

## Shorts

### COVID-19 drive-thru testing this Saturday at Ski Hi



**MONTE VISTA** – Rio Grande Public Health announced that there will be drive-thru COVID-19 testing Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ski-Hi Complex. Pre Registration for appointments is highly encouraged at <https://curative.com/sites/15334/walkup>. Do not eat, drink, use tobacco, use mouthwash or toothpaste at least 30 minutes before the test. Masks are required. To be tested please enter off Sherman Avenue. For additional information contact Rio Grande Public Health at 719-657-3352.

### Moffat clerk looks ahead

**BY PATRICK SHEA**  
**MOFFAT** – On Sept. 1, Amy Hardin became the Clerk and Treasurer for the Town of Moffat. The former postmaster moved to Moffat in May with an eye for change in a growing community.

“I wanted to be a part of something bigger,” Hardin said. “I love it. I get to learn something new all the time. The board is working on a number of projects. They’re hopping, and they’re keeping me hopping.”

Hardin moved to the San Luis Valley three years ago to manage post offices for Crestone, Moffat and Saguache. She can match a face with a P.O. Box Number and said she sees changes throughout the Moffat community. To clarify government activity, Hardin promotes transparency.

“We follow CORA [Colorado Open Records Act],” Hardin explained. Although a CORA search often starts by mailing (or emailing) a request to the state office in Denver, Hardin said she will share documents on the spot for interested people, if possible.

“I want to see the community come together for the common good,” Hardin said. “If we show love and compassion, we can get buy-in from people who get on the happy wagon.”

## Contracts trickle in for water Subdistrict 4

**BY PATRICK SHEA**  
**SAGUACHE COUNTY** – During their final meeting of 2020 on Dec. 1, board members picked through contracts for next year and analyzed a tight budget for the water subdistrict along San Luis Creek in the upper San Luis Valley.

Subdistrict 4 (Special Improvement District 4) is part of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, a self-governed collection of members cooperating to manage water usage to meet state standards.

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**Subdistrict 4 includes this cemetery north of the Mirage ghost town where antelope roam at the Cotton Creek drainage.**

Photo by Patrick Shea



## Another annexation proposed for town of Moffat

**BY PATRICK SHEA**  
**MOFFAT** – The Dec. 1 Moffat Town Board meeting uncovered detailed work for trustees to complete before 2020 concludes, primarily surrounding annexation and zoning issues. Mayor Patricia Reigel scheduled a meeting with Town Attorney Mallika Magner to examine

Moffat ordinances, and the board scheduled more meetings to address Magner’s issues with the town’s underdeveloped planning and zoning documents.

Following four weeks of public notification in the *Saguache Crescent*, Resolution 2020-25 qualified for a public hearing. This resolution simply made

“...certain findings of fact regarding the Terrell W. Bowers Annexation.” Marshall Pierce from North Carolina presented the annexation’s benefits during the public comment period and provided more background during the public hearing later in the evening.

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(Left to right) Trustees Ray Miller and Brian Morgan review agenda items with Clerk and Treasurer Amy Hardin (standing) while Town Attorney Mallika Magner prepares for the Moffat Town Board meeting on Dec. 1.

## David Brown of Mosca elected to Colorado Farm Bureau board

A new president, vice president and slate of board members take the reins of the state’s largest agriculture organization.

**COLORADO** – During a historic annual meeting, districts from across the state connected virtually to elect a new group of leaders to the Colorado Farm Bureau’s board of directors on Nov. 21. Carlyle Currier of Molina, Colorado and James Henderson of La Jara, Colorado were named president and vice president of the organization, respectively. Gary Melcher, Holly, Colorado; Gary Paul, Yoder, Colorado; Roxi McCormick, Crook, Colorado and Joel Currier, Molina, Colorado were reelected. Newly elected board members

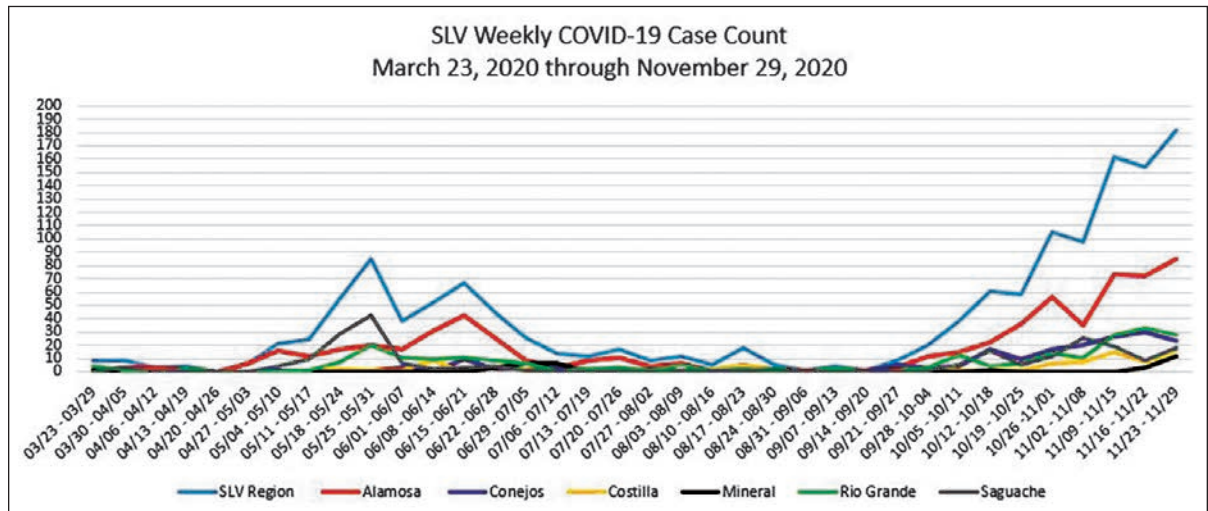
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## SLV COVID-19 test positivity rates decrease

### Five new SLV COVID-19 deaths the past week

**BY TREY SPAULDING**  
**SAN LUIS VALLEY** – Tuesday, Nov. 24, COVID-19 active cases in the SLV were 247. As of Dec. 2, active cases in the Valley’s five counties decreased from 258 to 254 during the past week. Statewide the 7-day positivity rate increased to 11.63% over the past week. Wednesday, Dec 2, San Luis Valley Public Health Partnership reported that the SLV two-

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# OBITUARIES

## Donley R. Carrigan, 81

Donley R. Carrigan of Pueblo, born Aug. 8, 1939, passed away Nov. 25, 2020. Preceded in death by his first wife, Sheila Rae Carrigan. Survived by his wife, Marla Carrigan; children, Christopher (Jessie) Pucket, Brian (Donna) Pucket, Robert and Susan Ennis; grandchildren, Daymion, Scarlett, Everleigh and Madeline Carrigan; numerous extended family and friends. Donley was a member of Eagles #145, enjoyed fishing, working on cars, drove motocross and drag racing. He especially loved spending time with his kids and grandkids and enjoyed the outdoors. Visitation will be 3 p.m. – 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4, 2020, with a 10 person limit rotation due to COVID-19 restrictions at Roselawn Funeral Home. Interment will be 1 p.m., Mon, Dec. 7, 2020, in Alamosa Cemetery and limited to 25 people. Online condolences can be made at [roselawnpueblo.org](http://roselawnpueblo.org)



## Elizabeth Medina Martines, 80

Elizabeth passed away in her home she loved dearly on November 26, 2020. Elizabeth was born August 16, 1940 to John R and Helen Torres of Center, Colorado where she was raised. In 1959 she married Alfred Medina. To that union she became the mother of Lorrie Schofield (Destry), Gary Medina (Robin) and Larry Medina (Bonnie). She was proud of her six grandchildren. Brandee Medina, Jonathan Medina (Camille), Adam Medina (Laura), Hollie Medina, Larysa Medina and Logan Medina. She was truly blessed to have 11 great-grandchildren. Shrayder Vanderpool, Anthony, Keegan, Tristan, Aiden, Bryson, Neila Medina. Harper and Charlee Medina. Gabriel and Raeligh Welch.



Albuquerque New Mexico Preceded in death are John R and Helen Torres. Brothers Manual Torres, Orlando (Jane) Torres, Andy Torres, Claude Torres and Nephew Harold Torres. Alfred Medina and Larry Martines.

Cremation was selected and a family graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, at the La Garita Cemetery. To express condolences, please visit [www.rogersfunerals.com](http://www.rogersfunerals.com) Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements.

Liz was so proud of her accomplishment of returning to school and later on getting a job as the Treasurer Manager of Holy Name of Mary Credit Union for 28 years until her retirement. She remarried in 2003, to Larry Martines in Saguache, Colorado. After retirement she started working at Del Norte Head-start part time. It was never uncommon to her the voices of small children in the community shouting out “Hi grandma Liz”!

Aunt Leesy had many nieces and nephews she held special to her. With funny memories they each shared along with warm conversations and laughter. She held her nephew Matt Torres close to her heart. Liz was very blessed to have her special loving companion Juanito Vigil who made trips from Commerce City Colorado just to spend as much time as he could with her. Surviving siblings, sisters Mary Santistevan Las Cruces NM, Gloria Chavarin Calxico CA, Cora Vigil (Nick) Farmington New Mexico Sister-in-law Carol Torres Strasburg Co, Martha Torres Albuquerque NM, Sally Torres Vigil

## Delilah Jean Moore 87

Delilah Jean Moore passed away at the Monte Vista Estates in Monte Vista, Colorado Nov. 26, 2020. She was born to Lorens and Bernice (Lakey) Lebeck on Aug. 14, 1933, in Matheson, Colorado.

She married Delbert “Jinx” Moore on June 3, 1951. To that reunion three children were born, Barry Moore, Timothy Moore and Connie (Moore) Strohmayer. They lived in Westminster, Colorado, Stratford, Texas and then moved to Monte Vista, Colorado to be closer to family.

She worked at the Stratford Post Office for many years, plus a few other jobs while raising her family with Jinx. She enjoyed her family, friends, crocheting, baking, playing the piano and her special dog Gigi. Her favorite saying was “YOU PILL”—that meant she loved you!

She is survived by son, Barry Moore, Dalhart Texas; daughter, Connie (Rusty) Strohmayer, Monte Vista, Colorado, grandchildren Melissa Moore, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Tim (Trinity) Moore, Texhoma, Oklahoma; Taz (Stacy) Strohmayer, Round Rock, Texas; Tasha (Nathan) Mausbach, Omaha, Nebraska; 8 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded by her mom, dad, husband Delbert, son Timothy Moore, sister Doris Noah, daughter-in-law Beth Moore, granddaughter Zoey Ann Mausbach.

Viewing will be held at Strohmayer’s Funeral Home on Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. in Monte Vista, Colorado. Graveside Services will be held at the Simla Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 at 1 p.m. in Simla, Colorado.



Memorial contributions can be made to the Monte Vista Estates for recreational supplies in care of Strohmayer’s Funeral Home.

Arrangements in care of Strohmayer’s Funeral Home.



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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## A day that will live in infamy

Very soon we are to honor those who gave their lives in the service of their country on Dec. 7, 1941.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with that date, it's the day the Imperial Japanese forces attacked Pearl Harbor and launched the United States into World War II.

The attack was a surprise airstrike by the Japanese and killed 2403 U.S. personnel and destroyed or damaged a total of 19 Navy warships.

The Japanese had hoped to destroy our Navy and thereby keep us from helping the people they were subjugating all over Southeast Asia and China but as luck would have it, our aircraft carriers were at sea and were not damaged and could prosecute the war, thus we and our allies would go on to win that conflict.

