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## Shorts

### Flu shots available in South Fork Nov. 4

**SOUTH FORK** — Annual 2023-2024 flu shots will be available on Saturday, Nov. 4, between 9 and 11 a.m. at the South Fork Community Center, 254 Colorado Highway 149, South Fork. Several insurances including Medicare and Medicaid will cover the shot.

Both high-dose flu and regular-dose flu will be available. No appointment is necessary. COVID-19 shots may be offered depending on availability.

For additional information, contact Rio Grande County Public Health at 719-657-3352.

### Conejos County online tax lien sale Nov. 15

**CONEJOS** — The Conejos County Treasurer's Office is hosting its annual online tax lien sale on Nov. 15. The APY is 15 percent for investors this year.

Registration is open Oct. 30 through Nov. 14. More information is available on the county website: conejoscounty.colorado.gov under the Treasurer or call the office at 719-376-5919.

### ASU Choir Concert performs in Sacred Heart Church

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

**ALAMOSA** — The Adams State University Chamber Choir's first concert of the season begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, in the Alamosa Sacred Heart Church, 715 4th St.

Performances will include a wide variety of repertoire from the Baroque period to the modern age, on diverse subjects including the sacred; the bonds of friendship; reaching out to comfort; the panic when we don't have enough time; words by early civil rights poet and activist, James Weldon Johnson; and words of hope and self-empowerment by social awareness and activist composer, Michael Bussewitz-Quarm.

Admission is free for AS&F and Friends of Music, \$5 for adults, and \$1 for K-12 students and seniors.

## Mountain Valley School hosts Halloween Event

By MARIE MCCOLM

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Photos by Marie Mccolm



## Dune Valley Distillery hosts Valley Roots Food Hub Shindig



Courtesy photos

The live music of The Gypsy Jazz Social Club played at the family-friendly Shindig at the Dune Valley Distillery in Mosca. Costumes were optional in lieu of Halloween.



The Valley Roots Shindig brought the public and local farmers together for a dinner that featured food grown by local farmers, two of whom are pictured here.

By MARIE MCCOLM

**MOSCA** — Approximately 150 people attended the Valley Roots Shindig on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Dune Valley Distillery. The event began at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m.

The live music of The Gypsy Jazz Social Club played at the family-friendly Shindig. Costumes were optional in lieu of Halloween.

The purpose of the Shindig was to bring the public and local farmers together for a delicious dinner that featured food grown by local farmers.

Nicholas Chambers, of Valley Roots

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## Marika Popovits featured artist for November and December at Shumei International Symposium November 19

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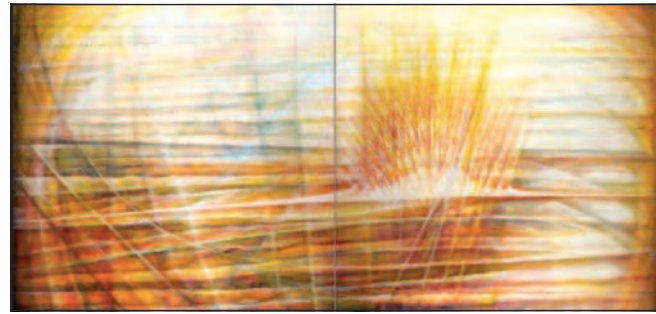
Marika Popovits, a long-time Crestone resident and painter, will be showing her work at the Shumei Gallery in Crestone for the months of November and December. A symposium and reception with Popovits will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19. A reception will follow.

Popovits was trained early in art by her architect father and later by a portrait

painter. Several great teachers followed at the Universities of Denver, Syracuse and Southern California who enabled her to break through the boundaries of the visible.

In due time, Popovits was exhibiting in galleries in New York, Munich, Berlin, Rome, and in the USA in Sedona, Ariz., and Taos, N.M. After a rich and busy

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## Unexplained Saguache County stories a hit at the Baca Grande Library

By MARIE MCCOLM

**CRESTONE** — The Northern Saguache County Library District hosted the Unexplained in Saguache County on Wednesday Oct. 25. The event at the Baca Grande Library featured stories of chilling events that happened to real people in the region.

The public was welcome to attend the event and share their personal unexplained stories in the San Luis Valley. Approximately 11 people attended the second annual event and shared their stories. Popcorn was served and everyone sat in a circle as they told their stories.

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# OBITUARIES

## Glenn Burnham

Glenn Burnham of Lewiston, Utah, formerly of Monte Vista, Colorado, and a Native of the San Luis Valley, died on Sunday, October 22, 2023, in Logan, Utah.

Glenn Marold Burnham was born on January 30, 1935, in Del Norte, Colorado, the only son of Robert and Evelyn Burnham. His preschool childhood was spent in the Center, Colorado, community and on a nearby farm. In 1941, the family moved to Monte Vista, and he graduated from Monte Vista High School in 1953. He earned both the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley and, later, the Doctor of Education Degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Glenn married Shirley Marie Jones in 1956. The couple had two daughters, Pamela and Cindy.

Glenn Burnham served his country in the United States Army, was a public school teacher and principal, and for 17 years, held faculty and administrative positions at Adams State College, including eight years as Vice President for Academic Affairs and a year and a half, as Interim President of the College. He left Adams State in 1989 to accept the position of vice



President for Academic and Student Affairs of the System of State Colleges in Colorado located in Denver, which at the time included Adams State, Mesa State, Metropolitan State, and Western State colleges.

In 1990, Glenn was appointed President of the System of State Colleges in Colorado and served until his retirement in 1994. He and Shirley moved to a mountain home near Bailey, and for three years, Glenn worked part-time with Adams State transfer programs in the Denver area community colleges.

After Shirley's death in 1999, He moved to Arizona. He remarried in 2003, and he and his wife, Kerry Jean, moved back to the San Luis Valley and Monte Vista and recently relocated to

Lewiston, Utah.

Glenn was active in several professional organizations, including the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and served a term as chairman of the Associated Public College and University Presidents in Colorado. He traveled extensively, working for a time with the Partners of the Americas in Brasil (Brazil) at the Federal University of San Joa del Rei in the State Minas Gerais. Glenn also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Adams State Foundation, and he and his wife, Kerry, have supported the Foundation financially for many years. Glenn was honored by Adams State with the 2007 Billy Adams Award. The highest service award given by the University.

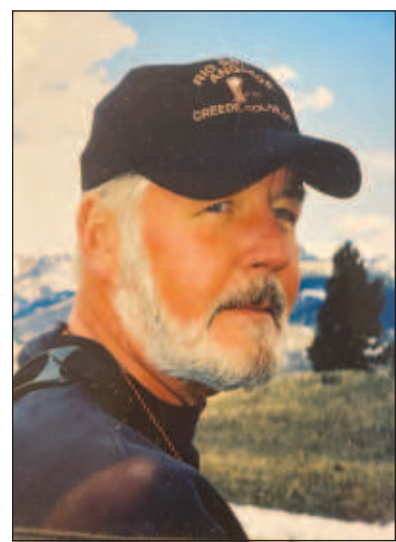
In his personal life, Glenn was a nurturing and supportive father and husband, an avid runner, skier, and fisherman. Growing up, he spent much time on the Marold ranch near Saguache, owned by his mother's family for generations. He often said this experience was the most important of his life.

Glenn is survived by his wife, Kerry Jean, whom he always called his right hand, "and left, too," his daughters Pamela and Cindy, and his grandchildren, Robert Sturdevant and Nathan Barela. Moreover, Glenn would not ever forget his 16-year love affair with Sadie, his beloved Bearded Collie always at his side.

At his request, no funeral services will be conducted. Please share a favorite memory of Glenn or offer condolences to the family by leaving a tribute at [www.franklincountyfuneral.com](http://www.franklincountyfuneral.com)

## Jerry Claude Beeson

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of a beloved man, Jerry Claude Beeson. Born in Clinton, Okla., on July 24, 1945, he left an indelible mark on the world around him. A true son of the Sooner State, he embodied the spirit of excellence from an early age, shining as an all-star athlete in his youth. His journey led him to The University of Oklahoma, where he pursued his undergraduate and law degrees. He also ran for the OU Track Team, forever etching his allegiance to the crimson and cream. He honorably served our country as a Captain Adjutant General Corps in the Army. A dedicated and passionate individual, he later assumed the role of President of the OU Club of Dallas, tirelessly championing his alma mater. Boomer Sooner! In the realm of real estate development, Jerry loved his work and his ventures have left an indelible mark on the landscape of our communities. Notably, he was the proud owner of the Love Field Antique Mall, a space that spoke to his appreciation for history and the cherished stories that accompany it. The mountains held a special place in his heart, particularly the serenity of Creede, Colo. At 8,852 feet, he found solace in its rugged beauty, forging cherished memories through hunting, fishing and treasured moments with his beloved family. Jerry leaves behind a legacy woven



with threads of passion, dedication, and an unyielding love for his family. May his memory forever be a beacon of inspiration to us all. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Jack Beeson and Dorothy Seay.

