

**41st Annual**  
**Agriculture Conference**  
**Education Program & Trade Show**  
*Surviving and Thriving - A Conference on Resilience and Sustainability*  
**Outcall Conference and Event Center at SLV Ski Hi Complex Monte Vista February 7-9, 2023**

**Register online at [www.agconferencesrm.com](http://www.agconferencesrm.com)**

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**  
 Please bring your own lunch. The conference is a 3-day event. The fee includes a room and breakfast. The fee does not include transportation. Please make your reservations as early as possible. Thank you!

Single, Feb. 7-9	Single, Feb. 10-12
Double, Feb. 7-9	Double, Feb. 10-12
Single, Feb. 13-15	Single, Feb. 16-18
Double, Feb. 13-15	Double, Feb. 16-18

**Register online at [www.agconferencesrm.com](http://www.agconferencesrm.com)**

**Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference**  
**Monte Vista, Colorado**  
 Valley Publishing (719) 852-3531 • 835 First Ave. • Monte Vista, Colo.

# CENTER POST-DISPATCH

Volume 122, Number 4 Thursday, January 26, 2023 75¢

## CDA hires Saguache County's Whitten as Regional Assistant Commissioner

*New positions to help strengthen relationships with rural communities*

County's George Whitten and Routt County's Jo Stanko as Regional Assistant Commissioners of Agriculture. In their new positions, they will serve as liaisons between CDA, their communities, and agricultural communities across the state.

farmers and ranchers to be part of the CDA team. These new team members will further the Department's efforts in cultivating relationships with local agricultural communities by sharing the Department's priorities and available resources, helping guide CDA's work to advance and support agriculture based on direct community input, and by creating a direct connection between rural communities and CDA.

"Agriculture, at its core, is about bringing people together to share our food and culture. Both Jo and George are respected community leaders who care deeply about preserving Colorado's agricultural heritages while working proactively for the future," said Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture Kate Greenberg. "As the first two Regional Assistant Commissioners of Agriculture, they will help us better serve our rural communities." *Please see CDA on Page 7A*

**CONTRIBUTED**  
**BROOMFIELD** — The Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) is announcing the hiring of Saguache

In late 2022, Commissioner of Agriculture Kate Greenberg created these new, part-time, remote positions to make it more feasible for working

**41st Annual Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference Education Program & Trade Show Inside this week's Center Post-Dispatch**

### Shorts

#### CAC opens call for entry for 2023 Willow Creek Journal

**CREEDE** — The Creede Arts Council announced that the call for entry for the 2023 Willow Creek Journal is officially open. The Willow Creek Journal is a community-centered annual anthology.

"Through the journal, we celebrate and nurture the creativity of artists of all ages," CAC officials stated.

The Willow Creek Journal features poetry, prose, photographs, and artwork. The 2023 call for entry is online at <https://creedeartscouncil.com/willow-creek-journal> with details and requirements for submission. The deadline to submit work is Feb. 28.

For more information, email [creedearts@outlook.com](mailto:creedearts@outlook.com) or call 719-658-0312.

#### Informational meeting for veterans is Jan. 28

**FORT GARLAND** — Vietnam Veterans of America, a nonprofit, invites all veterans and their families to an informational meeting at noon on Jan. 28 at the Ft. Garland Community Center.

The group wants to help veterans and their families understand veterans' benefits and how they can receive them.

Organizers ask that people RSVP for the meeting by calling 719-588-2536. Refreshments will be provided at the meeting.

#### SF's Moyer named to ISU fall 2022 Dean's List

**AMES, IOWA** — Evelyn L. Moyer of South Fork was one of more than 10,200 Iowa State University students recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2022 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work. Moyer is a fourth-year student majoring in Aerospace Engineering.



Photo by Patrick Shea

**During its meeting on Jan. 24, Center Town Board trustees approved a resolution to pursue a Transformational Affordable Housing Grant.**

## Center pursues housing funds

**By PATRICK SHEA**  
**CENTER** — In pursuit of grant money for affordable housing in Center, the Town Board of Trustees passed a resolution granting Town Manager Brian Lujan the authority to administer the funding process.

the plumbing, electricity, and roads positioned for housing. Although the North 90 may become a mix of residential and commercial space, the Transformational Affordable Housing Grant is for housing-related funding exclusively.

Policy for the board's approval. This policy defines timeframes for different kinds of assets to depreciate. Each asset is worth more than \$5,000 and serves the Town of Center for more than a year. Buildings are expected to last between 5 and 60 years, as is the utility plant. Infrastructure depreciation is factored over a decade. Equipment and vehicles should last between 5 and 10 years.

The Division of Housing within the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) offers the Transformational Affordable Housing Grant. Requests for money throughout Colorado already exceed the available pool of funds. Working with Public Works Director Dave Mehaffie, Lujan now has until midnight on Jan. 31 to submit the grant proposal to install horizontal infrastructure for housing on the North 90 development.

The board also approved a proposal from Roscoe Engineering to include it in the grant submission. The proposal addressed the scope of work, a preliminary road and utility plan, and coordinating meetings and budgets. The plans and drawings from Roscoe Engineering will improve the chances of receiving the grant.

Lujan alerted trustees to a public meeting with MASS Design on Feb. 7 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Presenting via ZOOM, the MASS Design group will go over their report from meetings with Center residents, officials, and business owners at

Horizontal infrastructure refers to

To meet requirements for future development, Lujan also presented a Fixed Asset and Capitalization

*Please see FUNDS on Page 7A*

## Most Rio Frio Ice Fest events still a go



**By KEITH R. CERNY**  
**ALAMOSA** — So far, only the route for the 5k walk/run is the only event being largely affected by unstable winter temperatures as the 14th annual Rio Frio Ice Fest returns this weekend. More than 180 participants had preregistered for the race and over 200 are expected.

Organizers said the show will go on with a different race route that may include running on the Blanca Vista Pond just north of town if ice conditions allow.

With warmer daytime temperatures, the Rio Grande has a lot of open water and will not be suitable for the unique 5k race on a frozen surface.

Those conditions should not impact a couple of Sunday activities, the popular polar plunge, ice carousel and ice skating on the pond, as those events are scheduled to begin at noon. Dalton Carleo with Alamosa Parks and Recreation said the pond ice on the west side should allow those events to continue.

**Alamosa City Attorney Erich Schwiesow is shown participating in the polar plunge in a previous Rio Frio Ice Festival.**

Organized by the City of Alamosa Parks and Recreation, Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce and "Visit Alamosa," the Ice Fest committee chose "The 90s" theme to give the festival a whole new theme and look. Several

Photo courtesy of City of Alamosa

*Please see FRIO on Page 7A*

**Del Norte Bank's Mobile Deposit Capture**

719-657-4558  
 705 Grand Ave.  
 Del Norte

**DEL NORTE BANK**  
 THIS IS LOCAL BANKING

719-658-0126  
 117 N. Main St.  
 Creede

**Member FDIC**  
 EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

[www.TrueLocalBank.com](http://www.TrueLocalBank.com)

# OBITUARIES

## David Carl Schueler



David Carl Schueler, born July 2, 1964, was a husband, a brother, and a friend; a man who exuded compassion and treated each person he met with respect, in his personal life and professionally. Born in Hereford, Texas, and raised in Colorado's San Luis Valley with a family of seven brothers and sisters, Dave was known for his humor, a smile that could light up a room, and an exceptional sense of kindness. He had the sort of kindly manner that offered comfort and reassurance to those who had the good fortune to cross his path.

After a two-year battle with prostate cancer, Dave passed away peacefully on Jan. 1, 2023, at age 58, in the company of Lynn Schueler, his loving wife and partner in life of 34 years. In addition to Lynn, Dave is survived by his siblings: Daniel, Darrel, Deanne, Doris, Darlene, Denise, and Doug, as well as his many nieces and nephews, many of whom he bonded with in life over everything from books, baseball, "Doctor Who," writing, board and computer games, and other mutual hobbies.

Growing up on a farm in rural Colorado, Dave had big dreams as a young man for how he wanted to live his life and ventured forward with a sense of adventure, balanced by an unmistakable level of practicality and intelligence that earned him respect throughout his lifetime. After graduating from Centauri High School in 1982, Dave entered the Navy, and was subsequently assigned to the pre-commissioning crew

for the submarine USS Nevada (SSBN-733) in Groton, Conn. As a plankowner, he served as a crew member for sea trials, commissioning, and transit through the Panama Canal to Bangor naval base in Washington state, the boat's eventual homeport. Dave remained on the Nevada for several patrols and rose to the rank of First-Class Petty Officer.

He grew fond of the Pacific Northwest, and as a lover of science began volunteering at the Pacific Science Center in Seattle. It was in the science center's volunteer lounge that he met his future wife, then known as Lynn Asbury. They married in May 1989 and made their home in Seattle. Dave left the Navy and pursued a successful career in technical writing, producing instructional and technical written materials for various companies, lastly with Axon Enterprise, a manufacturer of public safety hardware and software.

In his personal time, Dave managed several blogs and maintained a newsletter for the U.S. Submarine Veterans Seattle Base, which enabled him to remain in contact with local veterans beyond his years of service. A man of many talents and interests, Dave was passionate about history, especially military history. He published two board games that were inspired by his service as a submariner and created other rules for historical miniature gaming. Every year he hosted DANG (Dave's Annual Naval Game) at his home, which became a beloved tradition that spanned 20 years. He

was well known by other naval enthusiasts around the world, with whom he interacted through his blog, Naval Gazing, and in several online groups. Among his friends, Dave was respected for his creativity and for the pleasure of his company.

Dave was a man of many passions and had a sharp intelligence and an unmistakable warmth that endeared him to most everyone he interacted with. He was a problem solver, a man of patience, empathy, and humility, who uplifted and encouraged others. He was loved to an extent that words cannot fully express. He will not be forgotten.

A celebration of Dave's life is planned for a future date, where family and those who knew Dave in life will be welcome to attend. Donations in Dave's honor may be made to the Fisher House Foundation, a charity that builds comfort homes and houses service members and veterans' families free of charge while a loved one is in hospital care. (Fisherhouse.org in memory of David Schueler)

## Clifford Andrew Pearcy



clinical hours required to become a nurse practitioner in Columbus, Ohio.

Prior to returning to school, he worked for several years as an RN at the Ohio State Psychiatric Hospital, and other mental health facilities, where he truly loved his work treating and helping the mentally ill.

We will forever miss Cliff's devotion to his work, family, friends, and his incredibly funny sense of humor.

He is survived by his parents William Pearcy of Loganville, Ga., and Janet Pearcy of Columbus, Ohio, his sisters, Judy (Kevin) Kane of Laveen, Ariz., and Susie (Ray) Smith of Newport Beach, Calif., his uncle, Dennis Eastman of Buffalo, Wyo., his nephews, Christopher Kane and Kyle Kane, both of Chandler, Ariz., and Ryan

Smith, a student at the University of Arizona in Tucson, and his great-niece, Marceline Kane of Chandler, Ariz.

An online memorial was held for Cliff on Jan. 13, 2023, by his family and friends. His ashes will be scattered, at a later date, in the Colorado mountains at the same spot the ashes of his grandparents, Earl and Florence Pearcy, were scattered.

## OBITUARY POLICY

Valley Publishing charges a flat fee of \$75 for each obituary published. Pending arrangements or death notices run for no charge.

This charge affects funeral homes, as well as family or other representatives, that directly place obituaries. All paid obituaries will continue to be published on our website(s) for no additional fee.

In the event the newspaper errors in publishing an obit, corrections will be made and the obit will be rerun. If the errors are on the part of the submitting party, an additional fee will be assessed. Obituaries can be emailed to: [bwilliams@valleypublishinginc.com](mailto:bwilliams@valleypublishinginc.com) or call 719-852-3531 for more information.

## Mary Ann Wright



Mary Ann Wright, age 88, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022.

Mary Ann was born April 16, 1934 in Denver, Colo., to Emil and Ann Ress. She grew up in Denver and met her husband of 43 years Robert E. Wright (Bob) at a school dance her senior year. Bob was stationed with the Air Force in the Denver area at that time. She and Bob married on Jan. 25, 1952.

After Bob was discharged, they decided to move to the San Luis Valley to farm with Bob's parents, Lyman and Edith Wright in the Sargent community and did so for 40 years. They had two daughters, Linda Reid (Gary) and Margaret (Peggy) Oase (Roger).

After Bob's death, she later married Lewellyn Muhovich and they enjoyed 10 years of traveling and going to Bronco football games.

Throughout her life Mary Ann loved her family and community with all her heart. She touched so many lives through her love and generosity.

She was a brilliant bridge player, made many friends at the bridge table, and even taught bridge to some of those friends. She was a member of the Sargent Community Church and Monte Vista chapter of Eastern Star. She was a member of the SLV Regional Health Foundation Board for 10 years.

She was also on the Board of the SLV Cancer Relief Fund for many years.

Mary Ann is survived by her children, Peggy and Linda, her grandchildren; Emily Wood (Carolina), Bradley Wood (Jessy), Jordan Wood (Priscilla), Traci Riffle (Joey), David Reid (Cindy), Brian Oase (Kristen), Kristin Palomares (Abraham). Mary Ann is survived by her great-grandchildren, Eliana Wood, Lorelei, Lincoln, Levi and Lillian Wood, Bee Ray, Levi and Luke Riffle, Justin, Jared and Jamie Reid and Savannah Palomares. She is also survived by her niece and nephew Kathy Metz (Jere) and Kenneth Wright (Joyce). Mary Ann is survived by Lewellyn's children Beth Bartell (Kim), Jon Muhovich (Bobbi), David Muhovich (Nan), Ellen Jones (Jay), Julie Muhovich and Ned Muhovich (Kerry) and eleven grandchildren, Sarah, Kate,

Scott, Tony, Tim, Anna, Isaac, Grant, Leah, Mark and Stix and a large extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husbands Bob and Lew.

Mary Ann will be deeply missed by her many friends, neighbors and large extended family.

Donations may be sent to either/or: SLV Cancer Relief Fund P.O. Box 1297 Alamosa, Co 81101 [www.slvcrf.org](http://www.slvcrf.org)

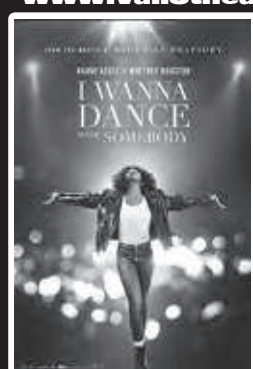
Adams State University Foundation - Robert E. Wright Scholarship Adams State University 208 Edgemont Blvd. Alamosa, CO 81101 [www.adams.edu/foundation/online-donation/](http://www.adams.edu/foundation/online-donation/)

Services will be at the Sargent Church, Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at 1 p.m. For further information, please contact Rogers Family Mortuary at 719-852-3400 or [www.rogersfunerals.com](http://www.rogersfunerals.com).

 Find us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ValleyPublishing>

**VALI3Theater**  
719-628-2015  
139 Adams • Monte Vista  
[www.vali3theater.org](http://www.vali3theater.org)

 **Jan. 27-29**  
Fri. & Sat. 7 p.m.  
Sunday 5 p.m.  
PG-13

Kids (6-16) \$4 • Adults \$6 • Seniors (65+) \$5

 **San Luis Valley Federal Bank**  
COMMITTED TO YOUR SUCCESS

Spend more time together.  
Open your account online today!

START TODAY  
[www.slvfed.bank](http://www.slvfed.bank)



  **FDIC**

# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Amarillo by morning, noon or night

Miss Trixie and I had a little adventure this past week as we had to go to Amarillo, Texas, due to a family illness. Her father, who goes by the name Shot, had to have open heart surgery while passing through the Texas panhandle and made a detour into no man's land to get it.

Much like the Beverly Hillbillies we loaded up the truck and while not quite heading to Beverly, it sure felt like it to Ol' Dutch. And so began four long days of me being cooped up in a hotel in the middle of nowhere.

It did not take me long to find out that I had made two trips at once to Amarillo: my first and my last.

I swore off ever returning there again in this lifetime, at least. It was so bad that Ol' Dutch began repenting of every sin I could think of as I don't want to spend eternity

in Hell, nor in Amarillo, which may be worse.

On the way there, Miss Trixie, ever her mother's child, found some less expensive motels online and while Ol' Dutch is normally as tight as bark on a tree, I knew this sojourn was going to be for the duration and opted for something nicer.

So, I settled in with the computer on my lap and phone at hand to while away the hours. Miss Trixie came and went from the hotel like a Texas Tornado only stopping to see Ol' Dutch for meals and bed rests of relative short duration.

Now I don't know if you have ever been to the Panhandle but suffice to say that the wind never stops blowing. It's nothing to have 30 mph straight winds and gusts over 50 which the locals cheerily call a tad breezy.

Miss Trixie's dad came through

the heart surgery just fine but it's going to be a long-drawn-out process before he finds any sort of normalcy in his life. Slicing a person from stem to stern is traumatic and that is exactly what they do when they operate on your heart.

I often have thought that I should have been a surgeon as I am pretty dextrous when it comes to fine motor skills. And past experience has shown that Ol' Dutch is pretty darned good at taking apart animals of every shape and size. So, I know I have that part down pat. It's putting it all back together that has always stymied me, but I can just get an assistant for that part of the operation anyway.

At the end of our trip, Ol' Dutch suddenly began to feel under the weather and before I knew it, I was sick as a dog with a sinus headache and aching back. I sounded the alarm

with deep, heartfelt moans so Miss Trixie would know. And that goes to show you that no good deed goes unpunished as I had gone with Miss Trixie to be with her dad out of the goodness of my heart. Man was that ever a costly good deed.

And so, I remain under the weather so to speak although I feel like I am under a huge rock. I just feel horrible. And as luck would have it, I had to spend the afternoon elbow deep in sewage as our black tank lines are plugged up tighter than a preacher who drank the communion wine for breakfast.

Ol' Dutch will get it fixed sooner or later but wading through that nasty mess is about more than I can stand. I have often been accused of being full of that kind of thing by many a person, but rest assured, if I am not full of it at least it covers me from head to toe.



**Trout Republic**  
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

*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.*

### LETTERS

## Lots vs. voters in Baca Grande POA

Editor,  
We belong to the POA, the People-Owners Association.

The people are owned by the lots. The mission of the People-Owners Association is to protect the value of the lots.

The Budget: the POA collects dues from each lot, \$640 this year, \$493 last year. The POA does some nice things with their budget to keep the people happy: grading and plowing roads, maintaining the green spaces that residents love. People are given to believe that the roads and green spaces would not be maintained without the benevolence of the POA. That the state or a municipality could not do something worth investigating. POA also does some not-so-nice things with the funds: using dues to pay mercenaries to go after lot occupants not adhering to the byelaws.

The POA is governed by a set of byelaws handed down from ancestral occupants of the Baca Grande lands. "Byelaws" meaning "Goodbye to your votes." There are lots of lots in the POA and not so many people —

3,500 lots and 1,100 registered voters.

Each lot has one vote according to the POA Byelaws. The POA pretends that people get to vote. For example, the POA hands down a budget and lots (not exactly people) can vote yes or no on the budget. Not every lot votes. Some lots allow their votes to be cast by proxy. How many proxy votes are there? Who decides how the votes are cast? A secret. The fun never ends! Not surprisingly, the budget passes.

