

## Shorts

### MVHS graduation is May 15

**MONTE VISTA** — Monte Vista High School's graduation ceremony is at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 15 at Harvey Sullivan Field. Students will receive seven tickets per state public health department guidance. The audience is asked to social distance and masks should be worn. Monte Vista has 62 seniors graduating.

### Sargent HS graduation is May 28

**MONTE VISTA** — Sargent High School's graduation ceremony will be at 7 p.m. on Friday May 28. It will be held at the high school gymnasium. Masks will be required with families sitting in their own cohorts. Only people with tickets will be allowed to enter. There will be 30 seniors graduating this year from Sargent.

### Del Norte HS graduation May 28

**DEL NORTE** — The 2021 Del Norte High School graduation will be at 2 p.m. on May 28, in the Upper Rio Grande School District's Gymnasium. Guests will need to enter at the main entrance to the building.

Doors will open at 1 p.m. and the Commencement will start at 2 p.m.

Graduates are allowed up to 25 invited guests and only guests with invitations will be allowed to attend the ceremony.

The high school is asking that graduate groups sit together and social distance from other groups.

Sanitizing stations will be located at the entry to the school, gym, and bleachers. Masks will also be available at the door, and it is recommended that all participants wear a mask.

### Creede to host graduation May 29

**CREEDE** — The 2021 Creede High School graduates will be celebrating their graduation on May 29 at 1 p.m. at the Creede School Gymnasium. Due to Mineral County being in Green status for the state's COVID-19 requirements, the school will not be issuing tickets. Masks and social distancing will be required to attend.



## Seven arrested in 'Love Has Won' death appear in court

### STAFF REPORT

**SAGUACHE** — Six of seven defendants appeared in a crowded, albeit virtual, Saguache County courtroom on Wednesday, May 5, regarding charges in connection with the possession and interstate transport of the deceased body of Amy Carlson, also known as "Mother God" and leader of the controversial religious group "Love Has Won." The defendants are also charged with two counts of child abuse.

The six defendants are Jason Castillo, also known

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The seven people arrested for abuse of a corpse and child abuse. Left to right, top row: Jason Castillo, Ryan Kramer, John Robertson, Sarah Rudolph. Bottom row: Ma Obdulia Franco, Karin Raymond and Christopher Royer.

Courtesy of the Saguache County Sheriff's Office



## Honors Society awards



Photo courtesy of Center High School

Center High School held its National Honor Society awards banquet on May 5 and inducted 14 new members. Pictured front row, left to right, Jazmyynn Valadez-Gonzales, Yamileth Trejo-Chaparro, Azia DeHerrera-Valdez, Giselle Molina – Valadez, Evelyn Martinez-Villagomez and Yahiy Quintana; and second row, left to right, Kevin Jones, principal/NHS Sponsor, Cael Ruggles, Mackayla Arellano, Samantha Arellano, Alexis Varela, Deisy Estrada Majalca, Priscila Zapata, Cruz Reyes, Joaquin Moreno and Omar Hernandez Mendoza.

## COVID-19 cases surging in Valley

*Highest positivity and one-week incidence rates in state*

### STAFF REPORT

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — The San Luis Valley region is seeing the highest COVID-19 positivity rate and the highest one-week case incidence rate in the state.

On Monday, May 10, there were 163 known active cases of COVID-19 in the San Luis Valley. There have been three reported fatalities related to COVID-19 in the Valley over the past 2 weeks.

This surge in cases has prompted questions by many about quarantine after exposure to the virus, health officials stated. Due to high case rates and the presence of variants in our community, the quarantine period for those who have close contact with a positive case is 14 days.

"If you tested positive for COVID-19 and completed your isolation, there are 90 days of assumed

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## Bike-A-Thon a huge success for Sargent students

### BY LYNSIE FERRELL

**RIO GRANDE COUNTY** — The Sargent School District in partnership with Rio Grande County Sheriff's Department (RGSO) held a Bike-A-Thon on Thursday, May 6. The event was the perfect opportunity for students to get outside and show off their talents on a bike. Kindergarten through sixth grade participated in the annual event and the winning students received brand new bikes as their reward.

Students raced through obstacle courses, had the chance to check out some of the vehicles brought by RGSO and meet officers throughout the morning.

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Photo courtesy of Courtney Arthur

Students with Sargent School District participated in their annual Bike-A-Thon in partnership with Rio Grande County Sheriff's Department last Thursday. The event was a huge success and a huge thanks goes out to everyone who donated a new bike to students.

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# BIKE

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The department would like to thank all who donated a bike for the event, Bobby Raps, Del Norte Police Department, Rio Grande Sportsman's Club, Don McDonald, Elk Ranch and Valley Publishing.

Not only did students compete in

the relay race, but they were also awarded for being positive and cheering each other on. The day was a huge success and a huge thanks goes out to everyone who participated, volunteered or donated to make this event possible.

# UPDATE

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natural immunity so you will not be required to quarantine if you come into close contact with someone who has a new case of COVID-19 during that 90 days. If you do not have proof in the form of a positive test, you will still need to quarantine," health officials stated.

If it has been at least two weeks since receiving the recommended doses of vaccine (two doses of Moderna or Pfizer, or one dose of Johnson and Johnson), a person is considered fully vaccinated and will not need to quarantine, even if they have had close contact with someone who has COVID-19.

The chances of getting COVID-19 after being fully vaccinated are low, but it is not impossible, health officials stated. While those who are fully vaccinated and later have contact with a new positive case do not need to quarantine, they should still watch for symptoms for two weeks just in case. For those rare few who do develop COVID-19, the vaccine greatly reduces the likelihood of severe illness.

Among SLV residents aged 65 and older, 68% have been fully vaccinated. This is reflected in lower hospitalizations in this age group. In the past two weeks, there were 15 local hospital admissions related to COVID-19, many of them under the age of 50.

If a person has symptoms of

COVID-19, officials advise getting tested even if they think the symptoms may be something else, like allergies. Many people have assumed they had allergies, and unintentionally exposed others before their illness worsened and finally prompted testing.

Active case counts and other data are being updated weekdays at <https://www.slvphp.com/slv-regional-covid-dial>.

- Alamosa County — 76
- Conejos County — 52
- Costilla County — 6
- Mineral County — 1
- Rio Grande County — 8
- Saguache County — 20

Some special free one-dose Johnson and Johnson vaccination opportunities are coming up in the form of Servicios Mobile Services Clinics staffed by doctors traveling by van to these locations:

- Friday, May 14: Capulin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish; 2-6 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley
- Saturday, May 15: Fort Garland Visitor's Center, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, May 16: San Luis Community Park, 1-6 p.m.

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# OBITUARY

## Kevin Andrew Sanderson

On April 9, 2021, Kevin Andrew Sanderson's spirit left his body as his heart gave way. Kevin was born on Aug. 25, 1978, in Alamosa, Colo., to Tom and Margaret Sanderson, while his 2-year-old sister, Ginger, (only sibling) waited excitedly at home with her Grandmother Sanderson.

Kevin completed K-12 at Sargent School, graduating in 1997. He attended two Colorado junior colleges before completing his four-year degree at Colorado State University in animal science. After five years working at a Lamar feed lot and gaining valuable experience, he moved home for a short while before continuing his education at Northern Arizona University where he earned his MBA.

In October of 2011, he landed a job at Wilbur-Ellis in El Centro, Calif., where he became their top marketer in the company's forage division. He was their representative to Japan making many trips to that country to market Wilbur-Ellis's animal feed products. He helped develop an alfalfa-oat horse-pellet which quickly rose in popularity, both in Japan and locally. He was instrumental in turning the Wilbur-Ellis mill around, making it, once again, a profitable enterprise.

Kevin was loved and respected by his colleagues and his buyers alike. During these difficult COVID-19 times, the buyers would put their trust in Kevin without seeing the products and buy what Kevin recommended.

He was especially knowledgeable about Sudan grass. He has been a member of the United States Forage Export Council since shortly after joining the company and last December he was elected by his peers to serve as the officer for the Southern Region.

