

## Shorts

### SLVREC Ciello Board of Directors meeting March 29

**MONTE VISTA** — SLVREC and Ciello will have the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29, at 3625 US Highway 160 W., Monte Vista. Advance notice is required to attend the meeting, call Michelle Trujillo at 719-852-3538.

### SLV Trout Unlimited meeting is March 29

**ALAMOSA** — San Luis Valley Trout Unlimited is inviting the public to its March chapter meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29. The meeting will be held at the Alamosa Senior Center, 92 Colorado Ave., Alamosa.

The program will feature Ron Velarde, a longtime employee of the Colorado Division of Wildlife. He was stationed in the San Luis Valley from 1973-1980. He served as the first District Wildlife Manager in San Luis, before transferring to the Monte Vista District.

While in the San Luis Valley, Velarde was one of the individuals responsible for the first reintroduction efforts of the Rio Grande Cutthroat.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments are provided and a prize drawing will be held at the end of the meeting.

### Car crash results in serious injury to passenger

**CONEJOS COUNTY** — A car crash on County Road 24 in Conejos County on Saturday night, March 19, resulted in the driver and passenger being transported to SLV Health Regional Medical Center in Alamosa after the passenger sustained serious injuries, according to Colorado State Patrol.

Antonio Deleon-Perez, 26, of Alamosa, was driving a 1993 Pontiac Bonneville when he lost control of the vehicle on a stretch of washboard and started fishtailing, CSP reported. His car then crossed over the southbound lane, crashing through a fence and rolling 2.5 times in a neighboring field, ultimately coming to rest on its roof.

Both people inside were transported by ambulance to the local hospital with Deleon-Perez sustaining only minor injuries, CSP reported. Maria Sebastian's, 38, of Alamosa, injuries were more serious.

Speed is suspected to be a contributing factor in the crash, and the accident is under investigation at this time, CSP reported.

## Saguache Commissioners seeking public input for a name change of Squaw Creek

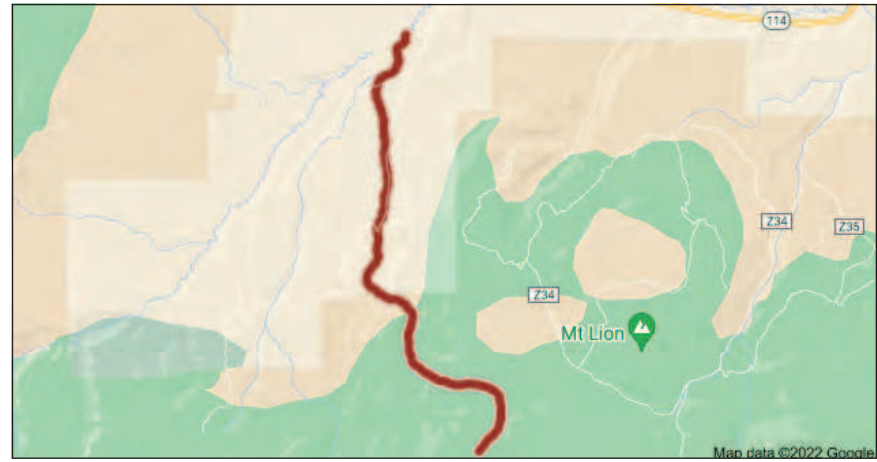
By MECHEL MEEK

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — The Saguache County Board of Commissioners announced that they are seeking public suggestions and input regarding the need to rename Squaw Creek to a name that is not considered derogatory.

According to the Saguache County Commissioners, "Last year, US Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland issued 'Secretarial Order 3404' declaring 'Squaw' a derogatory term and established the Derogatory Geographic Names Task Force charged with considering replacement names for geographic locations currently utilizing the term."

The County Commissioners would like to receive suggestions from the community, in order to forward these suggested names to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Name suggestions must be received in writing by the Saguache County Administration in person at 505 3rd St., Saguache, or at P.O. Box 100, Saguache, CO 81149 and must be received before Friday, April 1.



Map showing Squaw Creek

## Sargent School District promotes academic and sports accomplishments

By MECHEL MEEK

**SARGENT SCHOOL** — Sargent School District recently shared some of the accomplishments of its students.

According to Trish Rue of Sargent School District, "Over the last couple of months, Sargent elementary, junior high and senior high students have participated in History Fair, Science Fair, FBLA Knowledge Bowl and FFA. Student-athletes have ended their basketball, swim and wrestling seasons and moved into baseball, junior high wrestling and track. 'Small but mighty' can be a motto for the Sargent School District."

Sargent students participated in *Please see SARGENT on Page 2A*

**Sargent Junior High School inducted 14 seventh-graders to the National Honors Society along with 10 current members on Wednesday, March 9 in the District Auditorium. Sargent High School inducted seven new members to the National Honors Society chapter on Thursday, March 10, in the District Auditorium.**

Photos courtesy of Sargent School District



## Swartz announces candidacy for Saguache County Treasurer

By MECHEL MEEK

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — In an email to the Center Post-Dispatch, Regina Swartz announced her candidacy for the position of Saguache County Treasurer/Public Trustee.

"I, Regina Swartz am announcing my candidacy for Saguache County Treasurer/Public Trustee. It has been a truly fulfilling experience working for the Treasurer's office for the last 8 years. Prior to being appointed as the County Treasurer/Public Trustee, I held the position of Chief Deputy Treasurer for 3 years.

"I am proficient in all areas of the Treasurer's office. The Office of County Treasurer has the responsibility for the collection, custody, and distribution of County funds as well as all investments and budgetary obligations.

"The office is also responsible for *Please see SWARTZ on Page 2A*

## Judge cites DA Payne with contempt of court

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

**RIO GRANDE COUNTY** — According to a court document dated March 7, 12th Judicial District Court Judge Amanda Hopkins has cited 12th Judicial District Attorney Alonzo Payne for contempt of court.

The contempt citation was, according to the document, based on alleged violations "pertaining to the rights of alleged victims; alleged breaches of the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct

regarding candor towards the tribunal, the special duties of prosecutors, and dealing with an unrepresented person; and for his alleged failure to comply with rules of this Court regarding dismissal of actions prior to trial."

In the document, Judge Hopkins references the dismissal of charges filed against Darrin Moore who was accused of crimes related to domestic violence.

Hopkins set the stage for her actions by describing her decision

a year ago to issue "Criminal Trial Management Orders" that set a deadline of "generally 16 or 17 days" prior to trial, after which no plea deals or motions for continuance will be granted. The purpose of the order, Hopkins writes, was to "alleviate the significant resources being wasted in this Judicial District by last-minute pleas, continuances and dismissals due to lawyer unpreparedness."

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# Giving to reputable charities to provide aid to Ukraine

BY MECHEL MEEK

**CENTER** — Many people in the San Luis Valley are wanting to help the people of Ukraine during this time of crisis. The problem is that some people take advantage of people wanting to help by impersonating reputable charities or misleading well-meaning people.

According to Charity Watch, "Rising political tensions between Russia and Ukraine over territory culminated in a declaration of war by Russian President, Vladimir Putin, on Feb. 24, 2022. This extreme escalation has created a humanitarian crisis as Ukrainian military and civilians, alike, come together to protect their country from the onslaught of bombing and other acts of aggression being carried out by Russian Forces."

The charities listed in this article have been top-rated by independent groups for transparency and accountability.

Care USA, Catholic Relief Services, Church World Service, Direct Relief Foundation, Episcopal Relief and Development, Doctors Without Borders, HIAS, International Medical Corps, International Rescue Committee, Lutheran World Relief, Medical Teams International, Mercy Corps, Operation USA, Project Hope, Samaritan's Purse, Team Rubicon and the United States Fund for UNICEF have all been identified as trustworthy charities that are providing relief for those caught in the conflict.

Each of these charities has a website where a person can donate directly to Ukrainian relief efforts.

# Saguache County requests bids for three improvement projects

BY MECHEL MEEK

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — Saguache County recently announced that it is accepting bids for three separate county improvement projects.

The Saguache County Housing Authority is seeking bids for tree trimming at 705 8th St. in Saguache. People interested in submitting bids can do so before April 1 via sealed bid. According to Saguache County, "Scope of Work and questions can

be addressed by texting or calling 719-849-0356."

Also, up for bid is building a 60-foot by 26-foot equipment shop in the Town of Sargents. The shop will be used to house Road and Bridge equipment. Bids for this project must be received by April 14. For questions and specifications, bidders are asked to contact Wendi Maez or Randy Arredondo at the



county. Contact information is listed on the Saguache County Website.

The third project up for bid is a landfill office building. According to Saguache County, the building will be an office-style building 30-feet by 8-feet and will include installing a sewage disposal system and solar power. Questions regarding specifications are to be addressed to either Maez or Arredondo.

# Saguache County Commissioners announce scholarship for high school seniors

BY MECHEL MEEK

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — The Saguache County Board of Commissioners announced that they are accepting applications from graduating high school seniors for scholarships that can be used at a trade school, college or university.