He is survived by his wife Karen Beeson, stepmother Joe Ann, sons Shane and Brandon, daughter Amy Dodson, daughters-in-law Katrin and Shannon Beeson, son-in-law Jerry Dodson, grandchildren Jaxon, Hadley, Abigail, Bryce, Grier, Jaime, Jeremy and his wife Katelyn, great-grandchild Adalynn, along with countless friends and extended family. There will be a Celebration of Life at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas. For those that would like to make a gift in his memory, the family is asking that friends make contributions to the SPCA or Creede Repertory Theatre.

## Steven Gregory Martinez

Steven Gregory Martinez was born Feb. 9, 1970, in Monte Vista, Colo., and passed away into the Lord's care, at the age of 53, surrounded by his family and friends who he loved so much on the morning of Oct. 24 just after 1 a.m.

His life and career encompassed a broad range of work and devotion to the communities of Del Norte, Center, and the county he lived in. His work and passion included coaching high school wrestling, football and working with athletes.

He was driven to attain the best from those he met, to encourage, direct and positively influence all he passionately supported.

Early in his career, Steve worked in heavy construction, logging, landscaping but eventually the Lord led him into law enforcement with the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Department and later, the Del Norte Police Department where he worked for a large part of his career.

He transitioned to the Director for Behavior and Safety for the Center Consolidated School District, there he worked with the students, faculty, and members of the community. His passion was in full display as the Director, exhibiting his creativity in a liaison capacity, coordinating the needs of students, the responsibilities of the school and handling the challenges of education, family, and student life.

His life was filled with a long list of hobbies and passions, hunting, and fishing with his family, traveling and learning new methods of behavior management, loving the outdoors and Jeep riding in the mountains, singing, and playing instruments.



Music was a large draw to his life, and he was known for his creativity when he would ad lib music. His personality was infectious, his charm was endless, his giving was unending. If you ever knew Steve, he left an impression.

He will be missed immensely by his wife Karen and son Seth.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He has an amazing and large family extending from his three sisters and one brother, two sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, countless nephews and nieces, uncles, aunts, cousins, and countless friends who his life intertwined and interfaced.

He was an extraordinary man who loved freely and shared without end his talents and love of service to others.

Donations can be made to Steve Martinez Memorial Fund at the Del Norte Bank.

## Cipriano 'Sepe' Jose Pacheco

It is with immense sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather and friend to many. Cipriano "Sepe" Jose Pacheco, 85, passed away peacefully at his home on Oct. 24, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

Sepe was born to Lucas and Delfina (Abachichia) Pacheco on March 7, 1938, in Saguache, Colo., where he resided until he married the love of his life Nadine Archuleta on July 11, 1960, at the St. Francis Jerome Catholic Church. They shared 63 beautiful years together and raised a beautiful family. He always stayed very strong in his faith.

Sepe worked in Agriculture in the Valley for over 50 years, the last 15 of those he was a Tractor Foreman. Sepe belonged to the Knights of Columbus in Center. He was a Boy Scout Master in earlier years. Sepe was involved in his church and community, he sat on many boards throughout the years. He enjoyed watching the Denver Broncos, enjoyed wood burning and loved to make rosaries for his friends and family. Sepe loved his family ferociously and enjoyed spending



time with them. He loved to go fishing with his wife. You could always count on him to make you laugh with a funny joke or story, he also liked card tricks. Sepe loved to eat sweets, especially Ginger Snaps.

Those left behind to cherish his memory and carry on his legacy are his wife Nadine, his children Beatrice (Bea) (Joey) Gallegos of Monte Vista, Colo., Paul Pacheco of Mesa, Ariz., Barbara Pacheco of Alamosa Colo.; his grandchildren Jennifer Pacheco, Jason (Letty Romero) Pacheco,

Brandon Gallegos, Christina (Ron Lopez) Sisneros, Michael (Layla Anzelc-Tolian) Sisneros; great-grandchildren Maya Pacheco, Makayla Johnson, Lucas Pacheco, and Andres Lopez; extended family; the Consul's, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Sepe was preceded in death by both his parents Lucas Pacheco and Delfina Abachichia-Pacheco, and his brothers Ramos Pacheco, Tio Pacheco, Didio Pacheco, and Elovio Pacheco.

Cremation was chosen and a recitation of the Rosary will be at 9:30 a.m. Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. on Nov. 4, 2023, at St. Francis Jerome Catholic Church. Interment will be at a later date.

In Lieu of flowers please consider donations to Hospice Del Valle, 514 Main St., Alamosa, CO, 81101.

With sincere thanks and gratitude, the family thanks Hospice Del Valle for the care and kindness they gave to our dear father and our entire family.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of arrangements, to leave online condolences, tributes and words of comfort for Sepe's family please visit [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com).

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Series-ly

As most of you know or have surmised by now, Ol' Dutch is back in Texas for the winter and yes, Miss Trixie tagged along again for another enjoyable time of being crammed indoors during cold weather.

Of course, if not for my great disposition, handsome face, deep pockets and meat in the freezer, she would surely find somewhere else to abide. Well, I do have meat in the freezer at least and a 1,700-pound good angus steer staring me down from the pasture. So, there is that.

Not really ever being a fan of any sports on television, it came as quite a surprise to me that the Texas Rangers were playing in the World Series. Of course, the Yellow Rose of Texas herself, Miss Trixie, knew all about it and had been watching it unbeknownst to me.

And since Texas is tied with some other team whose name slips my mind, there is hope in the Lone Star State that maybe, just maybe they can pull off a win of the whole thing and make everyone proud as a peacock in heat.

And God bless them if they do as Lord knows they need some team to be proud of as the poor old Cowboys have not won a Super Bowl since Hector was a pup. I have to give it to Texas fans however, as they stick to their Boys like pine tar on George Brett's bat. I guess I do know a little about sports with that comment. You may have to look that up as I think Cain and Able were still going at it when that occurred in history.

But regardless of the television schedules for the next games, Miss Trixie and I decided to take our annual sojourn down to South Padre Island for some fun in the sun. Well maybe not so much because we can see the dentist, the ocean and buy some drugs. Before you all freak out and think Ol' Dutch has become a drug mule like Clint Eastwood in the movie "The Mule," these are legal meds like antibiotics, Prilosec and topical muscle miracle salve. So, relax.

It's a long trip down but we did arrive alive, albeit a little worse for the wear in the last 40 miles. For it was at that point that Miss Trixie decided to bury her face in her phone to try and figure out what to do with 24,000 boards 4" x 4" x 65" long that someone wanted to give me.



**Trout Republic**  
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

This momentary lack of attention failed her on telling me where to turn. Now you might ask why I didn't know myself? Well, you see I have not known anything since Miss Trixie came on board and so every trip, even to the neighbors, I get a turn-by-turn instruction and I have begun to depend on it too much, so it seems.

This small error in missing a turn then became what is generally known as a "rhubarb" as we squabbled back and forth over the missed turn. Ol' Dutch then tried to take the next exit and backtrack but as soon as I lined up for the off ramp, Miss Trixie screamed like a banshee and I thought for sure we were about to hit a deer, hog, elk, nilgai, car, truck or ghost. Now I am not sure how many lives I have but I surely lost part of one there as I swerved back into traffic and back into another "rhubarb."

We did finally find a road that took us to our hotel and I patiently stood in the lobby while Miss Trixie made a new best friend of the night clerk and discussed our trip, told him why we were late, how often we've stayed at that motel, how long it's been since we had been there and when we would be leaving.

He did seem to bear up under this assault of too much information pretty well and to his credit did not roll his eyes near as much as Ol' Dutch. Dang, I think I have caught that from Miss Trixie.

*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.*

## Wrapping up Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By JANINE JIRON  
Victim Advocate

October is a special month for Tu Casa, Inc., as it provides the time and space to remember and honor victims and survivors of domestic violence, as it's nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). During this month, The Tu Casa Program encouraged the community to wear purple every Thursday so that as a whole, our community can stand and support survivors. The color purple is nationally recognized to be a symbol of peace, courage, survival, honor and dedication to ending domestic violence. The Tu Casa Program encourages everyone to let their purple shine next October. Tu Casa, Inc. staff was also seen at the Alamosa County Commissioners meeting, Mineral County Commissioners meeting, and the Alamosa City Council meeting to have proclamations declared for the month of October, formally recognizing it as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Tu Casa, Inc. appreciates the solidarity and support from our community leaders in this effort.

