

Shorts

Rio Grande Savings and Loan seeking to change name

Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association will ask its members to approve changing the name of the institution to RG Bank, a Savings and Loan Association at its annual member meeting in February. This according to Shon Davis, the Association's President.

"Many years ago, a savings and loan operated differently than a bank," says Davis. "Over the years, the rules and regulations have changed and now we can offer products and services that a bank can. We want to send that message, that we can offer products and services you will find at any bank, to our current customer and to the communities we serve."

Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association is headquartered in Monte Vista and has branches in Alamosa and Pagosa Springs. The Association is a mutual, meaning there are no stock holders, people who have deposit accounts and loan accounts with the Association are members. State rules will require the formal name to be RG Bank, a Savings and Loan Association, but Davis said the shortened RG Bank will be used for marketing purposes.

Donn Vigil is the Chair of the Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association Board of Directors and has worked at or been on the Board of the Association since 1979. Vigil stresses, "this is strictly a name change for marketing purposes. There is no change in ownership or stock issuance, we will remain a mutual and we will remain true to our mission of serving our customers and our communities with commitment and pride."

Members of Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association have received or will be receiving their proxy for the annual Meeting of Members, notifying them of the name change proposal and other business. The annual meeting will be held February 10. Once RG Bank as the name is approved, Davis says customer and the community will begin to notice the change over a fairly short time frame on all items including letterhead, loan documents, deposit account statements and bank signage.



Second round of PPP application period began

COLORADO - The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), in consultation with the Treasury Department, re-opened the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for new borrowers and certain existing PPP borrowers. Christopher Chavez, Regional Communications Director, U.S. Small Business Administration confirmed that these loans are "forgivable loans made through

banks. Same as round one loans administered in 2020."

To promote access to capital in underserved communities, only community financial institutions (Community Development Financial Institutions, Minority Depository Institutions, Certified Development Companies, and Microloan Intermediaries) will initially be able to make First Draw PPP Loans on Monday, January

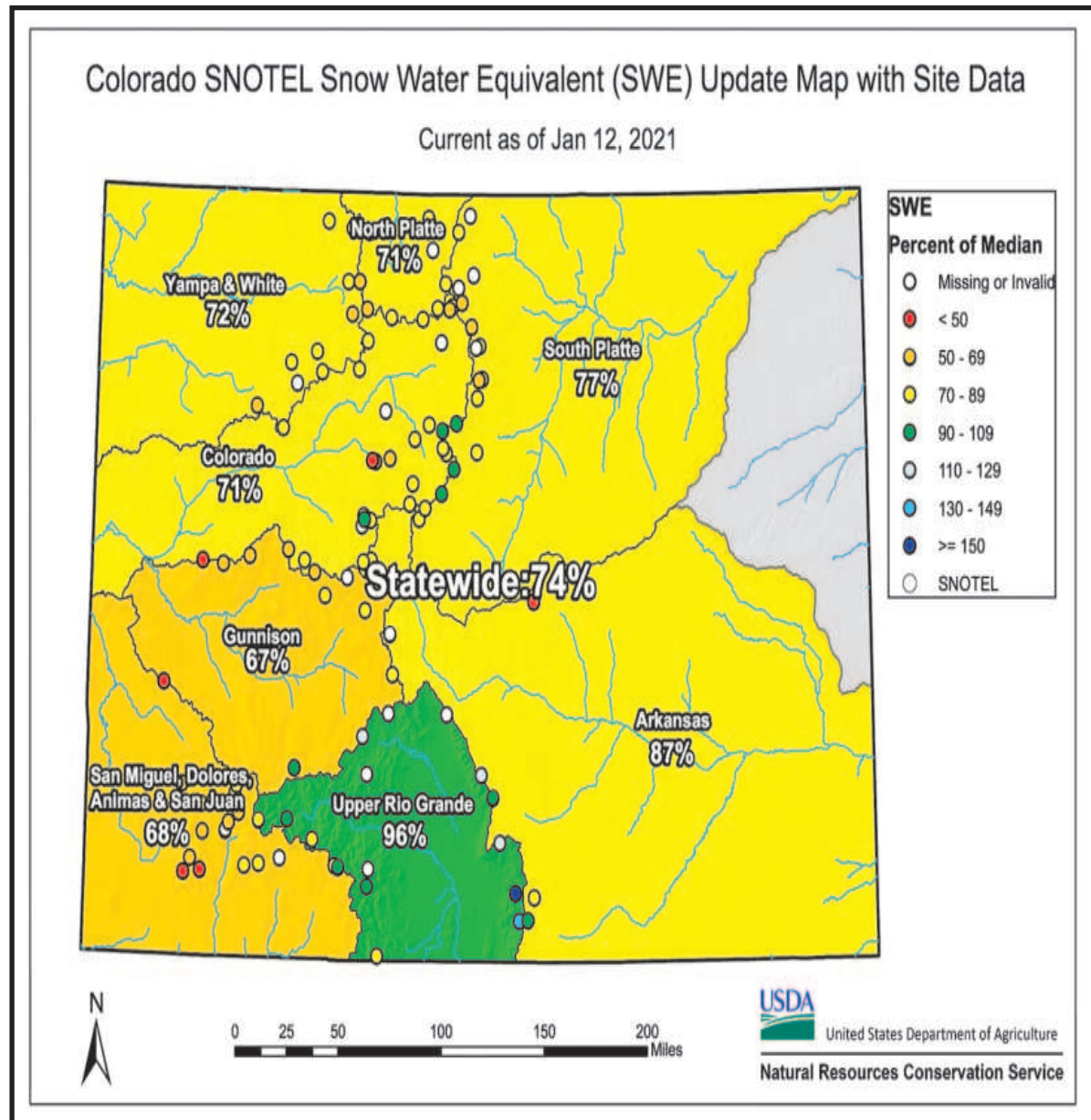
11, and Second Draw PPP Loans on Wednesday, January 13. The PPP will open to all participating lenders shortly thereafter.

This round of the PPP continues to prioritize millions of Americans employed by small businesses by authorizing up to \$284 billion toward job retention and certain other expenses through March 31, 2021, and by allowing certain existing PPP borrowers to apply for

a Second Draw PPP Loan.

"The PPP was an incredible shot in the arm for small businesses last year, and this second wave of financial support will especially be a boost to businesses in rural and underserved communities," said Dan Nordberg, SBA's National Director of Rural Affairs and Region VIII Administrator. "With a targeted opening, SBA is

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Beware of unemployment fraud

Over the course of the past month the Monte Vista Police Department has taken numerous reports of fraud where the victim's name was used to file for unemployment benefits. No one is safe from this scam, including members of the police department who have been victims. If you are a victim of this scam there are steps you can take to protect your information, including filing a police report in the jurisdiction you live. If you become a victim of this scam, here are some steps you should take:

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Contact the three consumer credit bureaus and put a fraud and identity theft alert on your name and Social Security number (SSN). It may be an automated system, so you may not talk to a live person and you

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Center increases power

BY PATRICK SHEA

CENTER — Shortly after Town Administrator Brian Lujan took his position in October 2017, collaboration between the town of Center and Downtown Colorado, Inc. (DCI) grew while the town's to-do list shrank. In a DCI press release dated Jan. 12, 2021, Lujan said, "The Town of Center decided to shape our own future and stop kicking the can down the road."

During the town board meeting Jan. 12, Lujan credited Trustee Bill McClure with the can-kicking quote, adding that recent accomplishments reveal the future taking shape today. Crews recently installed water meters for the Center system, repaved streets and routed electric wiring

underground.

Lujan explained how "The Challenge Program and DCI helped the Town build a team of dedicated partners, consultants, and resources that keep momentum going and help us move our strategy forward."

Steering momentum in 2021, the Town of Center received a \$20K grant from Colorado Housing and Financing Authority to support local placemaking, beautification and entrepreneurship. Lujan described mobile "parklets," which are like large

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Center's Director of Public Works David Mehaffie described utility projects in the works for town board trustees Jan. 12.



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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth "Betty" June Nash, 91

Elizabeth "Betty" June Nash passed away Monday, Jan. 1, 2021, attended by her loving daughter and dedicated cats. Betty was born on Sept. 19, 1929, in Pueblo, CO, the daughter of Pleasant and Florence Edwards.

She graduated from Pueblo Midwest Business College in the early 1950s where she met and married Max E. Nash in 1953, in Pueblo, Colorado. While their courtship was three months long and Max really needed to get married before he had to plant the spuds, their marriage was a source of endearing stories that epitomized Betty's zest for life and lasted for 57 years. We really don't know how!

Betty's life was dedicated to family and friends, hard work, unending humor, and an upbeat outlook on life.

She was not afraid of hard work and quickly pitched in where needed. She farmed with Max, raising sheep, pigs, chickens, rabbits, cattle, alfalfa and potatoes; and would often hold down three jobs just to make the farm payment. She held wide ranging secretarial and bookkeeping positions in the valley, including implement dealerships, grocery and food service stores, Rio Grande County Clerk's office, and the CSU Extension Office. She drove the school bus and waited tables to ensure her children would get a good education.

Mama was a strict parent when we were kids. We were scared to get in trouble. She expected us to do chores, go to church and finish school. She put food on our table and expected us to eat it. She put clothes on our backs, and we were proud to wear them. She taught Carl how to play Basketball, and Tom how to pull lambs. She taught Kim how to tease her brothers, and we all learned to do our best, follow our dreams and make something amazing out of our lives. We grew up with morals, respect for the law and our elders, and pride for our country. Oh, and most important she taught us to never stop smiling. We laughed, we cried. We wouldn't change one thing about it.

Tom, Kim and Carl grew up knowing Mom was there to help us realize our goals. She was an active 4-H leader and helped organize the "Singing 4-Her's." Mom was a loud cheerleader for Carl's sporting career and a funny house mother when their friends came to visit (or rather - came to eat.) She celebrated when her children graduated from college and encouraged success in our careers and family lives. She put her smiling attitude on everything we did. She gave us confidence to be our best, and told Carl that if he missed another curfew, he would be sent to Military school.