According to Saguache County

officials, "The Saguache County Boards of County Commissioners is accepting scholarship applications for graduating seniors who will be graduating high school in 2022. Commissioners will be awarding graduating seniors' college scholarships that will be paid through the Marijuana Excise Tax Funds."

Since these scholarships can be used at both traditional learning institutions and trade schools this is a great opportunity for Saguache County

seniors. The only requirements are the student must reside in Saguache County and be a graduating senior in high school.

The applications are due on April 15 and the application can be found on the county website, or by contacting Wendi Maez at 719-655-2231 or email at wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov.

The scholarship is for \$500 per semester for up to four years of enrolled schooling.

# SARGENT

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the Regional History Fair at Adams State University on Saturday, Jan. 29, and had 20 junior high students and seven senior high students compete. Twenty-one junior and senior high students qualified for the State History Fair Competition in Denver on April 30.

The Senior High School Knowledge Bowl Team qualified for the State Competition in January and participated in the State Competition on March 14 and 15. The state-qualifying team consisted of Mary Willis, Katherine Sewell, Chinmay Jayanty, Lindsey Temple and Jessica Buser who participated in the virtual event.

The Knowledge Bowl team consists of 18 students on the Junior Varsity and Varsity high school team. The Junior High School Knowledge Bowl team consists of 25 junior high students. Students participate in meets throughout the San Luis Valley and the Sargent Junior High Meet is on Thursday, March 31.

Sargent Junior High participated in the San Luis Valley Spelling Bee at Adams State University on Wednesday, Feb. 2. Tanner Houser, an eighth-grader, took first place as the San Luis Valley Spelling Bee Champion.

The Sargent High School Future Business Leaders (FBLA) participated in the District 8 Leadership Conference on Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Adams State University. All 28 members placed in the top 10 of varying events. Twenty-six members will travel to the State Leadership Conference at the Gaylord Resort in Denver on April 18 through 20.

Sargent High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) President Maddie Kyffin stated, "members will participate in the Regional CDE Competition in Lamar, Colo., on April 6, 2022. Members will participate in competitions such as livestock judging, floral culture, and ag marketing. I am excited to see FFA members demonstrate their knowledge and experience in these competitions."

Sargent FFA has 46 members.

Sargent School District also participated in the San Luis Valley Regional Science Fair. Students in grades 4-12 participated in the virtual fair. Five elementary students received awards, with Parker Mitchell receiving the Colorado State Science and Engineering Fair Award allowing him to represent Sargent Elementary at the State Fair. Sophia Mitchell and Sydney Curtis won the 2022 Logo Contest Award.

Most of the junior and high students who participated received Science Fair Awards with Kyra Griffin, Addison Roepke, Dietrich Smith, Mackenzie Consaul, Will Walker, Kandace Pargin, Kimberly Pargin, Catie Deacon and Chinmay Jayanty will be representing Sargent Secondary at the State Colorado Science and Engineering Fair in Denver on April 7 and 8.

Sargent Junior High School inducted 14 seventh-graders to the National Honors Society along with 10 current members on Wednesday, March 9 in the District Auditorium — Makenzie Consaul, Reagan Curtis, Sylvia Daughtery, Lyza Davis, Catherine Deacon, Aiden Ford, Lyla

Gesink Madeline Mitchell, Durae Naranjo, Kandance Pargin, Kimberly Pargin, Rylee Shirley Tami Torgler, and William Walker.

Sargent High School inducted seven new members to the National Honors Society chapter on Thursday, March 10, in the District Auditorium — Sydney Lorentzen, Annabelle Heinemann, Giovanni Aquilar, Brooke Hoffstaetter, Jordan Rockey, Parker Ford, and Daylon Maze.

Winter sports concluded with sophomore Trenton Lovelace placing fifth at the State Wrestling Tournament.

The Sargent swim team sent Katherine and Emma Sewell to the State Swim Meet. Sewell was honored as Swimmer of the Year for the South Central League for the 2021-2022 school year.

The girls basketball team advanced to the Regional Basketball Tournament.

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# SWARTZ

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maintaining the records of all financial payments issued and received in the County. Along with the duties of Treasurer, I would also serve as Saguache County Public Trustee.

"I will be responsible for all foreclosures filed within the County, as well as the processing of Releases of Deeds of Trusts. As County Treasurer/Public Trustee, I will adopt policies to meet the needs of the ever-evolving statutes and applicable government laws.

"I will continue to serve the County in the most efficient, and secure manner possible. I look forward to

continuing to serve Saguache County as Treasurer/Public Trustee," stated Swartz.

Last month, Connie Trujillo announced her resignation from the position. In that announcement, Trujillo asked the County Commissioners to appoint Swartz to her position, who at the time was Chief Deputy Treasurer.

Swartz is currently in charge of the Saguache Treasurer's Office. The office handles tax lien sales, property tax payments (not assessments), foreclosure sales, and some other important record-keeping duties.

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Spring is in the air

Spring has sprung at least down South, and I guess it's about time since the first official day of Spring was last weekend. The days and nights are now of equal length as the Sun shines directly on the equator.

Ol' Dutch won't be charging you anything extra for that little bit of scientific data and you are welcome to use that as a conversation starter at your next social engagement with Elon Musk, Jennifer Aniston, or Warren Buffet.

For those in the Southeastern parts of the United States, Spring means a start of the storm season and with it the risk of tornados and hail.

Miss Trixie and I have already had our share of close calls with tornados this season and even this old Kansas boy is already tired of the terrible twisters. I mean I grew up with Dorothy and Toto so it's not like I am not on a first name basis with storms but living in the RV on a hilltop gives another meaning to "roller coaster ride."

We do have a barn to get our vehicles inside so at least we can prevent dings and dongs to them, which does help some.

I am always amazed that people down here do not try and get their cars inside at the approach of a major hailstorm. That's because the cars no longer fit inside said garages as they are packed to the gills with "stuff."

All of which is worth about \$487 which means that two \$50,000 cars sit outside in the storms to be dented and dinged to pieces. This is what is known as "not smart" in my books, but it does keep all the body shops in business full time fixing damage to cars.

But it's not only storms that are plaguing the U.S. and world recently but all manner of catastrophes, both natural and manmade surround us on every side.

Just this past week Ol' Dutch read an article online that outlined the horrendous things that besiege us humans on the earth. This writer went on to list such things as earthquakes and floods, tsunamis and tornadoes plus hurricanes that take the lives of so many people on the planet.

The writer also touched upon the terrible events taking place now in Ukraine as they fight a war against Russia for their very survival and the innocents being killed every single day.

It was a pretty good article all-in-all until he likened all those horrific events to the death of Kobe Bryant as a comparable loss and that is where he lost me.

I realize the man could play basketball



**Trout Republic**  
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

and will be missed at least in that arena by many but to compare the loss of one man — who by the way was flying his daughter to basketball practice in a helicopter — to the loss of millions of lives due to disasters and a war is inconceivable at best.

But that is about what it's like in the world today as people now say black is white, the sky isn't blue, and the sun sets in the East and if you disagree with any of that they throw a hissy fit of immense proportions all of which we have to accommodate in fear of making them mad or causing them mental strain.

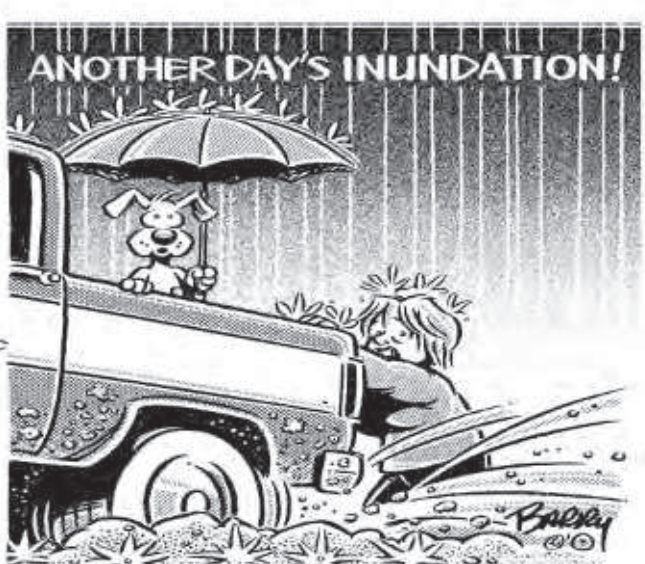
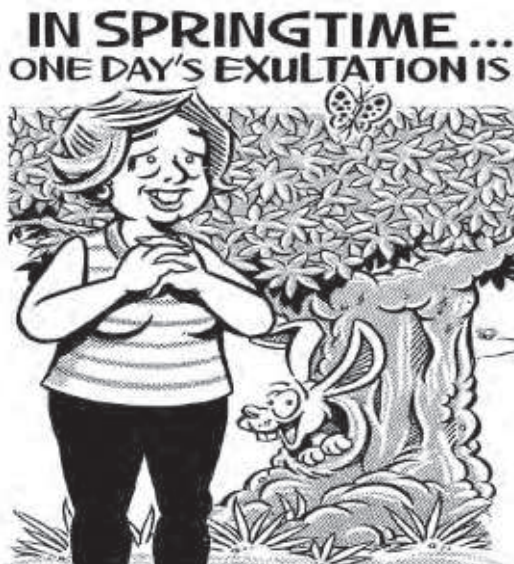
Gone are the days when those people were offered mental help to get over such thoughts and instead, the media demands that the rest of us conform to their ideas and beliefs.

