

Shorts



Democrats sweep Saguache County

BY PATRICK SHEA
SAGUACHE COUNTY — In Saguache County, all nine Democratic Party candidates won. Two of them ran unopposed, but three of them ultimately lost to Republicans. Although the statewide post-election tabulation is still in progress, the Saguache numbers are revealing.

Heading to Washington, Lauren Boebert (R) won the congressional seat for District 3 with 51.26% of the vote, but 54.49% of Saguache County voters cast ballots for Diane Mitsch Bush (D). In the county, Carlos Lopez (D) earned 57.10% of the vote, but in the end Cleve Simpson (R) won the District 35 state senator seat with 43,442 votes (60.18%). Mayling Simpson (D) also won the county (57.66%), but Joyce Rankin will become the next District 3 State Board of Education member (223,234 votes, 54.83%).

Saguache County voters had 26 or 27 decisions to make (depending on where they reside relative to the Continental Divide). By a vote of 48 to 41, residents in Sargents rejected a property tax hike for the Colorado River Water Conservation District. However, 72.11% of the voters in Delta, Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mesa, Moffat, Montrose, Ouray, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt and Summit counties agreed to increase collection to nearly \$5 million in 2021.

The pool of voters in Saguache County increased to 4,166 this year, and 3,373 of them (80.06%) mailed their returns, dropped them off early and voted on Election Day in the courthouse. At least one voter registered on Nov. 3, casting his ballot before the polls closed.

The closest race in Saguache County was Proposition 117, a vote to seek future voter approval for any newly created or qualified state enterprise that is projected to bring in more than \$100 million in fees and surcharges within five years. A mere six votes in the county rejected the measure (1,529 to 1,523), but it passed statewide with 52.55% of the vote.

Trish Gilbert, Saguache County Clerk and Recorder, provided updates throughout Election Night, which have been compiled on the Colorado Secretary of State website.

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COVID-19 forces Valley schools to return to remote learning

BY REBECCA COPLEY AND CHELSEA MCNERNEY-MARTINEZ

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Nov. 10, 2020 - As COVID-19 cases continue to rise in the San Luis Valley more and more schools are having to navigate

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Colorado COVID-19 cases reach record high

Saguache County has highest COVID-19 positivity rate in state

BY TREY SPAULDING

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Nov. 5, Conejos County Public Health reported the County's first COVID-19 related death and Rio Grande County recently reported an additional death bringing the SLV death toll to 16.

Beginning the week of Sept. 14 COVID-19 positive cases spiraled upward with a slight decline the past two weeks. However, Colorado and the SLV are at record numbers of positive cases since the beginning of the pandemic.

Since Wednesday, Nov. 4, active known COVID-19 cases rose from 135 to 158 on Nov. 9. There were 158 known active cases in the SLV Nov. 9. "Active cases" means that the cases are confirmed positive for

COVID-19 and are currently being supported by Public Health during their isolation period. Cases by county were as follows:

- Alamosa: 68
- Conejos: 28
- Costilla: 10
- Mineral: 0
- Rio Grande: 30
- Saguache: 22

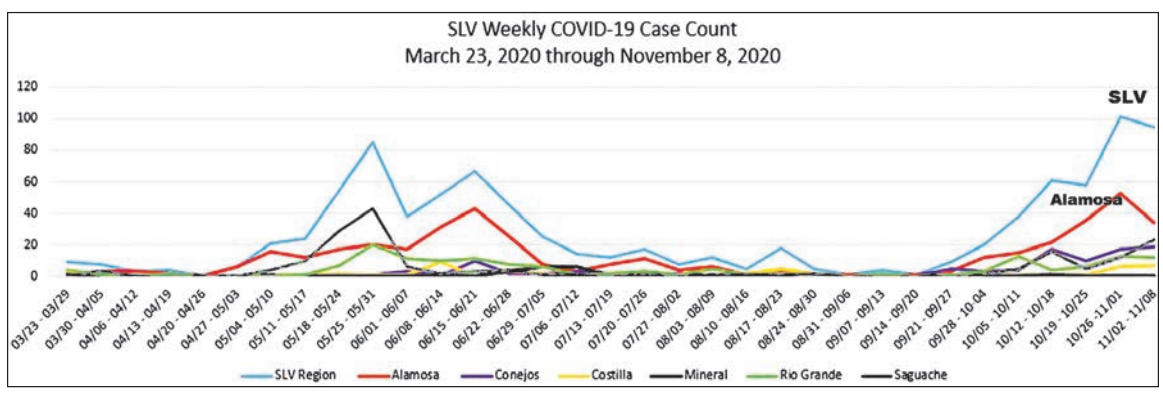
The two-week positivity rate ending Nov. 9 for the SLV rose from 7.6% to 8.54% over the past week. According to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center on Nov. 10, Colorado had a seven-day positivity moving average test rate of 10.0% - an increase of 2.3% from a week ago. According to the Colorado State COVID-19 "dashboard," Nov. 11, Saguache County had the highest two-week positivity rate in the state with 25.5% of tests coming back positive. Alamosa County had the third highest positive test rate in the

state with 17.6%— an increase of 2.2% from previous week. Rio Grande County's two-week positivity rate for Nov. 11 was 2.5% but it is not felt that these state numbers have been updated as there has been an increase of seven active cases in the past week in Rio Grande County. Conejos County had its positivity rate drop from 11.1% to 9.7% while Costilla County's rate increased from 7.5% to 12.5%. The Colorado and World Health Organization two-week positivity goal is 5% or lower.

For Colorado's neighboring states the seven-day positivity rates continue to be higher than Colorado. On Nov. 10 Kansas was at 41.3%, Wyoming 34.5%, Utah 18.0%, Arizona 12.8%, Nebraska 13.8% and Oklahoma 14.7%.

Colorado's COVID-19 hospitalizations have risen to record levels. Last week, Dr. Rachel Herlihy,

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LEAP helps Coloradans pay to heat homes

With more than 13 million Americans unemployed and the surge in medical expenses continually rising, there is a greater need than ever for home heating bill payment assistance, especially as the cold season draws closer.

November marks the kick off the 2021 Colorado Low-income Energy Assistance Program (www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap). LEAP helps families, individuals and older adults pay a portion of home heating costs through a federally-funded, one-time heating

assistance benefit.

"We provided more than 76,000 households with heating assistance last year," said Theresa Kullen, LEAP manager "By easing the strain of heating bills on households, families and individuals don't have to make a choice between buying groceries or critical medications."

Applications and assistance are available Nov. 1 through April 30 for qualifying households in all 64 Colorado counties. Individuals can apply for assistance at local county

offices, online at Colorado PEAK or by calling 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435). The added options have increased access for individuals, seniors and low-income families.

To qualify, a household's monthly income must fall within 60% of the state median income level. Single resident households with a monthly income of \$2,619 or less and households of 4 with a monthly income of \$5,038 or less may qualify for assistance.

Applicants must pay home heating

Saguache town board adds trustee, Cares Act funding still available

BY PATRICK SHEA

SAGUACHE — The Saguache Town Board selected a new trustee during their regular monthly meeting Nov. 9. Terry Gillette, Amy Garoutte and Loren Aldridge attended the online session, but when Garoutte noticed that Aldridge was also in the running, she praised his experience as a former trustee and withdrew from the selection.

Mayor Elvie Samora gave Gillette and Aldridge a chance to speak and field questions from the board. Then Town Administrator Iris Garcia received votes from trustees via private text. Aldridge won the count, and Saguache Town Attorney Gene Farish conducted the swearing-in proceedings.

"My goal is to keep Saguache alive and positive," Aldridge said. "It's on an upswing now, so let's keep the upswing going."

Aldridge added to discussions for the rest of the meeting, along with trustees Susan Collins, Amber Wilson, Wyoma Hansen, Janice Torrez, Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Jaminet and Mayor Samora.

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OBITUARIES

Marjory Virginia (Whitten) Sutherland, 95

Marjory Virginia (Whitten) Sutherland passed away after a brief illness with cancer at her home on Nov. 7, 2020, surrounded by family and friends. Virginia was born in Center, Colorado June 29, 1925, to William Elonson Whitten and May T. Whitten. Virginia being the baby, joined the family of a half-brother Eugene Whitten and brothers George and Donald Whitten.

Virginia lived 3 miles from the family home ranch she grew up on. Except for a few years at College where she graduated from the University of Colorado, with a degree in sociology/ psychology and a minor in anthropology in 1947. The sociology degree landed her first job working for the Girl Scouts of Mile High Council in Denver which was her lifelong love. Spending 30 years with the Girl Scouts, starting in 1959, she helped charter the Columbine Girl Scout Council in Pueblo Colorado, serving in all capacities from basic volunteer to district advisor to Columbine Girl Scout Council president. In 1976, she was chosen as a hidden heroin of the council and recognized for her tireless dedication before retiring.

In 1950, she married Vinus (Sut) Sutherland in Taos New Mexico. Much to the disapproval of her mother, the couple lived and worked in Denver for two years until they returned to the ranch in 1952, which they worked side by side on the ranch for the next 40 years, until Sut passed away in 1990 .

Her accomplishments thru life include being Miss Stampede in 1947, she was instrumental in helping organize and starting the Saguache County Credit Union. She was a lifelong member of the San Luis Valley Cattlewomen (The Cowbells). She was the first secretary for the Rio Grande Water Conservation Board. She was a member of the Saguache Women's Club, which in turn also started the Saguache County Museum, where she served as Chair on the Board of Directors for 57 years. She also served as a Board member on the San Luis Valley Historical Society. Virginia and her daughter Lynn were awarded Conservationists (farm and ranch division) of the year in 1997. In 2004, Virginia was awarded Cattlemen of the Year from the San Luis Valley Cattlemen's Association. She was a 3-time worthy



matron for the Order of the Eastern Star Minnehaha Chapter No. 48.

Virginia is survived by her daughter Lynn Sutherland, grandson Kenny Tomlin, nephews Donnie and George Whitten, nieces Patricia Whitten and Becky Hendrickson.

Donations in memory of Virginia can be made to the Saguache County Museum. Arrangements in care of Strohmayer's Funeral Home.

