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### Alamosa Safeway pharmacy now offers at-home COVID-19 test kits

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**COLORADO** - Safeway and Albertsons pharmacies in Colorado are now offering at-home COVID-19 test kits. The saliva tests, offered in partnership with Phosphorus Diagnostics, typically offer results in 72 hours or less from the time the patient mails the test.

Here's how it works:

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You will be contacted for payment\* and receive notification that your test kit is ready for pick-up or has delivered/shipped to your address. Patients showing symptoms should not pick up their own test; they must send a representative or choose delivery.

Complete the sample collection and send it to the lab via the kit's prepaid next-day shipping envelope.

Receive your results by email or text.

After receiving results, an Albertsons or Safeway pharmacist will be available for questions regarding follow-up care.

Customers can contact any local Albertsons or Safeway pharmacy for additional information.

### Flu shot clinics next week

**DEL NORTE** - Rio Grande Public Health (RGPH) will be offering flu shot clinics in Del Norte at the Del Norte Annex on the four consecutive days listed below. Del Norte Annex is located at 965 6th St. in Del Norte. These clinics will provide both regular and high dose flu shots. RGPH can bill several insurances including Medicare. These clinics are providing increased social distancing and disinfection measures to help reduce COVID-19 exposure. Masks are required. Appointments are highly recommended. Please call RGPH for further information at 719-657-3352.

#### Days and times include:

Monday, Oct. 12, 8 a.m. to noon  
Tuesday, Oct. 13, 8 a.m. to noon  
Wednesday, Oct. 14, noon to 6 p.m.  
Thursday, Oct. 15, noon to 6 p.m.

## Hikers discover human remains in western Saguache County

BY TERESA BENNS & PATRICK SHEA

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** - According to a press release from Susan Medina with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), hikers in an area near an abandoned mine in a remote location in Saguache County discovered human remains Friday, Oct. 2. Tom Perrin, Saguache County Coroner stated that the deceased is male and his family has been notified. No additional information has been released at this time.

CBI agents from the Grand Junction regional office have been assigned to the case at the request of Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick. The agency will examine the

remains to determine the cause of death.

The remote location in the western part of Saguache County sits near the Hinsdale County line.

Based on the condition of the remains, it appears the body has been in the area for quite some time, Medina said. An autopsy is in progress with the Saguache County Coroner with a full autopsy expecting to take 4-6 weeks.

Sheriff Warwick commented Monday, Oct. 5 that the deceased is thought to be that of a homeless man who disappeared from Monte Vista earlier this year but this has not been confirmed.



## Candidates join Saguache County Republican Party

BY PATRICK SHEA

**SAGUACHE** - A steady stream of horns honked approval throughout the Saguache County Republican Party party at the Jeep Rescue League along Highway 285 in Saguache Saturday. Candidates for House District 62 and Saguache County District 1 waved flags and campaign signs along with a few dozen supporters.

Running against Tom McCracken to fill the District 1 seat on the Board of County Commissioners, Richard Pascoe has lived and worked in Saguache for 24 years, including time on the county payroll. Pascoe had three key messages to share with voters.

Citing his top priority, Pascoe said there is "not a chance in the world that I will vote to let a single

drop of water out of the Valley," clearly voicing opposition to any cross-basin transfers from Saguache County and the upper Rio Grande.

Second on his radar, Pascoe raised concern about cleaning up code-violating messes that failed marijuana grow operators leave behind when they skip

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**Logan Taggart, 25-year-old candidate for House District 62, kicked off his political career at the age of 18 when he won a trustee seat on the La Veta Town Board.**



**Vying for the Saguache County Commissioners District 1 seat, Richard Pascoe has lived and worked in Saguache for a quarter century.**



**Terry Gillette hosted a Republican Party celebration at his Jeep Rescue League museum in Saguache Saturday.**

Photos by Patrick Shea

## Saguache County Jail aging gracefully

BY PATRICK SHEA

**SAGUACHE** - In dog years, the Saguache County Jail is 268. In Colorado, it's the oldest jail in the state. Built in 1957, the building has a tiny floorplan for the Andy Griffith era when a few arrested suspects awaited legal proceedings and release or transfer.

Today, the Saguache County Jail can only expand within itself. When they added a long-overdue office for deputies in the 1980s, they lost an exercise yard that inmates helped build years earlier. They also lost fresh airflow for one of the overcrowded cells. To provide ventilation now, Jail Commander Ken Wilson opens

the outside door in the library next to the cell.