Last year, some visionaries among the people looked back at the Colorado Constitution and realized that in other places people rather than lots could vote. The people petitioned to create another type of voting system whereby each resident, each registered voter, would be able to vote on how their money was being spent. The POA hired a vote buster to take care of this attempt at democracy. Thus far, this vote buster has been paid \$16,287 and there is potentially more to be paid. Meanwhile the people have spent \$3,175 for legal advice to counter the vote buster.

Each year the POA budgets \$200,000 in legal fees to keep the land occupants in line with the byelaws.

According to a Rocky Mountain PBS report: "Court records show 65 cases involving the POA filed in ... courts since 2016. The [POA] said it was a defendant in eight of those cases.... Most of the remaining cases were filed by the [POA] against property owners who the POA said did not comply with the community's [Byelaws], or who the POA said were delinquent in paying their [dues]."

Byelaws: The POA is governed by a Board of Directors and employees. These are people too and many are owned by lots but their actions are directed by the byelaws. To change the byelaws to allow a more democratic governing structure requires a majority of votes, but the votes come from lots, not people, which makes it impossible. Thus, the POA becomes a zombie organization that plods on under the spell of those ancient byelaws.

*Robert P. Donaldson  
Baca Grande*

## Rominger Airport is a vital economic engine for community

Editor,

Last week's newspapers had a great article about the Rio Grande County Board of County Commissioners airport update. Thank you, Lyndsie Ferrell!

In that article, Commissioner (now former) John Noffsfer expressed some concerns about new hangar development at the Astronaut Kent Rominger Airport.

Quote, "I fear we may be depleting resources for the local interest. We are changing the demographic of the local Airport. The emphasis changes for the community and you become a haven for out-of-area people to store their airplanes".

I would like to point out to Mr. Noffsfer that 16 of the 34 existing hangars at the Airport are owned by "out-of-area" persons or entities. That would include the Airport's namesake, Astronaut Kent Rominger.

I am not sure why he has expressed that we are "changing the demographic" when the County has been doing this for over 20 years.

I will once again remind Mr. Noffsfer, as I have in numerous Airport Advisory Board meetings, that each and every hangar owner at the Airport also owns property (and some, businesses) in Rio Grande County. That applies to existing and new hangars under construction.

All hangars at the Airport occupy lots leased to the owners by the County. The expense of building and maintaining the hangar, and lot, is up

to the Lessee.

These lots are not large. They are measured, and charged, by the square foot.

Every hangar owner pays a yearly lease fee that goes to the Airport Fund.

More importantly, the hangar owners also pay property tax on those buildings. This tax is quite substantial, being charged at the County Commercial tax rate.

Where do the Property taxes go? To the Community: Upper Rio Grande School District, Public Welfare, Public Health, Del Norte Fire District, County Library, Weed and Pest District, SLV Water Conservation District, Rio Grande Water Conservation District. Finally, RGC General Fund and Road and Bridge.

I have separated those last two tax contributions to emphasize that the General Fund money is not returned to the Airport Fund. It is used for other County purposes.

Road and Bridge is a recipient of Airport Property taxes even though they provide no services at the Airport.

Finally, I would like to remind Mr. Noffsfer that all of the new hangars being constructed are utilizing local Contractors and Suppliers bringing a big boost to the local economy.

Not only is the Astronaut Kent Rominger Airport a vital emergency transportation hub, it is a vital economic engine for the surrounding community.

*Tom Haefeli  
Del Norte*

## Searching for a 1936 Mineral County license plate

Editor,

I've been trying for about 6 years to find a 1936 Colorado license plate from every county in the state. To date, I've found all but two, and one of the two I'm missing is from Mineral County. 1936 is my last surviving grandparent's birth year, so I thought this would be

an interesting project — seeing what plates looked like on the road when she was a kid. I wanted to write here to ask the community for help in locating a 1936 Colorado plate from Mineral County. It would start with 62 and have white lettering with a dark blue background. Any condition is okay

even if it's completely rusted. I'll pay anyone who can help me locate such an example, or I can even trade other license plates out of my own personal collection. I can be reached by email colin@colinmcgregor.net.

*Colin McGregor  
Lake City*



THE CENTER POST-DISPATCH (USPS 775-900) Published weekly (every Thursday) by Valley Publishing. (719) 852-3531 at 835 First Ave., Monte Vista, Colorado 81144-1423. Official newspaper of the Town of Center, and a legal newspaper in Saguache County.  
Box 607, Monte Vista, Colo. 81144  
Main office, Want ads and Subscriptions: (719) 852-3531  
Periodical postage paid at Monte Vista, Colo., 81144  
POSTMASTER: Send change of address to P.O. Box 607, Monte Vista, Colo. 81144  
Subscriptions: \$45 one year in the San Luis Valley; \$40 one year seniors (65 and older) in the San Luis Valley; and \$55 one year out of the San Luis Valley. (719) 852-3531  
News Media Corporation website: http://www.newsmediacorporation.com

- Brian Williams..... GM/Editor
- Marie Mccolm .....Monte Vista Journal Reporter
- Patrick Shea .....Center Reporter
- Lyndsie Ferrell ..... South Fork/Creede Reporter
- Diane Drekmann.....Conejos/Costilla Reporter
- Sandra Marquez ..... Advertising Sales Associate
- Shasta Quintana ..... Circulation
- Ellie Bone .....Composition
- Vernon Trujillo ..... Production Foreman

[www.centerpostdispatch.com](http://www.centerpostdispatch.com)

# US Highway 285 road cut questions answered

By Patrick Shea

**SAGUACHE** — Just south of Saguache on US Highway 285 where the foothills level out, a string of road cuts puzzle motorists unfamiliar with the highway's history. Why not go around onto the flat ground instead?

Before 1930, US 285 skirted the hills. South of Saguache, the highway ran east of the current route. Federal Aid Project 68-B funded the first cuts in 1931, but this left two rolling hills. In 1954, Federal Aid Project F025-1(8) flattened the rollercoaster to a consistent elevation of roughly 7,700 feet. This improved safety and made a straight shot to the junction of US 285 and Colorado Highway 114 without going through the streets of Saguache.

However, the cuts still obscure visibility and have been the site of accidents, including one fatal collision with a motorcyclist in the summer of 2022. Wildlife accounts for another number of collisions. The hay barns and fields on the east side of the road attract deer and antelope that descend and cross between the cuts, often when visibility is compromised.

Safety and efficiency ultimately drove

the road cut projects, but speculation about the reasoning echoes from locals and passersby. Wouldn't it be easier to just go around the hills?

Like many communities in Colorado, a straight road on the outskirts of town often earns the name "Gunbarrel." Other than a bend near the Korean War Memorial and Saguache County Road T, US 285 runs straight to Saguache from the Gunbarrel Station outside of Center. Some residents cite the gunbarrel theory for making the road cuts.

Others guessed private property issues forced the route around the fields south of Saguache.

Anecdotally, other people thought the cuts helped with flood mitigation during times when the blue waters of Saguache breached the surface.

Perhaps snow management drove the decision to level the road. Did motorists get stuck on the hills?

Questions will likely continue for people driving through the cuts for the first time. But one criticism can be dismissed. The path through solid rock was not the original design. The current route has its own safety issues, but it resolved other dangers.



The road cuts on US Highway 285 south of Saguache puzzle motorists who look east at the flat terrain where no cutting is required.

Photo by Patrick Shea



## People enjoy Winter Barn Dance and Social Series

CONTRIBUTED

The Winter Barn Dance and Social Series has been "a hog-killin' time" for those who love to dance, or just want to get out of the house and have something fun to do during the winter months.

San Luis Valley residents Eric and Amy Dean began hosting the dance events this year, which began in Saguache and then moved to other public community buildings throughout the Valley, to try to make it as easy as possible for Valley residents to be able to attend.

As Amy put it, "The Valley is a big place, and winter driving can sometimes be a challenge."

Amy thought of the idea during

the winter of 2021, after businesses were beginning to reopen and people were tired of feeling "couped up" and wanted something fun to do.

She said, "she wanted to do something that was positive, created a good and clean family atmosphere, and would allow the community to come together."

Amy admits Eric kind of got roped into it, but together they made the idea a reality and it has been well received by all who have attended.

The couple plays dance music through their sound system, and rooms are decorated in a "barn dance" theme with lots of twinkling lights. Fresh popcorn, water and coffee is available at no charge,

and additional refreshments are available. Names are drawn from a hat throughout the evening for door prizes.

The next dance will be on Feb. 24 at the High Valley Community Center in Del Norte. All dances take place on a Friday night and run from 7 to 10 p.m. The final event of the series will be in March, and as Amy put it "will go out with a bang! It will be extra special, so watch for details!"

Eric and Amy would like to give a great big "thank you, part'ners!" to all who have supported them and their dances this year and are looking forward to another fun season next year.

## Sierra Grande School seeking public input on future

**FORT GARLAND** — Sierra Grande School in Fort Garland is having a meet-and-greet at 6 p.m. on Jan. 25. The school is providing dinner for the community, an opportunity to meet the new superintendent, Kevin Jones, and find out about what is happening in the school district.

Sierra Grande would like to get input from the public what they want to see happen in Sierra Grande school district.

Dinner will be served from 6 to 6:45 p.m. At 7 p.m., there will be a listening session and the community can give their opinions and input.

## San Luis Valley Scoreboard Basketball 2022-2023

### GIRLS

Creede 34	Cripple Creek-Victor 14
Centennial 53	Lake City 16
Moffat 39	Antonito 34
Sargent 43	La Veta 20
Sangre de Cristo 70	Moffat 21
Questa NM 52	Centennial 36
Del Norte 48	South Park 11
Sanford 46	Monte Vista 42
Crested Butte 25	Center 24
Sargent 39	Trinidad 26
Centauri 51	Alamosa 37

### BOYS

Byers 60	Centennial 52
Creede 59	Cripple Creek-Victor 36
Moffat 71	Antonito 43
La Veta 43	Sargent 33
Centennial 50	Denver Waldorf 34
Sangre de Cristo 51	Moffat 30
Sangre de Cristo 56	Primero 35
Centennial 49	Questa NM 19
Del Norte 49	South Park 27
Sanford 52	Monte Vista 37
Sargent 45	Trinidad 37
Crested Butte 62	Center 58
Alamosa 57	Centauri 52

Thanks to these businesses for supporting SLV sports!

Find us on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/ValleyPublishing>

Stone's Farm Supply, Inc.  
 719-754-3453  
 On the corner of 3rd & Torres • Center

Absolute Shine  
 Auto Body & Paint  
 852-5700  
 859 Acequia Monte Vista

## How to Fulfill God's Purpose for You!

Have you ever been busy all day long but when you got to the end of it, you found you hadn't accomplished anything that you wanted or needed to do? It's so frustrating when this happens.

I'm usually a very goal-oriented person and can stay focused on the things I really want to do. But there was a time recently when I found myself struggling to finish things that I started because I was getting distracted by other things that needed to be accomplished as well. So I ended up with a lot of loose ends, feeling overwhelmed by everything that needed to be done.

I believe this happens to many people because they are letting their circumstances seize them, allowing the many interruptions that come up to take over their day. We need to learn how to live with purpose, investing our time and energy in the plans God is leading us to accomplish.

It's time for us to take our lives back and stop letting everything around us dictate what we are going to do each day!

**Maybe you need to wake up...**  
In Ephesians 5:14-17, the apostle Paul says:

"...Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine (make day dawn) upon you and give you light. Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people), making the very most of the time... because the days are evil. Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is" (AMPC).

Notice that he says "Awake, O sleeper." Sometimes we find ourselves just going through life and we've lost our excitement about God and His purpose for us because we aren't living life on purpose. It's easy to sit around, waiting for something to happen to you, wishing you were happier, more disciplined, in better shape, more successful, and so on. But we don't reach our goals just

by wishing they would be fulfilled. I often say we don't need more "wishbone," we need more backbone!

**Be careful and live carefully**  
The next thing Paul says is "Look carefully then how you walk!" The Greek word for "carefully" here means to walk circumspectly, looking around you all the time as if you were in a very dangerous place. A good word picture for this definition would be a person walking barefoot in a field of thorns. You'd be very careful where you step, constantly watching where you walk.

We need to be aware that we have an enemy who is trying to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). In 1 Peter 5:8 (AMP), the Bible says to "be sober [well balanced and self-disciplined], be alert and cautious at all times. That enemy of yours, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion [fiercely hungry], seeking someone to devour."

Now, the devil can't devour just anyone he wants to. But those who aren't careful about how they live are vulnerable to his attacks. For example, have you been offended recently? If so, that was a thorn. When we encounter thorns, if we are living carefully, we recognize what they are and resist them. So when an offense comes, we immediately decide, "I know what that is," and purposely decide not to step on it. We refuse to take offense and instead, forgive.

The truth is the devil is always trying to steal from us, and he'll take our joy, our peace, our time...anything we're willing to give him. That's why 1 Peter 5:9 says to "resist him, be firm in your faith [against his attack - rooted, established, immovable]..." We accomplish this as we "live purposefully...not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people), making the very most of the time..." (Ephesians 5:15-16).



Don't waste your life!

I love how this scripture says to live like wise, intelligent people, "not as the unwise and witless" who don't know what they are doing. As we take time to study God's Word and learn what His will is, we can make choices that line up with His purpose for our lives.

Make a determined decision to seize each day of your life, focused on the things God puts in your heart to do. Realize that every day that goes by is one you will never get back. Refuse to waste your time living in anger and unforgiveness or settling for a mediocre existence that lacks zeal for the call of God on your life.

Seek God in prayer and through His Word. If you need help getting started, pray something like this: "God, help me to do what You tell me to do in Your Word. Help me to stop walking around like a sleepy Christian and to live carefully. I want to invest my time and all of my resources in Your Kingdom. Help me to seize the day and live for You!"

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-teaching resource *Living on Purpose for a Purpose*. 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).

Joyce Meyer is a New York Times bestselling author and founder of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. She has authored more than 140 books, including BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND and LOVING PEOPLE WHO ARE HARD TO LOVE (FaithWords). She hosts the Enjoying Everyday Life radio and TV programs, which air on hundreds of stations worldwide. For more information, visit [www.joycemeyer.org](http://www.joycemeyer.org).

Please note: The views and opinions expressed throughout this publication and/or website are those of the respective authors and do not necessarily reflect those of Joyce Meyer Ministries.

# Four behavioral health projects serving rural Colorado funded by \$200k in competitive CDA grants

**CONTRIBUTED**  
BROOMFIELD — The Colorado Agricultural Commission has approved funding for four projects through the new Rural Mental Health Grant Program. The Colorado Department of Agriculture will distribute nearly \$200,000 in funding to improve how mental and behavioral health services are delivered across Colorado's rural communities.

"Farm and agricultural stress comes from so many different sources, yet there is a stigma around accessing services. Whether you're dealing with the effects of climate change, anxiety and depression, struggling after deployment, or wrestling with other symptoms, rural communities have unique needs and need more opportunity to access services that can help," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kate Greenberg. "The number of applications the program received shows there is an extreme need across Colorado to support mental and behavioral health services in our rural communities."

The Colorado Department of Agriculture received 55 applications for organizations serving 63 of Colorado's 64 counties, requesting more than \$3.3 million in funding with the average request of approximately \$65,000. The Rural Mental Health Grant Program was funded by a one-time appropriation from the Colorado General Assembly during the 2022 legislative session.

The grants were considered by a review panel, which included a member of the Agricultural Commission and experts in mental and behavioral health services. Review criteria included evidence of funding impact and demonstrated need of target populations. The review panel issued recommendations for funding, which were approved by the Colorado Agricultural Commission.

The four awarded applicants are:  
• Community Health Initiatives will provide resilience and skills training to at-risk communities in Western

Colorado, serving military, first responders, cancer patients, and aging adults and their families. The training teaches families practical skills to help them meet the challenges of military life such as deployments, stress, injury, and other transitions. Total grant amount: \$61,000.

• Loving Beyond Understanding, Inc. will increase availability and quality of care and services for LGBTQ+ community, including trans and nonbinary people, by providing counseling sessions to youth and parents. The project also funds cultural competency training for existing medical professionals and other service providers who interact with LGBTQ+ people in rural communities in Western Colorado. Total grant amount: \$61,000.

• Northwest Colorado Health will increase access to direct and indirect behavioral health services during primary and dental visits, while assuring providers maximize clinic time. Serving Routt and Moffat county, this funding will allow NCH to increase patient care and outreach to rural and agricultural communities. Targeted plans will be developed in collaboration with community partners such as the CSU Extension Office, the Community Agriculture Alliance and local 4-H Clubs. Total grant amount: \$27,500.

• Project Protect Food Systems Workers will distribute care kits and perform mental and behavioral health outreach to agricultural workers across the state. The goal of the project is to increase awareness of services and reduce stigma associated with seeking mental and behavioral health services among their target demographic, which includes low income, Spanish-speakers. Total grant amount: \$50,000.

The four projects will touch 34 rural Colorado counties and provide services to several different at-risk and underserved populations including: agricultural workers, LGBTQIA+ youth and families, veterans and emergency responders, and cancer patients and their families.



Photo by Patrick Shea

Commissioners and other representatives from all six Valley counties selected new leadership during the San Luis Valley County Commissioners Association meeting in Alamosa on Jan. 23.

## APPOINT

Continued from Page 1A

warrants, legal issues surrounding warrants, how to write one, what to include. I'm so pleased to say that every single law enforcement agency had a representative there."

Now with six attorneys on staff, Kelly says they can handle the docket without help from other districts. But her team is not done growing.

Before the meeting, Alamosa County Commissioner Lori Laske distributed letters to commissioners drafted on behalf of Alamosa County. The Notice of Participation letter accompanies the special request Sen. Cleave Simpson arranged with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to consider studying alternatives in the San Luis Valley for updated power transmission lines. The PUC conducts these studies once a decade. Commissioner Laske encouraged other county commissioners to write their own letters or sign on with the Alamosa letter.

If the PUC agrees to consider a

study, another letter from Alamosa County follows up with comments regarding the request. Laske encouraged other counties to amplify the comments. After clearing these first two significant hurdles with the PUC, the counties would likely need to hire an "intervener," a person with the legal expertise required to represent the counties.

Laske noted more depth to the initiative, a three-prong approach. The due date for giving comments to the PUC is Feb. 8. Working with the Colorado Energy Office, they also composed a 22-page concept paper as part of a grant request for federal funding.

The Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Program (GRIP) would significantly reduce the cost to counties for conducting the study and implementation.

The third prong, if the topic gets on the formal PUC docket, entails partnership with the Council of

Governments to add municipalities and increase stakeholder engagement.

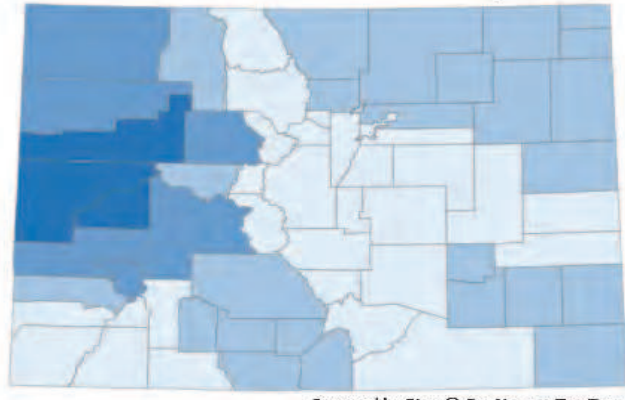
During the Saguache County Commissioners meeting on Jan. 24, Bureau of Land Management Manager Dario Archuleta reiterated possibilities for a Solar Energy Zone (SEZ) east of Saguache. Although it would require an environmental impact study and some preparation, the business case for a company may pose the biggest challenge.