James "Jim" Harold Abeyta, 52

James "Jim" Harold Abeyta of Pueblo West, passed away unexpectedly Nov. 5, 2020. He was preceded in death by his son, Jonathon Lucas Abeyta; father, Samuel Abeyta; grandparents, Isaac Valdez and Aurelia DuPont Valdez; nephews Keith "Buddy" Abeyta and Andrew Herrera; and father-in-law Adolph Sanchez. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Connie Abeyta; mother, Delma Abeyta; siblings, Feliz Abeyta, Bobby Abeyta, Rudy Abeyta, Paula Abeyta, Carol Abeyta (Jerry), Keith (Evonne) Abeyta, Julie (Herman) Martinez, Jim (Pam) Sanchez, and Richard (Janice) Sanchez; in-laws Maria and Ben Valdez; numerous nieces and nephews; extended family and friends. Private Family Service with livestream through Facebook at Romero Family



Funeral Home, Pueblo and YouTube at Romero Family Funeral Home Pueblo, 3 p.m., Wednesday.

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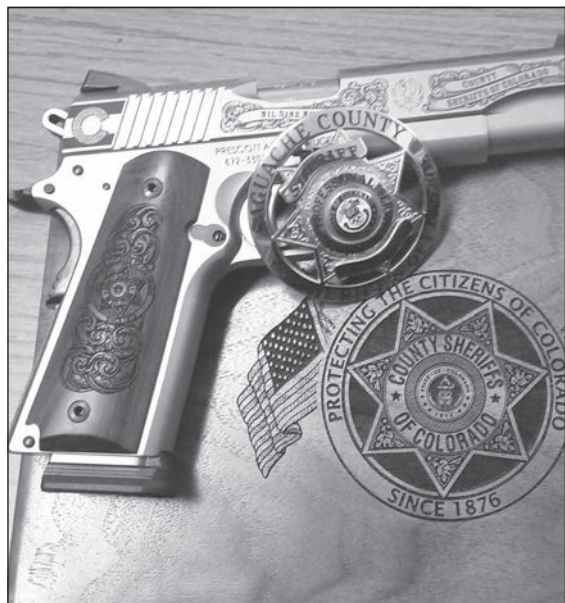
The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the period between Nov. 2 and Nov. 8, 2020.

In addition to routine patrols, officers conducted five welfare checks, assisted more than a dozen motorists and citizens, kept an eye on eight controlled burns and handled six cases of

criminally suspicious activities and trespassing. Staff issued one citation for littering and another for speeding. They responded to three harassment calls, two assaults, one theft, a sexual offense and a civil dispute.

Arrests

- Andres Garcia, 36, Center, petty offense (theft)
- Michael Gonzales, 26, Moffat, assault (third degree), criminal mischief, domestic violence summons and complaint, menacing with a deadly weapon
- Kara Eddy, 31, Moffat, failure to appear warrant



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OPINION & EDITORIAL

60 is the new 40

Recently Ol' Dutch came into possession of the radio that my grandfather purchased before 1940. It's a cool old set that stands upright and is about 3 feet wide and 4 feet tall.

A classic in its own right, it does not work but all the parts are there and I hope to get them working someday. And that is exactly what Miss Trixie says about Ol' Dutch, himself.

My grandparents listened to FDR's fireside chats and news of the war on this machine. It got them through many a night in the cold Kansas winters.

Eventually, television was invented, though, and to feed that expensive Boob Tube content, more and more advertising was added to each show trying to entice watchers to buy Harry's Hernia Belt, Mabel's Moisturizer, Doan's Backache Pills, Milk of Magnesia and Rice A Roni, the San Francisco Treat.

For the advertising giants had found out via roadside billboards and radio spots that if you told people something enough times, they finally would believe you and make choices for the products shown.

Now with cell phones and the internet we are constantly bombarded with advertising that is delivered at an ever increasing rate.

And the internet never forgets so after about a year of searching for items online or vacations to some exotic locale, you will be inundated with so much information you will reach critical mass.

Many of you recall that pre-Trixie Ol' Dutch had availed himself of the internet dating site Match.com.

The problem on there was that the pictures and information for the ladies featured could be misleading and even considered downright lies. Imagine thinking you are going to meet this gorgeous 40 year old vivacious vixen and arriving at the meet up place only to find a 60 year old fading school mom with wrinkles enough to make a roadmap of the desert Southwest.

Now there is nothing wrong with anyone at any age but honestly, in this case 60 was not the new 40 although I must say that the grandmas today certainly don't look like my grandmother did back in the day.

Today they have stretch pants and crop tops, blonde hair and red lips, drive sports cars in sports bras, eat sushi, quiche and drink margaritas from gallon jugs. I am pretty sure that my grandma probably had to take a little nip once in a while just to put up with grandpa but her standard housecoat attire was far



from what we see today.

But as you all know, appearances can be deceiving and Ol' Dutch has begun to be able to better ascertain if I am getting a deal or not.

Just yesterday I went to the drive through car wash here in the Dallas area and perusing the types of washes available suddenly a little mask clad girl appeared at my door with a great sales pitch about why the \$38 wash was better than the \$6.

Now Ol' Dutch wasn't born yesterday -- as Miss Trixie likes to point out -- and so I opted for the cheaper wash. The lady ahead of me in line had a gorgeous model and both the front end and rear end had lines to die for. And that was just her. The car was pretty nice, too.

And obviously she cared about her car or her image more than Ol' Dutch and she chose the \$38 wash. The machine quickly hitched onto our tires and drug us through the soapy, soppy, soggy towel flopping and spraying contraption and out the other side we emerged with clean cars.

I was so pleased to finally get the white beast washed but soon began to think about the lady in the sports car and me. We went through the same wash, had the same amount of time with the same washes and rinses but for different amounts of money.

P.T Barnum once said, "A sucker is born every minute." and there is always someone out there to take his money. And that has never been truer than it is today so watch yourself out there. You never know when someone will come along offering you a silk purse made from a sow's ear and no I am not talking about dating older women. Knowing the difference makes all the difference.

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CORRECTION

Saguache County hires Social Services Director

By PATRICK SHEA
SAGUACHE COUNTY — The Nov. 5 issue of the *Center Post-Dispatch* incorrectly announced that Ruth Horn is the new Public Health Director, but she is the new Social Services Director. The Saguache

County Public Health Director position remains open.

Rio Grande County was also operating without a Public Health Director until they hired Dr. Kolawole Bankole in October. In September, commissioners from both counties

engaged in discussions to create a Public Health District like Hinsdale and Mineral County formed in 2016.

According to Rio Grande County Commissioner John Noffske Nov. 8, "We are still having the conversation. Conversations are taking place."

LETTERS

Election Security update

To the editor,
Several disinformation narratives, primarily focused on other states, are reaching some Colorado voters and raising their concerns about the process here. Some of the narratives include:

False claims are circulating that voters using a sharpie to mark their ballot will result in that ballot not being counted (aka #SharpieGate). This primarily targeted Arizona and has been widely refuted there and across the country. Colorado voting

machines can read ballots marked with felt tip pens (sharpies). Additionally, our ballots and processes are designed so bleeding ink will not impact a person's vote.

Multiple false claims that more votes were cast than there were registered voters in several states including Colorado. These posts appear to rely on dramatically outdated registration numbers, sometimes off by millions that can easily be refuted by recent official

voter registration numbers. Various unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud, USPS issues, etc.

These are not necessarily new themes; however, 2020 is not a normal election and some voters are very worried. If you are concerned about any of these or other narratives circulating, please let us know and we can help to ensure voters have accurate information.

*Trish Gilbert
Saguache County Clerk and Recorder*

My term of office as your State senator completed

To the editor,
My eight year term of office as your State senator is completed. I would like to thank you and humbly state that this has been a pleasure and an honor to serve the greatest senate district in Colorado. The Senate District 35 covers 16 counties in south central and south eastern Colorado and together we have made remarkable progress in this region. As

a 5th generation from southeastern Colorado, I have continuously marveled at the strengths of this district and have been humbled by the people who strive to make their lives better. The caring and the patriotism of the region has been a beacon for the rest of the state to follow. My pride in this area will forever be strengthened by memories of such a stalwart group of people. Whether it be manufacturing,

agriculture, education or services, we have and will continue to have a reason to be a proud people. There have been advances as well as issues not completed and hopefully, we will continue to progress. Always remember you have every reason to be proud of your area as well as your nation.

*Senator Larry Crowder
District 35 Southern Colorado*

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Colorado introduces COVID-19 testing kiosks

GREELEY - The state is launching new COVID-19 testing kiosks across the state. The first two COVID-19 testing kiosks will open in Greeley at UNC, Denver International Airport (DIA) and based on demand will be strategically deployed to additional communities. CDPHE has partnered with Curative to increase testing in long-term care facilities and in our rural and frontier communities.

“Colorado has ramped up our testing capacity and supply procurement throughout this pandemic. We are acting swiftly and strategically when it comes to testing and these new kiosks will help us get more people tested in our communities,” said Gov. Polis. “Testing is a critical tool as is avoiding socializing outside of your home or family unit, steering clear of large gatherings, wearing masks, physical distancing and washing your hands regularly.”

The testing kiosk in Greeley is a prototype and is quick, easy, and free-for-all students and staff, as well as the surrounding Greeley community. Walk-ups are welcome, but Coloradans can sign up ahead of time at cur.tv/unc.

In addition, the state is continuing to support mobile test sites and pop-up community testing events across the state. There are more than 50 free community testing sites across the state, as well as dozens of locations offered by private providers. The state’s website has a list of locations. The state will continue to work with local partners to meet community testing needs in a manner that best serves their residents.

The state is encouraging all Coloradans with symptoms to get tested immediately. Symptoms include: Fever or chills, cough,

shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

While testing is an important tool in the COVID-19 response, the state cautions that a negative test doesn’t mean it’s OK to meet in large gatherings or ignore other public health orders, like wearing a mask. All Coloradans need to mask up, physically distance, avoid large gatherings and stay home while sick. Anyone who gets tested because of symptoms or because of a possible exposure should be in isolation/quarantine while waiting for the test result. All individuals who believe they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should quarantine for a full 14 days, even if they have testing done and that testing is negative.

The specific test is an easy to administer oral-fluid swab test that tests for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 that causes COVID-19. The self-collected oral fluid swab involves having the person cough first, which releases the virus from the upper and lower respiratory tract. The virus is caught in the saliva, and then the patient swabs the inside of their cheeks and the roofs of their mouths. Once complete, the patient seals their test within a secure container and returns it to a medical professional to be administered in the lab. Curative provides an end-to-end testing service, managing everything from the supply chain to processing and delivering results. Patients should expect to receive test results within 48 hours via text or email. Continue to stay up to date by visiting covid19.colorado.gov.



