

## Shorts

### Annual ALMA & Friends Concert Features Local Musicians on Feb. 19

**ALAMOSA** — The annual Alamosa Live Music Association & Friends concert is on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at Society Hall, 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

ALMA announced that Palmas will kick off the evening with Nueva Eclectica/Flamenco. The Celtic (K)nots will close out the evening with Celtic and early American folk music.

Admission is free for ALMA 2022 members and \$15 for general admission. No advance tickets are for sale, so come early to grab a seat. Masks required.

### SHS hosting benefit dinner for Rice

**MONTE VISTA** — Sargent High School is hosting a benefit dinner on Feb. 19 for Diana Rice, known affectionately as RiceBob, MommaRice, RiceLady.

She was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and is still fighting leukemia.

Rice will undergo breast removal and several chemo treatments. She will need help with expenses that medical insurance will not cover, such as lodging, food, gas, and any surprise expenses that arise.

The fundraiser dinner consists of ribs, ham and beans, baked potatoes with fixings, and a silent dessert auction. The dessert auction winners will be announced during halftime of the varsity boys basketball game. Sargent is hosting Custer County with tipoff at 1 p.m. on Feb. 19. The fundraiser dinner begins at noon in the SHS Cafeteria. Dinner cost is a donation.

### Del Norte Library providing take-home story time kits

**DEL NORTE** — The Del Norte Public Library is offering a “take-home” story time kit series.

For five weeks, the library will provide two books, ideas for activities and props for stories, geared for preschoolers, ages 1 to 4 years old.

Kits can be picked up at the library beginning the week of Feb. 7.

Register by Feb. 2 at the Del Norte Public Library, 790 Grande Ave., Del Norte, or call the library at 719-657-2633.

The kits are possible due to the support of the Buell Foundation through the Growing Readers Together grant.

## Gov. Polis talks water, renewable energy and ag

BY JOHN WATERS

Colorado Governor Jared Polis met with Valley Courier news editor, John Waters for an interview conducted online on Jan. 27. Also participating was Dan Gibbs, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources.

During the interview, topics discussed were the San Luis Valley aquifer, the proposal of Renewable Energy Resources to export water out of the valley, agriculture and the ways Polis is proposing the state can save residents money.

On Jan. 26, Governor Polis announced Water '22 an education campaign for Coloradans to secure the state's water future. Several of the questions discussed were predicated on comments the governor made at the conference.

The following is a transcript of the interview that has been condensed and edited slightly for clarity.

**POLIS:** Did you cover the Water [Water '22] conference yesterday?

**WATERS:** Yes, I did remotely. I heard what you said about Water '22 and this is a perfect opportunity to follow up and talk water.

**POLIS:** We're very excited to partner on water education as part of the Water '22 initiative and Colorado's year of water focus and of course I'm happy to chat about water in the San Luis Valley.

**WATERS:** Yesterday, you had mentioned that the aquifer in the San Luis Valley is down to levels that are not sustainable. Please talk a little about that?

**POLIS:** I don't know what my exact quote was, but this is from the work itself in the Basin where they have a scientific analysis, there are areas where there is less draw. What we want

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Photo courtesy of the Office of Governor Polis

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis had told the Valley Courier he is opposed to inter-basin water transfers such as the one proposed by Renewable Water Resources.

## Mountain Valley School Board of Education president is a finalist for Excellence Award

BY MECHEL MEEK

**SAGUACHE** — Lacy Reed, director of Early Childhood Programs and Board of Education president of Mountain Valley School District, has been chosen as one of three finalists by the Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference (RMECC) for its first-ever Excellence Award as a Community Leader in Early Childhood.

According to RMECC, to be nominated for this award the person must be a childcare center teacher, director, owner, administrator, or a family childcare home teacher or provider who goes above and beyond to elevate the childcare industry, promote quality, advance systems, and provide support to

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Courtesy photo

Mountain Valley School Board of Education President Lacy Reed is one of three finalists for an Excellence Award from the Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference. Reed is also director of Early Childhood Programs.

## Coffee with the Chief discusses K-9 donation

BY MECHEL MEEK

**CENTER** — On Saturday, Jan. 29, Coffee with the Chief was held in Center at the United Methodist Church.

Coffee and pastries were provided by the church. The informal meeting was attended by over 10 people from the community.

Center Police Department Chief Dale Meek invited guests to the monthly meeting, Sheriff Dan Warwick and Capt. Ken Wilson from the Saguache County Sheriff's Office took part in the meeting and talked to Center residents.

The gathering opened with questions about the K-9 that is

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## SRM Ag Conference underway in Monte Vista



Photo by Brian Williams

After being mostly virtually, the past two years, due to the COVID pandemic, the Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference and Trade Show welcomed people inside.

BY MARIE MCCOLM

**MONTE VISTA** — The 40th annual Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference and Trade Show started its three-day run Tuesday, Feb. 1, with hundreds of people inside the newly christened Outcalt Event and Conference at SLV Ski Hi Complex.

The conference is sponsored by the Colorado State University Extension and the Colorado Ag Experiment Station. Paid registration is required to attend the sessions. The free-to-the-public trade show is sponsored by the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to welcoming people back, this was the official maiden event of the Outcalt Event and Conference at SLV Ski Hi Complex. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new building was scheduled for Feb. 25.

It was the first time in the past two years that the conference was held completely in person. Due to the COVID pandemic, the conference moved the multiple sessions to Zoom but continued to have a socially distanced trade show on the grounds.

CSU San Luis Valley Extension Director Larry Brown opened the conference with some welcoming remarks. He said they always try to give everyone a relevant program, by picking the right topics for the conference and making sure that they obtain quality speakers.

Brown said it takes a lot of work to do this, and it also takes some feedback from the people who attend the conference. Brown encouraged everyone who attended to fill out surveys that were

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# OBITUARIES

## William 'Will' John Henninger

Del Norte resident William "Will" John Henninger, 80, died Jan. 27, 2022, at his home in Del Norte, surrounded by family and under hospice care.

Will's life began in Chicago, Illinois on July 15, 1941, the proud son of Reed Henninger and Alice Rose Henninger.

Will earned his master's degree in Philosophy and later earned his Juris Doctorate degree in Law. He enjoyed riding his motorcycles and remote mountain adventures. He was a collector of things. Will enjoyed woodcutting and wood gathering. He was a man of philosophical thought and enjoyed intellectual discourse. He explored many spiritual paths to find his own unique way to God and self-reflection.

Will is survived by his daughter

Sita Brandon of Lafayette, Colo.; his grandchildren Sage Brandon and Forrest Henninger; as well as the mother of his children Serena Clark-Henninger.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Merry Henninger and his son William "Billy" Henninger, II.

A visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, followed by a Funeral Service at 11 a.m. all at the New Life Fellowship Church in Del Norte, Colo. Interment will follow services in the San Luis Valley Cemetery in Monte Vista. Contributions in his memory are suggested to the New Life Fellowship Church, 5207th St. Del Norte, CO 81132.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences, remembrances, and



words of comfort for Will's family, please visit [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com).

## Linda Jane Taylor

Linda Jane Taylor, 80-year-old resident of Buffalo, Wyo., and previously of Del Norte went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Jan. 20, 2022.

Memorial services were held Friday, Jan. 28, at 10 a.m. at the Grace Fellowship Church in Buffalo. A private family interment will take place at a later date.

She is survived by her husband Lamar Taylor of Buffalo; her daughter Lisa Donnelly of Beaverton, Ore.; her son Russ Taylor and his wife Bev of Buffalo; a brother Harold Cooper

and his wife Joanna of Columbia, Maryland; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters and one brother.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Linda's memory to AGWM — Santiago Children's Center #8343 in care of the Harness Funeral Home, 351 N. Adams, Buffalo, WY 82834. Online condolences may be made at [www.harnessfuneralhome.com](http://www.harnessfuneralhome.com).



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# AWARD

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new providers and teachers.

RMECC stated, "To highlight the tireless work of our dedicated early childhood professionals over the last year, the Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference is proud to host the first-ever RMECC Excellence Awards. The Excellence Awards are an opportunity to showcase the amazing work, innovation, and endless spirit of early childhood professionals!

The award ceremony will be held in person at the closing general session of the Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference on Saturday, March 12, 2022, and live streamed to our virtual audience. Three finalists from each category will be chosen by the RMECC Steering and Program Committees and will receive free all-access attendance to the event. The winners of each category will be

selected by public vote and announced live at the award ceremony where they will receive their prizes."

The voting will be held via Facebook and will begin on Monday, Feb. 7, at [www.facebook.com/RMECC](http://www.facebook.com/RMECC). The winners will be selected by a public vote, and the Mountain Valley School District is asking the community to support Reed by voting.

# CHIEF

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being donated to the Town of Center, named Wrangler. Wrangler is set to be trained by CPD in specific after-basic obedience training and then donated to an in-need agency from Colorado. A committee of community members and a CPD dispatcher will decide which in-need agency will receive the K-9 after the training.

"We may have a buyer for one of our other K-9s," Chief Meek said. "If the sale goes through, we will be able to put those funds back into our K-9 program. These types of sales keep

our program self-sustaining."

Several attendees asked questions about the sale process and how the dogs are trained.

Questions were also brought up about how to evict a person who has not been paying rent, and this also brought up the question of how the state rules have changed regarding evictions because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting wrapped up with several citizens asking about crime trends in Center with the Chief giving an update regarding recent crime.

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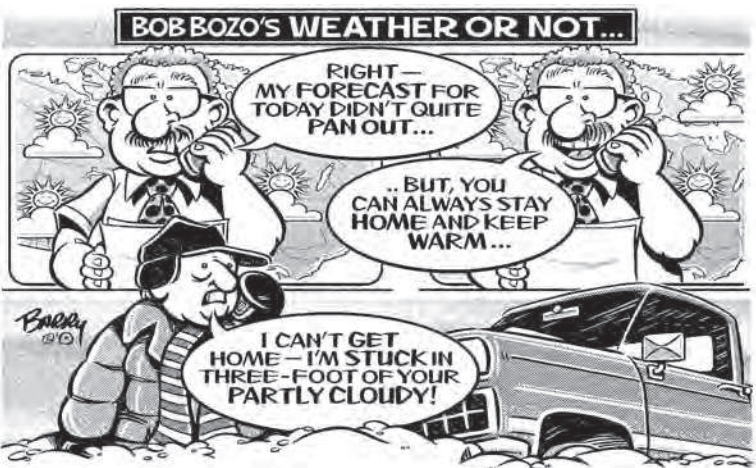
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# OPINION & EDITORIAL



## YOUR NIGHT SKY

BY DARLENE DANKO



### 2022 Zodiacal light

It's that time of year when we get to see the evening Zodiacal light. This is a huge softly radiant pyramid of white light with its base near the horizon that stands almost straight up in the dark sky this time of year.

Zodiacal light is sunlight reflecting of dust particles left by comets and asteroids that move in the same plane as Earth's orbit around the Sun. It becomes visible about 1/2 hour after evening twilight when we can no longer see the Sun, but its light reflects off the dust.

As you know, twilight is the time of day between daylight and darkness. The Sun is below the horizon, but its rays are scattered by small particles in earth's atmosphere to create the colors of twilight which are often pinkish.

Basically, when the Sun is 6 degrees below the horizon it's dark enough for streetlights to come on. When it's 18 degrees below the horizon the sky

is dark enough for stars to appear in the sky.

The Zodiacal light stands up so straight because the ecliptic that the Sun, moon, and planets travel along, is almost straight up this time of year. It only leans slightly to the left. That's why the moon is currently so high in the sky. The best time to view it is when the moon is not in the sky, which will be in the evening of Feb. 1 when the new moon occurs. But it will be quiet for a few nights after that. The full moon is on the 16th, but then after that it will rise later making the sky dark for a while.

When sunlight shines through Earth's atmosphere the light looks pink. But when it reflects off dust particles not in our atmosphere, the light is white. So, when we see the zodiacal light, we're looking edgewise into the plane of our solar system. The light is brightest when it's closer to the Sun, which is why early evening provides the best viewing.

So moonless evenings in February, March and April are the time to go out and look for the Zodiacal light. Look in the south-west where the Sun sets about a half-hour after sunset, basically shortly after the sky gets completely dark. Since the current sunset is at 5:30, I would start looking at 6 p.m. This pyramid of light will extend one third to halfway up in the sky.

It'll be visible for 20-30 minutes while it gradually gets brighter and then dimmer. While you're looking at it, please understand that a large part of our planet can't see it because of light pollution. We are very fortunate to have the clear skies that we do. So, let's protect this wonderful treasure that we have.

## And then there was you

You have to be a little long in the tooth to remember the famous musical "The Music Man." This was a very popular production starring Shirley Jones, Robert Preston, and a tiny Ron Howard.

It was a story about a traveling shyster salesman who comes to the town of River City to pretty much con all the people out of their money and Shirley Jones out of her heart.

It is filled with great musical hits and is still popular even this many years down the long winding road. One such song is "Till There Was You." And the lyrics start like this:

There were bells on a hill  
But I never heard them ringing  
No, I never heard them at all  
'Till there was you

Now even Ol' Dutch has to admit that that old gal could belt out the tunes and her looks were enough to make a strong man leave home several times. She was a real beauty, a great actress, and a good lady to boot.