Betty never turned down an offer to fish in the mountains, pack and enjoy a picnic lunch, watch the kids at the Sand Dunes, or sit a while to listen to the wind in the trees and sip wine coolers. Betty never met a stranger, as she easily made friends wherever she went. Those who called her friend enjoyed her loyalty in good times and bad. This included her many feline and canine companions that found sanctuary in her home and heart. Her spirited attitude and tenacity will



long influence her family and friends to appreciate the funny side of any experience and will long be a credit to her loving influence on us all. We will all remember her infectious sense of humor and her obvious love of "mouse tattoos."

Betty is survived by her three children, Thomas (Marilyn) Nash of Savoy IL, Kim (Keith) Schuett of Del Norte, and Carl Nash of St. Simon's Island Georgia. Just when Betty thought she was too old to fall in love again, she became a grandmother, and her five grandkids stole not only her heart, but also spent most of her money; Kendrick (Nancy) Schuett, Kiel (Megan) Schuett, Rosemary (Shawn) Nash-Waskowiak, Kenton (Brittany) Schuett, and Amanda (Shaun) Nash-Patel, and her 6 and counting, great-grandchildren, all of whom gave her unending joy and great pride.

If you want to, you can look for Betty in the evening sunset or with the earliest spring daffodils or amongst the flitting and fluttering butterflies. You know she'll be there in one form or another. Of course, that will comfort some while making others laugh, but that was Betty!

Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa is handling arrangements. The family plans to have a memorial celebration of Betty's life in the future where friends and family can gather to laugh and reminisce about the richness Betty gave to our lives. To express condolences to Betty's family please visit RogersFunerals.com.

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Sherrill E. Mix was born Dec. 12, 1938 in Alamosa to Willard and Ora Mix. He always said he knew from the time he was four years old that he wanted to be a farmer. Sherrill loved all animals, the work in the fields and the smell of the earth after a rain. There was never a bad day, even the wind didn't bother him, it was part of Gods world.

He was a well-respected man



Sherrill E. Mix, 82

and served on many company boards. Some of which were: The Monte Vista Co-op, the ASC (FSA) committee, SLV Research board. CPAC, NPC, for many years as a financial director. He was a quiet person adding to a conversation when he thought it necessary. For many years he raised club lambs for 4-H members, sending many lambs to Utah, New Mexico, and Texas. Top honors were won by the kids and taught them a sense of responsibility. Sherrill started out being a member of FFA advancing to the state level. Then 4-H. He attended CSU and Fort Lewis College and while he was in college,

he decided to shorten the spelling of his name to Sherrel. He then returned home to farm.

He loved representing the potato growers of the SLV and the NPC level for 28 years. He was able to visit with other area growers and become good friends with many. Sherrill was a member of the Center Kiwanis Club, and loved being with his friends and serving pancakes and sausage to many people. He was also a member of the Center Methodist Church and an avid bowler. He bowled three times a week with his friends. He and Linda traveled many places but liked to be in the mountains and on

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

He Did His Best

Back on Dec. 31, all my friends were like, "yay, we made it through 2020, we deserve a medal for that."

While it is true, we made it through 2020, personally, I don't think I deserve a medal as I had a pretty good year albeit I did not get to spend time with friends and family. The upside is they didn't have to spend time with Ol' Dutch either so their year was phenomenal -- and also not deserving of a medal. Still, there is plenty of complaining but all in all I guess most of us have food on the table, heat in our homes and safety from terror so it's not that bad. And sometimes you have to learn to just "get by."

I think people are just worn-out both from actual events but probably more from the nonstop constant barrage of hyped up news about it. From the darned Covid to loss of jobs and income to lack of social gatherings, churches shut down, hospitals full and loss of loved ones and friends, this year has been a doozy and quite honestly, I think most people are just tired of hearing about it.

Miss Trixie and I attended some of granddaughter #2 soccer games this fall and that's always fun for a grandpa for sure. She is a good little player and scores lots of goals and of course I taught her all of that. Well, I at least taught her how to line up for the snacks afterward.

So, at the very end of the season they all lined up and got a huge medal for participation. No winning teams, no best players, no excelling at something just a huge hunk of iron on a ribbon that reminded me of the big medals awarded on the *Wizard of Oz* to the Tin Man and others -- gaudy, too much and unearned mostly.

This set Ol' Dutch to thinking -- a dangerous pursuit according to Miss Trixie -- about just how many people are getting awards for participation in the world and it's gotten ridiculous. We've all seen people getting lifetime awards, Presidential medals and such for some kind of "heroism" when it was really for just staying alive.

From movie stars to politicians they all line up to get some fake medal for just working, drawing a massive salary and going home. And they all smiled while being awarded these medals like the Cheshire Cat in *Alice In Wonderland*.

And what is more amazing is that a good share of them had failed miserably in so many ways yet there they stood, like some wartime hero accepting accolades



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

and press for doing nothing. And the use of the phrase "he did the best he could do" has really come into overuse these days as we do not demand or even expect people to excel but just to try. And I know full well that most people who flop are probably not doing the best they can but the best they want to do.

Now Ol' Dutch has had his share of failures in different endeavors in life that he has been involved with but I do think being rewarded only when you succeed is what makes a person excel.

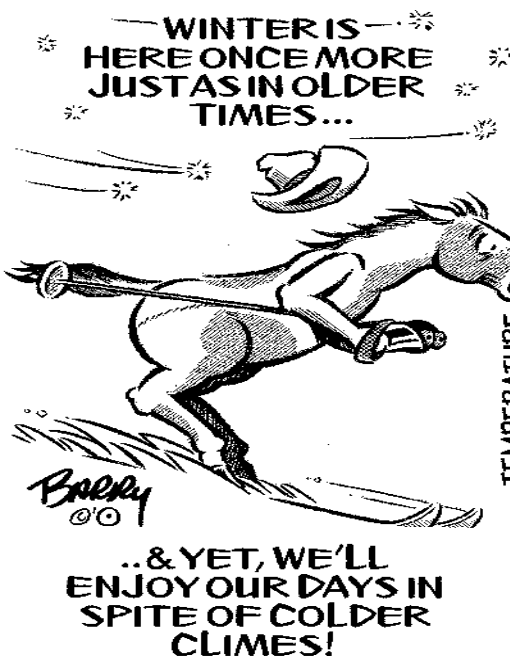
And our history is rife with examples of that and we can look to people such as Abraham Lincoln, U.S. Grant, Thomas Edison and many others who failed miserably many times in life yet rose to greatness in the end. And no amount of vilifying by the press about these great men can ever undo their sacrifices that have benefited so many so don't even start there with me.

And that brings me to 2021 and my new year's resolution. Ol' Dutch is once again in his annual competition with tonnage. I have entered into a contest of wills between my mouth and brain to lose some excess weight that somehow latched onto me over the past year.

Having been in this wrestling match many times before I am just happy, I didn't get a medal for participation every time I tried as there would be enough metal to sink a cruiser.

I always hope to win this battle for good but Miss Trixie just told me with my mouth bigger than my brain there is no hope. Long live Dunkin' Donuts!

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TEMPERATURE

LETTERS

Would you have voted for a \$20,000 (22%) raise

To the editor,

If you were present at last Thursday's MV Council meeting and had a say in the matter, would you have voted for a \$20,000 (22%) raise for one of your city employees (City Manager)? Three of your councilors think you would have. You see, we all work for you, the citizens of Monte Vista. And two of us considered this outlandish action in the light of the current distress was a slap in the face to who we work for and who actually pay the bills around here. That's you.

Our management and staff all do a good job. But let me give you a little background. Their justification for this overreach is based on a wage study done in 2018. Well, things have changed just a little since those

days. Businesses are closing, jobs are disappearing, we're all told to be obedient, stay home and "quit complaining". Meanwhile three of your representatives have voted your city manager to be the highest paid civic official in the entire valley. Actually, tied with or very close to the same position in Alamosa; a city twice our size.

Want to know another reason we're catching up with our neighboring town? Their management opted to pass on recent wage increases due to the current pandemic and economic challenges.

So, what can you do about it? Remember you are the boss. And just to make sure you can exercise that right, we as a democratic republic have a thing called a "referendum".

That means that you have a direct say in how your town is run. That's right. You don't have to just accept what your elected officials do with your money.

Just sign the petition that's going around so that you can vote and decide if this was the right thing to do or not.

And be aware that those who don't want your input will be writing in this column to convince you to waive that right. But don't do it. Your signature simply gives you the right to choose; the right to have a say in what is done with your money.

And feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or maybe would like a petition to have your friends sign. 719.852.6168.

Gary Johnson
Monte Vista

Contact Representative Lauren Boebert

To the editor:

I am Jennie Sanchez, a United States citizen, registered voter in Colorado's 3rd Congressional District. I write to urge voters to contact Representative Lauren Boebert.

Ask her to vote to impeach Donald Trump;

Condemn her seditious encouragement of rioters who stormed the Capitol.

My people have a saying that applies to Representative Boebert. *Tanto que peca el que mata la vaca como el que detiene la pata.* (The person who holds the legs of the cow is as guilty as the

person who kills the cow). I hold her responsible for the insurrection at the Capitol last Wednesday.

I heard Representative Boebert proclaim on the floor of Congress that she supported the people from Colorado who were rallying for the march. These folks were part of the group that threatened lives and destroyed property at the Capitol. Even after the riot, Representative Boebert continued to support the Trump lie that the election was rigged. She voted to reject the state certified votes of electoral college members from Arizona and

Pennsylvania.

I have worked for voting rights since the 1960s. In 1993, I was lead plaintiff in a voting rights lawsuit that won for Latinos in Colorado the ability to elect a state representative of their choice. We deserve a Congressional representative who has integrity and who will live up to her oath to support the constitution and the laws of the United States.

Please take action. Call Representative Boebert at 202-225-4761.