The President at the time, Franklin D. Roosevelt, gave a famous speech and called the date of the attack a "date that will live in infamy." And he was right about that. I find it interesting that his speech was only seven minutes long and Abraham Lincoln's infamous Gettysburg Address was only three minutes long.

It would appear that a whole lot can be said in a short amount of time by politicians if they so desire. That skill has definitely been lost to time and a new breed of glad handers have been gifted with diarrhea of the mouth when it comes to long winded speeches about nothing.

I was born in 1956 and so I grew up knowing many men and women who remembered WWII in detail and quite a few who had actually been at Pearl Harbor on that fateful day. Their lives were changed forever and they spoke often tearfully of the men and women who lost their lives then and in the years of war that followed that event.

I will always stop on that date and silently honor those who fought and died on that horrible day. This year, yet another new event falls now on that date to be celebrated in its own right. For Dec. 7, is also the last day of open enrollment for Medicare.

I don't know about you all but Ol' Dutch has grown weary of the constant barrage of salespersons on the television begging and pleading me to choose their company to represent my interest in getting a Medicare provider and warning me of that impending due date.



**Trout Republic**  
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

You would think the Japanese are sneaking on us again but this time we are getting more than adequate warning of the impending doom should we "fail to make that call."

I was a child of the 60s and can recall good old "Willy" Joe Namath performing his Sunday football magic for the Indianapolis Colts year after year. And although he was not my favorite football player at the time, I did kind of liked his free spirit attitude and new approach to the game. But of late Old Joe and I mean "old," is getting on my nerves as he is on television every few minutes telling me about using his company of choice as my Medicare provider. Something tells me that Joe doesn't really need a ride to the doctor, discount drugs or help with a wheelchair but you get my drift.

So next week we cannot only honor those who gave so unselfishly of their lives to this great Nation but also can celebrate that Joe Namath can stay home and enjoy some of that retirement without having to appear every 11 minutes and 23 seconds on the television about Medicare. Poor old man has to be about worn-out too.

If only Tom Selleck were so lucky. Poor man will be selling reverse mortgages until he dies. I think he needs to concentrate more on NYC police work and get that family of his in line for another season.

*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 or on Twitter at TroutRepublic*



## YOUR NIGHT SKY

### Moon and Stars

By DARLENE DANKO

Since the Full Moon was Nov. 30, the sky is still quite bright, but that will change a little each night as the moon begins to fade away. On Dec. 13 the Geminid Meteor Shower will peak and is going to be wonderful this year! I will tell you all about that next week.

On Dec. 2 and 3, the moon will join up with the constellation Gemini the Twins. They rise in the East and will be up all night. Right now the bright moon will fade out the faint stars, but the bright ones Pollux and Castor should be visible.

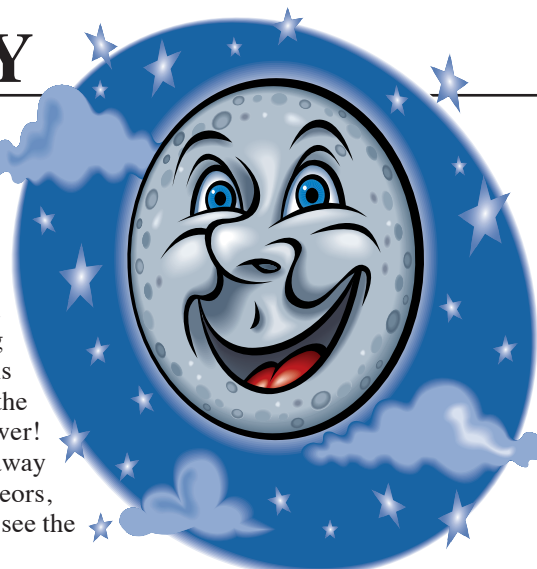
They will be just to the upper left of the moon. Pollux is the lower one and Castor is the upper one. This constellation is just to

the left of Orion the Hunter. The Milky Way runs between the two constellations with a little bit of each constellation sitting in front of the Milky Way.

What's interesting about this constellation is that it's the radiant for the Geminid Meteor Shower! So when the moon goes away and you view the meteors, you will also be able to see the entire constellation.

The moon will rise in the east mid to late evening as the month progresses, with it rising a little later each evening. Its last quarter is Dec. 7 and the New Moon is Dec. 14 to help us watch the Gemenids. The next full moon is Dec. 29. Have you noticed how early the Sun sets now? It's close to 4:30 giving us an early night to view the night sky.

I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving.



Now we have to plan for Christmas. We will soon be going out to cut down our tree for Christmas. I miss having Winterfest, but we all have to stay safe and healthy. So, take good care of yourself. I suspect we will soon have a good vaccine for the COVID-19. I used to be a nurse, and for a while I was also a Navy Nurse. So I know what it means to stay safe.

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# South Fork shines for the holiday season



Photo by Trey Spaulding

The Town of South Fork is once again beautifully illuminated for the holidays.



Hooked Harmony played Christmas carols during the Fourth Annual Yuletide celebration in South Fork.

## Schedule your Colorado Gives donation now

**COLORADO** - In Colorado, Colorado Gives Day, is Tuesday, Dec. 8. But if you want to participate now, you can schedule your donation at <https://www.coloradogives.org/> and it will go through on Dec. 8.



Don't forget scheduling your donations for or donating on Dec. 8 will ensure that your donation will be matched, which makes your donation go farther.

Colorado's day of giving is here working to make sure that Colorado's laws and policies aren't falling behind the rest of the nation so that children and families in our state can have a fair chance at prosperity this holiday season and for years to come!



"I love my family, but I can't tell who has COVID. I step up by wearing a mask and keeping my distance even around them."

# COVID

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week positivity rate had dropped from 11.3% to 6.03% and is approaching the 5% threshold set by the World Health Organization.

Friday, Nov. 27, Rio Grande County joined Conejos, Mineral, and Costilla counties and moved to level "Orange" on the state's COVID-19 dial. Alamosa County remains at level "Red" and Saguache County remains at level "Yellow."

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) reserves the right to move a county to a more restrictive level at any point, should circumstances warrant more aggressive restrictions. Where possible and reasonable, CDPHE officials see value in keeping SLV on one level, given that the health care system functions to serve the entire region, and the county residents frequently move between counties for work and other reasons.

The San Luis Valley Public Health Partnership stated Monday, Nov. 20, "Unfortunately, deaths and hospitalizations have increased recently. We are sorry to report that there have been 5 COVID-related deaths in the San Luis Valley in the past week (1 in Alamosa County, 1 in Costilla County, 1 in Saguache County, 1 in Conejos County, and 1 in Rio Grande County). Since the pandemic began, there have been 25 COVID-related deaths of San Luis Valley residents. Our hearts go out to every family who has lost someone to this virus. Hospitalizations for COVID-19 were very low in August and September, but they began to rise in October. We have had 93 local COVID-19 hospitalizations so far, with 24% (22) of those just in the past two weeks."

According to the CDPHE, COVID-19 dial dashboard, all counties in the SLV saw a significant decrease in the positivity rate of tests conducted. Among the SLV counties on Dec. 2 Rio Grande County had the lowest COVID-19 test positivity rate of 3.2% - a decrease of 1.7% from last week. Conejos County dropped from 16.8% to a 9.1% positivity rate, Saguache County dropped from 16.7% to 11.3%, Alamosa County dropped from 14.5% to 7.0%, Costilla County decreased from 13.2% to 6.8% and Mineral County went from

8.8% to a 5.6% positivity rate.

There were 254 known active cases in the SLV Dec. 2. "Active cases" means that the cases are confirmed positive for COVID-19 and are currently being supported by Public Health during their isolation period. Alamosa County saw the largest

increase in active cases with 25 more cases than a week ago. Cases by county were as follows as of Dec. 2:

- Alamosa: 141
- Conejos: 29
- Costilla: 6
- Mineral: 5
- Rio Grande: 61

Saguache: 12

According to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center Nov. 30, Colorado continues to have a lower seven-day positivity moving average test rate than its neighboring states with an 11.2% positivity rate. All neighboring states saw an increase

in test positivity rates over the past week. On Nov. 30 Kansas was had a COVID-19 positivity rate of 38.1%, Wyoming 32.8%, Utah 18.2%, Arizona 20%, Nebraska 13.3% and Oklahoma 20.2%. The Colorado and World Health Organization two-week positivity goal is 5% or lower.

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# Colorado Secretary of State's Office updates compiled election result totals

By TRISH GILBERT

Saguache County Clerk & Recorder  
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Colorado Secretary of State's Office Updates Compiled Election Result Totals

DENVER, Colo- The Colorado Secretary of State's Office announced today (December 1<sup>st</sup>) that it has posted official compiled results to its [election night reporting website](#). The race for Judicial District 18 has triggered an automatic recount, which will begin December 2<sup>nd</sup>. This recount will involve the counties of Arapahoe,

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Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln. Statewide election certification will take place after the conclusion of the recount.

Automatic recounts happen when the difference between the highest number of votes cast in a contest and the next highest number of votes cast in a contest is less than one half of one percent. Automatic recounts are required to be concluded no later than 35 days after the election, which is December 8<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to automatic recounts, interested parties have until the end of

business on December 1<sup>st</sup> to request a recount for a race that does not trigger an automatic recount. There may also be recounts of local races, which county clerks oversee. There are no recounts for Saguache County.

Presidential electors will be officially notified of the electoral college meeting by December 8<sup>th</sup>. The electoral college must meet on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Final certification of election results must occur before the electoral college meets.

# Ways to boost your immune system during the holidays

By REBECCA COPLEY

Getting sick around the holidays is something we all dread every year but especially in 2020. With all the merry making the holidays bring, and the running about, it's a good idea to give your immune system a boost. Here are four ways you can try to keep your holidays healthier and safer this year.

• Take your vitamins - In addition to social distancing and washing your hands it's important to beef up your immune system. Make sure your giving your body the vitamins you need to stay well. Vitamin's like vitamin C, vitamin B-6, and vitamin E can all do a lot to help you stay healthy. You can find a lot of the vitamins you need in the foods you eat. Foods rich in vitamin C include oranges, strawberries, grapefruit, kale, bell peppers, spinach and broccoli. Since your body doesn't produce or store vitamin C a daily intake is important to maintain good health.

Vitamin B-6 is also important for supporting your immune system. Some foods rich in B-6 include chicken, salmon and tuna. Vitamin B-6 can also be found in green

vegetables and chickpeas.

Vitamin E can be found in foods such as nuts, seeds and spinach. Vitamin E is an antioxidant which can help your body ward off infections.

• Avoid stress - It can be hard to avoid stress during the holidays and especially after the very stressful year 2020 has been. However, there are some ways that you can try to distance yourself from the anxiety. Defusing essential oils in your home like lavender and bergamot can help you create a stress relieving environment. Also doing some self-care like taking a bath or reading your favorite book can help. Try focusing on the parts of the holiday that bring you joy. Also make sure to get outside and soak in some sunlight and fresh air.

• Cut back on sugar - Another big roadblock to a healthy holiday is eating too many sweets. Sugar can make it difficult for your body to fight off viruses and infections. Having sweets in moderation even during the holidays can help you keep your immune system going strong.

• Sleep - Another very vital part



of health is getting enough sleep. Although the holidays can make it hard to achieve this you won't regret getting enough sleep. Even if you have to catch up during the day with a couple of naps getting rest is important. Your body will thank you.

## SAGUACHE SHERIFF'S REPORT

SAGUACHE COUNTY — The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the period between Nov. 23 and Nov. 30, 2020.

Staff managed one deceased person in Center and another east of Saguache on County Road AA, one missing person, one welfare check and four ambulance rides. Officers responded to 15 calls for

civil disputes, harassment, theft, trespassing, criminal mischief, suspicious activity, animal problems and a weapons offense.