Archuleta thought the Fairplay area might be ready for solar development first because the sunshine coverage is similar to the San Luis Valley, but the transmission lines already carry significant power.

Currently, Wolf Creek Ski Area draws power from solar fields in the Valley, for example. In addition to transmitting more power and providing redundancy, creating a micro-grid while sharing and storing power within the Valley might enhance safety and generate revenue.

### Recommended Project Locations (by county)

Counties covered by Recommended Applications



Powered by Bing © GeoNames, TomTom

# PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

## THE DISH

Let's Dish it Out!  
Looking for a way to make your community a better place? Join The Dish! The Dish is an up and coming community organization focused on event planning and bringing people together through great food. Sign up now and help us build a stronger, more vibrant town. Contact [thedish@gmail.com](mailto:thedish@gmail.com) to get involved today!

## BUY LOCAL &

### Invest in Our Community

Eat, drink and shop with a purpose by supporting the locally owned businesses that bring variety, diversity, jobs and economic prosperity to our neighborhoods!

EST. 2018

### THE FINERY

boutique

Men's & Women's Clothing, Jewelry, Shoes, Accessories and much more! Gifts of all sizes for all occasions!

(719) 852-8849 • 839 First Ave. • Monte Vista  
Winter Hours: Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Shop Online! [www.thefineryboutique.com](http://www.thefineryboutique.com)  
Follow us on social media @bebeautifulmontevista

Free Estimates

### Absolute Shine

Auto Body & Paint

All Insurance Claims Accepted  
Glasurit Waterborne Paint...  
Environmentally Friendly!

852-5700 • 859 Acequia Dr. • Monte Vista

Talk About LOCAL!

### In Print & Online

## THE Monte Vista JOURNAL

Valley Publishing

719-852-3531

Find us on facebook

## RG BANK

901 First Avenue Monte Vista 719-852-5933

3416 Mariposa Street Alamosa 719-589-2536

Equal Housing Lender [www.RGBank.bank](http://www.RGBank.bank) Member FDIC

# El Pomar awards \$145,000 in SLV region

## STAFF REPORT

**COLORADO SPRINGS**—El Pomar Trustees approved \$145,000 allocated to eight nonprofit organizations benefiting the San Luis Valley at the Foundation's December Trustees meeting. Through the Foundation's grant-making process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley, Inc. (Alamosa) — \$18,000 for bathroom and kitchen remodel; regional council

Colorado Professional Golfers Association Foundation, Inc. (Larkspur) — \$12,000 for PGAREACH Colorado Golf in schools; competitive (a portion of this is going to four schools in the SLV)

Grip Tape, Inc. (Alamosa) — \$15,000 in general operating support; competitive High Valley Community Center, Inc. (Del Norte) — \$2,500 for sports programs; Hybl Fund

Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center (Colorado Springs) — \$60,000 in San Luis Valley general operating support; competitive

Rio Grande Child Development Center & Family Services (Del Norte) — \$20,000 for facility renovations; competitive

San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group, Inc. (Alamosa) — \$15,000 for co-pay program; regional council

Woman's Citizenship Club of Alamosa — \$2,500 for "Into Thin Air" monument; competitive

Erin Hannan, vice president of communications at El Pomar said four SLV elementary schools will receive around \$3,000 each for the PGAREACH program; Alamosa, Manassa,

Centennial (San Luis) and Bill Metz (Monte Vista). The purpose is to introduce children to the game of golf and the life skills it teaches.

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

The competitive process remains the Foundation's primary vehicle for organizations to receive funding. Additionally, over the last 85 years, El Pomar has either developed or been entrusted with the stewardship of a number of other funds, as well as presenting merit grants in each region recommended by Trustees and regional council members. Competitive applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

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

The San Luis Valley Regional Council recommends grants in Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache Counties. Council members are regional leaders in the business, nonprofit, and public sectors

and provide first-hand information about current needs in their own communities.

The William J. Hybl Fund supports Olympic, Paralympic and youth sports. Bill Hybl, a lifetime public servant, has long been dedicated to amateur sport.

Currently, chairman of the United States Olympic Endowment, he believes the ideals of excellence, fair play and hard work are important for athletes as well as children.

To view a full listing of El Pomar's funds and grant-making areas, please visit our website at [www.elpomar.org/grant-making/](http://www.elpomar.org/grant-making/).

*El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes approximately \$25 million annually through grants in the areas of arts and culture, civic and community initiatives, education, health and human services, as well as community stewardship and leadership development programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937 with the mission to enhance, encourage and promote the current and future well-being of the people of Colorado.*



## 3 steps to simplify tax prep so you can file on time



The deadline to file tax returns in the U.S. in 2023 is Tuesday, April 18. With that deadline looming, now is a good time to consider these three basic tax preparation tips, courtesy of the Internal Revenue Service.

1. Access your IRS account. Individuals can access or create their IRS account at [irs.gov/account](http://irs.gov/account). That ensures taxpayers have the latest information about their federal tax account and enables them to see information about their most recently filed return. A visit to [irs.gov/account](http://irs.gov/account) also allows individuals to make payments and apply for payment plans, among other options.

2. Organize your tax records. The IRS urges taxpayers to wait to file their returns until they have all of their records, including:

- Forms W-2 from employer(s)
- Forms 1099 from banks, issuing agencies and others payers, including unemployment compensation, dividends, pension, annuity or retirement plan distributions
- Form 1099-K, 1099-MISC, W-2, or other income statement if you worked in the gig economy
- For 1099-INT if you were paid interest
- Other income documents and records of digital asset transactions, including convertible virtual currency and cryptocurrency, stablecoins and non-fungible tokens (NFTs)
- Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement, to reconcile advance payments or claim Premium Tax Credits for 2022 Marketplace coverage
- IRS or other agency letters
- CP01A Notice with your new Identity Protection PIN

3. Check your Individual Tax Identification Number. The IRS notes that an ITIN only requires renewal if it has expired and is needed on a federal tax return. An expired ITIN can delay the processing of a return, which in turn can delay tax credits and refunds.

Taxpayers filing with the help of a licensed tax professional are urged to contact that individual to inquire about any additional information they may need to file a return on time. Make such an inquiry well in advance of the deadline to file so you have sufficient time to gather all of the necessary documentation.

More information about filing taxes is available at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).



**Business Services**

**Bookkeeping**

**Payroll**

**Taxes & Advice**

**AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND**

**Call today to make an appointment!**

**409 Main St.**

**Alamosa**

**Ph. (719) 589-6594**

**Fax (719) 587-0262**

**210 Adams St.**

**Monte Vista**

**Ph. (719) 852-3338**

**Fax (719) 628-2736**

**NORTH AMERICA'S**

# #1 Selling Walk-In Tub

Featuring our *Free Shower Package*



*Now you can finally have all of the soothing benefits of a relaxing warm bath, or enjoy a convenient refreshing shower while seated or standing with Safe Step Walk-In Tub's **FREE Shower Package!***

- ✓ First walk-in tub available with a customizable shower
- ✓ Fixed rainfall shower head is adjustable for your height and pivots to offer a seated shower option
- ✓ High-quality tub complete with a comprehensive lifetime warranty on the entire tub
- ✓ Top-of-the-line installation and service, all included at one low, affordable price

*Now you can have the best of both worlds—there isn't a better, more affordable walk-in tub!*

**15% OFF** with No Payments for 18 Months! plus a Free Shower Package



[www.YourSafeStep.com](http://www.YourSafeStep.com)

## 719-259-4323

FINANCING AVAILABLE WITH APPROVED CREDIT

EASE OF USE CERTIFIED

MADE IN AMERICA

BBS

LIFETIME LIMITED WARRANTY

\*Subject to credit approval, with the purchase of a new Safe Step Walk-In Tub or Shower. Not applicable with any previous walk-in tub or shower purchase. Interest is billed during the promotional period but all interest is waived if the purchase amount is paid before the expiration of the promotional period. There is no minimum assembly payment required during the promotional period. Safe Step Walk-In Tub is neither a broker nor a lender. Financing is provided through third party lenders unaffiliated with Safe Step Walk-In Tub, LLC, under terms and conditions arranged directly between the customer and each lender. All subject to credit requirements and satisfactory completion of finance documents. Any finance terms advertised are estimates only. Offer available in select markets, not available in Canada. Participating dealers only. Other restrictions may apply.



# Dental Insurance

Physicians Mutual Insurance Company

**A less expensive way to help get the dental care you deserve!**

- Get help paying dental bills and keep more money in your pocket
- This is real dental insurance — NOT just a discount plan
- Get affordable coverage before your next checkup

Don't wait!

Call now and we'll rush you a **FREE** Information Kit with all the details.

## 1-833-643-1677

[dental50plus.com/monvis](http://dental50plus.com/monvis)



Insurance Policy P150  
6210 0519

# SAGUACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the period between Jan. 9 and Jan. 21, 2023.

Sheriff staff patrolled Saguache 15 times, monitored eight controlled burns, and helped contend with a fire in Saguache. They issued a speeding ticket (\$235 fine), made five traffic stops, assisted motorists, and handled abandoned vehicles in Crestone and Saguache. Staff also transported inmates to and from El Paso, Douglas, and Rio Grande Counties.

In addition to conducting three welfare checks, they assisted with four ambulance rides and helped a suicidal subject in Crestone. Protection order violations in Center and Moffat also required attention, along with suspicious activity, criminal mischief, and harassment. Officers responded to reports of theft, fraud, and trespassing in Saguache, Villa Grove, and Crestone. They also addressed a juvenile problem in Moffat and an animal problem in Del Norte.

## ARRESTS

• A 31-year-old Saguache man was arrested and held in custody for failure to appear in Saguache and Chaffee County court.

• A 71-year-old Crestone woman was arrested and detained on \$3,000 bond for contempt of court in Clear Creek County

and failure to appear in Saguache and Rio Grande County court.

• A 22-year-old Center man was arrested and held on \$50,000 bail on four counts of sexual child abuse and assault.

• A 32-year-old man was arrested and detained on \$2,000 bail for contempt of court in Chaffee County.

• A 28-year-old Antonito woman was arrested and detained for failing to appear in Saguache County court. Total bail was set at \$2,500.

• A 30-year-old Monte Vista woman was arrested and detained for failing to appear in Jefferson County Court on charges from the Lakewood Police Department. Total bail was set at \$21,000.

• A 31-year-old Alamosa man was arrested and detained for criminal impersonation and three outstanding warrants for Alamosa municipal violations. Total bail was set at \$3,590.

• A 67-year-old man was arrested for failing to appear in Saguache County court for two charges.

• A 36-year-old man was arrested on charges in Chaffee, Saguache, and Fremont Counties (felony theft, identity theft, forgery, criminal impersonation, and failure to appear in court). Total bail was set at \$28,500.

• A 40-year-old woman was charged for failing to appear in Saguache County court and held on \$2,000 bail.

# FRIO Continued from Page 1A

1990s related events are planned as well as ice sculptures depicting that era.

New this year will be an "air band" competition sponsored by the Alamosa Kiwanis Club Saturday afternoon on San Juan Avenue between Main and Fourth, headquarters for many events including the famous "Fire and Ice" bonfire at 7 p.m.

Festivities begin Friday night with race packet pickups at Milagros Coffee House at 6 p.m. and a cross country/luminaria ski event at Blanca Vista Park, again snow conditions permitting.

Race packet pickup continues Saturday from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Alamosa Senior Center in Cole Park, followed by the race start at 10 a.m. on the bordering Rio Grande levy. Race awards will be given at 1 p.m. on San Juan Avenue.

Ice carving demonstrations begin Saturday at noon downtown and the information tent will be manned from 12-3 p.m. at Main and San Juan Avenue. Weather permitting, the SOCO Ice Bowl disc golf tournament, will be from 12-2 p.m. Saturday at the disc golf course north of town.

The new "Rio Frio Flight" will offer drink and snack samples from 3-4 p.m. on San Juan, featuring a drink "luge", carved from a block of ice, and possibly an "ice bar."

Downtown merchants, restaurants and bars are planning to feature 90s music and possibly movies from the era and are encouraging attendees to wear their best 90s attire.

For more details, go to [www.riofrioice.com](http://www.riofrioice.com) or [rioraces.com](http://rioraces.com).

**Saguache County Sales Tax Grants now available!**  
 The Saguache County Board of Commissioners will be taking Grant Applications for Saguache County Sales Tax Grants until 3:00PM, Friday, February 17, 2023. To be eligible grant applications must be for either: Emergency Services/Public Health and Safety; Youth and Senior programs, projects, or organizations; or Renewable Energy projects/Business Opportunities and Job Creation.  
 Grant applications are available on our website at [saguachecounty.colorado.gov](http://saguachecounty.colorado.gov) - use "sales tax grant application form 5" or you can contact the Saguache County Administration office at 719-655-2231 to request a copy of the grant application.  
**No. 1658 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, January 5, 12, 19 and 26 and February 2 and 9, 2023.**

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing at the Saguache County Courthouse located at 501 - 4th Street, Saguache, Colorado, on the following date:  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2023 AT 1:00PM**  
 to consider public comment on possibly adopting a Saguache County Nuisance Ordinance.  
 To view the proposed changes, 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 view the changes on our website at [www.saguachecounty.colorado.gov](http://www.saguachecounty.colorado.gov). Written comments will be accepted until Friday, February 3rd, 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).  
 By: Tom McCracken, Chairman  
 Chairman, Saguache County Board of Commissioners  
**No. 1661 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, January 26 and February 2, 2023.**

**A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
 CENTER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
 \$1-13.5-501, 1-13.5-1102(3), 32-1-905(2), C.R.S.  
 To the electors of the Center Fire Protection District of Saguache, Rio Grande, and Alamosa Counties, Colorado.  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 2nd day of May, 2023, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, two (2) directors will be elected to serve four (4) year terms. Eligible electors of the Center Fire Protection District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):  
 Kimberlee Schuett  
 P. O. Box 845  
 Center, CO 81125  
 The Office of the DEO is open on the following day: Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 360 E. 8th Street, Center Firehouse.  
 Or  
 Request a Self-Nomination form through e-mail: [Centerfire1941@gmail.com](mailto:Centerfire1941@gmail.com)  
 The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on February 24, 2023, 5:00 p.m. including e-mail requests. (not less than 67 days before the election). NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on Tuesday preceding the election, April 25, 2023.  
 CENTER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
 Kimberlee Schuett  
 Designated Election Official  
**No. 1660 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, January 26 and February 2 and 9, 2023.**

# FUNDS Continued from Page 1A

the end of 2022. Lujan said Center students involved in the project will also be part of the presentation, and he hoped to hold the meeting at the Loft next to the liquor store on Worth Street.

# CDA Continued from Page 1A

Commissioners, Jo and George will lead the way to ensuring there is a direct line of communication between CDA and agricultural communities across the state as we face great challenges but also great opportunities to build resilience, drive profitability, and advance stewardship on behalf of Colorado agriculture."

CDA is looking to hire up to four Regional Assistant Commissioners to represent geographic diversity as well as diversity in production type, background, and expertise in a wide range of areas and emerging agricultural issues in Colorado. In the first round, Stanko and Whitten went through a competitive application process and were selected as the finalists for the first two positions. Ms. Stanko, a rancher from Routt County, resides in Northwest Colorado and Whitten, who ranches in Saguache County, resides in the San Luis Valley.

The Department is taking into consideration the makeup of the Agricultural Commission when hiring the Regional Assistant Commissioner positions to gain a greater diversity in representation across the state. CDA will assess the remaining Regional Assistant Commissioner positions with the help of Stanko and Whitten and post for the remaining two positions later this year.

The positions are part time and remote, to allow the Regional Assistant

The Center Police Department tallied proceeds from the charity basketball tournament held to raise funds for a family displaced by a house fire. Aspen Produce donated concession items. Mike and Sharon

Commissioners to continue their work in agriculture and remain in their communities. They will work closely with the Commissioner of Agriculture and CDA's senior team to help develop agricultural policy direction for the Department on a state and national level.

Whitten was born into ranching in Saguache. His Grandfather W.E. Whitten established a sheep, cattle and farming operation in the Northern end of the San Luis Valley in 1893. Whitten has been actively involved in managing this ranching operation since 1973. He is knowledgeable in all phases of sheep and cattle production and specializes in grass finishing techniques, genetics, soil health, organic production and certification, restorative ranching practices and marketing.

For more than three decades, Whitten has been using holistic management principles on his ranch and is an advocate for regenerative soil practices across Colorado. Whitten has served on the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District for more than 25 years. He is also a founding member and current president of Sweet Grass Co-op and together with his wife is a founding mentor of the Quivira Coalition New Agrarian Ranch agriculture apprentice program. He has served one term on the Colorado Agricultural Commission, which expires in February 2023. He

Shreck provided potatoes. K&J Thriftway donated butter and sour cream for baked potatoes. With 14 registered teams and bleachers full of fans, the tournament raised \$1,376.50 in cash.

will resign his post as a member of the Agricultural Commission and begin as Regional Assistant Commissioner, effective Feb. 6.

Stanko was born and raised in Colorado and married into a ranching family in 1966. She was a teacher for most of her career, learning about ranching and agriculture along the way. Upon her retirement from teaching, she used her skills to advocate for agriculture at local, state, and national levels.

Stanko has held positions on the Cattlemen's Beef Board, the Colorado Agricultural Commission, and was the Chairperson of the state committee for the Farm Services Agency. She is also an active member in many other local, state, and national organizations. Her ranch near Steamboat Springs was started by her husband's grandfather in 1907, with the fourth generation now taking the lead on running the cattle operation.

Dawcom, LLC is proposing to construct a 120-foot (overall height) Monopole Communications Tower in the vicinity of 59840 County Road T, Moffat, Saguache County, Colorado 81143 (lat/long: 37° 59' 29.99" N, 105° 54' 30.77" W). Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Emily Trimpe, 4685 South Ash Avenue, Suite H-4, Temple, Arizona 85282, 602.239.4886, [Emily.Trimpe@terracon.com](mailto:Emily.Trimpe@terracon.com).  
**No. 1659 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, January 26, 2023.**



## FREEDOM. TO BE YOU.

If you think oxygen therapy means slowing down, it's time for a welcome breath of fresh air.

Introducing the Inogen One family of portable oxygen systems. With no need for bulky tanks, each concentrator is designed to keep you active via Inogen's Intelligent Delivery Technology.® Hours of quiet and consistent oxygen flow on a long-lasting battery charge enabling freedom of movement, whether at home or on the road. Every Inogen One meets FAA requirements for travel ensuring the freedom to be you.



- No heavy oxygen tanks
- Ultra quiet operation
- Lightweight and easy to use
- Safe for car and air travel
- Full range of options and accessories
- FAA approved and clinically validated

Call 1-719-490-4844  
for a free consultation.



MKT-P0240

# Adams State Migrant Education Program receives SLV Federal Bank donation



Courtesy photo

The San Luis Valley Federal Bank Board of Directors approved a donation of \$1,000 to the Adams State University Migrant Education Program (MEP). Pictured, left to right, Kyle Burnett, SLV Federal Bank Marketing Officer; Edgar Martinez, MEP; Mark Bechaver, SLV Federal Bank CEO; Karla Guaderrama, MEP; Diana Morales, MEP; Marisa Aguilar, MEP; Alfonso Nuñez, MEP; Esmeralda Martinez, MEP Director; Diana Gonzalez, MEP; Walter Roybal, SLV Federal Bank Commercial Loan Officer; Minga Francisco, MEP; and Joe Martinez, SLV Federal Bank President.

