

## Celebrate a SAFE & HAPPY JULY 4TH!

### Shorts

#### CSU Extension announces gardening and weed call-in Wednesdays

**MONTE VISTA** — Colorado State University SLV Area Extension's new team of Colorado Master Gardener Apprentices will be available in the Monte Vista office to take phone calls and walk-in questions on gardening and weeds most Wednesdays this summer.

San Luis Valley residents Sheryl Josselyn, Deb Scadberg, Rachal Velasquez, and Regan Velasquez have recently completed an intensive training program and are now volunteering their time to help Valley residents with their gardening questions.

They have successfully passed courses in soils, botany, fertilizing, lawn care and maintenance, vegetable and flower gardening in high elevations, landscaping, proper planting and pruning of trees, and more.

This team will be available from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 29, July 13, July 20, July 27, Aug. 3 and Aug. 31 to take call-in or walk-in questions on anything gardening and to help with weed identification and control strategies. The office number is 719-852-7381. The office is located at 1899 East Highway 160 in Monte Vista on the Monte Vista Coop property.

#### SLV Big Band playing at Sundays at Six on July 10

**ALAMOSA** — The Alamosa Live Music Association's Sundays at Six series continues July 10 with SLV Big Band, which is proudly "keeping Jazz alive in Southern Colorado."

Head on over to Cole Park at 6 p.m. The MOKI food truck will be selling some dinner items. Visit [www.almaonline.org/](http://www.almaonline.org/), for the complete summer lineup.

Bring a non-perishable item for the food drive to benefit the Alamosa Food Pantry.

## Ratzlaff leads in RG Commissioner race

### STAFF REPORT

Unofficial primary election results for the 2022 midterm election were released by Rio Grande County on Tuesday. In the race between Republican candidates John Noffske and Tyler Ratzlaff for Rio Grande County Commissioner District 2, Ratzlaff was leading with 1,405 votes. Noffske received 609 votes. No

person ran as a Democrat.

Incumbent Rio Grande County Clerk and Recorder Republican Cindy Hill won unopposed with 1,814 votes. Rio Grande County Incumbent Assessor Republican JJ Mondragon won unopposed with 1,764 votes and incumbent Rio Grande County Coroner Republican Stephen Hunzeker won unopposed with 1,747 votes. New candidate

for Rio Grande County Sheriff Republican Anne M. Robinson won unopposed with 1,745 votes.

### Saguache County

Unofficial state primary election results for the 2022 midterm election. There were no contested races for any of the county seats — Commissioner District 3 Democrat Liz Maron (584 votes) was

unopposed will face Republican Jeff Phillips (593) in November; Republican Trish Gilbert (643) will be the Clerk and Recorder; Republican Regina Schwartz (606) will be the Treasurer; Republican Peter Peterson (571) will be the Assessor; Republican Dan Warwick (595) will be the Sheriff; and Democrat Tom Perrin (631). *Please see RESULTS on Page 2A*

## Villa Grove Fire Department draws crowd for annual fundraiser

### By PATRICK SHEA

**VILLA GROVE** — More than 100 people contributed to the Villa Grove Fire Department during the annual fundraiser at the station on June 25. As traffic raced along Highway 285, residents and volunteer firefighters discussed the recent increase in traffic accidents and fatalities.

"We're being called out to more calls now," noted Wes Moores, District Chief of the Northern Saguache County Fire Protection District.

According to Moores and Villa *Please see VGFD on Page 7A*



Photos by Patrick Shea

**More than 100 people attended the Villa Grove Fire Department annual fundraiser on June 25.**



**Villa Grove Fire Station Chief George Frees presents a smoke alarm to one lucky winner during the Villa Grove Fire Department annual fundraiser.**



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## Name change proposed for Moffat

### By PATRICK SHEA

**MOFFAT** — At the end of the 19th century, two Colorado towns changed their names to make sure they received their mail. Today, cannabis operators near Moffat want to change the town name because mistaken weather readings from Moffat County in the northwest corner of the state might ruin a crop here in Southern Colorado.

In 1887, residents of what is known as Telluride today changed their town name from Columbia because too much of their mail ended up in Columbia, Calif., by mistake. A decade later, mine camp residents of Eldorado, west of Boulder, changed their town name to Eldora in hopes of having all of their mail delivered correctly.

During a town board meeting on June 7, Area 420 founder Mike Biggio proposed changing "Moffat" to "Kush." The idea is as much about branding as it is misguided weather readings. Kush connotes cannabis.

Dawn Mayo, a long-time Moffat resident and educator who is opposed to the name change, addressed the Saguache County Commissioners on June 21. She shared concerns about mail delivery and other aspects of the *Please see MOFFAT on Page 7A*

## Cooperation underway for Seven Peaks Music Festival

### By PATRICK SHEA

**VILLA GROVE** — Live Nation administrators, Saguache County commissioners, and first-responder agencies have been meeting regularly to prepare for the Seven Peaks Music Festival in Villa Grove on Sept. 2, 3, and 4.

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**First-responder leadership and Saguache County commissioners meet regularly with Live Nation administrators to increase cooperation for the Seven Peaks Music Festival in Villa Grove on Sept. 2-4.**

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# Traffic accidents rise in Saguache County

By Patrick Shea

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — Cars rolled through Villa Grove on Highway 285 when Wes Moores, the District Chief of the Northern Saguache County Fire Protection District, said, “We’re being called out to more calls.” Some are fires, others are car accidents, and sometimes it’s both.

Speaking at the Villa Grove Volunteer Fire Department annual fundraiser on June 25, Moores explained how the district covers most — but not all — operating costs for each station. To make up for the difference, fundraisers like the annual gathering in Villa Grove address specific station needs.

Highway 285 merges with Highway 17 five miles south of Villa Grove. The confluence of traffic in both directions clusters dangerously during the summer months. Accidents and vehicle fires are dangerous combinations that leave little time for response. Thanks to last year’s fundraiser, the Villa Grove station could afford two new pieces of

equipment for responders to use together when a car in flames traps occupants inside.

The station purchased an \$8,000 thermal imaging camera to locate hotspots when they come upon a burning vehicle. This information provides guidance for making cuts with the \$40,000 “Jaws of Life” extraction device.

Motorists speed along stretches represented by straight lines on maps. But deceptive hills and curves block visibility. A few miles south of Saguache on Highway 285, for example, a short stretch of road cuts may have contributed to a fatal motorcycle accident on June 23.

Heading south near Milemarker 83, 66-year-old Moffat motorist John Painter crossed the center line as a staggered set of four motorcyclists drove north. The first two riders avoided Painter’s GMC Sierra, but 49-year-old Pavel Svora from North Riverside, Ill., died after direct impact. Svora’s BMW motorcycle rolled off the east side of the road and caught on fire.



Photo by Patrick Shea

First responders report an increase in traffic accidents in Saguache County.

## RESULTS

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will be the Coroner.

### Conejos County

Unofficial state primary election results for the 2022 midterms. There were no contested races for any of the county seats. Running unopposed were Commissioner District 2 - Republican Mitchell Jarvies (974 votes); Democrat Clerk and Recorder - Nathan Ruybal (974); Assessor - Democrat Naomi Martinez-Keys (864); Sheriff - Democrat Martin Maez (760) will face incumbent Republican Garth Crowther (957); Surveyor - Republican Martin Reynolds (964); Coroner - Republican Richard A. Martin (945).

### Costilla County

Unofficial state primary election results for the 2022 midterms. There were only two contested county races — Commissioner District 2 Democrat and County Treasurer Democrat.

In the Treasurer election, Michael Ray Vigil led with 460 votes, followed by Benita Martinez with 335 and Rebecca Becky Romero with 199.

In the District 2 Commissioner election, Lorraine A. Lorrie Quintana was leading with 429 votes, followed by Fernando A. Martinez with 341 votes, and Jake Mondragon with 225 votes.

Winning unopposed were Clerk and Recorder Democrat Najondine T. Placek (822); Assessor Democrat Thomas Aragon (739); Sheriff Democrat Danny R. Sanchez (760); and Coroner Democrat Gary Roy

### Mineral County

Unofficial results for their 2022 primary election. Incumbent Mineral County Commissioner Democrat Scott Lamb won unopposed with 135 votes cast for District 1. Incumbent Mineral County Clerk and Recorder Republican Eryn K. Winter won unopposed with 270 votes. New candidate Democrat Stasha Birdsey won the seat of Mineral County Assessor unopposed with 131 votes. New candidate for Mineral County Treasurer Republican Amy Wetherill won unopposed with 255 votes and incumbent Coroner Democrat Jimmy K. Adelman won unopposed with 139 votes.

In the Mineral County Sheriff election, incumbent Democrat Fred Hosselkus (112) will face newcomer Republican Terry Wetherill (244) in November. Both ran unopposed to represent their party.

### Statewide

As for the State of Colorado Democratic ticket, Governor Jared Polis ran with no opposition and received 450,487. Polis will run against Republican winner Heidi Ganahl in November.

Senator Michael Bennet also ran unopposed in the Democratic party and received 444,873 votes, as well as Secretary of State Jena Griswold who received 439,203 votes and ran unopposed as did Treasurer Dave Young, Attorney General Phil Weiser, State of Colorado Board of

Three days earlier on June 20, a two-vehicle crash in Alamosa County took the life of a 57-year-old Sante Fe, N.M., man and sent the driver of the other car to San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center. Doctors then transferred the 28-year-old female to Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs.

Education Member Kathy Plomer and District 62 Colorado State representative Mathew Martinez.

For the State of Colorado Republican ticket, for US Senator Republican Joe O’Dea received 310,430 and will run against Bennet, for the 118th US Congressional District 3 seat, Republican Lauren Boebert received 80,363 votes and defeated Republican Don Coram.

Republicans Tina Peters, Mike O’Donnell and Pam Anderson ran against each other for the Secretary of State position and Anderson won the ticket with 242,249 votes. Anderson will run against Democratic party Jena Griswold in November.

Carol Riegenbach, who received 4,559 votes for District 62 State Representative, was leading Ryan G. Williams, who received 2,878 votes.

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## FESTIVAL

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On June 16, Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick provided an update at the Saguache County Road and Bridge Building. Commissioner Tim Lovato also met with Colorado State Patrol (CSP) officials to discuss coverage from five or six officers throughout the three-day event.

Working with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), CSP will install message board signs. They will also reduce the speed limit through Villa Grove.

Lovato said he received more information about the communication command center acquired three months ago through the Office of Homeland Security. Ambulance providers and the Villa Grove Fire Department also presented plans.

According to Wes Moores, District Chief of the Northern Saguache County

Fire Protection District, Sheriff Warwick “heads the show.” Moores also said the event organizers from Live Nation “are trying to address everything up-front.”

To ensure fire protection for all three days, Live Nation agreed to pay wages for the department’s volunteer firefighters. With a full-time crew of at least four people, they’ll have Villa Grove covered.

Moores said the cooperation across agencies improves safety overall, “and it’s good to get to work together.”

The Seven Peaks Music Festival features founder Dierks Bentley and a full lineup of country music stars. The festival drew fans to Chaffee County north of Saguache, but Live Nation worked to produce it in Saguache County for the first time in 2022. Tickets are available through [livenation.com](http://livenation.com) or [sevenpeaksfestival.com](http://sevenpeaksfestival.com).

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Independence never felt so good

As I write this column each week, Ol' Dutch tries to look down at the week or weeks ahead to what is happening hoping to find some inspiration to add to my normal great wisdom.