Enclosed by a cinder-block wall, the old exercise yard featured a Ping-Pong table, weights, and enough space for jumping rope and other activities. With the yard gone, walks through the streets surrounding the facility became the only option for exercise and fresh air. Out of necessity, inmates walk chained together with supervision, innocent until proven guilty but exposed to the community in orange suits, nonetheless.

Occupying the same space where the first sheriff and his family once lived, today's department is more

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## Subdistrict 4 board scrutinizes water rate options

BY PATRICK SHEA

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** - The Subdistrict 4 board of managers met online Wednesday, Sept. 30, to discuss fee strategies and approve a preliminary budget before the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (RGWCD) deadline Oct. 15. The subdistrict has until Dec. 1 to follow recommendations from the RGWCD board and finalize their budget.

David Frees, who holds the Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer positions, conducted the meeting with managers Peter Stagner and Dick Blumenhein in attendance.

After almost 15 years of service, Blumenhein announced he is stepping away from his position, recommending Jeremy Uhlenbrock from Mineral Hot Springs Farm as a replacement.

"I wish the district success getting this resolved for the members," Blumenhein said during the detailed rate-setting discussion.

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# OBITUARIES

## Jessie Joan (Wright) Off, 87

Jessie Joan (Wright) Off of Pflugerville, Texas passed away on September 25, 2020.

Joan was born in Del Norte, Colorado on December 18, 1932 to Sam and Minnie Lee Wright, twin sister of Jean Coleen. She graduated from Del Norte High School in 1950.

Joan was married to the love of her life, Chester (Chet) Walter Off on May 11, 1952. They were married for 49 1/2 years and raised two daughters. They also owned and operated a successful ranching business together in Monte Vista, Colorado (Off Ranches and later Rock Creek Ranch). Joan became a widow on October 9, 2001, when her beloved Chet passed away.

On June 14, 2006, Joan married former high school classmate Robert (Bob) LeRoy Felker. Joan and Bob enjoyed 10 years together traveling and socializing, spending their summers in Colorado and winters in Arizona. Bob passed away on December 30, 2016.

Joan was a member of the Methodist Church in Del Norte, Colorado. She also served as Worthy Advisor for Rainbow, a Masonic youth women's organization. Joan had a passion for playing bridge, dancing, entertaining and gardening.

Joan is survived by her daughter, Jean Clark of Monte Vista, Colorado; her daughter Kristi (Gary) Sailors of



Georgetown, Texas; her grandson, Joshua Clark of Alamosa, Colorado; her grandson, Jesse Sailors of Hutto, Texas; her grandson, Carey Sailors of San Marcos, Texas; her granddaughter, Callie Sailors of Georgetown, Texas; and her grandson, Jamie Sailors of Hutto, Texas. Joan is also survived by her youngest sister, Donna Sue Benson of Monte Vista, Colorado; Gordon and Suzy Off, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, of Del Norte, Colorado; and Margaret Biles, sister-in-law, of Pacific Palisades, California. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

The family will be holding private services in Del Norte, Colorado.

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## Betty Darlene Strauch, 89

Betty Darlene Strauch was born on April 11, 1931, in Denver, Colorado and departed this life Sept. 28, 2020 at the River Valley Inn Nursing Home in Del Norte, Colorado. Betty married Victor Samuel Strauch June 21, 1947, at the age of 16. They enjoyed 68 years together. After Victor's death in 2016, she moved to the Legacy Assisted Living Center and made many friends. She was very happy and called her apartment "home." Due to declining health she moved to River Valley Inn July 6, 2020.

Betty was a smart and talented woman who loved crafts, sewing and crocheting. She was a hard worker and provided her daughters with a higher education, working retail positions in many stores from salesclerk, to stock room supervisor and store manager. She served as a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader and took many girls on field and camping trips. Some called her their second Mom.

She is survived by her daughters, Victoria Kulyk (Nick), Creede, Colorado and Cathy Lawrence (Harold), Linden, Texas, Granddaughter, Teresa Lawrence, Grandson, Brian Lawrence, Great Granddaughters, Briana Barron, Kylee Lawrence, Quinn Lawrence, Bryce Lawrence, Great-Great Granddaughters, twins, Mackenzie and Madison and Makynlei Roquemore, Great-Great Grandson, Makayden Roquemore and Sister-in-law Elaine Mencin, 2 nephews and 6 nieces.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Fred Achziger and Pauline Waltz Achziger, Liane, husband Victor Strauch and sisters, Elsie Mauter and Donna Morbito.

Viewing was held Tuesday, Oct. 6, and funeral Oct. 7, 12:30 p.m. in the chapel at Advantage Runyon Stevenson Mortuary, Lakewood, CO, with burial at 2:00 at Fort



Logan National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to Bienvenidos Food Bank, P.O. Box 11948, Denver, CO 80211. They work to provide fresh fruit, vegetables and wholesome foods. Growing up in the depression and going without food at times, this ministry was very important to Betty, as she never wanted a family to go to bed hungry.