# Regrets about the Medicare Advantage plan you are enrolled in?

CONTRIBUTED

It's not too late, you can change your Medicare Advantage Plan. Each year, from Jan. 1-March 31, if you are already enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan and want to change your health plan, you can!

How do you know if you want to change? Some questions to ask yourself:

• Did you find out that your doctor does not accept the plan? Would you rather switch plans than switch Doctors?

• Did you think your plan covered your diabetic testing supplies and then find out that you had to switch brands? Would you rather walk a mile than switch?

• Did you go to your primary physician and find out you need to see a specialist, and have to wait to get authorization? Would you rather have the option to see who you want, without having to ask permission?

• Are you finding that the cost of the premium and prescriptions are just too high?

If this sounds like you, you might want to check out your options. Yes, you have options!

You can either switch to a different Medicare Advantage Plan with or without drug coverage or go back to Original Medicare and join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.

If you have limited income and resources, you may be eligible receive Extra Help if your income is less than \$1,719 per month individually, or if you are married \$2,309 per month, which would help cover the costs of part or all of your Part D deductibles, coinsurance, copayments and prescription drug costs.

You may also qualify for financial assistance with your Medicare Part B premiums, \$164.90 per month in 2023.

Do you want to know more about other services?

As certified SHIP Medicare Counselors through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, we can help with many issues surrounding Medicare & Medicaid. Our services are always Free and Confidential.

# Welcome back to SLV Health!

Mugabe Walker, MD, FACP  
Internist/Geriatrician



Accepting new patients!

**SLV Health**  
Primary Care  
Stuart Ave, Alamosa  
719-589-8082

# New Year subscription SALE!

1 Year Home Delivery in the San Luis Valley for **\$20<sup>23</sup>** for New or Returning Subscribers\*

\*A returning subscriber is someone who has not been a subscriber in the past 6 months.

## Exclusive Subscriber Benefits

- Print home delivery
- Themed special sections
- Pull-out shopping circulars



Stay in the know with comprehensive news coverage from around town and throughout the region.

Prefer Paperless?



Go Green With an e-Edition Subscription!

In Print & Online

- Monte Vista Journal
- Center Post-Dispatch
- Mineral County Miner
- South Fork Times
- Del Norte Prospector
- Conejos County Citizen

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

VISA  MasterCard  Discover  NOVUS

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

check or money order enclosed

P.O. Box 607 • Monte Vista, CO • 81144  
(719) 852-3531 • email: office@valleypublishinginc.com \*1-year limit.



# Lifestyles

Serving the entire San Luis Valley

Supplement to The Monte Vista Journal, Center Post-Dispatch, The Conejos County Citizen, The Mineral County Miner, The South Fork Times, and The Del Norte Prospector.

BOXHOLDER LOCAL-RURAL CAR-RT SORT STANDARD MAIL RATE U.S. Postage PAID Permit No. 70 Alamosa, CO 81101

## Ice Fest will be ready for January thaw

Save the dates, Jan. 27-29

By KEITH R. CERNY

ALAMOSA — The Valley's normal January thaw may throw a damper on some of the activities upcoming just two weeks from now when the 14th annual Rio Frio Ice Fest returns Jan. 27-29.

With warmer daytime temperatures the Rio Grande has a lot of open water and probably won't be suitable for the unique 5k race on a frozen surface. Organizers said the show will go on with a different race route that may include running on the Blanca

Vista pond just north of town if ice conditions allow.

Those conditions could also impact a couple of Sunday activities, the popular polar plunge, ice carousel and ice skating on the pond. It will be a "game time" decision if those events are possible.

Organized by the City of Alamosa Parks and Recreation, Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce and "Visit Alamosa," the ice fest committee chose "The 90s" theme to give the festival a whole new theme and look. Several 1990s related events are planned as well as ice sculptures depicting that era.

New this year will be an "air band" competition sponsored by the Alamosa

Kiwanis Club Saturday afternoon on San Juan Avenue between Main and Fourth, headquarters for many events including the famous "Fire and Ice" bonfire at 7 p.m.

Festivities begin Friday night with **Please see FEST on Page 7**

**With questionable ice conditions due to unseasonable warm conditions, organizers of the annual Rio Frio Ice Fest may have to resort to a dunk tank again this year for the popular polar plunge when the festival unfolds in Alamosa on Jan. 27-29. Alamosa City Manager Heather Brooks is shown getting 'dunked' at last year's event.**

File photo by Keith R. Cerny



## River restoration near Alamosa benefits fish, birds, and hikers



Photo by John Waters

As part of restoration efforts along the Rio Grande, these willow trees were planted to provide streambed stabilization and to provide habitat for a variety of birds including the southwestern willow flycatcher.

By JOHN WATERS

ALAMOSA — Last fall, the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project (RGHRP) partnered with the City of Alamosa, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to stabilize streambanks, restore riparian areas, and enhance aquatic habitats along the river on Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge.

The (RGHRP), is a non-profit organization founded over 20 years ago with a mission to restore the Rio Grande River and watershed health. The group works to improve the function of the Rio Grande and provide high-quality water throughout the river, support existing agricultural lifestyles, and contribute to groundwater recharge.

In September of last year, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removed detritus along the river and hauled away 24 old cars, 20 household

appliances, numerous tires, and tons of concrete.

According to Emma Reesor, executive director of RGHRP, the group had previously worked with the city in restoration efforts along the river in the Alamosa Riparian Park. After that successful effort, RGHRP studied the river downstream and began work on the site near the wildlife refuge.

Grants were obtained from state and federal agencies and from the non-profit American Forests.

Cooley and Sons Excavating of Mosca was retained for excavating, channel and bank shaping, and the installation of rock and habitat structures. The company planted young willow trees along the river.

The restoration efforts also include areas along the river owned by private individuals.

"Additional work has been done **Please see RIVER on Page 3**

## Avalanche! When you least expect it Land, Water and People

By GREGG GOODLAND

On January 7, 2023, three snowmobilers in northern Colorado headed out for a day of fun. Five inches of fresh powder was sure to bring a smile to everyone's face that day. The avalanche forecast that day stated: "You can trigger a large, deadly avalanche on northwest through east to south-facing steep slopes. You are most likely to trigger an avalanche from an area of shallower snow and it may break near the ground on weak layers buried one to three feet deep. You can trigger these avalanches from the bottom of a slope or from a distance and they can break wider or run farther than you anticipate. Be cautious of wind-drifted slopes that face any direction, but especially easterly-facing slopes below ridgelines, downhill of convex rollovers, and in gully features. Any steep slope with smooth, bulbous pillows of snow above weak snow at the ground is

suspect; a small avalanche can easily trigger a larger more deadly slide. If you see signs of unstable snow like cracking or collapsing, move to slopes less than about 30 degrees that are not connected to larger, steeper slopes above."

The riders weren't expecting to unintentionally trigger an avalanche on an above-treeline, east-facing slope above them. But it happened. It was classified as a large avalanche but was only medium-sized relative to the path, and produced enough destructive force to bury, injure, or kill a person. Westerly winds had drifted large amounts of snow onto the slope where the avalanche started. It broke on a layer of faceted crystals near the ground and was approximately 5 feet deep and about 400 feet wide. It ran 175 vertical feet. Another large avalanche released sympathetically on the southeast face of the mountain. The main

avalanche ran into a lake, breaking the lake ice and exposed water in places.

The forces of nature can be brutal and, in this case, provided a horrible punch to the three riders that just wanted to have a little fun that day. Two of the riders were caught in the avalanche and, tragically, did not survive. My heart breaks for the family and friends of these victims.

I write this article today, in hopes that anyone who participates in ANY kind of winter backcountry activity will read this and be stricken with the same grief that I have felt for these folks. And somehow, I hope that they will

understand the value of becoming educated on the dangers of avalanches before they embark on their next backcountry adventure.

The avalanche forecast above is a lengthy, in-depth forecast that can provide readers with excellent information intended to help them make wise choices before and during their backcountry adventures. There are, likely, terms in that forecast and the incident description that some readers will not understand. This is why it is critically important to seek out the information and learn what those terms mean and how having that information can help keep

**Please see AVALANCHE on Page 3**

HOME LOANS

- Purchase
- Refinance
- Construction

RG BANK

719-852-5933 719-589-2536  
Monte Vista Alamosa

Member FDIC

Equal Housing Lender

NMLS# 421822

# Alamosa COVID-19 community testing site continues ASU

**CONTRIBUTED**  
**ALAMOSA** — The COVID-19 community testing site at Conour Hall on the Adams State University campus will continue to offer testing five days a week, according to the Alamosa County Public Health Department (ACPHD).

The new days and hours of operation will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, starting Tuesday, Jan. 17. Testing will be PCR tests by nasal swab, with results being available in 48 to 72 hours.

To deal with the distance from the designated parking places in the Conour Hall parking lot, testing site staff will come to your car to do testing, if wanted. The phone number to request a staff member come to the parking lot is 800-959-0465.

“It is important for citizens in the San Luis Valley to have access to

no-cost PCR testing as well as having expanded testing already in place in case there is a surge in COVID-19,” said Beverly Strnad, ACPHD Interim Director. “We are fortunate to have partnerships with ASU and Mako Labs in order to provide this service, since state support of all community testing sites ended Jan. 15.”

Persons who have a medical provider, and particularly those at increased risk for severe illness, are encouraged to seek medical evaluation and testing with their provider. The community testing site provides a COVID-19 testing opportunity in addition to provider testing and home antigen tests, which are widely available.

Community members are encouraged to have home antigen test kits, which are available at no cost, and utilize the community testing site if needed as well. If a home test is positive, it is not

necessary to confirm with PCR testing, although some persons may wish to do so. If a person has COVID-like symptoms and a negative home test, it

is a good idea to get a PCR test, as it is more sensitive.

For questions about COVID-19 testing or vaccination, call Alamosa

County Public Health at 719-589-6639 or visit the San Luis Valley Public Health Partnership webpage at slvphp.com.

## RGNF Divide District announces Five Below Timber Project

*Public notice and comment periods beginning*

Program Manager Kevin Duda. “Restoring varied ages of timber in forested areas promotes better forest health and resiliency while providing wood products to the timber industry.” Duda added that the larger openings also serve to create a variability in wildlife habitat that will change as the forest matures.

The Five Below Timber Management Project proposal is currently being analyzed and reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its implementing regulations. An official comment period began with the publishing of the project’s legal notice in the Valley Courier on Friday, Jan. 13.

To learn more about the project, visit the official project page that holds all published information on the project — [www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62319](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62319).

For more info on the project contact Duda at 719-849-0854 or [kevin.duda@usda.gov](mailto:kevin.duda@usda.gov).

For information on the Rio Grande National Forest, call 719-850-2374.

**CONTRIBUTED**

**MONTE VISTA** — The Rio Grande National Forest’s Divide Ranger District announced Friday, Jan. 13, the development of the Five Below Timber Management Project. The proposed project would implement a variety of forestry treatments including even-aged timber harvesting. The project area encompasses 14,330 acres and is centered approximately six miles southeast of South Fork, Colorado, entirely within Rio Grande County.

The district ranger has determined that harvest openings larger than 40 acres are necessary to achieve desired ecological conditions in the planning area by managing at scales similar to those that could result from natural disturbance events.

“The project area is in need of new openings that will create an age-class diversity across the landscape,” said Timber



Managed by  
**Upper Rio Grande Animal Society**

[www.urgaconouranimalshelter.org](http://www.urgaconouranimalshelter.org)

**If you are interested in adopting, call 852-3366**  
 Open Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. & Sat. & Sun. • 1:30 - 5 p.m.  
 Monday & non-business hours by appointment only  
 2825 Sherman Ave. • Monté Vista

**Visit Our Facebook Page** 

*We would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who have contributed to the success of the Upper Rio Grande Animal Society by contributions, donations, volunteering and general support at Conour Animal Shelter.*



## RESCUE PETS HAVE BIG PERSONALITY

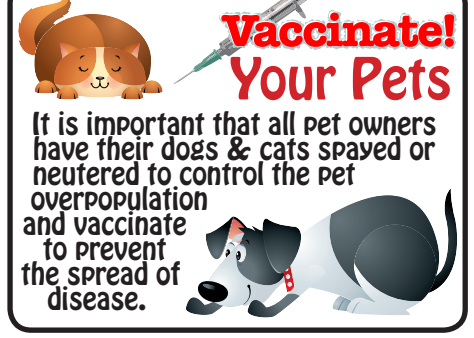
Hundreds of loving pets lose their homes every day through no fault of their own. Stop in & visit us today to meet the incredible dogs and cats looking for immediate adoption, and forever change the life of a pet in need.



### Cremation Service: Cats, Dogs, Ferrets, Birds...


Animal Weight	Semi-Private/Group Fee	Private Fee	Vessel Size needed
Small/ Pocket Pet	\$40.00		Mini - Small vessel needed
Cats	\$80.00		Petite - Small vessel needed
0 - 25 lbs.	\$80.00		Petite - Small vessel needed
26 - 50 lbs.	\$140.00		Small-Medium Vessel needed
51 - 75 lbs.	\$175.00	\$200.00	Medium-Large Vessel needed
76 - 100 lbs.	\$200.00	\$275.00	Large Vessel needed
101 lbs. & up	Animals over 101 lbs. are ineligible for Group fee	\$300.00	Extra Large Vessel Needed

Payment is required at time the animal is dropped off.  
 Animal may be dropped off during business hours only.  
 Please allow 7 working days from drop off date for animal's return.  
 Ashes not picked up after 60 days will respectfully be spread over our Conour Garden.



**Vaccinate! Your Pets**


It is important that all pet owners have their dogs & cats spayed or neutered to control the pet overpopulation and vaccinate to prevent the spread of disease.



All breeds & ages of animals are a “best guess” and are not guaranteed to be accurate. Adoption fee includes: neuter/spay, vaccinations, de-worming and micro-chipping.  
 This ad space donated by Valley Publishing Inc.

# New Teeth in Just One Day No More Dentures!

**No Cost Consultation: Know what’s possible for You! Includes preliminary evaluation and CBCT image. \$500 value. Expires: 1/31/2023.**



Dr. Thornell helped save my life. I was having constant health problems that were getting worse every day. My diseased teeth and gums were draining me of my energy and it was impossible to stay healthy. After removing all of my bad teeth, Dr. Thornell placed dental implants and I got a new set of teeth in just one day. I am now healthier and feel better than I have in a long time. I also have a great smile. Dr. Thornell you are a life saver! I can’t thank you enough.


~ B.Gullette

## Medicare will help pay: Save Thousands!


**Medicare**  
 Certified Provider

**Convenient payment plans and financing options available.**

Credit Cards Accepted



Pagosa dental implant Center



**William F. Thornell**  
 DDS, MAGD, DICOI  
 35 years implant and oral surgery experience

**Medicare**  
 Certified Provider

[pagosadentalimplantcenter.com](http://pagosadentalimplantcenter.com)

189 Talisman Dr., Suite E • Located above Higher Grounds Coffee • 970-444-1298



**“Pizza was great, ingredients were fresh and the beautiful view made it even better! Staff was very friendly. Would definitely eat here again.”**  
 ~ Aquila M., Google reviews

## Fresh Ingredients, BIG on TASTE!

**\$9 Combo Deal: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Everyday!**

*Law Enforcement, Firefighters, EMTs and our Veterans always receive 20% off!*

**30483 Highway 160, South Fork**  
 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. DAILY

**Easy Online To-Go Orders:**  
[MountainPizzaTapRoom.com](http://MountainPizzaTapRoom.com)



Photo by John Waters

Restoration efforts led by the Rio Grande Headwaters Project include removing trash and detritus along the Rio Grande. Old cars and tons of concrete seen here along the river in the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge were carted away.

## RIVER Continued from Page 1

further downstream, extending the benefit [of restoration] to the river as a whole. From a restoration perspective, it is really important to look at that big picture. It was great the private landowners were interested and excited to partner with us; it really made the project bigger and more impactful,” according to Reesor.

Both the native Rio Grande chub and Rio Grande sucker will benefit from the restoration efforts said Reesor. The sucker was largely extirpated from its historic range and has since been re-introduced.

The area is open to the public and can be accessed by the Toivo Malm trails maintained by Alamosa Parks and Recreation. The trails are located off South River Road in Alamosa, about a quarter mile from the Alamosa Recycling Center. There are several park benches along the trail where hikers can rest and take in stunning views of the river, the Blanca Massif and the Culebra Range. The trails offer excellent birding opportunities, and, on a hike earlier this week, Alamosa resident Marlys Hersey spotted a great horned owl and a bald eagle.

## AVALANCHE Continued from Page 1

The technical information about the accident was taken directly from the Colorado Avalanche Information Center’s excellent website: <https://avalanche.state.co.us>. Please use it and become familiar with it. There are many places you can receive avalanche education including through the program Know Before You Go: [kbyg.org](http://kbyg.org)

The areas in and around the Rio Grande National Forest contain many locations that can get snowmobilers, and indeed all backcountry travelers, into high avalanche risk situations. It is imperative that we understand the risks of where and when we are travelling and learn how to take the appropriate actions that will reduce those risks.

If you have any plans to be a backcountry user, I salute you. These activities can provide hours of fun and invigorating experiences for the rest of your life. There is no reason to not seek out ways to play in the winter backcountry. Just plan to do it safely. One way the Rio Grande National Forest and San Juan Mountains Association can help get you started on a path to avalanche awareness is by attending our Forest Specialist Series event on Wednesday, January 25 at 5:00pm. An avalanche forecaster with CAIC will present basic information designed to help you make wise decisions for your backcountry travel plans. See the event on the Rio Grande National Forest’s website or Facebook page. If you can’t attend that session, please navigate to CAIC’s website and look under the “Education” tab.

Avalanches have been an awesome, yet brutal force of nature for millions of years. Only in more modern times have they begun to

claim lives at an increasing pace. Let’s combat this trend by becoming educated on avalanches so we can avoid getting caught, when we least expect it.

*Gregg Goodland is the Public Affairs Officer for the Rio Grande National Forest. An avid outdoor enthusiast, he promotes the responsible and safe use of our public lands.*

# New Year subscription SALE!

1 Year Home Delivery  
in the San Luis Valley for  
**\$20<sup>23</sup>**

for New or Returning  
Subscribers\*

*\*A returning subscriber is someone who has not been a subscriber in the past 6 months.*

## Exclusive Subscriber Benefits

- Print home delivery
- Themed special sections
- Pull-out shopping circulars



Stay in  
the know with  
comprehensive news  
coverage from around  
town and throughout  
the region.

Prefer Paperless?



Go Green With  
an e-Edition  
Subscription!

In Print & Online

Monte Vista Journal    Center Post-Dispatch  
 Mineral County Miner    South Fork Times  
 Del Norte Prospector    Conejos County Citizen

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

VISA    MasterCard    American Express    Discover

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

check or money order enclosed

P.O. Box 607 • Monte Vista, CO • 81144  
 (719) 852-3531 • email: [office@valleypublishinginc.com](mailto:office@valleypublishinginc.com) \*1-year limit.