On the road, motorists received four speeding tickets. Staff assisted two motorists, helped with a crash and recorded 10 traffic stops. Meanwhile, three fires required attention, and deputies kept an eye on 20 controlled burns.



## BROWN

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include Nathan Weathers, Yuma, Colorado; Charly Minkler, Ignacio, Colorado; Callie Hendrickson, Meeker, Colorado and David Brown, Mosca, Colorado.

"Colorado Farm Bureau has over 100 years of experience representing agriculture in Colorado," says Carlyle Currier, newly elected president of the organization. "I am excited for this new group to come together and build off of the history of this great organization and lead it into the future. The returning members of the board as well as the new faces stand ready to represent agriculture and ensure farmers and ranchers can continue

to do what they do best, keeping our plates full."

Colorado Farm Bureau's mission is to promote, protect and enhance agriculture and rural Colorado. The organization represents all crops, livestock and sectors of agriculture and works to strengthen the industry through advocacy, leadership development, educational efforts and initiatives.

"Farmers and ranchers are not only vital to the survival of their local communities, but agriculture is the second largest contributor to the state's economy. Without agriculture, Colorado is a very different place,"

says Currier. "This board of directors knows that. With their leadership Colorado Farm Bureau will continue to fight for farmers and ranchers and ensure that agriculture has a seat at the table locally, at the state Capitol and in Washington D.C."

The Colorado Farm Bureau board of directors consists of 14 members who represent 10 districts across Colorado as well as the Young Farmer and Rancher Program and the Women's Leadership Committee. The organization represents over 24,000 members growing every kind of crop and livestock available in the state.

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# MOFFAT

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Although Mayor Reigel was in charge of the meeting, Clerk and Treasurer Amy Hardin steered proceedings and prompted Reigel to conduct the public hearing and other items listed on the agenda. During her report, Mayor Reigel addressed the agenda item entitled, "Discussion of Mayor's refusal to be involved with town matters." Reigel cited requests for her to step down from a meeting on Sept. 29, "so I'm doing what our attorney asked."

Mayor Reigel also said, "I'm still acting as mayor." Trustee Ken Skoglund asked, "What is your role?" Reigel's answer was unclear, and she kept her seat at the table.

During the public comments period, trustees heard from three men in the room, a man on the phone and a couple whose email Hardin read for the board. Pierce used most of his three minutes to describe the Terrell W. Bowers Annexation proposal.

The email Hardin read also concerned the Bowers Annexation. The local couple expressed concern about expanding Moffat before further developing Area 420.

According to the petition to annex the Bowers property, phase one of the operation would include one to four greenhouses and possibly an outdoor crop as well. The number of greenhouses could grow to 10 in two or three years and possibly 20 in five years. In phase two, they hope to manufacture infused products. Phase three would include a marijuana retail outlet.

Pierce claimed that for every \$1 million in revenue, the town would receive \$50,000 in excise tax collection. He listed potential benefits for the local economy and tossed out auxiliary business ideas on-site, like a gas pump and community garden.

With Trustees Skoglund and Brian Morgan abstaining, the board voted 2-1 to accept the findings of fact in Resolution 2020-25 regarding the Bowers annexation.

Addressing new and other business, the board approved Tier 2 status for Apropos Enterprise LLC. Trustee Tyler Berger agreed to help Hardin repair the volleyball net and a broken swing soon. They

# WATER

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The board had a full quorum with President David Frees, Pete Stagner (Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer), Managers Jan Waye and Jeremy Uhlenbrock and Ex Officio Member Peggy Godfrey in attendance.

In addition to voting to maintain the same positions for 2021, the board reviewed and considered Participation and Well Injury Payment (WIP) contracts.

Program Manager Chris Ivers discussed adjustments to the fee structure before introducing the contracts. Each meter carries a fixed Administrative fee of \$643.63 in addition to a well-specific Stream Impact Fee, Sustainability Fee and Total Groundwater Withdrawal Fee. For inactive well owners, only the administration fee is assessed.

John Mattingly joined the meeting to hear the decision on his participation contract submission for four wells.

"Currently, I can't see a financially rational reason to use the wells," Mattingly said in the meeting. "I prefer to wait for the opportunity to



Citizens spaced themselves evenly for the Moffat Town Board meeting at Town Hall on Dec. 1.

will paint the shelter and make other repairs in the spring. The board also approved a move for the town's sensitive data from its current remote server storage location to a portable hard drive for backup.

Finally, the board agreed to use surplus CARES Act funds to reimburse utility bill payments for the local food bank. Although the operation is run by volunteers, they require funds for freezers, refrigeration and heating at the church. Hardin noted that she contacted other businesses about using the funds, but they declined. Previous funds covered seven months of utilities for the food bank, and the town's surplus of \$3,858 could pay the bills until May 2021. The board approved the request.

Open Tuesdays from 2:00 to 4:00, the food bank continues to provide canned and boxed food, dairy and meat (as well as delivery to senior citizens).

During her attorney's report, Magner passed along a suggestion for the board to seek grant funding for a sewage system. Skoglund noted a failed attempt 20 years ago to get state funding for a facility, also noting the increased necessity today. The board directed Hardin to pursue possibilities.

Long before the meeting, the board asked Magner to examine their planning documents. Magner provided suggestions in advance, but trustees did not have responses

grow something worth the price of the water."

Mattingly said he routinely saw 800 gallons per minute when he first started with his free-flowing wells. Operations irrigated roughly 1,000 acres with four wells in the 1940s and 1950s. But as the aquifer has declined, his wells are dry until hydrostatic pressure is enough to release 20-50 gpm in wet years.

In his conclusion to a letter for board members, Mattingly notes, "Bottom line, after consideration, I want to participate in the Subdistrict effort, even if I do not pump water for several years going forward, and I commit to supporting the effort with required financial participation as well as attending meetings to solve problems and move forward."

The board approved all participation contracts and continues to pursue WIP contracts with 62 well owners in the subdistrict. The board approved the budget with recalculated fees and discussed flat-rate fees and reimbursements for the future.

for her requested report.

"I'm waiting to hear what you have to say," Magner said. Trustees agreed to meet to discuss her suggestions. For example, the document assigns duties to a planning commission, but Moffat does not have a planning commission. The document also directs a code officer to perform certain tasks, although Moffat does not have a code officer.

Trustee Cassandra Foxx was feeling under the weather and did not attend the meeting. Other work sessions and meetings in December include more annexation discussions, marijuana committee updates, financial committee budgeting and water committee planning. Deadlines for CARES Act fund disbursement and filing for audit exemption also loom soon.

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# Shop local and small this Christmas

**BY REBECCA COPLEY**  
**SAN LUIS VALLEY - 2020**  
 has been a hard year for small businesses. With COVID-19 lockdowns many have struggled to survive and going out of business signs have become all too common. The struggle has also been felt by many of the San Luis Valley's local businesses.

"It's been tough," said Bernadette Torres of Torres Floral in Monte Vista adding, "We appreciate our loyal customers that have been hanging in there with us. We did have to close for a little while last spring. But so far, we've managed," said Torres although their revenue has been down. Torres also shared that she's stocked her shop with gifts for Christmas and décor, fresh flowers, wreaths and garlands.

"Our community is such that they are aware of it and I feel like they're doing a lot to help local businesses. We have a lot of people in our community that are staying loyal to hometown businesses to keep us afloat. Without them our doors would definitely be shut so it makes a big difference," said Torres.

Treasure Alley in Alamosa is in their 25<sup>th</sup> year of business and say that this has been by far their most difficult year. Their business had to completely close down for six weeks this past spring creating a very tough start for their summer season. Due to the support of local shoppers they were able to reopen in May.

"And now again, this holiday season we are faced with the possibility of being closed down. That of course would be devastating to this business as we are a "gift store," said Treasure Alley owner Carol Demlo. Demlo sharing that her shop has adequate space for customers to social distance and they are following all guidelines such as masks to ensure shoppers are safe in her store. "It is our fervent hope that we will be allowed to continue to operate. Small stores make towns interesting. We do not want to be a community of UPS trucks and Walmart. Support from our local community is literally the only way small local shops like Treasure Alley can survive," said Demlo.

Wendi Seger who in addition to running her restaurant Locavores

has also started a local store called, "Wendi's Good Things Market." Seger shared that being a small-business owner this year has been a rollercoaster. "We went from having control of the future of our businesses, to having very little," said Seger.

When asked what it means for her as a small-business owner when people chose to shop locally Seger answered saying, "It means everything! This year, people may not realize it, but they are determining what the community will look like after COVID is gone. If they choose corporate owned businesses to shop at, that is what will be left. I've never been one to hammer people to shop local for local's sake. I always have felt it's my job to do better than the corporate owned businesses, to earn their business. However, right now, when people are shopping local, it really encourages me to keep going. It's just as much about knowing your business is loved and appreciated as it is bringing in revenue. We need that encouragement right now to just physically and mentally make it through this."

Many small-business owners and local artisans who do not have physical store fronts who depend on craft fairs and events to sell their products have also keenly felt the hardships of 2020. Rosemary Bertin who is an Independent Designer with Origami Owl shared that 2020 has been a difficult year for her business. "It's really hard. It's hard for businesses with storefronts as well but when you don't have a location, you're relying on people to still have your business card. Or remember where you are, or even remember that you exist when they're looking. Because normally people come to the festivals, fairs, and bazaars to look around and find things," said Bertin.

Bertin shared that she's had to get creative joining online expos like the one put together by SLV Voices. She's also done curbside delivery as she has inventory locally and has tried to do some advertising.

When asked what it means for her when people choose local Bertin answered, "When they purchase from me it means so much because my business is what I use to help

support my family. That's what helps me pay my car payments. That's what helps us buy Christmas gifts, is my small business." Bertin also sharing that although small businesses like hers may not be able to compete with stores like Walmart and Amazon, they go above and beyond in offering amazing customer service.

As you get ready to do your Christmas shopping this year please consider shopping local. Ask your friends if they know of anyone local who sells or makes the products you're looking for. When you shop local, you're not only supporting a local business you're investing in your entire community. SLV Support Local has a list of great local business that can be found here: [https://slvsupportlocal.com/category/shop-online/?fbclid=IwAR2P0gpA9dh3mngZcmCR6zFJIt9wHVdj6am71-UlogLHe4Q3sQX\\_qs4CgeQ](https://slvsupportlocal.com/category/shop-online/?fbclid=IwAR2P0gpA9dh3mngZcmCR6zFJIt9wHVdj6am71-UlogLHe4Q3sQX_qs4CgeQ)



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## SLV unemployment rate continues to be below state level

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**BY TREY SPAULDING**  
**SAN LUIS VALLEY -** The Colorado Department of Labor and Unemployment (CDLU) recently released October 2020 unemployment rates for San Luis Valley counties.

Recently released Colorado unemployment figures from the CDLU for October 2020 indicate that the unemployment rate in the San Luis Valley (SLV) continues to decline and to fare better than the statewide and national unemployment rates.

The average unemployment rate for Colorado in October was 6.2%. Nationwide the unemployment rate increased in October to 6.9%. In the San Luis Valley among the 21,604 labor force in October there were 20,521 employed and 1,083 unemployed or a 5.1% unemployment rate for the SLV.

The SLV county with the lowest unemployment rate in October 2020 was Conejos County with 4.1% unemployment. Rio Grande County had the second lowest employment rate in the Valley with 4.9% unemployed. Mineral County had 5.6% unemployment followed by Alamosa County with a 5.3% unemployment rate. Costilla County once again had the highest unemployment rate in the SLV with 6.2% unemployed.



