

Shorts

Adams State writing contest deadline extended

ALAMOSA — The Adams State University English Department Writing Contest deadline has been extended to Nov. 1.

This is an opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to win scholarships to Adams State and have their writing published in the University's literary journal, The Sandhill Review.

- Prize pool:
- Grand Prize — \$1000 ASU Scholarship
 - 1st Prize x 5 — \$500 ASU Scholarship
 - 2nd Prize x 5 — \$250 ASU Scholarship
 - 3rd Prize x 5 — \$100 ASU Scholarship

Judges will include faculty from English, communications and media as well as creative writing, literary criticism, communications and media students. Categories of submission include fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry, visual digital narratives, and literary criticism and analysis.

The deadline for submission will be Sunday, Nov. 1, at midnight. Visit adams.edu/academics/undergraduate/english/writing-contest, for more information.

For more information, email Michelle Le Blanc at mleblanc@adams.edu or leave a voicemail at 719-587-7386.

La Jara man injured in crash on Oct. 20

CONEJOS COUNTY — A 59-year-old La Jara man was injured in a crash on Oct. 20 near Bountiful, according to Colorado State Patrol.

At approximately 2:52 p.m., the Colorado State Patrol responded to a crash that occurred on Highway 285 and County Road T in Conejos County.

A 1989 Chevy pickup driven by the La Jara man was southbound on Highway 285 when the driver suffered a possible medical condition. The truck traveled off the left side of the roadway and struck a power pole. The truck rolled one time coming to rest on its wheels facing northeast.

The driver was transported to Conejos County Hospital and later transferred to a hospital in Colorado Springs. The highway was closed while the pole and an electrical wire were replaced.

Alcohol, drugs and excessive speed are not considered factors in the crash. The crash remains under investigation.

Two vying for one seat on Center School Board

BY MECHEL MEEK

CENTER — On Tuesday, Nov. 2 voters will have their ballots counted for Center Consolidated School Districts A and B along with two state and one county ballot measures.

In the race for District A, there are two candidates — G. Lyn Bogle and Miguel Rios. In the race for District B, there is only one candidate — Misty Palacios. For District A, Bogle is the incumbent. For District B, Palacios is running unopposed and is the incumbent.

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G. Lyn Bogle



Miguel Rios



Misty Palacios

Center celebrates Homecoming Week with parade, gameday walk

By Mechel Meek

CENTER — Center High School celebrated homecoming week with a parade, featuring the 2021 Homecoming Royalty and on Friday, Oct. 22 there was a gameday walk from the school campus to the football field followed by the homecoming football game versus Monte Vista at 7 p.m.

Seniors Yamileth Trejo and Omar Hernandez were named Homecoming Queen and King during halftime of the football game.

Gameday walks are a grand tradition and can be seen in many colleges and high schools in which the fans will line up along a route to the football field to offer support to the team.

According to Center Police Department Chief Dale Meek, "Our Vikings walked with their Pee Wee football counterparts in a special demonstration of mentorship for our youth. This was a special moment for our student-athletes."

The homecoming parade made a circuit through town and was well attended by the community and showcased the homecoming royalty along with some floats and fun.

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Photo courtesy of Center Vikings Blue Crew

Center High School seniors Yamileth Trejo and Omar Hernandez were named Homecoming Queen and King during halftime of the football game on Oct. 22.

Center Police invite community to observe hiring process

BY MECHEL MEEK

CENTER — On Wednesday, Oct. 27 and Thursday, Oct. 28, the Center Police Department held interviews of candidates for the position of Police Officer.

CPD Chief Dale Meek extended an invitation to community members to sit and observe the graded questioning process for these applicants.

"The Center Police hiring process was changed to an evidence-based process derived from several articles on police hiring practices researched for a Ph.D. thesis," Chief Meek said. "The current applicant pool was reduced to six initial applicant interviews. This pool includes two lateral applicants with 2 and 8 years of experience, respectively, three applicants currently in various police academies on the Front Range and an Air Force veteran."

The interview portion of the hiring process is just one in a series

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Supply chain issues impact local businesses

BY MECHEL MEEK

CENTER — Supply chain issues have been the focus of national news, and these issues are also impacting many small businesses throughout the San Luis Valley.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's Small Business Pulse Survey, which measures small business disruptions, "The survey shows that 38.8% of U.S. small business respondents reported domestic supplier delays in the most recent and final week."

These businesses are from across the spectrum, including retail, construction, manufacturing and foodservice. Some businesses owners reported being unable to purchase needed supplies to fill their shelves or fulfill customer orders and this has led to a corresponding lack of revenue at a time when they need the income the most.

One small business owner in Saguache County said, "I am not able to get the things I need to create my products, like I can order jars

but not the lids that fit them. I am so frustrated, and I have no way to find what I need and so my customers have to go without which leaves me with less sales."

This business owner was not the only one to remark that supply chain issues have impacted their ability to keep their stores stocked. Many of the larger business and government entities have also been impacted by these issues. Many grocery stores have empty shelves, and consumers are forced to go

without some of the usual products that they would buy.

Another example has been the various Road and Bridge departments throughout the Valley. Oil that is used to seal the streets has been difficult to obtain. It is unclear the exact reason for the issues with the U.S. supply chain, although many think that it is a "perfect storm" from a combination of problems including worker shortages, an increase in demand for goods, shipping delays and COVID delays in manufacturing.

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OBITUARIES

Allen J. Hosselkus

Allen J. Hosselkus (AJ) was born Jan. 5, 1929, to the parents of Allen J. Hosselkus and Margaret M. Hosselkus in Creede, Colo. AJ passed away on Oct. 13, 2021, at the Homelake Veterans Center.

AJ was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Jackie and 12 younger siblings, Peggy, Alyce Ann, Alene Rae, Paul, Bert, John Howard, Delbert, Jimmie, Kurt, Kandace, Tommy Gene and Phyllis.

He is survived by two brothers and two sisters, Henry (Sherrie), Kenny, Sandy Kroll and Karen Arnold. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, great nieces, nephews and great-great nieces and nephews, and friend Janice Nelson. He was respected and loved by all. We will all miss him dearly.

AJ's youth years were spent living at the Road Canyon Reservoir in the summers working in the Family Fish business. In the winter he attended Creede Schools and graduated in 1947. AJ attended the University of Denver. He married Jackie Van Buskirk on Oct. 20, 1947. They had attended Creede Schools since first grade together. After they were married AJ continued at DU and Jackie attended Business School.

They decided to return to Creede and went to work for Mr. Sharp, owner of the 4UR Ranch. AJ was the wrangler and Jackie was head of House Keeping and waitresses. They worked there until Dec. 7, 1951, when AJ enlisted in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict. He served with the Pacific Fleet.

He had planned to have a career in the US Navy, but when Jackie was diagnosed with Lupus, he changed his mind. After serving for four years, he was discharged Nov. 28, 1955. They made their home in San Diego, Calif. After



serving in the Navy, AJ became a production manager for the Carrier Corporation and at the same time, he enrolled in trade school to become a certified Pipe Fitter, refrigeration and air conditioner technician.