## Eva Lucia Lobato, 82

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the death of our mother, Eva Lucia Lobato. Eva passed away peacefully in her sleep March 25, 2020, at the home of her daughter Kathy (Ed) Kulp due to complications from cancer. Eva was born Oct. 19, 1937, in Del Norte, Colorado and was the daughter of Agatha Mary and Jose Elias Silva. She is survived by two sisters, Irene Maestas and Patsy Sand of Denver, Colorado. Her children are John (Kathy) Lobato, Anthony (Denise) Lobato, David (Mary Lee) Lobato, Kathy (Ed) Kulp, Barbara (Frank) Biondolillo and Michael (Jody) Lobato. Eva had 14 grandchildren, Joshua and Blake Lobato, Taylor



(Vince) Szilagyi and Alexa Lobato, Grace and Mary Theresa Lobato, Daniel Kulp, Sarah (Estevan) Alonzo, Jesse (Lindsay) Kulp, Anna Kulp, Aaron (Kari) Biondolillo, Stephen (Carrie) Biondolillo, Nicholas and Jordan Lobato. She also had four great-grandchildren, Roman, Amelia, Emma and Ivy Alonzo.

Mom was raised and went to high school in Del Norte, Colorado and married Frank B. Lobato on the 9th of June 1955. Our family lived and worked on the Adobe Ranch north of Center. It is only now, at this time that one realizes what a rock Eva was and how important she was in our lives. In addition to the volume of work involved on the ranch, raising and processing broilers, hogs and lambs, as well as organizing the annual branding and other ranch events, Eva raised six children, five of whom were born just one year apart, all in December. As difficult as that was, it was probably easier than when we

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Don't butter my potato

The invention of the internet brought this massive information highway of constant news and non-news, so now purveyors of gossip can access you 24 hours a day.

Since my phone is always within reach, I never miss news of a flood in Bangladesh or a kitten playing with a feather -- both events so important to my daily life.

Of late the news is feeding us a plethora of information about Prince Harry and Meghan and their hardship in paying bills on their hundreds of million dollar fortune. Just yesterday Ol' Dutch learned that poor Harry will have to pay an exorbitant amount of taxes on his income due to being a Britisher on American soil.

While this may seem excessive to him and others, it does kind of even the playing field for us from the tea tax the Crown imposed on early Americans and caused the largest tea party ever recorded. It also set a Guinness record for the largest tea drink ever created as Boston Harbor ran brown with India's finest blend.

So, it appears that Harry will have to pay unless he can find the right politician to pay off, which if I were betting, will probably take place.

Miss Trixie has some real insight into the Royals having contact with them in her past life. That and her second toe is longer than the rest which is a sure sign of royal blood flowing through her veins.

It seems that Prince Charles has a lot of servants that pretty much take care of his every need and even has a person to run his bathwater for him. Not only that but it has to be the exact depth and temperature, or he has a hissy fit of immense proportions. We can't have a future King doing such mundane tasks such as that as he is probably too busy polishing his medals or eating crumpets and whey.

And the grand old lady herself, Queen Elizabeth has her own quirky habits that must be attended to by the peons among them. It seems that she has a person that travels in her entourage when she goes abroad that carries her toilet seat in a box to be changed out whenever her Royal derriere has to sit on the facilities.

I know that this may seem excessive to those among us who have straddled a log to take care of business while hiking or on other outdoor adventures such as Miss Trixie on Mount Everest. But it's a slippery slope if you allow your royalty to become so common as



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by Kevin Kirkpatrick

to poop in a normal fashion and by doing so, the lower castes among us would soon expect them to put on their pants one leg at a time, too.

All this reminds me of a time way long ago when I was still being tortured by my then wife and we went to a fancy dinner the location and event long forgotten by Ol' Dutch. But I do recall that at that dinner we were served the most scrumptious food and it included prime rib cooked to perfection, some creamy vegetables and a gorgeous baked potato split and steamy in a foil wrapper shaped like a flamingo.