Which of course is not going to happen at least around Ol' Dutch's household as hard headedness and common sense still rule at least where I am concerned. And those forward-thinking individuals like Miss Trixie have long given up on trying to change the lightbulb in Ol' Dutch's noggin as it's directly wired into normal and cannot be unscrewed on a whim. (I do wish Miss Trixie would get her eye-rolling problem fixed.)

On a final note, most of you will recall the last column and my discussion about changing the clocks back and forth every year. And just to show you the influence that this here column has on America, Congress is now considering doing away with that laborious process once and for all.

And you thought Ol' Dutch just wrote nonsense! Someone once called me a pioneering leader in every sense of the word. Or was that a pyorrhea?

*Kevin Kirkpatrick and his Yorkie, Cooper, fish, hunt, ATV or hike daily. His email is Kevin@TroutRepublic.com.*



## LETTERS

### Sargent Schools has strong sense of community

Editor,

The last School Board meeting at Sargent School District was evidence of the strong sense of "community" Sargent Schools has. The auditorium was filled with parents and many parents stood up to voice their concerns and opinions. The common theme from parents from all walks of life was that they bring their children to Sargent Schools because they love the "community" atmosphere and that they have had teachers and administrators who truly care about their children. They said that these teachers do everything possible to see progress in their kids. Another theme brought up was the deep respect Sargent has for our Veteran's, our religious freedoms, and our Constitution.

Right now, Sargent is under attack. Our religious, moral, and political freedoms are under attack. Hundreds of dollars a day are being spent by the school district on lawyers and investigators to fight this. Sargent

district is already struggling financially, and this puts an extra burden on our district. There are many teachers, parents, school board members, and administrators who are afraid to stand up to this for fear of being sued and/or harassed. This is not an "atmosphere" we want in our Sargent community. We do not want people living in fear to stand up for what they believe.

Our children have been in Sargent Schools for almost eight years. We know no school is perfect, but our experience has been very positive. The teachers and administrators are concerned with test scores, and they do their best to reach each student, so they have improvement on test scores. Teachers and principals have always been willing to hear our opinions and concerns. These are unprecedented times. Many children missed a year and a half of in-person learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. So far, this year, the teachers have told us they have seen great progress in their

student's academic growth.

We believe that raising children with character and integrity should be our number one priority as a community. We teach our children that integrity is doing the right thing when no one is watching. As a school district it is very beneficial to have children from diverse backgrounds. When there is diversity in students, there will be opportunities for children to reach out to other students and help them. Teaching our children to serve others is so important. We can raise children to have academic success and a wall of diplomas and achievement, but if we fail to teach our children to love others, have faith in God, and be a positive part of their community, then we have failed them.

"If our kids were taught nothing but character, they would be better prepared for life than those who are taught pure academics but no character."

*Aubrey and Jake Pargin  
Center*

### President Biden does not deserve our support

Editor,

In response to a recent letter in which the writer states President Biden deserves our support, I strongly disagree. Let's examine some of the points.

The writer says they are stunned by the hardballs thrown at Biden, but in my view Biden has received nothing but softball questions from the majority of the news organizations; not to mention a total pass on subjects such as his corrupt son Hunter, whose escapades allegedly benefitted the entire Biden family, the job-destroying decision to shut down the Keystone XL Pipeline Project, and his horrible mishandling of our withdrawal from Afghanistan. To say it didn't go smoothly is like saying the Titanic developed a leak.

The writer mentions partisanship in Congress is stalling his goals. Well, his party controls the House and the Senate; something I truly hope changes with the mid-term elections in November.

I have absolutely no problem with Biden appointing a black woman to the Supreme Court. I am quite certain that her political views do not match my own, but I do not care that she is black or that she is a she. However, if I as a businessman had publicly declared I would only hire a pick your color, pick your gender and not considered any other options, I would have been branded a racist and been sued for discrimination.

And in a recent speech he said America must become energy independent to stop terrorists and other shady world leaders from holding us hostage when it comes to energy. Hello, we were energy independent before Biden took office and he let Democrats dictate policy.

Biden thinks if we all drive electric vehicles all the climate issues will go away. Meanwhile, his party continues to close coal powered electrical plants, does not support new construction of

nuclear electrical plants, and in the Democrat stronghold of the Pacific Northwest discussions are being held to dismantle dams which supply electrical power to millions. When all these power plants are demolished where will you recharge your electric car?

Regarding immigration this administration has sent billions of our dollars to Ukraine to stop the invasion of 100,000 Russian troops but has done nothing to stop the illegal immigration into our nation. Nor has he even attempted to improve the immigration laws.

Biden does not deserve and will not receive my support. If you agree with these sentiments, please vote conservatively in the midterm elections. If Biden is allowed to continue to run roughshod over this country we may not have a country left.

*Manny Hemmerling  
Monte Vista*

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# American Sites at The Range in Saguache to benefit Cano

By JOHN WATERS

**SAGUACHE** — The Range in Saguache began hosting an exhibition on Saturday, March 12, American Sites, and a retrospective exhibition of the photography of Fred Scruton. The show will benefit Antonito resident Dominic “Cano” Espinoza who lost his residence during a fire in January.

Scruton is making available posters and prints of Cano’s Castle in Antonito for purchase. Although Cano lost his home in a fire, his Castle still stands. The Castle is a shrine in progress, that Cano only allows himself and Jesus Christ to enter.

Funds from these editions will be given directly to Cano in support of his post-fire needs.

In a 2015 interview with Raw Vision, Cano said of his castle, “So I have a different image of the castle, we call it ‘the castle,’ but still it’s something that God made, he just used me, I can’t explain it.”

American Sites features photographs of a wide variety of artists and art environments from across the Country.

For the last 20 years, Scruton has traveled extensively and specialized in documenting self-taught and folk artists. Through repeated visits, Scruton establishes long-term collaborative relationships with the artists he photographs. He works to preserve artists’ visions while expanding traditional understandings of the documentary process.

The artists draw from their own life experiences, cultural histories, and inner-musings, with little influence from the marketplace or the academy. Their desire to make sense of the world through their artworks and built-environments provides an authentic and too often overlooked perspective on American culture.

Since first visiting Cano’s Castle



Courtesy photos

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in Antonito during his honeymoon in 2008, Scruton has made yearly return visits to the San Luis Valley.

Scruton has published numerous articles on self-taught artists, including profiles of Espinoza and Ramblin’ Roy Smith of Saguache for Raw Vision and Folk Art Messenger magazines respectively. Scruton is a professor of art in northwestern Pennsylvania.

There will be a night of films featuring artist environments on Saturday, April 2, at gallery. For

more information, visit [www.therangeontheinternet.com](http://www.therangeontheinternet.com).

The Range will be open during the exhibition on Thursday evenings from 5-7 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and is located at 307 4th St. in Saguache.

The exhibition is on view from March 12 through April 23. A closing reception with Scruton is scheduled for April 23, from 3-6 p.m. Ring the bell or call 646-734-1373 to visit the exhibition outside of these hours.



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# Denver Air Connection, Boutique Air seek Alamosa air route

By JOHN WATERS

**ALAMOSA** — Denver Air Connection has confirmed to the Valley Courier that it has submitted a proposal with the U.S. Department of Transportation to provide passenger air service between Denver and Alamosa utilizing subsidies under the Essential Air Service (EAS) program.

The Valley Courier has also received the proposal filed by Boutique Air with the Department of Transportation seeking the route, and the EAS subsidy.

“We entered our EAS (Essential Air Service) bid with the Department of Transportation to come into Alamosa prior to SkyWest announcing they would pull out. We feel like Denver Air Connection is a good fit into Alamosa and we want to be there,” said John Coleman, Director of Business Development and a pilot at Denver Air Connection.

The San Luis Valley Regional Airport in Alamosa is eligible for EAS subsidies, a federal program that offers airlines subsidies to provide service into smaller airports that are otherwise unprofitable for carriers to serve.

Coleman said the company has requested a \$5,242,836 EAS subsidy and would provide 12 round trip flights weekly between Denver and Alamosa, utilizing either 30 passenger Dornier 328 Jets, or 50 passenger Embraer ERL-145 Jets.

Boutique has requested an EAS subsidy of \$5,201,512 to operate the route with eight and nine passenger Pilatus PC-12 aircraft.

Both of these subsidy requests are substantially higher than the annual \$3,505,574 most recently received by SkyWest airlines. According to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, a gallon of Jet fuel A was about \$1 a gallon in the spring of 2020 and now is about \$6 a gallon.