AJ had a successful and rewarding career gaining a reputation of being one of the best in the industry. He was a mentor and teacher to all of his co-workers. In 2017, he received a 60-year Certificate of Merit from the Pipe Fitters Union.

In 1969 AJ and Jackie returned to Colorado Springs, Colo., to make their home and he continued his career until his wife, Jackie, of 50 years passed in 1997. AJ made his home from 1997 in Creede, Colo., at his cabin and purchased a home in Arboles, Colo. AJ moved to the Homelake Veterans Center in March, 2021 living there until his passing.

AJ was an avid fisherman and hunter. From the time he was able to hunt he only missed one Elk hunting season in Colorado, because he was stationed in Korea.

AJ retired his hunting days in 2016 (87 years old) and having a hunting and fishing license for 72 years.

A service will be announced at a later date.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Darrel Asay

A Celebration of Life for Darrel Asay, who passed away in July of 2021, is planned for noon on Oct. 30, 2021, inside Drummond Hall at the United Methodist Church of Center. A light lunch will be available. Dress is business casual to casual. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice. Interment will be a private ceremony at the San Luis Valley Cemetery.

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YOUR NIGHT SKY

BY DARLENE DANKO

November meteor showers

Several meteor showers are going to occur this month. The good thing about these meteors is that you'll be able to look for them in the evening rather than having to get up during the night. The last quarter moon is on Oct. 28 and the new moon is on Nov. 4. So, this is a great time for sky viewing especially since daylight savings time ends on Nov 7.

The Taurids are active throughout October and November. This is a combination of two different meteor showers, the South Taurids and the North Taurids that overlap. The South Taurids peak the night of Nov. 5-6, and the North Taurids peak the night of Nov. 11-12. But now that daylight

savings time is almost over, you'll be able to go out early to look for the North Taurids.

Neither of them produces many meteors per hour, but what they lack in quantity they make up for in quality. They're famous for their large bright fireballs. This happens because they originate from large chunks of debris, rather than the usual pebbles that create most meteor showers. They also travel slower than most meteors and seem to move in the same direction as Earth's rotation. So, they're visible all night from dusk until dawn.

They originate in the constellation Taurus the Bull, and the Pleiades star cluster above Taurus. Taurus rises in the east and sets in the west. Like all meteors, when the point of origin sits high in the sky, there will be more visible, but some Taurids will be



visible all night.

So, go out and look for the fireballs streaking slowly across the sky. You'll occasionally see some for most of the month. While you're out, you can look for the blue-white Fomalhaut star. It's also called the Lonely One because it's the only bright star in the southern sky.

On Oct 29, Venus is at its greatest eastern elongation. So, it will be very bright and easy to see. Mercury is well placed before sunrise this week and next week. It's very bright now until the end of this month. Look low in the east an hour before sunrise.

BOARD

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Many signs were posted around town for both of the candidates running for District A Board Member.

According to Center Public School District, "Lyn was elected to the Board of Education in March 2015 and was just re-elected for a two-year term in November 2019. Lyn grew up in Hereford, Texas, and graduated from Hereford Public Schools in 1966. He went on to attend Texas Tech University from 1966 to 1969 where he studied Engineering. In 1970 he moved to Center, where he farmed and served as an Undersheriff of Saguache County for many years. Lyn currently owns and operates Rocky Mountain Memorabilia in Alamosa and Swift Self Storages in Texas. He is also an auctioneer and does small estate and charity auctions. Greatest hopes for Center Schools: I have watched Center Schools improve so much during the last several years. I want to help that continue. I think that the District has an excellent staff and some really great students. I hope to encourage communication between the parents, staff, students and Board, so that that this District can give the students the best possible education. I want the students to be prepared to attain any goal they set for themselves when they graduate and move forward with their lives." Rios stated, "My family and I

have owned and operated Martha's Fashion and Martha's Laundromat for the last 25 years here in town. Many people also may have met or seen me at various sporting events where I have coached or sponsored families and students on the field through Center's Parks and Recreation. Needless to say, I love Center. It is my home, and I am and will continue to be invested in our community. As many of you know, I am running for a position on the school board. I feel I am a great fit for this position and have a proven track record that demonstrates this. One of my goals as a school board member will be to use my knowledge to apply for grants that will help improve many aspects of our school. For instance, I would love to help fix our track and fields or put plans forward to build a recreation center. Listening to what the school community needs and helping to make that happen will be a priority. I feel comfortable working with our community partners and finding unique ways to solve problems and make improvements. I believe that all kids and families can succeed. It would be a pleasure to put this belief into practice by serving on the Board of Education for Center Schools. I intend to bring my love and passion for this community to the school board team. Center is my home. My heart is here. I

believe I am the right person for this job and would look forward to serving the school in this new capacity."

According to Center Public School District, "Misty was elected in March 2015 and served a two-year term. She was re-elected in November 2017 and is currently serving a four-year term. Misty is a Valley native, originally from Monte Vista, and a 2005 Academic Recovery Center graduate. She received her Associate's Degree in Nursing in 2011 from Trinidad State Junior College and received her Registered Nursing License that same year. Misty currently works at SLV Health Physician Services. Greatest hopes for Center Schools: My greatest hope for Center Schools is for the continued educational excellence and improved academic performance of the students. This is important so that our students are prepared for a successful future. I am excited to be a part of the great things that are happening within our schools and I am ready to get to work and contribute to our community."

POLICE

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of steps to hire a new officer for CPD. The candidates who move past the interview progress to the next phases of hiring to include a background check, a psychological exam, medical exam and drug testing.

"This process has led to a very

diverse department which has improved its professional standing as a public safety department," Meek said.

CPD employs two female officers in a seven-person department, which is well above the national average of 18 percent.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Trick or Treat

Just this last week we celebrated my dad's and my granddaughter's birthdays, both born on the 21st of October, some 80 years apart.

Here in America, at least, we seem to enjoy marking the passing of another year with some kind of celebration, plus it gives us a benchmark for the passing of time.

If you are a certain age and no longer celebrate birthdays, you can also mark time by holidays. So, get ready because the Halloween celebration is upon you.

With huge planning on the part of Miss Tinkerbell, my daughter-in-law, and Miss Trixie herself, it appears that Dutch's family will be dressing in theme for the trunk-and-treat at the local church in Texas.

I was informed just yesterday that I was to be a Munchkin character from the movie The Wizard of Oz.

Just talking Grandpa into it was a huge expenditure of their allowable "get Grandpa to do anything" credits but any man that has allowed his granddaughters to paint his toenails and fingernails has pretty much let on that he can be talked into anything by them.

So, I guess the whole family will be going in character from that movie with their teacup Yorkie being Toto and poor Cooper relegated to a flying monkey role.

When I first moved to the mountains, I used to go to a local eatery named The Shaft. It was in South Fork and would have live music and a costume contest on Halloween night.