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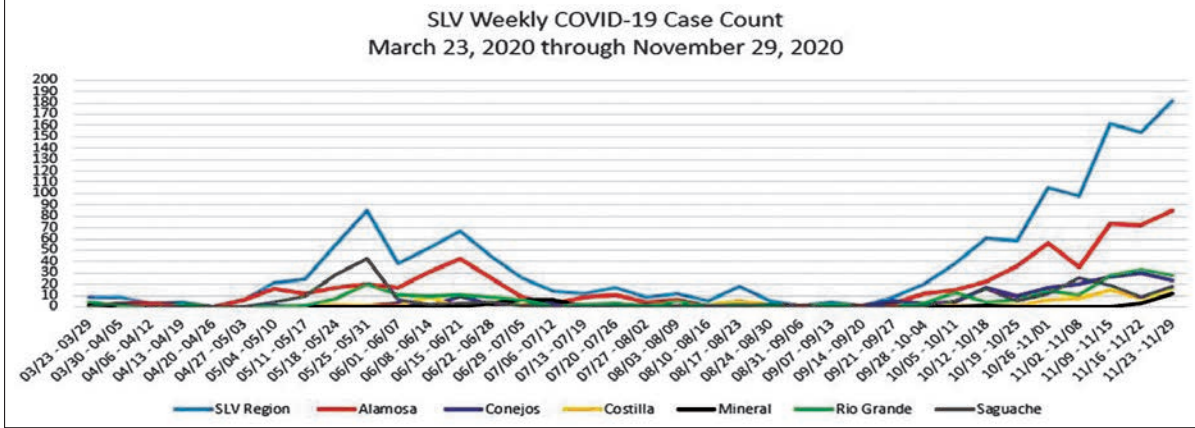
**SAN LUIS VALLEY** – The Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area invites you to donate to support their efforts in creating multiple informative vignettes on local history. Currently, the Heritage Area has produced nine informative vignettes with varying topics such as: the McIntire Ranch, the Espinosa Brothers, Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic and Historic Byway, Fort Garland and many more. You can see these mini-vignettes on their website: [sangreheritage.org](http://sangreheritage.org) or by following their Facebook page “Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area.”

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“Our goal is to raise \$5,000 in order to produce more of these local informative vignettes. We hope to bring more histories to our community as they have proven to be widely successful, and we have enjoyed the personal interactions,” says Julie Chacon, Executive Director of the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area “These histories are long overdue to be told.”

Support the Sangre de Cristo  
**See HERITAGE on Page 2**



## Rio Grande County moves to level orange on COVID-19 dial

By TREY SPAULDING

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** – Tuesday, Nov. 24, COVID-19 active cases in the SLV were 247. As of Nov. 30, active cases in the Valley’s five counties increased over the past week to 252. Statewide the 7-day positivity rate dropped from 10.1% to 9.4% over the past week. Monday, Nov. 30, San Luis Valley Public Health Partnership reported that the SLV two-week positivity rate had dropped to 5.86% and is approaching the 5% threshold set by the World Health Organization.

Friday, Nov. 27, Rio Grande County joined Conejos, Mineral, and Costilla counties and moved to level “Orange” on the state’s COVID-19 dial. Alamosa County remains at level “Red” and Saguache County remains at level “Yellow.”

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) reserves the right to move a county to a more restrictive level at any point, should circumstances warrant more aggressive restrictions. Where possible and reasonable, CDPHE of-

ficials see value in keeping SLV on one level, given that the health care system functions to serve the entire region, and the county residents frequently move between counties for work and other reasons.

According to the CDPHE COVID-19 dial dashboard, all counties in the SLV saw a significant decrease in the positivity rate of tests conducted. Among the SLV counties Nov. 30 Rio Grande County had the lowest COVID-19 test positivity rate of 3.2% - a decrease of 1.7% from last week. Conejos County dropped from 16.8% to a 9% positivity rate, Saguache County dropped from 16.7% to 10.7%, Alamosa County dropped from 14.5% to 6.5%, Costilla County decreased from 13.2% to 6.5% and Mineral County went from 8.8% to a 5.4% positivity rate.

There were 252 known active cases in the SLV Nov. 30. “Active cases” means that the cases are confirmed positive for COVID-19 and are currently being supported by Public Health during their isolation period. Alamosa County saw the largest in-

crease in active cases with 22 more cases than a week ago. Cases by county were as follows as of Nov. 30:

- Alamosa: 138
- Conejos: 23
- Costilla: 9
- Mineral: 10
- Rio Grande: 54
- Saguache: 18

According to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center Nov. 30, Colorado continues to have a lower seven-day positivity moving average test rate than its neighboring states with an 9.4% positivity rate. All neighboring states saw an increase in test positivity rates over the past week. On Nov. 30 Kansas was had a COVID-19 positivity rate of 38.1%, Wyoming 32.8%, Utah 18.2%, Arizona 20%, Nebraska 13.3% and Oklahoma 20.2%. The Colorado and World Health Organization two-week positivity goal is 5% or lower.

**General guidelines for Level Orange are summarized below. Please see COVID on Page 7**

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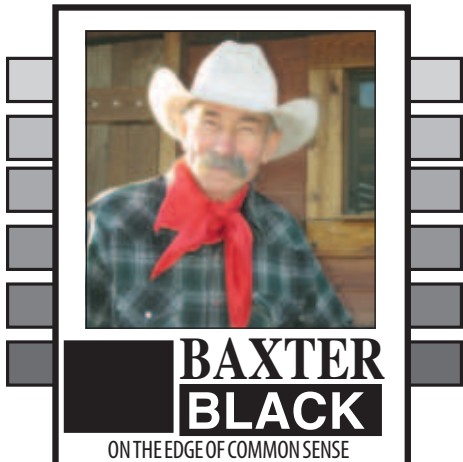
Yeah, he wished he was a cowboy but just at times like this  
(Yup, he’s glad that he’s a cowboy but there’s times on days like this)

When he spent the day ahorseback and had time to reminisce  
(When he spends all day a’horseback thinkin’, ‘Wonder what I’ve missed?’)

Never thinkin’ about Monday, ‘bout the real life he led  
(Never knowin’ if it’s Monday, if he’ll ever get ahead)

Just the smell of sweaty horses and the peace inside his head  
(Just the smell of sweaty horses and a blanket for a bed)

How he really could’a been one if the cards had fell that way



(How he grew up punchin’ cattle, had no other cards to play)

But he never had the option he had other cards to play  
(So he never had the option, it was bound to

be this way)

And he sees the hired on wranglers when he passes them the reins  
(And he sees the weekend cowboys when they’re handin’ him the reins)

And he almost wants to join ‘em but his common sense refrains  
(And he wonders could he make it in their life of ball and chains)

So he joins his boon companions and they toast their saddle sores  
(But he joins his fellow cowboys and they do their nightly chores)

They revel in the cowboy life and forget the wrangler’s chores  
(Then doze off while the campfire talk drifts in from distant shores)

But by Monday they’re a memory as he bills another page  
(But by Monday he’s back ridin’ and the open smell of sage)

And forgets the car he’s drivin’ would’ve paid their yearly wage  
(Reminds him he would not survive in a weekend cowboy’s cage)

*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](mailto:vikki@baxterblack.com)*



## Monte Christmas 'parade' still a go

**BY REBECCA COPLEY**  
**MONTE VISTA** - The Monte Vista Downtown Christmas Celebration is still a go but with a few creative changes due to the rising COVID-19 cases in the San Luis Valley. Saturday, Dec. 5, they plan to have a tree lighting and Christmas caroling at Fullenwider Park at 5:30 p.m.

Then on Dec. 19 at 5:30 they hope to have the light parade but it will look a little different this year. Jennifer Becker who is organizing the event said that Unita Vance shared some creative ideas to keep the celebration alive. "Thank you Unita for your idea," said Becker when she shared the plan at the last City Council meeting. Becker adding, "I was really distraught. I didn't want to cancel this thing completely. I really feel like we need some happiness in our lives right now."

Becker went on to explain how they can do the parade socially distanced saying, "We're going to do what's called a 'parked parade.' Still going to take parade entries like we normally would but people would just park them in the assigned places all over town. Our thoughts are we'll start in the City Hall parking lot and direct people there to pick up a map."

Participants can follow the map and drive around town to see all the floats. "You'll get a map with a star marking everywhere there is a float. My thoughts are I'll have a couple set up right there at Chapman park across from the Mormon church to kind of get them started. Coop is getting involved this year so we will literally have people going all the way from Chapman park clear out to the 'Coop,'" said Becker. There is a lot of excitement that the floats will be able to be even more elaborate than in years past. Since the floats will not be mobile, participants will be able to create full scenes at their spots around town. There will also be trophies given to the two best floats.

Becker also sharing that even though there won't be a North Pole this year Santa will still be showing up and will be somewhere where he can wave to children from a distance. There will also be a box to collect children's letters to Santa. "No North Pole, but we're still trying to make it as fun as we possibly can for the kids. Still going to really push the house decorating contest.

That's something else we can incorporate while people are driving around looking at floats."

Becker also shared that they hope businesses will get into the spirit of things too and decorate their windows like last year. There will be prizes for the participating business and there will also be prizes for the top 3 houses that win the house decorating contest.

Nothing in 2020 has been normal and it seems the holidays won't be either. But with a little creativity the community of Monte Vista is proving that this season can still be just as special. If you would like to enter the parade, business window decorating, or house decorating contest contact Jennifer Becker at: becker8595@gmail.com or by phone at (719) 850-2709.

## HERITAGE

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# South Fork welcomes Gaslamp Tavern

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

**SOUTH FORK-** After spending too much time living to work and deciding it was time to start working to live, new business owner Catherine Olah and her partner Tyler made the move to South Fork and brought with them a unique and delightful business to share with the community.

“The whole tavern/bar idea came about because I was getting fed up with living in the city with all its amenities and not being able to enjoy any of them because I was working so much. I missed the mountains and Colorado in general and realized that I was just living to work and I’m more of a work to live girl. I also love the community that I felt in Colorado and I really wanted to showcase that in my own business,” said Olah.

After making the decision with her partner, Olah made the move to South Fork but took a detour along the way while she searched for her perfect Colorado Community. Olah has the heart of a traveler and so that is what she did. “I decided to rent my apartment in Denver and find a little place in the mountains to start a bar. Luckily, my partner Tyler, felt the same way. We pretty much looked everywhere in Colorado and even in Taos a bit but ultimately, we wanted somewhere near skiing and a river and in Colorado. Then Bam! Found this hidden gem called South Fork and literally everything fell in place. But then COVID hit.”

Olah and her partner did not let the pandemic chase them away from their dreams, so instead of backing out, they moved forward and made the best of a bad situation. “We found a small cabin that had a basement, so we decided to turn the upstairs into the bar and live downstairs while we got it off the ground. Eventually, we will move out and turn the downstairs into an office, a wine room in the back and a game room with pool tables.”

At first Olah hoped that she could

work in Denver while the bar was being worked on, but because of COVID her plans had to slightly change and for the better in the end. “We were planning on working all summer in Denver while construction was going on but because COVID hit we ended up just moving here permanently in March and started our adventure a lot sooner. And we could not have been happier. South Fork is amazing!”

Olah isn’t planning on going big or going home either. She expressed a desire to create a business that fits the community and one that would be friendly and inviting for guests. “My vision was to create a small cozy meeting/drinking space in the mountains. I love that Colorado has pretty much everything you need to run a tavern. Colorado makes great beer, liquor, cheese, olive oils and so forth. I really love the idea of supporting small local businesses and creating a community more than a business. A place that can evolve but that is ultimately there for the community and there to help support and bring local craftsmen together.”