Denver Air, like SkyWest, has an Interline Agreement with United Airlines offering passengers from Alamosa seamless travel experience connecting to other United Airlines flights in Denver. This agreement allows passengers to search, book and purchase tickets on United.com and also facilitates baggage transfers. Boutique also

has Interline Agreements with United and American Airlines.

According to Coleman, Denver Air Connection is poised to serve the high-altitude San Luis Valley Regional Airport at 7,500 feet and the airline currently serves Telluride Airport at 9,078 feet in elevation.

The airline boasts a 99.6 % rate on completed flights and a 97.1% on time rating said Coleman adding the airline had only one mechanical related flight cancellation in the two-year period of 2019 and 2020.

On March 10, SkyWest submitted a 90-day notice of termination with the Department of Transportation to discontinue service to 29 airports including Alamosa and Pueblo. Coleman stressed that Delta Air Connection submitted their EAS application before this as the carrier really wants to provide service into Alamosa.

The bids submitted by the Denver Air Connection and Boutique Air are not a done deal and are pending Department of Transportation approval.

Boutique Air, one of the two carriers that have filed applications with the federal Department of Transportation (DOT) to fly the Alamosa-Denver route, is proposing, 28 round trip flights per week according to Brian Kondrad, Vice President of Business Operations at Boutique.

If chosen by the DOT to fly the route, Boutique will use eight or nine passenger Swiss-built Pilatus PC-12 aircraft.

According to Kondrad, Boutique has agreements with both United and American Airlines and upon landing in Denver, passengers can seamlessly connect to flights on either airline. Passengers will also connect to other airlines in Denver.

Flights on the route will start at \$49 and passengers will be able to accrue mileage points on United Mileage Plus.

In related news, the Department of Transportation has issued an order prohibiting SkyWest from terminating service to the 29 airports, including Alamosa and Pueblo, that it intends to cease operations until replacement carriers can be found.



If Denver Air Connection is successful in its quest to bring passenger air service to the San Luis Valley, this Embraer 50 passenger jet may be landing at the San Luis Valley Regional Airport soon.

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One of the most comforting scriptures in the Bible is Matthew 11:28 (AMPC). In this verse, Jesus tells us, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]”

I think it’s interesting to note here that Jesus said He would “ease and relieve and refresh” our souls, not our bodies. It sounds like He’s saying we need to give our souls a vacation.

**The Inner and Outer Lives**  
We all have two lives: an inner life and an outer life. Your inner life is your soul life, which includes your mind, will and emotions. Your outer life is your physical life. And while God cares about every detail of your life, He is more concerned with your inner life than your outer life.

I have found that it’s possible to give your body rest but not your soul. For example, have you ever had trouble going to sleep because you were worrying about a problem and couldn’t stop thinking about it? This kind of activity just wears us out inwardly. We can also wear out our souls with too many thoughts running in our minds, too many decisions to make, too much talking, and too much multitasking. Worry, fear, excessive concern about what other people think and insecurity are also common reasons people are worn-out and don’t have any peace.

I remember when I used to be jealous of Dave and the peace he had. I was worn-out most of the time, worrying about problems but he wasn’t. We had the same problems, but while they wore me out, Dave was still peaceful and happy because he would cast his cares on God. One of his favorite scriptures is 1 Peter 5:7, which says, “Cast all your anxiety on [God] because he cares for you” (NIV). And even now, anytime someone goes to Dave with a problem, he’ll encourage them to “cast your care” and give them that scripture.

It used to make me so mad when he wouldn’t get upset when I was upset, but eventually, I got to the place where I was desperate to have what he had. So I prayed and told God I would do whatever I had to do to be peaceful, and He taught me how to change my approach to life.

**The Revelation That Changed My Life**  
I came to realize that the world is not going to change, the devil is not going to change, and all of the people who bother me probably aren’t going to change, so I have to decide to change.

In John 14:27 (AMP), Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give...to you....Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]” So we can be peaceful and make the decision not to be troubled, afraid, agitated and disturbed, but it won’t just happen automatically.

The truth is, we won’t have peace if we don’t pursue it on purpose, because there will always be opportunities to get upset or offended about something. For example, you lose your car keys when you’re running late, or you get caught in a traffic jam, or someone at work gets the promotion you wanted, or the electric bill is higher than you expected it to be...and on and on. There can be an endless cycle of stuff that happens that we can get upset about.

We also have to remember that we have an enemy who wants to keep us worn-out. The devil is a peace stealer and he works hard to set us up to get upset. But we can learn how to change our approach so we don’t live upset all of the time. And Jesus gives us the best example to follow.

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It’s so easy to let other people’s needs and emergencies control and manipulate us. And when we let others run our lives, we can get to the point that we’re falling apart! It’s not wrong to want to help or please people, but we need to take care of ourselves, calm down and stop getting upset about things that usually don’t really matter anyway.

Make the decision today to commit your ways to the Lord and rest in Him. Cast your cares on Him, knowing He loves and cares about you all the time, in every situation of your life. He’ll meet you where you are and ease, relieve and refresh your soul!

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Last fall, “frustrated” by Payne’s “consistent failures to comply with pre-trial management orders,” Hopkins began issuing escalating sanctions to the District Attorney’s office, with Payne specifically warned that, if the behavior continued, he would be held in contempt.

Hopkins issued two Trial Management Orders in Moore’s case, with the second issued on Jan. 17, setting a deadline of Feb. 14 for any motions in the case. The pre-trial conference was scheduled for Feb. 23.

On Feb. 23, the defendant and counsel appeared in court and stated they were ready for trial. Deputy DA Johanna Hendley also appeared but stated a conflict of interest prevented her from being involved and DA Payne would be handling the trial, which was set for March 3.

Two days later, on Feb. 25, Payne filed a motion to dismiss the case against Moore, citing the inability to prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt. In that motion, Payne indicated “the victim supports the dismissal and is unwilling to testify at trial.”

Hopkins stated that she vacated the trial but would not dismiss the case until her citation related to DA Payne could be heard.

On March 2, the day before the trial had been scheduled to begin, Hopkins received an email from Courtney Arthur, the Victims Advocate with the Rio Grande County Sheriff’s Office, asking why the trial had been vacated.

In the document, Hopkins speaks highly of the Victims Advocate’s competence at her job. Arthur’s not knowing the victim was unwilling to testify was “concerning,” she says, “not because I believed Ms. Arthur did not do her job but because I believed Mr. Payne was dishonest in his reasons for dismissing the case.”

Hopkins stated she included Payne in all her correspondence with Arthur.

After that correspondence, Judge Hopkins received information that the victim never refused to testify and did not ask the case to be dismissed.

According to Hopkins’ information, the victim met with Payne and his office’s victim advocate twice, via telephone. In the first conversation, Payne told the victim that they were having trouble serving a subpoena to the deputy involved in the case, who had since moved out of state.

In the second conversation, Payne told the victim they had been unable to serve the deputy with a subpoena, without his testimony, prosecuting the case would be virtually impossible to prove and he was dismissing the case. The victim then reluctantly agreed to the dismissal.

That second conversation with the victim took place on Feb. 25. Judge Hopkins also received

“evidence” from the Rio Grande Sheriff’s Department that the former deputy involved in the case was informed, via a message sent by a receptionist with the sheriff’s department, that “he did not need to appear” because the “case was cancelled.”

That message was dated Feb. 24 — a full day before the victim was told the case was going to be dismissed.

In that same message, the receptionist writes that she appreciated the deputy “sending that return,” indicating to Hopkins that the deputy had, indeed, been served with a subpoena, contrary to what DA Payne had told the victim.

“This Citation is intended to give Mr. Payne notice of what behavior I believe to be contemptuous,” Hopkins stated in the citation of contempt.

Being under investigation by the Attorney General’s office for civil rights violations and violations of the Victim Rights Act plus the district attorney being cited for contempt of court are only two of the significant challenges plaguing the office of the chief prosecutor. The DA’s office also has significant staff vacancies in key positions.

According to an organizational chart of the DA’s office requested and obtained by the Valley Courier, the DA’s office is budgeted for six prosecutors, including the DA. Five of those positions are full-time, one is part-time.

Currently, only three of the full-time prosecutor positions are filled, including the position occupied by Payne. However, that number will be reduced by one when a prosecutor currently employed departs at the end of the month, leaving Payne with only one full-time prosecutor, aside from himself, to prosecute cases in the San Luis Valley.

Also, positions in key programs are vacant — or will be at the end of the month — including the LEAD Liaison/Drug-DUI Case Manager and the Diversion Case Manager.

According to Megan Martinez, Diversion Coordinator with the DA, the District Attorney’s office has contacted the office of the Attorney General and other sources for assistance in recruiting qualified applicants for prosecutors’ positions. While there are “some possibilities,” no new prosecutors have been hired at this time.

According to Martinez, their FY 2022 budget request was cut by two boards of county commissioners out of the six boards in the San Luis Valley.

Saguache County cut \$30,000 from the budget request and Rio Grande County cut \$38,500. Those budget requests were made to fund two additional support staff.

Judge Hopkins has referred her citation for contempt to the court of Chief District Judge Michael Gonzales where Payne is ordered to appear on April 5.