# Business Showcase

There’s nothing like  
a bowl of hot soup  
on a cold Winters  
night. Wind and  
Willow soup mixes  
need just 6 cups of  
water! Yummy



**The Holy Moses**  
Mon.-Sat.  
10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

658-2848  
121 N. Main  
Creede

## This Week's Feature



# THE HOLY MOSES

An enchanting  
Collection of Cabin  
Decor, Colorado  
Pottery, Quilts,  
Linens & Specialty  
Foods!

It's Worth  
The Drive

Mon.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Nick & Vicki Kulyk  
121 N. Main • 658-2848 • Creede

# San Luis Valley Area Real Estate

## FOR SALE!



Majestic Custom-Built Log Home! Fabulous 7 bed, 5 bath 4,619 Sq. Ft. Home with attached garage on 9.04 acres in Beautiful gated Bear Creek. This Home has several outdoor entertainment areas with wrap around decks too enjoy the 360 views of the San Juan Mountains. The main level has an open floor plan with great room and grand fireplace with vaulted ceiling opening into the dining and kitchen area. Entertain in this beautiful large kitchen with large island, custom cabinetry, granite countertops and state of the art stainless steel appliances. The Master bedroom suite is located on main floor with walk out patio, your perfect place to enjoy that hot cup of morning coffee. From here you can access your private boardwalk leading to your entertainment area with fire ring and Jacuzzi. Upstairs beautiful reading loft with additional guest bedrooms, bath and great bunk room for additional family and guest. Lower level of this home includes a large family room with fireplace and pool table. Great for all your entertainment needs, additional bedrooms, and office. Beautiful furniture, furnishings and accessories are all included with this home. Bear Creek also offers a wonderful river adventure for rafting, gold medal fly fishing with a 20-acre area on the Rio Grande River exclusive to Bear Creek property owners. Minutes away from everything outdoors - gold medal fly fishing, hunting, four wheeling and thousands of acres of public land. Start your Adventure! Don't wait, Call, and schedule your showing today! **\$1,650,000** MLS #792162

2951 Bear Creek Circle • South Fork  
Bernadette Gingrass • Steffens & CO. Realty  
(719)850-1993 • bernadette@steffenscorealty.com

## FOR SALE!



Must See Custom-Built 5,350 sq. ft. Commercial Property in Fabulous South Fork, CO. Great Highway 160 exposure!! This building is extremely well built. The building was built for retail with many amenities.

The environment is warm and welcoming. The 3,000 sq. ft. main floor consist of large receiving office, full kitchen and bath and several large open spaces and two additional design show rooms and large 1,000 sq. ft. heated warehouse with plenty of shelves for storage and 12-foot overhead door. Lovely concrete outdoor patio with new vinyl fencing wired for low voltage lights this property sits on two lots with wiring running outside for lighting off outside signage. 1,350 sq. ft. Spacious upstairs with large open space, several large storage closets two additional offices, New ¾ custom tile bathroom and large storage over warehouse. This well-built property has radiant floor heating downstairs and upstairs baseboard hot water heat. Property is wired for Cat 5 telephone jack in all offices, design rooms, kitchen bar, receiving office - etc. Cable tv jack, upstairs big room. There are 3 gas fireplaces, 2 wall thermostats with remote control. Wired for speakers though out the building for music. Swamp cooler and wired for electric dryer, set up for washer and has a Propane fired boiler and propane hot water heater. This property is a blank canvas with so much POTENTIAL for the right builder or person. Because there is no existing business at the present time, this makes this building available for a variety of Business opportunities: Professional Work Environment for Professionals, Restaurant, Brew Pub, Events Center, Lodge or Cottage hotel, Retail etc. Come Paint your Canvas and start Your Business Adventure, Call and schedule your personal showing today! **\$1,250,000** MLS #794078

173 W Frontage Road • South Fork  
Bernadette Gingrass • Steffens & CO. Realty  
(719)850-1993 • bernadette@steffenscorealty.com

## FOR SALE!



Check out this small diverse farm. The home is a 2bed/2bath, 1703.2 sq foot, historic adobe that has been fully and beautifully restored. Enjoy Colorado from the large (768 sq ft) open porch. This home sits on 126.06

deeded acres of land situated in the bottoms of the old Culebra River Drainage. The soil is sandy and loamy and has been used for vegetable crop production in the past w/o the use of pesticides or herbicides. It is watered by the San Acacia acequia with an early decree for 1.62 CFS. There is a domestic house well permit number 284703. The property also has a holding pond for irrigation water. The owner is installing a new side roll sprinkler, which will irrigate up to 80+ acres M/L. The new side roll irrigation system will be installed before closing and will increase production. There are several outbuildings useful for storage and/or animals. The farm is located in Costilla County, Colorado just north of the New Mexico state line. It is about one hour to Taos.

The Rio Grande River is about 12 miles away. Red River Ski area and Rio Grande del Norte National Monument are near Questa, New Mexico about 40 minutes away. The Sand Dunes National Park is about 45 minutes north. **\$600,000** MLS #797313

12272 County Road R5 • San Luis  
Bernadette Gingrass • Steffens & CO. Realty  
(719)850-1993 • bernadette@steffenscorealty.com

## FOR SALE!

Stately 2,818 Sq Ft. Mountain Home with Stunning Natural Light on 3.19 acres. This beautiful 3 bed 4 bath home is your perfect retreat. Open Split floor plan with beautiful cathedral ceiling and fireplace, large windows taking in the breath-taking outdoor sunlight and mountain views. Complete



with beautiful furnishing, accessories and decor. The kitchen with eat in counter, gorgeous custom cabinetry, granite countertops and butler pantry is your dream kitchen for entertaining your family and friends. Separate office space off the dining area with patio door leads out to the great outdoors. There are two guest rooms one with private bath could be considered a separate master bedroom. Large master bedroom with large walk-in closet, fireplace gorgeous walk-in shower and access to deck with hot tub. Take in the stunning views from the main floor outdoor balcony. Your perfect place for that hot morning cup of coffee or relaxing evening glass of wine. This is a luxurious home located with private access to the national forest in The Timbers subdivision of South Fork Ranches. All this, just moments from Rio Grande Golf Club, Rio Grande River gold medal fishing and world class skiing at Wolf Creek Ski area. Don't wait call and schedule your private showing today! **\$1,250,000** MLS #798101

497 Timberline Drive • South Fork  
Bernadette Gingrass • Steffens & CO. Realty  
(719)850-1993 • bernadette@steffenscorealty.com

## FOR SALE!

Darling authentic 1,232 Sq. Ft. 2-bedroom 2 bath log cabin with upgrades galore! Located in Log Haven.

Tucked along the mountain side backing up to national forest with beautiful views of the surrounding cliffs. Open living room, dining, kitchen area with new propane Vermont Casting stove to keep you cozy and warm all winter long. Kitchen is quaint and bright with custom granite countertops. This cabin has a covered front porch and wonderful back deck. The perfect place to enjoy the wildlife, peace and quiet and that first hot cup of morning coffee. Nice fence back yard with gate opening to the national forest. Hike for miles out your own back door. Downstairs has a master bedroom and a full bath. Upstairs additional bedroom, bathroom and nice size sitting nook, great space to enjoy that best-selling book or use for your office den. This cabin comes complete with one car garage, storage shed, central well and town sewer. Cabin can be used as a full-time residence, or home-away-from-home winter or summer get-a-way! Rentals are not allowed in this subdivision. Don't wait! Start your adventure today! Only a short 17-mile drive from Wolf Creek Ski area. The mighty South Fork and Rio Grande River, Beaver Mountain reservoir & Million reservoir are just moments away. Bring your fishing pole and enjoy hours of world class fishing. Ski Wolf Creek, go 4 wheeling, hike, camp, hunt, Enjoying everything outdoors! Let's get started call/text and schedule your showing today! **\$345,000** MLS #800364

31517 Us Highway 160 • South Fork  
Bernadette Gingrass • Steffens & CO. Realty  
(719)850-1993 • bernadette@steffenscorealty.com



810 Grand Ave, Del Norte  
Prime business location, 3,000 sq ft. BUSY CORNER LOT  
Text 134436 to 25678 for more info- Can become any business! MLS#779889 Call for price

Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty  
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com

429 Lake Drive, South Fork  
6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 4,632 Square feet. Luxury log home with home theatre, gorgeous views. 6.25 acres, Willow Park, South Fork. MLS# 795671 **\$1,550,000**



Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty  
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com

Rito Hondo Estates - 18 Rural Mountain Lots Available  
West of Antonito in the Conejos Canyon OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE **\$85,000-\$400,000** 35 acre lots, 17 acre lots, 6 acre lots Power to lot line, great roads, gated community. Email Dee for an interactive document with photos, videos and descriptions of each lot.



Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty  
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com

27000 US Hwy 160  
28 acres on the Rio Grande with water well, 1-acre pond and 1/2 mile of riverfront. MLS#785117 **\$1,550,000**

## COMING SOON!



Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty  
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com

0 Old Homestead Road, Del Norte  
48 acres bordering National Forest. Easy, year-round access, both Forest Service Road AND a county-maintained road to the lot line. Ride out and enjoy without trailering your ATV or snowmobile. **\$425,000** MLS#796222 Text 134434 to 25678 for more info



Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty  
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com

88 N. Alder Creek Lane  
LIVE WATER .28 acres on Alder Creek! Located on the Rio Grande Club Golf Course in South Fork. Near National Forest. All utilities at lot line. **\$79,000** TEXT 158348 to 25678 for more info



Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty  
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com

149 Escondida Drive  
Gorgeous 1/2 acre lot on the South Fork River. Water, Sewer, Electric, High-Speed Internet at the lot line. Easy, year-round access. **\$123,000** MLS# 796341 Text 139765 to 25678 for more information



Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty  
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com

This South Fork Beauty checks all the boxes, both his and hers - and is a fun place for family and friends. Custom built Log home tucked in the trees and backs up to the National Forest. The main floor consists of an open area with beautiful carved mantel stone fireplace, designer backsplash and large eat in counter space overlooking the living area with custom soft close cabinets and plenty of storage and room for all your entertaining. Kitchen has wonderful large butler pantry with pantry sink and beautiful custom stained-glass door. The Detailed Check Boxes include radiant floor heating with four zones and two Rinai on-demand water tanks. Light Touch lighting system and electrical in the floor. Master bedroom is on the main floor with sitting area with luscious mountain views. Master bath with beautiful large tiled walk-in shower. Guest bedroom and bath on main floor with elegant soaking antique tub. Upstairs spacious loft with two electronic skylights with rain sensors that will close automatically with additional sleeping areas including office space and additional large size bedroom with barn door and bath. Enjoy your 3-car garage with large workshop and more than enough room for all your mountain toys. Your family and friends will love the upstairs bungalow above the garage with kitchenette, living area, built-in beds additional bedroom and bath. Bring your family and friends to gather to enjoy the great outdoors! Borders National Forest, with streams, creeks, lakes rolling topography, open fields, pine, fir, aspen trees, mountain views and abundant wildlife! Beautifully designed home tucked peacefully into the woods and easily accessible to town, Wolf Creek Ski Area and the Rio Grande Golf Course Resort. Once in a lifetime Opportunity! This property perfectly captures the best of both worlds between outdoor recreation and exceptional entertainment. Start your dream and Call/Text me to schedule your personal showing today! **\$1,395,000** MLS #796960  
37 Million Court • South Fork

**SOLD**

Bernadette Gingrass • Steffens & CO. Realty  
(719)850-1993 • bernadette@steffenscorealty.com

## February Valentines Vest Drive Vests for Veterans



**Warm Hearts, Warm Homes!**  
Drop off a new or gently used women's or men's vest. Stay for a cup of coffee and sign up or call for a Free Home Market Evaluation with Bernadette Gingrass

Call Bernadette today!

**FROM 'FOR SALE' TO 'SOLD'**

**Steffens & Company Realty, INC**  
**719-850-1993**  
Bernadette Gingrass, Broker Associate  
30635 US Hwy 160 • South Fork  
www.bernadettegingrassrealestate.com

## FOR SALE!

Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty  
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com

Steffens & Company Realty  
719-873-5605

Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty  
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com

Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty  
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com

Steffens & Company Realty  
719-873-5605

Dee Plucinski • Steffens & CO. Realty  
(719) 873-5605 • dee@steffenscorealty.com

Steffens & Company Realty  
719-873-5605

30635 US HWY 160  
South Fork  
dee@steffenscorealty.com

Dee is a 4th generation SOUTH FORK NATIVE with a love for the upper end of the San Luis Valley.

3D Virtual Tours • Prompt, Easy Communication  
Video Walkthroughs  
Residential Photographer  
Licensed and Insured Drone Pilot

# Valley-Wide Classified **FREE!** ON LINE! **MARKETPLACE**

Sell your household items for FREE. Total value of items must be \$50 or less. See details below.



## CLASSIFIED INDEX

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
01 TICKETS  
02 CARD OF THANKS  
03 MEMORIALS  
04 LOST & FOUND  
05 NOTICES/BAZAARS  
06 PERSONALS  
**EMPLOYMENT**  
07 HELP WANTED  
08 WORK WANTED  
09 EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
**FOR RENT**  
10 APARTMENTS  
11 ROOMS  
12 HOUSES  
13 MOBILE HOMES  
14 BUSINESS PROPERTY  
15 WANTED TO RENT  
16 VACATION  
**REAL ESTATE**  
17 REAL ESTATE  
18 LOTS & ACREAGE  
19 FARM & FARMLAND  
20 BUSINESS PROPERTY  
21 MOBILE HOMES  
22 PROPERTY WANTED

**MERCHANDISE**  
23 LAWN & GARDEN  
24 GARAGE SALES  
25 AUCTIONS  
26 ANTIQUES  
27 APPLIANCES  
28 HOUSEHOLD GOODS  
29 MUSICAL ITEMS  
30 ELECTRONICS/COMPUTERS  
31 HEALTH  
32 FUEL & HEATING  
33 BUILDING MATERIALS  
34 OFFICE EQUIPMENT  
35 HEAVY EQUIPMENT  
36 MISCELLANEOUS  
37 WANTED  
38 MACHINERY, TOOLS & EQUIPMENT  
39 SPORTING GOODS  
40 AUTO PARTS  
**FARMER MARKET**  
41 FARM EQUIPMENT  
42 FEED & SEED  
43 FARM PRODUCTS  
44 FARM SERVICES

**ANIMALS**  
45 ANIMAL BREEDING  
46 PASTURE FOR RENT  
47 HORSES & CATTLE  
48 PETS & SUPPLIES  
49 ANIMAL CARE  
50 LIVESTOCK  
**RECREATIONAL**  
51 BOATS & EQUIPMENT  
52 CAMPING EQUIPMENT  
53 TRAILERS  
54 SNOWMOBILES/ATV'S  
55 R.V.'S/CAMPERS  
**FINANCIAL**  
56 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY  
57 INVESTMENTS  
**TRANSPORTATION**  
58 MOTORCYCLES  
59 VEHICLES WANTED  
60 CLASSIC CARS  
61 4X4'S  
62 VANS  
63 TRUCKS  
64 AUTOS FOR SALE  
**SERVICES**  
65 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
66 CHILD CARE

## RATES

**15 Words or less for 4 weeks - 4 publications**  
**\$19.50 + 95¢ each additional word.**

**Garage Sale Ads: 15 Words or less for 1 week**  
**\$12 + 35¢ each additional word.**

**Free ads:** Lost & Found • Non Commercial items Sold for \$50 or less • Any Item or Animal being given away. (Limited to private party only, 2 ads per person, 4 weeks.)

### Convenient ad placement:

To place your ad in person come to the office at 835 First Ave. in Monte Vista, or call (719) 852-3531. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You may also fax your classified to (719) 852-3387 or email at montevisitaclass@gmail.com

### Check your ad the first day:

To ensure your ad is correct, check it the first day it appears in the paper. If there is an error in your ad, call us right away so we can correct it. If an error appears in your ad, Valley Publishing will credit you with one additional day of advertising.

**Our ad policy:** Valley Publishing accepts all classified advertising except that which it deems objectionable to its readers. Credit or replacement ads will not be given for early ad cancellation.

## DEADLINE

**Thursday 5:00 pm**

**Call 719-852-3531**  
or email: [awelch@valleypublishinginc.com](mailto:awelch@valleypublishinginc.com)

## Easy Payment Options

We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, Discover, Checks, Money Orders & Cash



## 05 Notices

**If you believe in the oneness of a humanity,** equality of men and women, elimination of prejudice, harmony of science and religion; contact BahaiFaithFriends@gmail.com for Zoomlink Casual conversation, or call 719-849-0310 (1-25)

**WE BUY ANTLER: Great NEW FALL Price:** Tell us the code "ELK17" and you will get \$17/lb for Elk Grade A and \$13/lb for Deer Grade A. 5 miles west of Del Norte on Hwy 160. 719-657-0942 (TFN)

**For information on meetings for ALANON NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS AND ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** Please visit slvaa.org or call 719-937-5083.

## 07 Help Wanted

**Elementary Special Education Teacher needed at Del Norte Elementary School** for the remainder of the 22-23 school year. We are seeking an experienced, hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at [aduda@urtigers.coor](mailto:aduda@urtigers.coor) contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co).

**The Mineral County Sheriff's Office is seeking an Emergency Management (EM) Director / Search and Rescue (SAR) Co-**

## DISCLAIMER

Please read your ad on the first day of publication. If there are mistakes notify us **IMMEDIATELY**. We will make changes for errors and adjust your credit **but only if we receive notice on the first day the ad is published**. We limit our liability to you in this way and we do not accept liability for any other damages which may result from an error or omission in an ad. All ad copy must be approved by the newspaper which reserves the right to request changes, reject or properly classify an ad. The advertiser and not the newspaper is responsible for the truthful content of the ad. All classified advertising must be pre-paid.

**ordinator.** The Director should be proficient at organizing, planning, coordinating, and implementing county emergency operations and disaster services including but not limited to: Coordinating disaster operations with first responders and other agencies in the county along with adjacent jurisdictions. Supervise the operational coordination and training of the Mineral County SAR personnel. Planning, organizing, and directing the functions, operations and services of the EM Office. Position is FT w/benefits, 40 hours/week, some weekends and emergency situations. Strongly preferred: Two to three years of related experience (experience is defined as being directly involved with decision-making, plan writing, training, exercise and active participation in response, mitigation, preparedness, and recovery phases of emergency management.). Any combination of education, training, and experience which provides the required knowledge, skill, and abilities to perform the essential function of the position. Requirements:

must be 21 years old or older, able to pass a pre-employment criminal and financial background check. Must possess/obtain/maintain a valid Colo. DL without any restrictions which affect job performance. Mineral County residency with 12 months of established employment. Applications available from Mineral County HR office at 1201 N. Main Street, Creede or at 719-658-2331 or at [mineralcountycolorado.com/jobpostings](http://mineralcountycolorado.com/jobpostings). (2-8)

**The Mineral County Sheriff's Office is seeking an Executive Assistant to the Sheriff.** The Executive Assistant (EA) serves as aide to the Sheriff by providing a variety of responsible and highly confidential administrative support and secretarial duties. In addition to assisting the Sheriff, the executive assistant is prompt in providing courteous and professional service to citizens, visitors, and co-workers. Experience in organizing, office management, prioritizing, communications including Google products, Microsoft Office Suite, printer/copiers/fax, text, landline, and cellular phones. Position is

FT w/benefits, 40 hours/week, some weekends and emergency situations may arise. Requirements: must be 21 years old or older, able to pass a pre-employment criminal and financial background check. Must possess/obtain/maintain a valid Colorado DL without any restrictions which affect job performance. Mineral County residency with 12 months of established employment. Applications are available from Mineral County Human Resource office at

## PART-TIME SALES

**Valley Publishing has an immediate need in advertising sales (part-time).** Any sales experience is appreciated but will train. Email resume to General Manager Brian Williams at [bwilliams@valleypublishinginc.com](mailto:bwilliams@valleypublishinginc.com)

## RIO GRANDE COUNTY IS SEEKING A COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Bachelor's degree from accredited college or university in Public/Business Administration with two or more years related experience or equivalent combination of education and experience required. Salary starting at \$85,000. Application and job description available online at [www.riograndecounty.org](http://www.riograndecounty.org) or call Human Resources at (719) 657-4217.