The last one I can recall as a single, eligible — and, Miss Trixie's says, "a quite strikingly handsome" — bachelor, I was there with my harem of eight single ladies. These were older women who had taken it upon themselves to raise me and keep me on the straight and narrow and we hung out together quite often.

They had all been long married and had lost their spouses to death or divorce. They were also way too smart to have another man, so it was a safe haven for Ol' Dutch for sure.

This particular night I recall when the time came for awarding the first prize for the costume party it was a young man who had come as a hillbilly and had on a pair of overalls with one strap, an old shirt and some hobnailed boots. You know the kind? Big old work boots with toes that seemed twice the normal.



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

So, he got the \$50 and the last laugh too as he was so amazed to have won since that is how he dressed every day. They simply dragged him out of the bar, gave him the money and sent him back to spend the prize on more beer. It was a win-win I guess for him and the business.

Well, those times are long past as Miss Trixie won't let me hang out with single women at bars anymore or anywhere for that matter and they may all be too old to even dance anyway so we may be saving some broken hips and dislocated joints. And that's just on Ol' Dutch. They used to dance me into tiredness.

Wherever you are, however, Halloween has taken on a life of its own so to speak as the businesses have elevated it to new levels trying to milk another dollar out of the public.

Gone are the simple homemade pine coffins in the front yard for decorations which have been replaced with huge inflatable scaries. You know the scene? These magically inflate and light up at night and lay wrinkled and flatly deflated all day long in the yard.

But wherever Halloween finds you, buy some candy for the little ghouls and goblins and turn out your lights and hide. That way you get the candy all to yourself.

And be glad you are not Ol' Dutch soon to appear at the local church as a member of the Lollipop Guild.

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.



VA expands offering of COVID-19 booster vaccines

VETERANS CORNER

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs is now offering Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (J&J)/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine booster shots under Emergency Use Authorization, expanding on last month's authorization of the Pfizer-BioNTech booster.

This decision follows this week's Food and Drug Administration's authorization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation for a booster dose using the Moderna or J&J vaccines.

"Booster shots are an important step forward in the fight against COVID-19," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "With the authorization of additional COVID-19 vaccine booster options, VA is helping more Veterans maximize their protection, continuing our work to keep people safe and save lives during the COVID-19 pandemic."

VA will follow CDC guidance in offering COVID-19 booster shots. For individuals who completed a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine series, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at least 6 months after

their second dose:

- 65 years and older.
- Age 18 and older who live in long-term care settings.
- Age 18 and older who have underlying medical conditions.
- Age 18 and older who work or live in high-risk settings.
- People 18 years and older are eligible to receive a COVID-19 booster shot at least 2 months after their initial J&J vaccine.

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received and others, may prefer to get a different booster. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

The safety and care of Veterans is VA's top priority, as well as ensuring the health and welfare of its workforce. Many sites in VA are open for walk-ins during hours when vaccine clinics are operational, and where booster vaccines are available. Booster shots are being

offered to veterans receiving care at VA and employees.

VA is also offering the booster to veterans, their spouses, caregivers and CHAMPVA recipients under the authority of the SAVE LIVES Act, as supply and capacity permits. The Save Lives Act which was signed into law in March 2021 expanded VA's authority to offer vaccines to include veterans not traditionally eligible for VHA care, and others including spouses and caregivers of veterans.

CDC advises that people can get both the COVID-19 vaccine and flu vaccine at the same time. Veterans receiving care at VA who wish to get a booster shot can get both shots together during the same visit.

Veterans who would like additional information can visit the VA COVID-19 vaccines webpage, visit their local facility's website or contact their care team. Visit VA's Questions webpage for questions and answers regarding COVID-19 vaccine.

Submitted by the US Department of Veterans Affairs

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HVCC theme of week was 'Decision Making'

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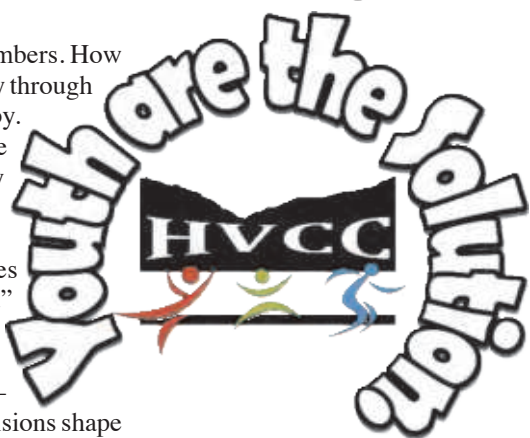
Hello, community members. How are we more than halfway through October? Time is flying by.

This past week the kiddos have been busy with sports and after-school activities. The theme for our activities was, "Decision Making." The HVCC staff wanted to instill in the kiddos the importance of decision-making and how our decisions shape our experiences.

For example, in our "Found Fashion" activity, the kids had the opportunity to design and make their own clothes out of materials on hand. This exercise prompts the kiddos to consider how they choose the clothes they wear and what those choices say about themselves. Also, clothes are difficult to make.

The girls basketball season is still going strong. We are proud of both the Black and Orange Del Norte girls teams. There are still three weeks left of games followed by an end-of-season tournament from Nov. 15-20. Game schedules for each team are available to view or download on the HVCC website, TheHVCC.org.

Registration for 3rd-4th and 5th-6th boys and K-2 co-ed basketball teams are currently available online under the "Sports" heading. The registration deadline is Nov. 15.



Please note that you will also need to register through HVCC, if you have not already done so. The online registration form is available on our website under the "Register" heading. You are welcome to call the front desk at 719-657-2172 with any questions.

HVCC is open Tuesday-Thursday from 4-6:30 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. There are no fees to participate in HVCC activities or sports, but we do accept donations. Children are welcome to join us as little or as much as they'd like, but obviously, we would love to see them every day. Parents and guardians, if you are curious to see what your child does during activity time, please stop by.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns we are only a visit or a phone call away. Contact us at 719-657-2172 or email us at HVCC@thehvcc.org. Enjoy your week.

Halloween Happenings

• Colorado 4x4 Jeep Rescue-South will be hosting a Meet and Greet Trunk-or-Treat on Friday, Oct. 29, from 4-9 p.m. at 229 Adams St. in Monte Vista.

• Creede Parks and Recreation in Creede will be hosting a Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 1-4 p.m. at the Creede Rec Center, 408 La Garita Ave. Cost is \$5 per person, includes all activities and trick-or-treat bag. Kids of all ages are welcome. Activities include costume contest, games and cake walk.

• Living Water Bible Fellowship in Alamosa will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat Harvest Festival on Sunday, Oct. 31 starting at 5:30 p.m. There will be lots of candy as you travel through the trunk-or-treat plus games and music

inside the building.

• Creede Parks and Recreation in Creede will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, Oct. 31, from 4:30-5:15 p.m. on Main Street between 2nd and Wall streets.

• Creede PTO/Booster Club will be hosting a fundraiser Trick-or-Treat Hayride and Chili Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 31, at Basham Park in Creede. The Chili Dinner is from 5-5:30 p.m. The Hayrides begin at 5:40 p.m. Cost is \$10.