Quiet in nature and always thinking, Kevin will leave an empty hole in many lives as well as an impressive legacy. He loved the San Luis Valley and loved to fish, tying many of his own flies. Recently his boss and two young children went on a fishing adventure near El Centro with Kevin where "Kevin knew all the fishing spots." He also enjoyed riding horses and mules in the mountains and hunting with his dad and he enjoyed mom's home cooking.

Kevin was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Laura Lee and Clifford Sanderson and maternal grandparents Arch and Betty Chisholm along with many aunts and uncles and some cousins, notably his uncle James Andrew Chisholm and his cousin,



Jerod Andrew Chisholm.

He is survived by his parents, Tom and Margaret Sanderson and his sister and her husband, Ginger (George) Mentz, and their three girls, Madeleine, Anna, and Claire. He is also survived by Tom's sister Betty (Glen) Brink, and Margaret's living siblings, John Chisholm, George (Kathy) Chisholm, JoAnn (Ed) Gulczynski, and Beth (Gary) Neuger.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday May 21, 2021, at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made through the mortuary to Shriners Hospitals for Children. To express condolences, please visit [www.rogersfunerals.com](http://www.rogersfunerals.com).

Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista is in care of the arrangements.

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Out of Everything

Believe in it or not, somehow getting 35% of the population in the country vaccinated has led to an official re-opening for business. Either that or the same old play by politicians to control every aspect of our lives has just run its course.

Either way people are supposed to get themselves back to work now that the all clear has been given. That's a whole 'nother story but we don't have time for that today.

The real problem is those same people who have been off work are making good money on unemployment all the while having a nice little vacation from the daily grind. No one wants to go back so it seems. Kind of like Ol' Dutch after retiring. He just isn't going to find gainful employment again.

But regardless of the issues involved, it appears that people not working at full capacity have created the "outs." This is better described as stores just being "out" of everything.

It's really hit Ol' Dutch and Miss Trixie of late as we are trying to build a house and the price of lumber has gone up about four times in the past year. This has affected building all over the United States and makes the cost of a new house increase by about \$30,000. So, we are stalled at this point.

Why just this past week "they" announced that by May 15 there would be no chlorine for the summer pool season. It appears there was a fire at the factory that produces such things and so they are out of business.

The East Coast was hit with some kind of hacking and its fuel supply was disrupted which will cause prices to increase drastically, of course.

It seems that everyone now has gotten on this new bandwagon and being "out" has been found to be a great way to charge more for the goods and services that they do have.

Googling this morning I found a long list of things that we are now in short supply of. These items include ketchup, chicken wings, gasoline, homes, shipping containers, aluminum cans, pickle jars, boats, new cars, bicycles, bacon, hot dogs, computer chips, steel, copper, rental cars, diapers, cheese, coffee, crunchy peanut butter, olive oil and oxygen



**Trout Republic**  
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

just to name a few.

Oh, they are out there of course but at a greatly inflated price as somehow less of something means that people stick it to the consumers because "they can."

Mostly Ol' Dutch can see the main thing we are out of is common sense. That may be due to the lack of oxygen previously mentioned or just due to people slowly going crazy. I do not know.

The government in their intimate wisdom has printed off vast sums of money passing it out like candy at Halloween to whomever has their hand out now. And yet it seems we are out of that too and so look for them to outsource that to China so that we can finally have an unending supply of fresh bills to spend on things we do not have.

We have reached the time of year when the vast migration of lemmings to vacation spots all over the West has begun. And with that I am sure there will be shortages and "outs" yet to be imagined.

Thank God, Ol' Dutch got a ton of chlorine tablets before this shortage hit. I am not even sure what to do with them as I do not have a swimming pool, but it never hurts to be prepared. And pray that scientists can invent a four-winged chicken before football season or all is lost.

*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.*

## IF GRADUATION CREATES AN EMPTY NEST AT HOME, HOW WILL YOU DEAL WITH IT?

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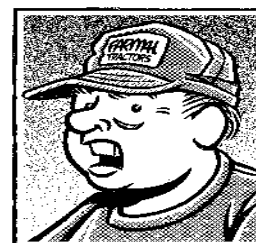
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"What a nice sewing room my girl's bedroom will make!"



**LUCKY MANN**  
"I'm not losing a son — I'm gaining a man cave!"



**BEA WILDURD**  
"Imagine — life without his socks and underwear to pick up!"



**KENT FIGGER**  
"Empty?! My oldest is 30 — an' still hasn't moved out!"

## YOUR NIGHT SKY

### Viewing Mercury

By DARLENE DANKO

On May 16, Mercury reaches its greatest elongation from the Sun at 22 degrees west of the Sun. This is a perfect time to view it since we don't see it very often. It'll pop up in the west above Venus after the Sun sets and the sky gets dark.

We just can't look too soon or too late. It won't be visible too soon and it follows the Sun down below the horizon. So, the best time to look for it is 1-1 1/2 hours after the Sun sets.

Since Mercury is the closest planet to our Sun, we don't get to see it very often. It's 36 million miles from the Sun, but from here it appears to be next to the Sun. It circles the Sun in 88 days, and spins on its axis in 58.6

days. It's not a big planet with a diameter of 3,032 miles, and it has no moons.

In March 1984, we finally got a close view of Mercury when the probe Mariner 10 visited it after leaving its visit to Venus. Mercury is covered with craters that look similar to the heavily cratered region of our moon. But its craters are much shallower than our Moon's. Mariner 10 has flown past Mercury 3 times.

Being so close to the Sun makes mercury the hottest and fastest moving of our planets. It's also the smallest. Although I've only observed it with unaided vision, I think it would be interesting to look at it with binoculars or a telescope. Since it's close to bright Venus this time, it might be nice to observe it with one of those. Venus sets about 65 minutes



after the Sun, and Mercury sets about 115 minutes after the Sun. So, viewing it after Venus sets would be good.

On May 19 the moon reaches its first quarter, which means that it's half visible. It'll be close to the star Regulus which is the brightest star in the constellation Leo the Lion. Also, the Eta Aquarid meteor shower is active until May 20. It peaked on May 5, but it is still visible. The best time to look for it is early morning in the south-east when the sky is still dark.

## LETTER

### VWHS highlights #Tools2Thrive

Editor,

This past year presented so many different challenges and obstacles that tested our strength and resiliency. The global pandemic forced us to cope with situations we never even imagined, and a lot of us struggled with our mental health as a result.

The good news is that there are tools and resources available that can support the well-being of individuals and communities. Now, more than ever, we need to combat the stigma surrounding mental health concerns. That is why this Mental Health Month Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. is highlighting #Tools2Thrive — what individuals can do throughout their daily lives to prioritize mental health, build resiliency, and continue to cope with the obstacles of COVID-19.

Throughout the pandemic, many people who had never experienced mental health challenges found themselves struggling for the first time. During the month of May, we are focusing on different topics

that can help process the events of the past year and the feelings that surround them, while also building up skills and supports that extend beyond COVID-19.

We know that the past year forced many to accept tough situations that they had little to no control over. If you found that it impacted your mental health, you are not alone. In fact, of the almost half a million individuals that took the anxiety screening at MHAScreening.org, 79% showed symptoms of moderate to severe anxiety. However, there are practical tools that can help improve your mental health. We are focused on managing anger and frustration, recognizing when trauma may be affecting your mental health, challenging negative thinking patterns, and making time to take care of yourself.

It is important to remember that working on your mental health and finding tools that help you thrive takes time. Change will not happen overnight. Instead, by focusing on small changes, you can move

through the stressors of the past year and develop long-term strategies to support yourself on an ongoing basis.

A great starting point for anyone who is ready to start prioritizing their mental health is to take a mental health screening at MHAScreening.org. It is a quick, free, and confidential way for someone to assess their mental health and begin finding hope and healing.