**Carly Santi, MS, RDH, LLC**  
*Dental Hygienist in Monte Vista*  
Providing quality, preventative oral health care to adults and children.

**Including:**

- Dental Hygiene Exams
- X-Rays (Including Pain-Free Bitewings!)
- Dental Cleanings • Fluoride Treatments
- Sealants • Supportive Periodontal Maintenance
- Non-Surgal Periodontal Treatment • and More

*Referral to general dentists and specialists as needed.*

**Over 20 years of experience!**



**Carly Santi, MS, RDH, LLC**  
1120 Park Ave. Monte Vista  
719.849.9749

**VALENTINE'S DAY**  
*Treats & Eats*

**Make Valentine's Day Unforgettable with K&J Thriftway!**

Celebrate your loved ones this Valentine's Day with K&J Thriftway! We have everything you need to make this special day even more magical, from flower arrangements to candy and stuffed animals. And don't forget our delicious chocolate covered strawberries! Give us a call and make this Valentine's Day extra special.



**THRIFTWAY**  
345 S. Worth Street  
Center  
(719) 754-1937

# Valley Wide Classifieds

1201 N. Main Street, Creede or at 719-658-2331 or at mineralcounty-colorado.com/jobpostings.

**The BOE of Center Schools is now accepting applications for a High School Football Coach** for the 2023-2024 School Year. Qualifications: Colorado Teaching Credential and/or Colorado High School Activities Association Coach's Certification or, such alternative qualifications as the Board may find appropriate and acceptable. Please send a letter of interest to: Center High School Athletic Director ldonaldson@center.k12.co.us or contact the District Office call (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (2-15)

**The BOE of Center Schools is now accepting applications for the position of Substitute Cafeteria Cook** for the remaining 2022-2023 School Year. Qualifications include High School Diploma or any qualifications deemed acceptable by the Board of Education. For more information and application materials, please call (719) 754-3442; or, visit the District's website at www.center.k12.co.us and click on "Administration" and "Non-Certified Staff Member Application Materials". Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (2-15)

**WANTED: Saguache County Road and Bridge is hiring for Operator I positions...** \$18.00/hour NO CDL REQUIRED! REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must have a current and valid Driver's License. Applicants should have a high school diploma or GED and six months or more of relevant experience. Prospective employees applying with Saguache County will be required to submit and pass a pre-employment drug screening and criminal background check.

Operator I is a full-time position – applicants must be able to operate light and heavy equipment and perform manual labor in the maintenance, repair and minor construction of roads, streets, bridges, signs, markings and related facilities. Applicants must be physically capable of periods of sustained physical exertion and may be required to lift and move up to 75 lbs. to 150 lbs. Applications are available at the Saguache County Road and Bridge Office 305 3rd Street, PO Box 476, Saguache, CO 81149 – 719-655-2554 or on the Saguache County website – saguachecounty.colorado.gov under the Road and Bridge Department tab. Please fill out and submit the County Application. A complete job description is available at the Road and Bridge Office. Completed applications can be hand delivered or mailed to Saguache County Road and Bridge – at the address listed above, sent by email to mhashbarger@saguachecounty-co.gov or faxed to: 719-655-2543. APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until qualified candidates are hired. Saguache County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**POLICE OFFICER — The City of Monte Vista** is seeking qualified applicants for position of Police Officer. Applicants must be POST certified as a Colorado Police Officer. Selected applicants must be able to pass a physical, physiological evaluation, pre-employment

drug test and extensive background check. Must be able to work shifts. Starting salary \$44,720-47,320 DOE plus excellent benefits and retirement. A \$5,000 hiring bonus is available with a two-year commitment. See hiring agreement for details. Application and complete job description may be found at www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov If you have questions, please call the HR Office at 719-852-8284 or email to hrmanager@ci.monte-vista.co.us Open until filled. EEO/ADA (2-1)

**12 Houses for Rent**  
**House for rent, Del Norte**, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, all appliances including washer and dryer. \$1,250 plus utilities. No animals. 303-667-8265.

**17 Real Estate For Sale**  
**35.71 acres between Monte Vista and Alamosa on County Line Road**, borders highway, good grass, easy access, power and ready to build on. Priced \$109,000. Call **Bruce at Steffens & Company Realty Inc** 719-873-1700. TFN

**7 Quarters with pivots, 9350 GPM well water, 25 Shares of Rio Grande Canal**, 3 decrees of good water rights out of Carnero Creek, fenced, new 200 pipe corral calf feedlot, good production and locations. Call **Bruce at Steffens & Company Realty Inc** 719-580-0770.

**32 Fuel & Heating**  
**NEED FIREWOOD?** Call **Elam at Cozy Glo LLC. 719-480-5047.** \$190 per cord. Delivery available. TFN

**Lump coal available**, supplement your wood heating by adding some lump coal. Burns clean, no soot, makes wood last longer. 719-849-8261 (3-1)

**Two beautiful Americana stoves**, excellent condition, one Chambers, one Gafford Sattler \$600 both, \$300 apiece. Will deliver within 100 miles. (2-8)

**36 Miscellaneous**  
**Cash for quality non-fiction books** and lp records. Jeff 720-315-9145 (2-15)

**Propane Refrigerators Sold Here. Call For Options and Prices. We Also Stock Solar Powered Refrigerators and Freezers.** Bontrager's Variety Store, 9726 S. County Road 3E, Monte Vista. (719) 852-0500

**STEEL STORAGE CONTAINERS** – Sales, Rentals & Modifications! Containers are water & rodent proof. 8' wide, 8'-53' in length. Call for more information and pricing.

**Healdworks, Inc. – Your Total Storage Solution!** 719-850-0346 TFN

**SOLAR PANELS! 355 Watt and Smaller, We Stock Inverters, Charge Controllers, and Batteries in Brand Names of Outback, Magnum, Aims, Rolls, and More. Custom Cables and PV Wire.** Bontrager's Variety Store. 9726 S. CR 3E Monte Vista. 719-852-0500. TFN

**38 Machinery, Tools, Equipment**  
**For rent Wacken Neusen Thaw Unit** 3,000 feet of lines, power

reel and built-in generator. Call for rates daily or weekly 719-849-0367 (3-15)

**42 Feed & Seed**  
**Horse quality alfalfa and grass-alfalfa, small bales**, barn stored, \$9-\$10 per bale. Oat/grass, barn stored, \$7 per bale call 719 580-2509 (2-8)

**48 Pets and Supplies**  
**AKC black lab puppies** born 9-24-22 super friendly! \$350 OBO call 719-588-5780/719-974-9200 (1-25)

**Norwegian Elkhound puppies**, purebred, cute! Friendly, born 10-28-22. UTD on vaccinations \$400 Come See! 719-588-3687 (1-25)

**Looking for a good home...** Josie is a mini-Aussie and Corgi mix. Good with kids \$100. Rehoming free. 719-588-3687 (1-25)

**54 Snowmobiles/ATV's**  
**60" plow for ATV**, including extender for tracks, universal

mount: \$450. 96"x46" ATV loading ramp: \$150. 719-480-1378 (2-1)

**65 Professional Services**  
**Squeegee Luigi's Washing Services:** Window Washing, Concrete Cleaning, Exterior Washing - FREE ESTIMATE: (719) 490-9047 TFN  
**LICENSED PLUMBER** does

all types of plumbing repairs and plumbing remodels at reasonable rates. Quick service. Call anytime, available weekends and evenings. 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593. TFN

**THE BLIND GUY** window coverings. Free measuring, free estimates. Professional installation. Guaranteed lowest prices. Call Tony, 970-903-1403. TFN

**Monte Vista Chiropractic & Wellness, LLC**  
**L. Blair Nielsen DC • (719) 849-8091**  
Monday through Friday by appointment with Chiropractic and Wellness Care - \$40  
*\*Pain Relief \*Movement and Function Restoration*  
*\*Nutritional Guidance \*Multiple Treatment Approaches*



**Puzzle Sponsored by MDS Waste & Recycle**

**RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL • TRASH REMOVAL**  
**RECYCLING • DUMPSTERS • ROLL-OFFS**  
**CREEDE • SOUTH FORK • DEL NORTE • MONTE VISTA**  
**(719)658-3060 • www.MDSWASTEANDRECYCLE.COM**



**SUDOKU**

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

Level: Advanced

**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

**Solution to last week's puzzle**

S	E	N	D				R	O	M	E						
V	A	R	I	E	D		P	O	L	I	N	G				
I	C	E	B	E	R	G		B	A	T	I	S	T			
A	R	C		T	E	N	N	I	S	C	O	U	R	T		
L	U	T	E		G	U	E	S	S			S	E	A		
M	O	R	T		S	T	E	W		D	E	E				
	R	O	O	T		S	C	O	R	E	D					
		P	E	R	E	S		T	R	I	G					
			P	E	R	E	S		D	R	O	R				
		P	O	D		O	N	U	S		T	E	E	S		
E	R	R			S	A	M	A	S		E	L	E	A		
D	E	C	A	P	I	T	A	T	E	D		I	N	N		
A	S	I	N	I	N	E			E	E	R	I	L	E	S	T
M	E	N	A	C	E				S	A	L	I	V	E	S	
		T	E	S	T					B	L	E	E	D		

# CPW: Keep safe in the backcountry this winter, check avalanche forecasts

**CONTRIBUTED**  
**DENVER** — Ahead of the holiday weekend, Colorado Parks and Wildlife wants to remind winter outdoor enthusiasts to check avalanche forecasts at [www.colorado.gov/avalanche](http://www.colorado.gov/avalanche) before going into the backcountry.

Early-season snowfall followed by heavy snow in December and early January has created dangerous avalanche conditions. The Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) interactive online map provides valuable, and potentially life-saving, information about dangerous avalanche areas around the state.

The CAIC recorded over 870 avalanches since Dec. 26, 2022. There has been a fatal avalanche accident each of the last three weekends, killing four people. The avalanche danger is not going down and people can expect these dangerous conditions throughout the holiday weekend.

"We have seen more avalanches this year than we do on a typical year, and recently they've gotten much bigger," said CAIC's Director Ethan Greene.

## 4UR Ranch, SJNC hosting ski, snowshoe event Feb. 4

**CREEDE** — The 4UR Ranch and San Juan Nordic Club (SJNC) are hosting a free cross-country ski and snowshoe event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the 4UR Ranch.

Cross-country ski lessons for all levels start at 10 a.m. and run until noon. After lunch there will be a skate-ski lesson. This is a rare opportunity to experience the beauty of the privately owned 4UR Ranch.

Bring lunch and a camp chair to sit by the fire and enjoy a short talk before the afternoon skiing. The SJNC will provide hot drinks and all the grooming of the ski trails. Membership dues and donations are appreciated to keep equipment and volunteer groomers running.

Go to [sanjuannordic.org](http://sanjuannordic.org) to sign up for ski lessons, where to rent skis, and driving directions. The event may be canceled due to low snow.

## FEST

**Continued from Page 1** —  
 Race packet pickups at Milagros Coffee House at 6 p.m. and a cross country/luminaria ski event at Blanca Vista Park, again snow conditions permitting.

Race packet pickup continues Saturday from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Alamosa Senior Center in Cole Park, followed by the race start at 10 a.m. on the bordering Rio Grande. Race awards will be given at 1 p.m. on San Juan Avenue.

Ice carving demonstrations begin Saturday at noon downtown and the information tent will be manned from 12-3 p.m. at Main and San Juan Avenue. Weather permitting, the SOCO Ice Bowl disc golf tournament, will be from 12-2 p.m. Saturday at the disc golf course north of town.

The new "Rio Frio Flight" will offer drink and snack samples from 3-4 p.m. on San Juan, featuring a drink "luge", carved from a block of ice, and possibly an "ice bar."

Downtown merchants, restaurants and bars are planning to feature 90s music and possibly movies from the era and are encouraging attendees to wear their best 90s attire.

For more details, go to [www.riofrioice.com](http://www.riofrioice.com) or [rioraces.com](http://rioraces.com).

"We want everyone to enjoy the wonderful public lands in Colorado and go home alive and well to their family and friends. We need everyone headed into the backcountry to plan their trip carefully and avoid avalanche hazards."

In Colorado, outdoor adventurers must be mindful of the risks that winter weather and constantly shifting weather patterns can present. Dangerous

weather conditions that raise concerns are unpredictable, such as strong wind gusts, heavy snowstorms, cold water temperatures and avalanches.

Before heading out in the backcountry or on trails that go through avalanche terrain, CPW advises the following winter recreation safety tips:

- Check the CAIC avalanche forecast and plan backcountry travel

accordingly.

- Take avalanche training.
- Carry all required safety gear. Make sure you and every member of your group carry an avalanche-rescue transceiver, a probe pole, and a shovel - and know how to use this equipment.

- Keep wildlife wild. Wildlife viewing ethics are particularly important during the winter. Maintain distance and do not

chase animals.

Regardless, if you enjoy relaxed activities like snowshoeing and ice fishing or more advanced activities like snowmobiling and skiing, CPW encourages people that plan to spend time outside this weekend and winter to recreate safely and be mindful of avalanches and wildlife on our landscapes.

## SAN LUIS VALLEY SERVICE DIRECTORY

### ROOFING BUILDINGS

Metal Roofing Panels & Trims • Garages, Horse Barns, Hay Sheds  
 Complete Building packages • 26/29 Gauge, 20 Colors, Numerous Profiles  
 Let us find your contractor! • Free Estimates/Quick Turnaround  
**Your Local Metal Roofing Manufacturer!**  
**SKYLINE METAL**  
 (719)852-0113 M-F 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

**A&M**  
 WINDOWS &  
 DOORS L.L.C.

~VINYL WINDOWS~  
 NEW CONSTRUCTION OR REPLACEMENT  
 CUSTOM MADE TO YOUR SIZE.  
 MANUFACTURED RIGHT HERE IN THE VALLEY  
 ALL TYPES OF DOORS & DOOR HARDWARE  
 AVAILABLE  
 (719) 589-9952

### Quality Spray Foam Insulation LLC

Let us fill your needs with **SPRAY FOAM** insulation!  
**Alvin • (719) 849-5233** [catpower@ibyfax.com](mailto:catpower@ibyfax.com)  
 7268 S. County Road 4 E • Monte Vista  
 Call us for all your **LOOSE-FILL & BLOW** in Attic Insulation needs!

**Mystik**  
 LUBRICANTS  
 PREMIUM OILS & GREASES  
 DIAMOND OIL CO. LLC  
 Agricultural • Industrial • Oilfield  
 Commercial • Automotive • Irrigation  
 Peter Koehn (719) 250-5143 Myron Koehn (970) 209-1142  
**DIVERSE INVENTORY!**

**Sheri Bongers**  
 Independent Broker Agent  
 720-543-2188  
[Sheri@DenverInsuranceTeam.com](mailto:Sheri@DenverInsuranceTeam.com)  
**Tom Bongers**  
 Independent Broker Agent  
 720-543-2189  
[Tom@DenverInsuranceTeam.com](mailto:Tom@DenverInsuranceTeam.com)



Auto | Home | Life | Commercial | Workers Comp

Your Great Specializing in  
**Outdoors Vinyl Fencing**  
 Wood, Barbed Wire and All Types of  
**Residential & Commercial Fencing**  
 Serving the SLV-Free Estimates  
**Good Fences Make Good Neighbors!\***  
 (719) 849-1568  
 \* We make no guarantees of your neighbor quality, just high quality fences.

### Shopping That's Just Your Style

The Rena Marie Boutique

Specializing in memorial, holiday, any occasion t-shirts, apparel, tumblers, coffee mugs, keychains, car and big vehicle vinyl and decals, business cards, and much more.  
 Call Marie at 719-937-9629 to place your order today or email [mariedina30@hotmail.com](mailto:mariedina30@hotmail.com)

**Cash for Junk Unwanted Cars & Trucks**

No Tittle  
 No Keys  
 No Worries!  
**719 937 7935**  
**719-849-8491 or Text**

**24-HOUR MOBILE SERVICE**  
 RESIDENTIAL + COMMERCIAL + AUTO

• LOCKS  
 • KEYS  
 • SAFES

**719.580.1157**  
 E-mail: [RockyMountainLockandKey@gmail.com](mailto:RockyMountainLockandKey@gmail.com)

**CUSTOM MARBLE DESIGN**

Call for Free Estimate!  
 719-849-3990  
 E-MAIL: [cmd@ibyfax.com](mailto:cmd@ibyfax.com)

Solid Surface Countertops  
 Kitchen Countertops  
 Vanity & Table Tops  
 Window Sills  
 and More

Your ad could be here for only **\$22/week!**

Call 852-3531

**Sanchez Plastering & Masonry**

Synthetic Traditional Patches Interior/Exterior Paint

Fully Insured & Bonded  
 Fully Licensed  
 Work Guaranteed

Owners: David D. Sanchez Jr. & Brandon Sanchez  
**Call Today (719) 486-6781**

# Larry Holder Exercise and Cancer Survivorship program seeking participants

**CONTRIBUTED**  
**ALAMOSA** — The Larry Holder Exercise and Cancer Survivorship program offers cancer survivors in the San Luis Valley the opportunity to participate in an individualized exercise program conducted in a group setting which meets three times per week for 10 weeks. The program provides Adams State undergraduate and graduate kinesiology students experience in fitness testing as well as guiding and supporting program participants throughout the exercise program.

The Adams State University Department of Kinesiology will continue important research on the benefits of several types of exercise on the physical, mental, and social health of cancer survivors. The program is funded through local support from

the SLV Health Foundation, including the Larry Holder Memorial Golf Tournament, after recently completing a two-year grant from the Colorado Cancer Coalition.

All cancer survivors ages 18 years or older are welcome regardless of gender, type, or stage of cancer. This spring's research study begins the week of January 23 with appointments for individual fitness testing. There is no cost to the participant, but completing the entire twelve weeks of the study is crucial to ensure accurate results are obtained. The study consists of one week of pre-testing followed by 10 weeks of exercise, with post-testing starting the week of April 17. Federal and local COVID-19 guidelines for safe indoor activities will be followed.

Every participant will take part in the

exercise program and each individual, randomly selected following pre-testing, will be participating in either a resistance training circuit plus cardio training or yoga instruction plus cardio training. At the end of the study, group results will be calculated, and the groups will be compared for changes in fitness and overall health.

Interested participants are encouraged to attend a pre-registration meeting at 12 p.m. or 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11; or 12 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12; or 12 p.m. or 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, in the Adams State East Campus Building, room 101. The East Campus Building is located on the corner of First Street

and La Veta Avenue in Alamosa.