This testing kiosk in Greeley is a prototype and is quick, easy, and free for all students and staff, as well as the surrounding Greeley community. Photo courtesy university of Northern Colorado

YOUR NIGHT SKY

Comet Temple Tuttle Leonid Meteors

BY DARLENE DANKO

Since the New Moon is Nov. 15, this gives us a great opportunity to watch the Leonid Meteor Shower which peaks Nov. 17. Unfortunately, this is another meteor shower that we can’t view until after midnight. The peak time will be from 3-5 a.m. while the sky is still dark. The only reason for this is that the constellation they appear to originate from doesn’t rise until after midnight.

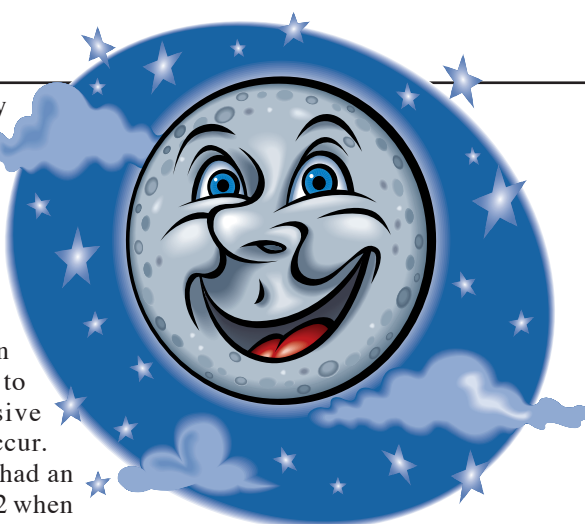
Meteor Showers are named for the constellation they appear from. So that is why they’re called the Leonids since they appear in the constellation Leo the Lion. But they actually originate from Comet 55P/Tuttle. There are peak times, but this year isn’t one of them, so we’ll only see 10-15 per hour.

Earth crosses the orbital path of

this comet every year. When that happens, the debris from this comet burns up in our atmosphere to create the meteor shower. Only when the comet is close to us does a massive meteor storm occur. The last time we had an outburst was 2002 when 3,500 meteors an hour blazed across the sky. That was because they hit our atmosphere so fast that they produced fireballs more than any other meteor shower.

Unfortunately that won’t happen again until 2099 when Earth passes through a dense strand of debris from the comet. However, around 100 meteors per hour are expected when the comet returns in 2031, and again in 2064. Before then we will only see 10-15 per hour. Fortunately 2031 is only 11 years from now.

The good thing now is that the moon won’t interfere with any of



our viewing. This time of year, the constellation Leo the Lion doesn’t rise after midnight. It will slowly come up in the east and gradually move to the south. In a few more months it will be visible in the evening. It has 12 stars, and will rise early in March and April when the viewing of it will be wonderful.

When you look at the sky in the evening you will notice that Saturn is now to the upper left of Jupiter and is becoming dimmer. They’re getting close to each other and will meet Nov. 21. This won’t happen again until November 2040.

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City of Monte Vista votes 3-2 on church zoning

By REBECCA COPLEY

MONTE VISTA - During Nov. 5 Monte Vista City Council meeting "Ordinance 907 an Ordinance amending table 12-3 use Charta of the Monte Vista Municipal Code and removing the Special Review Use designation for religious institutes in commercial highway and commercial business," had its first reading.

"What this will do is remove the special review use for religious institutes in commercial highway and commercial business districts. We allow religious institutes in all the other zone districts. They don't have to go through a special review use. And the voice of the citizens would like to maintain the integrity of downtown for businesses, retail businesses, and this is something that honestly should have been done a long time ago considering that we have allowed, and we do allow, for religious institutes in all other zone districts," City Clerk Unita Vance told the Council.

Councilor Martha Lock made a motion for the council to approve Ordinance 907. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Victor Sigala.

A great deal of discussion followed the motion. Councilor Gary Johnson communicating that in his experience allowing churches to seek a Special Review use to be in a commercial zone has been a standard option in other communities besides Monte Vista. City Manager Forest Neuberger responding said, "Ultimately there's nothing that's ever absolute. An applicant could seek a variance that doesn't forego that possibility. But a variance has a higher standard than you know what the reason for that would be. So, it's possible, but it does certainly generally preclude it."

Councilor Larry Foster also brought up concerns about residents whose houses are in a commercial zone saying, "We say that churches are allowed in residences and there are houses that are zoned CH and they would not be able to hold or start a church there."

"Houses that are zoned CH correct. If a house is in a CH zone the use as a house as residents is grandfathered but other uses that aren't commercial aren't allowed," explained Neuberger.

After it was further explained Foster had this to say, "To say that you could have it anywhere you got a house it's allowed in all zones, is a little bit of a misnomer. Because I can think of a dozen houses right now that are in zone CH. We now are forcing this to make it more difficult for people that want to worship how they want to chose to."

"Or we're making it easier for business, retail, and dining to maintain a business district. So that we can entice tourism and we can entice a business district and local shopping. Just depends on how you want to look it," responded Councilor Lock.

A map of the different zones was brought out for the council to study and more discussion followed during which Councilor Lock shared the following, "Bottom line is we are up here to represent our citizens and we had a lot of citizens speak out. And we could not under our current ordinances represent them and that reflected poorly on us and it was a disservice to them. Therefore, it's time that we make things in such a way that if your neighbors don't want you, they don't have to have you there just like the marijuana shops. We apparently don't want them; our citizens don't want them. It doesn't matter what I want, it doesn't matter what Councilor Foster wants, what Mayor Becker wants, Councilor Johnson or Councilor Sigala. It matters that we put ourselves in a position where we can represent our citizens and what they have spoken for."

This Ordinance was brought forward many years ago during a previous city council. Mayor Dale Becker commenting on this during their discussion saying, "This isn't voting against having church. This right here just gives it where it's not in this area and this should have been done by previous legal counsel clear back from 2000, it came through in 2000, and it should have been handled then. And it was not. We were poorly, poorly, taken care of in that...the city was poorly taken care of. This just gets it where there's two zones and any homes that are there are grandfathered in. So, if you wanted to have something at your house your grandfathered in."

Following this statement Councilor Larry Foster shared that it would be contingent on your home having enough off street parking to have a church meet at your house. Foster sharing that they are required to have one off street parking space for every three people that would be attending. "If you have 15 people and you're attending your Bible study or your praise service or whatever you wish to choose at your house. You must provide as, I understand the rules, for residential use that you would have to provide 5 off street parking places. I know of exceedingly few places, few residents in Monte Vista that you could have more than 10 people in a meeting and the provide three off street parking spaces. I don't see that churches are a threat to our commercial area. My sampling of citizens is much different from Councilor Lock's. I felt that I represented the citizens and the ones that I talked to," said Foster.

More discussion followed this and when the motion was put to a vote Councilor Johnson voted no and Councilor Foster voted no. Councilor Lock voted yes, Mayor Pro Tem Victor Sigala voted yes, and Mayor Becker voted yes. The motion carrying three to two.

Highway 17 construction on track

By PATRICK SHEA

SAGUACHE — Motorists passing north or south between Alamosa and Villa Grove will continue detouring slightly west as the widening and resurfacing project on CO Highway 17 nears completion.

The straight shot from Hooper to the intersection of CO17 and US285 is 31.1 miles. As many as five work zones along this stretch will continue to detour Valley pass-through traffic through Center and Saguache, an extra 22 miles of driving and improved

safety for locals, motorists and road crews.

Flagging personnel will continue to direct local traffic within the construction zone. Business patrons can access Grammy's Kitchen, Adventa Credit Union, Dollar General, Joyful Journey Hot Springs, Mirage Trading Company, various Cannabis shops, the Sand Dunes Recreation Swimming Pool and Campground, Great Sand Dunes National Park and a variety of outdoor spaces.

In addition to recycling

asphalt, workers will continue broadening, paving and securing new shoulders. Once complete, the 36-mile stretch will feature a new, wider asphalt overlay, culvert improvements, erosion mitigation and new signage and striping.

During construction (daylight hours, Monday through Friday), travelers may need to wait where northbound and southbound traffic share a single lane (or trucks enter and exit the narrow road). The speed limit is 40 mph, and vehicles wider than 12 feet must detour through Center and Saguache.

CLIPS FROM THE CLERK

By TRISH GILBERT

Election Security Update

Several disinformation narratives, primarily focused on other states, are reaching some Colorado voters and raising their concerns about the process here. Some of the narratives include:

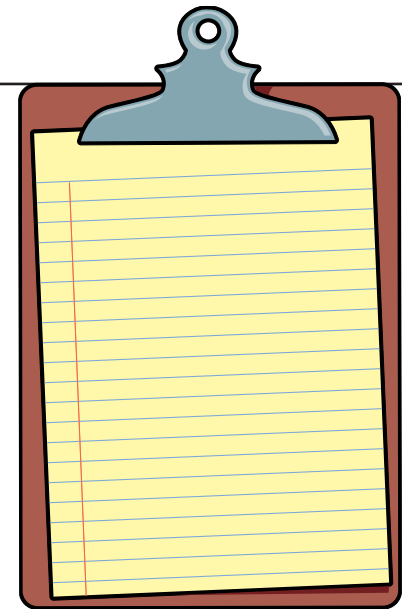
False claims are circulating that voters using a sharpie to mark their ballot will result in that ballot not being counted (aka #SharpieGate). This primarily targeted Arizona and has been widely refuted there and across the country. Colorado voting machines can read ballots marked with felt tip pens (sharpies).

Additionally, our ballots and processes are designed so bleeding ink will not impact a person's vote.

Multiple false claims that more votes were cast than there were registered voters in several states including Colorado. These posts appear to rely on dramatically outdated registration numbers, sometimes off by millions that can easily be refuted by recent official voter registration numbers.

Various unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud, USPS issues, etc.

These are not necessarily new themes; however, 2020 is not a normal election and some voters are very worried. If you are concerned about any of these or other narratives circulating,



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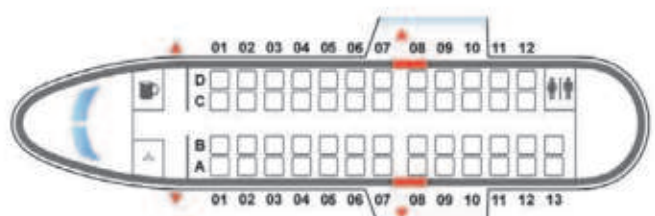
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New air service from SLV Regional Airport began Nov. 1

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

SAN LUIS VALLEY- SLV Regional Airport Manager Will Hickman gave a presentation on the airport during the Upper Rio Grande Economic Development (URGED) meeting Tuesday, Nov. 10, and announced the arrival of a new airline that started services at the airport Nov. 1.