For DVAM, Tu Casa, Inc. joined with partners and the community throughout the San Luis Valley to raise awareness about domestic violence. Tu Casa, Inc. started the month with a "Kick-off" article in local newspapers written by the Tu Casa Program Director, Megan Lang; each week different community partners wrote an article throughout the month to highlight DVAM. The articles that were included were written by 12th Judicial District Attorney, Anne Kelly, and the SLV Immigrant Resource Center's Maricela Lucas. The month wrapped up again with Tu Casa Program Director, Megan Lang and Janine Jiron writing articles. These articles were found in all the newspapers that are distributed through Valley Publishing. The Tu Casa Program staff posted empowering messages and events on their social media sites, which can be found at the bottom of this article.

On Oct. 6, Tu Casa, Inc. staff set up a booth at Spare Keg in downtown Alamosa for our Purple Light Campaign. During this time, staff gave out purple light bulbs. The campaign was created to promote domestic violence awareness and remind survivors that our community supports them. The Tu Casa Program encourages everyone to take these purple light bulbs for their porch to light up the night purple.

On Oct. 18, Tu Casa, Inc. Outreach Coordinator, Tiffany Martinez-Aponte, hosted a special Lunch and Learn at SLVBHG, where community members were able to learn more about DVAM from our Victim Advocates, Mari Avila and Janine Jiron. Attendees also joined in our community outreach project: Painted Rocks. These rocks are placed throughout the community for survivors to find, so they can contact the Tu Casa Program for support when they are ready. This is one of Tu Casa's biggest outreach projects; these rocks provide discrete messages throughout the San Luis Valley for survivors or individuals that are still facing domestic violence to see Tu Casa, Inc. is here, they are not alone, and there is help available to them.

Tu Casa, Inc. ended the month with our annual "Light Up the Night" event. This bilingual event was held on Friday, Oct. 27, under the West Pavilion in Cole Park, Alamosa. The event was to honor those who have been impacted by domestic violence, whether through survivorship or knowing a loved one who's been victimized. The ceremony started with Tu Casa, Inc. Executive Director, Theresa Ortega, delivering a heart warming welcome. Mayor Ty Coleman came out in support of DVAM and survivors to read aloud the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation. Janine Jiron, Victim Advocate and Juana P. Francisco, Trilingual Family Advocate led community members down a path of luminarias to the Rio Grande, candles in hand lit in honor of victims and survivors. Victims were honored

in English and Spanish leading up to a moment of silence after which carnations were dropped into the river to honor how people are impacted by domestic violence.

The night continued with guest speakers Angelica Raya-Trejo, Maricela Lucas, and Cassandra Arreola of the San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center, sharing a poem written by a collaborative group of clients they have served. District Attorney, Anne Kelly, spoke about her experience working with survivors of domestic violence and the importance of community based agencies like Tu Casa, Inc, the Immigrant Resource Center, and La Puente. The floor was open for any individuals to share their stories or why this event is important to them. Tu Casa Program Director, Megan Lang, closed out the event showing gratitude for the support of the community. Attendees were welcomed to stay, ask questions about services and how to support survivors while they enjoyed hot cocoa graciously provided by the Alamosa Starbucks and homemade cookies made by staff.

Though the month of October is over, Tu Casa, Inc. continues their mission to empower children and adults to live healthy, violence free lives throughout the San Luis Valley. The Tu Casa Program continues to host Domestic Violence 101 support groups every Tuesday through December 5th. Services are free, bilingual, voluntary, and confidential. If you have experienced or are experiencing domestic violence and would like to engage in services, please reach out to our 24-hour hotline at 719-589-2465. Learn more, or make a donation, on our website at www.slvucasa.net. If you'd like to volunteer and work directly with survivors, contact Lang and ask about volunteering with our 24-hour hotline. Hotline volunteers are paid a small stipend for their time and services. Background checks are required.

For more information and to stay up to date with events, follow our social media accounts — Facebook: Tu Casa, Inc. And Instagram: slvtucasa.

## LETTER

### MVFD's annual Chili Supper Nov. 11

Editor,

Once again, it is that time of year to come have a delicious bowl of chili with your community's firefighters, neighbors, and friends. There will also be potatoes, broccoli and cheese, ice cream, cake, and refreshments. Many door prizes will be given away.

Most importantly while attending the Chili Supper, you can browse the station and all the tools and equipment your donations have provided the fire department throughout the years will be on display. Previous donations have helped us in purchasing battery-powered

chainsaws, battery-powered fans, and thermal cameras. This year with your help, we hope to reach our goal of purchasing more specialized equipment for our various fire apparatus.

In 2023, our department has responded to over 200 calls and is on pace to meet or exceed the call volume from previous years. These calls range from structure fires, fire alarms, car accidents, grass fires, and gas leaks. The department also works together with other Valley departments when called on for mutual aid. In addition to responding to the many calls,

the firefighters have participated in hundreds of combined training hours to be better prepared when a particular emergency arises.

In closing, please join us for our annual Chili Supper. Every firefighter looks forward to seeing our friends, families, and community there. The date, place and time again is Nov. 11, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Monte Vista Fire Department, 401 S. Broadway.

The Monte Vista Fire Department would like to thank you for your continued support.

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# USDA Rural Development invests \$500,000 in Technical Assistance Grants

**By USDA**  
**DENVER** — U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) State Director for Rural Development Armando Valdez today announced that USDA is awarding two grants to Colorado entities through the USDA Rural Energy for America (REAP) Technical Assistance Grant Program (TAG).

The TAG Program grants awardees funding to provide technical assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses applying to REA. Priority is given to applicants assisting distressed or disadvantaged communities and applicants pursuing projects using underutilized technologies or seeking grants under \$20,000.

Colorado Department of Agriculture will receive a \$300,000 TAG grant to assist with their Agricultural Energy Renovation Opportunities (AERO) program. The program will target the three project types: Underutilized Technologies, projects in Distressed or Disadvantaged Communities, and projects requesting \$20,000 or less in REAP funding over a three-year period. Applications will be for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements. The AERO Project will also provide technical reports to pre-qualify projects for REAP grant applications.

Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association will receive a \$200,000 TAG grant to recruit small businesses and agricultural producers over a two-year period to receive energy assessments that meet the technical requirements of USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). In addition, the funding will assist small businesses and agricultural producers with technical assistance

that results in completion and submission of a REAP application for efficiency improvements.

"These technical assistance grants will provide hands-on support to farmers, ranchers, and rural small business owners seeking federal funds for renewable energy systems, like wind and solar, and energy efficiency measures. These investments not only help producers and small businesses lower energy costs, but also access new markets and strengthen their operations.

"We greatly encourage farmers, ranchers, and rural businesses to use these technical assistance services provided by the Colorado Department of Agriculture and Tri-State. Their contributions support increased investment in Colorado's rural communities," said Valdez.

Additional information on how to access these resources will be available on our website at [www.rd.usda.gov/co](http://www.rd.usda.gov/co).

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural, tribal and high-poverty areas. To learn more about investment resources for rural areas, visit [www.rd.usda.gov/co](http://www.rd.usda.gov/co).

# Tri-County decorates for Halloween



Courtesy photo

Tri-County Senior Living Center in Monte Vista has its annual Halloween decorations up and ready for trick or treaters. The residents enjoy visits from local youth and look forward to seeing their costumes every year, center officials said.

# Run for Veterans is set for Nov. 4

**ALAMOSA** — To kick off Veterans Week, and to raise funds for Alamosa's Veterans Memorial Park, join the 2nd Annual Veterans Memorial Park Race on Saturday, Nov. 4, for a 5k and 10k race.

The race will start and finish at the Alamosa Family Recreation Center, 2222 Old Sanford Rd., Alamosa. The 10k race repeats 5k lap twice. The race route is to be determined and will be posted as soon as it is finalized. Food, drinks, and an awards ceremony will follow the race. Walkers, runners, and strollers are welcome.

Proceeds from race registration fees go toward the Alamosa Veterans Memorial Park. Race registration includes a long-sleeve running shirt and post-race refreshments.

To register visit [https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/Alamosa/AlamosaVeteransMemorialParkRace?mc\\_cid=f753226df5&mc\\_eid=UNIQID](https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/Alamosa/AlamosaVeteransMemorialParkRace?mc_cid=f753226df5&mc_eid=UNIQID).

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# New Adams State scholarship empowers STEM students

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA — Soon after Ann Stanford (86, 91) arrived in Alamosa as a first-generation, non-traditional college student interested in the sciences, she repeatedly heard Adams State's motto at the time: "Quality education with a personal touch."