And this week is no different as one of my favorite holidays that brings a real whing-ding of a time is on the horizon. It is none other than the annual 4th of July celebration.

From 1776 to the present day, we have all celebrated our independence as a nation with parades, barbecues, family gatherings and shooting off fireworks. In fact, we shoot off so many of the blasted things that I am sure there is more noise than the actual Revolution against Britain produced.

And even though there is some argument about the actual day of independence, it is celebrated on the day that it was adopted by Congress way back when.

I realize this will hit the stoops of your house a few days before your local celebrations, but this will give you time to plan, buy some ribs or burgers and put together a celebration of your own.

Most of the San Luis Valley towns will have their own forms of celebrations with South Fork hosting their annual parade on July 3rd because, well, they want to. They will polish off the day with a great fireworks show, weather permitting. And with the rains that Ol' Dutch, ever the Rain Man has brought, we hope to see the huge display again this year.

The City of Creede hosts a two-day event with the Mining Competition on July 3 and the annual parade on July 4. They also fill the streets with vendors of all kinds with delicious goodies to take part in during your sortie into their small town, host a dance, a new Patsy Cline Theater production, beer garden and weather permitting, a great fireworks display.

Alamosa and Crestone also have some great celebrations planned so wherever you are, try and partake in those fun activities in celebration of our freedoms here in America.

Ol' Dutch has missed shooting off his own fireworks since I moved to Colorado many years ago as the powers to be seemed to think such shenanigans are unnecessary which is, well, un-American.

I am not sure what "Karen" dreamed that up as back in the day when I was growing up, we shot off everything from lady fingers that barely made a pop to M-80's



**Trout Republic**  
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

that were equal to a quarter stick of dynamite.

And at least in our neighborhood, I do not recall much of anything being blown up other than a few trash cans or a few burnt fingers but that is how we all learned to survive in a world that oftentimes has a short fuse on dangerous situations.

Oh, there may have been a few kids who got injured but at least they were easily identified as poor candidates to send to Vietnam or at least to leave in the supply hut as handling a live grenade could not be entrusted to a kid who could not shoot off a Black Cat firecracker.

Massive amounts of gunpowder were expended back in those days and firecracker paper and nighttime displays littered the streets for weeks afterward until the mommas of the neighborhoods threatened the children with bodily harm if they did not sweep it all up.

And while I am restricted from handling my own explosives in this State, I can still get them in Texas on most holidays. Now that's real freedom but what else can we expect from the people who fought at the Alamo.

But regardless of where you find yourself this weekend, find some celebrations to attend and shake the dust off your feet and let the wind blow the stink off of you from the past years of Covid internments.

I hope to see some of you out there as we give thanks for our Nation. For despite our differences or the problems we face as a people, we still have much to be thankful for every single day.

God bless you all in the coming week and God Bless America.

*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.*



## YOUR NIGHT SKY

BY DARLENE DANKO

### Star Clusters and Nebula

While you are looking low in the southern sky toward the center of the Milky Way, you will see many interesting objects which are only visible in the summer. The Teapot asterism, which is part of the constellation Sagittarius, sits in front of the Milky Way, and appears to be pouring tea into the tail of the constellation Scorpius the Scorpion. Scorpius sits to the right of and slightly below the Teapot and looks like a large "J" leaning to the right.

Many star clusters, clouds and nebula are visible in this area because the Milky Way center is a very active place. A star cluster is a group of stars that were born from a single interstellar cloud of gas and dust. There can be hundreds or even thousands of siblings in this group.

On a clear dark moonless night there are two clusters visible with the naked eye: the Butterfly Cluster and Ptolemy's Cluster. They are located between the Teapot and Scorpius where the tea would be pouring into the tail. The Butterfly sits above Ptolemy but is smaller and fainter

because it is twice as far away from us. Without binoculars they look like fuzzy blobs, but with binoculars you will be able to see some of the stars and the shape of the cluster. See if you can figure out why the Butterfly is called that.

While you are looking in that area on that dark clear night, you should also be able to see some dark nebula. A nebula is an interstellar cloud of dust, hydrogen, helium, and other ionized gases. They clump together to form large masses, which attract more matter, and eventually become massive enough to form stars and planets. Nebula is the Latin word for cloud. Some nebulas are dark clouds, while others are bright due to stars forming deep inside with their ultraviolet radiation ionizing the surrounding gas, making it visible to us. Nebula can also be formed from massive, short-lived stars collapsing or exploding.

One of NASA's most famous images is "The Pillars of Creation," which is a Hubble photo of the Eagle Nebula where stars are born. Nebula are named for the objects they resemble.



If you look to the right and halfway in between the top of the Teapot and the bright orange star Antares, which is part of Scorpius near the top, you will see some dark areas in the Milky Way. These are two dark nebula that you should be able to see. This is above the two-star clusters.

The Pipe Nebula is a pipe-shaped dust lane that obscures the Milky Way stars behind it. You should be able to distinguish the horizontal pipe stem with the bowl of the pipe on the left side. The Prancing Horse is part of the Pipe Nebula. The pipe is its behind and back legs. The front legs and head are above the pipe with the back on the left side. It is like the horse is sitting on its behind waving its front legs in the air. In the southwest it is sometimes called the Burro Nebula. So go out when you can and look at the sky!

## LETTER

### MV Community Fund distributes \$142K to MV Fire victims

Editor,  
The Monte Vista Community Fund would like to thank everyone who donated to help the fire victims of the April 20 fire — \$142,840 was raised. Those funds were distributed by check to the fire victims via certified mail

on June 1.  
Thank you again to everyone in the community for pulling together to help our neighbors. A special thank you to the City of Monte Vista, the Monte Vista Fire Department, Monte Vista Ambulance, the Monte Vista

Police Department, the Department of Local Affairs, and all of the agencies that came together to give every form of assistance to our community. We are Monte Vista strong.

*Barbara Sears  
Monte Vista*

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# Adams State BOT names Tandberg interim president

## SUBMITTED ARTICLE

**ALAMOSA** — The Adams State University Board of Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of David A. Tandberg, Ph.D., as interim president, effective July 1. The interim appointment is for one year, giving the Board ample time to conduct a comprehensive and inclusive search for a permanent president.

Tandberg brings both a deep knowledge of higher education and personal ties to Adams State and the San Luis Valley. A nationally recognized expert on higher education who has been invited to consult with and present at The White House, U.S. Senate, and U.S. Department of Education, Dr. Tandberg served as senior vice president of policy research and strategic initiatives at State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO).

Tandberg earned a bachelor's in history-social studies education from Adams State in 2002. While a

student, he was elected president of Adams State's student government (Associated Students and Faculty) and competed as a member of the cross-country and track teams. Tandberg earned a master's in political science and a doctorate in higher education from Penn State University.

"I want to thank the Board for entrusting me with this undertaking," said Tandberg. "I was born in Leadville, grew up in Colorado, and consider Alamosa my second home. I am truly honored and can't wait to be a part of the community again."

Tandberg joined SHEEO in July 2016, leading SHEEO's policy evaluation and research initiatives and SHEEO's efforts to connect empirical research to state practice and policy. He also directs SHEEO's strategic direction and partnerships. Tandberg is the lead editor of a book dedicated to the investigation of the state higher education executive officer that was published in July 2018 by Teachers College Press.

While at SHEEO, Tandberg led or assisted in securing over \$8 million in grant funding and contracts. Since joining SHEEO, the operation has doubled in size and opened a second office in Washington, DC.

Tandberg previously served as a tenured associate professor of higher education and co-founded the highly successful Center for Postsecondary Success at Florida State University. As an academic researcher, he was published in numerous peer-reviewed outlets and quoted in The New York Times, The Washington Post, the Associated Press, and appeared on multiple national news programs. Before joining Florida State University, Tandberg was a special assistant to the secretary of education in the Pennsylvania Department of Education, focused on postsecondary policy development and implementation.

"We look forward to Dr. Tandberg leading Adams State during this critical time," said Board Chair Michele Lueck. "He is the right

person to guide this university as we explore Adams State's long-term success through a comprehensive national search for our next leader. I want to thank Vice President Kent Buchanan for serving as acting president and leading the university over the past few weeks. The Board is committed to reinvesting in campus climate and student success."

Colorado Governor Jared Polis appointed Tandberg to the Adams State Board of Trustees for a two-year term in 2021, expiring Dec. 31. Tandberg stepped down from the Board in order to apply for the interim position. Additionally, he will take a leave of absence from SHEEO.

Tandberg is married to Darin (née McGinnis), also a 2002 graduate of Adams State and native of Manassa. Daughter Allyson, 21, and son Bryce, 20, were born while the Tandbergs were undergraduates. They are parents of another daughter, Evanie, 14. The family is rounded out with three dogs — Rio, Rocco, and Ruby.



Board members Amanda DeLaRosa and Jennifer Mueller co-chaired the search for a permanent president, co-chaired by Board members Mark Martinez and Jonathan Marquez, will be posted in August. Tandberg will not be considered in that process.

# San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad to go up for auction

*155-mile short line railroad connects SLV to eastern plains*

## BY PRISCILLA WAGGONER

**ALAMOSA** — The San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad (SLRG) is going up for auction, according to an announcement by William A. Brandt, Jr., the Chapter 11 Trustee currently operating the railroad, which is in bankruptcy.

Brandt's intention, subject to U.S. Bankruptcy Court approval, is to sell substantially all the assets of the railroad, including the trackage, roadbed, ties, other track material, inventory, maintenance-of-way equipment, vehicles, bridges, culverts, signals, stations, depots, yards, storage facilities, buildings, workshops, garage structures, and various other agreements or licenses relating to the real estate located on, along, over and under the SLRG rail lines.

The San Luis and Rio Grande Railroad, originally constructed almost 150 years ago, is a 155-mile short line railroad that traverses La Veta Pass over the Sangre de Cristo Mountain range and connects Colorado's eastern plains to the San Luis Valley.

With an interchange connection to the Union Pacific mainline at Walsenburg, SLRG currently

provides freight line rail services for various industrial, mineral, and agricultural commodities in the San Luis Valley and maintains extensive railcar storage facilities along its right-of-way with a storage capacity of more than 3,100 cars. Prior to the bankruptcy filing, the SLRG also operated a variety of passenger excursion trains over the scenic La Veta Pass at an elevation of 9,400 feet.

According to Brandt, there have been five letters of intent received over the past two years from groups wanting to operate the SLRG.

"They're all railroaders, and they recognize the value of the railroad," Brandt says, "but they're having some difficulty with financing."

He is hoping the auction — ordered at the recommendation of the bankruptcy judge — will "force people to get some focus."

Brandt, whose business Development Specialists, Incorporated was appointed as trustee, is well acquainted with the complexities of selling railroads, a process that is "highly and closely regulated."

More than 50 years of experience in the business has also taught him how crucial railroad operations are to the communities those railroads serve, including the San Luis Valley.

"If the SLRG were to stop operating, it would mean an

additional 10,000 trucks going over La Veta carrying barley to Coors, and that's just Coors," Brandt says. "Add the other freight that would have to be trucked, and you're looking at maybe an additional 24,000 trucks going over the pass. Can you imagine the wear and tear on that highway or what that would look like in the winter? You can bet CDOT is very aware of that."

Against that backdrop, Brandt stresses his "deepest intention" is to keep the railroad operational, an effort that he says both Rio Grande Commissioner John Noffske and Senator Michael Bennet along with his local representative, Erin Minks, have been "very, very helpful and supportive" in trying to ensure, as well.