I often wonder why there never was a sequel to that musical considering its popularity but just this past week I believe Ol' Dutch was provided the answer to that by none other than Miss Trixie, herself.

As often occurs, we were just riding along in the car to see the Grands when the subject of Miss Trixie's life before Ol' Dutch came up.

A litany of what all she had done and her big life of traveling overseas, mountaineering on Mt. Everest, sitting in box seats at the 49ers football games, having houses in Tahoe, snowboarding the mountains and rock climbing in Thailand and such, all came pouring out of her like a baby with a bad case of diarrhea.

All of which got Ol' Dutch to thinking, which is a risky proposition according to Miss Trixie and one that may cause serious brain damage if left unchecked. And luckily I have her to do all my thinking for me thereby saving the old noggin power for important things like calculating the distance to an elk or landing a nice Rainbow trout.

But there it was. In all its glory, her past life hung out there like old lady Bradley's massive brassiere on the neighboring lawn.

And even Ol' Dutch in all of his handsome, smart, and witty self-awareness had to wonder just exactly why such a woman would hitch her wagon to a plodding old horse like me.



**Trout Republic**  
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

Quick as a cat on a hot tin roof, Miss Trixie compared me to the cartoon character Shrek which made me even more confused as he was less than what you would call a hot commodity as far as looks and desirability would go.

It seemed to only get worse as she tried to weasel her gorgeous self out of hot water especially since Ol' Dutch only hears about 50 percent of what's said anyway.

For those unfamiliar with the Shrek story, he is an ogre which by definition is a "hideous giant of fairy tales and folklore that feeds on humans." So now we all know exactly what Miss Trixie thinks of Ol' Dutch but in her defense, I probably resemble that remark in part, at least.

And most women probably think their men are about the same kind of creature after living with them for a while so no offense is taken, at least by me.

And in all honesty, I often wonder just why Miss Trixie would hook her caboose to my locomotive in the first place as the glamor, if there ever was any, has long left the last station in Ol' Dutch's life.

But here she is and here she remains for now and as long as she is fooled enough to stay I guess we are doomed — or, is that destined — to cohabitate along life's road.

Besides, I kinda like Miss Trixie's caboose anyway.

*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

### Marron announces running for Saguache Commissioner seat

Editor,

Twenty-five years ago, my grandmother Nadine told me I should run for county commissioner. She was a woman ahead of her time with a degree in music and a talent for sewing. She ran the Singer Sewing Machine, gave lessons and had a weekly sewing show on the Cedar Rapids TV station. Her faith in me has always stayed with me.

Saguache County is where this Midwest girl put down her roots 34 years ago. I have raised my children, served as a foster mother, raised those children, been an adoptive mother and raised that child in this fine rural place. We first came to Center to work the High Meadows Buffalo Ranch under Dale Dilley. We then worked with John Dabney and John Werner ranches and then Green Earth Organic Farm for many years.

My indoor career began at Saguache County Department of Human Services and later Center School District to

run the Pilots for Prevention Youth Mentoring Program. I helped found the Saguache County Sustainable Environment and Economic Development (ScSEED). Along the way, I gained a degree in the Spanish language from ASU and went to work in Alamosa for Valley Wide Health Systems running a program focused on Healthy Eating and Active Living. We learned that community cared about food security and built the San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition. The SLVLC with Nick Chambers built the Valley Roots Food Hub aggregating food from family farms and delivering to restaurants, grocers, institutions and families in the region. We then saved a parcel on the Rio Grande and turned it into a 38-acre farm incubator. I am currently the founding director of the SLVLC with 24 well-paid staff and a \$2.4 million budget that has contributed greatly to the local economy.

I've always volunteered in the

community and currently serve on ScSEED, Saguache Works, the Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council, First South West Bank's Community Fund Board and the SLV Chapter of Rocky Mountain Farmers Union. My kids call me "the meeting lady". I do enjoy meetings which makes me uniquely qualified for what I am about to say.

This letter announces my intention to run for county commissioner. I would like to contribute my passion, energy, and wisdom to my home community of Saguache County. Thank you for reading and feel free to share your questions, ideas, and concerns with me at 719-539-5606 or grassrootsgirl16@gmail.com.

I will continue reaching out to people throughout the county to learn what matters to them and will send out a follow-up letter describing my vision and key priorities.

*Liza Marron  
Saguache*

### Conejos Sheriff's Office thanks community for donations

Editor,

On behalf of Sheriff Garth Crowther and the Conejos County Search and Rescue Team. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the businesses and individuals who donated money in our effort to purchase a Snow Cat. This was a

much-needed piece of equipment for wintertime rescues in the back country of Conejos County.

Last year alone the Conejos County Search and Rescue Team were called upon 38 times for lost, injured, and stranded individuals. Approximately half of the calls for

help were during the winter where deep snow and frigid temperatures existed. The addition of the Snow Cat to our inventory will make the missions much easier, safer and will without a doubt save lives in the years to come.

*Conejos County Sheriff's Office*

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# SFFR debuts draft fire protection plan with RGNF

**By LYNDSE FERRELL**  
**RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST** — Just in the past few days, the United States Forest Service announced that America's forests were, "In a state of fire emergency." The organization also stated that nearly one-quarter of the contiguous United States remains at moderate to very high risk of severe wildfires.

This is all too well known here in southwest Colorado and here in the San Luis Valley as acres and acres of dead or dying trees surround Valley communities such as South Fork, but there are ways to help mitigate a potential fire emergency. Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) in partnership with South Fork Fire Rescue and other local stakeholders are working to put a plan in place and use it to educate local communities.

The RGNF has been drafting a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for the immediate area around South Fork and the surrounding forest area in the Rio Grande National Forest. The plan will be a roadmap for local communities to pinpoint current fire danger and navigate ways to ensure the continued safety of the community.

Communities like South Fork reside in what is termed a Wildland Urban Interface, meaning the community is faced with potential wildland fire situations.

According to the draft plan, "A community wildfire protection plan (CWPP) is a blueprint and an action strategy for prioritizing the protection of life, property and critical infrastructure in your community. A CWPP allows a community to evaluate its current situation with regards to wildfire risk and plan ways to reduce risk for protection of human welfare and other important economic, social or ecological values. CWPPs help protect and prepare communities in the event of a wildfire. If your community resides in the

Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) and you believe there is a risk of wildfire, a CWPP can be excellent tool to gain community support to raise awareness about wildfire threat and to gain support to mitigate hazards. The WUI is any area where structures and other human developments meet or intermingle with wildland vegetative fuels."

The draft plan was prepared by Adam Moore, Supervisory Forester, and Sam Scavo, a Forester out of the Alamosa Field Office for the Colorado State Forest Service.

