mark and count ballots and votes are completely independent from online systems.

Colorado prohibits voting system components from being directly or indirectly connected to the Internet and imposes multiple layers of security to ensure that threats are not spread to a tabulation system by other means.

Secretary Griswold’s decision to move away from QR codes furthers Colorado’s status as the safest state in the nation to cast a ballot.



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Back in the 1970s, I used to bowl on Friday nights. I remember one night when I wasn’t doing very well and I heard the Lord speak to my heart, “Ask Me to help you bowl.” I immediately thought, *I can’t ask You to help me bowl!* But I went ahead and prayed, “Okay, Lord, please help me bowl better.” And He did!

I remember this experience so clearly because it was a great eye-opener that made me realize God cares about every part of our lives, and He wants to be involved in everything we do.

John 10:10 (AMP) says, “The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).” Jesus died so we can have life—not just a barely-get-by, “I’m hanging on till Jesus comes back” existence.

God wants each of us to have a deep, intimate, personal relationship with Him so we can enjoy our everyday lives and learn how to “do life” with Him. This means we do every single thing in our daily life with and for God. And when we realize we are just as close to Him at home doing laundry or at the grocery store as we are at church or during our time in prayer, then we are serving Him in everything we do.

It’s All About Balance

The first several years I was in ministry, I didn’t enjoy it. I worked too much and was too concerned about what others thought about me. I had a tendency to be this way because growing up, it seemed that the more I worked and the more I accomplished, the happier people were with me. Over time I became a first-rate workaholic.

It took me awhile to realize that “all work and no play” is not healthy,

and God wants me to have abundant life. This meant I had to learn how to balance my priorities so that my relationship with God is always first, and then everything else follows. This includes my relationships with family and friends, along with work and taking time to relax.

It’s not wrong to work hard, and I like to work. But if I don’t make time to rest and just have fun, it won’t take long for me to get out of balance and lose my joy.

Turn the Ordinary into the Extraordinary

So much of life can become a mundane routine that we only really enjoy it when we do something out of the ordinary, like go on vacation, go to a special event or do something exciting, like shop for a new dress. And many people have a “working for the weekend” mentality. But this type of enjoyment is based on emotional excitement, not the joy God gives.

The joy of the Lord is much greater than simply feeling happy. It brings peace and contentment to your soul, even when your circumstances are difficult and it doesn’t make any sense. Nehemiah 8:10 says, “The joy of the Lord is your strength.”

This kind of joy makes the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday routine enjoyable. And since most of life is Monday through Friday, we need to enjoy it!

The World Can’t Give It to You

In John 15:11, Jesus says, “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” The Amplified translation says “that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing.” In the ten verses leading



up to this one, Jesus is talking about abiding in Him, because that’s the key to living with His joy.

Abiding means “to live, dwell and remain in”; it’s not just visiting once a week at church. It’s having a personal relationship with Christ, being one with Him and doing life together. The truth is apart from Jesus, we can do nothing of real value, but with Him, we can bear much good fruit (John 15:5).

God wants to abide with you every day, all throughout the day. He doesn’t just want you to seek Him when you go to church or when you’re desperate. His desire is to have a personal relationship with you, so you can experience His presence in everything you do. That’s when your everyday life is really enjoyable!

*For more on this topic, order Joyce’s four-CD series **The Gift of Everyday Joy**. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.*

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The Rio Grande Club Revitalizes Activities and Member Benefits

South Fork - The Rio Grande Club, South Fork, Colorado, October 1, 2019 - This summer has been exciting at the Rio Grande Club & Resort in South Fork. There's been golf and fly-fishing, of course. But the club has been expanding its repertoire of member activities. Think parties with dancing and live music, birdwatching, wildflower walks, horseback riding, rafting, movie nights and more.

In May, the club hosted a golf-cart bird outing along the golf course's front nine, which play alongside and over the Rio Grande River. John Rawinski, local ornithologist and author of Birding Hotspots of South-Central Colorado led the tour. "The golf course offers some great bird habitat, especially in the wetlands and other natural areas left intact when the course was developed," said Rio Grande Club Marketing Director Ruthanne Johnson. "A variety of species come through this area during spring migration, especially along the Rio Grande River and Alder Creek."

