



Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Newsletter January 2022



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Business of the Month:
*San Luis Valley Rural Electric
Cooperation*



POWERING A VITAL VALLEY

We are proud to be the second oldest electric cooperative in Colorado. We serve the counties of Rio Grande, Costilla, Saguache, Alamosa, Conejos, Mineral and Hinsdale. More than 7,500 member owners work with our

team for power in their homes, schools, farms and other small businesses.

SLV REC focuses on community involvement through youth camps, scholarships, safety programs and community partnerships, and of course, providing infrastructure and electrical services, including fiber and broadband, to rural Colorado. With the recent passing of former REC lineman, Martin Christensen, SLV REC Board of Directors voted to name the lineworker scholarship in his honor. The Martin Christensen Memorial Lineworker Scholarship is valued at \$4,000 and covers tuition costs for one Valley student at any accredited lineworker school.

Christensen began work at SLV REC in 1963 following the death of his father, Edward. At that time, REC's manager called him to see if he would return to the Valley to take his dad's place. Christensen agreed and began work right away. In 1971 he became the south area serviceman; after 35 years of service, he retired in June 1998, although members continued to call him for the next several years.



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Platoro, Colorado - Western Mining History



Platoro was not the first settlement in the area but it became the largest and thus the center of a district that saw peak periods of activity around 1888 and 1913. Some sources state that Platoro got started in the early 1880s, however no newspapers mention a town by that name until 1888, the same year that the Platoro post office was established. It is likely that prospectors were in the area for some time before Platoro got its official start, but it wasn't until a mini-boom in 1888 that the town became official and took the name Platoro, which is taken from the two Spanish words Plata for gold, and Oro for silver. Platoro never became a large town and dwindled to just a handful of residents not long after the 1913 excitement. The post office closed in 1919. Platoro became a ghost town but was reborn as a small resort town owing to its location near Platoro Reservoir. The 1917 publication *Geology and Ore Deposits of the Platoro-Summitville Mining District, Colorado* by the Colorado Geological Survey gives the following history of Platoro. The town of Platoro is delightfully located at an elevation of 9,900 feet, in the midst of a flat, open expanse of the Conejos River valley that measures some half to three-quarters of a mile wide and three miles long.



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Happenings in January!



SAN LUIS VALLEY AREA
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

Master Food Safety Advisor Training

The Master Food Safety Advisor is a trained volunteer educator and resource in the community to provide the public with up-to-date, research based information on food safety, preparation and preservation from Colorado State University and USDA.

Date and Time:

Tuesday, January 17th, 8:00 A.M. - Friday, January 20th, 2:00 P.M.

Location:

2160 Sherman Ave 2160 Sherman Avenue Monte Vista, CO 81144

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Open Mic Event - Ancient Valley Open Mic is a free community music series open to participants of all skill levels and all styles of music. Staging includes vocal mic and instrument input; players are encouraged to bring the equipment they need.

Date and Time:
January 11th, 3:00 P.M.

Location:
Simple Foods Market, 680 Grande Ave,
Del Norte, CO

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Pond Hockey Tournament

The Pond Hockey tournament draws amateur teams from all over the United States. Some travel from as far as Dallas, Detroit, and Albuquerque. The tournament is held on the frozen Willow Creek drainage ponds, right underneath the famous Creede cliffs. From the stands, observers can enjoy the unique rock formations while watching local Creede folk battle out-of-town teams for the puck, as well as yearly bragging rights.

Date and Time:
Saturday, January 14th, 9:00 A.M. - Sunday, January 15th, 4:00 P.M.

Location:
Creede, CO 81130

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Member Updates



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New
Members:

move messages from the Monte Vista Chamber to your Primary tab from the Promotions tab. By doing so, all future emails from us should be delivered to the Primary tab. Thanks!

**CHECK OUT
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BENEFITS HERE!**

- Challenger Roofing, LLC
- High Point Security, LLC
- Thirty-One Gifts

Renewing Members:

- Taqueria Y Antojitos Los Lopez

Do you have an event in the San Luis Valley that you would like to add to our website? Please click the button below to fill out an Event Submission Form with as much information as possible. We will add the event to the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce website as soon as possible and will contact you if we have any further questions about the event.

Thank you!

Event Submission Form