But with Iowa Pacific, the previous railroad owner, no longer in business, the bankruptcy judge is saying a resolution needs to be reached. Putting the railroad up for auction is one way to strongly encourage that happening.

The minimum bid for SLRG is set at \$5.750 million. The purchase price submitted must be equal to or exceed that reserve price to be considered a qualified bid.

If Brandt, as trustee, receives multiple qualified bids, an auction will be held on July 14, at the offices of Markus Williams Young & Hunsicker, LLC in Denver.



A Rio Grande railroad engine is shown pulling into La Veta in this courtesy photo taken during their passenger service days.

This auction may be convened remotely, via video conference, as deemed appropriate by the Trustee or rescheduled as necessary with advance notice to all qualified bidders.

Should no such bid be received, Brandt says he intends to pursue avenues through the federal government to force Union Pacific to continue the railroad's operation. But he is hoping it will not come to that.

"It's so important that this railroad continues," Brandt says, "and I'm hoping this notice gets the attention of the government and the groups that have expressed interest and tells

them it's time to focus."

Copies of the Motion to Approve Bidding Procedures, and all other related exhibits, are available upon request by contacting the Trustee's counsel, or for a fee via PACER by visiting [www.cob.uscourts.gov](http://www.cob.uscourts.gov).

For more information, contact the financial advisors at DSI who are handling the organization of this sale effort for the Trustee. Either William G. Brandt at 312-263-4141 or [wgbrandt@DSIConsulting.com](mailto:wgbrandt@DSIConsulting.com), or Patrick J. O'Malley at 312-263-4141 or [pomalley@dsiconsulting.com](mailto:pomalley@dsiconsulting.com), should be the point of contact for questions.

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# Illinois motorcycle rider dies in crash in Saguache County

**STAFF REPORT**  
**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — A motorcycle rider from Illinois died in a crash on Thursday, June 23, on Highway 285 near Milepost 83, according to the Colorado State Patrol. At approximately 12:53 p.m. on June 23, CSP responded to a three-vehicle crash on Highway 285 near milepost 83 in Saguache County. The crash involved a GMC Sierra and two motorcycles. The driver of the GMC Sierra was John Painter, 66, of Moffat. Painter, who was properly restrained, did not sustain injuries during the crash. One motorcycle rider was Pavel Svora, 49, from North Riverside, Illi. Svora sustained fatal injuries during the crash, CSP reported. The other motorcycle rider was Szymon Karczewicz, 45, from Carol Stream, Illi. Karczewicz did not sustain any injuries. Both motorcycle riders were wearing motorcycle helmets. The GMC Sierra was traveling southbound on Highway 285. ABMW and KTM motorcycle were traveling northbound on Highway 285 in a

group of four motorcycles traveling staggered. The GMC Sierra drifted across the center line and into the northbound lane, CSP reported. The first two motorcycles in the group avoided the collision. The GMC Sierra's front-left corner impacted the BMW motorcycle's front. After impact, the GMC Sierra traveled back into the southbound lane and came to a controlled stop partially on the shoulder and southbound lane. After the impact, the BMW motorcycle traveled off the east edge of the road rolling and catching on fire. During the crash sequence, Svora was ejected from the motorcycle and landed in the dirt beyond the motorcycle. The KTM motorcycle was struck by debris from the collision and sustained moderate damage and came to a controlled stop on the northbound shoulder. The cause of the crash is under investigation, but distracted driving is believed to have been involved, CSP reported.

# Chaffee County man arrested in fatal shooting of Moffat man

**STAFF REPORT**  
**MOFFAT** — A 31-year-old Chaffee County man was arrested in the shooting death of a Moffat man on Tuesday, June 21, the Saguache County Sheriff's Office reported. At approximately 7:25 p.m. on June 21, the Saguache County Sheriff's Office and the Northern Saguache County Ambulance District were dispatched to a residence in Moffat. Upon arrival a deputy and an EMT found Tracy Freel, 57, with a life-threatening gunshot wound to the upper right thigh. First aid was administered and Freel was transported to a helicopter landing zone in Villa Grove. While at the helicopter landing zone, Freel died. The suspect in the shooting was Kenneth Mendenhall Jr., 31, who fled northbound toward Salida, in

a black, Chevy Tahoe, the sheriff's office reported. Chaffee County and the Salida Police Department were notified of the incident and assisted in making contact and detaining Mendenhall. At approximately 9 p.m., Chaffee County and the Salida Police Department detained Mendenhall until a Saguache County Sheriff's deputy arrived and took him into custody. Mendenhall was being held in the Saguache County Jail on suspicion of first-degree murder, first-degree assault, second-degree assault, reckless endangerment, prohibited use of a weapon, and child abuse. The Chaffee County Sheriff's Office, the Salida Police Department, the Colorado State Patrol, and Center Police Department all assisted on the incident.

# RGSO investigating shooting in MV

**STAFF REPORT**  
**MONTE VISTA** — A man was found shot by Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office deputies after responding to a shots fired call on June 21 in Monte Vista. At approximately 11:05 p.m., Rio Grande County deputies responded to 2463 Lariat Rd. in Monte Vista for a shots fired call. Upon arrival the deputies found a man that appeared to

have been shot, the wound appeared to be non-life threatening. The victim was transported by the Monte Vista Ambulance to SLV Health Regional Medical Center in Alamosa. This is an ongoing investigation. At this time there is no threat to the public, the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office reported. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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# RGNF seeks public input on proposed fee changes for campgrounds

**SUBMITTED ARTICLE**

**MONTE VISTA** — The Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) is asking for public input on a proposed change to the existing fee structure for developed camping and cabin rentals. The overall proposal seeks to increase fees in existing fee campgrounds, initiate new fees for current non-fee campgrounds, extending reduced fees into the shoulder season for several campgrounds, and initiate a fee for two new rental cabins. The campground and cabin fees would provide a sustainable source of revenue that would enable the RGNF to address day to day operations and deferred maintenance associated with these sites.

The public comment period on the proposal begins on June 15 and ends Nov. 1. “Our developed recreation sites continue to provide excellent recreational opportunities for our rapidly expanding userbase,” said Rio Grande National Forest Supervisor Dan Dallas. “The new fees and increases in existing fees will ensure long-term funding and a better path to sustaining these highly used recreational sites.” Currently, 19 percent of the developed campgrounds on the RGNF do not charge a fee. If approved, fee changes would go into effect in the fall. Advanced reservations for cabins will be available through [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by calling 1-877-

444-6777. The reservation service charges an \$8. fee for reservations. The Forest Service is encouraging all interested citizens to visit the official Fee Change Proposal project page at [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/RecFeeChanges](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/RecFeeChanges) and submit comments through Nov. 1. Forest officials will review and consider all public comments and use them to inform and adjust the final proposal for the campground fees. Once public involvement is complete, these new fees will be reviewed by the Rocky Mountain Regional Officials prior to a final decision and implementation. For more information, visit the dedicated Proposed Recreation Fee Increase web page at [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/recfeechanges](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/recfeechanges).

# Recycle unused paint at drop-off event in Creede on July 25

**SUBMITTED ARTICLE**

**CREEDE** — A free and convenient one-day paint drop-off event offered by PaintCare is set for July 25 for Mineral County. Households and businesses can safely and easily drop off unused paint for recycling from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mineral County Landfill on Dump Ground Road in Creede. Households may bring any amount of paint, stain, and or varnish. Limits may apply to businesses. The event will be held rain or shine. PaintCare will accept unwanted house paint and primers (latex or oil-based); stains; deck and concrete sealers; and clear finishes (varnish and shellac). Paint must be in sealed, original containers with the original manufacturer’s label. PaintCare cannot accept Leaking,

unlabeled, or empty containers; aerosol spray paints; drums or containers larger than five gallons; hazardous waste or other chemicals, such as paint thinner, solvents, motor oil, spackle, glue, adhesive, roofing tar, pesticides, or cleaning chemicals. In addition, paint in good condition will be made available to the public for free at this event. Through this one-day event, PaintCare and Mineral County are providing the community with a convenient way to recycle paint. Year-round PaintCare drop-off sites are available across the state and are located at participating hardware stores, paint stores and recycling centers. For more information, visit [www.paintcare.org/states/colorado/](http://www.paintcare.org/states/colorado/). To register visit, [\[creede.eventbrite.com\]\(https://paint-creede.eventbrite.com\). It is open to all Colorado households and businesses. To use the PaintCare program for oil-based paint, a business must qualify as an exempt generator under federal and any similar state hazardous waste generator rules. Visit \[www.paintcare.org/VSQG\]\(http://www.paintcare.org/VSQG\), for more information on exempt generator rules. If a business does not qualify as an exempt generator, it will not be able to use the program for oil-based paint, but it can still use the program for latex products. Participants are requested to follow the current recommendations and requirements of the CDC, local, and state health officials to protect themselves and others from the spread of COVID-19.](https://paint-</a></p>
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# The Best Way to Love Others and Yourself

I believe that other than the gospel regarding salvation through faith in Christ, learning to walk in love is the most important lesson in God’s Word. Jesus says that love is the most important commandment (Mark 12:28-31). The apostle Paul writes that love is the greatest thing (1 Corinthians 13:13), and he tells Timothy that the purpose of their instruction is love that comes from a pure heart (1 Timothy 1:5). If I were only allowed to teach three messages for the remainder of my life, the first would be that we are saved by grace through our faith in Jesus, and by it we are justified and made right with God. The second would be the importance of spending regular quality time with God. And the third would be receiving God’s love, loving Him in return, and walking in love with other people. Thankfully I don’t have to limit my teaching to three subjects; I share this only to show you how important I believe walking in love is. After we are saved by grace, if we were to focus on this alone, we would avoid most of our problems. Love does no harm to anyone. And people who walk in love cannot be unhappy, because they don’t have their minds on themselves but on what they can do for God and others. I have often said that we cannot be both selfish and happy at the same time. The kind of love I’m talking about is not a carnal love. It is not a feeling, although it may include feelings. It is the same kind of love God gives to us—unconditional, everlasting, and powerful. It is called the “royal law” of liberty (James 2:8) because the person who truly loves others will not break any of God’s commandments. If we love God as we should, we

will happily obey Him, and one of His commands is that we should love one another. As a matter of fact, Jesus says, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:34-35 NIV). In Galatians 5:13-15, the apostle Paul says, “You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.” Love is something that can be seen and felt. It is displayed in a variety of ways. Love is patient, and it always believes the best. Love helps others, it gives, and it is quick to forgive. This is a very basic list, but just those five qualities of love are plenty to think about and ask God to help us do. I highly recommend that we all major in walking in love. This requires intentionality and saying no to self regularly, but the rewards of peace, joy, and greater fulfillment will always outweigh the sacrifices we make. Let us remember that Jesus said what we have done to others, we have done to Him (Matthew 25:40, 45). That is a thought-provoking statement and one that we should take time to meditate on. The last few verses of Galatians 5 gives us a warning from Paul that if we bite and devour (fight and argue with) one another, it may consume us. It seems today that a large percentage of the population is angry or resentful about something, and Christians are certainly not immune to these negative



feelings. Anger is dangerous because it can devour and consume us, and it often becomes all we think about. The truth is staying angry with your enemies is like taking poison and hoping it will hurt the person who hurt you. I like to say, “Do yourself a favor and forgive.” And Ephesians 4:32 says, “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. This really is the best way to live. And when we do, we’re following Paul’s instruction in Galatians 5:13-14, to “serve one another humbly in love” and to love others as we love ourselves. For more on this topic, order Joyce’s teaching resource *A Bible Study of Galatians Action Plan*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting [www.joycemeyer.org](http://www.joycemeyer.org). Joyce Meyer is a New York Times bestselling author and founder of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. She has authored more than 135 books, including BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND and THE POWER OF THANK YOU (FaithWords). She hosts the *Enjoying Everyday Life* radio and TV programs, which air on hundreds of stations worldwide. For more information, visit [www.joycemeyer.org](http://www.joycemeyer.org). Please note: The views and opinions expressed throughout this publication and/or website are those of the respective authors and do not necessarily reflect those of Joyce Meyer Ministries.