• South Fork Fire Rescue will be the host of the 5th annual Halloween Extravaganza on Sunday, Oct. 31, from 4-7 p.m. at 28 Mall St. Activities include costume contest with prizes, trunk-or-treat and free food and drinks.

South Fork Chili Cookoff a Spicy Success



Courtesy photos

The South Fork Chili Cookoff was on Thursday, Oct. 14. Several business and local organizations participated and enjoyed a spicy gathering of neighbors and friends. The first-place winner in the red chili category was Cheryl Wheeler, the first-place winner in the green chili category was Ramon's Mexican Restaurant, the first-place winner in the salsa category was Wheeler and the first-place winner for the best table decoration went to David Bitler.



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Gun, outdoor enthusiasts attend show

Event is fundraiser for MV Rotary Club

By Marie Mccolm

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Rotary Club held its annual Outdoor and Gun Show on Oct. 22-24 at Ski-Hi Park. Gun enthusiasts attended.

The event featured various vendors, information and guns. Admission was \$10 per day, or a 2-day pass could be purchased for \$15.

The Monte Vista Rotary club was originally established in 1920. The Rotary club has long since supported national and international humanitarian projects. The Rotary Club conducts the Gun and Outdoor Show to raise funds for charitable operations within the community.

Resident Dave Suazo said he looks forward to the show every year.

“Yup I look forward to this show every year,” Suazo said. “I am a hunter and I also have my concealed weapon license. In a crazy world, I think it’s darn sweet that the Rotary Club still puts this on and allows people to go in and view guns here.”

Many people visited the vendors’ tables and purchased bread and sweets.

“My son loves this show,” Joe Martinez said. “My son attended with me last year and at the time he was only 10 years old, but he had a blast. A show like this is for young and old alike. A person is never too young or old to come to a show like this, and you learn a lot about different guns and ways to shoot them, too. Just ask.”

The MV Rotary Club hosts other community events in addition to the

Gun Show, including the Stampede’s annual Chuck Wagon Dinner, and the Memorial Day Cemetery Clean-up Day. The club also supports local projects such as after-prom, the SLV

Science Fair, and book scholarships for local college students.

For more information on the Monte Vista Rotary Club Gun Show, visit www.montevistagunshow.com.



Photos by Marie Mccolm
The Monte Vista Rotary Club held its annual Outdoor and Gun Show on Oct. 22-24 at Ski-Hi Park.



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Colorado adds 5,100 jobs in September

Unemployment drops to 5.6 percent

(The Center Square) – Colorado added more than 5,100 nonfarm payroll jobs in last month, according to the latest data from the state’s Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE). The added jobs helped edge down the state’s unemployment rate by 0.3% to 5.6% for September, CDLE said. Even with the latest labor gains, the total employment level is still below its pre-pandemic levels by 2.8%, or

more than 78,000 jobs. However, Colorado reached an important milestone in September as the labor force participation rate for women and mothers returned to its pre-pandemic levels, the data shows.

At this rate, Colorado’s economy may not achieve a full recovery by January 2023 as some state leaders hope, according to an analysis of CDLE’s data by the Common Sense Institute (CSI), a free enterprise think tank.

“To recover to pre-pandemic

employment levels by January 2023 – after adjusting for population growth – Colorado needs add 9,884 jobs each month, on average,” CSI’s analysis reads.

The restaurant and hospitality industry added 3,800 jobs in September, bringing its job replacement total to more than 57,000 jobs so far in 2021. The total is still 28,600 jobs below the job total the industry recorded in January 2020.

The education and health care services industry lost 1,600 jobs in

September as well, CDLE data shows.

Other sectors such as arts, entertainment, and food service are also still operating below their pre-pandemic levels. Art and entertainment is down more than 10% or 6,200 jobs compared to its 2020 levels. Similarly, food service is down 7.8% or more than 22,000 jobs.

Despite the uneven recovery across different sectors, CSI’s analysis points to the increasing labor force participation rate as a sign that Colorado’s economy may still meet

its anticipated recovery rate.

The labor force participation rate increased for women to 63.4% in September from 62.7%, CDLE data shows. CSI found that this participation rate was well above the national average last month, which showed a decrease of 0.3% in participation for women.

However, CSI said there would be nearly 18,000 more women in Colorado’s workforce today if the state’s labor force participation rate was at its pre-pandemic levels.

Creede BOE discusses quarantine guideline recommendations

By LYNSIE FERRELL

CREEDE — The Creede School District Board of Education opened its regular monthly meeting on Oct. 19 and in the Superintendent’s report addressed some of the confusion surrounding the district’s COVID-19 quarantine protocols and how the board could help answer questions when approached by parents.

Superintendent Keith Crispell was asked by Trustee Tim Bachicha to explain his report on the discussion he had had with local public health officials and to explain how the district would handle quarantine in the future.

“I wanted the opportunity to ask you to expand on your last bullet point in your report, the COVID update and specifically there is a

statement in there that due to different counties and schools are interpreting quarantine timeframes differently from the information provided by CDC and CDPHE,” Bachicha said. He added that the report says Crispell would be working with Silver Thread Public Health District Director Tara Hardy in upcoming days and asked for clarification due to a recent incident involving athletes from the district.

Crispell said that he spoke with Hardy, Principal John Goss and a Rio Grande Hospital nurse.

“They were doing an interpretation of guidelines from CDC and CDPHE,” Crispell said. “There was a line underneath directing them to local public health officials, but they had a seven-, 10- and 14-day recommendation with the 14-

day recommendation for high-risk exposures.”

Crispell explained that high-risk exposure could be determined by a circumstance where a person was exposed to COVID in their household or someone who had been in close contact with someone who was diagnosed with COVID.

“A situation where I was living with someone who had COVID would result in a 14-day quarantine,” Crispell said. “The seven-day one was if a person on day five of a quarantine would do a rapid test and then 48 hours later received a negative test, they would be able to return to regular school.”

Goss and Crispell could not specifically recall the stipulations for the 10-day quarantine but that the

entire situation came about because students from Creede School had been in contact with students from other schools in sports and other activities.

“The idea was after day five symptoms would begin to appear after contact and to allow for the proper amount of time for this to happen after being near someone who was affected,” explained Goss. “Our Public Health was going by a different interpretation.”

Crispell said that he would be meeting with Hardy in the coming days and that they would be discussing the possibility of shortening the quarantine time.

“She has a layout of what she would like to recommend, and we will be discussing it further,” Crispell said. He added that they were hoping to

be more cohesive with what other districts throughout the Valley were doing.

Bachicha said that his personal experience with trying to interpret quarantine guideline recommendations was what prompted him to ask for clarification on the subject. He has been approached by parents wanting further clarification, as well.

“There is a lot of confusion, and it is causing a lot of anxiety among students and parents,” Bachicha said. “We will probably not come to a solution before the new board comes into place after the election, but I would strongly encourage the next board to clarify this issue and hammer out some solid policies that the administration can follow.”