Olah mentions again and again her love for Colorado and the entrepreneurs that reside in this wonderful state. “As I mentioned, we love Colorado and the people and their crafts, so we want to showcase everything the state has to offer. We have Colorado liquors, mostly Colorado beers and every month we will showcase a different Colorado wine. I used to study wine and really would like to start studying wine and traveling again. So, we plan on closing for a month during “mud season” in April to visit other countries, check out their wineries, distilleries and breweries and culture in general and then again for a week or two in the Fall, during Harvest season (thankfully our slow season) to visit wineries. I plan on eventually starting a Gaslamp Tavern Wine Club so that when we return, we can share with the community what we learned on our travels while tasting wine from

that area.”

Olah is also offering parings to go with her wine and liquor tastings, “We really want to be a bar but we also know people love to nibble while they drink so right now we have a cheese board and accoutrements that also have Colorado influences. But as with everything the menu will evolve with the tavern. Once COVID dies away, in the summer we would love to invite local food trucks on the weekends and we also plan on having live music once we expand and open the patio space.”

The Gaslight Tavern is open every day except for Tuesdays from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Olah did state that they will be adjusting hours as they get going and as more people venture into town for winter activities. There is a Happy Hour during weekdays from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. where guests will receive \$2 off all beers, well drinks and house wines. Be sure to stop in to welcome them to the South Fork community! They are located at 1 Browns Road next to Lazy Bear Cabins along Highway 160 in South Fork.

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# Increase in foodborne botulism cases prompts warning from health officials

**COLORADO** - Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has investigated several cases of confirmed or suspected foodborne botulism in the state since September. Testing from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed four of the cases, one is still under investigation and test results are pending. All five cases occurred along the Front Range. The individuals are either hospitalized or recovering. The department investigated the cases in September and October. Three of the cases appear to be unrelated as no common food item was identified. The last two confirmed cases were likely the result of an improperly canned shared food made in the same household.

"Five cases of foodborne botulism in the span of a few months is unusual in Colorado and is cause for concern," said Nicole Comstock, deputy branch chief, communicable disease branch. "Botulism does not spread from person to person, so there is no risk to the public. However, these cases are a good reminder of how important it is to properly preserve and handle food in the home."

A variety of foods can be associated with foodborne botulism, including homemade foods that were improperly canned or preserved. The most common source of home-canning related botulism cases come from foods with a low acid content, such as chilies, green beans, potatoes, beets, corn and asparagus. Before these recent cases, the last confirmed cases of foodborne botulism in Colorado occurred in 2019 among a group that consumed a commercially prepared potato product held at improper temperatures.

To prevent botulism, it is important to follow proper canning and food preservation procedures. The Preserve Smart website from Colorado State University Extension provides information regarding considerations for choosing tested preservation methods and the importance of adjusting canning methods for elevation to ensure home-preserved food products are safe to enjoy.

Additional steps people can take to reduce their chances of getting



botulism include:

Refrigerating homemade oils infused with garlic or herbs and throwing away any unused oils after four days.

Keeping potatoes that have been baked while wrapped in aluminum foil hot (at temperatures above 140°F) until they are served or refrigerating them with the foil loosened.

Refrigerating any canned or pickled foods after you open them.

Before tasting or serving, boil all home-canned, low-acid vegetables for 10 minutes plus one minute for each 1,000 feet increase in elevation above sea level (e.g., at 5,000 feet, boil for 15 minutes).

Botulism is a rare but serious illness caused by a toxin produced by *Clostridium botulinum* bacteria. When ingested, the toxin attacks the body's nerves. Symptoms typically start with muscle weakness in the face and neck, and then spreads to the torso, arms and legs. The toxin weakens muscles used for breathing which can lead to death. It is important that anyone ill with symptoms of botulism visit a health care provider immediately to be assessed.

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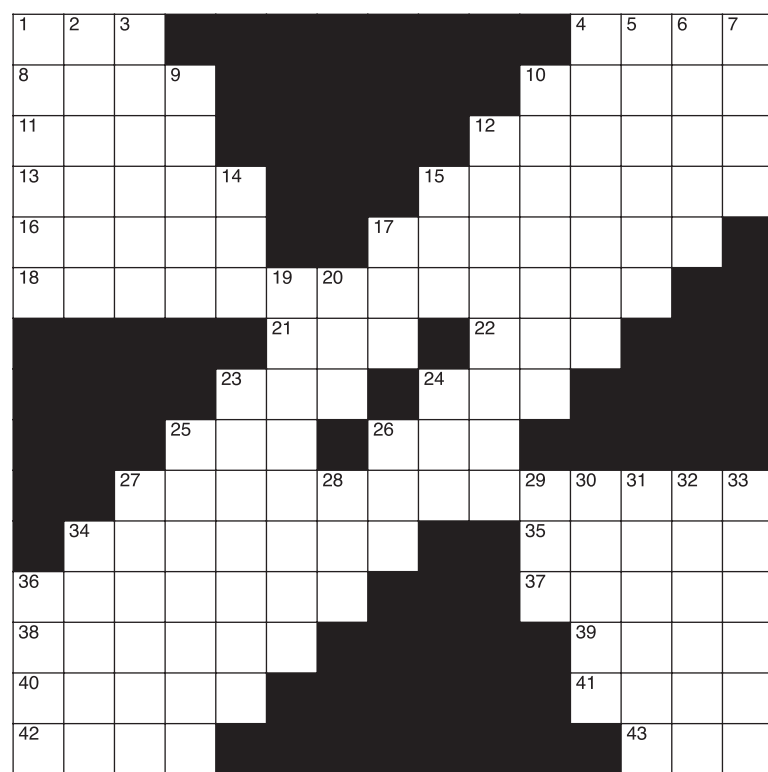
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1. Sound unit
4. Trim by cutting
8. Small buffalo
10. Ancient manuscript
11. Look angry or sullen
12. Glum
13. Northern Zambia peoples
15. Central
16. Collector of birds' eggs
17. Misbehavior
18. Top of the line
21. Political action committee
22. Have already done
23. Al Bundy's wife
24. Entertainment channel
25. Holiday (informal)
26. The common gibbon
27. Legendary actress
34. Seasoned sausages
35. Bluish greens
36. Ridiculed
37. Three-dimensional arrangement
38. Emerged
39. Type of protein
40. Denmark natives
41. Leak slowly through



42. Expression of sorrow or pity
43. Midway between south and southeast
15. Cairo Regional Airport
17. Partner to cheese
19. Sample
20. A shirt may have none
23. Public gatherings
24. Disallow
25. Overnight suitcases
26. French river
27. Where boats dock
28. Top of a pot
29. Type of drug
30. City along the Rhine
31. Animal disease
32. They go in martinis
33. A way to break away
34. Intermediate ecological stage
36. Baby term for father

### CLUES DOWN

1. Artistic dancing
2. Plenty
3. Act leisurely
4. Serve as a warning
5. Admired lovingly
6. Leftover oil from distillation process
7. Company officer
9. Egyptian unit of capacity
10. One transmits information
12. Middle layer of an embryo
14. Form of "to be"

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# COVID

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There may be additional guidelines for specific sectors.

## Mitigation Strategies:

General guidelines for Level Orange are summarized below (and with specific additional guidelines for specific sectors).

**Public and private gatherings** are limited to no more than 10 individuals from no more than 2 households.

**Face Coverings.** Face coverings are required for all individuals in public indoor settings unless the individual is 2 years of age or younger or cannot medically tolerate a face covering.

**Capacity.** Most businesses, offices, and places of worship that have been operating at 50% capacity will shift down to 25% of capacity, or 50 persons per room, whichever is less and while maintaining proper distancing.

Specific Areas impacted by this Level Orange include:

Capacity Restriction County-wide Parameters: To address Level Orange – Safer at Home High Risk

**Personal Gathering Size:** Up to 10 from no more than 2 households

**P-12 Schools:** In-person, hybrid or remote as appropriate

Higher Education: Remote or hybrid suggested, limited in person as appropriate, and other major strategies to increase social distancing

**Places of worship and Life Rites:**

Indoors Unseated Functions: 25% capacity or 50 (whichever is less)

Indoor seated Functions: 25%, 50 person capacity (whichever is less)

Outdoors: 6ft between parties outdoors, per local zoning

Restaurants: Indoors: 25% capacity, 50 people (whichever is less)

Outdoors: 6 feet between parties outdoors, per local zoning

**Non-Critical Manufacturing:** 25% capacity or 50 people (whichever is less)

**Offices:** 25% capacity (Here, remote work is highly encouraged)

**Bars:** Closed

**Gyms/Fitness:** 25% capacity, 25 indoors, or outdoors in groups less than 10

**Group sports and Camps:** Virtual, or outdoors in groups less than 10

**Retail:** 25% capacity

**Personal services:** 25% capacity or 25 people (whichever is less)

**Limited Health Care Settings:** 25% capacity or 25 people (whichever is less)

**Events:**

Indoor Unseated: 25%, 50 person capacity (whichever is less)

Indoor Seated: 25%, 50 person capacity (6ft distancing between parties)

Outdoor Unseated: 25%, 75 person capacity (whichever is less)

Outdoor Seated: 25%, 75 person capacity (6ft distancing between parties)

Outdoor Guided Services 25% capacity or 10 people

**A partial list of things that will change in moving from Orange to Red are these:**

Retail critical and noncritical open to 50% of capacity with curbside pickup and dedicated senior and high risk hours.

No personal gatherings

Places of worship and life rites: For indoor events, 25% capacity or 50 persons, whichever is fewer, with distancing. 6 feet of distance between parties outdoors.

Restaurants: Indoor dining closed. Takeout, curbside, delivery or to go.

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Offices may operate at 10% capacity, with remote work preferred.

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## **Wolf Creek Ski Area is now open for 7-day a week operations for the 2020-2021 ski season**

Wolf Creek Ski Area's Winter COVID-19 Operating Plan has been approved by the Silver Thread Health District. Please read and make yourself familiar with these guidelines.

As of Nov. 27, Wolf Creek received 16" of fresh snow from the latest storm, bringing the all-natural snow depth to 52" at the midway and 99" year to date. Conditions are Powder/Packed Powder with early season obstacles and extensive grooming throughout the mountain. Alberta, Charity Jane, Treasure Stoke, Bonanza, Elma, Raven, Nova and Lynx Lifts are operating from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Skiers and boarders have access to approximately 98% of the mountain.

Lift tickets are now at regular rates. Regular rates apply every day of the season except during Peak Rate Dates and Local Appreciation Days. Regular daily Lift ticket rates will be \$80 for adults, \$50 for seniors and \$41 for children. Please visit Wolf Creek's eStore at [WolfCreekSki.com](http://WolfCreekSki.com) to pre-purchase and view Peak Rate Dates and Prices.

Pre-purchasing lift tickets is preferred and can be done by visiting the eStore; purchases must be made before 12 p.m. Guests will be able to pre-purchase their ski school and day lift tickets online. If inventory is available, lift tickets can also be purchased on the day of skiing. Most days of the season lift tickets will be available with the exception of Peak Period days. Prepaid lift tickets can be picked up at the Ticket Windows or at Will Call. Ski School tickets must be purchased 48 hours in advance, because instructors must be scheduled ahead of time. A database will be kept until the end of the season of purchasers and ski school participants for potential contact tracing.