Jennie M. Sanchez
Center, Colorado

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Saguache town board scrutinizes water usage

By PATRICK SHEA

SAGUACHE — Before the Saguache Town Board meeting Jan. 11, Trustee Wyoma Hansen asked Town Administrator Iris Garcia to investigate the town's water usage. Garcia's detailed records for two pumps show total usage of 308.72 acre feet in 2020, well above the limit of 224 set by the state engineer.

"We're way, way, way over," Garcia said. "We're not going to be in compliance this year."

"Our restrictions were a lot more lenient than in the past," Garcia acknowledged, but the new school watering requirements and other increased usage remained high at the end of watering season.

Near the close of the meeting, Saguache Mayor Elvie Samora

directed the oath for the Town Clerk, another position Garcia holds. Her swearing-in ceremony was one of three along with Municipal Court Judge Chris Friesell and Town Attorney Gene Farish.

Farish currently holds the attorney position in five San Luis Valley towns. During the water usage discussion, he raised a question about metering. "The reason I'm asking is, every single municipality I've seen that goes to a total metering system has a dramatic drop in usage," Farish said. "If you go to a total metering system, you have an incentive built in to lessen the amount of water you're consuming. I saw it happen in Monte Vista. I saw it happen in Del Norte, and I saw it happen in Blanca."

Mayor Samora and trustees agreed

to schedule a work session to discuss metering, compliance tactics and other water usage issues.

Newly hired Lukas Lucero described his first successful week in the maintenance department. In addition to receiving training for the loader, Lucero helped wrestle the Christmas Tree and manage tree branches and debris.

Code Enforcement Officer Tina Sanchez gave a quick update, followed by details from Garcia, primarily water questions.

Representing CF Altitude LLC (Alta Convenience Stores), attorney Chris Coates explained two issues regarding a change in ownership and a temporary liquor license while all 92 locations in Colorado seek approval. The board approved both requests.



Commissioners pass torch

By PATRICK SHEA

SAGUACHE — Outgoing Saguache County Commissioners shared suggestions and concerns with newcomers Tom McCracken and Lynne Thompson during meetings in Saguache Jan. 12. Ken Anderson emphasized the future of the airport. The fixed-based operation (FBO) lounge has running electricity and broadband from Ciello. Improvements on the calendar include fencing to designate the airport boundaries and repair for wind-damaged hangars. The board discussed taking a field trip to the airstrip together.

Jason Anderson was also serving his last day on the board. After eight years (and receiving the 2020 Colorado County Commissioner of the Year Award), he warned against deer-in-the-headlights syndrome. He said McCracken and Thompson would not be alone among commissioners statewide because 58 seats are being filled across 64 counties. Anderson said it was "the biggest exodus of commissioners in the history of

Colorado."

With fewer than two people per square mile, Saguache County is considered a "Frontier County." Almost 74% of the land is public, so Anderson encouraged the board to be at the table when discussing public lands. Anderson repeated trips to Washington, D.C. to be involved with decisions about BLM land, national forests, wilderness areas and wildlife preserves.

Anderson also urged the new board to maintain involvement in Colorado Counties Incorporated (CCI). Representing an undersized population of roughly 6,000 people, Saguache County commissioners have as much say with CCI as their counterparts from Boulder and Denver. Most important, the rural voice needs to course-correct urban assumptions.

In particular, Anderson cautioned against "unfunded mandates" that drain rural budgets. "You can't just take a Denver idea and plop it on Saguache County," Anderson said.

Commissioner Tim Lovato described his western district and the variety of boards and positions that require time and attention. Lovato also sits on the Board of Public Health and the housing authority, and he is the Homeland Security liaison for the county. To the east, the landfill falls in Lovato's district. To the west, he holds an annual town cookout in Sargents so he can "hear from constituents on the other side of the hill." After the morning break, Lovato walked through the standard agenda and procedures with Thompson and McCracken. The board will conduct a full meeting Jan. 19 to discuss committee appointments, hear from department heads and handle land use issues



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SAGUACHE COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

SAGUACHE COUNTY —

The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the period between Jan. 4, 2021, and Jan. 10, 2021.

The Sheriff's Office fielded 49 calls during the week. Staff handled one fire in Moffat, three crashes, four ambulance rides and 10 controlled burns throughout the county. Help-



ing with a search and rescue operation on Marshall Pass, assisting agencies and citizens, performing welfare checks and responding to cases of fraud and suspicious activity accounted for more than a quarter of the calls.

One of four routine patrols in Saguache escalated to a pursuit and arrest. On Jan. 9, Corporal Steven Hansen pursued a frost-bitten Michael Gonzales, who had a Failure to Appear warrant. Deputy James Chavez arrested Gonzales and took him into custody.

Arrests

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Rio Grande Hospital first to administer COVID vaccines

By LYNSIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE- Rio Grande Hospital has been administering COVID-19 vaccines to front line workers and was the first hospital in the Valley to receive the vaccinations. The hospital has completed the second dose of vaccinations to 60 staff members.

"Sixty individuals have received the second dose of vaccine and another 100 will receive the second dose in the next 10 days. Rio Grande Hospital continues to treat COVID positive patients in our Emergency Room and Inpatient areas. Staff working in these areas were our first priority," said Chief Nursing Officer Candice Allen.

Allen continued to state that the hospital has received shipments of both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines and that they have no say in which one they receive at this time. "We have administered both Pfizer and Moderna. We do not get to pick at this point, but we gladly take what we are given." The hospital already had the equipment and cold storage necessary to house the Pfizer vaccine, which has made the entire project that much easier to facilitate.

"All vaccines received thus far have been administered. Rio Grande Hospital remains committed to vaccination as we actively try to administer all vaccines within 72 hours of arrival as requested by our Governor. We have administered 260 initial vaccine doses and will have administered 160 second doses by Jan. 21 - a total of 420 doses. We have requested an additional 500 doses of vaccine for use with our 70+ population," explained Allen. "We are hoping to receive this vaccine order in the next two weeks."

According to Allen, Rio Grande Hospital will partner with the Del Norte Fire Protection District to use the old field house in Del Norte (old Del Norte high school gym) for an upcoming 70+ vaccine clinic. Rio Grande Hospital and Clinics staff have been taking names and phone numbers of interested individuals aged 70+ for COVID vaccine. We have over 400 interested persons thus far. "We will announce the COVID vaccine clinic date once we receive



confirmation of our vaccine order and anticipated arrival date."

Allen also announced that the Upper Rio Grande School District was able to receive 26 doses of the vaccine and will be part of the next phase to ensure that teachers and staff who want to vaccinate can do so.

Rio Grande Hospital CEO had this to say, "I am so proud of the Rio Grande Hospital and Clinic staff for stepping up and once again continuing to fight the battle against COVID-19 at the front line with a vaccination that will protect not only themselves, but our patients and family members. The vaccine is the gamechanger in our battle with this worldwide pandemic, it is the hope that our fight against COVID-19 may have an end in sight that our future will again allow us to travel, to visit our loved ones, to plan weddings, and to simply enjoy being together. It is extremely satisfying to see that rural communities have been included in the roll-out of the vaccine by the Governor's team and Colorado department of public health and Environment (CDPHE). We are excited for the opportunity to provide this vaccine for our community, but it will take time and patience and planning. The vaccine will be provided in phases that have been determined by the Governors' Office. Please consider that there are still individuals dying from this infection and some not able to return to work here in the San Luis Valley. Please weigh the risks and consider taking the vaccination when the right time comes."

Please call 719-657-2418 to get on the vaccination list.

Accolades to URGED influenced projects

By LYNSIE FERRELL

RIO GRANDE COUNTY- The Upper Rio Grande Economic Development (URGED) group met for the first of the year meeting on the morning of Jan. 12 and heard a presentation on past multiphase projects from URGED Director Marty Asplin. Asplin recapped projects from the past several years, highlighting some of the economic development that has been happening throughout the Valley.

Asplin began by stating that the group has been very busy over the past four years, first bringing to light the work that was done to help the River Valley Inn Nursing Home become a reality for Del Norte. Asplin stated that URGED worked with local and state officials to first procure the land where the new facility sits and their part in helping purchase the property from the Upper Rio Grande School District.

The facility houses 60 beds and employs 55 people when at full capacity.

Next, Asplin spoke about work that was done on the Proximity Malt in Monte Vista and how the group helped obtain the proper permits through Rio Grande Land Use as well as Rio Grande

County Commissioners. The facility employs 21 people and has brought new barley strains into the Valley to offer a variety to micro brewers around the state. "They do barley for not only the home growers or big breweries but for the small brewers. Their main focus is on microbreweries, which Colorado has over 400," said Asplin.

Asplin also took a moment to highlight work done to the Rio Grande Hospital which included adding an additional 13,800 square feet to the existing building. The hospital was also able to expand their services through wound care, the hyperbaric chamber and created a new emergency room. URGED met with hospital staff and architects throughout the duration of the project which was completed in 2018.

Work has been ongoing at the old Frontier Drive In located just outside of Center throughout the summer. A new screen has been installed, new signage and work continues on the Yurts as well as the projection house and snack bar. The old drive-in is expected to continue work on the facility throughout the next year and when finished, will feature Colorado independent films.

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Welcome

Joette Eysler

Rio Grande Hospital is thrilled to welcome and introduce you to our new Nurse Practitioner (NP), Joette Eysler, who will be in the Monte Vista Medical Clinic. Joette was a Registered Nurse in Cardiothoracic Surgery for many years, even managing a hospital's operating room, before becoming an NP. As an NP she has worked in urgent care and family practice. Joette has always loved rural areas and finally moved to the San Luis Valley in 2018 with her husband and three children. She enjoys having a close relationship with her patients and collaboratively ensuring their optimum health. She is even helpful with alternative treatments! Community members have already mentioned how at ease they feel with Joette. When she isn't working, you can find her gardening, quilting, crafting, playing with her KOI pond, or raising bees and chickens..