Through an inspiring blend of teaching and tutelage, Stanford has lived out those words ever since.

Quality education? For more than 30 years, Stanford delivered top-level science instruction to a variety of students in the San Luis Valley, first for the Adams State Upward Bound program and then for the Sanford School District, Good Shepherd Middle School, Rocky Mountain Hebrew Academy, Alamosa High School and Trinidad State College.

Personal touch? Stanford did more than teach kids about science; she looked for ways to create bonds with them. Throughout her career,

she has aimed to serve as a role model for young women interested in the sciences. She also took numerous students to regional and state science fair competitions, and has served as a volunteer for the San Luis Valley Regional Science Fair since her college days.

Stanford says, "I thought, 'OK, I have helped individual students, which is my job, but I want to go a step further. What can I do?'"

That spirit of giving back led her and her husband to establish the Ann and Patrick Stanford Scholarship for STEM majors at Adams State. The new endowment scholarship is open to Grizzly sophomores, juniors and seniors with a 3.0 GPA or higher during the award year who are working toward undergraduate degrees related to science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

"We want to encourage someone to apply for the scholarship and continue their education, and we're going to provide the financial

support as much as we can for them to do that," she says.

The scholarship is rooted in Stanford's devotion to education, and its transformative power to improve lives. It's intended to financially support the kind of student she has been encouraging for years — learners who are "highly motivated by their own desire" and plan to carve out a career of contribution in a STEM field, she says.

"I believe education is everything. It's the key to a better life in every sense of the word," Stanford says.

She says she's proud to provide encouragement and support to her alma mater.

"I owe my career and the person I am to Adams State," she says. "I feel like they helped me transform myself to become a professional in a fulfilling career and to help me live my dream. They were always there throughout my teaching career for anything and everything. They approach teaching in the Valley in such a personable way. They're a jewel in this community. I can't even imagine how many lives have been changed, touched and bettered by



Courtesy photo

Pictured, Patrick and Ann Stanford (left) discuss a scholarship for Adams State STEM majors, with President David and Darin Tandberg (right).

Adam State."

Stanford also believes in the university's ability to profoundly impact a brighter future that includes more women in the sciences. She

hopes the new scholarship will serve as both an inspiration for future STEM professionals and a guiding light toward a brighter, more inclusive future.

## Prescribed burns planned at Alamosa and Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuges

CONTRIBUTED

ALAMOSA — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be conducting prescribed fire operations on the Alamosa and Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuges to remove old and matted vegetation to improve wildlife habitat.

Professional fire personnel from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Mid-Plains Fire Zone, State, and Federal Partners will conduct the fire operations.

Planned target dates for burning will be during the months of October and November. The Refuges' Auto Tour Routes and Walking Trails may be closed to the public during fire operations for safety concerns. Areas will re-open as soon as possible based

on fire activity and safety.

Smoke will be visible to local residents, towns, and highways during the day and may last for a few days following burning operations. Signs will be posted along the nearest major roads and all burns will be monitored until they are declared completely out.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect a person's health. For more information, see [www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health).

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Dove Creek 50	Sargent 8
Sanford 58	Dolores 8
Ignacio 14	Del Norte 6
Alamosa 43	Woodland Park 7
Mountain Valley 55	Antonito 0
Center 49	Trinidad 0

### COLLEGE

South Dakota Mines 63 ... Adams State 9

### State Football Pairing's

6-MAN	#9 Arickaree @ #8 Sierra Grande
8-MAN	#11 Sanford @ #6 Byers
Class 1A	#10 Centauri @ #7 Wray
Class 2A	#16 Alamosa @ #1 Delta

# Local historians continue to seek help from local families

**CONTRIBUTED**  
**DEL NORTE** — The Town of Del Norte was established in 1872 but prior to that time, Hispanic families settled in the area and a cemetery was established to bury the dead.

In 1883, Candelario DeJesus Martinez, who lived in Del Norte from 1849 to 1895 donated 40 acres of land to the Town of Del Norte to be used as a cemetery. Five more acres were donated by Jean McFadzean Bond, Dr. Witt, and the Bureau of Land Management adjacent to the new cemetery site. When Martinez donated the land for the new cemetery, bodies from an earlier burial ground, about a mile from the current cemetery, were exhumed and moved to the new site.

By law, the clerk was to keep records of the births and deaths within his or her area. Since there were no hospitals in the early days of Del Norte, most of

the births and deaths occurred at home. Citizens had to report these events to the clerk for them to be recorded. Doctors or mid-wives who may have attended a death or birth were often the reporting party regarding these events.

It is unknown whether these records were kept regularly by the clerks, and if so, what may have happened to them as the years passed. The Rio Grande County Clerk's Office has two books showing births and deaths that occurred in the late 1800's and early 1900's. However, these records do not have any information regarding the burial place within a cemetery where the decedents bodies may have been buried.

Research shows that various organizations were responsible for keeping the burial records for the Del Norte Cemetery. There were sextons hired and paid to keep the cemetery in good order, but it is unclear as to

whether it was also their duty to record the burials that took place. At various times, there were committees comprised of volunteers from the area who served on a board overseeing the cemetery's operation. The Knights of Pythias organization had this duty for many years, then, when the Knights disbanded, the records were turned over to the Town of Del Norte.

The lack of formal and consistent record keeping of burials at the Del Norte Cemetery resulted in incomplete records, and the names and burial places of many persons who are buried in the cemetery are unknown or are not shown on the current records available.

Through the work done to create [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) Pauline Weaver Cox and Rosalind Weaver decided to research the burials in the Del Norte Cemetery and see if the unknown shown on the current records could be identified.

The research, which included obtaining obituaries and church records of deaths, researching county records, and records through the Town of Del Norte while verifying information has identified approximately 500 persons who are buried in the Del Norte Cemetery but whose actual burial locations are unknown.

In May of 2022, Weaver decided to make crosses and hand them out to people at the cemetery on Memorial Day weekend with the hopes of identifying some of the unknown graves. During that weekend, Paul "Butch" Weaver handed out 15 crosses and it was at this stage that Deborah Romero began helping with the project.

Romero rented a machine to chop down brush throughout the cemetery and crosses were placed near Potter's

Field based on what the current map of the cemetery showed. With the help of Val Alto, Aaron Woodke and his shop class, Paul Weaver, and Romero, 132 crosses were made and installed in May of 2023.

Weaver continues to contrast crosses to represent the other 362 unknown burials at the cemetery and Cynthia Wojciechowlcz has been photographing the crosses to include on the Find A Grave website.

Now, Weaver is asking family, friends or anyone who may have more information to contact her and help her place the crosses on unknown burial locations. If you would like to help provide information or knowledge about any of the unknown sites, please contact Weaver at 719-657-3730 or Polly Cox by email at [polly@decieve.us](mailto:polly@decieve.us).

## STORIES

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Eden Elderberry, of the Saguache County Library, said the event was a big hit.

"We had this author that came in, and she tracks wolves. She told us these Sasquatch stories, which I think really all of us were hoping for. We had Sasquatch stories, and UFO stories. My friend, Jen, talked about these beetles raining down on her property, and last year we had someone who was a neighbor to her also tell us about beetles raining down on her property out at the KV, these are people that live near each other with similar stories. It was really freaky and weird."

Elderberry said that almost everyone who attended had a story.

"There were some people that talked

about seeing UFOs, bright lights in the sky, they talked about orbs. One of the biggest topics was orbs," Elderberry said. "The Sasquatch stories were great. The lady who told us about the Sasquatch sightings told us she actually communicated with the Sasquatch in her story, telepathically. She saw one Sasquatch in Alaska and she also saw one in Mexico or Montana. The lady told us that she communicates with animals. She stated it just comes naturally to her to communicate with animals. Last year we didn't have any Sasquatch stories, so we were excited to hear them. We saw her in the library earlier in the day, and when we heard she was coming back to tell Sasquatch stories, we were excited. One weird thing I have always heard

from many different people, is that ant people created the Sand Dunes. There are a lot of stories going around about the ant people."

Elderberry said that everyone really enjoyed themselves at the event.

"Everyone had a lot of fun, enjoyed it, and everyone was really open about everything too. We just had popcorn and hung out and told stories. The entire thing was recorded too," Elderberry said.

Elderberry said that they plan to release a podcast on the event.

"We plan to probably release this on audio. We will release this through Saguache County Stories, which is our podcast if anyone would like to hear it," Elderberry said.

## EVENT

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There was a car show contest for Halloween decorated cars to show off. A chili cookoff was also held in the cafeteria. There were plenty of trick or treaters at the trunk or treat, and lots of parents were dressed up too.