Lift tickets can also be purchased the morning of at the Ticket Office with a credit card only; cash will not be accepted. To expedite the ticketing process, a "Will Call" location next to the Ticket Office has been set up. Please go directly to the outside pick-up location and

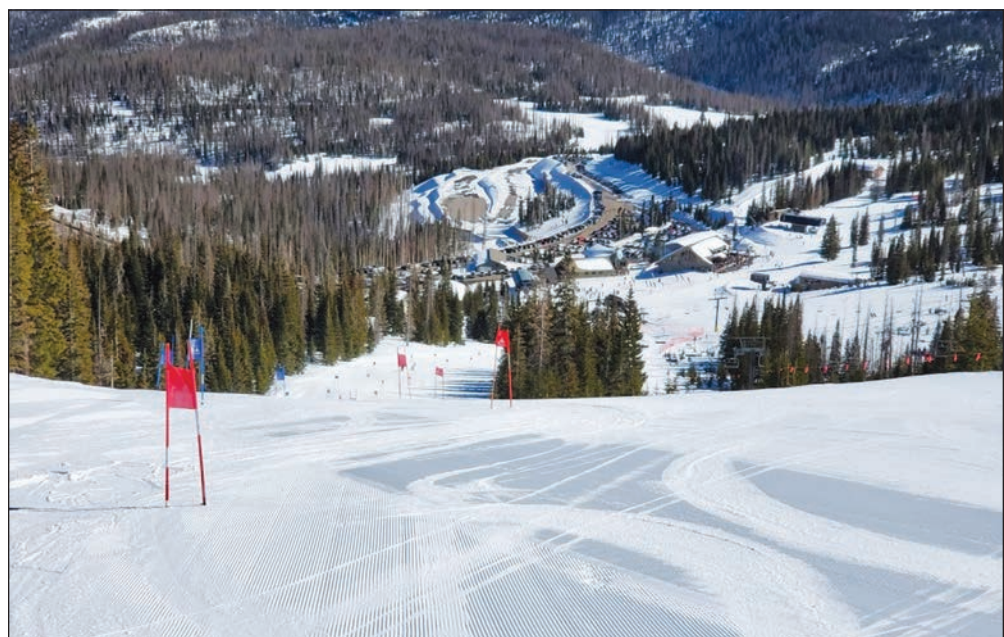
have your driver's license available; the tickets have been filed under the purchasers last name.

Guests are encouraged to bring your own bagged lunch, snacks and drinks. There will be no seating in-doors. Please bring your own water as there will be no access in-doors to water. A grab-and-go food service may become available. Please check [WolfCreekSki.com](http://WolfCreekSki.com) for updates.

WCSA will be limiting guest capacity to 5,000 guests per day. Over peak periods, if you did not purchase your lift or ski school tickets online, there may not be any inventory available. There are 19 days that are considered our peak days that change slightly from year-to-year. Peak Days are: Dec. 21-23, 26-31; Jan. 1-2, 16, Feb. 13-14; Mar. 14-18. If lift tickets are still available over the peak period days it will be noted on the homepage of the Wolf Creek website.

Ski Lesson Information - Wolf Creek Ski School is excited to announce Ski and Snowboard lessons for all ages and levels for the 2020/21 season. Starting Nov. 19, we will be offering reserved private lessons only. The lesson must be reserved by 3 p.m. the day before the lesson to assure we can accommodate the lesson. Private lessons are limited, so early reservations are recommended. Wolf Creek is committed to start operations with a conservative approach in accordance to Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Guidance (CDPHE) during these difficult times. Please read the CDPHE guidance for Ski School so you know what is expected. There is a possibility that group lessons may resume at some point this winter. Please check [WolfCreekSki.com](http://WolfCreekSki.com) for any updates on group lessons.

Half and Full Day Private lessons are a good option for small family groups and folks traveling together. A Half Day private is a three-hour lesson and a Full Day private is a five hour lesson, both can accommodate up to 5 people.



If you have limited time here at Wolf Creek, consider learning skiing instead of snowboarding. Skiing is generally easier to learn especially if you only have one day here at the mountain.

Renting skis and snowboards at Wolf Creek requires a rental profile to be set up for expediting the rental process. If purchasing lift tickets online, following the prompts for rental will be one less step guests need to complete in the "customer sign-in" process at the area.

Colorado State Guidelines <https://covid19.colorado.gov/ski-areas-and-resorts> require wearing face masks and social distancing in all indoor and outdoor public places. This includes buildings, in the base area, and riding a lift. Masks are required outdoors while in the base area and while in ticket and lift lines. Tickets will not be sold to anyone without a mask or face covering. Any guests refusing to follow Colorado State Guidelines will be asked to leave. Other guidelines include:

Visitors coming to Wolf Creek should be aware of Colorado's quarantine requirements in case of exposure. Any guests who test positive or been exposed to COVID-19 must extend their stay at their own expense to complete isolation or quarantine.

Wolf Creek is located in Mineral County; lodging is found in Pagosa Springs (Archuleta County) and South Fork (Rio Grande County). Please understand the dial level showing the status level of COVID-19 in all counties in Colorado. Visitors should educate themselves by going to <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial-dashboard>

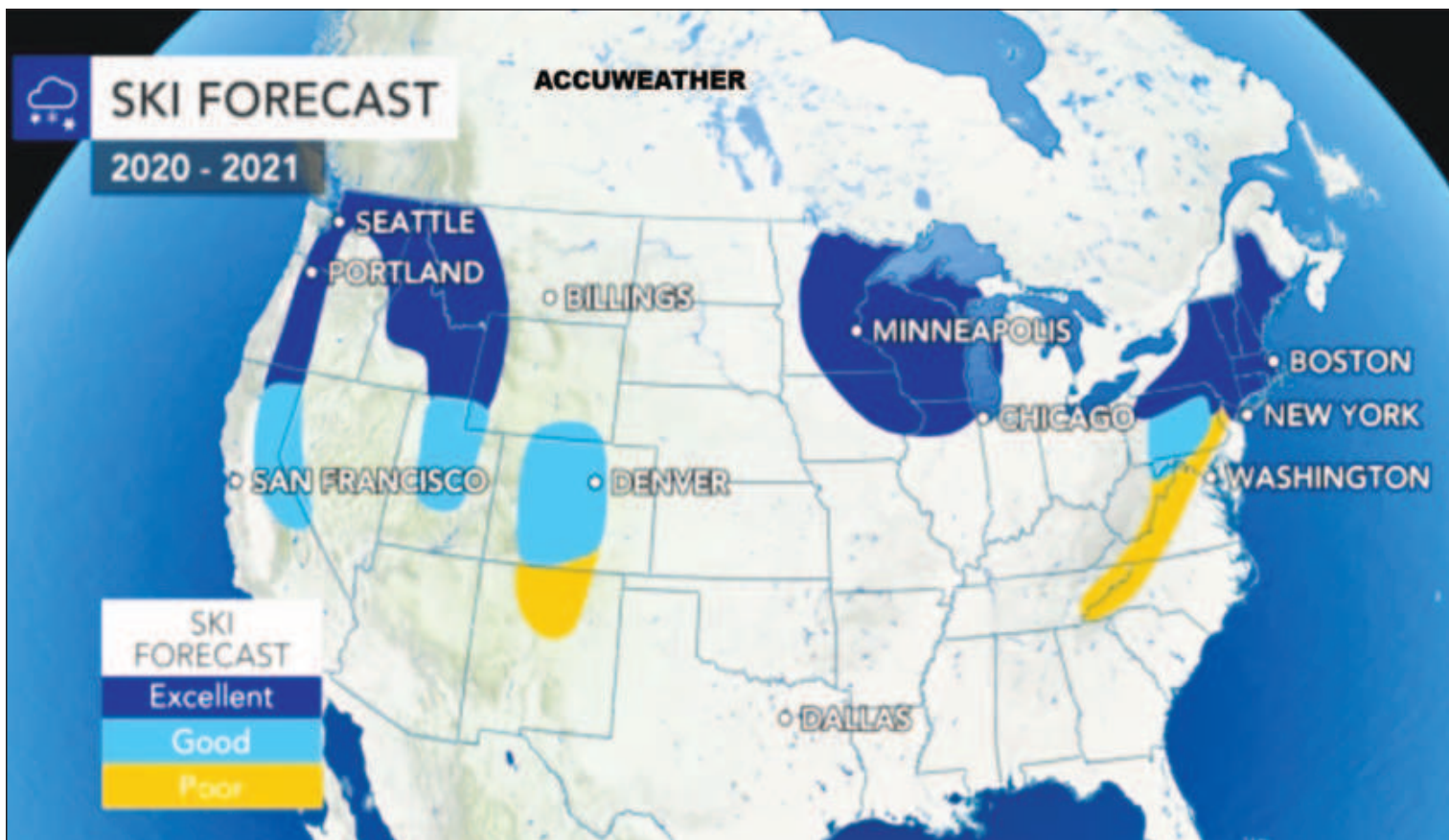
Please use the Colorado State Guidelines link for the comprehensive list of guidelines.

Moving from the preseason plan, the Winter Plan allows for other amenities to open at the ski area's discretion. Besides a limited Ski School, the Ski and Snowboard Rentals are now available; Treasure and Noel Sports opened Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020.

# Accuweather's ski snow forecast

AccuWeather Lead Long-Range Forecaster Paul Pastelok and his team have been analyzing weather patterns for the season ahead, and he offered up some early insights into the weather conditions that may influence conditions for the upcoming ski season. For a solid ski season to occur, cold air, which was lacking last season, is a must, he said. This year, however, the forecast suggests that many places across the United States will have amply snowy ski slopes to turn to when people need a break from the stuffy indoors.

Colorado and Utah, two states often recognized for idyllic, powdery conditions, are not expected to experience the best set of weather factors this season. Despite an early start with skiers already taking advantage of snowy slopes, "massive" warmups from the Southwest could lead to big temperature swings at times during the season, resulting in melting and icy conditions that are less than ideal for plunging down a mountain. The frequency of storms for the two states will also be much more of a miss than other years. Central and northern Colorado should experience a relatively normal season, but southern Colorado down into New Mexico is where the problems will arise.



# Know the symptoms of altitude sickness

According to WebMD, any time you go above 8,000 feet, you can be at risk for altitude sickness. The altitude of South Fork is 8,209 feet and Creede is situated at 8,799 feet. Sometimes called "mountain sickness," altitude sickness is a group of symptoms that can strike if you walk or climb to a higher elevation, or altitude, too quickly. The pressure of the air that surrounds you is called barometric pressure. When you go to higher

altitudes, this pressure drops and there is less oxygen available.

If you live in a place that's located at a moderately high altitude, you get used to the air pressure. But if you travel to a place at a higher altitude than you're used to, your body will need time to adjust to the change in pressure.

Symptoms of altitude sickness may include headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting fatigue

and loss of energy, shortness of breath, problems sleeping and loss of appetite. Symptoms usually come on within 12 to 24 hours of reaching a higher elevation and then get better within a day or two as your body adjusts to the change in altitude.

If you have a more moderate case of altitude sickness, your symptoms might feel more intense and not improve with over-the-counter medications. Instead of feeling better as time goes on, you'll start to feel worse. You'll have more shortness of breath and fatigue. You may also have: Loss of coordination and trouble walking, a severe headache that doesn't get better with medication and a tightening in your chest.

If you develop a severe form of altitude sickness you might experience confusion, shortness of breath even at rest, inability to walk, a cough that produces a white or pink frothy substance, coma.

You'll want to climb to higher altitudes gradually. Going slowly helps your lungs get more air through deeper breaths and allows more of your red blood cells to carry oxygen to different parts of your body.

Some of the basic guidelines for altitude acclimatization are:

Start your journey below 10,000 feet. If you have to fly or drive somewhere that's higher up, stop at one destination that's lower for at least a full day before going any higher.