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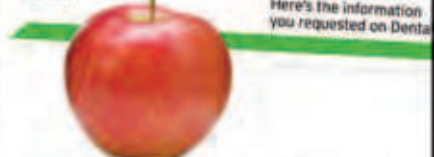
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# MV Wetland's Trail to be named the Ray and Collette Skeff Nature Trail

## Ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, March 31

**BY MARIE MCCOLM**  
**MONTE VISTA** — San Luis Valley Great Outdoors recently announced that the Monte Vista Wetland's Trail will be named the Ray and Collette Skeff Nature Trail. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the trail will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 31. The event is being hosted by San Luis Valley Great Outdoors.

“The new Ray and Colette Skeff Nature Trail is a fabulous new in-town outdoor recreation opportunity for Monte Vista,” said Patrick Ortiz, Operations Director for San Luis Valley Great Outdoors. “Our dedicated SLV Great Outdoors Action Team (GOATs), the Southwest Conservation Corps — Rio Grande County Youth Corps, and City of Monte Vista Public Works staff all worked hard and did their part to make a sustainable trail and trailhead for people to enjoy for many years to come. We hope this further inspires folks in Monte Vista and throughout the San Luis Valley to spend more time outdoors as means to improve health and wellness. We are thrilled that the community decided to dedicate the trail after Ray and Colette Skeff, whose love and devotion to the Monte Vista community is inspiring and greatly appreciated by all.”

The mile-long Monte Vista Wetlands Trail loops through a grassy, formerly-grazed pasture off U.S. 160



Courtesy photos

San Luis Valley Great Outdoors recently announced that the Monte Vista Wetland's Trail will be named the Ray and Collette Skeff Nature Trail.

through town. The trail for walking and bicycling is located off Chico Camino, in the area behind Big R, and SLV Federal Bank.

The trail began with a few people in the community showing interest, including John Camponeshi, Monte Vista City Recreation Director Jaime Hurtado, and former City Manager Forrest Neuerburg. The trail proposal was presented to the Monte Vista City Council on March 4, 2021, by Ortiz.

“This is going to be a great trail for the community,” Ortiz said to Council. “The nice thing about this trail is it's away from traffic, and it also has an easy access point.”

Many locations for a trail were

considered before settling on the area off Chico Camino.

Ortiz was excited about the trail because it would be non-motorized and would accommodate people walking by themselves, or with their dogs, for running or hiking purposes, and people who just want to take photographs, and enjoy the views of the wildlife and surrounding areas. Ortiz also stated that the trail was put with children in mind, providing them a place where they could be outdoors.

The trail project was completed in October of 2021.

For more information on the trail, visit the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors Facebook P



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Center Fire Protection District, Saguache, Rio Grande, and Alamosa County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, there were not more candidates for director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 3, 2022 is hereby canceled pursuant to section 1-13.5-513(6) C.R.S. The following candidates are hereby declared elected:

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- Thomas Biel 3 year term
- David Toews 3 year term
- Lloyd Garcia 1 year term
- Craig Perrin 1 year term

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### Notice of Accepting Bids

The Center Fire Protection District is accepting bids for two trucks. One is a 1983 Ford F800, 800 gallon pumper truck. The second is a 1969 Jeep, 2 1/2 ton Brush truck, 1,200 gallon. Bids shall be a minimum of \$5,000 per truck. Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on April 8, 2022. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 845, Center, CO 81125. Bids will be opened at the Board's regular meeting on April 12, 2022. To view the above trucks, please call John Anderson at 719-588-8005 for an appointment. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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### IFB for Tree Trimming

The Saguache County Housing Authority is submitting an Invitation to Bid for a tree trimming located at 705 8th Street, Saguache, CO 81149. Scope of Work and questions can be addressed by texting or call 719 849 0356. The sealed bid must include the following:

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The sealed bids are due by 4:00PM April 1st, 2022.

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Saguache County Administration  
Attn: Wendi Maez - SCHA  
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Saguache, CO 81149

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2022 at 2 PM**

to hear anyone/group (please have one spokesperson for each group) to hear their presentation regarding the proposed changes to the Saguache County Land Development Code. Please call the Saguache County Land Use Office if you would like to be set on the Work Session agenda for your presentation, 719-655-2321 or email atorrez@saguachecounty-co.gov. Depending on the number of presentations, will determine the allotted time per presentation. If you do not ask to be put on the work session agenda, you will not be able to do a presentation.

To view the current proposed changes, you may contact the Saguache County Land Use Department - PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149 or atorrez@saguachecounty-co.gov, or by calling 719-655-2321 or you may also view the changes on our website at www.saguachecounty.colorado.gov.

If you would like to comment on the current proposed changes, written comments will be accepted until Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 3pm, and may be sent to Saguache County Land Use Department at PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149 or email to atorrez@saguachecounty-co.gov.

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# Tri County Senior Citizens and Housing celebrating 50 years

## SUBMITTED ARTICLE

**MONTE VISTA** — Tri County Senior Citizens & Housing Inc. is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Located at 311 Washington St., in Monte Vista, Tri County was the vision of several local seniors who wanted to have a place of their own to socialize and recreate together.

These visionaries, with the assistance of the local American Red Cross Board, pushed forward the idea and became officially incorporated 50 years ago.

The original name of the organization was Monte Vista Regional Seniors. The name Tri County came later in 1974, when seniors from Mineral and Saguache counties joined and the name was changed to Tri County Senior Citizens, because it would serve citizens in Rio Grande, Saguache, and Mineral counties. The group first used the recreation hall at what is now the Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake as "home."

To be eligible for federal funding for seniors, the group needed a sponsor. The Rio Grande County commissioners at the time gave their consent to the Rio Grande County Department of Social Services to be the sponsor. It was at that time the organization could qualify for federal funding for seniors. The City of Monte Vista also donated a school bus to the group so they would have transportation for excursions. The "bus" travelled many miles and there was always a lot of laughter.

In 1975, Rio Grande County endorsed a \$750,000 project to build a new low-income senior housing complex. Also in 1975, the San Luis

Valley Council of Governments became the fiscal sponsor replacing Rio Grande County Department of Social Services.

Tri County Senior Center was the first of its kind in Colorado that was a unified effort of three county governments to come together for a common need of senior citizens. It was soon afterward that the Articles of Incorporation were changed to a non-profit status.

There were lots of visionary meetings between 1975 and 1977 on how to move forward. In April of 1977, Akira Kawanabi was hired as the architect to plan and design the new low-income senior housing complex.

Tri County leadership worked with FmHA and Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) for financing. In 1978, with support from the community, the City of Monte Vista formed a Housing Authority. Final funding for the visionary new building was approved through CHFA and the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding programs.

In 1980, there was a groundbreaking ceremony for the new building. Bassett Construction of Pueblo was the chosen contractor, and construction began. The complex would include 33 one- and two-bedroom units, an activity-dining room area, and a commercial kitchen.

It was five years after the initial planning and construction of the building that the formal grand opening for Mountain View Manor, the apartment portion of Tri County, located at 311 Washington St. in Monte Vista was held April 24, 1981.



Courtesy photo

Tri County Senior Citizens & Housing Inc. is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

After much discussion, it was decided that the operations of Mountain View Manor should be under a nonprofit called Tri County Senior Citizens and Housing Inc.

The organization was busy and obtained transportation through the nutritional program, and the Monte Vista Elks Lodge. The group was busy with local activities and traveled to various sites throughout the Valley.

In 1989, Tri County decided to build a second building for senior citizens south of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Monte Vista. It was completed in 1990 and was called High Valley Manor which Tri County operated for more than 12 years. It was sold in 2002 because other assisted living units for seniors were built and there was more need for subsidized housing for families.

Tri County has been refurbished and improvements have been made over the years. An Energy Outreach Colorado grant replaced the boiler, old lighting and thermostats and air exchange units. Other funders helped update the aging elevator in 2018 as well as the complete a facelift of the asphalt parking lot.

Tri County tenants and the members play billiards and cards, they exercise line dance, and they socialize in many ways. Bingo was a Tri County activity in the past and will be reenergized in the future. COVID put a damper on activities and happenings at Tri County for almost two years, but the facility is opening back up and moving forward.

Membership in Tri County Senior Citizens is open to anyone 55 years of age and older. Come

enjoy the activities and educational opportunities Tri County has to offer. Lunch is served daily starting at noon and a \$3 donation is suggested. South Central Colorado Seniors operates the nutritional program and one should contact them for other ways to obtain noon meals.

The apartments at Tri County are considered Independent Living units. All apartments are currently rented and there is a waiting list, but that changes and is updated on an on-going basis. To qualify for the subsidized housing one must be 62 years old or have qualified disabilities and meet income qualifications. The monthly rent for subsidized housing is determined by one's annual income.

Tri County's annual meeting is at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, in the dining room.

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## Drought places forests, communities in jeopardy



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### STAFF REPORT

**FORT COLLINS** — The Colorado State Forest Service published its annual forest health report recently, highlighting the current conditions of forests across Colorado and how the agency is improving the health of the state's forests in the face of persistent drought and historic wildfires.