Children could be seen in the parking lot of the school running happily from one car to the next trick or treating for candy. Children could also be seen looking at the decorated cars and taking pictures.

One car was decked out completely in spider webs with a giant furry stuffed spider in the back of the car. There was a tall green zombie roaming from car to car. There were children with alien costumes on, that made them look like they were being carried away by aliens. There was an adult dressed like a giant yellow Pikachu. There was music being played outside of the school and coming from a large purple speaker. People giving

out candy could be seen dancing to the music.

Inside of the school the cafeteria smelled like roasted chili. A few parents and residents could be seen setting up pots of chili and talking and laughing. In the front of the cafeteria, there were also cupcakes on trays, and people were standing, and registering participants into the chili contest.

Mountain Valley School District parent Michelle Gallegos was in the parking lot dressed as the Queen of the Spiders. Gallegos was wearing a long black and purple dress with webs in her hair. Her car was filled with spiders crawling from the outside and a few skeletons that the spiders had gotten a hold of were laying and sitting on the inside of the car.

Gallegos also had a large orange bucket of candy inside of the back of her car.

"This is a nice event for the kids.

Anytime they have events, I always try to help out and promote everything too. We are happy to be here tonight," she said.



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## Overcome Doubt and Live with Bold Faith



In Acts 27 (AMPC), there's a great story about the apostle Paul. He was traveling by ship with some people when "a violent wind [of the character of a typhoon]...came bursting down from the island" (v. 14). For days, they were caught in the storm, and at one point it was so fierce, they were "dangerously tossed about by the violence of the storm" (v. 18) and had to throw the ship's freight overboard. They ended up without food, hungry, stranded - seemingly without hope.

In that moment, Paul stood in the midst of the survivors and said to them, "I beg you to be in good spirits and take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you..." (v. 22). He then shared that an angel of God told him this, and said in verse 25, "So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith (complete confidence) in God that it will be exactly as it was told me."

How could Paul, in the middle of a horrible storm, ask the people to "be in good spirits" and have a good attitude? Because he believed in his heart—without a doubt—"that it will be exactly as it was told me." I love that! It's a great picture of the power of faith in God when all hope seems lost. And we can have the very same faith that Paul had if we will overcome doubt.

We all face storms in life. Some are more difficult than others, but we all go through trials and tribulation. That's why we have the gift of faith. Ephesians 6:16 (NIV) calls it "...the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." Doubt is a type of "flaming arrow" that the enemy uses to attack our faith.

We usually experience doubt after we've made a decision. In James 1:6, the Bible says having doubt is like being tossed about by the wind,

which feels like you're trying to go in two different directions at the same time. And it's miserable to be torn between two places, not able to decide what you really believe. It's in those moments we have to choose whether we are going to believe God or the enemy...God or our feelings...God or what people tell us...God or our circumstances...

When doubt comes against us, we have to lift up the shield of faith. We do this when we open our mouth and say what God's Word says, rather than grumbling and complaining about the problem. Our faith is released as we say, pray, and do the Word. So, in those times, open your mouth and say, "I believe that everything God has told me will come to pass!"

Maybe you're doubting whether you can hear God's voice or not. This happens because we usually doubt ourselves more than we doubt God. Now I'm not talking about actually hearing a voice; I'm talking about that knowing we have inside our hearts about what is right or wrong.

The Bible says in James 1:5 that when we need wisdom, we can go to God, ask Him for it, and He will give it to us "liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding..." (AMPC). What this means is that even with our imperfections, God will be faithful to us and give us what we need if we will ask Him for help. He loves us, blesses us, and uses us in spite of us, because He is faithful! And we never have to doubt that.

I've learned through my own relationship with God that He's not expecting me to be perfect; He wants me to do my best to be in His will and take steps of faith as He leads me—whether that's through His Word or something He speaks to my heart.

Remember, He wants us to put our confidence in Him. God really does want to speak to you personally and lead you in His great plan for your life. So don't be afraid to step out and do what's in your heart. If you make a mistake, you'll learn from it and go on. That's how we "step out and find out." And we all have to do it.

I want to encourage you to begin saying things every day that will help you grow in your faith and confidence in God. Declare things like, "God loves me. He wants to speak to my heart. I can hear from God. He is faithful to me and will lead me in His will for my life. And I believe it will be exactly as God has told me!" By God's grace, we can be bold in faith and overcome every attack of doubt during the storms of life.

For more on this topic, order Joyce's five-part teaching resource *Bold, Confident and Courageous*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting [www.joycemeyer.org](http://www.joycemeyer.org).

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Approximately 150 people attended the Valley Roots Shindig on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Dune Valley Distillery in Mosca.

# SHINDIG

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Food Hub, said they will be doing more annual events like this and that this was a great way for people to learn about where their food comes from and how Valley Roots fits into the equation.

“We had all our local producers, which is over 120, around the state,” Chambers said. “We invited them and treated them to dinner. We treated them to a good local food experience.

“We got them in the same room with a lot of our customers. It was a meet and greet. We were able to converse about the Colorado local food system and supply chain production. This chain includes produce, meat, dairy, and value added. We had a great band. We served awesome food, and it was all in the Dune Valley Distillery which is right next door to where we operate out of White Rock Specialties, which is the potato plant and quinoa.”

Chambers said the band was a perfect fit for the event. “We brought in the Gypsy Jazz Social Club,” Chambers said. “It was a four-piece band that came out of the Gunnison, Crested Butte area. They were really good, kind of like Django Reinhardt stuff. It really fit well, and it wasn’t too loud. Everyone could have a conversation and still listen to the band. It wasn’t overpowering or anything like that.”

Chambers said the dinner included a quinoa salad and a traditional lettuce salad; a full charcuterie board with different meats, cheeses, pickled onions and beets; a chicken thigh

platter, and a beef brisket, with onions and garlic and roasted fingerling potatoes.

“We also served one of our signature dishes which is a relleno casserole with Pueblo chiles,” he said.

For dessert they served pumpkin pie, and another signature dish, a flourless chocolate quinoa cake.

“It went over really well. We also served some Amish pecan fried pies, to round out the experience,” Chambers added.

Chambers considered the event a success and a learning experience. About 150 people were packed into the distillery.

“People seemed to have a really good time. It was just a good event,” Chambers said. “It was nice to get people together. It was a very cozy setting. It was the last night of fall more or less too. It was just warm enough. I think everyone really enjoyed each other’s hospitality and companionship. I think we set out to do what we did, and we accomplished it really good. We learned some things about how we are going to tweak everything for next time too.”

Chambers said this event used to be held at different places, but to have it at this type of venue was probably what they would do in the future.

“It was fun but so much work. We were bringing tables, chairs, just all this food service stuff and it was a lot,” Chambers said. “So, just to have a venue where everything is set up and all, will make it much easier to have

this as an annual thing. I think it just works well as like a harvest end-of-the-year type of thing too.”

Valley Roots operates year-round. Chambers said that Valley Roots is all about the Colorado local food system.

“We operate from Denver, Springs, Pueblo, and north south from Alamosa to Leadville. We serve restaurants and grocers, and we also do direct deliveries to folks at home,” he said.

Chambers said that along with the Shindig, they also do farm tours during the summer which are popular.

To learn more about Valley Roots Food Hub, visit online [Valleyrootsfoodhub.com](http://Valleyrootsfoodhub.com).

“If people plug into our website, we can keep them updated about all the neat stuff we are doing too,” he said.

# ARTIST

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career, she no longer wished to work publicly, which prompted her seclusion here in Crestone for the past 20-plus years.

Popovits said, “My vision as a painter working in the medium of the early Renaissance, is to reveal the hidden and diaphanous nature of reality, painted in a contemplative immersion and translating it to the viewer in a similar state. They appear as abstract but are not since what they

depict is immaterial and beyond form or even symbols. Translating the formless is the creative transmission of an artist who is equally free of identity.” While Popovits is known for her large, formatted painting, this show will consist of recent work in smaller print form as well as watercolors. This event is free to the public, visit [www.shumeicrestone.org](http://www.shumeicrestone.org) or call 719-256-5284, for more information.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE OF BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the San Luis Valley Irrigation District for the ensuing year of 2024; that a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the San Luis Valley Irrigation District where same is open for public inspection; and that such proposed budget will be considered at a Regular Meeting of the San Luis Valley Irrigation District Board of Directors to be held at 296 Miles Street, Center, Colorado, on November 8th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Any interested elector of the San Luis Valley Irrigation District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the Budget.

No. 1683 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, October 19 and 26 and November 2 and 9, 2023.

