



*Monte Vista Chamber  
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Newsletter  
June 2022*



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*Business of the Month:*

**Troy Plane - State Farm  
Insurance Agent**



Husband and father of two born and raised in the San Luis Valley. I enjoy the outdoors - hiking, golfing, skiing. We are members of the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce. Our goal is to properly protect you and your family, if you don't know insurance we are here to help. Serving the entire state of Colorado, Helping Small Business owners manage risk. Colorado native proudly serving the San Luis Valley! I can assist you with your auto and life insurance needs. Our job is to protect and grow your assets!

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# San Luis Valley History

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## Summitville, Colorado

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Summitville was the location of one of the earliest gold discoveries in the San Juan Mountains of Colorado. Despite the historical significance of the district not many details are available about the town of Summitville during its early days. The camp was originally known as Summit and a post office was established in 1876. In 1880 the town and post office name were changed to Summitville. The Summitville post office operated from 1880 to 1912, and again from 1935 to 1947. Placer mining was conducted seasonally for the first few years. The district's high altitude and harsh weather resulted in most miners leaving each winter. It wasn't until 1875 when hard rock mines started operating that attempts were made at a year-round community. Summitville peaked in the early 1880s. By 1883, nine stamp mills crushed ore from the mines and an estimated population of up to 1,000 people called Summitville home (peak population numbers vary widely from 600 to 1,500). Even newspapers published at the time struggled to put a number on Summitville's population. An August 1882 edition of Saguache Advance stated the following: The population of Summitville is variously estimated from 500 to 1,500 souls, and the continuous rustle tramp of people remind on of the big days of Leadville in the days of 1878-79-80. A fire in July of 1891 destroyed eight buildings in the business district. Mining in the district slowed during the 1890s and the closure of the post office in 1912 seems to signal the end of Summitville as a historic mining town.

[Summitville, Colorado Map & Directions](#)

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# Happenings June

- Kids Fishing Clinic - Tucker

Ponds - Celebrate Father's Day Weekend in the South Fork sun. Grab your poles and rods and go fishing! The Division of Wildlife will be on-hand to give lessons and instructions to little anglers. Each child under the age of 16 receives a free rod and reel combo set with participation in the clinic.



Enjoy the hot dog lunch afterwards in the great outdoors.

When: Saturday, June 18th, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Where: Tucker Ponds, Rio Grande National Forest



- Alamosa Roundup -

The 2022 Alamosa Round-UP kicks off Thursday with The Mutton Bustin and Local Barrel Race, Friday and Saturday Nights bring The Professional PRCA Rodeo,

Saturday also includes Cowboy Church. Saturday Night after the Rodeo is the 4th Annual Round-UP Concert!!! Big Music is coming to Our Small Town!! 2022 Headliner will be- Justin Lawrence a Professional Saddle Bronc Rider and Country Music Artist!!!! Sunday Afternoon is The Metal Crashing Demolition Derby!!!!

When: Thursday, June 23rd, 8:00 AM - Sunday, June 26th, 12:00 PM. Where: Alamosa Fairgrounds 8784 Old Sanford Road, Alamosa, CO 81101

- 3rd Friday Art Walk - Please join us downtown Monte Vista, Colorado every 3rd Friday from May through August for our community Art Walks. This year we will have a portion of Adams St. blocked off for artists, art activities and music. Artists will also be set up in front of local businesses throughout the downtown area. Local businesses will be running Art Walk specials.

When: Friday, June 17th, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Where: Monte Vista, Colorado

- 27th Annual Rollin' Deep Car Show - Come join The Sol Boys for an afternoon of great dancing music, with classic cars and food

for your enjoyment. Our first gig, please come out and support.

When: Sunday, June 19th, 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Where: Cole Park in Alamosa, Colorado

- Salmonfly Hatch Days - Celebrate the hatch with fly fishing along our Gold Medal Waters! From the dam at Rio Grande reservoir to the irrigation dam at Del Norte, you will access over 50 miles of some of the best fly fishing in the country. Finding the stretch with the hatch is the challenge!

Come by the South Fork Visitor Center for a free map.

Visit <https://www.fishtheupperrio.com> for more information.

When: Friday, June 17th, 8:00 AM - Sunday, June 19th, 12:00 PM.

Where: South Fork Visitor Center, 28 Silver Thread Ln, South Fork, CO 81154

*3rd Friday Art Walk*

*Monte Vista, Colorado*

**May 20th  
June 17th  
July 15th  
August 19th**

**4-8 PM**

**Downtown Monte Vista, Colorado**

**Artists  
Music  
Hands On Art Activities  
Art Vendors on Adams St.  
Specials at Local Businesses  
Fun For Everyone**

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- Charles E Tarnutzer
- Kim Marquez Photography
- FLUID Space Wellness
- Rio Grande County Commissioners

### Renewing Members:

- Gary Wilkinson
- Jim Clare
- Karla Shriver
- Realtors of Central Colorado
- Monte Vista Rotary
- Gobin's Business Solutions
- Farm Credit of Southern

Colorado

- Sandhill Inn & Suites
- Jade Communications
- Monte Vista CO-OP
- RG Bank
- Two Creek Ranches