For more information, or for those who can't attend one of the scheduled pre-registration meetings, please contact the Adams State Kinesiology Department program coordinator: Inès Curti at 859-684-3511, or [curtiines@gmail.com](mailto:curtiines@gmail.com) or Peggy Johnson at 719-589-0593, or [pvjohnson@adams.edu](mailto:pvjohnson@adams.edu).



Courtesy photo

Participants in the fall, 2022 Larry Holder Exercise and Cancer Survivorship program demonstrate a lunge position while stretching as part of cool-down activities at the end of class. The Adams State Department of Kinesiology is seeking volunteers to participate in the study this spring.

**32nd ANNUAL "POT OF GOLD"**



**100 GELBVIEH & BALANCER BULLS**

**LOOK FOR ADDED VALUE WHEN BUYING "POT OF GOLD" BULLS**

- CALVING EASE
- GROWTHY CALVES
- DISPOSITION
- PAP TESTED

**PROVEN HIGH ALTITUDE CATTLE**




**February 24, 2023**  
12:00 NOON  
Montrose, Colorado

This sale will be broadcast live on the internet.  
**DVAuction**  
Broadcasting Real-Time Auctions  
Real time bidding & proxy bidding available.

**"Providing dependable genetics to commercial and purebred cattlemen for over 31 years."**

.....  
Mark Covington (970) 209-1956  
Dave Bowman (970) 323-6833

For online catalog and videos visit:  
[www.gelbviehbulls.net](http://www.gelbviehbulls.net)




**Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference**

Colorado State University & The Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce

**FEBRUARY 7, 8, 9, 2023**

**OUTCALT EVENT & CONFERENCE AT SLV SKI HI COMPLEX**  
**MONTE VISTA, COLORADO**

**AGCONFERENCESRM.COM**

**SURVIVING & THRIVING**  
*A conference on resilience and sustainability*



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION



MONTE VISTA Chamber of Commerce  
*The Heart of the Valley*



# 41<sup>st</sup> Annual

Southern Rocky Mountain



# Agriculture Conference

## Education Program & Trade Show

*Surviving and Thriving - A Conference on Resilience and Sustainability*



# Outcalt Conference and Event Center at SLV Ski Hi Complex Monte Vista February 7-9, 2023

<b>NAME</b>
<b>ADDRESS</b>
Please check to be added to Extension mailing list <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TELEPHONE #</b>
<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS</b>
<b>Make Checks to: SLV Area Extension</b>
<b>Mail to: Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference</b> c/o SLV Area Extension P O Box 30, Monte Vista, CO 81144

**COST CALCULATIONS:**  
Please register each person (x) for specific days; One day \$50 or entire conference \$100. Spouse is \$30/day or \$60 entire conference. Please indicate which days you will attend. Thank you!

Name	Name
Spouse	Spouse
Tues., Feb. 1st ( )	Tues., Feb. 1st ( )
Wed., Feb. 2nd ( )	Wed., Feb. 2nd ( )
Thurs., Feb. 3rd ( )	Thurs., Feb. 3rd ( )
Total \$ _____	Total \$ _____
Name	Name
Spouse	Spouse
Tues., Feb. 1st ( )	Tues., Feb. 1st ( )
Wed., Feb. 2nd ( )	Wed., Feb. 2nd ( )
Thurs., Feb. 3rd ( )	Thurs., Feb. 3rd ( )
Total \$ _____	Total \$ _____
Total Fee included with this form	\$ _____
Check No.	Cash

Register online at [www.agconferencesrm.com](http://www.agconferencesrm.com)

**Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference Sponsors**

- |   |  |  |   |  |   |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| <b>Diamond Sponsors:</b><br>American National Insurance<br>Wilbur-Ellis<br>Monte Vista COOP<br>Plant Nutrient Solutions<br>Syngenta Crop Protection<br>Yara | Advantage Hay<br>Advantage Hay-Circle D Farm Equipment<br>Colorado State University - College of Agricultural Sciences<br><b>Platinum Sponsors:</b><br>Robert Sakata<br>Agri-Stor Company Colorado | Wenta Nip and Sanitizing<br>FMC Corporation of North America<br>Pepper Equipment Corp<br><b>Gold Sponsors:</b><br>Alamosa State Bank<br>CIA Leavitt Insurance Agency | Hi Mountain Ag<br>Rocky Mountain Ag, Inc<br>Bayer Crop Science<br>Stoller<br><b>Silver Sponsors:</b><br>Nachurs Alpine Solutions<br>Teleos Ag Solutions<br>Connect 4 Health | Down to Earth Consulting LLC<br><b>Meal and Social Hour Sponsors</b><br>Monte Vista COOP<br>Del Norte Bank<br>Sunflower Bank<br>CPAC | SLVREC<br>Farm Credit Southern Colorado<br>San Luis Valley Federal Bank<br>Southwest Bank<br>Frontier Bank<br>A&L Coors |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|

Valley Publishing (719) 852-3531 • 835 First Ave. • Monte Vista, Colo.

# Registration open for the 41<sup>st</sup> Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference and Trade Show

By LARRY BROWN

CSU Extension, SLV Area Ag Business Agent

**MONTE VISTA** — Learning never stops for modern-day agriculture producers. And the challenges and learning curve for farmers and ranchers keeps getting steeper. The Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference and Trade Show is unique among farm shows because it is a major educational event — with a trade show attached.

The three-day conference is Feb. 7-9, in Monte Vista, at the beautiful, new Outcalt Conference and Event Center at SLV Ski Hi Complex. This is a hallmark event for delivering relevant information to ag producers because the program is planned jointly by a committee of producers, industry representatives, CSU Research professionals and CSU Extension.

The trade show is planned by a similar agribusiness committee working through the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce.

Participants can register for a single day or for the full three days.

“Our core cause in CSU Extension is to continually provide these critical learning opportunities, and everything we do in SLV Area Extension is designed to foster healthy youth and families, prosperous farms, ranches, and businesses, and strong, resilient, proud communities”, explains Larry Brown, SLV Area Extension Ag Business Agent and Director, and Ag Conference co-chair. The theme of

the conference this year is “Surviving and Thriving – A Conference on Resilience and Sustainability.”

The educational program covers a wide variety of topics for potato, livestock, and alfalfa producers, as well as alternative crops research, and soil and water management.

The sessions begin Feb. 7 with legislative, industry, marketing, and pesticide applicator updates by professionals from Rocky Mountain Farmer’s Union, National Potato Council, and Potatoes USA.

They continue with sessions on potato production practices, varieties, and disease control by researchers and educators from Colorado State University and Oregon State University.

There will also be demonstrations of potato equipment by a local dealer, and breakout sessions on estate and succession planning, and Ag Producer health.

Feb. 8 is a day for soil health featuring Jimmy Emmons as the keynote speaker, a crop and livestock producer from Oklahoma who has seen his production and profitability improve significantly since implementing practices to rebuild his soil health.

It also features Oregon State Associate Professor Kenneth Frost discussing SCRI Soil Health practices for potato fields, and a panel of producers, consultants and scientists on building soil health using cover crops without grazing, and forage crops with grazing.

The afternoon sessions continue with cow-calf and ewe nutrition, calving and lambing workshop, and a livestock market outlook update for ranchers. Simultaneously there will be sessions for farmers on raising Camelina, rye, millet, dry beans, and other low water use alternative crops, and the economics of two versus three alfalfa cuttings in the face of limited water and high-water costs.

In addition, the Monte Vista Co-op will be demonstrating their drones, and there will be a demonstration on virtual livestock fencing.

Feb. 9 will begin with a weed control panel and a livestock vaccination panel. It will continue with a water theme including a 20-year review of river flows and climate on the upper Rio Grande, an update on the Aquifer Recovery Bill by Sen. Cleave Simpson and culminate with a panel of producers who have successfully implemented production practices resulting in water savings.

There will be private applicator training in the afternoon taught by a private consultant.

And then there is the trade show, featuring nearly 100 vendors offering a multitude of products and services to farmers and ranchers alike. Several of the vendors are also sponsors of the conference at various levels, and a complete list of these sponsors will be published when they are finalized and will be recognized at the conference.

Two hours’ time is allowed each morning prior to the educational sessions for producers to visit the trade show vendors, as well as several break times throughout the day.

Breakfast and lunch are served to participants and vendors all three days, and a social hour the first two evenings. These meals are sponsored by local banks and businesses, which will also be recognized individually as their sponsorships are finalized.



File photos

The Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference and Trade Show is expecting more than 100 vendors for the trade show.



The Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference and Trade Show is set for Feb. 7-9 in Monte Vista at the Outcalt Conference and Event Center at SLV Ski Hi Complex.

For information on registering for the educational sessions, call or email Larry Brown, SLV Area Extension at 719-852-7381 or L.Brown@colostate.edu.

For information on registering as a trade show vendor or becoming a sponsor, call or email the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce at 719-852-

2731, chamber@montevistachamber.org or Kay Harmon, Conference Co-chair at 719-852-5638 or kay@ksaccounting.net

Up to date conference information and registration for both the educational conference and trade show can also be found on the official website, www.agconferencesrm.com.



The Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference and Trade Show has informational sessions on all three days, Feb. 7-9.

## OVER \$492,000,000 IN SALES THE LAST 7 YEARS WITHIN THE S.L.V. AND CLIMBING.

### WE NEED YOUR FARM OR RANCH

We have buyers, with cash, looking for Agriculture Lands From 1 quarter, 2-4 quarters, 5-10 quarters, and up.

Any size of Farm or Ranch, can close by May 1!

Consistently one of the Top Farm/Ranch Brokers in Southern Colorado.

100% Agriculture driven business model.

**FOR AN APPOINTMENT OR TO FIND OUT THE TRUE VALUE OF YOUR AG. PROPERTY CALL: STEFFENS & COMPANY REALTY, INC. 719-873-1700**

All inquires and information is kept strictly confidential.

## Steffens & Co. Realty, Inc.

Bruce Steffens, Broker/Owner  
30635 US Hwy 160 • P.O. Box 205  
South Fork • (719) 873-1700



steff@gojade.org

www.steffenscorealty.com



**Great Plains**  
"Harvest Starts Here."

**BIGGER. BOLDER. BETTER.**  
THE GREAT PLAINS BD7600

Great Plains keeps raising the bar when it comes to reeling performance in a box drill. The legendary BD7600 features an industry-leading box capacity, a durable, field-tested design, and the innovative Great Plains Metering System for greater accuracy across all seed types, from traditional to cover crops. Add hydraulic drive and DrillCommand® for section control, variable-rate seeding, and more from the cab. Now available in a new 50' model.

Bringing next level accuracy, convenience, and flexibility to help you farm smarter.

Ask us about the full line of BD7600 box drill models or visit [www.GreatPlainsAg.com](http://www.GreatPlainsAg.com)



**Sorum Tractor Co., Inc.**

7727 Hwy. 160 • Alamosa  
589-2822 • [www.sorumtractor.com](http://www.sorumtractor.com)



Demonstrations were plentiful at Monte Vista Co-op product show

File photo

# Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference History

**STAFF REPORT**  
**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — Looking back over the past 40-plus years, the Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference began as a small, educational conference for local and visiting agricultural leaders. According to local historians, there were a couple of ag-related educational events and product shows happening at different times in the San Luis Valley that ultimately joined forces to become the Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference.

An article in the 1982 Monte Vista Journal writes about the formation of the Monte Vista Cooperative in 1949 which later led to the Monte Vista Product Show and the annual Monte Vista Cooperative meeting which took place in the spring of 1982.

During that time, the Monte Vista Cooperative welcomed guest speakers like Current General Manager Doyle Smith and even an appearance by Denver Broncos receiver Steve Watson. The first show included an agricultural history presentation slide show of agriculture in the San Luis Valley which was created by Don Proffer through the Don J. Proffer Production Company.

The two-day event featured contests and prizes, special events for ranchers, farmers and agricultural leaders, merchandise sales, and even a chance for one lucky lady to win \$6,100 to go toward a new kitchen. Guests also attended a pancake dinner and

competed in a pie-eating contest. In the years since the first product show, long-time Monte Vista resident and Monte Vista Agriculture Committee member through the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce, Karla Shriver, said that the chamber created a committee for the agricultural show that was held at the Adams State University campus and served as an educational seminar and conference for members.

In 1987, Shriver joined the agricultural committee and was later appointed Chair in 1988 and that was the first year it moved to Monte Vista and became the only agricultural show for the area.

“I became chair of the committee in 1988 which was the first year it was in Monte Vista. Previously it was held in Alamosa at Adams State University for a few years, before moving to Monte Vista. It was primarily educational then — not many vendors. It was moved to Monte Vista as there was no place at the college to display large pieces of equipment and we didn’t have a large space for vendors to display their products for farmers-ranchers to look at,” Shriver said.

At the time, Janice Schnieder was the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce

manager, and the committee did everything from setting it up to taking it down, Shriver said.

“We had a good group of people on the committee,” Shriver said. “We did everything. We set up the booth spaces, tables and chairs, made coffee, did the janitorial duties every morning — sweeping the floor and hauling out the trash whenever needed. The building was completely full of vendors even back then. We also used the McMullen Building for display of large equipment back then, too. That was about the time the bowling alley opened. We had our first social hour at the bowling alley. It was a good party. We never did that again. The money raised by the Agricultural Committee from this event supported the operations of the whole chamber even back then. It still does today for the most part.”

Now, 40 years later, the Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference has grown to something that is looked forward to every year by ranchers and farmers from throughout the state.

This year’s conference is on Feb. 7-9. For more information and a full agenda of the Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference, visit [www.agconferencesrm.com](http://www.agconferencesrm.com).

## Keynote speaker



Jimmy Emmons

## Emmons touts benefits of no-till, cover crops to boost soil health

CONTRIBUTED

Jimmy Emmons and his wife Ginger farm 2,000 acres in Leedey, Okla., and have one son, Beau, according to a story published by the National Association of Conservation Districts. Jimmy’s family has farmed for over a century, and he joined the fray in 1980. His third-generation operation includes a rotation of wheat, canola, rye, sunflowers, peas, soybeans, milo, sesame and alfalfa, as well as a cow-calf operation.

Emmons has built his operation into a soil health system with many parts contributing to the rehabilitation of his land. Over 25 years ago, Emmons started no-tilling his

fields, leaving crop residue on the land to help control wind and water erosion, improve nutrient-use efficiency, and increase the level of organic matter.

Emmons has been incorporating cover crops into the system. By increasing the diversity of his cover crops, he has increased the soil’s organic matter, attracted pollinators, created channels for water infiltration with deep roots, and naturally added nutrients back into the soil.

The use of cover crops in the semi-arid Great Plains can be a controversial topic, as cover crops could use up the limited available

See **KEYNOTE** on Page 4

**Farm Fresh**  
 DIRECT OF AMERICA  
 Fresh Ideas. Fresh Results.

*Combined for strength, committed to excellence.*

**(719) 852-2600**  
 15 Washington, Suite 207  
 Monte Vista  
 Email: [customerservice@ffdllc.net](mailto:customerservice@ffdllc.net)

**A NEW WAY TO IRRIGATE**  
 3 NEW PANELS

**100% REINKE CERTIFIED**

**RPM ADVANCED PLUS™**  
 With a simple to use touchscreen display, the RPM Advanced Plus Main Control Panel comes equipped with all the advanced features needed for your smart irrigation practice.

**RPM ANNEX™**  
 Utilizing the backend components of an existing control panel, the RPM Annex allows you to upgrade to the latest pivot control technology for a fraction of the cost.

**RPM CONNECT™**  
 Designed for today’s progressive farmer, the RPM Connect Main Control Panel utilizes remote control technology and comes equipped with all the necessary features to keep you connected.

**CPC**  
 Reliable Efficient Pump Solutions

**Central Pump Company**  
**719-754-3936**  
**570 E Hwy 112 Center**  
**[www.cpcpump.com](http://www.cpcpump.com)**  
**[www.reinke.com](http://www.reinke.com)**

# Event center shines during Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference

## STAFF REPORT

**MONTE VISTA** — The Outcall Event and Conference at SLV Ski Hi Complex made its grand debut in 2022 and showed the community and state just what it's capable of during the 2022 annual Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference.

The building was a want for the area for years and gained momentum in recent years as fundraising for the multi-million project began in earnest spearheaded by the Friends of Ski Hi.

"The vision behind the new Ski Hi building had been there for a really long time," stated Karla Shriver, chairperson for the Friends of Ski Hi. "This idea was there as early as 2006, 2007, the only thing that was not, was the funding. The funding really came from grants and community donations and involvement; it really just took off from there."

On Sept. 4, 2019, Friends of Ski Hi Park presented the idea and preliminary design to the City Council for a multi-purpose Ski Hi building, and other changes to the Ski Hi complex in Monte Vista. The plan included the demolition of the multipurpose building and pool area on the property and replacing it with a 30,000 square foot event center.

The new building would occupy the same space but would be slightly narrower from north to south, and slightly longer, by about 30 to 40 feet from east to west. The main entrance would be on the west side of the building, and the picnic area would be moved to the west side.

Representatives from Alcon Construction were excited to voice their opinions at this meeting, citing that the multi-purpose recreation area would be designed and constructed in consideration of multiple events taking place in the area including roller derby, basketball, wrestling, volleyball and other potential events such as dances and festivals.

*Please see CENTER on Page 5*

# KEYNOTE

Continued from Page 3

moisture needed for cash crops. When Emmons heard that cover crops are considered a moisture-neutral practice, he had to see for himself. He installed moisture sensors and planted a test plot to compare the results with cropland without covers.

He discovered that although cover crops do utilize some soil moisture, more of that moisture would be lost through evaporation from bare, uncovered soil. Emmons' long-term goal is to continue to reduce his use of irrigation to the point that it is utilized only during times of short rainfalls.

Emmons implements a diverse crop rotation, but the weather in Oklahoma dictates what he decides to do. While he's always under the threat of a drought — typically, he sees a 22–25-inch annual rainfall — the precipitation he does see usually comes in the form of intense rainstorms. By implementing his crop rotation and not committing himself to just one or two crops, he is spreading the market risk and capitalizing on the changing weather patterns.

Emmons has incorporated his cow-calf operation in his soil health system through rotational grazing on his cover crops during the winter. After conducting some trials in his grazing system, he found he can make more



File photos

money on the beef he's raising than the cost of seeding the covers, and it's a great way to cycle the nutrients back into the soil.

While Emmons has been open to trying new ways to farm and rehabilitate the land, he has not been shy about sharing his experiences. In his outreach efforts, Emmons confronts and challenges the perception "this won't work here." He's passionate about sharing what he's learned through his trials and errors. Every year, in addition to managing his operation with Ginger, Emmons travels across the country speaking about soil health from a producer's point of view.

He and Ginger have opened their operation up for many field days and tours, with attendees coming from as far as Australia, France and Bulgaria — all to see for themselves how he is managing his operation for soil health.

In 2017, the Emmons were awarded the first Oklahoma Leopold Conservation Award for the outstanding work they've done for conservation on their operation.

"To be successful, you need to surround yourself with very knowledgeable people, and I think we've been able to do that here," Emmons

said. "I think that's why we've been able to do what we could do as fast as we could."