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:

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023 at 5 PM**

to consider proposed changes to the Saguache County Land Development Code. To view the proposed changes BEGINNING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023, you may contact the Saguache County Land Use Department – PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149 or [atorrez@saguachecounty-co.gov](mailto:atorrez@saguachecounty-co.gov) or by calling 719-655-2321 or you may also view the changes on our website at [www.saguachecounty.colorado.gov](http://www.saguachecounty.colorado.gov).

Written comments will be accepted until Friday, December 1, 2023 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](mailto:atorrez@saguachecounty-co.gov).

No. 1687 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, November 2, 2023.

## CENTER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTICE OF PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

A notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Center Fire Protection District Board for the ensuing year 2024; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Center Fire Protection District, where the same is open for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered at a public hearing scheduled at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors, on November 14, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Any interested elector within the Center Fire Protection District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto, at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. The budget is available for review by appointment at the Center Firehouse, located at 360 E. 8th Street, Center, CO.

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# Snow Country Explorers kick off season

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**CREEDE** — The Creede snowmobile club, known as the Snow Country Explorers, kicked off the 2023-2024 season with a barbecue at Bob and Janelle Kukuk's home at Santa Maria Reservoir in late September. The feast was held in the barn alongside the Bombardier groomer Bob Kukuk uses to groom the 85 miles of trails the club maintains in the Divide District of the Rio Grande National Forest.

There are four major trailheads located around Creede — Bristol Head, Black Mountain, Love Lake, and Snow Mesa — which provide access to the trails for riders of all experience levels. The Creede trail system connects with trails groomed by Lake City to the north and groomed trails by South Fork to the south.

The elevations of the trails range from 8,500 to 12,760 feet. Many of the trails give riders a chance to feel like they are on "top of the world." The trails offer groomed riding, plenty of meadows for playing and steep mountain areas for climbing. The area has an average yearly snowfall of 250-300 inches so there is always snow to ride somewhere on the system.

The club tries to ride at least once a week on weekends and sometimes has mid-week rides, usually on Wednesdays. Rides are designed for all skill levels. Meetings are held periodically during the winter months. Club members clean up one mile of Highway 149 twice a year — once in the spring and once in the fall. Other events such as barbecues



Members of the Snow Country Explorers pose for a photo with the Club's grooming machine.

Courtesy photo

and avalanche awareness classes may also be scheduled.

Club membership is open to anyone.

"We have members from all over Colorado as well as members from other states, and we have members

of all different skill levels. If you are interested in snowmobiling and want to find a great place to ride with some pretty great people, consider joining the club," the club stated.

People can join the Snow Country Explorers snowmobile club

through the Colorado Snowmobile Association (CSA) website — snowmobilecolo.com and "adding" the club, District 7 Snow Country Explorers of the Upper Rio Grande.

All club information is passed through the CSA website via email

to club members and is posted on the CSA website calendar. This includes scheduled rides, meetings, and trail-grooming information.

For more information, contact Leslie or Don Dustin at 719-658-0184 or dondustin1@aol.com.

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## Tiny Hands Day Care has been serving area for 23 years

By DIANE DREKMANN BLANCA — Tiny Hands Day Care Center in Blanca has been serving the Fort Garland/San Luis area for 23 years for infants through preschool. There are currently openings for 3-year-olds available in their mixed-age classroom.



Director Tina Medina hopes to have a preschool class next fall. Tiny Hands also offers a summer program “for children who don’t have anywhere to go” for ages 3-12.

Tiny Hands Day Care is a non-profit. They have had an ongoing fundraiser to win two cords of wood. Raffle tickets are \$5. The winner will be announced at 5 p.m. on Oct. 26.

Tiny Hands board member Beatrice Carluss received the two-cord donation for the raffle from Blanca Forestry Products.

Money from the raffle will be used “for everyday expenses, supplies, and quality improvements in their program,” Medina said.

Tiny Hands Day Care also has a clothing drive and accepts clothes sizes 0 to 5 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tiny Hands Day Care offers full-time, part-time, or drop-in service. There is help with tuition through CCCAP. The center is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call 719-379-2607 or come by 922 Weaver Ave., Blanca, for more information.

## Putting on a colorful show



The trees around the Valley are putting on a colorful fall show as October comes to an end. Cottonwoods around the area are shining with gold, red and orange, brightening the cool fall days.

Photo by Lyndsie Ferrell

## Neighbors help neighbors at Firewood Fiesta

By MARIE MCCOLM

CRESTONE — Approximately 20 people participated in the fourth Annual Crestone Firewood Fiesta on Sunday, Oct. 22. The event was held at 19850 Camino Del Oro Rd. in Crestone.

The 20 volunteers chopped the wood and piled it for the Community Firewood Program.

Business Advisor Donovan Spitzman spoke about the Fiesta and the program, the beginning of the program, and how it benefits the community.

“The Community Firewood Program is a product of the Crestone Energy Exchange,” Spitzman said. “The Crestone Energy Exchange was created as an extension of the Crestone Energy Fair. The community Firewood Program basically ensures that nobody in the community will be without firewood for the winter.”

It grew and morphed from the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program, according to Spitzman.

“We heard they were buying retail wood for their emergency program for like \$5,000 to \$6,000 every year. Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a grant and community funded program. Which means the



Photo by Marie Mccolm

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community is spending \$5,000 every year to buy their neighbor’s wood. I have a business background so when I looked at this, I was like woah, we have a legit need in the community and firewood should not be a \$5,000 line item on your budget.”

Spitzman said he sat down with a spreadsheet, and started rounding some numbers and made some

phone calls, looking at it as if it were a business.

“I looked at it as if we bought logs, and started our own little business, what we would have to do to make it work,” Spitzman said. “I mean it just all worked out. Neighbors Helping Neighbors bought in, with an initial investment of what they used as their

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## Fall Flavors and Fancies Luncheon set for Nov. 9

CONTRIBUTED

The GFWC Woman’s Citizenship Club of Alamosa is having their “Fall Flavors and Fancies” Luncheon fundraising event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9, at the United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Murphy and Mullins Avenue in Alamosa.

The “Flavors” includes a hearty vegetable soup or chili con carne, cornbread, a spinach salad with cranberries, walnuts, feta, and a delicious pumpkin dessert for only \$15. As an added bonus, the “Fancies” will be a variety of creative baskets filled with wonderful items available to purchase. This will be a perfect opportunity to shop for birthday or early Christmas gifts.

The funds will be used to support scholarships for women at Adams State University, Trinidad State College and the club’s many community projects. The tickets can be purchased by contacting Theresa Rudder at 719-588-7913 or email womancitizenshipclub@

gmail.com. There will only be 100 tickets available, so be sure to get your ticket as soon as possible.

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Courtesy photos

Center Elementary second-graders visited the Center Fire Department on Wednesday, Oct. 18, for Fire Safety Month.

## Center second-graders learn about fire safety from firefighters

BY MARIE MCCOLM

CENTER — Center Elementary second-graders visited the Center Fire Department on Wednesday, Oct. 18, for Fire Safety Month.

Elementary teacher Christine Mikeljack said it is something the second-graders have been doing for the past three years.

“The firefighters show the kiddos various things,” Mikeljack said. “They take the kids through the stop, drop, and roll technique. The firefighters also talk to the kids about what to do, in the instance a firefighter would need to come into their house. They let the kids know that they should run toward the firefighter and not away from them. They allow the students to also try on the gear. The kids also got to climb in and out of several of the fire trucks and the ambulance that was there. The kids really enjoyed it. They are still talking about it now, almost a week later.”

Mikeljack said that she incorporates

some fire safety activities for the children in class, usually the same week that the students are scheduled to visit the fire department.

“This year, we read a scholastic newspaper about firefighting. I also put together a little packet of fire safety games and worksheets for the kids to do, too,” Mikeljack said.

Mikeljack said the kids got to spray the water hose.

“The kids were so excited, they got to spray the water hose this year, every single second-grader got to spray the hose,” Mikeljack said.

Mikeljack said at the end of the tour each child received a bag of treats from the firefighters.

“One of the best things that the kids were given in their treat bag was a sticker that they can put on the outside of their window at home, to alert firefighters that there are kids in that room. So, if there ever was a fire, the firefighters know to look for that sticker,” Mikeljack said.



A Center Elementary second-grader tries on firefighter gear during a visit to the Center Fire Department on Oct. 18.

Mikeljack said that the tour was really nice and fun for the kids.

“The kids don’t know that they do it every year, but we do, and it’s cute to see how they have so much fun. The firefighters are always super kind, nice, and very patient with the students, too,” Mikeljack said.

Mikeljack said that the trip to the fire department went well.