Ultimately, during this month of May, Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. wants to remind everyone that mental illnesses are real, and recovery is possible. By developing your own #Tools2Thrive, it is possible to find balance between life's ups and downs and continue to cope with the challenges brought on by the pandemic. For more information, visit [www.mhanational.org/may](http://www.mhanational.org/may) and [vwhs.org](http://vwhs.org).

*Jania Arnoldi, President/CEO of Valley-Wide Health Systems  
Kristina Daniel, Chief Behavioral Health Officer of Valley-Wide Health Systems*

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# MV Police Department investigating May 8 shooting

**STAFF REPORT**  
**MONTE VISTA** — Monte Vista Police Department investigating shooting that took place on May 8 in the 300 block of Batterson Street. At approximately 12:30 a.m. on May 8, officers with the Monte Vista PD were dispatched to the 300 block of Batterson Street for a shots-fired incident. Officers met with a potential victim who reported he was confronted by several people who came to his residence accusing him of an incident from years earlier. A struggle ensued and several shots were fired during the struggle. It is still being determined who fired the initial shots during the struggle. The subjects fled and several more shots were fired allegedly by the fleeing suspects. The description of the suspects

is vague at this point, MVPD reported. It is unknown if any of the suspects were injured. The victim received minor injuries during the struggle but was not shot. An emergency notification was sent to the surrounding area through dispatch reverse 911 system alerting the public. MVPD believes this was an isolated incident and there is no reason to believe there is a threat to the public. This is an ongoing investigation. Contact the MVPD at 719-852-5111, if you have any information regarding this incident. The public can sign up for emergency alert notifications through the Colorado State Patrol dispatch by going to [slve911.org](http://slve911.org).

# SAGUACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the period between May 3 and May 9, 2021. The Sheriff's Department's activity on the road included five traffic stops, one crash with injury, one traffic complaint and one motorist assist. In addition, staff recorded one case of theft, two cases of trespassing, one case of harassment, two cases of suspicious activity, one case stolen property, one animal problem case, one civil dispute, one case of child abuse, one case of stalking, one case of fraud and three welfare checks. They also monitored 12 controlled burns, one fire (brush, grass or forest),

provided information five times, assisted two citizens, checked on two alarms, transported an individual, assisted on nine ambulance calls, served a warrant and assisted other agencies three times.  
**Arrests**  
 • Benjamin Galvan Jr., 41, Center, third-degree assault.  
 • Melinda de Herrera 49, Center, warrant out of Alamosa.  
 • Jordan Travis Elliot, 37, Denver, violation of protection order.  
 • Travis Donald Mayo, 34, Moffat, second-degree burglary and theft twice or more during six months and value between \$500 and \$14,999.  
 • Peter Michael Klein, 45, Moffat, warrant out of Saguache.

# Memorial Day ceremony at Homelake Veterans Cemetery cancelled

**STAFF REPORT**  
**MONTE VISTA** — The Colorado Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake team announced they will not be holding the annual Memorial Day observance ceremony this year. "This decision helps ensure the continued health and safety of our veterans, their loved ones, and our

staff," officials stated. The Homelake Veterans Cemetery will be open to the public with monitored access under current COVID-19 restrictions. Visitors are asked to wear a mask and socially distance while visiting the cemetery. "Our dedicated team will be

available at the front entrance of the Homelake campus to greet you," officials stated. "Please be patient as your entrance will be permitted per guidance. You can personally place flowers on your loved one's grave." For more information, contact Pam Self at 719-852-8216 or 719-588-6398.

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everything you need, through Christ, to keep you moving forward in His plan for your life. We need to always remember that God is greater than our problems—nothing is too hard for Him and nothing catches Him by surprise. When we're going through hard times and the enemy is attacking us, we don't need to ask, "What can I do?" The question is, "What can God do?" The Word says all things are possible with God, and greater is He who lives in me than he who is in the world. (See Matthew 19:26 and 1 John 4:4.) I want you to really get this in your heart today: In Christ, you have enough faith and the strength you need to do whatever you need to do in life! Get rid of "I can't" thinking and focus on the truth of God's Word, which says, "I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens and empowers me [to fulfill His purpose...]" (AMP). **The Simple Solution to Overcome Enemy Attack** Prayer is a simple, powerful way to interrupt Satan's plan because we release our faith through prayer. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (AMP) says, "Be unceasing and persistent in prayer." This basically means prayer can be as natural as breathing, and our first response in every situation. It's so amazing that we can talk to God all the time. Now the enemy doesn't want us to pray, so he will do everything he can to discourage us. He wants us to think prayer is hard, that we need to use eloquent speech and sound poetic, that we need to be careful what we ask God for so we don't overload Him with too many requests, or that we have to be in a certain place with a certain posture (on our knees, head bowed, eyes closed) for God to hear us. But it's actually simple to pray effectively.

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# May busy month for High Valley Community Center

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May is a busy month at High Valley Community Center as we prepare to finish the semester and look to our summer programming.

Do not forget to register your kids ages 5 to 12 for t-ball and baseball. Our practices will begin the week of May 17 and games will be from June until early July. Go to [www.thehvcc.org/sports](http://www.thehvcc.org/sports) to register. Any youth are entering seventh grade or above are welcome to join our junior intern program. To apply go to [www.thehvcc.org/summer](http://www.thehvcc.org/summer).

We are happy to announce that our summer program will be from June 1 to July 29. We will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If your kids would like to join us, please make sure that they are registered before attending. We welcome kiddos from the age of 5, who are entering kindergarten in August. For any questions, you are welcome to stop by or call the front desk at 719-657-2172.

The 2021 soccer season is officially over. We had such a great time! Thank you to all the parents and kiddos for your positive attitudes and participation.

Last week the theme at HVCC was, "Going Places." Two activities that stood out were the stomp rockets during which kids stomped on empty plastic bottles to propel the rockets and balloon-powered cars. We would like

to acknowledge Victor for his positive attitude during activities and willingness to help staff clean up. Thank you, Victor! Keep up the good work.

The College and Career Exploration Series is in its final week. Carla will be taking the group to the South Fork area to observe a construction site and visit the Rio Grande Club. Last week, representatives from Rio Grande Hospital, county government, the National Guard, the Forest Service, BLM, and the Del Norte Fire Department generously participated in a mini job fair at HVCC. The older kiddos enjoyed the presentations and learned a lot. Thank you very much to all those that participated in our job fair! We are very grateful.

In closing, we want to remind everyone that next week is our last week of programming for the 2020-2021 school year and we would like to invite family, friends, and fellow




Courtesy of HVCC


Students with High Valley Community Center spent the week participating in lots of fun activities such as 'stomp rockets,' finishing up soccer lessons and getting ready for summer. HVCC is currently accepting students for the coming summer season so please go register today.

community members to attend our dinner and look at booths from 5 to 6 p.m. and end the night watching our kiddos' circus performance at 6 p.m. We look forward to having you there!

# Welcome Back

We are excited to announce the return of a community favorite, William Moeller, MD! While he was gone, he was Vice-Chief at Community Hospital. Dr. Moeller is thrilled to be back in South Fork.





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**U.S. Congresswoman Lauren Boebert (R-CO3) met with Mineral County Commissioners last week and discussed several topics, including forest health, county funding and Boebert's infrastructure legislation that she introduced at the end of April.**

## Congresswoman Boebert visits Creede

BY LYNSIE FERRELL

**MINERAL COUNTY** — U.S. Congresswoman Lauren Boebert (R-CO3) and her team visited Creede on Friday, May 7, and met with Mineral County Commissioners to hear about the current issues the county is facing and to update the board on what is happening in Washington DC. Boebert was elected to U.S. House of Representatives last November and has since spent her time working through several issues facing Coloradans and working to create better relationships in DC.

Rep. Boebert came from Cortez through Creede and was headed to Lake City during her tour of the southwestern part of the state. Boebert began by asking what she could help with and what issues was the county facing at this time.

"Of course, we are here to meet with you, and we are here to learn what the big issues are so that we can introduce legislation to get you the help you deserve," Boebert said.