Hickman began his presentation with a brief history about himself and the airport stating that the location of SLV Regional Airport was chosen in 1939. According to Hickman, Carl Bergman and Loyd Jones were the first people to build a hangar at the airport which still stands today, including a building that may have been Bergman's personal home.

The airport began commercial flights in 1947 with Monarch Airlines which then changed to Frontier who employed Convair 580s until Great Lakes Airline took over with BE1900s. For the past several years, Boutique Airlines offered commercial services at the airport. "Boutique Airlines did great things for the airport while they offered services here. We had a great relationship with them but needed to expand our services to heighten tourism and commercial services here in the Valley. So, on Nov. 1 we welcomed United Airlines Services through Sky West," said Hickman.

At this time, the airport is offering flights several times a day to DIA out of Denver that cost anywhere between \$100 to \$150 roundtrip. United Airlines will be flying a CRJ-200 Jet with 50 seating capacity. One of the main benefits of this airplane is that there are no baggage restrictions

and will allow for freight deliveries.

In addition to no baggage restrictions, the airline also offers inflight services, private restroom, wheelchair access, overhead bin space and the CRJ-200 jet is quieter than the previously used PC-12s from Boutique Airline. "This not only helps bring people to the Valley but it has given us global recognition. It is putting us on the map. We have real airline service now," said Hickman.

Hickman also talked about funding opportunities that come with the change in airline services stating the airport will be eligible for more funding to start capital improvement projects in the future. "We have to record 10,000 enplanements or passengers in order to qualify for a \$1 million grant which can be used to improve capital projects around the airport. It will be a huge benefit for Alamosa and the surrounding southwest region."

The airport is looking to improve rental car services, offer shuttle service for individuals who need to travel to and from the airport, increase Uber and Lyft opportunities for the Valley, increase parking locations, have more direct connections to other locations outside of DIA and to complete more capital improvements in the airport.

In 2019, the Regional Airline Association did a study that found that small airports generate a significant amount of economic activity throughout the U.S. It stated, "The main finding is that small community air service generates a significant amount of economic activity in the U.S. There are 570 small community airports in the U.S. and air service to

these airports generates \$134 billions of economic activity in the respective communities according to the study. Communities of all sizes seek access to air service as a driver for attracting

investment, generating employment and providing mobility for citizens." Which is the hope for SLV Regional Airport as they continue to improve services and work to qualify for

capital improvement funding. Hickman stated that those wishing to book flights can do so by visiting www.united.com and using ALS as the SLV Regional Airport code.

Bureau of Land Management acquires parcel to increase access to public lands in central Colorado

MONTE VISTA - The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) San Luis Valley Field Office added a 24-acre parcel to increase access to public lands in Saguache County, Colorado.

With the assistance of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, BLM acquired the acreage west of the town of Saguache. The property will provide access to BLM's Trickle Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern to the east and to U.S. Forest Service lands to the west. In addition to providing access to adjacent public lands, the newly acquired parcel provides fishing opportunities along Middle Creek, which flows through the property.

"This acquisition is a great example of BLM's efforts to expand access to our public lands," said BLM Deputy Director for Policy and Programs William Perry Pendley. "It is particularly exciting to increase the recreational opportunities for hunting and fishing in central Colorado."

"We are grateful to have strong relationships with partner organizations like the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation," said San Luis Valley Field Manager Melissa Garcia. "These new lands will add to the outstanding outdoor recreation opportunities in the northern San Luis Valley."

The San Luis Valley Field Office will begin working to establish a trailhead at the site and will also be assessing the property for future conservation and recreational opportunities.

Funding for this BLM acquisition was provided by the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation purchased the property in 2018 as part of its broader effort to conserve additional lands that provide access for hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation.

"This project is a prime example of the power of partnerships," said Kyle Weaver, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation president and CEO. "We appreciate the desires of a willing seller, who is also a Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation member, as well as our partners at the BLM and Bass Pro Shops for getting this done."

The acquisition furthers a number of the Department of the Interior's priorities, including those found in Secretary's Order 3366, Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior. In 2019, recreation on land managed by the BLM in Colorado contributed over \$692 million to the economy.

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CDA accepting applications for 2020 Noxious Weed Management grants

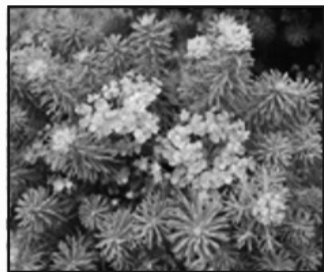
COLORADO - The Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) is now accepting applications for 2020 Noxious Weed Management grants. This year, the Department is combining the Noxious Weed Fund and State and Private Forestry funds in order to award \$740,000 in grants to counties, municipalities,

conservation districts and nonprofit organizations and associations for projects that focus on controlling the state's designated noxious weeds. "During this difficult time, the state's resources are stretched thin, but it is essential we consistently manage these damaging plants," said Steve Ryder, CDA State Weed

Coordinator. "This funding from the General Assembly and the U.S. Forest Service goes a long way in controlling noxious weeds that are attracted to lands disturbed by wildfire, drought and development pressures." Since 2015, the General Assembly has provided \$700,000 annually for projects that are carried out by more

than 30 counties, cities, conservation districts and nonprofit organizations. All of the state's known populations of List A species were treated in 2015 and in subsequent years, as needed, along with numerous List B species. More information about these grant programs, including the application forms, can be found

on <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/agconservation/noxious-weed-grants-and-financial-assistance>. Applications are due Dec. 18, 2020. For questions regarding the Noxious Weed Fund grants, please contact Steve Ryder at 303-828-8329, or Patty York at 303-241-7908.



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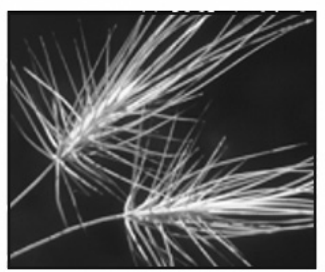
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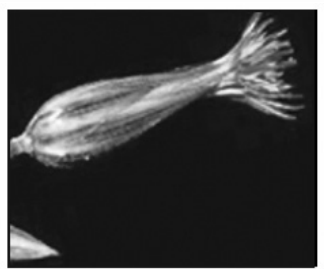
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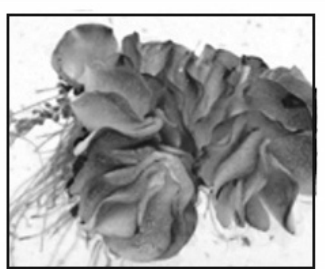
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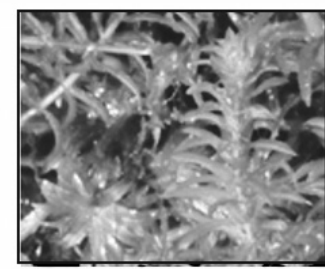
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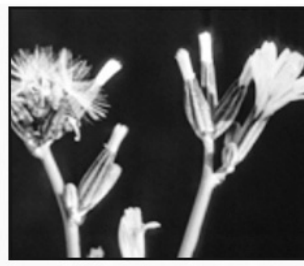
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Rio Grande National Forest offers free-use Christmas trees

MONTE VISTA – The Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) announced they will begin offering free-use Christmas trees for 2020. The authorizations are now available and are valid from Nov. 1 through Dec. 27, 2020. Similar to the nearly yearlong offering of free-use firewood, forest managers are providing free-use Christmas tree authorizations as a way to serve the community and reduce in-person interactions.

“Offering free Christmas trees this year is just another way we can support our communities,” said Dan Dallas, Rio Grande National Forest supervisor. “This will give every family the opportunity to enjoy the age-old tradition of harvesting a Christmas tree.”

As always, there are a few rules to follow:

Trees can be up to 5 inches in diameter at shoulder height.

Christmas tree authorizations are valid only for trees on land managed by the Rio Grande National Forest. Only 5 trees per family are allowed.

Cut trees as close to the ground as possible. Stumps should be no higher than 6 inches.

All trees must be at least 100 feet away from any campground, picnic area or road.

Cutting trees within designated wilderness areas is prohibited.

Up to 5 additional boughs can be taken with each tree.

Keep vehicles on the roads.

There are several ways to obtain the necessary free-use authorization.

Download one from the Rio Grande National Forest <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/riogrande/passes-permits/forestproducts/?cid=fsprd827186>

Visit one of our participating vendors: Kristi Mountain Sports in Alamosa or Rainbow Grocery - South Fork

Visit one of our forest offices in Del Norte, La Jara, Monte Vista and Saguache. The offices have varied hours and recommend calling before your visit. Some offices will have the authorizations available in an outside location.

For more information on Christmas tree cutting authorizations including the rules and helpful tips on Christmas tree care, visit the RGNF <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/riogrande/passes-permits/forestproducts/?cid=fsprd827186> or contact the Rio Grande National Forest Supervisor’s Office at 719-852-5941.

Rio Grande Prevention Partners seeking community support

RIO GRANDE COUNTY- Rio Grande Prevention Partners (RGPP) is a community coalition composed of several members from various sectors around the county, including educators, youth, government officials, youth advocates, law enforcement, public health officials, workforce representatives, faith representatives and many others. The coalition’s collective mission is “Partnering to create a countywide environment conducive to safe, healthy and productive living through education, awareness and community support. RGPP’s vision is “Healthy Children, Families, Schools, Communities and Cultures.” This inclusive mission and vision have helped the coalition truly focus on working together to improve Rio Grande County and the lives of youth by concentrating efforts on the prevention of substance use and behavioral problems before these unhealthy behaviors begin.

For over the last four years, RGPP has been utilizing the Communities that Care (CTC) program to achieve their goals of reducing youth substance use and working toward their vision. The CTC program uses evidence based

strategies to address risk factors and support protective factors already present in the Rio Grande County Community (based on local data from the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey). The CTC process also emphasizes utilizing Positive Youth Development (PYD) to achieve better community health and empowering youth to make good decisions and become leaders in their communities. For more information on these, please visit <https://www.communitiesthatcare.net/how-ctc-works/social-development-strategy/> or <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/positive-youth-development>. RGPP has also been exploring new ways to improve local health equity issues and has been educating members about the impact of race, education and socio-economic status on health equity and access.