Coloradans could save 24% on health insurance next year

(The Center Square) — Coloradans could save on average around 24% on their health insurance premiums next year because of the state’s reinsurance plan, Gov. Jared Polis’s office said on Thursday.

The announcement comes after federal regulators approved the state’s final insurance and health care premium plan for 2022 individual plans — which are not purchased through an employer — and small group plans, which serve small businesses with less than 100 employees.

“The reinsurance program continues to save Coloradans even more money on health care,” the governor’s office said. “For 2022, for individual plans, the reinsurance program will save people across the state an average of 24.1% over what the premiums would have been without the program.”

Despite the overall savings, Coloradans purchasing individual plans this year will see a 1.1% increase to their premiums compared to last year, Polis said. However, the number of individual plans offered in Colorado increased to 527 from 326.

The program was approved by the General Assembly in 2019, with Coloradans saving 20% on premiums in 2020, the first year of reinsurance, and 21% last year.

The average annual savings could be greater for people living in rural Colorado. Polis’s administration estimates that savings could be as high as 36.5% in places like Summit County and 36% in the Grand Junction area.

“Coloradans in rural, suburban, and urban communities are tired of paying too much for health care and our reinsurance program delivers real relief and real savings for small businesses and people who don’t get their insurance through their employer,” Polis said in a statement.

The same eight insurers — Anthem, Bright Health, Cigna Health, Denver Health, Friday Health, Kaiser, Rocky Mountain Health Plans and Oscar Insurance Company — who carry

individual plans in Colorado will offer plans in 2022, according to the governor’s office.

Low-income Coloradans who earn between 1.5-times and 2.5-times the federal poverty limit may qualify for financial assistance through a new program called the Colorado Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise. Individuals who enroll in silver-level plans through Connect Colorado can access this feature.

“Colorado’s reinsurance program has been, and will continue to be, an

incredibly powerful tool in helping people save money on health care,” said Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera. “Our administration is committed to tackling health care reform from every angle, and the success of the reinsurance program is an important part of our work to ensure that easy access to high-quality, affordable, equitable care can be a reality for every Coloradan.”

Accepting Bids for Structural Engineer of the Saguache County Museum.
Saguache County is seeking sealed bids for a structural assessment of the Saguache County Museum, an adobe building that was built in 1871. Bids must be submitted by Friday, November 5th, 2021, to: Saguache County Administration Attn: Housing and Maintenance P.O. Box 100 505 3rd Street Saguache, CO 81149 Call or text 719 849 0356 for property walk-through and questions.
No. 1613 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, October 28 and November 4, 2021.

NOTICE OF BUDGET
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the San Luis Valley Irrigation District for the ensuing year of 2022; that a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the San Luis Valley Irrigation District where same is open for public inspection; and that such proposed budget will be considered at a Regular Meeting of the San Luis Valley Irrigation District Board of Directors to be held at 296 Miles Street, Center, Colorado, on November 10th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
Any interested elector of the San Luis Valley Irrigation District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the Budget.
No. 1612 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, October 28, 2021.

Public Notice
Saguache County is currently accepting proposals for the Saguache County 2021 Fiscal Year audit. The ideal firm or individual will have extensive knowledge and experience related to conducting governmental audits in accordance with generally accepted accounting and auditing standards, and preparing financial statements that conform to all state, federal and industry guidelines.
All interested parties should submit a SEALED letter of interest and a proposal for services by November 30, 2021 at 3:00 PM to: Saguache County Administration office. Sealed envelope must say 2021 Audit on the front of the envelope.
Letters can be mailed to Saguache County PO Box 100, Saguache, CO 81149 or hand delivered to 505 3rd Street, Saguache, CO 81149.
For additional information contact Saguache County Administration at 719-655-2231 or wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov.
No. 1611 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, October 28 and November 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2021.

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a 2nd Public Hearing at the Saguache County Road and Bridge Meeting Room located at 305 – 3rd Street, Saguache, Colorado, on the following date:
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 2021 FROM 1:00PM TO 2:00PM
to consider proposed changes to the Saguache County Land Development Code changes
To view the proposed changes, you may contact the Saguache County Land Use Department – PO Box 326, Saguache, CO 81149 or atorrez@saguachecounty-co.gov, or by calling 719-655-2321 or you may view the changes on our website at www.saguachecounty.colorado.gov. Written comments will be accepted until Friday, November 19th, 2021 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.
By: Tim Lovato, Chairman, Saguache County Board of Commissioners
No. 1609 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, October 14, 21 and 28 and November 4 and 11, 2021.

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Mental Health Crisis Planning Workshop Nov. 3

STAFF REPORT

NAMI Chaffee County will offer a free two-hour Virtual Mental Health Crisis Planning Workshop from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 3. Pre-Registration is required.

No one wants to worry about the possibility of a crisis, but they do happen. That doesn't mean you have to feel powerless. Participants in this two-hour workshop will learn about causes of a mental health crisis, how to recognize signs of a crisis, and steps to take. Participants will come away with a better understanding of de-escalation techniques, communication and advocacy skills, community resources, problem solving and crisis prevention, as well as how to create a crisis plan.

To register for the workshop, or if you would like information about other NAMI programs and support groups, email info@namichaffee.org, call 970-823-4751, or visit their website www.namichaffee.org.

NAMI programs change lives and offer the opportunity to share experiences in a safe and confidential setting, gaining insight, hope, acceptance, compassion and confidence in caring for a loved one with mental illness.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI Chaffee County is an affiliate of NAMI Colorado.

Community Emergency Fund receives donation from MV Rotary Club

BY MARIE MCCOLM

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Community Emergency Fund is a voluntary citizen to citizen financial support group.

The fund is supported by donations from local businesses and fundraisers, and aids in different financial situations including utilities, rent, and food, and assists with other specific needs that arise for people in the community.

MVCEF Director Angela Jaramillo, along with Board Member and Vice President Gary Johnson, were pleased to receive a donation of \$500 from the Monte Vista Rotary Club, on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

The MV Rotary Club held a luncheon and requested that Jaramillo attend. At the luncheon, Eugene Farish happily presented Jaramillo with the check.

"The Rotary Club feels good about donating to a fund that helps people in our community," Farish said. "We enjoy helping people and we hope this helps some families in our community that are in need right now."

Jaramillo shook Farish's hand and thanked the club.

"I would like to thank the Rotary Club for donating to our fund," Jaramillo said. "Now as we reach the cold months, there are many people struggling and in need and every little bit helps, and this is really going to help people in need right now. I really appreciate the invitation to come over, and we are grateful, for your help. Thank you all."



MVCEF was founded in 2019. For more information or to apply for assistance, visit MVCEFUNDING.org.

SAGUACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

SAGUACHE COUNTY — The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the period between Oct. 18 and Oct. 24, 2021.



The Sheriff's Department's activity on the road included five crashes with property damage, one hit-and-run crash, and nine traffic stops. They also assisted on one lockout, assisted ambulances five times, assisted a motorist twice, patrolled the Town of Saguache eight times, and conducted three VIN inspections.