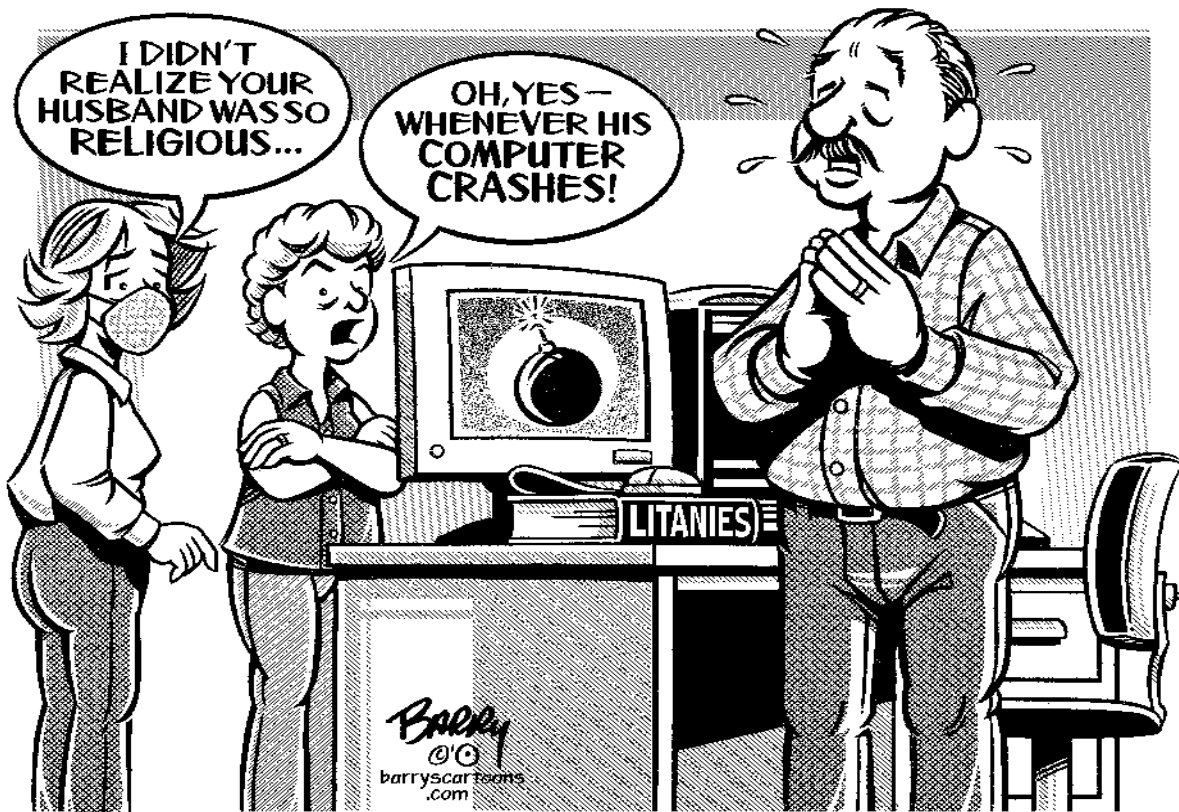
I had just settled down and was about to dive into this platter of goodness when a young man suddenly appeared at my arm and reached in and began cutting up my steak. At first, I about stabbed his hand as I thought he was stealing my rare slab of beef. And that was a shocker but it's what happened next that really takes the cake.

Another young man appeared at my other side and wanted to butter my potato. Now folks, Ol' Dutch has seen War and seen Eleanor but nothing prepared me for this.

This last act of servitude and their thinking me helpless was all I could take and I embarrassed the now ex-wife by demanding to butter my own tater. There are some things even a man of my refined cultural sensitivities cannot abide.

I suppose they were just being nice and if being served as such really does not bother you, I suggest you take off your shoes and see if that second toe is longer than the rest. You might just be Royalty and not even know it.

*Kevin Kirkpatrick and his Yorkie, Cooper, fish, hunt, ATV or hike daily. His email is Kevin@TroutRepublic.com. Additional news can be found at www.troutrepublic.com or on Twitter at TroutRepublic*



## LETTERS

### Protect our water

A diverse group of organizations including the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, San Luis Valley, Water Conservancy District, Rio Grande Basin Roundtable, Conejos Water Conservancy District, City of Alamosa, Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project, and San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council have formed a coalition to fight a proposal by Renewable Water Resources (RWR) to transport water out the Valley to the Front Range.

The group launched a website this month <https://www.protectsanluisvalleywater.com> and the Facebook page Protect San Luis Valley Water.

RWR has been waging a misinformation campaign in the San Luis Valley. RWR has

conducted at least two public surveys and published numerous Facebook ads this year asserting misleading information as facts and then asking respondents to share their opinions. Several

of us in the water community, local cities, and the environmental community have been working together to set the record straight and provide the public with the facts.

Water is the lifeblood of the San Luis Valley and connected to every facet of the economy, community and culture.