The report shows how years of dry conditions have stressed forests across the state, creating ideal conditions for insect outbreaks and large, destructive wildfires that threaten Colorado's communities, water supplies and the many benefits forests provide. The report also emphasizes the need to reduce wildfire fuels through forest management and prepare more

communities for inevitable wildfires.

"This is a unique moment for Colorado's forests," said Matt McCombs, state forester and director of the CSFS. "Drought continues to spur insect activity in our forests and increase the potential for more record-setting fires like those we've seen the last two years, whether that's acres burned or structures lost. In this report, we look at the trends driving these forest health challenges and what the Colorado State Forest Service is doing to protect our forests and help communities adapt to a new normal for wildfire."

2021 Key Forest Takeaways

The 2021 Report on the Health

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## SOIL Sangre de Cristo awards \$21,000 supporting local agriculture

### CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

**ALAMOSA** — SOIL Sangre de Cristo investor members voted to award \$21,000 in 0% Interest Loans to four entities in the region during the annual meeting recently.

Loans were awarded to Elements Mountain Compost, Fungus Among Us, Rocky Mountain Garlic and Elevations Farm and Orchard.

Elevation Farm and Orchard, located in Alamosa, will use the loan to purchase and set up of a vertical growing system. This includes shelving, lights, fans, trays, water system, soil, and seed. Unlike many vertical grow system, theirs will be based in living

soil not hydro or aquaponics. Some of the products they grow are peas, salad and other greens, rhubarb, herbs, pork, and eggs using regenerative farming methods.

Fungus Among Us Medicinals is an off-grid gourmet and medicinal mushroom company located in Westcliffe and servicing Fremont, Chaffee, and Custer counties. FAUM specializes in the cultivation of gourmet and medicinal mushrooms sold directly to consumers at farmers markets and local restaurants. Medicinal tinctures and supplements are also made.

Elements Mountain Compost started in

2015, provides organics waste disposal and soil amendment products to Chaffee County and the surrounding region. EMC collects over 230 tons of food scraps, compostable items (napkins, compostable containers) and yard waste from businesses and residents in Salida, Poncha Springs and Buena Vista.



Rocky Mountain Garlic has been growing

garlic in Salida since 2017. The owners believe in healthy food and know that comes from healthy soil. They started out small, building seed stock with a few hundred heads and growing to 14,000 garlics in production.

In 2020 RMG collaborated with another farm in Chaffee County to expand market offerings to include other root crops

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# Recognizing the women in my life

## Land, Water and People

BY ANTONIO LUCERO

Recognizing that March is Women's History Month got me thinking. I should reflect on the women I've admired throughout my life and share their stories. I recommend another sentence to better transition to the meat.

My paternal grandmother  
This lady was born one of 18 children in Southern Colorado. She started out as a Shepard. In the summer she would follow the flock with one or two of her siblings. The sheep would be in constant search for the newest blade of grass. The rest of the girls would learn how to cook and take care of the home. She would later marry my grandfather without having ever learned how to cook. The fall would bring the flock closer to the homestead and the family would shear the sheep for the final time prior to winter. Winters were long and cold and the days would start before light and end when the straggler ewes could be driven into the pen. Spring was spent lambing and keeping the pencos from dying by bottle feeding

them or by convincing one of the few ewes that only had one lamb to adopt an extra dependent.

My mother  
Born in Missouri, one of two daughters, my mom lost her father when she was ten years old. Her widowed mother had to work as a nightshift nurse to make ends meet. This forced my mom and her sister to take care of each other. My mom was dedicated to two things: the catholic faith and her education. The combination led her to becoming an elementary teacher for the catholic church in Alamosa Colorado. There she met my father and the two dedicated their time to raising cattle, barley, alfalfa, and children. While my mom was given the advice to never ride in a piece of equipment she didn't want to operate, she instead learned how to drive the machinery, and did so

better than most.

My wife  
Born in Minnesota, one of two daughters, my wife lived the childhood almost everyone would think a child in 1970s rural America would live. She attended catholic school until 8<sup>th</sup> grade and then public high school. Her friends ranged from the rich daughter of the local John Deere dealership to the daughter of a factory worker. My wife worked intermittently in the 3M factory for years while she helped her middle-class parents pay for her education. She was given a trip into the backcountry of Montana with her uncle as a graduation gift. That trip sealed her love of the blue skies, mountains, and the cowboy/girl no-frills, straight-talking ways of the west. After graduating from several universities (I often brag that she has more degrees than a thermometer,) she came to the Rio

Grande National Forest in 1989. We met on the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. Since then, she has ensured that thousands of birds have a place to rest on their migrations, tons of fish have places to lay their eggs, and numerous other beings have habitat to further whatever quest they are destined for.

My coworkers  
For the past thirty-three years, I have had the pleasure of working with extraordinary women. I climbed to the Chicago Basin near Durango with a group of wilderness professionals that taught me what true passion for the resource is. I worked with a Cowgirl from New Mexico that made me question whether I was a legitimate cowboy or just a poser. One woman became a lifelong friend. She started out as a Visitor Information Specialist, became a wilderness ranger, then the cross-cut saw coordinator for the entire Forest Service region. She did this as a divorced, single parent who never had a single thing given to her that she

didn't work harder for than anyone else I knew. To this day, she still has a side-hustle grooming dogs like my goldendoodle.

I understand the bravery of Benazir Bhutto. I envy the ability of Dolores Huerta to bring people together and organize for a common cause. Elizabeth Warren, Condoleezza Rice, and Janet Reno have accomplished more than their male counterparts could have ever done had the tables of sexism been turned. Serena Williams will always be my favorite GOAT, even if she is hard on tennis officials (I used to be a volleyball referee). But, from deep within, I know these women are extraordinary because they had other extraordinary women in their lives, just as I have had in mine.

Antonio Lucero is a Conejos County native who operates a small ranch with his family and also works as a Recreation Special-use Permit Administrator for the Conejos Peak Ranger District.

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of Colorado's Forests focuses on "Managing Colorado's Forests During Drought." Key takeaways from the report include:

• **Persistent Drought:** Dry conditions threaten more than just water supplies, outdoor recreation, and farming and ranching. Drought in Colorado is placing our forests and the many benefits they provide — from clean air and water to carbon sequestration to wildlife habitat — in greater jeopardy. Ongoing drought in Colorado is affecting the state's forests, leaving trees susceptible to insect outbreaks and increasing the risk of large-scale wildfires.

• **Insects and Disease:** Warm temperatures and dry conditions in Colorado last year resulted in trees around the state further declining in health and becoming more susceptible to attack from deadly bark beetles. Spurred by drought, spruce beetle remains the most deadly forest pest in Colorado, affecting roughly 53,400 acres of forests statewide in 2021.

• **Living with Wildfire:** Colorado is grappling with post-fire mudslides, flooding and charred mountainsides after historic wildfires in 2020 and the most destructive wildfire in state history in terms of insured losses in 2021. Colorado's leaders must continue to heed the wake-up call from these fires by reducing wildfire fuels and preparing communities for fire.

• **Grant Program:** State leaders are making key investments in the health of Colorado's forests with funding that helps communities lower their wildfire risk. Work completed with support from the CSFS' Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation grant program helped firefighters save the Shambhala Mountain Center during the Cameron Peak Fire in October of 2020.

### Regional Project Highlights

• **Northeast Colorado:** The CSFS managed a project in the Larkspur area of Douglas County that removed 4 million pounds of dead timber, which went to local outlets to produce a Colorado wood product.

• **Southeast Colorado:** The CSFS is helping the small town of Cuchara make big strides in fire protection with seven projects that lower the town's wildfire risk and establish a safe evacuation route.

• **Southwest Colorado:** The CSFS completed the agency's largest timber sale through the Good Neighbor Authority program on more than 3,500 acres between Gunnison and Montrose.

• **Northwest Colorado:** The CSFS completed a mile-long mitigation project near Breckenridge Ski Resort



Courtesy photos

that protects residents from wildfire and supports the local forest products industry.

Each year, the forest health report provides information to the Colorado General Assembly and residents of Colorado about the health and condition of forests across the state. Information for the report comes from an annual aerial forest health survey by the CSFS and U.S. Forest

Service, Rocky Mountain Region, as well as field inspections, CSFS contacts with forest landowners and special surveys.

Copies of the 2021 report will be available at all CSFS field offices. A PDF of the report and interactive maps of insect and disease activity are available at [bit.ly/ForestHealthReport](https://bit.ly/ForestHealthReport).

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# San Luis Valley professionals honored at Colorado Emergency Management Conference

## STAFF REPORT

Because of COVID, the Annual Colorado Emergency Management Conference was cancelled last year. It has been two years since Colorado Emergency Managers have met in person; the 2022 Colorado EM Conference in Loveland Feb. 22-25 was an opportunity to get back together and share ideas.

San Luis Valley Emergency Management was well represented by directors at the conference from Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache counties. Representatives with the SLV American Red Cross, Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) and Healthcare Coalition were also in attendance at this multi-day event.