In addition, there were two reports of suspicious activity, one report of assault, four animal problem reports, one runaway report, one report of criminal mischief, one noise complaint report, two alarm reports, and one report of fraud.

They also responded to three controlled burns, one fire (other), one utility problem report (gas leak),

one search and rescue call, and one deceased person report, provided information 10 times, conducted four welfare checks, served one warrant, and assisted neighboring agencies twice.

ARRESTS

- 27-year-old Center woman, warrant out of Saguache.
- 40-year-old Saguache woman, warrants Rio Grande County and Alamosa County
- 23-year-old homeless woman, warrant Saguache.

Conquer Your Doubts, Increase Your Faith

God loves boldness and He wants us to be confident of His love for us. He wants us to know without a doubt that we are made right with Him through the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross—especially on those days when we feel unworthy of His love.

To live boldly means that we're willing to step out in faith to try new things and pursue our God-given dreams and passions without letting the fear of doubt overshadow our faith.

Doubt is a fear that can bring a lot of confusion: *Did I make the right decision? I don't know. Maybe I did. Well, maybe I didn't.* We can go back and forth like that in our heads forever. But I've found that when I'm confused, it's better to stop, turn off my brain and just look at what's in my heart—not for what I *think* I should do, but what I *believe* I should do.

Sometimes it becomes very clear what God wants us to do; other times it's less obvious. But before you jump ahead, give God a chance to speak to your heart.

God Is On Your Side, No Matter What

James 1:5-6 (NIV) says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind." Notice that this verse says, "If any of you" needs wisdom. God isn't looking for perfect people; they don't exist. So no matter where you are, God wants to help you! Isn't that good news?

God will never leave you or forsake you, and He will always remain faithful to His Word. All you have to do is ask and receive, dismissing the doubts that set themselves up against His Word. If you can do that, there's no telling what God will make happen in your life!

Trade Doubting for Clarity and Confidence

Romans 4 gives a wonderful account of the story of Abraham, one of the great heroes of faith. Verses 18-19 say, "Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead."

Abraham considered the facts, but he still believed God was greater. Verse 20 says, "Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God."

Instead of relying only on what we see around us, you and I can choose to believe God's Word. And we can speak words of thanks, like this: "God, I remember the good things You've done for me and how You've been faithful to those who've trusted in You through the ages. I'm giving You praise today because I know You'll always be faithful."

Doubt cannot make you cave in if you will open your mouth and war against it with words of faith.

How to Grow in Faith During Times of Waiting

Like Abraham, we all have times of waiting that God uses to test and stretch our faith. But He promises to work all things out for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

Honestly, if we can keep a good attitude throughout the process, our wait time may be shorter than it would be if we murmur and complain. God wants to use the challenges we experience to draw us closer to Him so that when our prayer is finally answered, and our day



of breakthrough comes, we'll be stronger in our faith and able to withstand any opposition that comes against us.

Hebrews 10:36 says, "You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised."

It takes boldness to believe God's promises are for you and not just for everyone else. It takes boldness to cling to His promises when the world around you says: *It will never happen!* And it takes boldness to step out in faith and try something new.

But be encouraged. God isn't concerned about you making mistakes. He knows you're not perfect and He wants to give you His wisdom and strength to do everything He's put in your heart. So stop doubting and step out in faith...and believe God can do something amazing in you and through you. He wants to see boldness in you!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-teaching CD series *Overcoming Fear with Faith*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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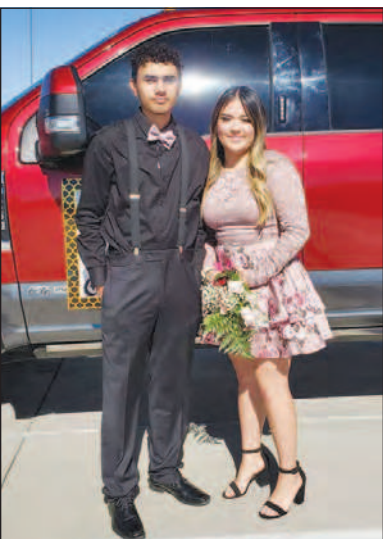
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On Friday, Oct. 22, there was a game-day walk from the school campus to the football field followed by the homecoming football game versus Monte Vista

Homecoming week was capped off with a volleyball game versus South Park and the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, Oct. 23.

The Pirates drubbed the Vikings 54-0 on Friday night. The win was the fifth in a row for the Pirates who improved to 6-2 on the year while Center dropped to 3-5.

DeAngelo Archuleta was the shining star once more for Monte Vista, carrying the ball for 108 yards and as a team the Pirates rushed for 251. Defensively, they forced four

interceptions from Center's Jesus Valadez and held the Vikings to just 105 yards of total offense.

Center will wrap up its season with a trip to Meeker to face the 6-2 Cowboys who are playoff-bound once again after going 6-0 in the Western Slope League.

Center volleyball used a four-set win over South Park to move to 12-10 overall as they hope to make a late push to the postseason. A must-win with Mancos is all the Vikings have left on the schedule.

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Chilly Sunset

Photo by Lyndsie Ferrell

A chilly sunset fell behind the La Garita Mountains last week after the first snowstorm hit the San Luis Valley on Wednesday, Oct. 13, that left a dusting of snow in Del Norte and South Fork.

Census data shows many SLV students living in poverty

By MECHEL MEEK

SAGUACHE COUNTY — The U.S. Census Bureau released its report on poverty trends for over 13,000 school districts and the surrounding communities on Oct. 19.

According to the date, the San Luis Valley is home to 13 of the top 50 school districts in the state with the highest percentage of children living in poverty.

According to Katherine Ann Willyard of the U.S. Census Bureau, “When communities face rapid change from economic shocks — like those many experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic — timely data is paramount. In response to that need, the U.S. Census Bureau recently released a new data visualization tool that provides statistics of importance to school districts and surrounding communities and answers key questions crucial in the allocation of federal funds.”

This data tool includes school districts from all across the United States including very rural school districts that have fewer than 100 students to large metropolitan districts which have students that number over 1 million.

This data is compiled from publicly available data and enables school

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San Luis Renegades Black Powder Club returns

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

The San Luis Renegades Black Powder Club is back after a 25-year hiatus and is looking for anyone that would enjoy black powder shooting and any other mountain man activity — like cooking in Dutch ovens, setting up a tent and sleeping outside, wearing primitive garb, knife throwing, or archery.

“We want you — from kids to adults, men and women,” club officials stated. “Join our club of really fun people! We meet once a month at Carther’s in Del Norte on the third Thursday of the month

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Courtesy photos

Holiday potluck with all the fixings.



Camp at first rendezvous 2019.

The Vegetable Defamation Trial

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It was all I could do to keep silent. Then I felt the promiscuous peas.

Nudging their firm little bodies, assuming themselves in my space,

It was clear they had eyes for the cutlet and longed for his gravy embrace.