Commissioner Scott Lamb opened by stating that he sent the Congresswoman a letter about Good Samaritan legislation the county is currently trying to push through due to some of the environmental issues the county is facing.

"How it works is that it holds people harmless if they're doing their best to improve something that even if it goes wrong, they are held harmless, which is why it is called a good Samaritan legislation," Lamb said.

Boebert said she had not seen the letter but that she would find it and look into the issue further.

Commissioner Ramona Weber explained why the legislation would be beneficial to the county.

"It would be phenomenal to this area just because there are so many areas that could be cleaned up, but everyone is afraid to touch them for fear of doing something wrong," Weber said.

Commissioner Jesse Albright also pointed out that the Clean Water Act affects how the county deals with areas such as the Superfund sites throughout the historical mining district and throughout the county.

"It has to change in order to allow us to clean some areas up," Albright said.

Weber also spoke about the Small PILT Parity Act which is formulated by small populations in 49 counties around the state that have 90% of their land owned by the Forest Service and how it affects Mineral County in general.

"What it does, is there are 49 counties in the state that have 90% Forest Service lands and really small populations and when they do the formulation for PILT they hammer us for having a small population but the reason we have smaller populations is because we are 90% Forest Service land, without taking into account that we still have the impact of summer visitors with little funding to do road maintenance and trail maintenance and we don't get the funding we need," Weber said.

Commissioners also spoke to Boebert about the condition of the surrounding forests and the impacts of beetle kill in the area. Albright said there is a need for more logging in the area.

"I think we all agree that we would like to see more logging in the area,"

Albright said. "We have an extreme amount of beetle kill here that is either going to catch fire and we will spend money to put it out or spend money to not fight it. We know a lot of the dead trees are in wilderness and that creates a sticky issue but there are people capable of logging in wilderness."

Boebert said that she did recently get two amendments passed unanimously and bipartisan for healthy forest management.

"We are either going to have to find a way to manage our forests or Mother Nature is going to do it for us," she said.

Commissioners and the Congresswoman also spoke about the current drop in the job market that was released over the weekend and why it was extremely low. Commissioners pointed out that one cause might be the unemployment benefits that many Coloradans are taking advantage of and the fact that thousands of companies are hiring but that few have been willing to work. Boebert took this opportunity to speak about what she is trying to do in Washington.

Boebert is working on infrastructure legislation that revamps President Joe Biden's proposed American Jobs Plan.

"I introduced the AIM Act to offer a targeted, efficient infrastructure plan that works for America," Boebert said. "The AIM Act would reallocate \$650 billion of the remaining \$2.2 trillion of unspent COVID funds to fund roads, bridges, airports, ports, and other real infrastructure projects. There is no reason to increase taxes and waste trillions of dollars on a leftist slush fund when we have the ability to deliver real infrastructure results for the American people without raising their taxes."

Boebert finished by agreeing to look into the issues that were discussed and that she would continue to meet with commissioners throughout her term.

## COURT

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to the group as "Father God", as well as Christopher Royer, John Robertson, Sarah Rudolph, Karin Raymond and Ryan Kramer. The seventh, Ma Abdulia Franco Gonzales, called in for her hearing from a separate location earlier in the day.

Colorado 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Deputy District Attorney Alex Raines was the sole prosecutor appearing on behalf of the state. In contrast, each of the six defendants was represented by a different defense attorney who, in separate proceedings, requested the court release their client from jail on a personal recognizance bond based on the lack of severity in the charges.

In each case, DDA Raines countered that the DA's office is amending the charges from abuse of a corpse, a class six felony, to tampering with a corpse, a class three felony and more serious charge.

Jason Castillo — also known as "Father God" within the group — appeared first, represented by attorney David Hoag. Of the six hearings, Castillo's had the most back-and-forth between opposing counsel. Hoag asked Castillo to be released on a personal recognizance bond, arguing Castillo was not a flight risk, has no criminal history in Colorado, and the group, which owns several pieces of property, has had a presence in the Crestone area for four years.

"Mr. Castillo has nowhere else he could go [outside of Colorado]," said Hoag, adding Castillo plans to stay in the Valley for the duration of the proceedings.

Hoag also argued that the arrest affidavit did not establish probable cause to charge his client, a point raised by several other attorneys that followed. This prompted presiding Judge Ulrich to state she would have to consider the legal ramifications of addressing probable cause after already granted by a judge.

Deputy DA Raines responded that Castillo has no criminal history in Colorado but does in Florida, California and Nevada, going further to ask the court to increase the bond, currently set at \$100,000 cash, commensurate with the class three felony that Castillo and the others will be charged. But, Raines said, if the court chose to release Castillo on a personal recognizance bond, he requested the court prohibit Castillo and other defendants from residing together while the case progresses through the judicial system.

Hoag countered that Raines' request

was a violation of Castillo's First Amendment rights and freedom of association, describing it as a "very serious" request.

Throughout the proceeding, Castillo, wearing a yellow prisoner's uniform, sat without moving and showed little emotion.

Judge Ulrich deferred any decision until a May 12 bond hearing.

With a few exceptions, the hearings that followed ran roughly along the same lines.

Ann Roan, attorney for Royer, echoed Hoag's statement that the lack of severity in the charge requires Royer be released and the affidavit does not establish probable cause. She asked for Royer to be released on no bond. Ulrich set a bond hearing for May 12.

Sam Weihman, attorney for Robertson, also asked for Robertson to be released on a personal recognizance bond, telling the court that his client had served in the United States Marine Corps. He also echoed Hoag — prohibiting the defendants from living together constituted a violation of Robertson's first amendment rights.

Raines countered that Robertson had a criminal history in Kansas that was three pages long, including failure to appear in court. He contested the personal recognizance bond but withdrew the motion that the court increase the amount of bond.

Ulrich set the matter for a bond hearing May 12.

After a protracted technical glitch reminiscent of the "can you hear me now" advertisements, Rudolph and Raymond had their hearings.

Chip Cutler, representing Rudolph, 35, had moved from her home in Salida to Crestone several months ago and joined "Love Has Won" to "enhance her spirituality" and "for the betterment of society."

He stated she did not have a lengthy stay with the group, was not involved in the transport of Carlson's body and had no relationship with the two children related to the child abuse charges.

Cutler said Rudolph also had accommodations in another city with someone unconnected to "Love Has Won" that would allow her to live separately from the other defendants during court proceedings.

Raymond was described by her attorney, Riley Selleck, as a 47-year-old mother with no criminal history and a long and stable employment history in Pennsylvania. Randolph's 13-year-old

daughter, who was present in the house where Carlson's body was being kept, is now living with Raymond's father in another state.

Raines withdrew the request for increased bond and said the state would not contest the request for Raymond to be released on a personal recognizance bond.

In both Rudolph's and Randolph's cases, Ulrich granted the request for reduced bond, setting it at \$2,000 and \$1,000 cash, respectively. Hearings were set in both cases for a return filing of motion, on the more serious class three felony, for May 12.

The sixth defendant to appear was Kramer whose attorney argued for personal recognizance bond based on no criminal history in Colorado and his three-year uninterrupted residence in the Valley.

Raines took a moment to compliment Kramer on his "professionalism" in submitting a letter to the court that contained information the court may not have already known and stated that Kramer does not have criminal history in Colorado. Nonetheless, due to the severity of the pending class three felony charges, Raines contested the request for a personal recognizance bond but withdrew the motion to increase bond.

Ulrich granted Kramer's request for a personal recognizance bond for \$1,000 and set a return filing date of May 12, as well.

The proceedings lasted more than 90 minutes.

At approximately 11:50 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, deputies with the Saguache County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant on a private residence in Moffat due to a report they had received that a dead body was in the house.

Once on the scene, deputies found the "mummified remains" of a woman presumed to be Carlson in a back bedroom wrapped in a sleeping bag with glitter makeup around her eyes and Christmas tree lights wrapped around her body that was positioned "as if in a shrine."