“As a class we will do little thank you cards, and notes. The teachers will also do some kind of baking or some kind of a treat and take it to the firefighters to thank them,” Mikeljack said.

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# Rickel Park ice arena and basketball court nears completion

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

**SOUTH FORK** — Just in time for the colder months, the South Fork Friends Foundation (SFFF) announced last week that the Rickel Park ice rink and basketball court will be finished soon.

“We are really excited to have this done in time for winter and we want to thank everyone who helped make this happen. The community of South Fork is so supportive, and we will all benefit from having this wonderful addition to our town,” said South Fork Friends Foundation President Luke Brennen.

Funding for the project was due to generous donations and grants awarded over the last two years. The court-ice rink is a 108-feet-by-115-foot concrete pad that will be a multi-functional platform for basketball and skateboarding in the summer and an ice rink in the winter.

The foundation has had a successful year and announced earlier this spring that they were awarded two grants to help fund the project in Rickel Park. The ice skating rink is one of the main attractions in South Fork during the winter months and though it has been available for public use for several years, having it placed on a permanent foundation will help with the quality of the ice.

According to the foundation, other uses can be pickleball, roller blading, roller skating, ice hockey, and bicycling, for starters. The foundation has been working with the Town of South Fork and True Grit Excavation on this project. One grant for \$20,000 came from the Robert Hoag Rawlings Foundation in Pueblo and the other for \$30,000 came from Rio Grande County. The cost of the project is \$98,560 for phase one.

Three years ago, a new shed was built near the rink and thanks to the generous donations of local businesses like 8200 Sports and others, the warming hut was filled with ice skates that can be used by the public for free. SFFF accepts donations which help fund the project as it moves forward.

The organization in partnership with the South Fork Visitor Center will be hosting several events this winter including Saturday Night Skate Night, bonfires, curling competitions and more. The new addition to the town will only add to the ever-growing community and economic stability of the area during the winter months.

For more information or to stay informed of coming events, follow the South Fork Friends Foundation on Facebook or visit [www.southfork.org](http://www.southfork.org).



Courtesy photos

The South Fork Friends Foundation announced last week that the new Rickel Park ice rink and basketball court will be finished soon. The project was made possible due to generous donations from the community and Rio Grande County, and a grant from the Robert Hoag Rawlings Foundation in Pueblo.

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# Rise Above Booster Club donates equipment to wrestling, football programs

By LYNDIE FERRELL

**DEL NORTE** — During the Del Norte High School football game on Saturday, Oct. 21, the Rise Above Booster Club presented Coach Dan Roach with a scale that will be used by the wrestling and football teams of the Upper Rio Grande School District.

Booster club President Yolanda Martinez and Nicole Martinez presented the scale to Coach Roach after weeks of running the concession stands with other members of the club.

“We have worked for about six weeks to raise enough money to buy the scale. We know how hard these students and coaches work and it is something we are really happy to do,” said Martinez.

In addition to running the concession stands, the youth booster club also held a 50/50 raffle that helped provide funds for the scale. “Most of the people who participated in the raffle donated their winnings back to the club which was just amazing. We have good people in this community, and they show their support whenever they can,” continued Martinez.

The Rise Above Booster Club is an active part of the district, bringing



Courtesy photo

**Rise Above Booster Club members presented Coach Dan Roach with a scale for the wrestling and football teams at the Upper Rio Grande School District. The club worked for six weeks to raise the money for the scale and will be working to raise more funding for equipment.**

parents, coaches and students together for several different activities and fundraisers. The club typically raises funding for the Rise Above Tackle Club in years past but has since branched out to help the high school teams as well.

The club consists of President Yolanda Martinez, Vice President Janet Ortiz, Secretary Nicole Martinez, Treasurer Michele Velasquez, and members at large Crystal Martinez, Geraldine Trujillo, Steven Martinez,

Brooke Calkin, Terry Phillips, Tiffany Cardova and Blare Britt.

The club will be raising money this winter through concessions and other activities like the 50/50 raffle to buy baseball bat and helmet holders for Voss Field so be sure to look for them in future sporting events! For more information, please visit [www.dncsd.org](http://www.dncsd.org) or follow the district on Facebook under Del Norte School District. Go Tigers!

# Bobolicious grand opening today

**MONTE VISTA** — A grand opening and ribbon cutting for Bobolicious Gourmet Coffee will be held from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1, with the ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. at 139 Adams St., Monte Vista. Free coffee and baked goods will be available. Special coffees and

coffee specials — 20-50 percent off — will be available for purchase.

There will be “Coffee and Conversation.” The event is being organized by the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce.

# FIESTA

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normal contribution of \$5,000. They gave that to us. The county gave us another \$5,000 for equipment. Last year, I was able to secure a federal grant for wood banks that bought us a trailer, and another load of wood as a backup for our cash flow.”

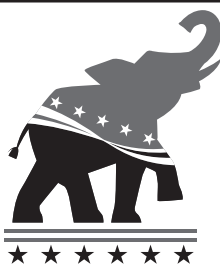
Spitzman said that at this point, they did not have to ask Neighbors Helping Neighbors for any more money, except that initial capital investment of \$5,000 almost four years ago.

Spitzman said this was possible because of the help of the volunteers year in and year out.

“We have about 20 people here today that are really helping out,” Spitzman said. “You can see them cutting up all this wood just to help out. This is what you call community, the work, teamwork, all of this at its best. This program is honestly collaborative, but it has so many parts to it. You have all these community members that are willing to help out. We have these organizations and grants that helped make all this possible. We have this program that ensures that nobody goes without firewood. This is all just great.”

Spitzman said that it was apparent that people were doing this for themselves and for others.

“I had a guy out here this past weekend,” Spitzman said. “Apparently where he lives in his little area, two single moms moved in recently. He approached me and said I have two single moms and they have no idea if they are going to need wood. So, he came out and said can I come out and work and help them out. So, he came out and worked all day, he crushed it all day. He cut up a big pile and even more, and just hung out with us. He asked is that enough to help them, I was like heck yeah, no worries we got them. We appreciated his work. This is still about neighbors helping neighbors really.” For more information on the Crestone Energy Exchange, visit their website at [crestoneenergyexchange.org](http://crestoneenergyexchange.org).



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# *Monte Vista Community Methodist Church*

**215 Washington Street • Monte Vista**  
**(719) 852-2853**

**montevistacmc@gmail.com**

## **11:00 AM Sunday Service**

MVCMC Sunday Services are being held at the church and broadcast via Zoom video conferencing. To join worship online go to [www.gettogetheronline.org](http://www.gettogetheronline.org).

See us on Facebook at MVCMC.

## ***“Open Minds, Open Hearts, and Open Doors”***

Mission Statement: “To be a compassionate community reaching out with open hearts to all, and supporting each person’s journey with God.”

**We are a Missional Ministry Church  
and welcome all to worship with us.**

United Methodists affirm the historic Christian faith as Summarized in the Apostles’ Creed and the Nicene Creed.

**We Believe** in the Triune God, the Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

**We Believe** every person is a beloved child of God;

**We Believe** in the church as the community called to be instruments of God’s presence and coming reign in Jesus Christ;

**We Believe** the Bible reveals the Word of God;

**We Believe** in the final triumph of God’s reign of compassion, justice, generosity, and peace.

***The church has been an architectural and cultural landmark in the Monte Vista community since its construction in 1922.***

# Creede Baptist Church



If you would like to know more about us,  
 please visit our website at  
[www.creedebaptistchurch.org](http://www.creedebaptistchurch.org)  
 or contact us at P.O. Box 151  
 Creede, CO 81130  
 719-658-2312  
 Email: [info@credebaptistchurch.org](mailto:info@credebaptistchurch.org)  
 Sunday Worship streamed live on our  
 Facebook page.

Creede Baptist Church is located in the historic mining town of Creede, Colorado. It is nestled between South Fork to the east and Lake City to the west on Highway 149. If you are ever in Creede, we would love to have you stop in and worship with us.

Reflecting God's love, one verse at a time, by preaching and teaching the gospel, winning the lost, promoting spiritual growth, encouraging Christian fellowship and effective outreach in order to bring honor and glory to our Lord Jesus Christ. In short, we want to invite you to join us as we **Love God, Love People, Serve the World.**

### Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

- 9:30 a.m. Welcome time in the Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School-We offer classes for children, youth, younger adults and older adults
- 11:00 a.m. Nursery & Worship Service  
 (Summer schedule will have **two** services 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. from July 1 through Labor Day Weekend)

### Sunday Evening

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Potluck, Youth/Children's Group, small group Bible study for parents & young adults. Nursery available.