RGPP has held many community events, including Skate Nights for local youth and families, youth art shows, workshops and seminars and has been involved in the Monte Vista School District and the Upper Rio Grande School District. Students from fourth through 12th grade have been involved in RGPP, coming up with creative ways to

be involved in and improve their schools, cultures and community. Member youth can also be found volunteering for various projects.

Now the coalition needs your help: Our Prevention Coordinator has recently left the position to accept another in the field of health equity. The five year grant cycle is almost complete and volunteer community board members are in the process of completing the Request for Applications (RFA) for the new grant, and we need to show the Rio Grande County and San Luis Valley support the grant. If you as an individual community member or if your organization/workplace is able to complete an approx. 10 minute Collaboration Questionnaire (which is in lieu of the letters of support process) discussing the importance of evidence based practices of prevention science, please contact Max Garcia with the Rio Grande County Department of Public Health, mgarcia@riograndecounty.org or call the Public Health office at (719)657-3352. This is a brief questionnaire but is essential to our application for continued funding of this important process.

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Wolf Creek skiing through pandemic

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

WOLF CREEK- According to Wolf Creek Ski Resort Owner Roseanne Pitcher the resort has been successful with their 2020 season opening over the last two weeks and are eager to see the season progress from here. "Things are actually going very well. We do not have any amenities open at this time but hope we can change that in the future. Mostly though I think people are just thankful to be able to get out, get some fresh air and enjoy a day of skiing after everything that has happened this year."

Pitcher stated that the most recent storm brought in an additional 34 inches over the last three days which brings the midway base to 48 inches, which pretty much amounts to excellent powder conditions. Pitcher stated that the resort has seen a fair amount of people in the last two weeks, but it wasn't until this past weekend that they experienced long lines. "We have been fortunate to keep things well below our allowed capacity and we will make adjustments to our ticket availability as we need to but for now, things are going very well."

Pitcher said that the resort is accepting online ticket reservations as their main source of commerce during this time but that a few

people have shown up to get tickets at the ticket booth. "So far people seem to be using the online ticket purchase option on our webpage which is what we are asking but on occasion we do get the random person that buys tickets here at the resort." Pitcher stated that their total capacity is 5,000 people in accordance with state and local COVID-19 restrictions.

"We haven't had many issues, if any at all about reminding people to social distance and to wear their masks. On occasion we have to remind someone to put their mask on while waiting at the lifts but mainly people are more than happy to comply on their own. We are out here doing what we do best which is operating lifts for people so that they can enjoy a day of outdoor recreation and get away from the stress that is happening right now."

"We are cleaning facilities and restrooms every hour, we have placed COVID-19 restriction signage around the resort and are adhering to Colorado State guidelines and are working closely with the Silver Thread Public Health District to ensure that we are in compliance. Everything has been really well received by our customers."

Wolf Creek is only one of a few resorts that have opened around the

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state and they hope to keep it that way. "We will do what we need to, to stay open. So far, we have seen people coming in from Crested Butte, Durango, Breckenridge, the Denver area and of course from here in the Valley. With the recent snow, everyone is bundled up which helps with COVID-19 restrictions and social distancing. Snow has been our driver and we are happy to see the moisture."

Pitcher stated that the resort is taking every precaution to make sure the resort is available for people to get out and get away. "I am really pleased with how well things have gone so far. This makes a difference for a lot of people and

we want to be here to give them the chance to get outside and enjoy the season."

For more information, current conditions and ticket availability please visit www.wolfcreekski.com

BOARD

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Continuing previous town board conversations, Theo Boudreaux described the final steps for installing an electric car charging station that Saguache trustees already approved. Boudreaux said Saguache County is paying for installation and other costs for the first year. They have sites selected in Center and Crestone, but "I need to define a location in Saguache as soon as possible," Boudreaux said.

The General Manager of Joyful Journey, Boudreaux said they installed two charging stations this month (one inside and one outside). They upgraded service to 40 amps because it provides a quicker charge.

Deputy James Knight gave the sheriff's report, a tabulation of calls ranging from theft and criminal mischief to a bull who keeps escaping his pasture.

"At least he's just grazing in the wrong people's yards," Knight explained.

According to Patrick Cale's maintenance report, staff winterized the pump houses and vehicles. Cale said he has also been turning off water for residents who won't return until spring.

"We put four new tires on the grader," Cale said, in addition to winterizing the backhoe and tractor. A new stop sign will be installed soon at 2nd Street and Pitkin Avenue near the school.

COVID

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the State Epidemiologist, warned that if things continue in this direction, we may exceed hospital ICU capacity in Colorado by the end of the year. Hospitalizations for COVID are up in the San Luis Valley as well, with 20 local COVID hospitalizations in the past month.

Monday, Nov. 9, Governor Polis asked people to cancel social plans for the next few weeks and limit close social contacts to your own household members. Continue with mask wearing and social distancing. If you live alone,

Administrator Garcia reported CARES Act expenditures from the \$34,285 grant, noting that it must be used before Dec. 31. In addition to \$12,684.69 for computers and \$575 for cleaning, Garcia sought \$2,700 for hand-sanitizing stations.

The remaining \$18,324.58 is available for local groups. During the first round of CARES Act funding, Garcia notified every licensed business owner in Saguache. Mayor Samora requested contacting these organizations again to apply for a second round of funds.

Deputy Town Clerk Tina Sanchez provided a code enforcement update, noting that "It has been pretty quiet. I get reports of dogs, but I can't give them a ticket until I have proof." Sanchez added that a bear was responsible for trash blowing on US Highway 285 last week.

The board also agreed on a minimum price of \$35,000 for selling town-owned property at 305 9th Street. The board approved renewing the liquor license for Mountain Liquor.

Town Attorney Eugene Farish confirmed the process for lifting a fire ban, a simple declaration from the mayor and approval of the board.

Farish also sought clarity to prepare for a trial Dec. 1. With 10 pieces of evidence to be presented virtually to the judge, Farish raised questions

select a small number of other people to be your "bubble". He emphasized that this goes hand-in-hand with economic recovery. "We have the tools to fight the virus, but in the end, it is up to you," he said.

He also strongly suggested that if you planned to have family gatherings from outside of your household that you should self-isolate for 10-14 days before visiting family members for the holiday – especially if some of the family members are among the high risk groups

about procedure. Administrator Garcia, who also serves as court clerk, promised to contact the judge to clarify.

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SCHOOLS

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remote learning again.

Center Consolidated School District shifted to remote learning Nov. 2 and they announced later that week they would continue remote learning until after Thanksgiving Break, with the hopes they can return to in-person schooling Nov. 30.

Mountain Valley School District in Saguache returned to in-person learning Nov. 2 after beginning their year remotely.

Monte Vista School district has had to return to remote learning district wide starting Nov. 9. According to their Superintendent Scott Wiedeman their return to remote learning for the week had a lot to do with staffing. They will reassess every day and see where their cases stand by the end of the week so they can make their decision about in-person learning for next week.

The Upper Rio Grande School District (Del Norte) announced Monday, Nov. 9, via their website and evening they would be using remote learning from Nov. 10 through the rest of the week because of a positive case in the Food Service Department. Then during the afternoon of Tuesday, Nov. 10, URGSD Superintendent Chris Burr announced on Facebook, "We have completed contact tracing here at school and we are confident that no students or staff, outside of cafeteria workers and one cafeteria monitor, have had a possible close contact. Those affected will be serving the

necessary quarantine and isolation periods before returning to work. We will be opening school tomorrow, Wednesday, Nov. 11. The cafeteria will remain closed this week. We are asking all parents to pack a lunch for your child for the next two days and provide breakfast for them in the morning as well. We will only have emergency provisions, and we will not be able to serve all students for the next two days. Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 16, and 17, we will provide a very basic breakfast and lunch for students. These items will likely be prepackaged single serve food items, so we encourage all parents to consider this when deciding whether to pack lunch on those two days. We expect regular lunch service to begin again Wednesday, Nov. 18."

North Conejos School District shifted Centauri Middle School and High School to remote learning for two weeks beginning Nov. 9 through because of the number of students, staff and substitutes in quarantine to proactively "keep a lid on exposures as much as possible," according to a school district press release. La Jara Elementary was notified late Monday there was a positive case at the school and shifted to remote learning for Nov. 10 with the remainder of the schedule to be determined through contact tracing.

South Conejos School District, due to the number of staff in quarantine

not because of confirmed positive cases, instructed the Elementary remotely until Tuesday, Nov. 10, when they returned to in-person learning. The middle and high schools are scheduled to return to in-person learning Nov. 16.

According to a statement posted on Sanford School district's Facebook page their grade 7-12 students moved to remote learning until Nov. 20. They hope they will be able to return to in-person instruction Monday, Nov. 30, after their Thanksgiving Break.

Sangre De Cristo school district has also been monitoring the situation for their school. Their high school students had been out for a week for remote learning and will be able to return to the classroom Nov. 11. Their Elementary students have also been remote learning and will be coming back to in-person Monday, Nov. 16. Their middle school classes so far have been able to continue in-person.

Adams State University announced as of Wednesday, Nov. 11, they will be shifting to Blackboard-only courses for the remaining 10 days of the semester. President Lovell, in a statement to students and staff, "As everyone knows we were hopeful of finishing fall semester classes in-person and then shifting to a Blackboard-only finals week beginning Nov. 30. In consultation with academic department chairs, the full academic council, and public

health officials we feel it is in the best interest of our students, faculty, and staff to transition to Blackboard-only instruction beginning this Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Trinidad State Junior College's

Trinidad campus has shifted to remote learning through the Thanksgiving holiday, but the San Luis Valley campus in Alamosa has not made any public announcements about closures or outbreaks.