And there I lay lumpy and fighting my pain, ignored as the fork stirred their lust.

The shame that I felt in their amorous twine sorely tempted, but cry out I must,

‘Decorum’, I prompted, ‘Remember you’re food! Presentation is half of the meal!’



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You’re acting like leftovers, reheated lumps. The diners will think that we’re stew.’

Alas, twas no use, they continued to mix till we looked like a discarded cud.

Bereft of all pride, depraved by the scene, I peered up out of the mud.

And there on the edge, immune to the drama in which I was hopelessly scrounged, A vision of verdant vegetaciousness . . . Miss Parsley, provocative, lounged.”

“At last,” said the judge, “you have got to the point.” “Your honor, I meant no offense.

My ardor, my shame, my hope gave me voice and I lost all track of good sense.

I lay in the wallow of half eaten peas, a gristle and gravy abyss,

So I asked, ‘Why’s a cute little sprig like yourself ensconced on a platter like this?’ “

“Is that all?” asked the judge, “That was intentional, Potato replied in retort,

“The plate was slick, I started congealing, I grabbed at her frond for support.

I got cheese on her ramus. She drew back aghast, ‘Don’t think I’ve not heard of your couch!’

You dirty old tuber, when I’m through with you, you’ll wish you were powdered, I’ll vouch.’

It only got worse. Said I looked like a chip. Some fast food turned up by a plow.’

A chip!’ I cried. ‘A step below fried!’ She said, ‘I’m referring to cow!

‘It was all I could take, ‘You incipient fern, you nourishment of last resort!

It’s no wonder nobody eats parsley.’ She said, ‘Greaseball, I’ll see you in court.’

Vegetable harassment was the charge the judge adjudicated on.

The retribution swift and a sentence some might think unduly rash

for Potato was convicted and was corned beef hash by dawn

and Miss Parsley was, as usual, just scraped into the trash.

Baxter Black, former large animal veterinarian and irregular commentator on National Public Radio, is America’s best-selling cowboy poet. He is a frequent performer at national stock shows and rodeos as well as in many smaller local events. He is author of several books, including Cactus Tracks, Croutons on a Cow Pie, Hey, Cowboy, Wanna Get Lucky? and Dunny and the Duck. Baxter Black can be contacted via e-mail at: vikki@baxterblack.com



Monte Vista Food Bank needs donations

BY MARIE MCCOLM AND JENNIFER BECKER

MONTE VISTA — As the holiday season draws near, the needs of the Monte Vista Emergency Food Bank grow bigger.

On average the local food bank provides meals to 500-700 people for Thanksgiving.

Christmas usually brings between 200-500 more people looking to feed their families for the holidays.

MV Emergency Food Bank Executive Director Jennifer Becker said, "Our food bank runs solely on the generous donations of the community. Individuals, businesses, churches, clubs, and schools make our job a little easier, in helping to provide for people's food needs. We are still in need of many donations to provide food for the holidays."

The food bank has specific needs for the holidays and tries to provide everything a household would need to make a traditional holiday meal. The following list includes most of what the food bank gives in their special holiday bags to the community. The food bank requests that all items are unopened, and

not expired.

- Turkeys (whole and/or breast)
- Ham loaves (whole or half)
- Dressing (boxed)
- Sweet potatoes or yams (canned)
- Cranberries (canned)
- Green beans (canned)
- Pumpkin (canned)
- Evaporated milk
- Crushed or chunked pineapple
- Chicken broth and or cream of mushroom soup
- Cake or cookies mixes
- Jell-O (boxed)
- Olives (canned)

To donate, contact Becker at 719-850-2709. People can also bring food donations directly to the food bank during their business hours.

The Monte Vista Emergency Food Bank is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m., and their phone number is 719-852-4851. The food bank is located at 245 Washington St. in Monte Vista. The food bank is on Facebook and people can email Becker directly at jbeckermvfoodbank@gmail.com. Monetary donations are always needed. Mail your check to PO Box 844, Monte Vista, CO 81144.

Basketball games start at HVCC

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

Hi, community members! We hope you are staying warm and safe. This past week, we, unfortunately, had to close for a couple of days due to being short-staffed, but we were back on track Friday to take the kids swimming at the Sand Dunes Pool.

Our Fabulous Fridays have been spent teaching the kids swimming lessons and enjoying free swim time at the Sand Dunes Pool. We will be taking the children swimming each Friday into November — our last day will be Friday, Nov. 19.

Girls basketball games have

officially started! A reminder that practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays and games are Wednesdays and Saturdays. Del Norte Orange and Black schedules are available to download online on the HVCC website, TheHVCC.org.

Boys and co-ed basketball registrations are available online as well under the "Sports" tab on the HVCC homepage. Registration ends on Nov. 15. A friendly reminder that to participate in HVCC sports, you will need to register through HVCC as well. Registration forms are available under the "Register"

tab on our website.

We are happy to report that we have introduced a new program to benefit the senior community in Del Norte! Through our Encore program, we will provide weekly meals and enrichment classes to the independent senior living community. We are looking forward to this new opportunity!

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districts to use these statistics to help them apply for federal funding, grants and logistic support.

This tool also provides data regarding access to the internet, health insurance coverage, commuting patterns, and computer ownership.

In the San Luis Valley community at large, the school district with the most children living in poverty in the entire state of Colorado is the Moffat School District, with 47.4% of students living in poverty.

Not far behind was Centennial School District with 34.4%, South Conejos School District with 30.6%, Mountain Valley School District with 30.6%, Sierra Grande School District with 30.0%, La Veta School District with 29.6%, Center School District with 29.3%, Sanford School District with 24.8%, Alamosa School District with 24.1%, Monte Vista School District with 23.8%, Sangre de

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Christo School District with 22.7%, North Conejos School District with 22.4%, and Sargent School District with 18.4%.

Creede School District and the Upper Rio Grande School District were the only SLV area districts outside the top 50, with 15.6% and 15.2% living in poverty.

The school district with the lowest number of children living in poverty is the Hayden School District with 1.6% which is in the town of Hayden near Steamboat Springs.

With this data, SLV school districts can apply for funding and support through programs available from state and federal governments.

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and our shoots are generally the Sunday before our meeting in case something comes up during the shoot that we should talk about in the meeting. During the summer months, our shoots are fun and we combine a short meeting and sometimes a potluck. We're hoping to start planning next year's rendezvous here pretty soon and if you have some good ideas, please share. Our last one in 2019 was a blast. Our Pres brought his guitar to play in the evening around the campfire. He came out of his tent to be surprised with hard rain, snow, frozen tent. And so goes Colorado weather."

The club is seeking new folks to bring more ideas. Meetings and events are open to the public. For shoots, the club stated it was a good idea to bring a chair and dress for Colorado weather.