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OBITUARIES

Ellen Faye Jones, 99

Ellen Faye Jones passed away on Jan. 7, 2021, after a blessed 99 years of life. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Stephen Tisdal Jones, and siblings Era, LeLon, Marie, Jessie and Mary Ethel. She is survived by her sister, Doris Hales, two daughters, Tisa Wiens and Teri Burnett, and three granddaughters, Jennifer Clutter, Carissa Gariss and Chelsea Vigil. She is also survived by five great-grandchildren, Stephen who is named after his great-grandfather, David, Dustin, Isaiah and Lukas.

Ellen was born on Dec. 11, 1921, to parents, Luke Daniel and Hattie Jones-Daniel in Walters, Oklahoma. Ellen went to work at Fort Sill Air Force Base when WWII broke out. During this time, she got her pilot's license, something she was very proud of. Her sister, Doris, recalls that after Ellen went to work at Fort Sill, Ellen was blessed with an income that allowed her to joyfully share with her parents and siblings. Doris also recalls that being 10 years younger than Ellen, she learned to tell time by watching the clock waiting for Ellen to come home from school.

In 1948, Ellen moved to Cordell where she got a job working for Rural Electric Association. She met Tisdal not long after moving to Cordell. Ellen loved to tell the story of Tisdal asking one day while working at Thornton's Drugstore, if he could help her with anything and she asked if he "had anything for homesickness." That started the love story of Tis and Ellen, and they were

married shortly after this, July 25, 1949, in Cordell. Tisdal and Ellen honeymooned in Creede, Colorado, where Tisdal had vacationed with his parents most of his life.

While living in Cordell, Ellen assisted in Tisdal's medical clinic. Additionally, the couple were very active in the community, were proud supporters of the Republican Party, active members of the Methodist Church, belonged to the local bowling leagues and hosted many bridge parties. They were avid Sooner fans and attended football games as often as they could. Tis and Ellen anxiously looked forward to their annual two-week vacations to Creede.

Because of the couple's love of Creede, they moved there in the mid-1970s. During their time in Creede, they loved to snow-ski, fly fish, and entertain their beloved Oklahoma visitors. While in Creede, they also opened the Mineral County Health Clinic, where Tisdal perfected his skill at removing fishing hooks from various body parts, and Ellen assisted in minor surgeries, insurance billing and greeting patients that Tis and Ellen grew to love.

In 1983, due to the high altitude in Creede, they moved to Sun City, Arizona where they continued their active lifestyle by golfing, dancing and playing tennis. They were active members of the United Methodist Church in Sun City. After Tisdal's death in 1988, Ellen remained active in the Sun City community. She volunteered with Meals-on-



Wheels, served on the communion committee at her church, attended biweekly aerobics classes and took ballroom dancing lessons.

In 2008, Ellen moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to live with Tisa. In Albuquerque, Ellen and Tisa, enjoyed going dancing at the local country dance palace, attending Calvary Church, and going to lunch and shopping. She also loved her annual trips with Teri and Tisa to warm and sunny locales including six trips to Maui and trips to Huntington Beach, San Diego and Laguna Beach, California.

Ellen will be remembered for her devotion and love of her family, love of sports, quick wit, great generosity, honesty and impeccable fashion sense.

Ellen's Memorial Service and a true celebration of her life will be held Friday, Jan. 15, 2021 at 1 p.m. at the Lawnview Cemetery

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his farm best of all. Sherrill is preceded in death by his parents, a brother Rodney, and two brothers-in-law and a sister-in-law and many special friends. He is survived by his wife Linda, a daughter Michelle, a son Roger (Rosalie) and four fantastic grandchildren. Ryan (Allison) Mix, Brandon Rogers, Michael Mix and Bailey Rogers, a nephew Tom Mix, and a brother Gary Mix. He attended all sporting and school events of his children and

grandchildren, cheering for them as a proud grandpa.

Sherrill left this world due to complications of Parkinson's Lewy Body Dementia on Jan. 7, 2021 at the Rio Grande Hospital. Cremation has been chosen and a Memorial will be held at a later date.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To extend condolences, tributes and words of comfort for Sherrill's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com

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Items to take to the tax preparer

For many working Americans, April 15 is synonymous with taxes.

Whenever taxpayers decide to begin the process of filing their taxes, those who hire professionals to prepare their returns should have the following items ready when visiting their tax preparers.

Personal information

- Social security or tax ID number
- Social security or tax ID number of your spouse, if applicable
- Dates of birth of all dependents
- Social security or tax ID numbers of all dependents
- Last year's tax return
- Spouse's tax return from previous year, if filing jointly

Income Information

- W-2 forms from all employers you worked for in the last year
- If you are filing a joint return, W-2 forms from all of your spouse's employers in the last year
- Information regarding investment income, including proceeds from the sale of bonds or stocks, income from foreign investments, interest income, and/or dividend income
- Income from local and state tax refunds from last year
- Business income and accounting records from businesses individuals own
- Unemployment income
- Rental property income
- Social security benefits

- Proof of miscellaneous income, such as lottery, gambling winnings, etc.

Income adjustments (if applicable)

- Homebuyer tax credit
- Green energy credits
- IRA contributions
- Mortgage interest
- Student loan interest
- Contributions to medical savings accounts
- Self-employed health insurance
- Moving expenses
- Education costs
- Qualified medical expenses

Dependent care (if applicable)

- Education costs
- Childcare costs
- Adoption costs

Charitable contributions (if applicable)

- Charitable donation receipts

Bank information

- Bank account number
- Bank's routing number

This list is a general list of documents that taxpayers may need to bring when visiting their tax preparers. Individuals who want to be certain they bring all the documents necessary to file their returns should contact their tax preparers in advance of their appointments to determine which documents they will need to make the process go as smoothly as possible. TF184904

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CLIPS FROM THE CLERK

By TRISH GILBERT Motor Vehicle Registration Renewal Documents Delayed to Implement Material Fee Changes

All February motor vehicle renewal documents will be delayed three weeks to allow the vendor, FAST Enterprises, and the DMV to complete programming for a material fee increase.

Vehicle Registration Renewal cards are scheduled to be generated the first week of the month before the month the registration expires. The motor vehicle titling and registration system, DRIVES, is currently programmed to not allow renewal cards to be generated with the previous material fee at the beginning of the month and the system to charge the current fee for the remainder of the month. This allows for consistency between the

fee illustrated on the renewal card and what the system charges when the renewal is processed.

This includes Registration Renewal Post Cards, SMM Expired Declarations, Fleet Declarations, Entity Declarations, Move Cards, PWD Placards and Plates Self-Certifications, PWD Placards and Plates Medial Professional Certification, collectors' item Registration Renewal, Heavy Vehicle Use Tax Declaration, National Guard Plate Renewals, Military Exempt Plates Renewals, and Government Declaration.

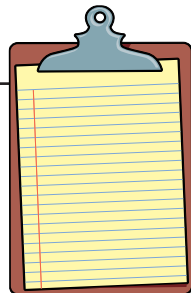
Coloradans can still renew their vehicles in January for February and the fees will be reflective of the current material fees. For Coloradans renewing motor vehicle documents on or after Feb. 1, the rate will be reflective of the new material fees.

Between November 2019 and June 2020, the Correctional Industries

Advisory Committee approved the Colorado Correctional Industries' proposed material fee increases and the required annual State budgeting processes were completed to implement the material fee increases.

The DMV encourages Coloradans to use its online services whenever possible. At myDMV.Colorado.gov, Coloradans can access dozens of online DMV services, including license and ID card renewals, vehicle registration renewals, paying a traffic ticket, motor vehicle records, first-time vehicle registration and many more.

Additionally, almost 20 DMV online services are available on the myColorado™ app, available on Android and iOS devices.



FRAUD

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will have to enter your SSN and date of birth.

- Credit Bureau Contact Info:
1. Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
 2. Experian: 1-888-397-3742
 3. TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289
- Additionally, follow the steps below:

1. Immediately report this to the Department of Labor at <https://cdle.colorado.gov/fraud-prevention>.

2. File a police report with your local police department. Get a copy of the report to provide to creditors and credit agencies.

3. Change passwords on your email, banking and other personal accounts.

4. Make a list of credit card companies, banks and other financial institutions where you do business. Tell them you are a victim of identity theft, and ask them to put a fraud alert on your account.

5. Get a copy of your credit report and dispute any fraudulent activity. You can request credit

reports online from the three major credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) by calling 877-322-8228 or visiting www.annualcreditreport.com.

6. Contact all three of the major reporting agencies to freeze your credit reports.

Equifax: 800-349-9960 or www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services
Experian: 888-397-3742 or www.experian.com/freeze/center.html
TransUnion: 888-909-8872 or www.transunion.com/credit-freeze

7. Place a fraud alert on your credit file. You can do this by contacting just one of the credit agencies to add an alert with all three agencies.

8. Take notes about all conversations and keep copies of all records.

Finally, never give your information over the phone or email when you receive unsolicited calls or emails.

PPP

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prioritizing and extending relief to impacted business owners who need it the most. If you own or operate a small business, I strongly encourage you to look into this opportunity for assistance. As always, our SBA team is eager to answer questions, offer help through the process, and connect business owners and entrepreneurs with tools for long-term health and success."

Key PPP updates include:

PPP borrowers can set their PPP loan's covered period to be any length between 8 and 24 weeks to best meet their business needs;

PPP loans will cover additional expenses, including operations expenditures, property damage costs, supplier costs, and worker protection expenditures;

The Program's eligibility is expanded to include 501(c)(6)s, housing cooperatives, destination marketing organizations, among other types of organizations;

The PPP provides greater flexibility for seasonal employees;

Certain existing PPP borrowers can request to modify their First

Draw PPP Loan amount; and

Certain existing PPP borrowers are now eligible to apply for a Second Draw PPP Loan.

A borrower is generally eligible for a Second Draw PPP Loan if the borrower:

Previously received a First Draw PPP Loan and will or has used the full amount only for authorized uses;

Has no more than 300 employees; and

Can demonstrate at least a 25% reduction in gross receipts between comparable quarters in 2019 and 2020.

The new guidance released includes:

PPP Guidance from SBA Administrator Carranza on Accessing Capital for Minority, Underserved, Veteran, and Women-owned Business Concerns;

Interim Final Rule on Paycheck Protection Program as Amended by Economic Aid Act; and

Interim Final Rule on Second Draw PPP Loans.