VOTE

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President
Joseph R. Biden / Kamala D. Harris (D): 1,857

Donald J. Trump / Michael R. Pence (R): 1,389

United States Senator
John W. Hickenlooper: 1,859
Cory Gardner: 1,386

Representative to the 117th United States Congress (District 3)
Lauren Boebert (R): 1,324
Diane E. Mitsch Bush (D): 1,803

State Board of Education Member (Congressional District 3)
Mayling Simpson (D): 1,851
Joyce Rankin (R): 1,359

State Senator (District 35)
Cleave Simpson (R): 1,389
Carlos Lopez (D): 1,849

State Representative (District 62)
Donald E. Valdez (D): 1,967
Logan Taggart (R): 1,266

District Attorney (12th Judicial District)
Alonzo Christopher Payne (D): 2,105 (unopposed)

Saguache County Commissioner (District 1)
Richard Pascoe (R): 1,331
Thomas D. McCracken (D): 1,929

Saguache County Commissioner (District 2)
Lynne Thompson (D): 2,231 (unopposed)

Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court Melissa Hart retained (1,973 to 779)

Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court Carlos A. Samour Jr. retained (1,949 to 775)

Colorado Court of Appeals Judge Ted C. Tow III retained (1,875 to 813)

Colorado Court of Appeals Judge

Craig R. Welling retained (1,828 to 847)

District Court Judge for 12th Judicial District Michael A. Gonzales retained (2,051 to 713)

District Court Judge for 12th Judicial District Amanda Hopkins retained (2,068 to 693)

Amendment B to preserve funding for local districts without increasing tax rates (CONSTITUTIONAL) YES (1,805 to 1,301)

Amendment C allowing change of charitable gaming activities (CONSTITUTIONAL) NO (1,567 to 1,527)

Amendment 76 (CONSTITUTIONAL) YES (2,040 to 1,174)

Amendment 77 allowing voters in Central City, Black Hawk and Cripple Creek to expand game types and single bets Initiative (CONSTITUTIONAL) YES (1,686

to 1,402)

Proposition EE increasing state taxes on inhaled nicotine (STATUTORY) YES (1,854 to 1,362)

Proposition 113 to institute a national popular vote (STATUTORY) YES (1,833 to 1,380)

Proposition 114 reintroduction of gray wolves (STATUTORY) NO (1,688 to 1,504)

Proposition 115 banning late term abortions (STATUTORY) NO (1,912 to 1,263)

Proposition 116 reducing the Colorado income tax rate (STATUTORY) YES (1,819 to 1,365)

Proposition 117 requirements for new enterprises to be approved (STATUTORY) NO (1,529 to 1,523)

Proposition 118 creation of paid family and medical leave (STATUTORY) YES (1,956 to 1,237)

Saguache County is currently accepting proposals for the Saguache County 2020 Fiscal Year audit. The ideal firm or individual will have extensive knowledge and experience related to conducting governmental audits in accordance with generally accepted accounting and auditing standards, and preparing financial statements that conform to all state, federal and industry guidelines.

All interested parties should submit a letter of interest and a proposal for services by November 6, 2020 at 3:00 PM to: Saguache County Administration office. For additional information contact Saguache County Administration at 719-655-2231 or wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov.

No. 1556 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 26, September 3, 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5 and 12, 2020.

ELECTION OF THE SAN LUIS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of December, 2020.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that due to Covid-19 and ongoing government restrictions, the District will be voting by mail in ballot only.

At said election, the electors of the District shall vote for Director(s) to serve the following term(s) of office on the Board of Directors of the District:

One Director for Division III for a 3-Year Term

The name(s) of person(s) nominated and term(s) of office for which nominated are as follows:

Tuck Slane, Director for Division III for a 3-year term

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that an elector of said District for the purpose of said election is a person who (1) owns taxable real property within the District, and (2) is over the age of twenty-one years.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that affidavits of intent to be a write-in candidate must be filed no later than 4:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, the 13th of November, 2020).

To request a mail in ballot, please contact Amy S. Dean, District Secretary by email: amy@slvid.org or by phone: 719-754-2254.

San Luis Valley Irrigation District
By: /s/ Amy S. Dean
Secretary

No. 1581 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, November 5, 12 and 19, 2020.

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NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-10-401, C.R.S.		
To: <u>All Interested Persons in the Matter of the Estate of Josh Curry, deceased: Shane Curry, and Nathaniel Curry a/k/a Nathaniel Fleming, last known addresses unknown</u> A hearing without appearance on Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative is set at the following date, time, and location: Date: November 27, 2020 Time: 8:00 a.m. Address: Saguache Combined Court, 501 4th Street, Saguache, Colorado 81149 Any interested person wishing to object to the formal appointment of Rhiannon Nicholle Curry as personal representative, the adjudication of intestacy, and the determination of heirs, must file a written objection with the court on or before the hearing, and must furnish a copy of the objection to Rhiannon Nicholle Curry, at 4094 S. Lisbon Way, Aurora, CO 80013. JDF 722 (Objection form) is available on the Colorado Judicial Branch website (www.courts.state.co.us). If no objection is filed, the court may take action on the above-mentioned petition without further notice or hearing. If any objection is filed, the objecting party must, within 14 days after filing the objection, contact the court to set the objection for an appearance hearing. Failure to timely set the objection for an appearance hearing as required will result in further action as the court deems appropriate.		
Rhiannon Nicholle Curry Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice 4094 S. Lisbon Way Address Aurora, CO 80013 City, State, Zip Code		
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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
SAN LUIS VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
2021-2023 Community Services Block Grant Program

The San Luis Valley Community Action Agency is currently accepting Request for Proposals from 501(c) 3 non-profit organizations and governmental agencies for projects within the six counties of the San Luis Valley that will provide support for service programs that have a measurable and potentially significant impact on the causes and effects of poverty.

The CSBG program is funded through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs from a grant with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and funds are limited to assisting individuals/families whose income does not exceed 125% of poverty level. Deadline for submission is Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs is moving from a fiscal year to a calendar year effective January 1, 2021. The grant for 2021 will be for a 36-month period. The grant period is January, 2021– December 31, 2023.

The San Luis Valley Community Action Agency (SLVCAA) has elected to fund a limited number of projects for the 2021-2023 grant periods – between four and six projects. **Projects moving individuals and families from poverty to self-sufficiency will be given strongest consideration.**

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: CSBG funds are for use in the six counties of the San Luis Valley.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Request for Proposals must be sent to the attention of Tonya Owsley at San Luis Valley Community Action Agency, P.O. Box 300, Alamosa, Colorado 81101, or towsley@slvdr.org by **5:00 p.m. on December 10, 2020.**

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Agencies receiving CSBG funding will insure that their client files have following items, which will be kept on site. SLVCAA will monitor agencies two times per year when these files must be made available.

- Client intake to capture demographic information (you can use your form IF it captures the same information)
- Verification of income (except in the case of food banks, homeless and domestic violence shelters)
- Residency Declaration
- Verification of disbursement i.e. copy of the check, and need i.e. letter from landlord, receipts, time sheets, etc.

Organizations receiving CSBG funds must file a semiannual and an annual report. Requests for reimbursement must be completed monthly.

Requirement: CSBG sub grantees will be required to show some method to determine if the clients they serve are satisfied with the service. The easiest way to determine client satisfaction is usually through a survey.

The San Luis Valley Development Resources website (www.slvdr.org) will have the RFP that can be filled out an returned.

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Rio Grande County sees Republican turn out for 2020 election

BY LYNSIE FERRELL AND TREY SPAULDING

RIO GRANDE COUNTY- The last several days has proven to be one of the most stressful, unprecedented elections in American history with record numbers turning out to vote. American citizens took to the polls to voice their selection for not only one of the most controversial presidential elections of our time but to make votes count in issues across the board. Everything from tax increases to abortable fetus age limits hit the state ballot this year and the constituents of Colorado have spoken.

Rio Grande County in particular was a red county, voting for Republican based ballot issues as well as the senate and presidential race. Out of the total 6,280 votes cast, 58.04% of voters cast their vote for President Trump while 39.62% voted for Biden. This contrast held true throughout the entire election for Rio Grande County.

For Rio Grande County, the U.S. Senate Race ended with John Hickenlooper with 39.86%, 2,493 votes, and Cory Gardner with 57.91% - 3,622 votes. In the 117th District for State Congress, Lauren Boebert won with 57.44% or 3,553 votes while Diane Mitsch Bush came in at 39.15% with 2,422 votes.

State Representative for District 62 Donald Valdez came in at 48.10% and 2,967 votes while Logan Taggart came in at 51.90% and 3,201 votes.

In the local commissioner election, both Gene Glover and Scott Deacon won their seats with Rio Grande County unopposed.

- Amendment B to preserve funding for local districts without increasing tax rates won 55.05% or 3,309 votes to 44.95%, 2,702 votes opposed

- Amendment C allowing change of charitable gaming activities didn't draw favor with 56.92% voting against.

- Colorado Amendment 77, the allowing voters in Central City, Black Hawk and Cripple

- Creek to expand game types and single bets Initiative, drew 54.34% or 3,246 yes votes and 2,727, or 45.66% against.

- Proposition EE, increasing state taxes on inhaled nicotine, drew 55.19% or 3,389 yes to 2,752 or 44.81% against.

- Proposition 113 to institute a national popular vote was not favored by Rio Grande County voters with 58.42% voting against the proposition.

- Proposition 114 reintroduction of gray wolves was greatly opposed with 70.14% voting no.

- Proposition 115, banning late term abortions drew 3,432 votes against and 2,658 yes votes.

- Proposition 116, reducing the Colorado income tax rate, was popular in the county with 65.04% voting for and 34.96% voting against.

- Proposition 117, requirements for new enterprises to be approved at the next even-year election, drew 54.20% of yes votes and 45.8% of no votes.

- Proposition 118, creation of paid family and medical leave was close in the county with 52.33% voting against and 47.67% yes.

Former marine to hit 100 in December

BY KATHY RIGGS AND PATRICK SHEA

LA GARITA — Isabel Saylor Riggs was born, raised and educated in New York, but a visit to see her great-nephew Wesley Riggs and his family in 1999 sparked a love for the San Luis Valley that became a permanent move in 2006.

Born Dec. 3, 1920, Isabel graduated from high school in Canandaigua, New York in 1938. She earned a BA in Social Work from Alfred University in Alfred, New York. While completing her master's projects in social work at Buffalo University, Isabel also served in the United States Marine Corps from 1946 to 1948.

As a marine, Isabel's assignments included jobs in motor transport, Chaplain's assistant and Director of Recreation. By the end of 1948, she had completed her service, earned her master's degree and married Eric Bellander (Aug. 14).

Isabel worked as a psychiatric social worker for the Veterans Affairs Department from 1962 to 1980. For most of this period, her husband Eric was a member of a

presidential committee committed to increasing employment opportunities for handicapped people. Over time, Bellander's work entailed meetings with sitting presidents. Isabel met three of them (Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson).

After Bellander died in 1977, Isabel married Fred Geibel in 1981. She now goes by Isabel Riggs Geibel. She is currently a life member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Marine Corps League and the VFW auxiliary. She is also a member of the Center United Methodist Church.