Moore and South Fork Fire Rescue Fire Resource Officer Ben Webster hosted a community meeting to introduce the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, a step that begins the process of finalizing the document.

"This is a living document that will continue to change as needs change. We want to be proactive to safeguard our communities and use fire mitigation to ensure the continued safety of those that live here," Webster said.

"We need the community to be as involved as possible. This plan really comes down to private resident and landowners and what they can do to help mitigate for a potential wildland fire situation. We recently learned from the Boulder County incident that it doesn't matter where you are, fire can always be a potential risk. There are ways to mitigate it though and could be just as simple as cleaning out your gutters or trimming your landscaping around any structures," Webster said.

Though the plan is in the draft phase, they will be working with other communities including representatives from Rio Grande County, Mineral County, Del Norte Fire District and community emergency managers to finalize the plan.

"We work with communities, community leaders, stakeholders, the Rio Grande National Forest and

Bureau of Land Management to identify problems and mitigate accordingly. We

need the community to work with us and do the same," Webster said.

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# January level in unconfined aquifer lowest on record

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

ALAMOSA — The latest numbers on the aquifer levels in the unconfined aquifer were released by Subdistrict No. 1, and the news is not good.

According to information provided by Clinton Phillips, of Davis Engineering Services, the change in the level of the aquifer for January of 2022, which was measured in December of 2021, is minus-5,547 acre-feet, reflecting a change in the aquifer from the previous January of minus-61,078 acre-feet.

“We’re obviously very concerned,” says Cleave Simpson, General Manager of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District and state senator representing District 5. “Our only saving grace is to think about where we would be now had we not taken the kind of steps we did over the last 10 years, basically reducing

pumping by a third.”

Farmers could begin the months leading up to the April 2022 irrigation season with the lowest level in the aquifer in January on record.

“We just haven’t received very much snow this winter,” says Subdistrict No. 1 Program Manager Marisa Fricke. She added that the lack of snow up to now and the absence of snow predicted for the foreseeable future combined with warmer temperatures prompted the need to make sure growers were aware of the situation.

“The level of the aquifer is another variable for growers to take into account as they make plans for this growing season,” Fricke says.

A total of 702,880 acre feet of water need to be restored to reach the level in the aquifer the State Engineer’s Office is requiring Subdistrict No. 1 to meet by 2031.

# HVCC continues to fill up activity calendar

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

DEL NORTE — Hello community members! Happy February! This month High Valley Community Center has lots of fun, new activities planned for our after-school program, as well as bowling and other fun in the snow for our upcoming Fabulous Fridays.

We only have two weeks left of basketball for the 2021-2022 season! We are incredibly thankful to Felix and Janet Ortiz, Kimberly Fresquez, Joel Rosales, Yolanda Martines, Joel Estrada, and Brian and Heather Mulcahy for coaching the kiddos this season. Thanks to you, the kiddos have not only improved their basketball skills, but also learned about hard work and teamwork. K-2 co-ed basketball will conclude on Feb.

10 and boys basketball end-of-season tournaments will be on Feb. 12.

This week’s after school theme was, “Creativity.” The kids made personalized masks, learned how to make sushi, and played games. Through creativity, kiddos can learn more about themselves and learn how to express themselves through various avenues.

If you are interested in any of our HVCC programs, we encourage you to stop by our office or give us a call at 719-657-2172. The HVCC staff are always happy to answer your questions and chat about our programs.

Reminder: if your child is quarantined we ask that you please do not send them to HVCC. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope everyone has an enjoyable week!

# Penny drive for Rice



Photo courtesy of Sargent Schools

Sargent Elementary School librarian, Diana Rice, better known as RiceBob to her students is experiencing cancer for the second time. She battles leukemia on a daily basis and takes chemotherapy medications weekly. Just recently, she found out that she had breast cancer and will have to have surgery to remove the cancer in early February. Sargent School District came together and had penny wars to raise money for RiceBob. Students from kindergarten through 12th grade raised over \$6,400 to help pay medical bills and travel expenses that insurance won’t cover. First graders, pictured with Rice, won the battle.

# Center United Methodist Church has several events set for February

By MECHER MEEK

CENTER — The Center United Methodist Church will be holding several events in February that are open to the community.

The coffee shop will be open Monday through Friday from 2 to 5 p.m., and the fitness center will also be open during these days and times. There is no charge to use the fitness center.

According to the Rev. Debra

Upton, “As an added incentive to come to the coffee shop, we will be having special bakery sweets each day of the week. The coffee shop is donation only and open to all in the community.”

Chair yoga is also available every Friday at 9:30 a.m. Movie Night will be on Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. with a showing of Disney’s 2019 “Lady and the Tramp.” There will be Valentine’s treats served during the showing of

the movie and there is no charge to attend. Upton requested that people wanting to attend Movie Night call 719-754-2243 so that they could have enough treats to give out during the movie.

Also of note was a letter sent by the Colorado Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake to the Center United Methodist Church thanking those who donated blankets to their residents.

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# Polis, Water Education launch Water '22 initiative

**BY PRISCILLA WAGGONER**  
**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — As the drought in Colorado is now measured in years, not months, and wildfires are no longer limited to a single season but occur throughout the year, Governor Jared Polis and Water Education Colorado announced on Wednesday, Jan. 26, the launching of Water '22, a statewide, year-long education campaign that “implores Coloradans to take an active role in securing the state’s water future.”

“Colorado wouldn’t be Colorado without our rivers and aquifers upon which our way of life, our well-being and our livelihood depend,” Gov. Polis said at the event announcing the initiative. “Water serves as the foundation of a strong and thriving economy, but increasingly over the last decade — especially in the last few years — we have faced additional challenges that threaten that critical life source.”

The timing of such an initiative is driven by necessity as Coloradans are experiencing firsthand the devastating effects of climate change. Persistent drought has fueled wildfires that, in the last 20 years, have scorched 15% of Colorado’s 24.5 million forested acres, according to Water '22, with 20% of that loss happening just in the last two years.

The impact of those wildfires is not limited to the mountainous terrain where they occur. About 80% of Colorado’s population — 4.5 million Coloradans — rely on their municipal water coming from the forested watersheds where those wildfires are most likely to occur. In 2020 alone, a historic fire season, 26 municipal water storage facilities were shut down, according to Water '22.

Few know better the challenges of water scarcity than residents of the San Luis Valley, where growers have been battling a drought that is entering its 20 year. Yet, while 86% of the water drawn from Colorado’s aquifers and streams is used to grow the food that people rely upon to survive, few communities equal the San Luis Valley in pro-actively taking steps to manage water sustainably. But the battle persists, with ongoing success far from guaranteed.