For more information on SBA's assistance to small businesses, visit sba.gov/ppp.

TOWN

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booth spaces for dining, presentations or commercial sales operations.

Although it was not in the press release, Lujan noted how the 2% sales tax increase that voters approved in April started feeding the coffers in July, and 0.5% will be directed toward the town's Economic Development Fund currently in development. Combining funds with utility operations will bolster infrastructure projects.

Lujan emphasized economic development possibilities throughout the meeting, particularly for downtown revitalization and the 90-

acre annexation of town-owned land within Saguache County.

Mass Design, an international housing and design firm, is developing a planning proposal for the 90-acre parcel to feature housing, broadband infrastructure and a civic and educational campus.

Meanwhile, as Center's Director of Public Works David Mehaffie noted during his update, crews extended connectivity in town and will be able to manage increased power to match increased need.

CF Altitude LLC is taking ownership of Alta Convenience

Stores and requested a temporary liquor license while all 92 locations in Colorado seek approval. The board approved the ownership transfer and directed staff to issue the temporary license.

Local ownership reveals renovation work on six properties in town, some in progress and others on the 2021 calendar.

On the town board calendar, trustees agreed to continue meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month, starting at 6:00 p.m. so they can schedule work sessions at 4:30 or 5:00 p.m., if necessary.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Colorado Gators Inc., 9187 Pyrite Circle, Mosca, Co, 81146, (719) 580-2306, has filed an application for a Construction Materials (112) Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board under provisions of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act. The proposed mine is known as Mystic Soil, and is located at or near Section 22, Township 41N, Range 10E, 6th Prime Meridian.

The proposed date of commencement is Spring 2021, and the proposed date of completion is, Fall 2032. The proposed future use of the land is industrial/commercial and rangeland.

Additional information and tentative decision date may be obtained from the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567, or at the Saguache County Clerk and Recorder's office; 501 4th St. Saguache, CO, 81149, or the above-named applicant. A complete copy of the application is available at the above-named County Clerk and Recorder's office and at the Division's office.

Comments concerning the application and exhibits must be in writing and must be received by the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety by 4:00 p.m. 10 days after the publication of this notice.

Please note that under the provisions of C.R.S. 34-32-101 et seq. Comments related to noise, truck traffic, hours of operation, visual impacts, effects on property values and other social or economic concerns are issues not subject to this Office's jurisdiction. These subjects, and similar ones, are typically addressed by your local governments, rather than the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety or the Mined Land Reclamation Board. No. 1587 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, January 14, 21 and 28 and February 4, 2021.

Saguache County Road & Bridge 2021 INVITATION TO BID

The Saguache County Road and Bridge will be receiving bids for the following piece of equipment and/or Vehicle:

2021 1/2 ton pickup. 1500 Model Ford, Chevrolet, GMC. 4 Wheel drive, Crew cab, short box, Gas Engine. Note We will not accept Bids on Dodge Rams.

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at the office of the Saguache County Administration building, 505 3rd Street, PO Box 100, Saguache, CO. 81149 or emailed to County Administrator Wendi Maez at wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov

Questions regarding the requested equipment and/or vehicle may be directed to Randy Arredondo raredondo@saguachecounty-co.gov or Joe Gilbert jgilbert@saguachecounty-co.gov or by calling Randy or Joe at 719-655-2554.

All bids shall be submitted in writing and must include the bidders address and phone number. All bids must specify the piece of equipment/vehicle stated above - The Road & Bridge Department and the Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids and waive any formalities.

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From left to right: South Fork Police Chief Hank Weber, Del Norte Police Chief Frank Archuleta, Rio Grande Commissioner Scott Deacon, Gene Glover, Victims Advocate Courtney Arthur, Commissioner John Noffske, Rio Grande County Sheriff Don McDonald, Undersheriff Chris Crown and Jail Lieutenant Coty Arthur show support for the new Stalking Awareness Proclamation signed by Rio Grande Commissioners to designate January as Stalking Awareness Month in Rio Grande County.

RGC welcomes Deacon, proclaims January stalking awareness month

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

RIO GRANDE COUNTY- Rio Grande County commissioners opened their first of the year meeting on the morning of Jan. 12 and welcomed newly elected District 1 Commissioner Scott Deacon. The board quickly moved into the agenda, asking for nominations for chairperson. Commissioner for District 3 Gene Glover nominated himself for the chairperson position, which was seconded by Deacon. The board also approved a nomination for Commissioner John Noffske to serve as co-chair for 2021.

Deacon won his seat in a landslide primary vote against previous commissioner Suzanne Bothell earlier

this summer and comes to the board as a Republican representative.

Next on the agenda, board members welcomed Rio Grande County Victim Advocate Courtney Arthur who presented the board with a proposal to designate January as stalking awareness month. Arthur explained that stalking goes hand-in-hand with domestic violence cases, stating that only 6% of cases are reported annually out of an estimated 6 to 7.5 million cases per year nationwide. "I have invited my Sheriff Don McDonald, South Fork Police Chief Hank Weber and Del Norte Police Chief Frank Archuleta to show that all law enforcement agencies in the county support this proclamation,"

said Arthur.

According to statistics from the Stalking Prevention, Awareness and Resource Center, stalking occurs all over the country. One in eight employed individuals dealing with a stalker lose time from work and one in seven individuals dealing with a stalker will relocate or move. Stalking often occurs hand-in-hand with domestic violence and includes physical violence. It can also include cases where there is sexual violence, including rape cases.

Twenty-percent of stalkers have been found to use weapons as a means to intimidate or threaten their victims and 76% of femicides were found to have some type of stalking by intimate

partners a year before the end result. These numbers are staggering in relation to domestic violence cases that have been on the rise over the course of 2020 due to families remaining at home because of the pandemic.

Reporting stalking cases can help prevent violence or death in many cases. "This is near and dear to my heart. As a victim's advocate, I deal with a lot of domestic violence cases here in the county. The biggest reason I would like to get this out there to our public is because of the fact that only 6% of stalking is reported and that is nationwide. It is something that is not talked about often, but it needs to be talked about."

"It can lead to PTSD, anxiety and a host of other mental health issues, so I think it is important that we show the public we are here, we are listening and that we care. We need to show that us at the county and local law enforcement are not going to put up with it and that we are taking a stand against it. I ask you today to sign this proclamation to show that we as a county are going to take a stand against it," finished Arthur.

Commissioner Noffske made the motion to approve the proclamation designating January as Stalking Awareness month in Rio Grande County which was then seconded by Deacon and passed by chairperson Glover.

Gray wolf removed from federal endangered species protections

COLORADO – Colorado Parks and Wildlife reported, on Thursday, Oct. 29, the Department of the Interior announced a rule to remove the gray wolf (Canis lupus) from federal protections under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) nationwide. The rule was published in the Federal Register on November 3, 2020, and went into effect on January 4, 2021.

Now that wolves are delisted from the ESA, states and tribes resume the management of the species, and state statutes/regulations apply. In Colorado, the species remains a state endangered species, and penalties under C.R.S. 33-6-109, including fines, jail time and/or a loss of license privileges apply.

Previous federal rules delisting gray wolves have routinely been litigated once finalized. If that pattern continues, which is likely, federal listing status may be unclear in the immediate term. Regardless, the species remains listed as endangered under state law in Colorado, and take of gray wolves will remain prohibited.

Colorado is part of the gray wolf's native range, but wolves were eradicated from the state by the 1940s. Over the past two decades, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) restored gray wolves into Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico and Arizona. Individual wolves, and most recently a group of wolves in Moffat

County, have been periodically migrating into Colorado. It is possible that wolves from the south may do so someday as well.

To prepare for any future wolf migrations into Colorado, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) created a multi-disciplinary working group that drafted a Wolf Management Plan. The wolf working group's recommendations were adopted in their entirety by the Colorado Wildlife Commission at its May 2005 meeting, and affirmed by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission in 2016.

Proposition 114, a ballot initiative to introduce wolves west of the continental divide, was voted on by Coloradans in November 2020. Proposition 114, a ballot initiative directing the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to develop a plan to introduce gray wolves onto the Western Slope of Colorado, passed on November 3, 2020.

Proposition 114 directs the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to:

- Develop a plan to reintroduce and manage gray wolves in Colorado by December 31, 2023, on designated lands west of the Continental Divide;
- Hold statewide hearings about scientific, economic, and social considerations;
- Periodically obtain public input to update the plan; and
- Use state funds to assist livestock

owners in preventing conflicts with gray wolves and pay fair compensation for livestock losses.

The initial directive of Proposition 114 is for the Commission and Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff to create a plan, so it should be understood that this is not a plan that is already created and available to be released immediately.

A broad-based agreement on how CPW would manage the species via natural migration resulted from a wolf management working group CPW convened in 2004. In 2016, the Parks and Wildlife Commission considered the issue of wolf reintroduction and affirmed the recommendations from the working group, which supports the presence of wolves in Colorado, with

conditions, and via natural migration into the state not through intentional reintroduction. With the passage of Proposition 114 and the delisting of the species since, CPW has regained management authority of gray wolves in the state from USFWS. CPW will utilize the 2004 working group plan until the new plan required by the ballot initiative is developed.



Welcome

Dr. Meeuwsen

Rio Grande Hospital is excited to welcome Michael A. Meeuwsen, M.D. to Monte Vista Medical Clinic. Dr. Meeuwsen was raised in Pueblo and, although he spent several years out of state (primarily for education), he is thrilled to be living again in southern Colorado. As a board-certified Family Medicine Physician, he joins the Monte Vista clinical staff with broad interests in medicine including acute, chronic and preventive care for all ages. In his spare time, he enjoys outdoor recreation, particularly with his wife (Anna) and their three children.