There were seven adults and two children, aged 13 years and 2 years old, in the house when SCSO authorities arrived. The adults were arrested. The children were placed in appropriate settings for the night. The children's presence in a house where Carlson's "mummified remains" were in the back bedroom presumably prompted the charges of child abuse.

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# Valley to honor fallen officers during Peace Officer week

**BY LYNSIE FERRELL**  
**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — The San Luis Valley and surrounding areas throughout the State of Colorado will be hosting events to show support and give thanks to fallen officers during Peace Officer Week.

According to National Law Enforcement Memorial fund, "In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others."

Several law enforcement agencies throughout the San Luis Valley spend countless hours working to gain the support and trust from the communities that serve and work closely with other organizations to make sure they stay involved in the community through different programs designed to increase trust within the communities they serve.

One such program brings the joys of the holiday season to children in need each year and offers local children the unique chance to spend time with an officer around Christmas time. Several law enforcement agencies in the Valley chose to participate in the program where an officer takes a child to a local store and helps them purchase presents for their family. This program has been very successful for many years and highlights the importance of knowing our officers as people and not just law enforcement.

This week also brings to light the selflessness of the families of local law enforcement, those who wait until all hours of the night to see that their family member in law enforcement returns from any call is able to come home safe and secure. Officers are fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, uncles, aunts, grandparents and friends. The line of duty is dangerous at any given time and their safety is something their family is grateful for every day.

This week there will be a procession of lights to honor fallen officers here in the Valley and will take place on May 12. The procession is a chance to show gratitude for those who gave their lives to keep their communities safe. This event will take place at 5:30 p.m. in front of the Alamosa Police Department. A procession of lights will kick off the event. If you wish to participate in the procession of lights, please meet at 3110 1st Street (CSP Office) at 17:00 hours. At 17:15 all police cruisers will depart and stage in front of the police department on 4th Street.

Many have lost their lives, including victims of crimes but it is more important now than ever to recognize and honor those who serve in the line of duty with integrity. According to reports from the Rio Grande County Sheriff and other law enforcement departments throughout the region it is becoming extremely difficult to hire more officers in this day and age. The fear of failure or prosecution is stopping individuals from beginning a career in law enforcement.

rise, departments are also dealing with unfunded mandates which are placing extreme strains on departments throughout the country. One can only hope that there is a solution to the problems that are

causing distrust in communities and that a light is somewhere at the end of the tunnel in the near future. To those who serve, have served or have lost their lives in the line of duty, thank you.



## Valley Fallen Officers

**In the Line of Duty Death**  
**Alamosa Police Department**  
Charles Emerson, City Marshal – End of Watch (EOW): Jan. 21, 1895 (Gun Fire)  
Joseph R. Simons, City Marshal – EOW: Sept. 7, 1897 (Gun Fire)  
**Center Police Department**  
Oliver P. Cain, Officer – EOW: Sept. 16, 1977 (Vehicle Crash)  
**Colorado State Patrol**  
Joseph A. Ynostroza, Trooper – EOW: Dec. 6, 1989 (Vehicle Crash)  
**Conejos County Sheriff's Office**  
Raymundo Martinez, Deputy Sheriff – EOW: April 11, 1940 (Gun Fire)  
Eduardo Dominguez, Deputy Sheriff – EOW: April 11, 1940 (Gun Fire)  
**Costilla County Sheriff's Office**  
Jose Adolfo Rodriguez, Sheriff – EOW: Jan. 1, 1934 (Gun Fire)  
Rudolpho Filberto Sanchez, Deputy Sheriff – EOW: April 16, 1973 (Gun Fire)  
**Monte Vista Police Department**  
Clyde McDonald, Night Marshal – EOW: Dec. 12, 1921 (Gun Fire)  
Guy Everett O'Neal, Assistant Chief – EOW: Oct. 23, 1953 (Gun Fire)  
**Rio Grande Sheriff's Office**  
Zack Allen, Undersheriff – EOW: Aug. 9, 1875 (Gun Fire)

**STATE OF COLORADO**  
**Boulder Police Department**  
Eric Talley, Officer EOW: March 22, 2021 (Gun Fire)  
**Honorary Officer Death**  
**Adams State University Police Department**  
Alycia Riggs, Officer – EOW: Feb. 3, 2015  
**Alamosa Police Department**  
James "Garland" Parker, Officer – EOW: Nov. 14, 2012  
**Alamosa County Sheriff's Office**  
Dusty Claunch, Deputy – EOW: Aug. 19, 2016  
Cyril "Conrad" Parker – EOW: Sept. 8, 2016  
Gerald Langston, Deputy – EOW: March 18, 2017  
Ron Goodman, Sergeant – EOW: Jan. 9, 2018  
**Antonito Police Department**  
Robert Gurule, Chief – EOW: March 6, 2021  
**Conejos County Sheriff's Office**  
Howard Galvez, Former Sheriff – EOW: April 20, 2019  
**Costilla County Sheriff's Office**  
Amos Medina, Sheriff – EOW: Nov. 30, 2018  
Gilbert Martinez, Sheriff – EOW: May 6, 2019  
**Sanford Police Department**  
Dale Ruff, Chief of Police – Feb. 15, 2018

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# Taste of Creede sets the table for 2021

By LYNSIE FERRELL

**CREEDE** — Like many festivals and events in Creede in 2020, the Taste of Creede was canceled out of an abundance of caution but now that vaccines have hit the scene and Mineral County has maintained its required COVID-19 metrics, the festival will be taking place at the end of May.

This long-time area favorite began when local artist Steven Quiller decided that what Creede needed was an event that highlighted local artists and delicious food. Thirty-three years later this festival continues to be a great way to set the table for summer. The festival may look slightly different than in previous years but according to sources, it is sure to be a great time for the entire family.

The event will start on Saturday, May 28 with live music provided by *Rally Round* and *Caldera*, children's activities, craft vendors and some food tastings throughout the day.

The Silver Chef Competition is also scheduled to take place and is one of the main reasons guests come to Creede. Local chefs gather on Main Street to show off their culinary skills and vie for the top spot in the competition. Each chef is given specific ingredients and asked to create delectable dishes for the judges. Food and ingredients are generously donated by Shamrock Foods and the Monte Vista Coop.

Guests can wander up and down Main Street to enjoy watching artists creating works of art in several mediums throughout the day while visiting local shops and restaurants. The annual Artist Quickdraw will also be taking place on Sunday, May 29. This year's featured artist is David Montgomery.

According to his bio, "David Montgomery was born into the Great

West unlike many who discover it in their travels. He spent his formative years growing up beneath the looming presence of Pike's Peak and the Front Range of Colorado. Hunting and fishing forays into the wilds with his family spawned his love of the outdoors and nature. He continues to hunt to this day- now with easel and paint brush. The West has changed dramatically in his lifetime and Montgomery strives to commemorate the amazing vistas that are still with us- and strives through conservation activism to preserve

those special places that are most worthy of protection.

"David Montgomery has been creating art since he was a small child and has continued with this passion throughout his life. After enjoying art in public schools, he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting from Colorado State University. He has been living and painting in the San Luis Valley of Southern Colorado for over fifty years. His artwork is shaped by the monumental vistas and pristine environs of this rural area at

the headwaters of the Rio Grande.

"Montgomery shares his love of these western spaces with his plein air pieces as well as larger studio landscapes that fill walls. He has taken art trips to Europe and the sub-tropics, widening his imagery while pushing his artistic envelope. Montgomery also pursues studies in human figure rendition.

"One of Montgomery's favorite adventures was an invitation to the Forbes Magazine Corporation estate in Balleroy, Normandy. During his week of painting there he was able to enjoy

many day excursions into the Norman countryside with many other invited artists. Most notable was being able to paint in Claude Monet's estate at Giverny, taking in his world-renowned grounds and his epic lily pond. In addition to painting, Montgomery also offers his services as a show juror and painting instructor."