Nonetheless, in his introductory comments, Polis described 2022 being a key moment with Colorado “poised to take full advantage of the game-changing opportunity made possible by an infusion of funds made possible by passage of the bi-partisan Infrastructure Act... that can augment and leverage the limited funds the state has” for much-needed water projects across the state.

With both significant need and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity knocking on the same door, Polis said, “It all starts here. It doesn’t matter

where you live or what you do, this is the time to unify all Coloradans to be committed to smart Colorado water policies, actions and investments to preserve and protect our water now and into the future.”

As the Water '22 initiative plays out through the year, there will be numerous opportunities for Coloradans to engage, including, according to Water Education, “taking the pledge to engage in ‘22 Ways to Care for Water in 2022’” and taking simple actions that can save at least 22 gallons of water per day per person and keep waterways clean.

Despite the myriad of ways Colorado is working to address water scarcity, it turns out that individual Coloradans have considerable room for improvement in daily habits.

According to 2015 data from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the average use of publicly supplied households, or “domestic” water users, in Colorado was about 128 gallons per capita per day. That is 45 gallons more per person per day than the national average of 83 gallons per person per day.

If the average Coloradan cut back personal water usage to be more in line with average use across the nation, that would be a savings of 256,500,000 gallons every single day.

But, in the interest of setting sites a little lower, what are ways to cut back on water usage and save just 22 gallons of water per person while helping to keep waterways clean?

Water Education has the answer, thanks to contributions from “Colorado Water Wise” (www.coloradowaterwise.org) and “Live Like You Love It” (www.lovecoloradowater.org), and following are five.

- Know your water. What river water or groundwater source are you drinking? Find out where your water comes from and trace its path through the watershed and to your tap. If you receive a water bill, identify your provider and then visit them online to learn where they source your water from.

You can also check out the U.S. EPA’s Drinking Water Mapping Application to search for water providers by address. Knowing where your water comes from is the starting point to understanding how it’s all connected, and why your actions matter. Conserve water indoors.



- Lessen up while you freshen up. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or while shaving/soaping up in the shower. Go the extra step and take the five-minute shower challenge! Every minute with the faucet off saves at least two gallons of water! Consider baths an occasional luxury: The typical bath uses 35-50 gallons of water, compared to 10 gallons for a five-minute shower with a low-flow showerhead.

- Make appliances do the dirty work. Use the dishwasher and washing machine instead of handwashing and run your appliances only when FULL. Depending on your machines, you can save anywhere from 15-30 gallons per load by filling up and cutting a load.

- Save water during food prep. Defrost foods in the fridge instead of in running water to save up to five gallons of water per day! Compost food waste instead of putting it down the garbage disposal for similar savings. In food service? Check out the Boss Defrost for commercial grade savings.

- Lose the leaks. Faucet and toilet leaks lead to lots of lost water, about seven gallons per day for a faucet and 200 gallons for a toilet. Try these easy fixes: For a toilet leak, fix your flapper; for a faucet leak, replace the washer. Don’t know if you have a toilet leak? Try putting food coloring in the back tank. If color appears in the bowl, you have a leak.

Eleven months remain in Colorado’s “Year of Water” and the Water '22 initiative, and the Valley Publishing is committed to keeping the information flowing.

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# Monte Vista teenager fighting for life

*GoFundMe page set up for student struck with COVID*

**SUBMITTED ARTICLE**

**MONTE VISTA** — Divine Luv Quintana has been a student at Byron Syring DELTA Center since February of 2018. She started attending Monte Vista School District as a preschool student at Marsh Elementary in 2000.

“Monte Vista School District is proud to have been part of her educational journey,” said Byron Syring Principal Rebekah Sparks Johnson.

Divine, 18, entered her senior year in August of 2021 with determination and passion to reach her goal of becoming a graduate so she could start pursuing her dreams.

In September of 2021, Divine tested positive for COVID-19. She was in the San Luis Valley Health Regional Medical Center in Alamosa for three days and then flown to Children’s Hospital in Colorado Springs.

After about a week there, she was flown to Children’s Hospital of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus to provide the additional life-supporting measures she was requiring.

Divine’s COVID turned into COVID pneumonia. Divine’s heart, kidneys, and lungs have begun to fail. She is still on extensive life-supporting measures. Divine is looking at 6 months to a year or more of being in the hospital at Children’s.

One of Divine’s biggest frustrations is that with her lengthy hospital stay, she thought she may not be able to accomplish her goal of graduating from Byron Syring DELTA Center with her high school diploma. For Divine that will not be the case.

Byron Syring DELTA Center is honored to have partnered with Children’s Hospital of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus to perform a graduation ceremony for Divine.

She will graduate with her high school diploma on Feb. 2, 2022, at 1 p.m. “The DELTA staff and Monte Vista

School District are proud of Divine. We wish her continued healing as she fights toward full recovery and a bright future where she can pursue her dreams beyond secondary school,” Johnson said.

A GoFundMe page has been set up for Divine by her mother, Lucrezia Naranjo-Vigil.

“The funds raised will be used for past, current and future medical bills, food, travel expenses and any other needs that arise,” Naranjo-Vigil stated on the GoFundMe page. “When she is released and can come home. I am going to have to figure out a living situation that is best for her, I am not sure if that means staying in Denver or going back to the valley. With so many uncertainties, the one thing we know for certain is that Divine is a fighter and we will continue to fight with her.”

The page has raised \$4,295 with a goal of \$10,000 as of Feb. 1. To donate visit, [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) and search “Medical Help and Support” and look for the page by Lucrezia Vigil.

# SAGUACHE COUNTY SHERIFF’S REPORT

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff’s Office for the period between Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, and Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022.

The Sheriff’s Department’s activity on the road included two crashes with property damage, 10 traffic stops, and one traffic complaint. They also patrolled the Town of Saguache nine times, responded to one lockout and assisted four motorists.

In addition, there were five reports of suspicious activity, one report of property damage, two reports of animal cruelty, one noise complaint report, one intoxicated person report, and one report of threatening.

They also responded to 17 controlled burns, three fires (other),

eight ambulance calls, one alarm, one deceased person, one civil standby, two civil disputes, and one search and rescue call, and provided information three times, assisted nearby agencies three times, and conducted one welfare check.

**ARRESTS**

• A 41-year-old Fort Collins man was arrested on suspicion of violation of protection order and failure to comply charges.

A 25-year-old Center woman was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

A 33-year-old Monte Vista woman was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

A 69-year-old Center man was on suspicion of failing to register as a sex offender and parole violation charges.