**For All of Your Tire Needs**

**Center Tire Store**

754-3421

335 E. 3rd Center

**Colorado Seed LLC**

195 N. Washington • P.O. Box 68  
Monte Vista • (719)852-3505

America's Alfalfa Pasture Grass Seed Turf Grass Seed

Legumes Pasture Mixes

*We understand CREP mixes and have seed in stock to make them*

# Beiriger & Sons Irrigation

754-3555

676 E. Hwy. 112 • Center

# ROXOR COMING SOON!!!

**Mahindra TRACTORS**

**Valley Tractor Repair**  
2573 S. County Road 6E • Monte Vista CO 81144

**Ric Myers, Owner**

(719) 852-0200 office  
(719) 852-2767 fax

Cell: (719) 850-2804  
Email: ricmyers@gojade.org  
www.valleytractorrepair.com

## At Stone's we've always been PASSIONATE ABOUT PROVIDING EXCELLENT SERVICE...

For over 60 years, Stone's Farm Supply has been invested in the success of local farmers. We provide the fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, custom application, equipment and planning needed to help your crops and your farm grow, from planting through harvest. Stop by to talk about how our services can enhance your success, the coffee is always on.

*We're proud to partner with the industry's most innovative brands to bring the latest technology and products for all of the Valley's crops, creating solutions to keeping local growers sustainable.*

# Stone's Farm Supply, Inc.

On the corner of 3rd & Torres • 719-754-3453

# CENTER

Continued from Page 4

The goal was to have the project completed by March of 2021. Former Monte Vista Forest Neuberger discussed using the proposed one-cent sales tax at the introductory meeting in 2019 to maintain the Ski Hi complex. The proposed plan was passed by the council thus starting the early phase of the Ski Hi project.

In 2020, the Friends of Ski Hi along with the City of Monte Vista and Alcon Construction, officially announced that the building for the Ski Hi complex had been ordered. The \$8 million project kicked off in 2020 with a local donation campaign early in the year. Within months, over \$772,000 had been raised by the community to go toward the project.

The full demolition of the Ski Hi complex began and was complete in July of 2020 and, the new steel structure frame for the new building came together in January of 2021.

At a City Council meeting in December of 2021, new City Manager Gigi Dennis announced that the Ski Hi complex was nearly complete. Dennis said the City of Monte Vista was excited to see it ready enough to be used for the ag conference in February of 2022.

"All of the hard work that has happened because of our community involvement in donating and dedication by the city and so many wonderful people and workers has really paid off," Dennis said in a recent interview with Valley Publishing. "The city is excited to see this project come together."

Shriver said the project was a testament to a lot of challenging work by many people and a giving community.

"It's great to see this near completion," Shriver said. "We are so thankful for the outpouring of donations from the community, for the city's hard work and dedication to the project, for Alcon Construction who put in many donated hours of hard work for this project. We are grateful for the grants, for all of the people who really brought this together, for everything."

"It's been amazing, to watch our community come together and really make this happen," Shriver said.



File photos

**The Outcalt Event and Conference at SLV Ski Hi Complex made its grand debut in 2022.**



**COOLEY & SONS EXCAVATING INC.**

Dirt Work  
Site Preparation  
Sewer & Water Lines  
Demolition  
Hauling  
Gravel Products

for all your construction needs

**(719) 378-2520**  
Cell: (719) 588-2406

James Cooley  
4469 N. CR 108 • Mosca

**JV Smith COMPANIES**

Skyview southern Colorado Cooling Co. **FARMS** SKYLINE POTATO COLORADO

**719-754-2681**  
55 Torres St. • Center

**PEPPER EQUIPMENT**

Produce industry Solutions

719-852-4092  
0931 N. HWY 285 • Monte Vista

**Now contracting farmers for fiber crops in the 2023 season**

**GLOBAL FIBER** **FORMATIONAG**

**Leaders of Industrial Hemp processing**

**Come visit us at the Ag Expo!**

**LENCO WEST** INC.**719-852-0299**

COMMITTED TO QUALITY AND SERVICE

**LENCO  
GRIMME  
SPUDNIK  
NEW HOUSE****Greentronics  
Agparts  
Black Ace  
Broekema  
Kryptane****Noffsinger  
Lemken  
Hydraulic  
Systems****121 N. Broadway  
Monte Vista****Justin Pepper  
President****32nd  
ANNUAL****"POT OF GOLD"****100 GELBIEH & BALANCER BULLS****LOOK FOR ADDED VALUE  
WHEN BUYING  
"POT OF GOLD" BULLS**CALVING EASE  
GROWTHY CALVES  
DISPOSITION  
PAP TESTED

PROVEN HIGH ALTITUDE CATTLE

**February 24, 2023**

12:00 NOON

Montrose, Colorado

This sale will be broadcast live on the internet.

**DVAuction**

Broadcasting Real-Time Auctions

Real time bidding &amp; proxy bidding available.

"Providing dependable genetics to commercial  
and purebred cattlemen for over 31 years."Mark Covington (970) 209-1956  
Dave Bowman (970) 323-6833For online catalog and videos visit:  
[www.gelbviehbulls.net](http://www.gelbviehbulls.net)

# Ag Conference Schedule

**'Surviving and Thriving – A Conference on Resilience and Sustainability'****41st ANNUAL EDUCATION  
PROGRAM AND TRADE SHOW  
Feb. 7-9, 2023**Ski Hi Park & McMullen Building, Monte Vista, CO  
[www.agconferencesrm.com](http://www.agconferencesrm.com)

Conference Sponsored By

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION  
and COLORADO AG EXPERIMENT STATION

Trade Fair Sponsored By

MONTE VISTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Tuesday, Feb. 7**7:30-9 a.m. — BREAKFAST Sponsored by  
MONTE VISTA COOP

8-10 a.m. — Visit Trade Show Vendors

8:30 a.m. — DEMO: Potato Farming  
Equipment in McMullen Building,  
Pepper Equipment

9:45-9:55 a.m. — Official Conference

Opening: Pledge of Allegiance,  
Welcome, Introduction of Ag  
Conference, Larry Brown, CSU-SLV  
Area Ag Business Agent/Director

10:00-10:25 a.m. — Colorado Legislative

Update, Dan Waldvogle, Director of  
External Affairs, Rocky Mountain  
Farmers Union10:30-11 a.m. — Pesticide Applicator Act  
Sunset Report, Sandra McDonald,  
Mountain West PEST11:00-11:25 a.m. — NPC Political Update,  
Kam Quarles, Chief Executive  
Officer, National Potato Council11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. — Potato Marketing  
Update, Kimberlee Breshears, Chief  
Marketing Officer, Potatoes USANoon-1:30 p.m. — LUNCH Sponsored by  
DEL NORTE BANK1:20 p.m. — Diamond Sponsor Presentation,  
Plant Nutrient Solutions1:30-1:55 p.m. — Good Agriculture Practices  
– 2023 Updates/Changes Kay  
Harmon, K's Accounting Services1:30-3 p.m. — Family Farm Estate and  
Succession Planning Workshop, Jeff  
Tranel, Regional Ext. Specialist,  
CSU, Blue Room2:00-2:25 p.m. — 2022 PHT Update,  
PVY's affect on Yield and PVY in  
Commercial Plant Back Summary,  
Andrew Houser, PhD, PCS Manager,  
SLV Research2:30-3 p.m. — Field Management of Reveille  
Russet and Response of Russet  
Potato to Blended Liquid Phosphorus  
Fertilizers, Dr. Samuel YC Essah,  
Associate Professor and Extension  
Specialist, CSU

3:00-3:30 p.m. — BREAK

3:20 p.m. — Diamond Sponsor Presentation,  
Bayer3:30-3:55 p.m. — The Management of Potato  
Diseases in the SLV – 2022 Update,  
Dr. Mohamad Chik-Ali, Research  
Prof./Ext. Specialist, Plant Pathologist3:30-5 p.m. — Running on All Cylinders:  
Taking Care of the Most Valuable Part  
of Your Operation, Clinton Wilson,  
AgWell Program Director, Rocky Mtn  
Farmers Union, Orange Room4-4:25 p.m. — Potato Breeding Program  
Update & CPAC Variety Trial Update,  
Dr. Jessica Chitwood Brown, SLV  
Potato Breeding Prog. & Zach  
Czarnecki, SLVRC Farm Manager4:30-5 p.m. — The Soil Environment and its  
Effect on Powdery Scab of Potatoes  
Ken Frost, Associate Professor-OSU5 p.m. — Social Hour: Gourmet Cooking – Jason Morse  
Sponsored by Sunflower Bank and CPAC**Wednesday, Feb. 8**

7:30-9 a.m. — BREAKFAST Sponsored by SLVREC

8-10 a.m. — Visit Trade Show Vendors

8:15 a.m. — DEMO: Virtual Livestock Fencing, Craig  
Gifford, Ext. Beef Cattle Special NMSU, McMullen  
Building9 a.m. — DEMO: Drone, Monte Vista Coop, McMullen  
Building10-10:55 a.m. — Enhancing Potato Productivity Through  
Management Practices that Support Soil Health, Ken  
Frost, Associate Professor-OSU11 a.m.-12 p.m. — Keynote Address: Grazing Beyond the  
Yield – How we changed our soil and water efficiency  
to improve profitability, Jimmy Emmons, Farmer/  
Rancher, Soil Health Mentoring Coordinator, OK  
Conservation Commission

Noon-1:30 p.m. — LUNCH Sponsored by FARM CREDIT

1:20 p.m. — Diamond Sponsor Presentation, AIR

1:30-1:55 p.m. — CSU Introductions, Zach Czarnecki,  
Larry Brown and James Prichett, Dean, College of  
Agriculture, CSU2-3 p.m. — Improving Soil Health with Cover Crops and  
Forage Crops with Grazing – Panel Discussion,  
Jimmy Emmons, Patrick O'Neil, Kyler Brown, Erin  
Nissen and Annie Overlin, Regional Range Specialist,  
CSU2-2:45 p.m. — Camelina as an Alternative Crop  
Sustainable Oils, Camelina, Blue Room2-2:40 p.m. — Winter Nutrition and Rations for Cow Calf  
and Sheep, Travis Taylor, CSU Livestock Ext. Agent,  
GPA, Orange Room

Continued on Page 7

**(719) 852-3921  
2701 E. Cty. Rd. 1 S.  
Monte Vista**[www.wilburellis.com](http://www.wilburellis.com)**WILBUR-ELLIS**

## Products and services, tailored to your challenges and needs

Wilbur-Ellis Agribusiness Division is a leading provider  
of innovative solutions in plant protection chemistry,  
plant nutrition and seed technology. These solutions are  
complemented with the one-on-one relationship our skilled field  
specialists develop with every customer we serve.Wilbur-Ellis serves small and large professionals alike. We deliver  
extensive experience in pest diagnosis, soil analysis, water  
management, nutrition, and regulatory and environmental  
issues. We provide the most advanced crop production  
technology available. We do it all with a singular goal of  
maximizing our customers' return on investment.

### We have all your crop chemical supplies!

- Fungicides
- Insecticides
- Herbicides
- Application and Fertilizer

# Featured Sessions



## Jim's Tire Store

**New • Used Recapped**  
**711-1/2 State Ave. • Alamosa**  
**589-9690**

## monte vista machine tool

Proudly serving the San Luis Valley since 1979

- Machine Work of All Types
- Welding of All Types including ALUMINUM & STAINLESS
- CUSTOM FARM EQUIPMENT AND REPAIR
- Driveline Specialists
- Surface Brake Drums, Rotors and Flywheels
- CRANES - 7/50/75/100 Ton Capacities

**0839 N Hwy 285 • Monte Vista**  
**(719) 852-4990 • www.mvmachinetool.com**

### Running on all cylinders

**Clint Wilson: AgWell, Program Director RMFU**  
 "Running on All Cylinders: Taking care of the most valuable part of your operation." You are the most valuable part of your operation. Learn tools to take better care of your personal well-being so you can take better care of your crops and livestock.

### Succession planning

**Jeff Tranel: CSU Regional Extension Specialist – Agricultural & Business Management Economist**  
 Tranel will lead farm succession planning sessions on both days to help new and old generations navigate transitioning farm ownership.

### State legislative update

**Dan Waldvogel: Director of External Affairs for Rocky Mountain Farmers Union**  
 Learn the new regulations affecting Ag Labor including hand weeding, overtime provisions, shade and water restrictions, access to service providers and arbitration process.

# Ag Conference Schedule

**Continued**

2-3:15 p.m. — REPEAT – Running on All Cylinders: Taking Care of the Most Valuable Part of Your Operation, Clinton Wilson, AgWell Program Director Rocky Mtn Farmers Union, Green Room

2:45-3:15 p.m. — Millet, Dry Beans, Legumes, and other Pulse Crops, Jeff Davidson – SLVRC Assistant Farm Mgr. & Mireya Ortega, Blue Room

2:45-3:15 p.m. — Livestock Market Outlook, Stephen Koontz, Dept. Ag and Resource Econ CSU, Orange Room

3:00-3:30 p.m. — BREAK – Conference Room

3:15-3:45 p.m. — BREAK – ALL BREAKOUT ROOMS, Orange Room

3:20 p.m. — Diamond Sponsor Presentation, Yara

3:30-3:40 p.m. — CDA STAR and STAR Plus Program, Bill Britton, Mosca-Hooper Conservation Dist.

3:45-4:15 p.m. — Summary of Soil Health Research in SLV, Annie Overlin, Larry Brown and Daniel Rode

3:45-4:15 p.m. — Economics of 2 vs 3 Cuttings of Alfalfa Considering Water Usage, Zach Czarnecki, SLVRC Farm Manager, Blue Room

3:45-5 p.m. — Calving and Lambing: Lessons from the field for increased survivability, Tim Holt DVM, Clinical Sciences, CSU & Curtis Crawford DVM, Alpine Veterinary Clinic, Orange Room

3:45-5 p.m. — REPEAT – Family Farm Estate and Succession Planning Workshop, Jeff Tranel – Regional Ext. Specialist, CSU, Green Room

4:15-4:30 p.m. — Habitat Conservation Plan Update, Cassandra McCuen, RGWCD-HCP Coordinator

4:15-5 p.m. — Rye as a Low Water Alternative to Barley – Panel Discussion, Mike Jones, Producer, Eric Kimberling and Brett

Hemmerling, Rio Grande Seed and Grain, Patrick Brownell, Producer, Blue Room

4:30-5 p.m. — Potato Wart on Prince Edward Island, Amy Charkowski, Dept Head Ag Biology, CSU

5 p.m. — Social Hour – with Ag Adventures Kids Kamp by CSU Ext Sponsored by SAN LUIS VALLEY FEDERAL BANK, Green Room

## Thursday, Feb. 9

7:30-9 a.m. — BREAKFAST Sponsored by SOUTHWEST BANK

8-10 a.m. — Visit Trade Show Vendors

8:15-9 a.m. — Weed Control Panel, Armando Ross, RG Weed Mgr. / Lucius Casias, Costilla Weed Mgr. / Drew Marino, Mineral Weed Mgr. / Myron Price, Conejos Weed Mgr. / Nikita Cooper, SLVWMA Director

9:00-9:45 a.m. — Veterinary Panel on Vaccinations, Curtis Crawford, DVM and Jeremy Sowards, DVM

10:00-10:25 a.m. — 20 Year Review of River Flows and Climate in the Upper Rio Grande Basin, Pat McDermott, DWR III

10:30-10:45 a.m. — Update on Aquifer Recovery Bill, Senator Cleave Simpson

10:45-11:15 a.m. — Outreach for Water Market Study, Amber Pacheco, RGWCD and Rio de la Vista

11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. — Opportunity to Learn from Peers about Successful Water Saving Measures – Panel, Erin Nissen, Jeff McCullough, Nathan Coombs and Michael Jones

12 p.m. — LUNCH Sponsored by FRONTIER BANK

1:30 p.m. — Commercial Applicator and Private Applicator Continuing Education, 7-Core Credits, Don Henderson, DP Ag Services, Orange Room

### Agriculture Consulting Services

Certified Crop Advisor

Alfalfa & Grass Seed  
 Agriculture Chemicals  
 Gloves at Dealer Prices

### DP Ag Services

Don & Pat Henderson

852-0824  
 850-1679

### Attention Farmers and Ranchers:

Seal your leaking livestock tanks, ponds & reservoirs with bentonite.

## Spring Special 10% OFF

### Rio Grande Bentonite

(719) 580-6652

To all of our customers,

# Thank You!

for your business

Leavitt Group of Colorado

Protecting YOUR way of life.  
 719.589.3611

FARM/RANCH | CROP | WORKERS COMPENSATION  
 BUSINESS | EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | HEALTH/LIFE

100 Premium Way | P.O. Box 5002 | Alamosa, CO 81101

### A local family-owned business specializing in potato sprout control and crop storage management solutions.

## "Sprouts Wenta-Away"

# Wenta Nip & Sanitizing, LLC

Monte Vista, Colorado  
 (719) 852-0353 • www.wentanip.com



Courtesy photo

# Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference agenda

The educational program covers a wide variety of topics for potato, livestock, and alfalfa producers, as well as alternative crops research, and soil and water management.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The Feb. 7 sessions begin Legislative, industry, marketing, and pesticide applicator updates by professionals from Rocky Mountain Farmer's Union, National Potato Council, and Potatoes USA.

## POTATO PRODUCTION PRACTICES

They continue with sessions on potato production practices, varieties, and disease control by researchers and educators from Colorado State University and Oregon State University.

There will also be demonstrations of potato equipment by a local dealer, and breakout sessions on estate and succession planning, and Ag Producer health.

## SOIL HEALTH

Feb. 8 is a day for soil health featuring Jimmy Emmons as the keynote speaker, a crop and livestock producer from Oklahoma

who has seen his production and profitability improve significantly since implementing practices to rebuild his soil health.

It also features Oregon State Associate Professor Kenneth Frost discussing SCRI Soil Health practices for potato fields, and a panel of producers, consultants and scientists on building soil health using cover crops without grazing, and forage crops with grazing.

## LIVESTOCK MARKET OUTLOOK

The afternoon sessions continue with cow-calf and ewe nutrition,

calving and lambing workshop, and a livestock market outlook update for ranchers. Simultaneously there will be sessions for farmers on raising Camelina, rye, millet, dry beans, and other low water use alternative crops, and the economics of two versus three alfalfa cuttings in the face of limited water and high-water costs.

## DRONE DEMONSTRATION

In addition, the Monte Vista Co-op will be demonstrating their drones, and there will be a demonstration on virtual livestock fencing.

## LIVESTOCK AND WATER PANELS

Feb. 9 will begin with a weed control panel and a livestock vaccination panel. It will continue with a water theme including a 20-year review of river flows and climate on the upper Rio Grande, an update on the Aquifer Recovery Bill by Sen. Cleave Simpson and culminate with a panel of producers who have successfully implemented production practices resulting in water savings.

There will be private applicator training in the afternoon taught by a private consultant.



## INDUSTRIAL iVi VENTILATION, INC.

Providing the Valley with Ventilation,  
Refrigeration & Post Harvest Chemical Needs

**John Martinez, Service Manager**  
**Mobile (719) 588-2485**  
**1393 E. Hwy 160 • Monte Vista**

# WATER...

## It's the Life Blood of Our Valley

With the current condition of our water supply, it is everyone's responsibility to conserve & use it wisely!  
The life of our land depends upon it.

*Conserve San Luis Valley Water!*

**Rio Grande Water  
Conservation District**  
**589-6301**



8805 Independence Way • Alamosa



# DRONE DEMO

**WED, FEBRUARY 8TH @ 9 AM**

SKI HI COMPLEX, MONTE VISTA, COLORADO

719-852-5181

MVC.COOP.COM