The Grande National Forest, river and creek border the golf course on four sides. Because of that and the club's native wetlands and landscape, there's prime habitat for a variety of birds and other animals. Nearly 40 avian species were spotted during the bird outing, everything from yellow warblers to western tanagers, black-headed and evening grosbeaks, Bullock's orioles and mergansers.

Other animals that have been spotted on the course include coyotes and their pups, black bear, moose, deer, beaver and mountain lion.

To kick off the summer golf season and welcome back members who live part time in the area, the club hosted a vintage tea and dinner-dance in June to the sounds of the popular local musicians from SLV Big Band. For the vintage tea, club members Another popular summer event was the club's July 4th party,

featuring live music from The Deans and a closeup view of South Fork's annual firework display. The town ignites its fireworks on land near the resort's clubhouse, making it a prime location to see the show.

Other Rio Grande Club events this summer included an outing to the San Luis Valley's Orient Mine to witness the dusk flyout of some 250,000 Mexican Free-tailed bats; rafting on the Rio Grande River; a farm to table dinner and horseback riding at Cottonwood Cove, near Creede. "The wildflowers on the 4UR Ranch, which is where the ride takes you, were incredible—carpets of lupines, penstemon and Sulphur Buckwheat like I've never seen," Johnson said. "And then you have the backdrop of Pool Table rock, so inspiring!"

Following the farm-to-table dinner in mid-August, several members approached Johnson about scheduling a tour of South Fork's Sol Mountain Farm, which had provided the produce and heritage pork for the dinner party. Two weeks later, Johnson and several Rio Grande members were weaving their way through the farm's small, colorful fields. They harvested calendula flowerheads and Holy Basil tea leaves and enjoyed farm-to-table appetizers and fresh-baked bread. "It was fantastic seeing the farm's healthy, holistic approach to growing food. Definitely worth the visit," Johnson said.

One struggle this summer were two attempts at star gazing, foiled due to cloud cover. But both attempts had redeeming grace. Another star party is slated for October 19, 2019. If the sky cooperates, local astronomy expert Mark Teders will set up his pro telescope in the golf cart staging area. "On clear nights, the skies here illuminate with stars," Johnson said. "That isn't something you can see in the big cities because ambient light tends to wash out the stars."

That same weekend, six travel and outdoor recreation writers will

be staying in townhomes on the golf course for a complimentary "Stay & Play" weekend, an event the club is organizing to help promote the golf course, fly fishing, South Fork and nearby tourist areas. "The goal is to introduce these writers to an often-overlooked area of Colorado," Small said, "an area that offers a diversity of nature, landscape, adventure, cuisine and culture."

On the fall leaf drive, local archaeologist Ken Frye lent his expertise on the human and natural history of the San Luis Valley. Members hiked to a petroglyph on private land and took pictures of Bighorn Sheep spotted at one stop along the drive. "The leaves we saw were spectacular," Johnson said. "At the drive's farthest point before turning around, we set up a table and chairs and had dinner, wine and a delicious dessert," Johnson said.

The Rio Grande Club is holding a unprecedented fall membership drive in October. The club offers three membership levels---Social, Sport & Angling and Golf---and is waiving the initiation fee during the drive, which is anywhere from \$1,000 to \$5,000 depending on the level. Amenities include golf play, social activities, a Fitness Center, tennis & pickleball, a pool and year-round hot tub, men's and women's locker and steam rooms and more than one mile of private fishing access along the Rio Grande River.

This year, semi-annual golf clinics are being added to the list of member benefits. The clinics are every Friday from noon to 12:45 in October. The cost is just \$20 for non-members. The club also worked with South Fork's 8200 Mountain Sports, which offered complimentary on-site fly fishing clinics to members.

The Rio Grande is located northeast of South Fork at 0285 Rio Grande Club Trail. For more information about membership and to set up a tour call 719-873-1995 or visit www.riograndeclubandresort.com.