# POLIS

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to make sure is we have a thriving ag economy in the San Luis Valley. One of our initiatives with our Department of Agriculture and Commissioner Greenburg and I’ve visited many, many, producers in the San Luis Valley looking at new water efficient techniques. It’s everything from the classic potato crop, different species and different practices. Also quinoa and other crops. It’s working to do it on a sustainable level so farms don’t dry up and inter-generational legacies can continue in a way that meets reality with the water that we have.

**WATERS:** Yesterday, you said the state is deeply committed to fighting downstream threats to the lawful use of Colorado’s water resources. I realize that statement is from an interstate perspective. From an intrastate perspective, here in the San Luis Valley there is a proposal from Renewable Water Resources to export water out of the Valley. For the people in the San Luis Valley, what can the state do to protect this resource?

**POLIS:** My reference was to Nebraska pursuing a very aggressive strategy. We can be aggressive right back. Within the state, I’ve always been and Dan has [Dan Gibbs Colorado Department of Natural Resources director]. I’ve always been opposed to any inter-basin transfer that does not sign off at the local level on both sides. We strongly believe that for our communities to be thriving, the San Luis Valley or the Grand Valley, wherever it is, Western Colorado, we want to make sure that those water rights are retained on that side of the divide.

**WATERS:** At the Water ‘22 conference you said the San Luis Valley aquifer is being drawn down to levels that are not sustainable, are you for or against the proposal by Renewable Water Resources?

**POLIS:** First of all, I don’t know, John, I have to look, I don’t think I specifically said, the San Luis Valley aquifer...I can go back and look and see if I said anything specific about the aquifer. With regard to the aquifer we let science and data guide us, John. That’s very much built in the basin process where we remove politics from it and

making sure it’s about sustainability and that the water is there for the future.

**EDITORS note:** On January 26 at the Water ‘22 conference Governor Polis said this.” We’ve seen aquifers on the Eastern Plains, San Luis Valley driven down to levels that are not sustainable.” At press time Polis’ office has not contacted the Courier with any correction or clarification to what the governor said.

**WATERS:** To pivot back to my question, are you for or against the RWR water proposal to export water out of the Valley?

**POLIS:** I am against any inter-basin transfer without support. This is a proposed inter-basin transfer. There’s a number of areas where legal thresholds for requesting haven’t even been met and of course we would be opposed, and I’m personally opposed to a devastating impact on the San Luis Valley ag and ranching economy if this were to move forward.

**WATERS:** Dan, in broad strokes can you tell us what the Department of Natural Resources is doing in regard to watershed management and how that might affect the aquifer in the San Luis Valley?

**GIBBS:** The governor and the legislature has been very supportive in a comprehensive forest health package and last year passed Senate Bill 258. That bill created a new program in the Department of Natural Resources that really looks through a new lens of protecting life, property and critical infrastructure and critical infrastructure also includes protecting watersheds.

We are in the process of working with partners around the state, Division of Fire Prevention and Control, the state forest service, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management to really look through this lens, almost a magical map to see where those key locations are that we can put some emphasis in to protect our watersheds. The legislators brought in a package of about \$88 million last year to both proactively protect watersheds and after we have fires on the restoration side.

We’re busy on implementing both of those right now.

**WATERS:** Governor, during your State of the State address you outlined fifty ways your administration is saving Coloradoans money. Do you have any priorities on that list?

**POLIS:** Costs have gone up, and we want to do everything we can with money, with policy to save people money and to reduce costs. That means the little things the state can do like reducing vehicle registration fees by \$11.50 per vehicle, avoiding any fee increase on gas. Continuing to save people money on health care. We have preschool coming online in fall of 2023 free to any family, more affordable childcare, reducing taxes and fees. These are not all the things, there’s no one silver bullet.

# Discover Jesus’ Secret to Successful Relationships

I did it all wrong for years. And I was miserable! I’m talking about my attitude and my stinkin’ thinkin’ that was focused on the thought “What about me?!” And it came out in my behavior: If I didn’t get my way all the time, I tried to control other people through my temper.

I honestly didn’t know what my problem was until God spoke to my heart one day and said, “You’re selfish. You’ve studied My Word about spiritual warfare, prosperity, healing, having power and authority as a believer in Christ...but how much time have you studied about My love?”

That was the beginning of discovering that I would never be happy and have peace until I learned to love like Jesus loves.

One of the first messages God put on my heart to teach was titled “Tell Them I Love Them.” At first, I didn’t want to do it. I thought, *People already know You love them, God. I want to teach a really powerful message...something they haven’t heard before.* But God showed me that if people really knew He loved them and what that means, then they would live much differently than they do.

See, when we know and experience God’s love, we can share it with others. Imagine what the world would be like if everyone who calls themselves a Christian would really love each other with His love. Think about it. There would be no gossip, no judgment or criticism, no exclusive attitudes that make others feel rejected, and people’s needs would be met much more than they are.

Thankfully, Jesus gave us very real, practical examples of how we can love the way God loves us.

**Loving Others “to the Highest Degree”**

John 13:1 says Jesus “loved them to the last and to the highest degree” (AMP). In the following verses, He demonstrates what it means to love

others like this. And it shocked the disciples.

In those days, there were servants who washed people’s feet when they came to visit. It’s likely they were considered the lowliest servants in the household. Now Jesus, the Son of God Himself, got up from supper, took the servant’s towel, and proceeded to wash the disciples’ feet. His message to them was to love one another by being a servant, because God wants His love to flow through us and touch other people’s lives.

Love is not just a feeling or a theory; it’s a decision we make and an action we take. It’s so important for us to study what the Bible teaches about God’s love so we can learn to love like Jesus. And we have to pray for God to help us learn how to walk in love—to be a servant who “washes feet” by helping others.

**Washing Others’ Feet**

Matthew 7:12 (NIV) says, “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you....” This is so critical because if we want to have meaningful relationships with others, then we need to invest in their lives by giving them support, encouraging them, helping to meet their needs—serving them as we’re able to do it.

It’s easy to want to help people you like or those you want to impress. But when it comes to doing something for someone you don’t know or someone you don’t have a natural interest in, it can be a different story. And sometimes we don’t feel like serving our family. I know from personal experience that people can be willing to help others at church or work, but they aren’t willing to do the same things for their family.

I’ve learned that what I do in front of people publicly won’t really mean anything if I’m not living a life that pleases God at home, too. I thought I would die of frustration before I finally got this, so I know it’s not easy. We have to realize we’re naturally selfish, and we



must make a conscious decision to think of others on purpose or we’ll miss many opportunities to serve them.

I want to encourage you to read John 13 and pay close attention to what Jesus did and what He said. Spend some time studying scriptures about God’s love and pray for Him to show you ways you can serve the people in your life. See how many creative ways God puts in your heart to “wash feet.” You’ll probably find it’s easier and more simple than you thought it would be to help make someone’s life better.