Conejos County Director of Emergency Management Rodney King was awarded the coveted regional



Emergency Manager of the Year Award from the Colorado Emergency Management Association (CEMA) and his peers. This was his second time receiving this award for his outstanding leadership, professionalism and commitment to his communities that he daily demonstrates.

King has been a mentor to many leading the way for emergency management in the future. He may be one of the longest serving Emergency Management professionals in the State of Colorado.

Rio Grande County Director of Emergency Management Art Wittner was awarded the statewide Rookie of the Year Award as a new emergency manager in Colorado. Director Wittner came onboard joining the SLV team just as the COVID response initiated.

Saguache County Deputy Director

of Emergency Management David Frees was awarded the prestigious Mike Gelski Award for outstanding volunteerism and community service. Deputy Director Frees has dedicated thousands of hours to Saguache County and the SLV through his work on the Northern Saguache Fire Department, Saguache County Search and Rescue Team (SAR) and Emergency Management.

Saguache County Director of Emergency Management Robert "Bobby" Woelz was also recognized by CEMA and the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) for becoming a State Certified Emergency Manager and for completing two State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) task books for both Public Information Officer (PIO) and Planning Sections Chief (PSC).

The SLV Emergency Management Team is a professional group of dedicated Responders serving the SLV Region while being prepared to deploy at any time to support our communities.

# City of Monte Vista semifinalist for EPA grant

*Provide planning team to help grow local outdoor recreation economy*

## STAFF REPORT

**MONTE VISTA** — The City of Monte Vista recently was interviewed as a semifinalist for a grant by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) called Recreation Economy for Rural Communities. There were 115 proposals submitted and Monte Vista was one of 20 invited to a Zoom meeting interview.

The grant was submitted by Mick Daniel and his team from San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!). The grant doesn't come with dollars attached to it, but rather, a planning team that will help communities bring together residents and stakeholders to decide on strategies and an action plan to grow the local outdoor recreation economy.

Patrick Ortiz, Operations Director, SLV GO!, said, "We are excited to see our application make it this far in the process! The outdoor recreation

economy has endless potential in Monte Vista due to its natural beauty, expansive public lands, and proximity to major landmarks, like Great Sand Dunes National Park and the vast San Juan Mountain Range."

The planning assistance process will take place over four to six months, with a focal point being a facilitated community workshop. This workshop could be held in person, as a series of virtual work sessions, or a combination of both, depending on travel limitations due to the COVID pandemic. At the workshop, participants will work together to identify a vision, goals, and specific actions to realize the locally set goals.

The grant, Ortiz added, would provide an opportunity for an inclusive community-driven process and ideally help answer questions like — How can Monte Vista better connect to its public lands and open space? How can Monte Vista attract new businesses in the outdoor industry? How can current businesses and local entrepreneurs, be supported while maintaining the integrity of the community and boosting the economy?

"Our strengths are that we are aligned in already being conservationally minded, by being an agricultural-based community and working to promote a culture of stewardship in protecting the pristine character of our public lands and waters," Ortiz said. City Manager Gigi Dennis estimated they may know who will receive the grant in about a month.

"If we receive this grant, it provides a wonderful opportunity for the city to work with our constituency to create a vision we can work toward and set new priorities," Dennis said.

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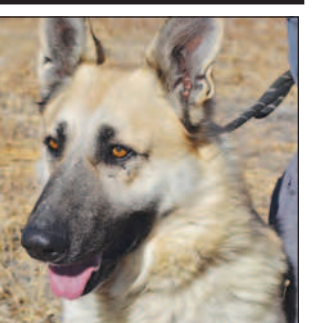
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We would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who have contributed to the success of the Upper Rio Grande Animal Society by contributions, donations, volunteering and general support at Conour Animal Shelter.

Donnie is about 8 months old, and we believe he is a Beagle mix, we're unsure of the mix. He's a happy little guy looking for his forever home! Donnie is a little choosy on what dogs he's friends with, but does make them. He's very playful, especially with his humans. Come see him today!

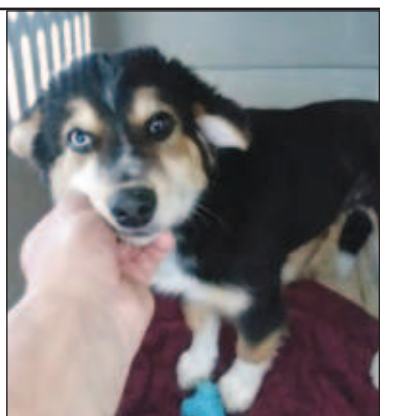


Mike is currently our oldest resident at 6 years old, and also our biggest baby. He is a Belgian Shepherd mix looking for a home that will give him the exercise he needs, as well as a comfy place to rest his aging bones. He gets along with polite dogs, and really just wants to hang out and cuddle. Come meet Mike today!



Found in Center at Community Park on 3/10/22

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The San Luis Valley Irrigation District is accepting applications for a temporary ditch rider for the 2022 water season. Must have a Colorado driver's license. For more information or to submit an application please call: 719-754-2254 or email: [robert@slvid.org](mailto:robert@slvid.org). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. (4/6)

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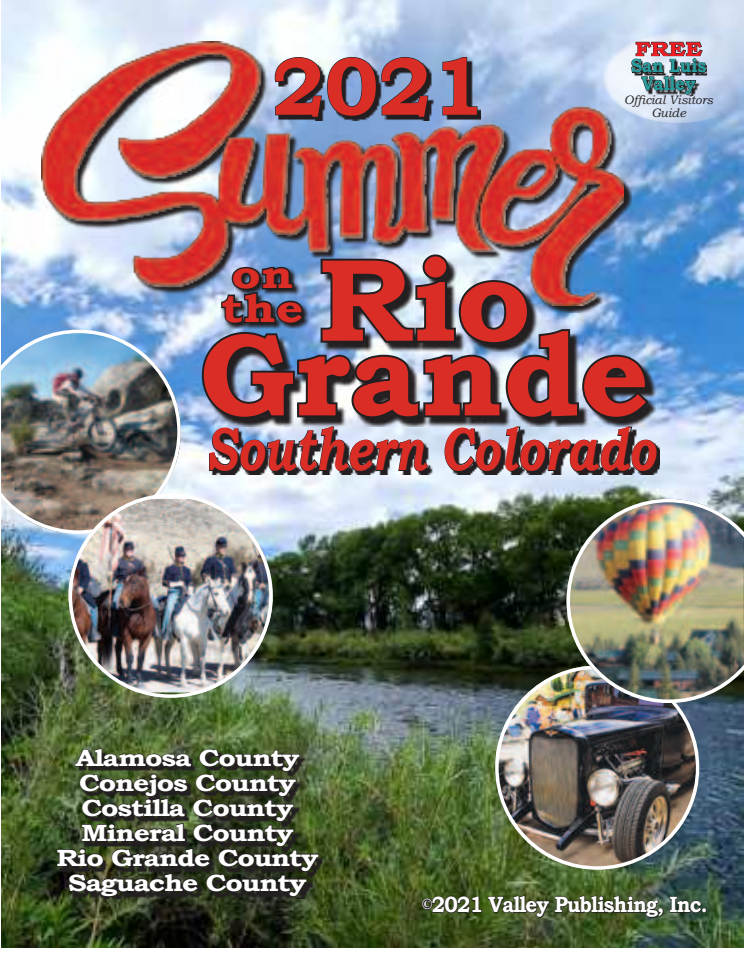
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# Montano named 2021 Victim Advocate Volunteer of the Year

**STAFF REPORT**

**ALAMOSA**— Olga Montano first moved to the San Luis Valley as a college student and enrolled at Adams State University in the fall of 2000.

With her goal and vision of becoming a teacher she started her career as a paraprofessional until she graduated from Adams State University in 2006 and changed her title to an English as a Second Language teacher.

Montano helped many students struggling academically by giving them all the time and support they needed during and after school. She even bought a van to assist the parents of these kids with transportation if they could stay after school for tutoring.

Montano's vision was to be able to help these children succeed in the academy in order for them to be able to reach their goals in life and be able to give back to the community.

She continued to serve our community for 13 years as a teacher until she became a victim herself of harassment and bullying from peers and a student. Feeling threatened for her life, after reporting it to her supervisor and with no change or support, she made the hard decision to resign, leaving the career she worked so hard for behind.

Although Olga's case did not fall under Crime Victim Rights Act, the San Luis Valley Victim Response Unit was able to support her by giving her all the resources and services she was entitled to move forward and start a new chapter in her life.

As the response unit strives to assist victims in any way possible, it was able to assist Olga by finding her a



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**Left to right, County Commissioner Michael Yohn, San Luis Valley Victim Advocate Director Reyna Martinez, Olga Montano, County Commissioner Lori Laske and Vern Herrsink and Alamosa County Sheriff Robert Jackson.**

new job that she could utilize all her skills, talent and passion for serving the community once again.