## Sunday Services

- 10:30 a.m. Breaking of Bread
- 11:30 a.m. Sunday School / Preaching Time

- Mid-week prayer time
- Weekly small group Bible studies
- Neighborhood outreach

**Calvary Bible Chapel of Alamosa**  
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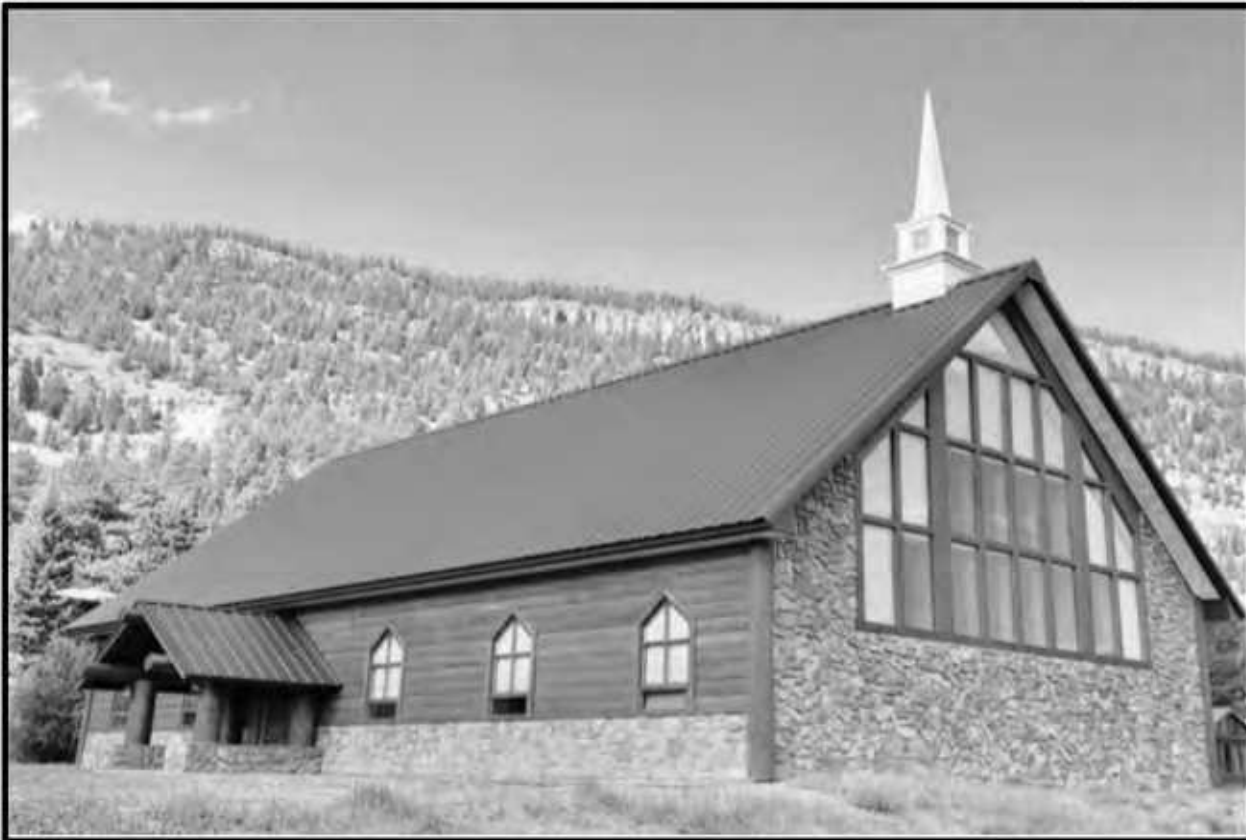


# Calvary Bible Chapel of Alamosa

The Calvary Bible Chapel is an independent body of believers founded in 1973 in Mosca, CO, later moving to Alamosa. We now are located in a beautiful hexagonal building at 7160 Brush Lane in East Alamosa. We believe in the Holy Spirit inspired Word of God. We believe in the virgin birth of our Jesus; the death, burial and bodily resurrection of Him, the Messiah, beholding the Lord Jesus Christ as fully God and fully man. Since every human is fallen, sinful and lost, the gift of salvation is offered, by faith in the person, Jesus Christ, as our only hope of the future in a literal heaven, possessing eternal life. We practice immersion baptism as an outward sign of an inward change. And our earthly mission is given in Mark 16:15..."Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."

***"You will find Calvary Bible Chapel to be a very warm, welcoming and supportive Church body. Won't you join us this Sunday morning?"***

# SAN JUAN MOUNTAIN CHURCH



In the community of Horca is the non-denominational San Juan Mountain Church. Here we invite you to join us as we worship our God in the middle of His wonderful creation. Whether you are from the area or just passing through please know that our doors are always open! No matter where you are in life, we invite you to come and see the awesome things that God is doing in the Conejos Canyon and beyond!

In Christ  
Pastor Blane Trant

## JOIN US!

Sunday Mornings @ 10:00 am

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Horca (Antonito) CO, 81120

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[sanjuanmountainchurch.org](http://sanjuanmountainchurch.org)

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# SACRED HEART CHURCH

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Sacred Heart Parish is a family blessed by God with His different faces expressed in our diverse cultures. We respond to give of our time, talents and treasures in return for blessings received from God. We continue to celebrate these blessings through our liturgy, social activities, faith formation and the response to our brothers and sisters in need.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am—4:00 pm. Closed Saturday & Sunday

**Daily Mass Schedule:** Church —Tuesday, 5:15 pm, Wednesday, 12:00 pm, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am

**Weekend Mass Schedule:** Church—Saturday, 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm (Spanish), Sunday, 8:00 am and 10:30 am

**Confession (Reconciliation):** Saturday 2:30 pm—3:45 pm or by appointment

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday, 12:30 pm—9:00 pm

**Masses @ 10:30am Live Streamed at [www.sacredheartalamosa.org](http://www.sacredheartalamosa.org)**

**Find recorded Liturgies on Youtube and Facebook @Sacred Heart Alamosa**

# South Fork Church of Christ

Exciting things are happening at South Fork Church of Christ. You will find a close-knit family of faith here where you can grow spiritually, and find a place to serve as a blessing to the community. We have many young families that are active in our church and their children attend our Home School Co-op every Friday during the school year. We have hikes every Thursday during warm months and family's ski trip during winter months. Our Bible Classes are every Sunday at 9:00 am and Worship is at 10:00 am. There is a monthly pot-luck at the church.

Summer is full of visitors, Thursday night home to home Bible studies VBS, survival class, etc.

***Most importantly is we strive to have an intimate love relationship with Jesus. We pray our church is a temporary tool established by Christ to teach the world about God and His infinite love.***



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The great thing about this whole arrangement is that you don't have to be perfect to participate! New Hope Church is a group of imperfect people loving our perfect God. We realize, living in this world, there are temptations of every kind surrounding us, and that sadly, too often we give in. This is why Jesus Christ gave His life, His blood, for us over 2000 years ago. He knew we needed to be saved from ourselves. He loves us so much.

We believe the Bible is the complete true and living word of God. This is what you will hear in the Sunday School Classes for children, youth and adults, the nursery, in Children's Church, and in relevant sermons, as well as in the various mid-week studies of the Bible, even in the music. Seeking to honor and please our Creator is our focus. We know that this current generation coming behind us faces tough decisions almost every day, and we are eager to compassionately help them navigate through, using the strength God offers His children.

Come worship with us! We only have one expectation of people when they come through our doors:

## Come as you are.

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Pastor, New Hope Church



Friday Night Open Gym for Families



Pickle Ball in the New Gym



Summer ATV Rides



### Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages  
10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery Provided)  
Kids dismissed after music for Children's Church  
Sundays Live in our FB Group  
New Hope Church, South Fork

#### Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

#### Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Soup  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study  
Followed by pickle ball in the gym

#### Last Saturday of the Month

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

#### Family Fun Nights

Check Website Calendar for Schedule



Youth Pastor Parsonage



Cookouts During Summer Months

*"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" John 10:10*

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Check our Website for Calendar of Events, Statement of Faith, or Listen to Available Sermons

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## The church on the hill



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*(Matthew 28:16-20; Matthew 22:37-40)*

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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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#### Weekend Mass Schedule

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425 Batterson St Monte Vista

**Holy Family – South Fork**

0204 Church Street South Fork

**Immaculate Conception – Creede**

104 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Creede

Mass Times: Sat, 5:00 pm

Sun, 10:00 am

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Saturday, 4:00 pm

Holy Name of Mary – Del Norte is currently closed until repairs to the church are completed.

Mailing Address: PO Box 590 Monte Vista, CO 81144

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