God wants us to have success and enjoy our lives. But He wants us to die to self, get over being the center of our world, and begin to focus on looking for someone who needs our help every day. When you do this, you’ll discover you’re actually more satisfied, content, peaceful and happy than you’ve ever been in your life!

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Photo by Brian Williams

The 40th annual Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference and Trade Show began its three-day run Tuesday, Feb. 1, inside the newly named Outcall Event and Conference at SLV Ski Hi Complex.

# SRMAC

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being given out at the conference.

As an incentive, Brown said they were handing out \$50 certificates to people who filled out the surveys.

After Brown spoke, the opening day's sessions began at 8:30 and continued to 4:30 p.m. inside the conference rooms of the new building. A social hour at 5 p.m. with gourmet cooking concluded the day. Day two followed the same schedule as the first. The conference concluded with just morning sessions on Feb. 3.

The new building boasts a main conference room that can accommodate more than 400 people on the north side of the building. The south side of the building was broken up into four conference rooms — one for VIPs and sponsors, and three others that were used for sessions. A spacious hallway separates the north and south conference rooms that are in the east half of the building.

Demonstrations were scheduled for all three days inside the McMullen Building.

The trade show and its 93 vendors occupied the cavernous west side of the building.

Local farmer Ted Davis said he attends every year with his brother, and he appreciates all the up-to-date information he receives from the conference. He uses it to keep his property, farm and ranch, motivated and moving forward.

"I am very impressed with the new Ski Hi building," Davis said. "You can tell that a lot of hard work was put in here, and I think that a lot more farmers and ranchers are going to want to attend, once they see how nice this place came out, it's a real shiny showroom floor in here."

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Melissa Crevling and her husband, Steve, opened Basecamp Sweets in South Fork.

## Basecamp Sweets brings treats to South Fork

By LYNSIE FERRELL

**SOUTH FORK** — After visiting friends in the area in May of 2021, Melissa Crevling and her husband, Steve, decided that South Fork was going to be their new home.

Everything that happened after that was a whirlwind of change for the Crevling family as they packed up their things, two of their grown children and moved to South Fork and opened Basecamp Sweets.

“It was crazy, and it happened so fast, but we couldn’t be happier with the results,” Melissa said.

Crevling and her husband got word that the building near Outdoor Depot was for sale and made the decision to dive in and open their one-of-a-kind business to the South Fork area.

Previously a family photographer, Melissa spent time during 2020

and the beginning of the COVID pandemic making special-order cookies out of her home in Las Vegas, Nev., and from there decided that she wanted to open a sweets and candy store.

“This was so new for us. I started playing with custom cookies during COVID and we knew we wanted to add candy and other sweets when we found a place to open our business and here, we are,” she said.

The open floor plan inside Basecamp Sweets offers a unique and comfortable place to enjoy coffee, ice cream and some of their custom-made sweets including Crevling’s homemade cookies, special-order cakes and a wide range of chocolate and candy.

Crevling made sure that her kitchen featured an open window

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## High Valley Community Center weathers on during stormy week

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

Hello community members! High Valley Community Center hopes you are enjoying the stormy weather and the much-needed snow!

This week’s activity theme was, “Peer Pressure.” The activities centered around the theme are meant to show the kiddos the importance of learning life skills as a tool to combat peer pressure.

As always, even though we cover important topics, we aim to make activities fun and engaging for the kids. This week the kids made flowers stating their favorite things about themselves to promote self-esteem, made spring rolls to build cooking skills, and learned how to sew while making felt

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Photo courtesy of HVCC

High Valley Community Center welcomed students back after the winter break and is gearing up for the second half of their after-school program. Students are participating in several daily activities.

## Prestigious Aspen Institute to include Trinidad State College and Adams State University in a year-long workshop series

STAFF REPORT

**TRINIDAD** — From March, 2022 to February, 2023 the prestigious Aspen Institute will facilitate a monthly workshop designed to increase opportunities for students who wish to transfer from a community college to a four-year institution.

Fourteen college and university partnerships, including Trinidad State College and Adams State University, were chosen to participate.

Starting at a community college and then transferring to a four-year

institution makes a lot of sense for many students, but students can sometimes face barriers.

National data indicates loss of credit, misaligned programs, and confusing information can hinder and frustrate students in the transfer process.

Successful partnerships require commitment from both the two-year and four-year institution to create seamless academic pathways, strong advising models, as well as routines, structures, and actions that support

sustained collaboration.

Leadership teams from both TSC and ASU jointly applied for this selective training opportunity.

Each month, workshop sessions will help educators to drill down to more efficient ways students can transfer from two-year to four-year schools.

Topics will include fostering strong partnerships between two- and four-year institutions, creating seamless and efficient transfer

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## Another successful holiday Adopt a Migrant Family program



STAFF REPORT

**ALAMOSA** — The annual Adopt a Migrant Family event sponsored by the Adams State University Migrant Education Program continues its success assisting local migrant families.

“Of course, we couldn’t have done it without the wonderful support of the community,” Esmeralda Martinez, director, said. “Our local

**The Adams State University Southwest Migrant Education staff members say thank you and happy New Year to all their supporters.**

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agricultural workers have been heavily impacted by the pandemic; hence their extreme appreciation for all the wonderful donations and gifts.”

Martinez extended a special thank you to all the sponsors — Valley-Wide Health Systems; Colorado State Patrol No. 1; Toys for Tots; Colorado State Patrol No. 2; SLV Immigration Resource Center; Adams State University; Adams State President Cheryl D. Lovell, Ph.D.; Karla Hardesty; City of Alamosa; Energy Resource Center; Alamosa Elementary School; Friday Health Plans; Aguilar Automotive; Rio Grande Public Health; Conejos County Dept. of Social Services; the

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“Thanks to all of the sponsors, we were able to help over 250 children and youth in our migrant community,” Martinez added.

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owls. Basketball has been going well and we have enjoyed seeing the kiddos' skills progress! We strongly encourage parents and guardians to sign up for the Procure app to stay up to date with schedule changes. Regular season will finish on Feb. 4 followed by tournaments for the boys 3-4 and 5-6 grade teams. More information to follow.

This past week, participants in the

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systems, and making it easier for students to understand what they need to do before they transfer.

"We want students to feel confident in their goals and not waste time or money taking classes they don't need, while still reaching their goal of a bachelor's degree," said Trinidad State President Dr. Rhonda Epper.

The workshop series is sponsored by the Aspen Institute and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. Sixty-seven colleges and universities from 25 states will participate.

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so that visitors could watch her make all their fresh goods including their cinnamon rolls which have made a name for themselves in the few weeks they have been open.