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# CPW seeks public help to solve bear poaching case near Creede

**CREEDE** — Colorado Parks and Wildlife is asking the public for help in identifying the person who illegally killed a black bear last fall at Mountain Views at Rivers Edge RV Resort south of Creede in Mineral County.

On Oct. 1, 2021, CPW wildlife officers responded to a call of a dead bear in the Rio Grande River at the Mountain Views at Rivers Edge RV Resort. Officers found a 7- or 8-year-old sow in the river approximately 175 yards below the bridge at the RV park.

Officers determined the bear was



shot, and they recovered a .22 caliber air rifle pellet from the chest cavity of the bear. The bear was shot as much as two days before it was found. CPW has actively investigated the incident since its discovery.

“Willful destruction of a big-game animal is a felony in Colorado and can result in a lifetime suspension of hunting and fishing privileges,” said Brent Woodward, CPW’s wildlife manager in the Creede District. “Convictions could result in fines ranging from \$750 to \$3,000 and jail time, depending on the charge.”

CPW is asking the public for any

information regarding the parties responsible for the killing of this black bear. Woodward can be reached at 719-850-6366 or at [brent.woodward@state.co.us](mailto:brent.woodward@state.co.us).

To provide information anonymously, the public can contact Operation Game Thief by phone at 877-265-6648 or by email at [thief@state.co.us](mailto:thief@state.co.us).

Operation Game Thief is a Colorado Parks and Wildlife program that pays rewards to citizens who turn in poachers. A citizens committee administers reward funds in many poaching cases, which is maintained by private contributions. The board may approve rewards of up to \$1,000 for flagrant cases.

# Rio Grande National Forest lifts fire restrictions

**MONTE VISTA** — Effective Monday, June 27, fire restrictions were removed for all lands managed by the Rio Grande National Forest.

“The early onset of the monsoon this year has provided significant relief from the dry conditions we were experiencing,” said Chad Lewis, Fire Management Officer

for the Rio Grande National Forest. “Although conditions are improving, there may be isolated locations that haven’t received as much rain and could easily burn from careless mistakes.”

Lewis encourages visitors to practice these principles of outdoor fire safety:

- Clear all burnable material within three feet of campfire rings.
  - Keep fires small and manageable.
  - Never leave a fire unattended.
  - Extinguish fires completely. If it’s too hot to touch, it’s too hot to leave.
- Forest officials said fireworks are always illegal on federally managed lands.

# MOFFAT

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change. On June 24 and June 25, she orchestrated opposition meetings in Moffat and KV Estates. More than 60 people attended the gatherings and signed a counter-petition.

According to Colorado law, statutory towns can change their name if at least 50 percent of the total voters from the last mayoral election sign a petition supporting the new name. With 40 voters in the last election in Moffat, only 20 must sign the petition for the process to proceed. Signed petitions submitted to the office of

the Secretary of State undergo a minimum 30-day search period to ensure that no other Colorado town bears the same name.

After the name-change petition has been submitted, the town board must also set a time when the petition shall be considered by residents. The board must publish notice of the petition presentation once each week for three successive weeks in a newspaper that has a general circulation in the vicinity of the town.

Area 420 accounts for most of

the 70 cannabis cultivation licenses issued near Moffat, up from a pair of licenses in 2016.

The agenda posted for the next Moffat Town Board meeting on June 28 at 7 p.m. did not include a discussion about the name change for the town.

# VGFD

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Grove-Bonanza Fire Station Chief George Frees, the fundraiser covers expenses for specialized equipment and day-to-day station requirements.

A thermal-imaging camera, for example, cost \$8,000 this year, and a “cutter” more commonly called “the Jaws of Life” required another \$40,000 from the station budget. Frees said both pieces of equipment are life-savers.

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Moore manages five stations within the district’s 1,600 square miles. Responsibility stretches from the top of Poncha and Cochetopa Passes south to Saguache County Road L and east to include Moffat and Crestone. However, crews also help with incidents beyond the district boundary. Interagency cooperation is key for effective, rapid response.

Station Chief Frees and volunteers selected winning tickets for the fundraiser raffle at the end of the event. Participants went home with smoke detectors and other safety devices and prizes.

Long-time department volunteer and Villa Grove entrepreneur-resident Jeff Shook discovered a flyer from the 2002 fundraiser before this year’s event. Shook and his wife Amber formerly owned and operated Villa Grove Trade, dating back four decades. For history, Shook deferred to the man who donated the first fire truck, Gary Vollertsen.

Vollertsen lived in Florida at the

time, so someone had to come to pick it up. He had connections with Villa Grove and later made it home in 1984 and volunteered for the department himself. According to Vollertsen, John and Elaine Woodard traveled cross-country and slowly drove the truck back to Colorado.

The station chief’s brother, David Frees, received the “Mike Gelski Award for Outstanding Volunteer Achievement” from the Colorado Emergency Management Association for his 600 hours of volunteer service in 2021. David Frees currently serves as the Captain and Lead Training Officer for the department after 13 years of service. Since 2015, David Frees has served as Team Leader and Technical Rope Rescue Technician with the Saguache County Search and Rescue Team. In 2016, he also started serving as an Emergency Medical Technician with the Northern Saguache County Volunteer Ambulance District.

The station chief’s wife, Shannon Frees, leads the Villa Grove Fire Department Auxiliary group. They provide support during operations and run events like the annual fundraiser. When the Moffat fire in October 2021 drew volunteers from surrounding towns and districts, the Auxiliary provided meals for everyone.

Raffle participants on Saturday went home with donated items, and the bake sale yielded more proceeds. The loaves of Swiss Braid Zopf that Shannon Frees baked disappeared long before the fundraiser ended.

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# SOS announces petitions to recall Payne are 'sufficient'

## Barring successful protest, governor will set date for election

### SUBMITTED ARTICLE

In a "Statement of Sufficiency" sent out from the office of the Colorado Secretary of State (SOS) on Thursday, June 23, it was announced that the Colorado Secretary of State has found the petition to recall District Attorney Alonzo Payne to be "sufficient," meeting those requirements as determined by state statute.

Four weeks ago, following a concentrated, Valley-wide effort involving more than a dozen city staff and numerous employees whose goal was to gain 6,000 signatures, employees with the City of Alamosa delivered petitions bearing 5,974 signatures to the Elections Division of the Secretary of State. Upon receiving the petitions, personnel with the SOS conducted a thorough review, including checking the eligibility of each signature submitted.

Those leading the recall effort were only required to have 3,996 valid signatures — a number based upon a percentage of those who voted in the last election as determined by statute — for the petition to be deemed sufficient.

The goal of 6,000 had been set to



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### Alonzo Payne

allow for any signatures that may be rejected for reasons of eligibility. In the announcement from the SOS, a summary of the "petition verification summary" indicated that 5,974 signatures had been submitted; the number of entries rejected (invalid) totaled 1,217, resulting in 961 more valid signatures being submitted than what was required.

Under Colorado law, there is a 15-day protest period, during which any eligible elector can file a protest with the office of the SOS. Barring a successful protest, at the conclusion of the protest period, the Governor will be responsible for setting an election date.

# Ski-Hi Stampede Parade theme



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This year marks the 100th anniversary of the San Luis Valley Ski-Hi Stampede. The Stampede Parade Committee, pictured, Sara Copley, Lorelynn Buss, Anita Olme, Linda Weyers, Debbie Garcia, Jacqueline Hurst, Letha Hershey, is excited to be part of this long-standing tradition once again by offering parades Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23. This year's theme is Remembering the Resilience, Celebrating 100 years. The parade is a much-anticipated part of Stampede, showcasing the area's youth, talents, businesses and unity. First 100 participants for both days will receive a commemorative ribbon. Parade entry forms can be picked up at Poole Agribusiness, 2060 S Rd 5E, Monte Vista or contact Letha Hershey 719-588-0212. Forms need to be returned by July 15. A \$10 late fee will be assessed thereafter.

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## Drought impacts water rights on Rio Grande

**By PRISCILLA WAGGONER**  
**VALLEY** — For more than two decades, leaders in the local agricultural community have warned of the inevitability of less and less water being available for the irrigation of crops in the San Luis Valley.  
 As the current drought continues to persist, even those not engaged in farming or raising livestock can read the headlines or look at maps that show large swaths of the Valley blanketed in colors indicating extreme drought. Yet, there are moments when the stark reality of those warnings becomes abundantly clear.  
 One of those moments occurred this week.  
 On Thursday, June 16, Cleave Simpson, general manager for the Rio

Grande Water Conservation District, shared a sobering fact.  
 “As of today, a water right adjudicated on the Rio Grande river in 1871 is the last water right being served on the river,” he said.  
 Water rights in Colorado are based on the prior appropriation doctrine, otherwise known as “first-in-time, first-in-right.” Those with the oldest, and therefore most senior, appropriations of water have priority over other younger, or more junior, water rights.  
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**Drought impacting allocation of water from Rio Grande.**



Courtesy photo

## Creede sets parade theme for 4th of July

**By LYNSIE FERRELL**  
**CREEDE** — Though the City of Creede did not get many suggestions for this year’s parade theme, the one they selected will be fun and entertaining for participants and spectators. The town is well known for their Fourth of July celebrations and this year is turning out to be no different. The theme this year is “Creede: The True Silver Lining.”  
 Two full days, July 3 and 4, will be filled with the Colorado State Mining competitions, which are a salute of the town’s rich mining heritage. Mining competitions are a part of Creede’s history, dating back to the early days when mining was still active. Some of the events include Jack-Leg Drilling, Hand Steeling, Mucking, Spike Driving and much more.  
 The event begins on July 3 in the afternoon at the Days of 92’ arena located behind Basham Park on Main Street. It is free and open to the public.