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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 2019-2

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On July 1, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Mineral records:

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| Original Grantor(s) | Lynn D. Harris, David William Harris II |
| Original Beneficiary(ies) | Academy Mortgage, LLC d/b/a Academy Mortgage Lending Group LLC |
| Current Holder of Evidence of Debt | Bank of America N.A. |
| Date of Deed of Trust | November 25, 2009 |
| County of Recording | Mineral |
| Recording Date of Deed of Trust | December 11, 2009 |
| Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) | 66079 |
| Original Principal Amount | \$937,500.00 |
| Outstanding Principal Balance | \$450,173.38 |

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF MINERAL, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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PARCEL II:
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THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, 10/31/2019, at By the Public Trustee's office in the Courthouse at 1201 North Main Street, Creede, CO, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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DATE: 08-22-2019

Patti Payne, Public Trustee in and for the County of Mineral, State of Colorado

By: Patti Payne
By: Patti Payne, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
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Decker Fire grows 706 acres to 2,207 acres, five-percent contained

SAN LUIS VALLEY – Sept., 30 High winds are contributing to increased activity on the Decker Fire. Heavy smoke developed over the fire and can be seen for many miles. In Division S on the northeast, the fire remained calm. Morning bucket work by helicopters helped to slow the spread to the northeast. In Division A on the west, around 3pm, fire activity increased significantly in a previously inactive area. Driven by strong winds from the south, the fire burned northward from the Green Rocks area toward Simmons Peak. This area had dense sections of unburnt fuel, and flame lengths were 80 to 100 feet high at times. A large smoke column developed over the fire, and the fire grew approximately 706 acres. The smoke column appeared so large and dense due to the heavy concentration of dead and down fuel that has built up in the forest over the years. Some “spot fires” were detected in Division R on the San Isabel side near the upper Rock and Bear Creek drainages. The majority of growth was on the western side of the fire within the wilderness boundary. A night shift

was established on the fire last night; two engines and a Task Force Leader monitored behavior overnight and will continue to do so as long as they are needed. Red Flag Warnings with low humidity (11-16%) and gusty winds are hindering suppression efforts.

The majority of the fire is burning in inaccessible wilderness full of dead and down fuel where it is unsafe for firefighters to go, and where helicopter water drops can only slow and cool the fire. Portions of the wilderness may burn until fuels have been consumed or after a season ending event such as significant and sustained snowfall. Limiting spread onto private and BLM land and ensuring firefighter and public safety remain top priorities.

Closures: Portions of the 101 and 101A roads on National Forest lands and the Rainbow Trail (1336 tail) south of 108 road to the Stout Lakes Trail (1403 trail) have been closed. Chaffee County Road 101/CR 49 (Bear Creek Road) in Fremont County is closed (open to local traffic only). A temporary flight restriction (TFR) has been issued over the fire area to allow for aerial operations.

Adams State gains national ranking for social mobility

ALAMOSA – Because of its service to underserved students, Adams State University was named a **Top Performer on Social Mobility** in the recently released Best Colleges 2020 rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Social mobility measures the impact a college degree has on a person's life, particularly for those students who come from impoverished backgrounds of gross family incomes under \$50,000. “The fact Adams State serves a greater proportion of students whose families historically have not attended college or have had access to a college degree means Adams State is changing and transforming lives,” said Adams State President Cheryl D. Lovell. “Our students prove ZIP codes do not matter. Talent is found everywhere, and our student population is evidence. To get national recognition for Adams State's ability to create social and economic mobility is huge.”

“Economically disadvantaged students are less likely than others to finish college, even when controlling for other characteristics,” *U.S. News* said of why it added “Social Mobility” as a measurement in its 2020 rankings. “But some colleges are more successful than others at advancing social mobility by enrolling and graduating large

proportions of disadvantaged students awarded with Pell Grants.”

Adams State will celebrate the Best Colleges ranking at Saturday's home football game against Western Colorado. Fans are asked to wear green to the football game, which begins at 2 p.m. at Rex Field.

Of Adams State's student population, 69 percent of its in-state students are Pell eligible and 40 percent are first in their family to attend college. Adams State's SLV Promise Scholarship covers the full cost of tuition and fees for full-Pell eligible San Luis Valley students.

“The new ranking ‘evaluates which schools best serve underrepresented students’ and analyzes enrollment and graduation rates of low-income students with Pell Grants as a proxy,” wrote *USA Today* (which also stated, “In America, the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings are regarded as the gold standard.”)

U.S. News & World Report placed Adams State at No. 36 on its social mobility index for Tier 2 regional universities across the western half of the United States in its new, expanded *U.S. News Best Colleges 2020* rankings. It's the first time Adams State has appeared in the closely watched rankings of *U.S. News Best Colleges*.

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