"We wanted to do the glass in the kitchen so that people could watch us decorate and I think especially the children that come visit," Melissa said. "We may add a step so that the little ones can see into the kitchen. Everything is still kind of a work in progress because it has been pretty hard to get product. Most of our orders will be coming in soon and then we will be ready for the busy season."

Crevling has a chocolatier out of Pueblo, Colo., bringing in fudge and other chocolate treats that mix well with their assorted flavors of saltwater taffy and caramels.

"We have several flavors of cotton candy, rock candy, Pez dispensers, Jelly Belly's and just all kinds of things," Melissa said. "We will also be doing more gluten-free options for a lot of our baked goods. We are really excited to see where this goes, and I cannot express enough how supportive and amazing the community and neighboring businesses have been. It really has been so wonderful and so welcoming."

Not only is Basecamp Sweets becoming the new sweet spot in South Fork, but it has laid claim to be the home of the one and only Sasquatch who comes to visit local businesses and events around South Fork.

Crevling's husband dons a Bigfoot costume and randomly goes to visit places around South Fork for photo opportunities and just for fun.

"He really enjoys going to do it and I think everyone loves it when he does," Melissa said. "It's just something fun to do and people really like it, so we figure we will keep at it for now."

Basecamp Sweets is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and is available for special orders in advance. For more information, visit 130 Four Seasons Dr. in South Fork.

Encore Program were treated to an afternoon at the Stars and Strikes Bowling Alley. We have enjoyed spending time with the participants and welcome new members as well. If you are a member of the 50 plus community and would like to attend free fitness and art classes as well as monthly outings, we would love

for you to join our Encore Program. Questions? Concerns? The HVCC staff is more than happy to help you! Feel free to give us a call at 719-657-2172 or email us at Hvcc@theHVCC.org. We happily accept volunteers as well.

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# Vali 3 awaiting projector parts

*Once repairs are made it can show movies again*

**By MARIE MCCOLM**  
MONTE VISTA — On January 1st, the Friends of the Vali 3 Theatre announced their movie projector was down.

Friends felt bad about the announcement as a family movie was scheduled for the new year. Friends also announced that the projector being down came at a rough time because the holidays made it harder to order the parts to repair the projector.

With some of the parts expected to come in a week after the notice was put out, the Friends of Vali 3 were hopeful that they could get the projector repaired but unfortunately were unable to do so.

Friends of Vali 3 recently announced that more projector parts are coming before the end of January. They are hoping that the new parts will fix the issue and the projector will be up and running again soon.

Friends of Vali 3 announced it has family passes for sale for \$15 for four people, and people can purchase popcorn from 5-7 p.m. or they can donate \$5 or a cleaning product and receive free popcorn.

Friends of Vali 3 is also looking for new board members. Anyone interested can stop in and ask about their Advisory Board.



# Robert Hoag Rawlings Foundation announces grant funds available

**STAFF REPORT**  
PUEBLO — The Robert Hoag Rawlings Foundation recently announced its spring grant application is open for qualifying nonprofit organizations providing service in their 18-county service region in southeastern Colorado and the San Luis Valley.

Grants will only be made to organizations that are exempt from tax under the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation is particularly interested in supporting programs and community-based projects that:

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- of the lives of their citizens;
- Help alleviate cycles of illiteracy, poverty and government dependency;
  - Assist young people to broaden their horizons by exposing them to educational opportunities that they may otherwise not have the ability to enjoy.

Nonprofits that are in the following counties are eligible for funding — Pueblo, Mineral, Chaffee, Saguache, Rio Grande, Conejos, Fremont, Custer, Alamosa, Costilla, Huerfano, Las Animas, Crowley, Otero, Kiowa, Bent, Prowers, and Baca.

Prior to submitting a formal grant request to the RHR Foundation,

submit an intent to apply inquiry no later than March 1. Once the foundation reviews your email of intent to apply, you will be informed if your inquiry is a potential fit for a formal request. The deadline for full grant submissions is March 15. Grant dollars will be available in late April-early May. For more information, visit [www.RHRfoundation.org](http://www.RHRfoundation.org).

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## Del Norte Library providing take-home story time kits

**DEL NORTE** — The Del Norte Public Library is offering a “take-home” story time kit series. For five weeks, the library will provide two books, ideas for activities and props for stories, geared for preschoolers, ages 1 to 4 years old. Kits can be picked up at the library beginning the week of Feb. 7. Register by Feb. 2 at the Del Norte Public Library, 790 Grande Ave., Del Norte, or call the library at 719-657-2633. The kits are possible due to the support of the Buell Foundation through the Growing Readers Together grant.

## SHS hosting benefit dinner for Rice

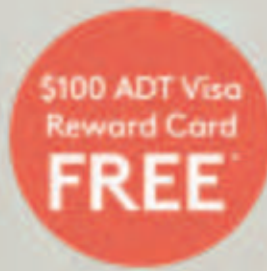
**MONTE VISTA** — Sargent High School is hosting a benefit dinner on Feb. 19 for Diana Rice, known affectionately as RiceBob, MommaRice, RiceLady. She was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and is still fighting leukemia. Rice will undergo breast removal and several chemo treatments. She will need help with expenses that medical insurance will not cover, such as lodging, food, gas, and any surprise expenses that arise. The fundraiser dinner consists of ribs, ham and beans, baked potatoes with fixings, and a silent dessert auction. The dessert auction winners will be announced during halftime of the varsity boys basketball game. Sargent is hosting Custer County with tipoff at 1 p.m. on Feb. 19. The fundraiser dinner begins at noon in the SHS Cafeteria. Dinner cost is a donation.

## Annual ALMA & Friends Concert Features Local Musicians on Feb. 19

**ALAMOSA** — The annual Alamosa Live Music Association & Friends concert is on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at Society Hall, 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. ALMA announced that Palmas will kick off the evening with Nueva Eclectica/Flamenco. The Celtic(K)nots will close out the evening with Celtic and early American folk music. Admission is free for ALMA 2022 members and \$15 for general admission. No advance tickets are for sale, so come early to grab a seat. Masks required.

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tion or GED. Applicants must be proficient in computers, be able to multi-task, a problem solver and requires working with county Jail Inmates. Applications must pass a criminal background check as well as a drug Test. Applications may be picked up at the Saguache County Sheriff's Office located at 530 5<sup>th</sup> St., Saguache, CO.

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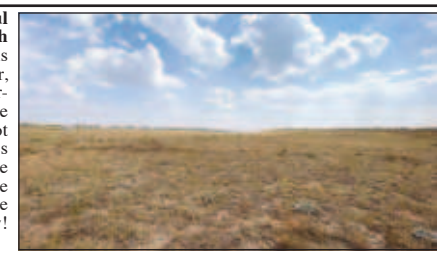
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