Closing in on the century mark, Isabel is happy to dispense advice to young people. She said, "Love others and do good deeds. Make good plans for the future. Love God."

Isabel Saylor Riggs moved to the San Luis Valley in 2006 and will celebrate her 100th birthday Dec. 3.

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Adams State will offer free drive-thru COVID-19 testing Nov. 20 and 21.

Free SLV mass testing for COVID-19 at Adams State campus

ALAMOSA – Just in time for Thanksgiving. A free community-wide COVID-19 mass testing event will be held Nov. 20 and 21 on the campus of Adams State University.

The drive-thru testing event will be held in the McDaniel Hall parking lot

located at 1500 First Street on the Adams State campus, with tests conducted between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day.

Adams State is partnering with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Alamosa County Public Health, and the city

of Alamosa to bring the mass testing event to campus.

Residents of communities from across the San Luis Valley can get tested on both dates, Friday, Nov. 20, and Saturday, Nov. 21. Pre-registration **Please see TESTING on Page 7**

ScSEED Wild and Scenic Film Festival Livestream

ScSEED hopes to inspire your activism using the power of art and film! Saguache County Sustainable Environmental and Economic Development will be hosting the 2020 ScSEED Wild & Scenic Film Festival livestream Event, Saturday, Nov. 14.

Tired of searching online movies? Watched all your old DVDs and need something to stimulate your mind? Join ScSEED for our Wild & Scenic livestream Film Festival Saturday, Nov. 14, -"where activism gets inspired." We will be featuring a collection of films which speak to water and land stewardship concerns, the great outdoors, our planet and its natural resources, celebrating our diverse community and striving for equity. Screening Room opens at 6:30 p.m. with the festival starting at 7 p.m. There will be commentary from the hosts, sponsors and local activists. Wishing you could do dinner and a movie? Sign up



for a takeout dinner for 2 and beverage at one of the participating local restaurants.

We are reinventing this event, as our **Please see ScSEED on Page 7**

The Outfitter's Jerky

In hunting camp an outfitter reached down and stirred the fire.

His client belched contentedly and said, "Might I inquire, That jerky you been chewin' up... could I just try a bit?"

I fancy I'm a connoisseur with tongue and palate fit

To ferret out the kind of beast, perhaps the cut of meat

From whence you carved the bloody strap and held it to the heat."

The packer passed a little piece to test the boastful claim,

The hunter in his down-filled vest bit in and then proclaimed,

"I taste a hint of kidney fat. The tang of creosote.

A wistful note of pine tree bough lays pungent in my throat.

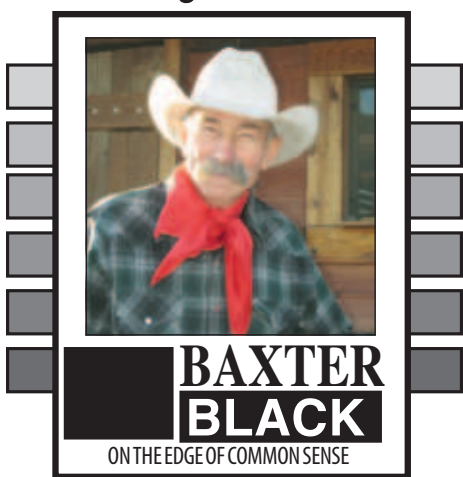
What's this? A waft of ungulate, the glue of hoof and horn,

An Eohippus redolence, the musk of unicorn.

Peculiar, though I fear I'm stumped. I can't tell heads nor tails.

I'm left with just the essence of burnt hair and roofing nails.

I pride myself on this small skill but if you



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could be swayed, Pray, tell me from what animal is this here jerky made?"

The packer picked his grimy teeth, his filthy knife, the tool.

"It all began," he spit and said, "with one ol' stubborn mule

Named Demon, and the name sure fit. Worst mule I've ever seen.

Last hunt when we were comin' out he really got down mean.

It took us nearly half a day to git the sucker packed.

He'd buck the panyards off each time and roll clear on his back.

He kicked and struck and strained the knots, he bit and brayed and gassed, We finally had to tie him down to get the elk made fast.

At last he stood and glared at us, resigned but not unbowed.

We started down the mountain side as best the load allowed.

We had to cross a narrow trail above a closed down mine.

The Demon went to pullin' back, I'd hitched him last in line.

He balked, then had a mental lapse... forgot that he was tied

And then just like a fumbled punt he cart-wheeled down the side.

I got off quick and bared my knife, and dove between the mules

I slashed the halter shank between the mule train and the fools.

Down we went, an avalanche of elk and mule and man,

The antlers cracked, the cookware clanked, the Coleman stove and pans,

The propane tank was hissin', the elk meat lashed up tight,

I hit the shale below the mine, the mule dropped outta sight.

Next thing I knew a blinding light exploded in my eyes. And when the dust had settled, the mule had vaporized.

I peeked down in the mine shaft through the timbers and the smoke

And knew ol' Demon at long last had shed his final yoke.

He never knew what hit him, so at least it wasn't cruel."

"Gosh," the hunter shook his head, "I'm sorry 'bout yer mule.

But back to this here jerky, do you share you recipes?"

"Well, wuddn't nuthin' to it. I just picked it off the trees."

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Listen to Woodsy: Give a hoot don't pollute!

By REBECCA COPLEY

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Helen Smith is a Visitor Information Specialist who assists the Rio Grande National Forest with its mission of "Caring for the Land and Serving People," on behalf of the San Juan Mountains Association. She said that most of the littering has been in common areas like campgrounds. "Part of this is because there are many people who have never camped before that have been starting to come out and camp, since for a while there was really not much else to do." Smith shared that the littering she has seen has made her want to revive the use of Woodsy Owl who serves as a counter-part to Smokey Bear. Woodsy Owl was the brainchild of Harold Bell who created the character in 1970. His famous motto of "Give a hoot! Don't pollute!" was introduced in 1971. For 50 years, Woodsy has been trying to remind people to take care of the world around them. Smith says she's been inspired to use Woodsy to help spread a message of keeping our local forest areas clean. Smith noted that her work with the RGNF goes along with the mission of the San Juan Mountains Association to "Explore, Learn, Protect."

"Frankly I feel like it needs to happen," Smith said adding, "People need to be aware that these things aren't just going to disappear by themselves. We need to take better care of the resources that we have. If we still want them to be there in the future and still be beautiful, then everyone needs to do their part."

Smith also explained some of the harmful effects littering can have in nature areas saying, "Littering is bad in a number of ways. It obviously detracts from the beauty of a spot but it's also harmful for wildlife if they



eat things, they're not supposed to that can either make them sick or in some cases kill them."

Smith also sharing another big concern with littering is polluting water. Tossing your trash in or near bodies of water makes the water supply less safe, and less enjoyable to view.

However Woodsy Owl has a lot of good principals that people can follow to help do their part and not pollute. They include:

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potential fire hazard so it's very important to clean them up.)

"I think it goes back to let's all do our part to keep Colorado, Colorado. There's a reason people come here and the high amounts of traffic that we're seeing I don't think are going to be going away. That just heightens the need for people to do their part even more and tread lightly on public lands," stated Smith.

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South Fork Kiwanis cancels Thanksgiving Dinner, Yuletide celebration still a go

By LYNDISIE FERRELL
SOUTH FORK- It has been a tradition in South fork for several years to provide a Thanksgiving Dinner to the entire community. Over the years, this event has brought hundreds of people together to share a meal, laugh with family and friends and get to know their neighbors but unfortunately this year, due to COVID, the event will not take place. South Fork Kiwanis member Karen Miller confirmed the cancellation this week stating that it was for the safety of the community that the organization made their final decision. "We serve a majority of elderly people in our area and though we are sad that we can't provide a meal this year, we know that it is for the best."

safe. Miller also stated that the organization would also not be hosting their annual Christmas parties for schools around the Valley but again hope that those things will be possible next year. On a good note, the annual Yuletide Celebration hosted by the Friends of

South Fork will be taking place this year on Nov. 27. The event has become an area favorite since its inception four years ago. The Friends of South Fork are asking anyone who wants to decorate their vehicle and participate in the Parade of Lights can email their inter-

est to info@frindsosouthfork.com or send them a message on Facebook.

The event will include a tree lighting ceremony, parade of lights and much

more which is the perfect way to set off the holiday season. More details about the event will be reported as they come available.



Monte Vista Kiwanis Club dissolves after 91 years

MONTE VISTA - After 91 years of service to the community, the Monte Vista Kiwanis Club voted to dissolve the club on Sept. 30, 2020.

Reasons cited included declining enrollment and the continuous challenge of unsuccessful recruitment of new members with the energy to continue the Club.

The Monte Vista Kiwanis Club was chartered Oct. 31, 1929, and for many years the club had an active and enthusiastic presence in the community with numerous projects and fundraisers to serve the community, especially its children. The Kiwanis International motto is "Serving the Children of the World."

The following entities/organizations were approved to receive the remaining funds in the Administration and Community Service Fund Accounts:

- \$1,000 – Donation to First Christian Church for use of building
- \$ 853.56 – Pay the dues for members to join another Kiwanis Club
- \$ 250 – 3rd Grade Dictionaries to the Bill Metz Elementary School (Kiwanis Grant Award)
- Dictionaries were delivered to Bill Metz Elementary on 10/28/20 and dictionaries had previously been delivered to the three Monte Vista area Amish schools in September.

- \$300 – Operation Christmas Child
- \$1,000 – Delta Center/4 Chrome-books
- \$300 – Sargent Early Learning Center
- \$500 – Monte Vista Food Bank
- \$500 – Ski-Hi Building Project
- \$1,500 – Ambulance Service/Protective Equipment (Masks, Gowns, Fogger, Baker)
- \$1,500 – Fire Department /Accessories for Extraction Tools (Chains, Tips)
- \$500 – MVPD K-9 Project
- \$644.96 – Vali 3 Theatre
- \$644.96 – Monte Vista Kid's Connection
- \$644.96 – Wreaths Across America
- \$3,010.00 – Kiwanis Club of Center/For scholarships and sponsorship of the Monte Vista High School Key Club for this school year.

The following donations were approved:

- Refrigerator and storage cabinet to the First Christian Church.
- Computer used by the Treasurer to the Monte Vista Kid's Connection.
- Supplies left from pancake breakfast to the Center Kiwanis Club.
- Items collected for the yard sale fundraiser to the First Christian Church.