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Golden Pick Hockey Tournament this weekend in Creede



By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

CREEDE- It is hard to believe that this year marks the 14th annual Golden Pick Hockey Tournament in Creede and it is just over the horizon. It has been a strange year in the small mountain towns and like other communities, the year was fraught with uncertainty in regard to local events taking place. The good news is 2021 is going to start off with some predictability and one can only hope this sets the stage for the coming year. Tommyknocker Tavern in partnership with Kip's Grill will be hosting the annual Golden Pick Hockey Tournament at Silver Ice Park underneath the steep caldera cliffs that Creede is known for. The tournament kicks off the weekend of Jan. 16 and 17 with teams coming in from all over southwestern Colorado. Some parts of the event will be subject to state and local COVID guidelines, but the event is still scheduled to take place. The event began with two business owners from the Creede

area wanting to have some friendly fun among residents during the slow winter months and had now turned into one of the largest pond hockey tournaments in southwestern Colorado. Tommyknocker Tavern and Kip's Grill came together with a few people at the beginning and allowed it to grow into a full-on hockey event that spices up the chilly, slow winter months in town.

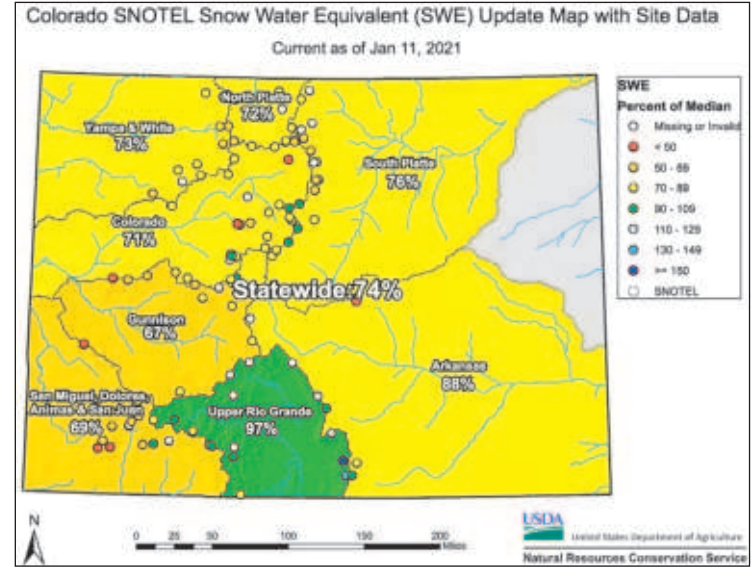
Several years ago, when, while visiting a neighboring bar that Kip Nagy, owner of Kip's Grill happened across a friend that owned a production company called Pride of Gypsies. After hearing about the steep caldera cliffs and picturesque scenery, the company decided to come and film a series of commercials for Carhartt. After filming was completed, a shed that was built for prop purposes was donated by Carhartt to be used as the new warming hut during the hockey tournament. The new shed now has a permanent home next to the lower pond.

In the years since, the ponds above town have gone from mere recreational ponds to becoming a designated city park, suitably named for Creede's unique mining history as Silver Ice Park. The City of Creede adopted the ponds during a series of meetings in 2015 and helped with funding that purchased several lights that now line the outer edges of the ponds to allow for night skating.

The ponds are lined with burn barrels to keep players warm and bleachers for cheering fans to come and enjoy the two days of friendly hockey fun. The ponds are located at 8,900 feet elevation which adds an additional challenge to the tournament and its players. The views surrounding the rinks add an incentive to those who travel from all over the southwestern US to take part in the hockey tournament. Players from all walks of life travel to Creede just to enjoy the laid-back fun tournament that caters to all levels of experience. **Please see HOCKEY on Page 2**

Upper Rio Grande only basin near normal snowpack in Colorado

COLORADO –The National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) reported that the mountains of Colorado have not received generous snowfall thus far this water year. As a result, every major river basin, except for the Upper Rio Grande, currently maintains a below median snowpack. In late October and early November, wintery storms blanketed much of the long-standing drought, but warm temperatures across the state persisted. More recent snowfall events occurring between the middle and end of December across the state, deposited upward of 4.8" of snow water equivalent in northern basins. While the overall low snowpack across the state is likely associated with La Niña, the above normal snowpack in the Upper Rio Grande river basin continued to build through December. The Moon Pass SNOTEL, in the Upper Rio Grande river basin, has the highest snow water equivalent on record for December. Statewide, snowpack is 83% of median as of Jan. 1, which is 70% of last year's median snowpack at this time. The Colorado, combined Yampa-White-North Platte and the combined San Miguel-Dolores-Animas-Juan river basins all have 78% of median snowpack. Similarly, the Gunnison river basin is 77% of the median snowpack. **See SNOWPACK on Page 2**



A Cowful

Grandpa Tommy's dad used to say "A cowful is a substantial quantity." According to my research, the rumen on a mature cow can hold up to 300 pounds. And by anybody's standards that is quite a bit.

Say you had a cowful of pocket change. You'd almost need a cow to keep it in. Say you had a cowful of wet laundry. It would take a forklift to get it in the dryer. Say you had a cowful of manure. Well, I guess a lot of us do.

If cowful became an accepted unit of measure it could replace the antiquated English standards like the dram and the rod. And those bland, simple minded metric names that somehow sound communistic; kiloliter, hectometer, decigram. Can you picture in your mind a decigram? Is it the weight of a decimated graham cracker? Or ten grandma's standin' on the scale?

Under the cowful system 15 scoopfuls would equal a cowful. Two bootfuls would



make a scoopful, two hatfuls would make a bootful. Half a hatful would equal a capful. 6 canfuls, as in beer cans, makes a capful. One canful equals 40 thimblefuls, 20 teardrops in a thimbleful.

The dosage for penicillin would read: 4 teardrops per 5 scoopfuls of body weight IM. For Blackleg four-way vaccination: 1 thimbleful SQ. Repeat in 60 days.

Bizarre, you say. If cowful was a measure of weight or volume, possibly the distance between postholes would become the standard unit of measure for length, i.e. 660 post holes per section line - 4 thumbs to a hand, 3 hands to a foot, 4 feet to a coyote length and 2 coyote lengths to a posthole.

Decibels of loudness would be described in more understandable terms. From chicken peck to pig squeal for everyday sounds. Loud noises would be categorized as small wreck, big wreck and heck'uva wreck.

"So, did you hear about Orbin gettin 'bucked off? Musta sailed 5 coyote lengths, hit the side of the grain bin with a moose bugle and two cowfuls of pellets fell on him. Smashed him flatter'n a rabbit ear.

"They got him to the Doc in half a coon's age, transfused him with a six pack of type 0 negative and removed a posthole of intestine. He's doin' okay but he's lost about six hat fulls.

"He's been a sheep's gestation recovering. Doc says it's shock, but I figger it just scared a pea waddin' and a half out of him. Well, I gotta go. I've got an appointment in 4 1/2 shakes of a lambs tail."

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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Bark Voyage: Traveling with pets

Pet owners choosing to travel domestically while following the appropriate precautions or those planning a post-COVID adventure may be apprehensive about leaving their animal companion at home during their vacation. Carrying a critter cross-country may seem daunting, but with the proper planning, owners should be confident that they can get their furry friend where they need to go.

Dr. Christine Rutter, a clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says that pet owners need to notify their airline, lodging, and veterinarian of their intention to travel with their pet as early as possible. Owners should also reach out to the appropriate authorities to ensure their pet has the proper documentation.

“Technically, any transport of an animal across state lines requires a USDA health certificate issued by a USDA certified veterinarian,” Rutter said. It is best to check the specific requirements of your destination to ensure that you are in compliance with all relevant laws and regulations when you arrive.

When obtaining the proper documentation from your veterinarian, owners should ensure that their pet is up-to-date on all vaccinations, heartworm prevention, ectoparasite (such as fleas and ticks) prevention, has a registered microchip with current contact information, and has a legible tag on their collar or harness. Tags should include a pet’s name, an emergency phone number, and any pertinent medical information.

“If your pet receives daily medications, be sure you have enough to last through your trip and ask your veterinarian if it would be worth having a paper copy of prescriptions in case medications get lost,” Rutter said.

Owners of pets who rely on a medical device, such as a glucose monitor or pacemaker, should speak with their veterinarian about what resources are available near their



destination. If your pet struggles with anxiety or motion sickness, ask your veterinarian how to best accommodate their needs during travel.

“Many of our pets don’t live terribly exciting lives when it comes to travel, so the hustle and bustle of travel can come as a real shock,” Rutter said. “Weeks before you travel, familiarize your pet with the crate or carrier that they will be traveling in. Hiding treats or feeding your pet in the carrier, providing a comfortable bed in the carrier, and going on short drives in the car (full of praise!) in the carrier can help make the travel experience

less scary.”

Rutter also recommends keeping your pet in a travel crate or carrier when they are unattended in a new environment. This keeps your pet out of mischief and ensures that your pet is in a safe and familiar place.

Owners can also help foster a familiar environment for their pet by using the same litter their cat uses at home when traveling, and by feeding them a consistent diet. Avoiding the introduction of new food and treats while traveling may also reduce the risk of digestive incidents.

Most importantly, Rutter recom-

mends that pet owners anticipate the needs of their furry friend and prepare for emergencies. This includes carrying waste bags, water, time-sensitive medications, and at least a small portion of your pet’s food. Owners should also be aware of airport pet relief areas, as applicable.

Owners may wish to research where local emergency veterinary centers are along their route or near their destination. They may also wish to purchase pet insurance for their animal and should keep their policy on-hand when traveling. If possible, include insurance information on your pet’s collar or harness tag.

Finally, Rutter reminds owners that their furry friend may behave differently when exposed to the stressors of travel. Be sure your

pet wears a collar or harness with a tag at all times while traveling in case of escape attempts. Fearful pets may also bite, so give your pet ample time to acclimate to new environments before challenging them with meeting new people and other animals, and ensure that they are properly monitored.

Although traveling with pets requires additional preparation and consideration of their special needs, it is possible to transport your furry friend safely and comfortably to wherever they need to go.