The weekend will end Monday with the annual Elks Lodge Memorial Day Service in Basham Park. For more information and a schedule of events, visit [www.creede.com](http://www.creede.com).

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## BOT DeLaRosa sees ASU as first college in state to erase equity gaps

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA — Amanda DeLaRosa brings to the Adams State University Board of Trustees practical experience coupled with a passion for equity, affordability, and student success.

“Serving our community is at the heart of our mission and purpose statement, and we can’t ever waver from that responsibility,” DeLaRosa said.

Starting out as a student advocate and a first-generation graduate, her career centered on higher education policy especially equity, affordability, and student success. DeLaRosa believes the Alamosa community grows up seeing the beautiful buildings on campus and envisions the day they will attend.

“It is familiar, renowned, and respected — and that comfort removes one major barrier to students’ success particularly acute for first-generation and students of color,” she said.

Today’s learners are older, more diverse, and have more family commitments than in generations past and DeLaRosa wants them all to



Amanda DeLaRosa

have a voice in decision making. She supports policies and structures that make progress on outcomes like enrollment, persistence, retention and completion of workforce-aligned degrees.

“I appreciate the opportunity to share my goals in support of our stellar President Cheryl Lovell as a member of the Adams State Board of Trustees,” DeLaRosa said.

DeLaRosa was appointed to serve on the Adams State Board of Trustees on Dec. 31, 2020.

“There is a lot to celebrate in what ASU, the board and Dr. Lovell

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Courtesy photo

## Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic and Historic Byway receives Byway Community Award

STAFF REPORT

CONEJOS COUNTY — The Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic and Historic Byway completes its «Rancho la Luz — Conejos Ranchland Initiative — Preserving Working Wet Meadows» project and wins the Community Award.

Rancho la Luz, located near the Colorado-New Mexico border, is primarily an open ranchland and is an

integral part of the southern San Luis Valley and Conejos County’s agricultural landscape.

The property is part of a growing block of conserved land in the vicinity and is close to the 650-acre Sejo Springs State Wildlife Area. The stunning pastoral landscape forms the backdrop for visitors traveling along State Highway 142, the state-designated Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic and

Historic Byway.

Conservation of this property is part of the Conejos Ranchland Initiative, a partnership between Colorado Open Lands, Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust, and CCALT. The Rancho la Luz — Conejos Ranchland Initiative aims to protect important agricultural land in Conejos County by conserving four of the oldest ranches and permanent

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## Loose Cow Party

“It’s for you,” his darlin’ told him as he lay back in the chair

For a well deserved siesta. Ugh, it wasn’t really fair.

It was Chuck, his nearest neighbor – did he have to call right now?

Millard took the phone and listened, “Are you sure that it’s my cow?”

As if he’d changed his brand last week or something equally absurd

Like the F.B.I. was posing as a member of his herd

Or an alien invasion took possession of his place And planned to infiltrate the earth as cows from outer space.

But no easy explanation seemed to ease his heavy load

Chuck said, “Better come and get her, she’s a’grazin’ on the road.”

Saddled up, he hit the highway and broke into a jog

With his wife not far behind him in the pickup with the dog.

He could spot the cow’s location from within a half a mile

Cars were backed up to the corner, everybody



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wore a smile.

Helpful tourists waved and hollered, horsemen galloped to and fro

Swingin’ ropes like polo players, someone takin’ video.

Millard rode into the melee as the cow turned up the lane.

She tromped through the clothesline draggin’ laundry like a train

Through the hogwire to the garden, through the hotwire to the corn,

‘Cross the rows with corn stalks flyin’, laundry

hangin’ off her horn

There were fifteen mounted riders rattlin’ through the stubble field,

Millard got a rope around her but he knew his fate was sealed

When he felt the horn knot grabbin’ and the saddle slip an inch...

He remembered he’d forgotten to retighten up his cinch.

He was still there in the saddle but it now sat on the neck.

We should pause and take reflection while we visualize the wreck

(pause)

Millard peeled off the equine like a dirty undershirt

He was still tall in the saddle when his boot heel’s hit the dirt

You could think of water skiing. You could think of Roto-Till

But when fifteen mounted riders mash you flat, it’s all downhill

Millard watched from his position in the furrow that he’d plowed

While the cow crashed through the hotwire, disappearin’ in the crowd.

There the band of merry revelers in gesture grandiose

Lashed up the draggin’ rope somehow, around a solid post.

The crowd began to dissipate. It was over, they could sense

Leavin’ Millard to apologize to Chuck about his fence.

Chuck was gracious. Millard thanked him for his helpfulness and such

But it seemed like Chuck enjoyed it...just a little bit too much.

But he really couldn’t blame him. When a loose cow wreck occurs

It’s a miserable fiasco, ‘less, of course, it isn’t yours!

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

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# Preparations for the upcoming wildfire season are underway

## Land, Water and People

BY GREGG GOODLAND

One certain thing I have learned in my two Spring seasons on the Rio Grande National Forest is that the wind blows here in the San Luis Valley. I was warned. I hope you are laughing. I am. But, every year, the blowing wind and disappearing snow here in the Rockies makes me reflect on a question that I have been asked nearly countless times over my 28 years as a wildland firefighter. Each Spring, people ask me, "what do you think fire season will be like this year?" I always answer with the same reply: "You can never tell until the year is over." In my mind, this really begs the next two questions, what are my firefighting agencies doing to prepare for the coming wildfires and what should I do to prepare?

Here on the Rio Grande National Forest our temporary fire crews are now on board for the season. We happily welcome them back since we know we cannot do this without them. They play a key role in fire management both here on the RGNF and anywhere in the country they are needed. The trainings and recertifications have begun in earnest. Fireline refreshers, endurance testing, next level fire management courses and terrain and equipment familiarization are all happening now.

Of course, the fire folks that have been around all year have been diligently executing their roles as well. Coordinating with our local partners is key to a successful response here. We all know that no one agency can do it alone (yes, that again) so preseason meetings and discussions are critical. We are also

coordinating within our agency. We utilize long-term strategic planning forecasts to help us understand and plan for predicted fire potential. As mentioned in local publications last week, we are expecting a "normal potential for large wildfire activity" for the month of May. However, those predictions increase to an "above normal potential for large wildfire activity" for June. This doesn't mean we WILL have large fires. It suggests that, based on the current and expected weather and fuel conditions, any ignition has a higher probability of expanding into a large fire.

When that happens, our fire managers are trained to act swiftly to respond to primary life safety needs. We will always work with that premise as our #1 priority. You should expect nothing less. We will order as much help as deemed appropriate to manage the fire to the extent possible. And, our partners and neighbors (local, state and federal) will be ready to respond to our call for help. Just as we are ready to assist them.

Each individual that visits our wildlands can also prepare. First, you can understand the rules. The most basic principle of fire safety is to not conduct dangerous activities at the wrong time. If it is windy, you really should sacrifice having the campfire. It is just too risky for the wind to take an ember far enough for you to not see it start a fire. It

truly is better to be safe than sorry and have to pay a huge bill for fire suppression.

There may be a need for fire restrictions later in the year. Always check for those before you head out on your adventure. If there are restrictions, understand them fully and plan to bring a gas grill and possibly one of those cool propane firepits. You should also pre-plan for when campfires ARE allowed. Bring your shovel and buckets for water. It makes extinguishing your fire so much easier. Use the drown, stir and feel method to put them out. There is no better way. There are many ways to enjoy the forest without risk to starting a fire. The key is to plan for those now, before the summer activities launch into full swing.

While we are prepared for wildfire responses now and will make the necessary adjustments as conditions change, I feel that prevention is a more important activity that will serve us better. I am convinced that we all play a role in the prevention of unwanted wildfires. Even if you do not recreate in the forest, you can help spread the word, if and when conditions begin to deteriorate.