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Anderson to speak at SOIL Sangre de Cristo series

STAFF REPORT
 Oct. 28 will be the next SOIL Sangre de Cristo "Speaker Series" with guest Heidi Anderson of TheFarmBoard.com. The virtual presentation begins at 7 p.m. on Zoom.
 Local regenerative food systems are a powerful antidote to the environmental, health, food security, and food sovereignty challenges of our time.
 Many Americans, including those of us in this region, highly value local food.
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Go to SOIL SangredeCristo.org to RSVP for the Zoom link. The event is supported by a grant from Common Grounds. This event will be simultaneously translated into Spanish via the same Zoom link.
 SOIL Sangre de Cristo supports farmers, ranchers and other food producers in our region with zero percent Interest Loans. Since its founding, SOIL Sangre de Cristo has loaned \$20,000 to three farms and ranches in the San Luis Valley region to support the local food economy and strengthen its resilience.
 The next round of loan applications will be accepted in December of 2021. Members of the community become investors by building the revolving loan fund to support this effort.

Farmers and food producers can join SOIL for \$25 annually. General memberships start at \$250 per person and up, it includes a vote on loan distributions.
 The mission of SOIL Sangre de Cristo is to unite the communities of South-Central Colorado through direct support for local farmers, ranchers and food producers, improving food security, improvement in soil carbon and health for all residents.



MV Veteran's Day celebration is Nov. 12

Monte Vista will celebrate Veteran's Day on November 12, 2021. The day will begin with a parade at 11 a.m. All parade entries will meet at the Bowling Alley starting at 10 a.m. There will be several individuals to organize and line up the entries and the police department will escort the parade route. Registration forms are available by contacting Debbie Garcia at 719-580-5655.
 The parade will end on 2nd Avenue with a special ceremony at the Faith Hinkley Veteran's Memorial Park. Entry into the park will display two American

flags represented by the Monte Vista and Del Norte Fire departments.
 The Monte Vista Community Fund will sponsor the 3rd "LIVE" Veteran's Benefit Concert at the Central Auditorium, 545 2nd Ave., Monte Vista, at 7 p.m. It will be free admission with free will donations. All proceeds will go to the Faith Hinkley Veteran's Memorial Park.
 Masks will not be required for any of these events, but we encourage people to do what makes them comfortable.
 If you have any questions, contact Garcia or Colette Skeff at 719-852-3435.

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Solution to last week's puzzle

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FBLA hosts Meet the Candidates



Photo courtesy of Sargent High School

Sargent High School Future Business Leaders of America, pictured, hosted the 2021 Meet the Board Candidate Forum on Oct. 18 in the Sargent School District Auditorium. FBLA members planned, organized and hosted the event. Sargent School District has three candidates for three four-year positions. Candidates on the ballot are Michele Peterson, Lorena Price, and Mathew Smartt. One two-year position is open with two candidates running. Candidates on the ballot are Nathan Burkhart and Clayton Mitchell. The event provided an informal evening for candidates and audience members. The election is Nov. 2.

SLV REC offering 11 scholarships

STAFF REPORT

MONTE VISTA — San Luis Valley REC makes secondary education a priority when giving back to the Valley. With just over \$235,000 given in the past seven years, REC annually awards up to 11 scholarships to local students.

The awards are primarily reserved for REC members, although a few of the scholarships are available to other Valley students as well.

“My college experience is going great. I am very grateful for the scholarship and the opportunities that it gives me. ASU is a great fit for me while I earn my biology degree due to how personable the professors are and the comforting sense of community,” said Adams State freshman Desiray Tolsma.

Tolsma was awarded the 2021 SLV REC Adams State University Four-Year Scholarship, which is renewable for up to a maximum of four years. The value of the scholarship equals the total of in-state tuition, some fees and a book allowance for the award year.

“Receiving the REC 4-year scholarship has impacted my college experience because I am now able to afford living on campus, which has allowed me to be more present for extracurricular activities. For example, I am the treasurer for the Tri-Beta biology club, where I will be given the chance to volunteer for my community. Overall, this scholarship has given me the chance to pursue my passion, and I am enjoying my time so far,” she said.

In addition to the four-year scholarship, REC awards the Martin Christensen Electric Lineworker Scholarship, which may be used at any accredited lineworker school. The value of the scholarship is \$4,000 and may be used to cover tuition costs, required textbooks or minimal basic tools for the program. Although first consideration will be given to graduating high school seniors, this scholarship is open to all individuals.

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In addition, six Tri-State G&T Scholarships are offered at \$500 each. Dependents of employees and

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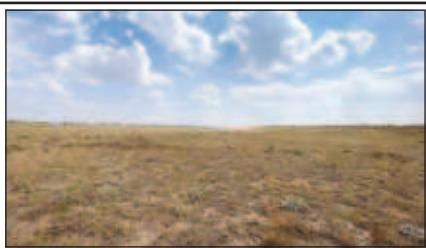
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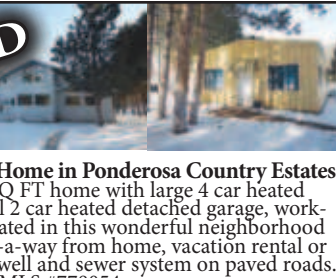
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Winners announced in the first-ever 'Best of the San Luis Valley'

VALLEY— More than 700 people cast more than 6,000 votes in the inaugural "Best of the San Luis Valley" contest sponsored by the *Valley Courier* and Valley Publishing's six weekly newspapers. Exclusive online voting began on Sept. 23 and concluded on Oct. 14.

The winners by category will be shared online today as well in the columns to follow, declaring the "Best of the Best."

Several SLV businesses dominating voting by winning in more than one category including three-peat winners My Brothers Place, Xtreme

Towing, Monte Vista Coop and Rio Grande Hospital.

My Brothers Place won for Best Pizza, Best Family Restaurant and Best Italian. Xtreme Towing topped categories for Best Towing Service, Best Auto Repair and Best Customer Service.

Monte Vista Coop won for Best Seed Company, Best Fertilizer/Pesticide Company and Best Equipment Sales, while Rio Grande Hospital was voted best for Medical Practice, Wound Care and Physical Therapy.

Among the double winners were

the Creede Hotel, Haynie's NAPA, Nino's, Green Spot, Alamosa Round-UP and All 4 Paws.

Here are the results:



Family affair at Alamosa restaurant
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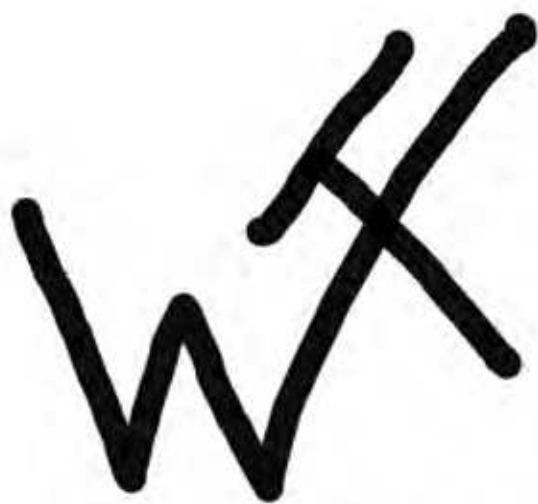
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