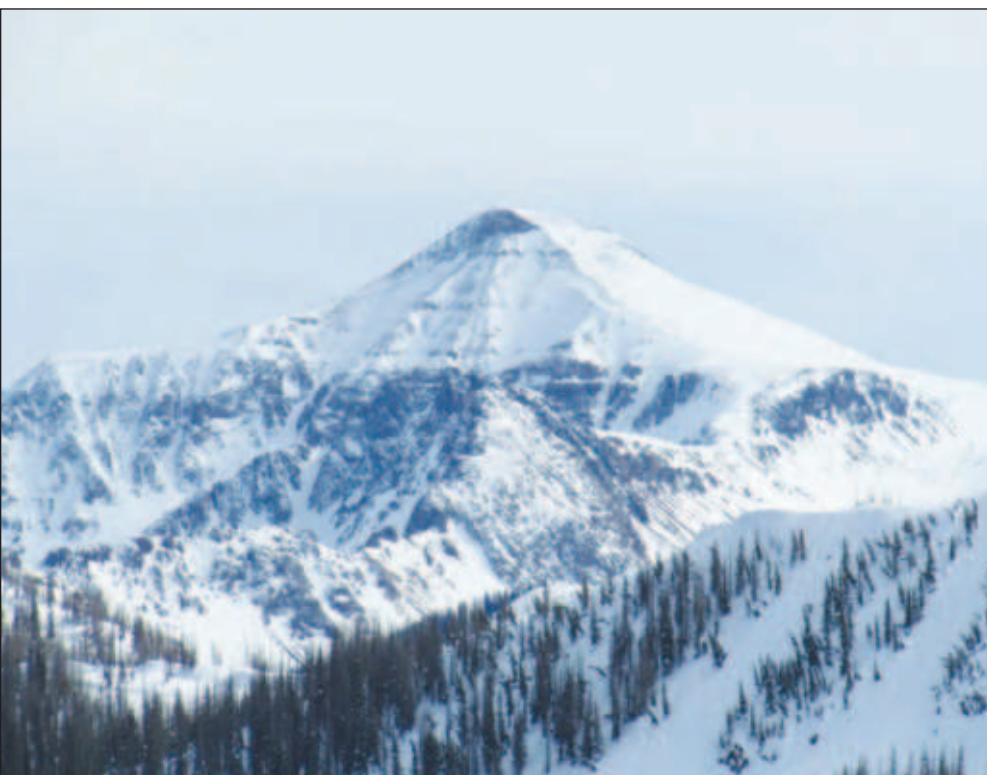
If you walk, hike, or climb over 10,000 feet, only go up an additional 1,000 feet per day. For every 3,000 feet you climb, rest at least a day at that height.

"Climb high and sleep low": If you have to climb over 1,000 feet in a day, make sure you come back down to a lower altitude to sleep.

Drink 3-4 quarts of water every day and make sure about 70% of your calories are coming from carbs.

Don't use tobacco, alcohol, or other medications, such as sleeping pills.

Know how to identify the first signs of altitude sickness. Immediately move to a lower elevation if you start to develop these symptoms.



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Snowmobiling is one of the more popular activities in the area due to easy access to trails throughout the region. Places like Beaver Creek and Cross Creek offer about 23 miles of passable trails for more experienced riders and offers views of the San Juan Mountains along Forest Service Road 359.

Fox Mountain and Park Creek trails are a great way to get out in the backcountry on Park Creek Road 380. This trail leads to large open meadows that are a snowmobiler's

winter playland with plenty of room to reach high speeds and while gliding over "powder."

The area offers miles of cross-country skiing trails that offer spectacular views and a chance to see abundant wildlife. Local organizations like the Powder Busters and Silver Thread Outdoor Club host weekly outings to these trails which they also groomed throughout the winter. A free trail map is located at the South Fork Visitor Center for those who wish to learn where these hidden outings are located.

Other activities also include ice fishing at the many reservoirs in the area like Beaver Creek which is easily accessible during winter months. Other ice fishing locations include Tucker Ponds and Big Meadows Reservoir which require either snowshoes, cross-country skiing or snowmobiles to gain access, but the trip is worth the effort with lakes offering abundant fish.

## URG snowpack 132% of normal

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** - Few realize that the spring snow runoff levels are actually influenced by precipitation received the previous fall. This Fall we had a snowstorm in September which brought 2 feet of snow to the Upper Rio Grande basin. This was followed by another significant snow fall in October. Even before the first snowflakes fall, the amount of moisture that accumulates in the soil early in winter, before the snowpack develops, will affect runoff the following spring. In the Fall of 2019, the San Luis Valley received less than normal precipitation so the parched land absorbed the initial runoff due to a lack of precipitation in the fall of 2019.

This is not the case for 2020. As of Nov. 27, the Upper Rio Grande snowpack was 132% of normal which will hopefully indicate an above normal runoff in the spring but it is too early to make this forecast.



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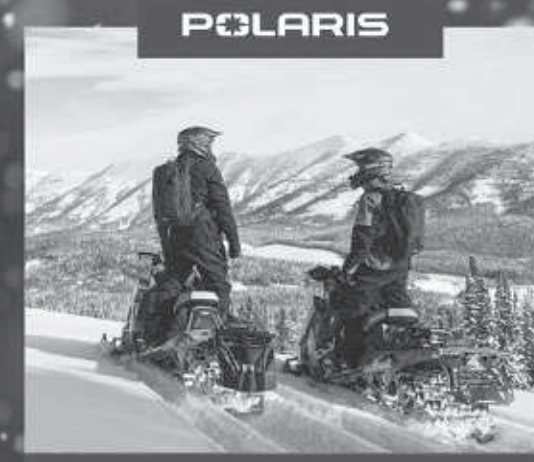
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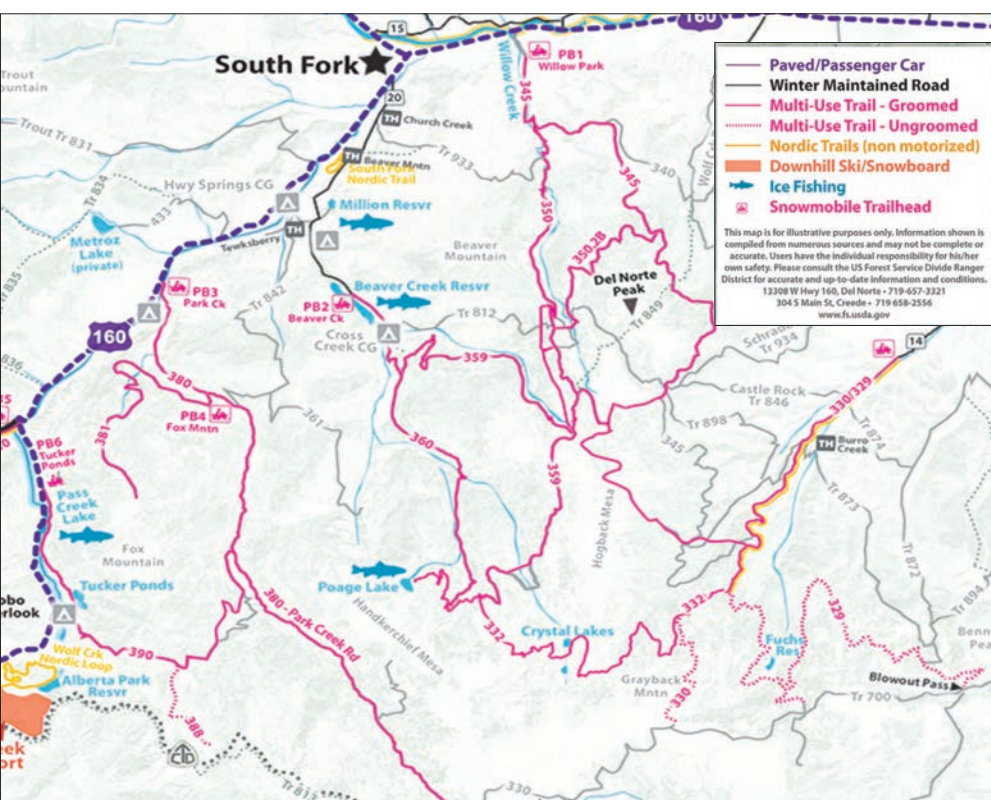
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# Snowmobile trails around South Fork

If your idea of a great time involves fast machines roaring through heaps of snow, check out our 255 miles of groomed trails with innumerable off-trail opportunities on wide-open ridges, rolling parks and steep climbs. The South Fork area offers access to some of Colorado's most scenic wintertime vistas (at 12,000+ feet) will take your breath away. It is recommended to consult local sources concerning directions and trail conditions before riding. Most of the trails follow Forest Service roads and can be used in the winter by snowmobiles and cross-country skiers.

- Some of the trails in the South Fork area:**
- PB1 - Willow Park/Del Norte Peak**  
Parks and valleys are plentiful to play in and at close observation you will possibly see a variety of wildlife. Restroom and picnic tables available. Loops with PB2-Beaver Creek/Cross Creek  
Elevation: 8,250- 12,400ft.
- PB2 - Beaver Creek/Cross Creek**  
Parking is at far end of the reservoir, with restrooms. There is a possible 23 mile loop on FSR 359 for experienced riders only. Intercepts with PB1 for a 90 mile loop. Elevation: 8,700 - 11,500 ft.
- PB3 - Fox Mountain/Park Creek Road**  
Trailhead is 3 miles up Park Creek Road 380. 8 miles to the end of the trail, large meadows at the top to play, return on same route. Elevation: 11,530 ft.
- PB4 - Pass Creek/Tucker Ponds**  
Trail is 13 miles, with meadows to play in at 7 miles. Several side trips that are not groomed. After the big meadow at 7 miles, the remaining 6 miles has side hills and is a steep winding trail not for beginners. Elevation: 9,200 - 11,380 ft.
- PB5 - Big Meadows**  
Parking just off the highway. First stop is 2 miles

in at the lake, good ice fishing, then continues for 13 more miles, mostly trail riding, some side trails and a few meadows. Elevation: 11,600 ft.

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Golden Pick' Tommyknocker Pond Hockey Tournament

Jan. 16 & 17, 2021

**CREEDE** - Yes! The 2021 Tournament is on. This tourney will bring back childhood memories of afternoon hockey games played against friends. This annual tournament has been a huge hit, bringing the locals out to cheer on teams from all over Colorado, New Mexico, Michigan

and Texas! The 3-on-3 round robin format ensures that everyone plays at least 2-3 games (plus tourney play), local restaurants ensure that everyone eats well, and the Tommyknocker Tavern hosts live music for evening entertainment. And new this year: The Creede Repertory Theatre will be putting on a performance of Boomtown Friday night around 7 p.m.



## WOLF CREEK SKI AREA *2020-2021*

DREAMING OF...

# Local Appreciation Days!

ADULT \$58 • SENIOR \$40 • CHILD \$31

Dec. 1-4, 7-9      Jan. 20, 24

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## Wish List...

The Rio Grande County Museum in Del Norte is always looking for creative ways to serve our community! We need more board members and we have lots of new ideas for expanded programming! In 2021, we are planning a Kids Program focused on art projects that will compliment other programming at HVCC and the Library. This will hopefully include more shows at the school as well. We have different programs and themes every season focusing on local history and artists.

Our Gift Shop is open for the Holidays! All proceeds support the museum!

Call (719) 657-2847 for more information.

## Wish List...

Kiwanis clubs in the San Luis Valley are looking for new members to join us. Members have the opportunity to participate in or benefit from a Kiwanis experience. Based on a legacy of service, our global network is dedicated to building community and improving lives by providing opportunities for service, fellowship, leadership and philanthropy according to local needs.

# COLORADO GIVES DAY

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**CREEDE  
REPERTORY  
THEATRE**

**This pandemic has had a toll on all of us, but those most vulnerable have seen the greatest impacts on their lives.**

La Puente jumped into action to meet the increased need for services while implementing continually evolving public health and safety precautions like PPE.

**We adapted services & rolled out new ones:**

- Shifted food bank operations to provide prepackaged food boxes available for pick-up or no-contact home delivery.
- Prepared to-go meals and moved the community meal to churches & parks.
- Created "CPR Pop-Up Sites" to take critical resources to areas with COVID outbreaks.
- Street Outreach begin passing out supplies regularly & working with City and County officials to support our unsheltered neighbors.
- And so much more!