*Gregg Goodland is the Public Affairs Officer for the Rio Grande National Forest. An avid outdoor enthusiast, you'll find him enjoying all public lands as often as possible.*

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## Equity Vaccine Drive Up Clinics In Conejos/Costilla County

The Colorado Equity Vaccine Team will host three equity vaccine clinics in Costilla and Conejos County for the BIPOC (Black/Indigenous/People of Color) community. According to state demographer Kyle Brunner, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, for every seven white individuals who get vaccinated on a daily basis only one Latino gets vaccinated.

In an effort to reach the BIPOC Community the State of Colorado in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment has formed a team to address this equity gap across the state. The team has hired eight coordinators who cover the counties where the gaps exist. It also has ac-

cess to four charter buses and a smaller van through Servicios de la Raza that will travel to the areas where access to clinic are a barrier. In the SLV, Shirley Romero Otero is the coordinator who will also cover La Plata and Montezuma Counties. "We are working in a collaborative manner with County Public Health Departments and other health providers across the SLV to close this equity gap." stated Romero Otero. Equity Clinics are open to 18 year old and up and each clinic will make available 100-200 J&J doses per clinic. Doses will be given on a first come, first served basis.

**The equity clinics dates are as follows:**  
Friday, May 14 – Capulin, CO at

the Saint Joseph's Church from 9:00 am -1:00pm

La Jara, CO at the Our Lady of the Valley Church from 2:00-6:00 pm

Saturday, May 15 – Ft. Garland, CO at the Visitors Center from 9:30 am – 3:30 on the Corner of Highway 160 & 159.

Sunday, May 16 – San Luis, CO at the Grace Chapel Church corner of 9th & Alfonso Street from 1:00 -6:00pm.

The charter buses are scheduled to be in Rio Grande, Alamosa, Conejos and Huerfano Counties in the coming weeks.

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settlements in Colorado.

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This cultural and historical ranch was settled over 150 years ago. John and Mary Lou Salazar, core conservators of Ranch la Luz, repurchased

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have been able to achieve in the last couple of years, but I have a few commitments that I'll bring to my board service," she said.

The state's master plan also calls for the eradication of gaps in outcomes by race/ethnicity and income. As the state's premier Hispanic Serving Institution, Adams State is well positioned to lead on the achievement of that goal.

"If we keep focused on our intended equitable outcomes and continue aligning our policies, practices, and resources to that end, I think Adams can be the first institution to erase its equity gaps in the state," she said. "This will be my primary focus as a trustee."

Moving out of the pandemic, DeLaRosa wants to help leverage programs like COSI, the Displaced Worker Grant Program, opportunities in the funding formula, and other strategic partnerships.

"I am committed to telling the remarkable story of Adams to more people, more often. As we celebrate Adams's 100-year anniversary, we have to reinvest our innovative spirit, our best ideas, and our resources in the mission, the role, and the scope of this treasured Hispanic Serving Institution," DeLaRosa added.

DeLaRosa currently serves as strategy officer of state policy at Lumina Foundation. Her grantmaking portfolio typically benefits state higher education leaders who are focused on educational equity and justice through the adoption of supportive policies like funding formulas, attainment goals, need-based financial aid, and adult learner success strategies. Prior to that, she served as Chief of Staff at the Colorado Department of Higher Education.

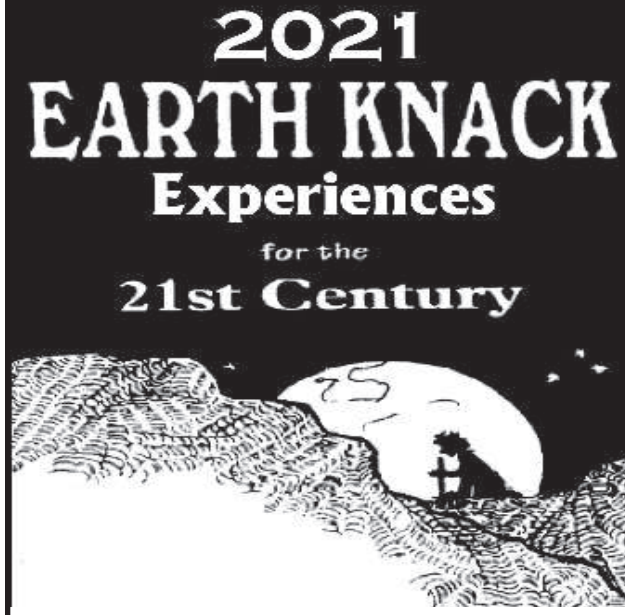
"I have a lot to offer Adams just as Adams has a lot to offer me and the San Luis Valley and the state's master plan for higher education," DeLaRosa said. "I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to learn and serve."

much of the property to keep the ranch intact.

Partners include the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT), the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), Colorado Rio Grande Basin Implementation

Plan, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife and County Commissioners. And a special thanks to Kelly Ortiz for her help.

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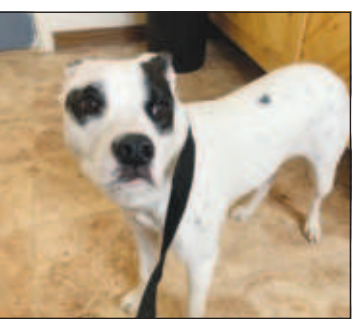
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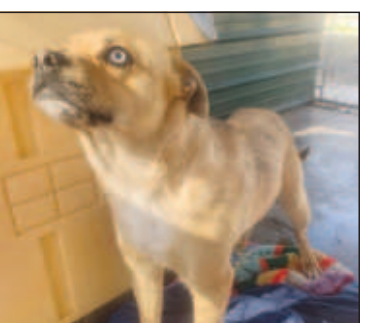
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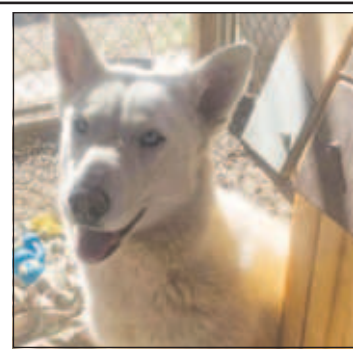
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<p><b>Carpentry Tools</b> Jet Table Saw Milwaukee Power Miter Saw Porter Cable Finish Nailer Bostitch Finish Nailer 2-DeWalt Palm Sanders Makita Power Plane Bostitch Air Stapler Porter Cable Router 2-Framing Nailers Bench Top Belt Sander Bench Top Jig Saw Worm Drive Skill Saw DeWalt Jig Saw Several 4' Levels Several Hand Saws 3- Electric Air Compressors Several Bar Clamps Laser Level w/Tripod DeWalt Cordless Sawzall 10' Fiberglass Step Ladder Tito Saw</p>	<p><b>House Hold</b> Palliser Leather Living Room Set Couch, Love Seat, Chair &amp; Ottoman Glass Top Coffee Table 2- Glass Top End Tables Grandfather Clock Wrought Iron Glass Top Side Table 4-Bar Stools Large Entertainment Center Slider Rocker w/Foot Stool Bedroom Set "Really Nice" King Size Bed 2 - Granite inlay Night Stands Great of America Granite inlay Dresser Antique Zenith Radio Over Stuffed Chair Office Chair Futon 2-Book Shelves Magic Chef Apt. Size Refrigerator Meadow Telescope Weaver's Loom Christmas Decorations Several Boxes of Bedding Several Boxes of Kitchen Utensils Several Wildlife Mounts Pictures &amp; Decorative Items East Iron Skillet &amp; Dutch Oven</p>	<p><b>Shop Tools</b> 2-ton Napa Floor Jack Automotive Wax Buffer Craftsman Cordless 1/2" Impact 20V Craftsman Bench Top Drill Press Lotzy Washer Handyman Jack Makita Elec. Impact 1/2" Drive Metal Chop Saw Kobalt 60 gal. Air Compressor Bench Grinder on Stand Heavy Metal Table w/ Vise "Really Nice" 12 Drawer Tool Chest Several Sets of Sockets, End Wrenches &amp; Pliers "Mostly Craftsman" Complete 3/4 Drive Socket Set</p>