File photo by Lyndsie Ferrell

**Creede is ready to celebrate the Fourth of July and will be looking for the ‘True Silver Lining’ with this year’s parade.**  
 At 10 a.m. on July 4, the annual Fourth of July Parade will make its way down Main Street. Over the past four years or so, the event has gained attention from spectators visiting from around the world. It is advised that people who want to participate in the event arrive early as there are typically 10,000 or more people in the area for the parade.  
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## 2022 Fiesta de Santiago y Santa Ana kicks off two weeks of events in San Luis

**SUBMITTED ARTICLE**  
**SAN LUIS** — The Town of San Luis is partnering on several events and community development efforts this summer including the Fiesta de Santiago y Santa Ana, Taste of San Luis, business Experience Accelerator, and Saving Places conference.  
 Downtown Colorado, Inc. (DCI) is partnering with San Luis to help coordinate these efforts to advance economic and community development goals. DCI has been working with San Luis since early 2021 through the Colorado Challenge Accelerator Program.  
 The Challenge Program is a technical assistance program focused on establishing a plan of work and proposal that engages public, private, and non-profit partners to address a significant community challenge. Colorado Challenge Communities receive ongoing support from DCI to establish sustainable economic and community development.  
 The Town of San Luis invites you to the 171-year-old tradition of celebrating the feast days of San Luis’ patron saints, Santiago and Santa Ana. The Fiesta de Santiago y Santa Ana is a gathering of local generations to enjoy church events, authentic food, traditional music and most importantly, fun and community fellowship, while honoring the cultural uniqueness and heritage of San Luis, the oldest town in Colorado, and its surrounding villages.  
 The 2022 Fiesta is set for July 22-24 and kicks off on Friday, July 22, with bands, the Feast of Santiago, food, a car show, a 10k run/walk, and more. In 2022, the Town of San Luis is excited to unveil a Pop Up Town Plaza Event, the updated facades in its historic downtown, and the Experience San Luis Farm to Spaceship Accelerator work with several local business and property owners.  
 The Pop Up Town Plaza and Farm to Spaceship Accelerator will use parklets and installations to activate spaces in the community and invite locals and visitors to experience our San Luis food, products, and places. The installations will remain in place until Aug. 7, as the Colorado Preservation, Inc. brings its first Saving Places — On the Road event to San Luis to celebrate the San Luis Valley.  
 Volunteers and vendors are wanted for the Santa Ana y Santiago Fiesta and Pop Up Plaza. Limited space is available.  
 Anyone interested in being a vendor during this family event, would like to help plan the event, would like to enter a float for the parade contest, have a car to enter into the Classic Car Show or enter to walk or run in the Stations of the Cross 10K, contact the San Luis Town Hall at 719-672-3321 or visit [www.townofsanluisco.com](http://www.townofsanluisco.com).  
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## OptiMystics Citizens Action Network to host VIBE

**MONTE VISTA** — The OptiMystics Citizens Action Network is hosting VIBE or Very Important Business Engagement.  
 On the first Tuesday of every month, the OptiMystics will be hosting a meeting that will consist of single or multiple guest speakers from business owners to marketing experts, to community

leaders, to security specialists and many other different types of speakers. There will be at least a 15-minute presentation from each guest speaker along with time to mingle and ask questions.  
 The first meeting will take place at Grammy’s Kitchen at 104 Adams in Monte Vista, on July 5 at 6 p.m. Everyone is

welcome to attend the meeting. Food and drinks will be available to purchase.  
 Jason Medina of the Small Business Development Center will be the speaker on July 5.  
 For more information on the meeting, contact the OptiMystics at [OptimysticsCAN@gmail.com](mailto:OptimysticsCAN@gmail.com) or visit [optimystics.org](http://optimystics.org).

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**Lunch Served from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**Location: Fire Department Building**

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**Parade Registration available at Visitor Center**

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Sunday, July 3rd	4th of July
9am - Late Afternoon: Days of '92 Mining Competitions Team Machine (Jack-leg) Drilling Spike Driving • Double Jack Machine Mucking	9am - Late Afternoon: State Mining Championships Hand-mucking • Machine (Jack-leg) Drilling Single Jack
Street Vendors, Beer Garden	10am: <b>PARADE</b>
1pm: Theatre Show "Patsy Cline"	Street Vendors, Beer Garden, and Farmer's Market
8pm: Elks Lodge Dance	6:30pm: ChuteOut Rodeo at Fairgrounds
Live Music at various places in town	Live Music at various places in town

**\*Dark-Thirty: Fireworks\***

*Weather and conditions permitting; determined by Creede Fire Dept. on July 1st*

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 Creede Mineral & County Chamber of Commerce

# WATER

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In this case, those whose water rights were decreed in or before 1871 will have access to water from the Rio Grande. All those with water rights issued after 1871 up to 1959, the last year a new appropriation was made on the river, will not be able to use water from the river this season unless more rain falls.

"We're not even at the end of June yet, and we are way down on the appropriation list," Simpson said. "If you're already down to turning off water that was appropriated after 1871, this is an ugly set of circumstances."

The drought of 2002 was the worst drought in recorded history and is the standard by which other periods of drought are measured.

"We're not on pace with 2002 but we're pretty bad," Simpson said.

He speaks from experience. In 2002, Simpson had to ship his cows to calve in Missouri, which he described as a "disaster in itself." While conditions today are not quite as extreme, there are similarities to what happened twenty years ago.

"People who rely on just surface water will be faced with choices. Sell your herd or be prepared to buy hay to feed their cows. But it's going to be impossible to buy hay to feed cows this year from an economic standpoint. Those prices are going to be high because everyone is experiencing such a drought. And people who have wells to back up their supply, those resources are being stressed. You can see it in the unconfined aquifer very readily every day. Look on our website and you can see the levels go down. We just don't have the water resources that we've had in the past, and we can't keep pumping the way we've been."

While farmers and ranchers will be facing tough choices soon, Simpson — whose approach is consistently

equal parts recognition of a challenge and search for the solution — is also focused on the larger questions that extend beyond this growing season.

"How do we adapt and change without fundamentally changing what we look like and what drives our economy, culture and community? We're trying to do this very thoughtfully and incrementally. I think, without a doubt, there is going to be less irrigated acres here than historically there has been.

"And, for me, I've been focusing a lot of time and energy on is there a path here for renewable energy. Can solar energy fill some of that gap? There are tremendous hurdles in that space of trying to make that a reality. Of course, I don't want to see 50,000 acres of solar panels but there's certainly room for some here, and I think it could fill that economic void that will come from taking out some irrigated acres."

Without going into much detail, Simpson mentioned some recent "small wins," but recognizes it is going to take a collaborative, concerted effort to make the gains that, he feels, may hold promise.

"Interest is growing," he said. "And the timing couldn't be much better. The state wants to be carbon free. Xcel wants to be carbon free. Tri-state wants to be carbon free. It feels like there's momentum and the San Luis Valley would be the premier place for more

solar. It's just a matter of getting the right people in the right place at the right time. There are a handful of us who are working toward that."

Simpson said another economic piece relates to changing crops that are grown. Personally, he is contracted with a local processor to raise 50 acres of industrial hemp, largely driven by the water scarcity that makes farming "harder and harder."

Historically, the Valley raises about

150,000 acres of alfalfa and other hay. If Simpson can raise hemp with the same success he has raising alfalfa, he estimates it would cut his water consumption by half.

But the potential reward hemp can bring goes hand in hand with challenges with processing and marketing, a situation where Simpson reports being "really excited about hemp at times and really frustrated at other times."

Everything must be considered, he says, including co-ops, value added crops, diversification, resiliency. There is also potential in conservation easements on aquifers, as Colorado Open Lands is currently discussing with farmers.

"It's not a disaster yet," he said and then stopped, trying to remember a quotation to address how he sees things. He settled for paraphrasing,



"Things happen as a result of catastrophe or thoughtful leadership."

The best option, in Simpson's view, is to choose the latter.



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1. \_\_\_ de Mornay, actress
8. Surrenders
13. Omission
14. The white poplar
15. They become butterflies
19. Used to chop
20. Select
21. Volcanic craters
22. Consumer price index
23. Utilize
24. "True Blood" actress Paquin
25. Got up
26. Sank in
30. Retail
31. Giants
32. Most bald
33. Changes color
34. Unit of loudness
35. Undresses
38. Fathers
39. Learned skill
40. Remove qualification
44. Covered with frost
45. Speak up
46. Nowhere to be found
47. Part of surgery (abbr.)
48. Type of wrap
49. Church seating
50. Mathematical figure
51. College football conference
55. Turkish officer title
57. Organized body of knowledge

### Solution to last week's puzzle

8	5	4	2	7	9	3	1	6
3	6	9	1	8	4	2	7	5
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6	1	3	8	4	2	5	9	7
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58. Smooth and glossy
59. Left
29. Metric units of measure
30. More coherent
32. Make uninteresting
34. Nausea
35. Institution of Oceanography
36. Of little value
37. Hindu model of the ideal man
38. Biblical exclamation
40. You throw it at a board
41. Be about to happen
42. Brutal
43. Opened one's mouth widely
45. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
48. Saturate
51. The woman
52. Someone who is highly skilled
53. A way to launch an attack on
54. Where golfers begin
56. Atomic number 58

### CLUES DOWN

1. Get back
2. Pass or go by
3. Having a sharp taste
4. Midway between east and southeast
5. Cairo Regional Airport
6. Peace officer
7. Brings to life
8. Automotive vehicles
9. One point south of due east
10. Football position
11. Goes by
12. Most attractive
16. Road divisions
17. Not the sea
18. Small, faint constellation
22. Cabbage
25. Least frequent
27. Change slightly
28. A country in NE Africa

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Weather Data from SLV Research Center located on the 9N and Hwy 285

Crop	Date Planted	Daily Crop Water use for Dates Shown (in./day)				Accumulated Water Use (ET) (inches)				
		6/26	6/25	6/24	6/23	From 6/26				
						2day	3day	4day	5day	7day
Moravian 69	04/05	0.13	0.18	0.21	0.16	0.31	0.52	0.69	0.77	1.22
Moravian 69	05/05	0.13	0.18	0.21	0.16	0.31	0.52	0.69	0.77	1.22
Early Wheat	04/05	0.13	0.18	0.21	0.16	0.31	0.52	0.69	0.77	1.22
Early Wheat	05/05	0.13	0.18	0.21	0.16	0.31	0.52	0.69	0.77	1.22
White Wheat	04/05	0.13	0.18	0.21	0.16	0.31	0.52	0.69	0.77	1.22
White Wheat	05/05	0.13	0.18	0.21	0.16	0.31	0.52	0.69	0.77	1.22
WinterWheat	10/01	0.12	0.17	0.21	0.16	0.29	0.50	0.67	0.75	1.20
<b>Potatoes</b>										
Norkotah	05/05	0.12	0.16	0.18	0.13	0.28	0.45	0.58	0.65	0.96
Centennial	05/05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.11	0.17	0.21	0.23	0.32
Nugget	05/05	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.14	0.22	0.29	0.32	0.46
Alfalfa	Est.	0.15	0.20	0.24	0.19	0.35	0.60	0.78	0.88	1.40
Lawnglass	Est.	0.12	0.17	0.20	0.16	0.29	0.50	0.65	0.73	1.17

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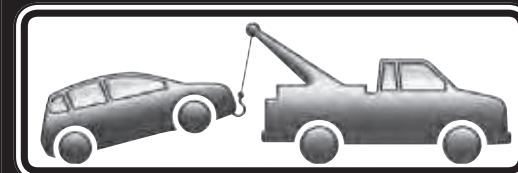
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As the night draws closer, people are invited to participate in the Chute Out Rodeo series that offers a special rodeo in honor of the Fourth of July. The Creede Repertory Theatre will also have two plays throughout the day, including a showing of "Little Shop of Horrors" at 6 p.m. A full list of the 2022 season can be found on their website at [www.creederep.org](http://www.creederep.org).

Fireworks on July 4 will depend on weather and fire conditions.

For more information or a full list of events, please visit [www.creede.com](http://www.creede.com).

# FIESTA

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org, for more information. Business permits are required to sell food or merchandise at this Town of San Luis' historic celebration. Vendors will need to download and fill out the application and return it to the San Luis Town Hall to reserve a spot at the 2022 Festival. Tent booths, table displays, and vending trucks are welcome.