After working closely with the response unit, she decided to join the San Luis Valley Victim Response Unit team in 2019 as an interpreter-translator, assisting the law enforcement agencies, District Attorney's office, and the Victim Response Unit program with translating forms, victim's statements and interpreting when needed.

In 2020, Olga became a VA volunteer responding to calls, assisting in the office by following up on victims and providing them VRA when we were short staff and needed help. Through her talents and skills, she has been able to assist the response unit with creating our Teen VA program, as well as assist on any community events and donating treats to local offices and first responders during the annual

First Responders Christmas Lunch/ Dinner and appreciation week.

This year the response unit staff and volunteers nominated her for the 2021 VA volunteer of the year for not only assisting the program as a VA volunteer, translator, interpreter, childcare aide, and teen supporter but for giving so much to all the law enforcement agencies, first responders and the community across the San Luis Valley.

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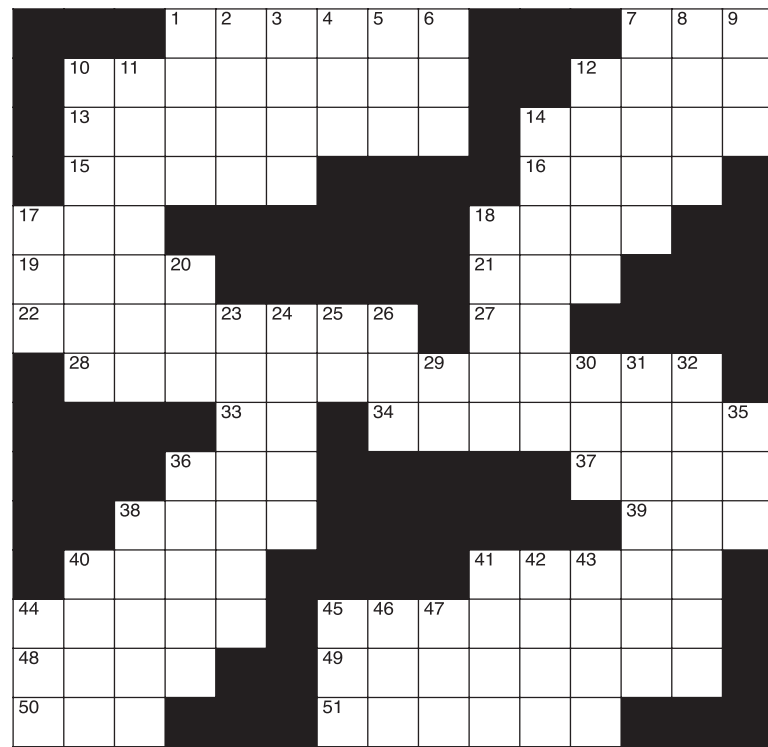
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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Toppies
7. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
10. A Sultan's court
12. Maine city
13. Largest living land animal
14. Appetizer
15. Encounters
16. Leader
17. The source of bacon
18. Nuclear near reach weapon (abbr.)
19. Celery (Spanish)
21. Pie \_\_\_ mode
22. Eye disease
27. Hello (slang)
28. Those in their 80s
33. Law enforcement agency (abbr.)
34. Business organizations
36. Mimic
37. For indicating speed of rotation (abbr.)
38. Feeling
39. Visual way to interact with computers (abbr.)
40. "Let It Snow!" songwriter
41. Essential oil used as perfume
44. Norwegian composer
45. Coast
48. \_\_\_ lang syne, good old days



49. Gland behind the stomach
50. Tooth caregiver
51. King of Camelot
20. 10th month of the year (abbr.)
23. A way of jumping
24. Utah town
25. Of I
26. Actress de Armas
29. Silver
30. Play a role
31. \_\_\_ Falls
32. Attaches to
35. Japanese title
36. Expressed pleasure
38. Buckets
40. Dirt
41. Hypnotists' group (abbr.)
42. Restaurant drive-\_\_\_
43. Digs up
44. He voices "Olaf"
45. Relaxing place
46. Body part
47. Pesky house critter

**CLUES DOWN**

1. N. American indigenous people
2. Fascinated by
3. Root of out
4. Patti Hearst's captors
5. Atomic #50
6. Habitual drunkard
7. Arabic for "peace"
8. Trickery
9. One's physique (slang)
10. Not quite there
11. Wistfully mournful
12. Popular dance
14. Cut of meat
17. A way to stand
18. "Gunga Din" screenwriter

**Solution to last week's puzzle**

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

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# Mountainfilm on Tour coming to Monte Vista

## SUBMITTED ARTICLE

**MONTEVISTA** — Mountainfilm on Tour brings a selection of culturally rich, adventure-packed and incredibly inspiring documentary films curated from the Mountainfilm festival in Telluride.

The tour will visit Monte Vista at the Vali 3 Theater on Friday, April 8 with films that explore themes connected to Mountainfilm's mission of using the power of film, art and ideas to inspire audiences to create a better world. There is also a virtual program option the following weekend from April 15-17.

Mountainfilm on Tour in Monte Vista is hosted by the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce in partnership with San Luis Valley Great Outdoors.

This will be the third year the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce has brought Mountainfilm on Tour to the San Luis Valley. While hosting an inspiring collection of films, the show is also an opportunity to raise funds to support the work of San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!), a local nonprofit.

SLV GO!'s mission is to provide visitors and residents with accessible and inclusive outdoor recreation opportunities that balance conservation, connect communities, improve wellness, encourage stewardship, and contribute to the economic vitality of the region.

The Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce and SLV GO! will welcome guests on April 8 at Rain

Brews beginning at 4:30 p.m. for a silent auction fundraiser, drinks, and appetizers while learning more about the current and future work of SLV GO!

Silent auction items include local artwork, gift certificates for local eateries, outdoor gear, hot spring passes, and more. The Vali 3 Theater opens its doors at 6:30 and the show kicks off at 7 p.m.

Tickets for Mountainfilm on Tour in Monte Vista can be purchased online at [www.mountainfilm.org/tour](http://www.mountainfilm.org/tour). Tickets will also be available at the door of the Vali 3 Theater the day of the event. Tickets for both the live and virtual showing are \$15 and support the work of SLV GO! For a sneak peak, see the complete playlist at [www.mountainfilm.org/tour/schedule](http://www.mountainfilm.org/tour/schedule).

Mountainfilm is a documentary film festival that showcases stories about environmental, cultural, climbing, political and social justice issues. Mountainfilm is held every Memorial Day weekend in Telluride.

Along with exceptional documentaries, the festival goes beyond the film medium by bringing together world-class athletes, change makers and visionary artists for a multi-dimensional celebration of indomitable spirit. Mountainfilm's mission is to use the power of film, art and ideas to inspire audiences to create a better world.

To learn more about Mountainfilm, visit [www.mountainfilm.org](http://www.mountainfilm.org).

# US 285 east of Saguache: Crews to fill highway cracks this month

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — During the month of March, Colorado Department of Transportation crews will perform crack sealing operations on US Highway 285 between Saguache and the Colorado Highway 17 junction, mile points 92-100.

Travelers should allow for extra travel time as intermittent closures will be enforced to allow crews to work on the highway.

Work will take place, weather permitting, over the next few weeks,

Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Drivers will encounter full stops and lane closures. Flagging personnel will guide traffic through the work zone. Up to 15-minute delays are anticipated.

A speed reduction of 40 mph will be in place and drivers should slow down and use extreme caution when approaching and driving through the work zone. Motorists are urged to be aware of crews and heavy equipment.

# City of Monte Vista having logo design contest for new event center

**MONTE VISTA** — The City of Monte Vista is holding a competition for a business logo for the new Outcall Event and Conference at SLV Ski Hi Complex.

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The winner will be announced on Friday, April 8, and the winner will receive a \$100 prize.

For more information, contact City Events Manager Stephanie Ruybal at 719-490-9670.

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Adams State University faculty and staff and Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman welcome University of Siegen students and faculty on March 7.

# ASU Teacher Education hosts students from University of Siegen

## STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman welcomed students from the University of Siegen, Germany, at a reception hosted by the Adams State University Department of Teacher Education on March 7.

The Siegen students and leaders will visit several San Luis Valley school districts and participate in Adams State education courses.

Most of the visiting students are planning to become elementary teachers in Germany and a couple are interested in the post-secondary level.

Clara Köhne, said the visit is an opportunity to share teaching concepts with their Adams State counterparts.

“We are also interested in how teachers are trained and will compare methods to learn from each other,” she said.

Executive Director Ingo Witzke first developed relationships with the San Luis Valley when he was a foreign exchange student at Sargent High School. He remains connected to the San Luis Valley and six years ago Adams State signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Siegen.

This is the second group of students he has accompanied to Adams State. Witzke believes now is the time to connect on the international level with universities to bring perspectives on education into the future.



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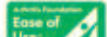
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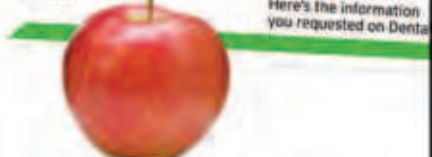
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