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**Rio Grande County Clerk and Recorder is seeking a full time Clerk.** Requirements include: High School diploma or GED, reasonable computer knowledge and associated skills, and three to six months related experience and/or training preferred. Pre-employment drug screening, including testing for marijuana, will be required. Applications and additional information available online at [www.riograndecounty.org](http://www.riograndecounty.org) or pick up and application and submit to: Human Resources, 925 6th Street, Room 200, Del Norte, CO 81132. (5-19)

**Early Childhood Teacher needed for the 2021/2022 school year.** Must meet the requirements of the Dept. of Human Services Office of Early Childhood. Please send resumes and transcripts to P.O. Box 787, Alamosa, CO 81101 (5/26)

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**Elementary Teacher** needed at Del Norte Elementary School. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at [aduda@urtigers.co](mailto:aduda@urtigers.co) or contact Amy at 719-657-4030. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: [www.urtigers.co](http://www.urtigers.co). (5/12)

**Upper Rio Grande School District is looking for an energetic and experienced candidate to serve as the district's Director of Bands.** This position will oversee the development of our elementary instrumental music appreciation program, as well as conducting our middle and high school band programs. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher in Music or Music Education. The applicant must also possess or be able to obtain an appropriate Colorado teaching license. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Aaron Horrocks, Jr/Sr High Principal at [ahorrocks@urtigers.com](mailto:ahorrocks@urtigers.com) or Amy Duda, Elementary Principal at [aduda@urtigers.co](mailto:aduda@urtigers.co). Applications can be picked

up at the District Office or online at [www.urtigers.co](http://www.urtigers.co). (5/12)

**Elementary Special Education Teacher** needed at Del Norte Elementary School. We are seeking an experienced, hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant

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needed at Del Norte Jr/Sr High School. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License with a secondary Language Arts endorsement. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter

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Indian 1902	Liberty 1903	Mercury 1925 D	1914 Twenty Dollars F Kansas City Burke-McAdoo
Indian 1903	Liberty 1904	Mercury 1926	1922 Twenty Dollars F Speelman-White
Indian 1904	Liberty 1905	Mercury 1927	Twenty Dollars
Indian 1905	Liberty 1905	Mercury 1927 D	Twenty Dollars
Indian 1906	Liberty 1905	Mercury 1928	Twenty Dollars
Indian 1907	Liberty 1905	Mercury 1929 D	1914 Fifty Dollars F Cleveland Burke-Houston
Indian 1908	Liberty 1905	Mercury 1931	1934 Twenty Dollars VF Kansas City Julian-Morgenthau
Indian 1909	Liberty 1905	Mercury 1934	1928-D Two Dollars F Julian-Morgenthau
Lincoln 1909	Liberty 1906	Mercury 1935	1928-D Two Dollars F Julian-Morgenthau
Lincoln 1943	Liberty 1906	Mercury 1935 S	1928-D Two Dollars F Julian-Morgenthau
Lincoln 1943 S	Liberty 1906	Mercury 1936	2003A Two Dollars Fair Kansas City Cabral-Snow
Lincoln 1944 D	Liberty 1907	Mercury 1936 D	1953 Two Dollars F Priest-Humphrey
Lincoln 1955 S	Liberty 1907	Mercury 1936 S	1899 Five Dollars F Napier-McClung
Lincoln 1956	Liberty 1907	Mercury 1937	Fractional Currency VG
Lincoln 1958	Liberty 1907	Mercury 1937 S	Fractional Currency VG
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Lincoln 1962	Liberty 1907	Mercury 1938 S	Fractional Currency F
Lincoln 1963	Liberty 1907	Mercury 1939	Fractional Currency F
Lincoln 1971	Liberty 1908	Mercury 1939 D	Fractional Currency F
Lincoln 1972 S	Liberty 1908	Mercury 1940	April 10, 1777 Colonial Currency Fair 6s
Lincoln 1981	Liberty 1908	Mercury 1940 S	May, 1786 Colonial Currency Fair 1s
Lincoln 1985 D	Liberty 1909	Mercury 1941	September 26, 1778 Continental Currency EF \$7
Lincoln 1990	Liberty 1909	Mercury 1941	1995 Five Dollars UNC Boston Withrow-Rubin
Lincoln 1995	Liberty 1909	Mercury 1941 D	1928-D Two Dollars F Julian-Morgenthau
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Two-Cent piece 1866	Buffalo 1923	Mercury 1944	1976 Two Dollars EF Minneapolis Neff-Simon
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Two-Cent piece 1868	Buffalo 1924	Mercury 1944	1976 Two Dollars EF Chicago Neff-Simon
(2)	Buffalo 1926	Mercury 1944	1995 Two Dollars EF Atlanta Withrow-Rubin
Two-Cent piece 1869	Buffalo 1927	Mercury 1944	2003 Two Dollars Fair Minneapolis Marin-Snow
(2)	Buffalo 1927	Mercury 1944	2003A Two Dollars Fair Kansas City Cabral-Snow
	Buffalo 1927	Mercury 1944	2009 Two Dollars Fair Boston Cabral-Snow
	Buffalo 1927 D	Mercury 1944	1995 Five Dollars F Chicago Withrow-Rubin
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1934-A Five Hundred Dollars EF New York Julian-Morgenthau  
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Rio Grande County is seeking a County Administrator. Candidate will serve as the County's Chief Administrative Officer. This includes various functions of the Rio Grande County Government, in accordance with policies set forth by the BOCC. Candidate will be a positive communicator with strong organizational skills, an effective leader with sound judgment, and be able to promote the policies of the BOCC. Education/Experience requirements are a Bachelor's degree (B.A.) from an accredited college or university in Public/Business Administration with two or more year's related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience at the discretion of the BOCC. Drug screening, including for marijuana, and background check is required. Salary \$75k-\$90k-DOE. Application and job description available online at www.riograndecounty.org or pick up and submit to Human Resources 925 6th Street Room 200, Del Norte, CO 81132.

Tri-County Senior Citizens has an immediate opening for experienced permanent full time Maintenance/Custodial/Grounds worker. Qualified applicant must have general knowledge of electrical, carpentry plumbing painting. Will be responsible for making vacant apartments ready for re-renting, and general maintenance/custodial care of building and grounds Will do snow removal in winter, mowing lawn and other yard work in summer. Clean driver's license a must. Application may be picked up at 311 Washington Street, Monte Vista Co. No phone calls.

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Ministry Assistant, Calvary Baptist Church. 9-12 Monday & Thursday. Computer and web literate. Submit Resume to PO Box 247 Monte Vista Co 81144. (6/2)

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## 23 Lawn and Garden

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## 41 Farm Equipment

**For Sale: 6555 Hesston Swather, Diesel, Field Ready-\$4,500. Call 719-580-1392 (05/19)**

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**Free to a Good Home: Medium Husky Mix 5 Years old, Good with the elderly. Call 719-588-0573 (5/12)**

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## 58 Motorcycles

**2003 HD Ultra Classic Electra Glide 100th Anniversary Edition Full Dresser/Tour Pack 35KMI \$10,000 OBO. 719-206-0292 (6/2)**

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## Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

## Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## Solution to last week's puzzle

E	A	S	T		S	I	D		S	B	A				
B	L	E	E	P		A	M	U		S	A	R	D		
S	A	B	E	R		I	P	O		C	L	A	D		
		E	S	S	E	S		L	A	D		A	A	H	S
					A	T	O	N	E	A	B	L	E		
T	R	A	N	S	P	A	R	E	N	T					
A	B	S	C	I	S	E		L	A	O					
O	C	H	R	E						N	A	J	A	S	
					R	A	H		T	R	A	D	E	R	S
					R	E	U	P	H	O	L	S	T	E	R
		D	I	S	A	R	R	A	Y	S					
B	A	C	H		A	L	T		S	A	B	I	N		
A	C	H	E		T	E	E			C	R	A	I	G	
S	C	O	W		E	R	N			T	E	M	P	I	
E	A	R			D	S	T			A	B	A	S		

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