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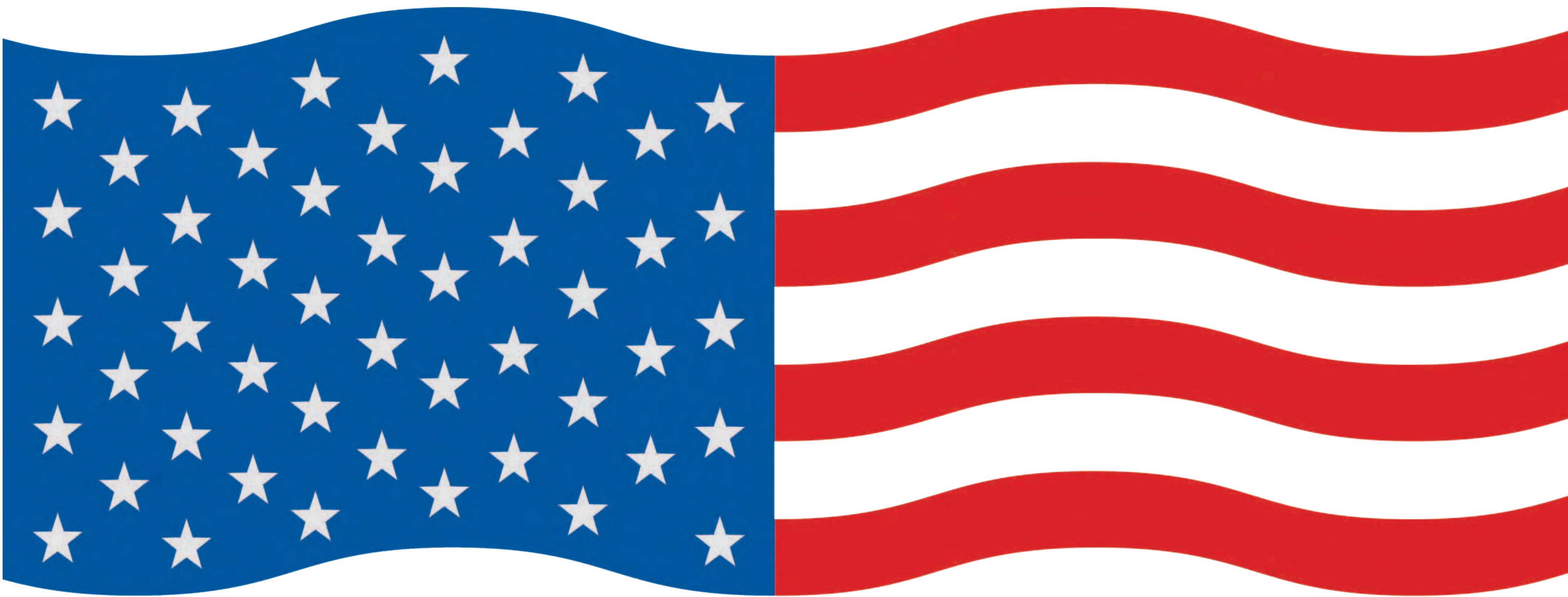
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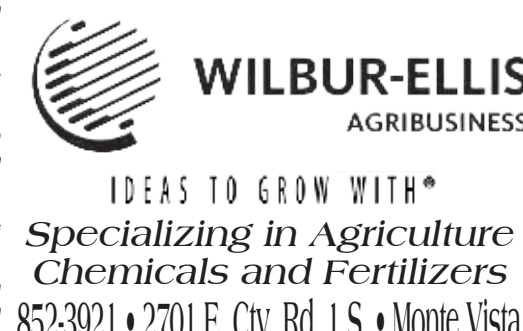
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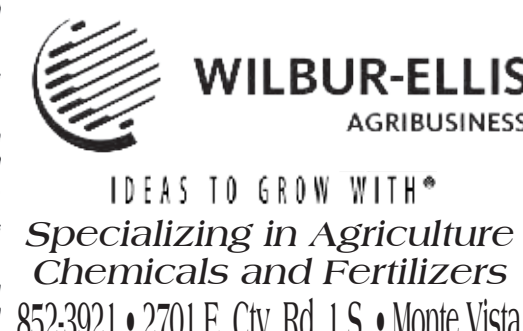
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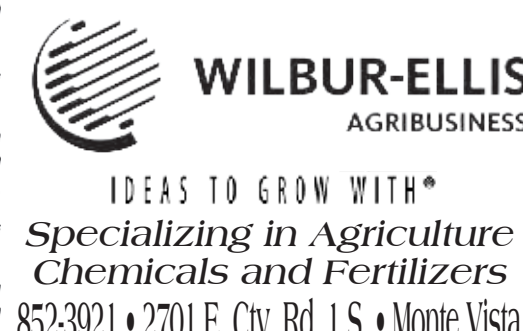
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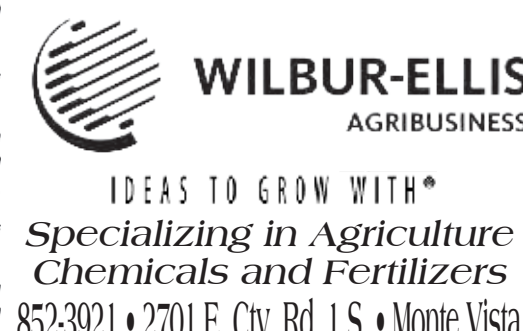
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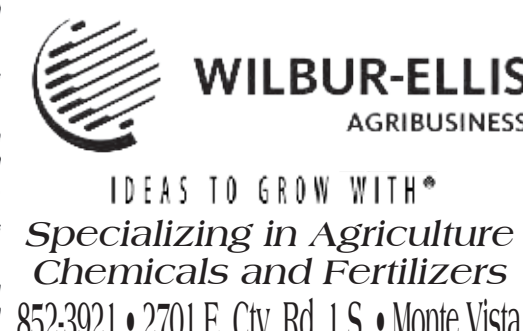
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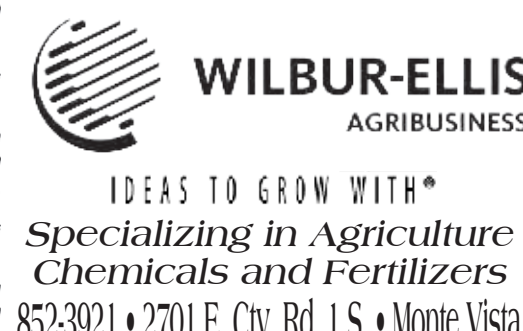
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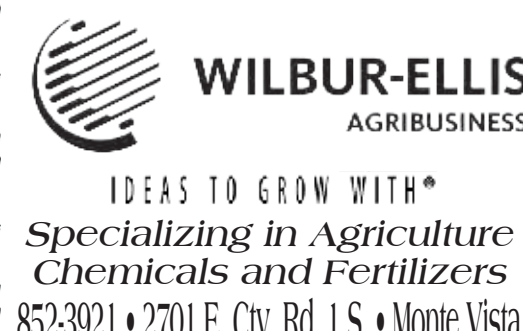
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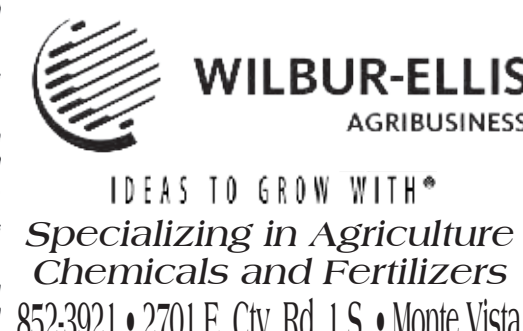
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There are many factors to consider when choosing a bank. Some consumers think that all banks are the same; others are lured by free checking offers and giveaways. But there's a lot more to think about than what you can get for free. What else should you be looking for in a bank?

**WHAT DO YOU NEED?**

Banks have most of the basics in common – checking, savings, loans. But it's important to think about what you'll need from your bank now and in the future. Ask your banker what types of different accounts they offer, but also look for other things you might need, such as

- A checking account that lets you write all the checks you need
- Availability of accounts and services for your business
- Loans for your business, home or personal use
- Retirement and investment accounts
- Monthly account maintenance fees
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**WHAT ARE YOU REALLY PAYING?**

Some banks will offer free checking accounts – and some of these accounts can really work well for people. But be sure to check the small print. Often times, you'll pay no maintenance fee for the checking account but much more than usual if you bounce a check. Watch out for hidden fees, too, like those charged for talking to a banker in a branch or on the phone.

**PERSONAL SERVICE**

When looking for a bank, it's important that

they treat you like a person and care about what happens to you and your financial life. Banking is a very personal thing, and your money is nothing to take lightly. Be aware of the service that you receive when choosing a bank, and make sure you feel comfortable with the people delivering that service. It's essential that your bank values the person carrying the wallet more than how much is in that wallet.

**CONVENIENCE**

Convenience is a matter of taste. Some people need an ATM on every corner; others never visit a branch and do all their banking online. Think about how you do your banking. If you use a check or write checks for the most of your purchases, then you may want easy deposit options like direct deposit or a branch close to your work. If you use a lot of cash, you may be looking for local ATMs. Decide how you like to bank – and if you're not sure if your bank is convenient enough, tell them what you want and see if they can offer suggestions.

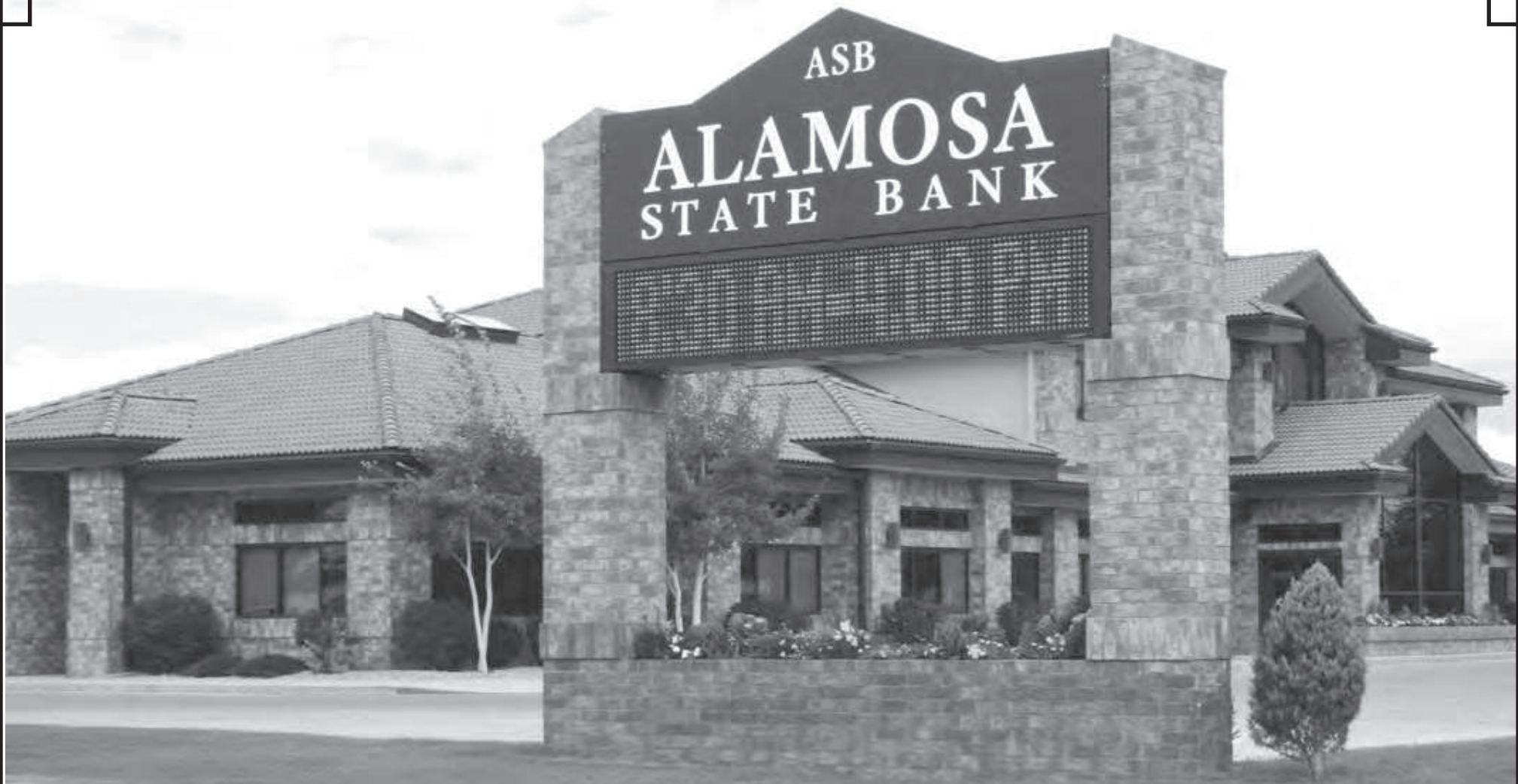
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# Consumer **How To** CHOOSE THE RIGHT UNIVERSITY FOR YOU

## Tips for Finding the Right University

While a fresh crop of high school graduates is set to walk across the stage at high school commencement ceremonies across the country, for the many students about to become high school seniors now is an important time to start thinking ahead. That's because the college application process is about to begin.