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SNOWPACK

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The South Platte and Arkansas river basins are slightly higher with snowpack at 82% and 99% of median, respectively. However, with much of the winter snowpack accumulation season remaining, a lot can still happen. The state needs above average snowfall for the next three to four months to return conditions to normal before spring and summer runoff begin.

The 2021 water year got off to a slow start with the monthly precipitation summary for October posting 46% of average precipitation statewide. The Colorado, Gunnison and combined San Miguel-Dolo-

res-Animas-San Juan river basins were all below 50%; the lowest percentage was in the combined San Miguel-Dolores-Animas-San Juan river basins with 22%. The combined Yampa-White-North Platte, South Platte, Arkansas, and Upper Rio Grande river basins ranged between 50 to 69% of average for this time period. Late October and November brought storms that improved conditions for much of the state resulting in an increase of the statewide average to 66%. On the low end, the combined Yampa-White-North Platte river basins remained at 59% of average while the Upper Rio Grande river basin increased to 86% during the month of November. The southerly storm track, during this time, favored

higher precipitation amounts for the Upper Rio Grande and Arkansas river basins. Storm activity slowed mid-November, resuming in mid-December with a few smaller storms and ended the year making gains in precipitation during the last week of December. Statewide, Colorado ends December with below-average water year-to-date precipitation of 70% of average. Despite precipitation gains in November and December much of the state remains in drought conditions. The Climate Prediction Center predicts that moderate La Nina conditions are likely to continue throughout this winter season. The most recent precipitation probability outlook shows near-normal precipitation for Colorado over the next 30 days.

HOCKEY

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The tournament consists of two levels of competition and is set up in a way that ensures each participating team gets to play at least one playoff game by the end. The schedule is known to hockey enthusiasts as a round robin format with a three-round-three team play. Registration is now open, so be sure to visit www.creedepndhockey.wordpress.com to get signed up.



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As the sun began its daily ascent into the cold skies of the San Luis Valley, the light above the mountains responded by displaying beautiful hues of purple, pink and blue that gave way to the dark grey of the waning night sky. Always up early, I particularly enjoy the scene this day as I head for the mountains for a favorite activity of mine. The colors seem to greet and welcome me to the day's adventures.

We arrive in the parking area and are blasted by cold as we exit the warm truck. The cold keeps the snow fresh, so we don't mind. We uncover and start the sleds to let them warm as we don our gear and prepare for an active and exhilarating ride up to... well, it really doesn't matter where we go today. It could be anywhere there is enough snow, and this year, there is plenty of that near the divide.

Snowmobiling on the Rio Grande National Forest is older than me, although I might argue that I could run faster than the snowmobiles of 50 years ago. But the sport is alive and well and with advances in motorized equipment technology along with over-snow power developments, the "sleds" are significantly better equipped to provide an experience sure to challenge even the most hardcore thrill seekers.

With most activities like this, there are a couple of responsibilities that snowmobilers must embrace. First, and probably most importantly, the safety factors. Wear your helmets. Period. A huge concern is avalanche awareness. I implore upon all snowmobilers to carry, and know how to use, all the avalanche safety gear, including transceivers (beacons), shovels and probe poles at a minimum. Equally important to the safety gear is the safety knowledge. We are lucky to have the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) produce daily weather and avalanche forecasts on which we can base our daily activities. Use these forecasts, make appropriate decisions, choose travel routes wisely and always leave your plans with someone other than those in your immediate activity group. Please remember that in certain areas, your actions can possibly affect other backcountry users so be completely aware of your surroundings. Visit CAIC's most excellent website: <https://www.avalanche.state.co.us/>

Second, snowmobilers have the responsibility to ride in appropriate areas. I can think of four locations that are closed to snowmobile use but certainly LOOK like it would be a fun place to "play." Two high use areas on Wolf Creek Pass come to mind here. The south side of highway 160 is a great place to start, but riders should be aware of the possibility they could encroach on the area managed by



Wolf Creek Ski Area. The area is closed to public snowmobile use for the obvious reason. No one wants to be involved in a human vs snowmobile crash. And besides, it is just not that fun to ride on a ski area. So please avoid that area. It is just not that hard to do.

The north side of Wolf Creek pass has a special area that serves to provide both cross country skiers and snowmobilers a quality experience. In the Lobo Overlook area, snowmobiles must stay on road 402 up to the tower. This allows the area closest to the highway to be enjoyed by backcountry skiers. Once out of the area, snowmobiles can resume regular off-road travel. The two other restrictions on the RGNF are at the Pass Creek Yurt and on Cumbres Pass. I always recommend consulting our excellent Visitor Information Specialists to find out more. Finally, snowmobiles are never allowed in any Wilderness area.

MOST of your Rio Grande National Forest lands are open to all users, most of the time. Occasional and limited restrictions are put in place for good reasons, often safety related, and those restrictions primarily benefit you in the long run. Don't let a moment of weakness for a short-term thrill compromise your good land and recreation stewardship ethics.

After a long day of trail riding, hill climbing and boondocking in a meadow chock full of fresh powder, we reluctantly made our way to the trailhead. Back in the parking lot, we loaded up the sleds as the evening skies began their colorful farewell bidding to another great day here in the San Luis and the Upper Rio Grande Valleys.

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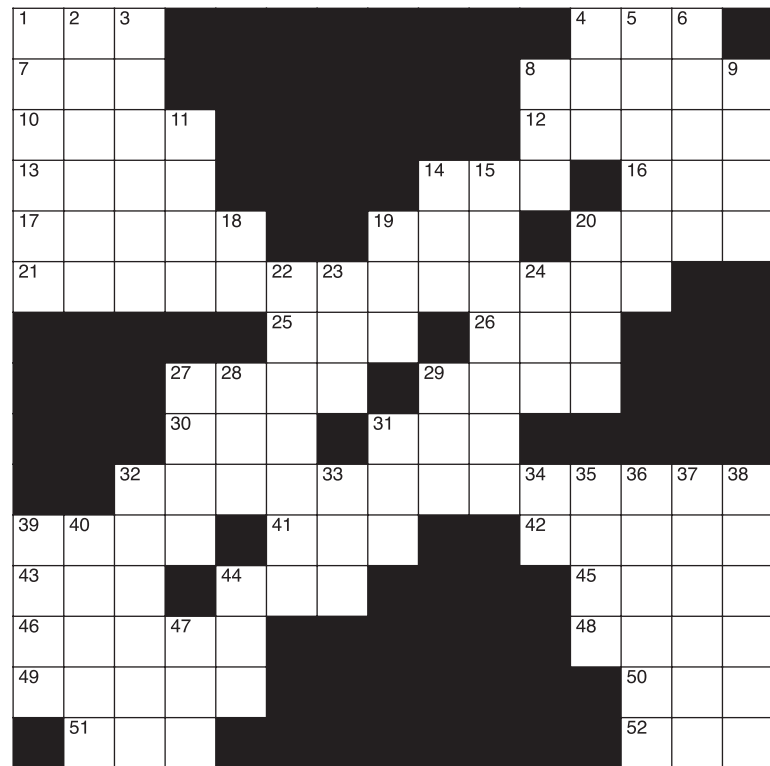
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CLUES ACROSS

1. They look out for kids
4. Play
7. Water (French)
8. Prayer leader
10. Small constellation
12. ___ Carta: influential royal charter
13. Pressure unit
14. Extrasensory perception
16. A symbol of "Aloha"
17. Portion of the small intestine
19. Psychedelic amphetamine
20. Very long period of time
21. British overseas territory
25. Cereal grain
26. Car mechanics group
27. Wish harm upon
29. At a specific prior time
30. Peyton's younger brother
31. UK firefighters' union
32. Carroll O'Connor's screen partner
39. Popular show honoring musicians
41. Basics
42. Honk
43. Trent Reznor's band
44. Patti Hearst's captors
45. Long-legged wading bird
46. Specialized biological grouping
48. A coin goes in it



49. Of the wind
50. One-time measure of length
51. A very large body of water
52. River in NE Scotland

22. In name only
23. 007's creator
24. No (Scottish)
27. Baseball's Gordon and rock's Snider are two
28. Pie ___ mode
29. Don't know when yet
31. Supervises interstate commerce
32. Make a ringing metallic sound
33. Helps little firms
34. Pound
35. Lilly and Manning are two
36. Put on the back burner
37. Baltimore ballplayer
38. Cuddle
39. Poker stake
40. Drinks to celebrate a birth (Spanish)
44. Pouch
47. Not around

CLUES DOWN

1. Boston hoopster
2. A type of bribe
3. SE England county
4. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
5. "Hotel California" rockers
6. Italian province
8. Mischievous child
9. Popular street name
11. Boxing promoter Bob
14. Snakelike fish
15. Break into pieces
18. The Bay State
19. Time zone
20. Port city in Yemen

Solution to last week's puzzle

3	8	6	1	5	7	2	9	4
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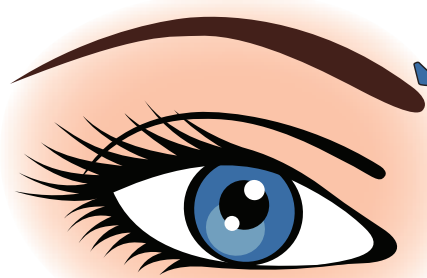
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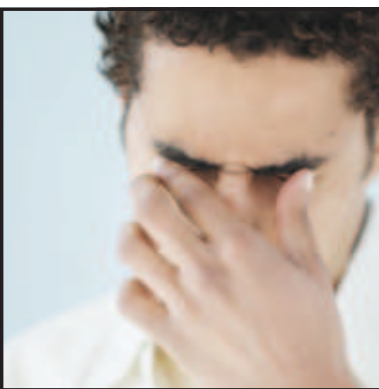
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January is National Eye Care Month

What can I do to reduce eyestrain after a day at the office?



Focusing on an object for long periods of time will tire your eyes. You can reduce this eye fatigue, caused by hours of sitting in front of a computer screen, by taking short breaks on a regular basis. You should also ensure that your surroundings are suitable for working with a screen. It is especially important

to position your screen at a good distance from your chair (at least at arm's length) and eliminate all sources of glare. A computer screen is already bright enough; it doesn't need additional lighting. In other words, don't place it directly under a light or facing a window. Eyestrain can also be caused by an

overheated room where the air is too dry.