• The Kiwanis Club of Center graciously voted to take on the project to display the flags on holidays and special events in Monte Vista.

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Solution to last week's puzzle

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tion is recommended. There also will be on-site registration. To pre-register please visit <https://www.adams.edu/safe-return/testing>. Individuals will get test results within four days of the test.

A walk-up testing site for Adams State students, faculty and staff will occur Friday, Nov. 20, at McDaniel Hall. Students and employees should also pre-register. This walk-up testing site will be through the Northwest doors of McDaniel Hall. Students and employees can also get tested Saturday.

Community members will 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.

"A drive-thru testing site at the Adams State campus ensures people across the San Luis Valley have access to free, fast and easy COVID-19 testing," said President Cheryl D. Lovell. "As cases are on the rise, it is more important than ever to test as many campus and community members as possible before the holidays to slow

down the infection rate."

The November dates were selected to gauge any spread of the virus prior to the holidays. This is the second free COVID-19 testing on the Adams State campus. In September, almost 850 tests were administered.

"On behalf of Alamosa County Public Health Department, I am pleased to partner with Adams State University, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and Mako Medical to bring this community CO-

VID-19 testing opportunity to the San Luis Valley," said Della Vieira, director of Alamosa County Public Health Department. "COVID-19 testing is key to controlling the spread of coronavirus, along with the big three: wear a face covering, wash hands frequently and maintain physical distance."

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.

San Luis Valley Scoreboard 2020

Football

Centauri 38	Woodland Park 8
Monte Vista 56	Ignacio 7
Sanford 62	Sargent 0
Granada 81	Sierra Grande 33
Mountain Valley 47	Hanover 28
Del Norte 20	Dolores 0
Alamosa 58	Alameda 6

ScSEED

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first time at a livestream. As with so many things these days, gathering inside is not advisable, so we are taking to the air waves! The fest will feature a collection of films of various lengths that speak to water and land stewardship and enjoyment in the great outdoors. They also bring stories of diverse people and communities striving for equity, justice and balance on our planet.

The motto for Wild and Scenic Films is, "where activism gets inspired!" ScSEED was inspired to include two films by talented local filmmaker Christi Bode of MoxieCran Media. The fest will feature two local water activists as our special guest cameos; Tom McCracken longtime organic farmer in Saguache County and Cleave Simpson Manager of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

How it works – tickets are available at <https://qudio.com/event/scseed/register>. Then on Nov. 14, log-in starting at 6:30 p.m. for chat and sound check. Movies start at 7 p.m. with a 10-minute intermission for an entire run of two hours not counting the 30-minute sign in time and the intermission. You can chat and talk with friends and other attendees during the event – Fun!

This year, we are supporting five North San Luis Valley Restaurants by offering a special "Dinner and a Movie" ticket. Participating local restaurants will pack you a dinner special for two and a beverage to take home as you enjoy the festival. Choices are Leonardo's in Center; Our Food is Art in Crestone; Villa Grove Trade in Villa Grove; Village Pub in Saguache, and the Windsor Hotel in Del Norte.

You might even be moved to address some of the challenges presented in these films and that is the goal of Wild & Scenic Films and their national partners: Peak Design, Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, Earthjustice, Klean Kanteen and Hipcamp.

It took a lot to bring this Festival together and our sponsors made it possible. ScSEED is so grateful to the Colorado Trust, SLV Water Conservancy District, SLV Local Foods Coalition, Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust, Joyful Journey Hot Springs, the Orient Land Trust, 1st SouthWest Bank, Saguache County Board of County Commissioners, Energize Colorado, Kristi Mountain Sports, Doug Bishop and Lynne Thompson.

Thanks everyone for supporting ScSEED as we come together to get informed and inspired on these vital issues. Visit www.scseed.org for details.

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The importance of routine vehicle maintenance

Owning a car is a big responsibility. Drivers who plan to keep their vehicles for the long haul must emphasize maintenance if they want to keep adding miles to their odometers. In fact, the automotive information site CarAdvice says that routine maintenance may be the most important thing drivers can do for their vehicles.

A vehicle needs consistent care if it is to run efficiently. Maintenance also reduces the risk of roadside breakdowns and costly repairs. Here's a look at some of the benefits of staying on top of maintenance.

- **Saves money:** Even though maintenance costs money, sticking to a consistent maintenance

schedule can save big bucks in the long run. For example, the cost of rotating and aligning tires is considerably less than repairing a car after a major blowout and paying for a tow and tire replacement.

- **Improves performance and efficiency:** Routine maintenance includes oil changes, filter changes and fluid top-offs. Such tasks keep engines running smoothly. Ignoring this routine maintenance can put engines in jeopardy of breaking down and adversely affect vehicle performance, diminishing fuel economy and leading to a sluggish ride.

- **Identifies safety issues:** Routine inspections and work per-

formed by reputable service stations help drivers stay abreast of recalls or issues that can affect the safety of the vehicle.

- **Maintains a maintenance record:** When the time comes to sell the vehicle, having a log of routine maintenance indicates to potential buyers that the vehicle was well cared for.

- **Keeps compliance:** Vehicles covered under manufacturer's warranties typically need to be maintained in adherence to factory-recommended maintenance schedules. This ensures that the vehicle is in compliance and will be covered in the event of a warranty claim.



Routine vehicle maintenance is important for a variety of reasons. Drivers can work with a trusted and reliable mechanic to develop a schedule that keeps their cars and trucks on the road. FC19A290

Choose gifts to make woodworking/DIY projects easier

(MS) — For the 2019 holiday gifting season, Woodcraft offers a list of products to make some of the most essential woodworking and DIY activities easier, plus an intriguing wood model.

Cutting and Clamping

Whether you're crosscutting boards to length, ripping them to width or cutting plywood sheets and large panels down to size, Kreg's Adaptive Cutting System offers options to make cutting chores easier.

The Plunge Saw and 62" Guide Track paired in the Saw Plus Guide Kit are the basic components, while the Project Table Top and Base and a host of accessories are available to increase cutting capacity and performance.

Gyokucho Razorsaw Ryoba No 610 is a double-edged saw — rip teeth on one cutting edge and cross-cut teeth on the other — that can handle anything from cutoff work to ripping a panel.

ZHEN Stainless Steel Scissors feature a serrated edge for retain-

ing sharpness and a large gullet to prevent slipping when cutting thick items. In addition, the scissors double as a wire cutter and opener for bottles, twist lids and paint cans.

Ehoma Parallel Jaw Clamps offer large parallel clamping surfaces for the most demanding projects. Available in 24", 31", 40" and 50" sizes, the clamp has rounded corners to prevent damage to a workpiece. Easily convert it into a spreader.

Shaping and Sanding

WoodRiver Butt Chisels, available in a 4-piece set, are shorter and good for installing butt hinges and trimming small edges. But they also work well in confined spaces, such as corners, which makes cleaning joints easier for work on cabinets, desks, and other complex furniture.

The WoodRiver Low Angle Block Plane's adjustable mouth is easy to operate and allows fine-tuning for work ranging from coarse to whisper thin shavings when shaping wood.

Norton's 5" Random Orbital Sander is perfect for any shop. Equipped with a 2.0-amp motor, it generates 12,500 orbits per minute, providing a 3/32" orbit that helps make quick work of most sanding projects.

Drilling and Fastening

WoodRiver 100-Piece Combo Brad-Point and Twist Drill Bit Set includes six to ten each of 14 bit sizes ranging from 1/16" to 5/16", packaged in a metal case.

Whether you're boring shelf pin holes in a new entertainment center or adding adjustable shelving in a

cabinet, the Kreg 32mm Shelf Pin Jig with 1/4" Drill Bit will help get the job done quickly and accurately. A 5mm bit version is also available.

WoodRiver 24-in-1 Screwdriver Bit Set is the perfect solution for loosening and tightening some of the smallest fasteners required for camera, radio, computer, cell phone, and household appliance repairs. A 5" aluminum handle drives the 24 bits.

Sharpening, Measuring and Marking

The handheld, motorized Work Sharp Knife & Tool Sharpener sharpens any knife, as well as scissors, garden shears, lawn mower blades and more.

The WoodRiver 10" Diamond Stone — 1,200-grit and 400-grit diamond coated metal plates embedded on opposite sides — is perfect for preliminary shaping, beveling chisels and plane blades, sharpening knives, and touching up turning tools.

Woodpeckers Edge Rules, available in a 4-Piece Set, wrap around the edges of stock to give you accurate scales on both sides. Short side is just 3/8" wide, allowing you room to mark stock as thin as 7/16". The long side reaches 3/4" across the

face. Comes in four sizes: 6", 12", 24", 36". Woodpeckers Edge Rule Stop and storage Rack-IT available separately.

Pica 6060 BIG DRY Construction Marker is a pencil with push button automatic lead feed that can use Graphite, Stonemason, Colored, and Carpenter lead refills designed for use on many different surfaces.

Books and Models

Books are excellent sources for project ideas and instructions. Birdhouses, Boxes & Feeders for the Backyard Hobbyist offers 19 birdhouse and feeder projects, plus related information.

Now for some fun without electronics! Assemble the UGears 3-D Mechanical Etui Box Model Kit from beautiful wood pieces without any glue or tools. The box in the base will hold small items like business cards or coins, while the amazing display of gear mechanisms on top is a sure conversation starter. Other UGears models are also available.

To learn more about these and other products, visit your local Woodcraft store, call (800) 535-4482 or visit www.woodcraft.com. GG199332



WoodRiver Butt Chisels are handy for a host of tasks, such as cleaning out joints, installing butt hinges and trimming small edges.

Did you know?

Drivers may benefit by changing their tires when seasons change. Winter tires perform better when temperatures remain below 45 F and not just when it is snowing, which is why using the term "snow tires" is a bit of a misnomer. Regular tires, sometimes referred to as "summer" tires, tend to work better when the mercury climbs, as the rubber can become inflexible in colder temperatures.

Despite the name, all-season tires do not necessarily make them superior in all seasons. They tend to offer better grip in snow than summer tires, but according to Popular Mechanics, they do not perform as well when roads are damp, such as during spring. Still, many people who prefer one tire type for the entire year often find all-season tires adequate. However, for those who live in

regions where snowfall is rare, regular summer tires will fit the bill for most driving conditions until temperatures plummet. Then it's worth switching to winter tires. If motorists are particularly concerned with improving water displacement on wet roadways, they can select tires that have specific tread patterns designed to evenly redistribute water as the tire hits the pavement. SC183808

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