Choosing a college is a big choice for parents and children alike. For parents, it's a financial commitment they've likely been preparing to make since the day their child was born. For kids, it's more than likely the biggest decision they've ever faced. Before the process begins, consider the following tips for choosing the right college.

- Consider a possible career path. Most 18-year-olds have no idea what they might want to do for a living, and that's perfectly fine. When looking at colleges, kids should look at all of the programs they offer, and make a list of the programs that most interest them. This isn't choosing a career (as many students change majors while in college), but rather doing some preliminary research about what you may want to study. For students who really have no idea what they might want to study, consider applying to a larger state school, as those often offer the most programs of study, meaning a student won't have to transfer once they do decide on a course of study.

- Make a list of what you want out of a school. For some kids, going to school too far away from home is a frightening prospect, while others might embrace the freedom. Also, schools vary greatly depending on the size of the college. Some students might prefer a smaller, more close-knit college community, while others might prefer a larger school with more students. Students should make a list of what their personal preferences are and seek out schools that match those preferences.

- Discuss finances. Thanks to the ever-increasing costs associated with higher education, finances figure heavily into the college decision. While parents would love to send their children to their first choices, sometimes finances mandate otherwise. Parents and children should discuss how much they can afford to spend, and how realistic some college choices might be. While financial aid and scholarships are options, they aren't always enough to cover tuition and room and board costs. Rather than risk a heated argument when it comes time to make a decision, parents and children should get on the same page with respect to what's affordable as soon as possible.

Most high school students dread junior year. Not only is it one of the most difficult, but it is also one of the most important years when it comes to applying to colleges. Students have to take the SATs, visit schools and make other college-related decisions. With so many colleges out there, how do you know which ones to apply to, let alone know which one to finally go to? Believe it or not, you can make these decisions stress free. Here are a few simple steps for kids to follow that will make the whole process easier on everyone.

- Write down reasons for wanting to attend college. Though your reasons can be to become a doctor or study art history, they don't have to be limited to getting a degree. You might want to live in another part of the country or be in a community with a lot of artists. Then, prioritize the list of criteria. (Revise the list a few times during your search since your priorities are likely to change.) By deciding what's important to you and what takes priority, it will be easier to find schools that interest you.

And if this still sounds overwhelming, many students also factor in school size, location, academic philosophy, courses of study, reputation and extracurricular activities when applying to various colleges.

- Make a list of ideal colleges. Once you've established why you want to go to a school, try to find schools that offer what you're looking for. Michael Fleischner, vice president of college guide publisher Peterson's, says you should apply to between four and seven schools. You want to name at least seven schools, preferably more. Place schools that meet all of your criteria towards the top of the list and colleges that only have one towards the bottom. However, don't disregard the schools at the bottom of the list. What's important to you might change as you go through the process. If this school has a great architecture program and is within your price range (we'll get to that in a minute), it might end up being a better possibility than you first thought.

- Get information. See as many colleges as you can in person. Though a cafeteria might look really fun and full of life in an online virtual tour, you'll never get its real vibe until you have lunch there. While at the school, take advantage of it as much as you can. Take a tour of the campus, ask current students questions, and sit in on a class. Some schools even offer a chance to stay in the dorms with a current student — a great opportunity to experience dormitory life firsthand.

Of course, if it's completely unrealistic to head cross-country just to visit one campus, a virtual tour is better than nothing. Also, many university Web sites include student pages and blogs by current and former students which can provide insight into campus life. Read the college paper online to get in the loop on campus happenings and issues. On top of that, there are numerous books and magazines that describe campuses and schools. College fairs enable you to pick up information and chat with alumni. And local alumni branches can put you in touch

with previous students.

- Think about money. Figure out who will be paying for college. If you, the parent, will be paying for everything, establish how much you are willing to spend. If the student will be responsible for part of or all of his educational costs, he or she will need to figure out how to pay for it, such as taking out student loans, applying for financial aid or working a part-time job while going to school. Whoever is responsible, it's important to get an early start on researching financial aid since federal forms are usually due in January of a student's senior year in high school. In the end, be realistic about how much you want to spend on education. But if you love one school that is out of your price range, apply to it anyway. Check out [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafs.ed.gov) for information on federal loans and college Web sites for financial aid information on individual schools. You might be surprised by how much merit-based financial aid you may receive and end up paying less than you would if you attend a state school.

- Narrow down your options. Now that it's time to figure out where you'll actually apply, take a look back at your initial list and assess if your priorities are still the same. If they're not, juggle your list as well as the ranking of schools based on your criteria. Also, you might be able to eliminate some schools based on what you found out when you were gathering information. For example, if you want to go to a school with a football team and found out that George Washington University doesn't have one, it would be a waste of money and time to apply there.

Now is also the time to assess how your academic standing matches up with that of the university and how your financial situation factors in. Keeping all of these things in mind, you should now be able to select four to seven schools that you would like to apply to. According to CNN Money, it's a good idea to choose both an academic and financial "safety" school. That way, even before your acceptance letters and financial aid packages are sent out, you will not only have a school on your list that you will most likely get into, but it will be one that you can afford as well.

- Reevaluate acceptance schools. After the applications were sent in and you've received your acceptance letters, there's one more big step: Deciding on which school to attend. Reevaluate the schools you were accepted to based on your list of priorities and financial situation, considering how much financial aid you've received, student loans, and whether you'll have to work during school. If you can, revisit the colleges. It might sound silly, but it's different looking at a school once you've been accepted, and a second visit can answer any last-minute questions or concerns.

Whatever college you finally decide on, make sure that it is your decision and that you feel good about it. Don't go to a school just because a friend, boyfriend/girlfriend or even a parent wants you to go there. If you listen to your inner voice, you'll make the right decision for you.



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# How To CHOOSE A MEDICAL FACILITY

## Award winning facility...

Another way to determine the best facilities is by the types of awards they earn.

The American medical industry is always looking for ways to improve health care, and one way they recognize excellent quality is by giving awards to professionals and facilities that deserve it.

If the facility has a good reputation in your community and recognition by national health organizations, that can be a good sign.

In May of 2020, Rio Grande Hospital (RGH) was recognized by The Chartis Center for Rural Health and the National Rural Health Association as one of the Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals in the nation, Colorado's only representative on this prestigious list.

In February of 2020, RGH also received a five-star ranking from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), one of only two Critical Access Hospitals in the state to receive this distinction and the only one in the San Luis Valley. The rankings are based on seven measures: safety of care, readmission rates, patient experiences, effectiveness of care, timeliness of care, and efficient use of medical imaging.

— *How can you tell which facilities are top-notch, though? Here are some things to look for.*

Picking the right medical clinic can yield far-reaching benefits for your mind and body, so shop carefully to find one that can deliver the health services you need in a professional and friendly way. Medical clinics are often busy places with lots of patients who need care. The best clinics, however, don't make you feel rushed and take the time to make sure your needs are fully being met.

Here are some things to consider when choosing a health clinic.

**Credentials**

Like with many services in the health-care field, you want to make sure the doctors, providers, and nurses at the clinic hold the right credentials to practice in your state.

Check with your state's medical board to make sure your clinicians records are listed there. Most medical boards have a way of searching online to see which degrees and board certifications medical professionals hold, making it easy for patients to verify their background and specialties.

The medical staff's experience and reputation in your community matter, too. The best clinicians have a long track record of happy patients and good medical outcomes, so ask your friends, family, and coworkers about which clinician or clinics they recommend. Chances are, it's one of RGH's award winning clinics.

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The Compliance Team, a nationally recognized accreditation organization authorized by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to confer comprehensive accreditation to Medicare-approved health care providers, also named RGH's Monte Vista Medical Clinic an

Exemplary Provider.

**High Standards**

While most medical clinics can provide the same basic services, the best ones have high expectations for how they run their operation and care for patients. In most cases, after your first visit you'll be able to tell how much pride the clinic takes in its services.

Is the office, including the waiting area, kept clean and organized?

Do the employees and medical staff have a professional appearance and demeanor?

Do they respect your time by keeping appointments on schedule and communicating clearly when there's a delay?

Do the employees seem to enjoy their work?

Well-run clinics value the personal lives of the people who work there, something that can lead to a better overall experience for patients. When you see a clinic that sets high standards for taking care of their staff, they'll be likely to have high standards for how they treat you, too.

**Community Wellness**

Finally, a good medical clinic will have a bigger goal in mind: making the whole community a happier, healthier place to live.

RGH sponsors community health fairs, Lunch & Learn forums, health and wellness events, Women's Health forums and has hosted experts in different fields for community events and medical trainings. They also strive to meet the needs of their patients, including implementing a delivery process for prescriptions for patients who live far from the nearest pharmacy.

RGH had world-renowned plastic microvascular surgeon, Dr. Pulikkottil, of the Burn and Reconstructive Centers of Colorado at Swedish Medical Center talk to their clinical staff about different scenarios and examples of some of his many success stories, including the recent viral story of a man being mauled by a grizzly bear who credits Dr. Pulikkottil and staff for helping to reconstruct his face and reattach his nose. Dr. Pulikkottil has been asked to fly to other areas to help with such surgeries. His insight and education will help the clinical staff at RGH take measures to help save extremities.

Additionally, RGH partnered with a leading national provider of hospital wound care and

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hyperbaric oxygen therapy programs, Wound Care Advantage (WCA). WCA helps educate and train many of the best Wound Care programs in the US. They help with a variety of wound care and continuum of care with systems in place to monitor each case precisely. WCA helped RGH help patients heal below the national average time. RGH has been saving limbs in its Wound Care Department for over a year now and has exceeded 1100 wound visits.

Furthermore, in order to meet the needs of the community and to address limited pharmacy access in the area, the Monte Vista Medical Clinic Pharmacy, which also features a drive-thru is now open Monday thru Friday 9am to 6pm and Saturday from 9am to 2pm. For the convenience of the community, people can also pick up most prescriptions at one of our clinics in Creede, Del Norte, South Fork.