Put all the odds on your side by having your eyes examined regularly by your optometrist. This specialist will be able to detect potential problems

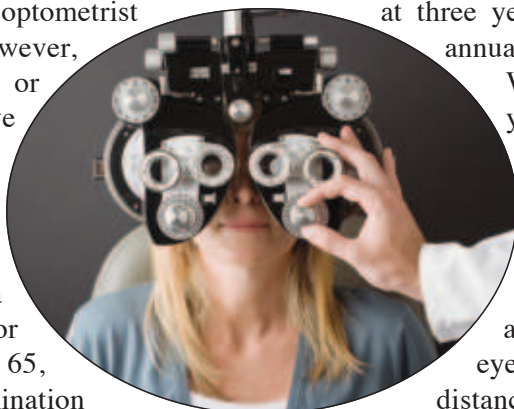
with your eyesight (peripheral vision, near vision, hand-eye coordination, etc.). As you need all of these to work with a computer screen, a problem with only one will tire your eyes even more.

When should I have my eyes checked?

How often you have your eyes checked depends on your age, your health and your family history. is recommended. Children should have their eyes examined at the age of six months then again


Ideally, it is best to see an optometrist

every two years. However, people who wear glasses or contact lenses should have their eyes checked every year. Your optometrist may recommend more frequent monitoring if you have any problems or a family history of diabetes or glaucoma. After the age of 65, an annual or biennial examination



at three years old, five years old and annually during their school years.

Whatever your age or your children's age, it is always best to make an appointment for an eye examination whenever any eye discomfort or problems occur, such as eye pain, a feeling of pressure in the eyeball and difficulties with distance or close-up vision.



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Matrix Design Group chosen for Willow Creek Floodplain design

CREEDE - After sorting through several bids from Colorado-based engineering firms, Headwaters Alliance is moving forward with a team led by Matrix Design Group to begin the process of re-designing the Lower Willow Creek Floodplain. Founded in Colorado in 1999, Matrix is an employee-owned company with local offices in Colorado Springs and Denver that provides professional engineering, consulting, environmental, planning and program management services. "As professionals dedicated to floodplain habitat and fluvial system rehabilitation, we are really excited to support TU, HWA and the Town of Creede with the project," says Aaron Sutherlin, a professional engineer and project manager for Matrix who specializes in stream restoration. "We look forward to collaborating with community stakeholders to develop a resilient, process-based design that integrates floodplain function with public recreation and education." Sutherlin has 18 years of experience and will serve as project manager for the floodplain design.

Matrix's multi-disciplinary team includes SWCA Environmental Consultants and Blue Mountain Consultants, both of which have extensive relevant project history in Colorado. SWCA was founded in Flagstaff and now has local offices in Denver and Fort Collins, while Blue Mountain is based in Berthoud, Colorado and has location specific work experience on the Watson Ranch performed by Jim Nankervis.

"While each firm provides a wide variety of services, we carefully constructed our team to provide specific subject matter expertise," says Sutherlin. "Matrix will lead the design and will rely heavily on Blue Mountain for fisheries and geomorphology, and SWCA for mine reclamation and floodplain restoration."

Whereas the previous design was implemented only on the Lower Willow Creek Restoration Company's parcel, the new design will work with landowners from the Flume to the Rio Grande — Mountain Views RV Resort, Wason Ranch, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Mineral County Fairgrounds, and the aforementioned Lower Willow Creek Restoration Company.

The new design will be different in other ways as well. Headwaters Alliance, working with Trout Unlimited, is fully aware of the previous design's shortcomings and has asked that Matrix create a design that will respond to challenges, not create a "fixed state." The floodplain is an alluvial fan where enormous amounts of rock have and will always move under high water conditions. It is a dynamic system and will remain so. Additionally, all those rocks aren't ideal for building soil, which means structure for vegetation and continued maintenance and attention are paramount to the long-term success.

Just this past week, work began when project manager Aaron Sutherlin, Danny Rodic and Matt
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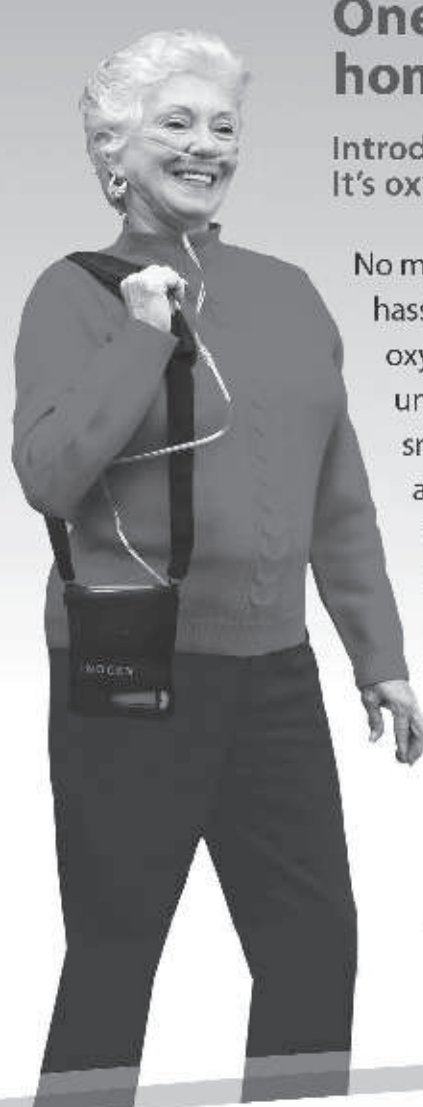


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There will be two testing locations: a drive-thru in the McDaniel Hall parking lot and a walk-up site in McDaniel Hall first floor, north hallway.

Adams State employees and students and San Luis Valley community members can get tested on any of the three dates. Pre-registration is recommended. There also will be on-site registration.

To pre-register please visit adams.edu

and click on the “COVID-19 Testing” link or visit <https://mako.exchange/scheduler/registration/?location=2766>.

Community members can access the drive-thru testing area in the McDaniel parking lot from Third Street onto Richardson Avenue, which leads into the McDaniel parking lot. Vehicles will exit the testing site onto First Street.

There are no age restrictions for the test, although ideally children under age 2 should be tested by a pediatrician.

Spanish-language services will be available at the testing site.



Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans began Jan. 11

COLORADO - The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), in consultation with the Treasury Department, re-opened the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for new borrowers and certain existing PPP borrowers. To promote access to capital in underserved communities, only community financial institutions (Community Development Financial Institutions, Minority Depository Institutions, Certified Development Companies and Microloan Intermediaries) will initially be able to make First Draw PPP Loans Monday, Jan. 11, and Second Draw PPP Loans Wednesday, Jan. 13. The PPP will open to all participating lenders shortly thereafter.

This round of the PPP continues to prioritize millions of Americans employed by small businesses by authorizing up to \$284 billion toward job retention and certain other expenses through March 31, 2021, and by allowing certain existing PPP borrowers to apply for a Second Draw PPP Loan.

“The PPP was an incredible shot in the arm for small businesses last year, and this second wave of financial support will especially be a boost to businesses in rural and underserved communities,” said Dan Nordberg, SBA’s National Director of Rural Affairs and Region VIII Administrator. “With a targeted opening, SBA is prioritizing and extending relief to impacted business owners who need it the most. If you own or operate a small business, I strongly encourage you to look into this opportunity for assistance. As always, our SBA team is eager to answer questions, offer help through the process, and connect business owners and entrepreneurs with tools for long-term health and success.”

A borrower is generally eligible for a Second Draw PPP Loan if the borrower:

- Previously received a First Draw PPP Loan and will or has used the full amount only for authorized uses;
- Has no more than 300 employees; and
- Can demonstrate at least a 25% reduction in gross receipts between comparable quarters in 2019 and 2020.
- The new guidance released in-

cludes:

- PPP Guidance from SBA Administrator Carranza on Accessing Capital for Minority, Under-served, Veteran and Women-owned Business Concerns;
- Interim Final Rule on Paycheck Protection Program as Amended by Economic Aid Act; and
- Interim Final Rule on Second Draw PPP Loans.

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- PPP borrowers can set their PPP loan’s covered period to be any length between 8 and 24 weeks to best meet their business needs;
- PPP loans will cover additional expenses, including operations expenditures, property damage costs, supplier costs and worker protection expenditures;
- The Program’s eligibility is expanded to include 501(c)(6)s, housing cooperatives, destination marketing organizations, among other types of organizations;
- The PPP provides greater flexibility for seasonal employees;
- Certain existing PPP borrowers can request to modify their First Draw PPP Loan amount; and
- Certain existing PPP borrowers are now eligible to apply for a Second Draw PPP Loan.

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Stegall from Matrix along with Jim Nankervis from Blue Mountain Consultants surveyed the floodplain, gathering high resolution data to help inform their design. Representatives from the Matrix team will be visiting Creede several times in the coming year to analyze the floodplain, speak with landowners and present their designs to the community.

“Our initial objective with our field work is to just get a better understanding of what’s going on within the project limits and what’s contributing upstream,” says Sutherland.

The team has a specific list of preliminary questions such as:

- Where is the low spot in the valley?
- Where does the stream “want” to be?
- What types and sizes of particles are moving around when this thing really gets going?

• What can we do at the mouth of the flume to dissipate energy and distribute flows so we

can better utilize a functional floodplain and reduce erosion potential?

• What are some of the adjacent landowner constraints/desires?

The Matrix team was happy to spend time not only on the floodplain, but also with community members and HWA staff and board members.

“It was good to engage with the Matrix guys, hear their ideas and share some of our own ideas and concerns,” Says Jan Crawford, HWA Board Accountant.

“This kind of open dialogue between our community and their experts seems like an important element of getting it as right as we can yet recognizing that Mother Nature may still come up with behavior, we are not wise or powerful enough to foresee, prevent or appreciate.”

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