## The La Puente Family of Programs

 Adelante Family Resource Center	 Food Bank Network of the SLV	 Crisis Prevention Resources	 PALS Children's Program
 VEGI: Valley Educational Gardens Initiative	 Emergency Shelter & Community Meal	 Rural Outreach & Street Outreach	 Re-Threads Resource Center
 Social Enterprises Barbora's Thrift Store, Plant Free Bookstore & Majors Coffeehouse	 Community Education, Long-Term Volunteers, & Volunteer Coordination		

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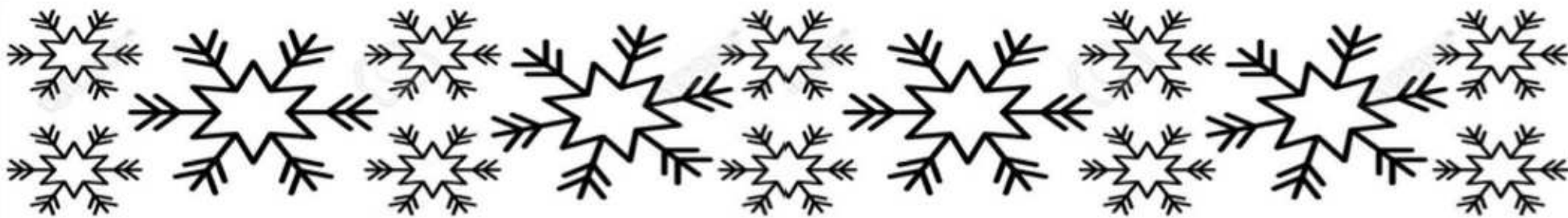



**We depend on  
your generosity!**

Donate this Colorado Gives Day:

[www.lapuentehome.org/coloradogives](http://www.lapuentehome.org/coloradogives)

La Puente is our community's response to address the effects of poverty by providing a safety net of services, where individuals and families get what they need to stabilize, heal, strengthen, and ultimately thrive.



# *A Thank You for*

*As we take a moment  
To look back on this year  
It was one filled with illness  
Uncertainty and fear.*

*Wearing a mask, washing your hands  
Social distancing and having to isolate  
We all do these to protect against  
A virus that doesn't discriminate.*

*We were scared and unsure  
Finding our way  
Then something amazing happened  
That lit up our days.*

*We saw sewers step up  
Picking up needle and thread  
Making gowns for our employees  
And masks for their heads.*

*We watched food be delivered  
Coffee, Sausages, other treats came along!  
It was your way of saying  
We're with you, stay strong!*

*We answered phone calls  
From people asking, "What do you need?"  
And their many donations  
Filled us with glee.*

*People from all over the valley  
From the bottom to the top  
Gave from their hearts  
And it still hasn't stopped!*

*Kindness links us all together  
The need to help each other through  
The nurses, doctors and front-line workers  
Feel that every day from you.*

*As the world turns the page on 2020  
A new year will begin  
Let's raise our hopes together  
To the promise it beckons in.*

*With deep appreciation and best wishes  
for a Happy and Health Holiday Season!  
Kelly Gurule, Director  
San Luis Valley Health Foundation*

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*We here at SLV Health Foundation thank you for everything you have given to us this year.  
If you wish to make a donation, please call Kelly Gurule at 719-587- 5707 or just go to the  
Foundation page at [www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org/Foundation](http://www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org/Foundation)*

*and click on the Giving button on the left side of the page. At the bottom of the  
Giving page is the Donation button that will take you to our PayPal account.*

*You do not need a PayPal account to complete the donation. Donations of more than \$100  
(\$105 online) qualify for the Enterprise Zone Credit through the state of Colorado. To receive this credit,  
individuals should include the last four digits of their social security number,  
and businesses should include its tax identification on the donation.*

*Thank you for all your support, we look forward to seeing you in 2021!*

# Vali



**Open Every Weekend for showings at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 5 p.m. on Sundays.**

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**Dec. 4-6: The Croods: A New Age**

**Saturday, Dec. 5: Special Holiday Matinee, 1 p.m.**

**FREE ADMISSION please consider donating to the Monte Vista Kids Connection!**

**Dec. 11-13: The Croods: A New Age**

**Dec. 18-20: No confirmed movie yet, will likely be holiday themed.**

**Saturday, Dec. 19: Special Holiday Matinee, 1 p.m.-FREE ADMISSION please consider donating to the Monte Vista Recreation Department**

**Dec. 25-27: Wonder Woman 1984**

**Festive Sweater Contest**  
**Every Weekend in December!**  
Wear your sweater, ugly or beautiful to the movies for a chance to win movie passes!

Did you know: If you want movie theater popcorn/snacks to watch a movie in the comfort of your own home, we're happy to help! Come in from one hour before showtime to one hour after it starts for concessions!

#### COVID-19 Precautions:

We take the safety of our community very seriously! We are following current Rio Grande County capacity restrictions, sanitizing all surfaces including the seats/armrests between showings and we require masks for all volunteers and patrons until seated. Half of our seats are closed to encourage social distancing and contact tracing information is taken at the door in the event of a possible exposure and hand sanitizer is available at many different stations throughout the theater!

**Gift Wrapping!** The Vali Theater is offering gift wrapping services for movie attendees and the community, come by while the movie is playing!

\$1 for small gifts,  
\$2 for medium and  
\$3 for large gifts.



**Please visit [www.vali3theater.org](http://www.vali3theater.org), visit us on Facebook at Friends of Vali 3 or email us at [vali3theater@gmail.com](mailto:vali3theater@gmail.com). We need volunteers!**

***The Monte Vista Cemetery is a 501c13 nonprofit cemetery. Our funding comes only from the sale of lots and your kind donations.***

This last year has brought so many changes for us all. The Cemetery Association board has focused their effort on the Chapel this last year and we have made several improvements there.

Laurie McClung and her sons, J.D. and Will McClung spent several fall days painting and making small repairs. We are in the process of installing a gas log heater in one of the fireplaces in the chapel so it can be used year round. This spring we had a wonderful donation of screens for the windows at the chapel as well.

It is a beautiful place for a small funeral or gathering- especially in this time of social distancing.

All of these improvements have been done only through the kindness of volunteers and donors.

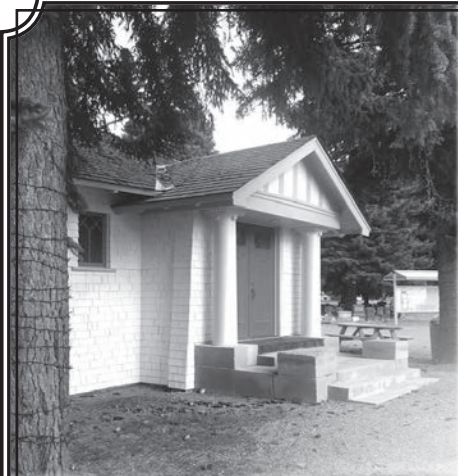
**Please consider us in your yearly gift giving and help us continue to keep this cemetery a beautiful place.**

**Our office is located at 995 US HWY 285 Monte Vista**

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# Support Headwaters Alliance on Colorado Gives Day

This December 8th for Colorado Gives Day, we hope you think about us when giving.

## YOUR GIFT DIRECTLY SUPPORTS:

- Restoration of the Lower Willow Creek Floodplain from flume to Rio Grande as a community Open Space
- Floodplain trails and other recreational development
- Stream restoration & beautification in North Creede
  - Maintaining trails on the floodplain
- Earning designation for the Mineral County Dark Sky Reserve
  - Understanding water quality and water quantity of contributing streams to the Rio Grande basin
  - Kids Science Camp, Water Quality Sampling, Community Stewardship and more!

*Donate \$125 or more and receive a poster print of*

*Christine Kenyon's epic starry photo, "High and Mighty," taken in Creede.*

*Send a check donation to: Headwaters Alliance, P.O. Box 518, Creede, CO 81130*

To donate, visit [ColoradoGives.org](http://ColoradoGives.org) and search for Headwaters Alliance



Engineers examine the Lower Floodplain as they prepare a new design from the Flume to the Rio Grande (2020)

*All of us at Headwaters Alliance thank you for your continued support and engagement. We do great things thanks to you!*



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF THE SAN LUIS VALLEY

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**Dec 8th**

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A supporter of the BGCSLV is willing to match every dollar up to \$30,000 on top of the partial match we'll also get from Community First Foundation and FirstBank's incentive fund!

You can donate on Dec 8th or schedule your donation ahead of time!

For more info on how to give, click the COGives link at [bgcslv.org](http://bgcslv.org) today!



## Valley to Valley Senior Care Saguache Campus Announces Capital Campaign for 2021!

**Great News...** A center is coming to Saguache! 1.6 miles east of Saguache at Hwy 285 and County Road 48



Valley to Valley strives to provide the best care required, from basic interaction and companionship to full scale assistance for Alzheimer's, dementia and all daily living skills. The program has been expanded to provide caregivers a break from their daily routine and allow them to return to the workforce or simply take a few hours for themselves with the assurance that their loved ones will receive quality care from trained, experienced, and compassionate staff. The care center is a wonderful choice when it comes to retaining independence and security for our seniors.

We will be expanding our services with a second center to help seniors and their families which will include day services, respite and assisted living. **Your support is needed both financially and in-kind to help our non-profit build and supply the new center. Until the center is completed please contact us for transportation options to our Salida center. We pickup Seniors in Saguache!**

Now is the time to show how much the community supports the new center. **We are accepting donations via [Coloradogives.org](http://Coloradogives.org), our web page at [valleytovalley.net](http://valleytovalley.net) or by mail to Post Office Box 769, Salida, CO 81201.** We are a 501 (c) (3) and listed on the state charitable solicitation index for tax purposes.

*COVID 19 may have slowed us down, but not stopped us.  
Bringing Senior Care to the Northern San Luis Valley!  
Any Questions Call: 719-539-4396*



### Del Norte Public Library wants to wish our community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Del Norte Public Library continues to update and make small renovations to our historic building. We provide many great resources for the public including computers, scanners, printers and fax services. We have a cheery new children's area and have added many new books to our collection. We also have a website with an online catalog which provides access to your account and allows you to place inter-library loans as well as access ebooks and audiobooks. Come in and get your library card!

### Look for us on the Colorado Gives website and in the Amazon Smiles Program

The Library is still seeking additional renovations and possible expansions to add more vital services and accessible community needs, including a conference room, meeting rooms and more! Your donations to the library will:

- Maintain the historical integrity of the existing library
- Update the building's utilities
- Utilize natural resources whenever possible including solar power and natural solar lighting (Come see our most recent renovations to see our improved natural lighting at work now!)
- Bring the building up to ADA compliant standards
- Increase the library's operational budget for expanded hours
- Increase access to town and family historical documents

**Donations are tax deductible! For more information, please visit our Del Norte Public Library at 790 Grand Ave., (719) 657-2633 or visit our WEBSITE [dnpl.colibraries.org](http://dnpl.colibraries.org)**



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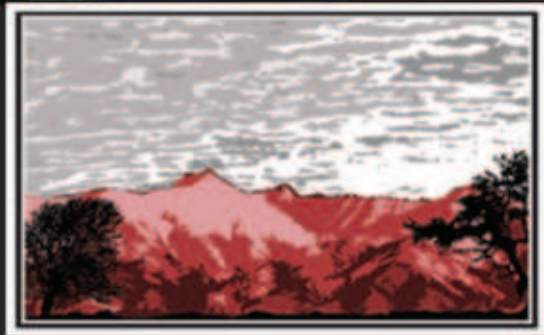


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