RGH's Development & Communications Officer Eva Timberlake said, "Investing in these types of relationships is an investment to our community. We enjoy offering educational services to our staff and the community. It will only make us and our community stronger. Many of these external groups have come back with their families to enjoy our beautiful area. Once they come to our Valley, they fall in love." Interactions like this help the economic development of the San Luis Valley, just some of the many essential benefits and services Rio Grande Hospital brings to the community outside of medical care.

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# How To SAVE BIG AT TRINIDAD STATE

— *eSports comes to Trinidad State*

**20% off for local residents who take at least 15 credit-hours**

From Center to San Luis, from Aguilar to Weston, southern Colorado residents are taking advantage of **Trinidad State's Learn Local Scholarship**. The scholarship, backed by the Trinidad State College Educational Foundation, helped pay tuition during the fall 2020 semester for 92 full-time students who live Las Animas, Huerfano, Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache counties. Their total savings was \$42,320.



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eSports is an explosive industry encompassing the world of competitive, organized video gaming representing the next generation of sports and entertainment. Trinidad State College is excited to present the first collegiate eSports team in Colorado at the community college level and part of the National Junior College Athletic Association eSports (NJCAA). Equivalent to traditional sports offered at Trinidad State, such as cross country and softball, eSports offers digital gaming experiences to promote teamwork, social skills, strategic thinking and planning, managing success and failure, maintaining academic standing, and promoting pro-social values. Competition is fierce, and the Trinidad State team will be playing in tournaments with colleges from around the country for prizes and championships. Games will be streamed with a live streaming service called Twitch, in addition to opening up the arena for in-person spectators during competitions.

In the fall of 2021, eSports players will be invited to play in Trinidad State's new, state-of-the-art gaming area. The well-equipped

eSports arena will be furnished with heavy-duty gaming computers, ergonomic furniture, and a comfortable atmosphere to enhance the players' gaming experience. eSports is a growing industry; the U.S. experienced an increase of 118 percent in full-time jobs in 2019, and the eSports market is on track to surpass \$1.5 billion by 2023. Players can also begin to prepare for a career in eSports. Jobs in eSports include playing professionally, marketing, coaching, advertising, arena maintenance, shout casters, videographers, reporters, influencers, video game design, consultants, and owners. Collegiate eSports

players are the new generation of sports athletes, gaining attention and momentum worldwide.

Trinidad State will also offer computing and technology courses in fall 2021, including computer networking. Computer networking courses will start students on a path towards cybersecurity, network administration, cloud computing, or preparing to be a computer information systems specialist. Technology and careers in technology are only growing in demand; education, industry certifications, and hands-on learning will prepare students for well-paying and stable employment in technology.

**Please contact Serena "Sully" Sullivan by email at [serena.sullivan@trinidadstate.edu](mailto:serena.sullivan@trinidadstate.edu) for more information. An interest form for eSports is available at [trinidadstate.edu/esports/index.html](http://trinidadstate.edu/esports/index.html)**



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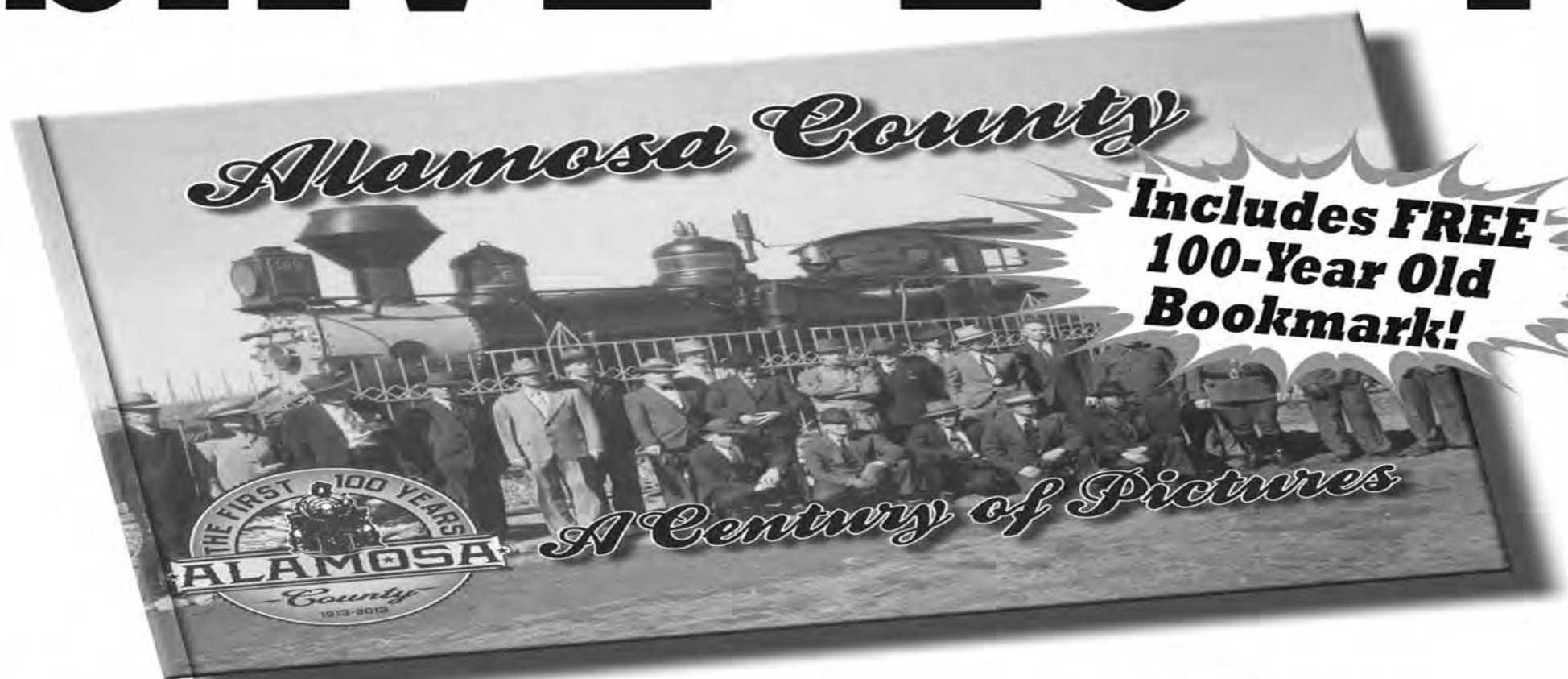
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# NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING

## — Why Newspapers?

Targeting customers in a media-fragmented marketplace is a continual challenge for many advertisers.

The abundance of advertising sources has overwhelmed and divided consumer attention. This means media planners and buyers need the right tools to help them decide on the best allocation of advertising

dollars. As advertisers strive for an effective media mix, they should know there is one medium that can deliver strength to advertising and marketing strategies.

The newspaper continues to be a powerful medium for reaching shoppers in the market for a broad range of products and services. It is a portable and convenient source of advertising information -- helping consumers decide where to shop and what to buy. The newspaper delivers customers unlike any other medium each and every day, reaching an array of traditional and emerging markets with unsurpassed advertising impact.

Universal coverage, utility and power are the driving forces behind newspapers. And that is why they add value for advertisers!

Newspapers offer advertisers alternatives to reach customers -- new and potential -- with effective messages for long-term awareness or immediate call-to-action responses.

Whether it's a pre-print insert or run-of-paper (ROP) advertising adjacent to select edito-

rial content, newspapers deliver the right message to the right people at the right time.

If we combine frequency measures for ROP and newspaper preprints, we have 90 percent of adults who use one or the other or in combination -- a powerful pairing.

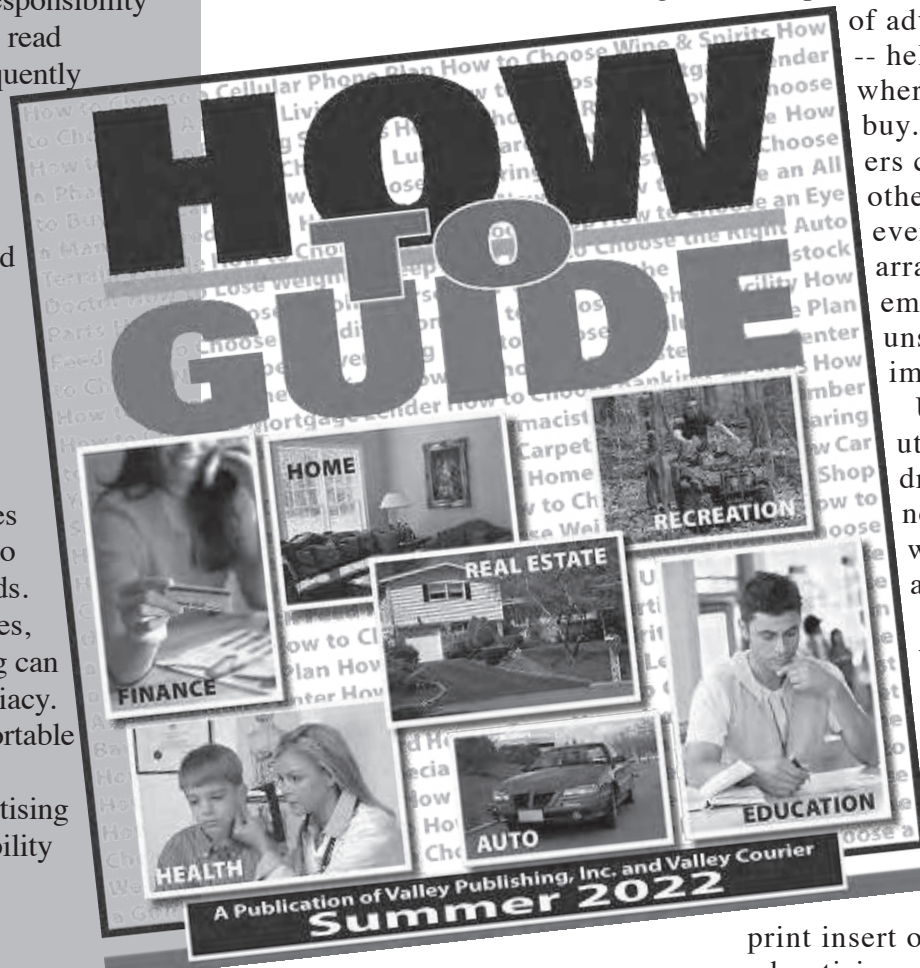
### Opportunities in Newspapers

**ROP: Run of Press advertising** means an ad placed on the pages of a newspaper. This best-known newspaper advertising option offers short deadlines and proximity of editorial that enhances visibility.

**Preprints: Preprinted inserts** offer advertisers the flexibility and control of creating and printing advertising that the newspaper distributes.

**Commercial Printing: Newspapers** offer customers who need major printing the opportunity and cost efficiency of using their presses to print catalogs, inserts and other commercial print needs.

**Niche products/special sections:** Newspapers offer a myriad of opportunities where a special marketplace is created to help in targeting an advertiser's best prospects. These products may be inserted into the newspaper or may be distributed in other ways needed to best attract the niche audience.



## Top 10 Reasons to Advertise in Newspaper

1. Newspapers reach the majority of adults daily and on Sundays.
2. Higher-income-earning adults are more avid newspaper readers.
3. People with higher education are more likely to read newspapers.
4. People in higher responsibility professional positions read newspapers more frequently than the average person.
5. Newspaper advertising can be targeted by section and reader.
6. Newspaper advertising can target specific geographic locations.
7. You can select advertising alternatives from preprint inserts to full- or partial-page ads.
8. With short deadlines, newspaper advertising can be tailored for immediacy.
9. Newspapers are portable and convenient.
10. Newspaper advertising builds business credibility and momentum.

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