Under the campaign theme, Water Connects the San Luis Valley, the coalition is sharing to the public with facts about:

- San Luis Valley water and its importance to every facet of our community, culture and economy

- The importance of agriculture to the economy and the water/agriculture connection

- Local water solutions being implemented

- Setting the record straight – taking on RWR's misinformation and untruths and providing facts

- Valley perspectives – videos and testimony from influential locals on water and their concerns about RWR's proposal

- Resource materials – four downloadable fact sheets, media contacts, past media coverage

- Call to get involved – a place people can ask a question, sign up for emails, or get involved

*Cleave Simpson  
General manager of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District*

### Vote YES for 6A

As a retired firefighter of 25 years with the Monte Vista Fire Protection District I would like to ask you for your support during the upcoming election on ballot item 6A. The ballot amendment would increase our local taxes by 1.5 mill levy increase. On a home that is valued at \$100,000.00 this would be an increase of \$10.73 on your annual property tax payment.

The county and fire department have come a long way with fire protection for our community. There was a time when property owners had to pay annual dues to the fire department for fire protection. In many cases property owners didn't pay their dues and if they had a fire there was no fire protection.

Our fire department today is one with highly trained firemen, good equipment and serve the community in many ways with items such as smoke alarm replacement, CO2 gas detector response, home fire plan training, farm & vehicle accident response, wildland fire response and mutual aid with valley fire departments and the list goes on. In order to meet the needs the fire department needs to have a good financial backing to meet the everyday cost of operations. Our fire department has one of the highest ISO ratings for fires service which gives the property owner a reduced insurance rate compared to other lower ratings.

The fire department has not

requested an increase in mill levy in over 25 years. As you know with the rising cost of everything from insurance, parts, repairs, training, equipment, fuel/gas, protective gear and all items associated with fire protection it is time to help meet the financial demand for our local fire department and continue with the professional and prompt service we have had the privilege to receive in past years.

Please vote yes on 6A so we can continue to receive the excellent and professional services offered from the local Monte Vista Fire Department.

I thank you for your support on 6A.  
*Respectfully,  
Jim Clare and friends of the Monte Vista Fire Department*

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# RGNF extends Stage 1 fire restrictions

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** – The Rio Grande National Forest will continue with Stage 1 fire restrictions despite the Colorado statewide fire restriction order expiring. The persistent drought and lack of significant moisture have created uncommonly dry conditions for October in the foothills and mountains that surround the San Luis Valley.

“We recognize that September snow may linger in isolated pockets of the forest,” said Chad Lewis, fire management officer for the Rio Grande National Forest. “However, the increasingly dry conditions and unfavorable October forecast offer little confidence our conditions will recover enough to allow the restricted uses anytime soon.” In addition, nationally available firefighting resources are expected to remain scarce due to numerous large fires across the west.

Stage 1 fire restrictions prohibit: Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire (including fires fueled by charcoal or briquettes) outside of a permanent metal or concrete fire pit or grate that the Forest Service has installed and maintained at its developed recreation sites (campgrounds and picnic areas). 36 CFR § 261.52(a). Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials. 36 CFR § 261.52(d).

Operating a chain saw without an effective and properly installed USDA or Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) approved spark arrestor, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (with a minimum 8 oz. capacity and rating of 2A) kept with the operator, and a round point shovel with an overall length of at

least 35 inches readily available for use. 36 CFR § 261.52(j).

Blasting, welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame without being in a cleared area of at least 10 feet in diameter and keeping a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (with a minimum 8 oz. capacity and rating of 2A) with the operator. 36 CFR § 261.52(i).

As a reminder, the use of explosives and incendiary devices, including fireworks and targets, are prohibited on all federal lands. In addition to criminal penalties, those found responsible for starting wildfires may also face restitution costs of suppressing any fire caused by forest users.

For more information, contact the Rio Grande National Forest at (719) 852-5941. Please also follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/USFSRGNF](http://www.facebook.com/USFSRGNF) and Twitter [twitter.com/RioGrandeUSFS](https://twitter.com/RioGrandeUSFS).



# New COVID-19 modeling report shows increased hospitalizations

*An estimated 1 in 850 Coloradans are currently infectious*

**COLORADO** - The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the Colorado School of Public Health (ColoradoSPH) released a new modeling report indicating an increase in hospitalizations and in the estimated number of Coloradans who currently are infectious. If Colorado remains on the current trajectory of its epidemic curve, state epidemiologists predict continued growth in cases and increased demand on hospitals.

Given the rise in cases after both Independence Day and Labor Day, the report evaluates what might happen if people have more social contact than usual beginning the Friday before Thanksgiving and lasting through the new year. With this assumption, an increase in cases during and after the holidays as projected could be substantial. At the higher projections, the state could be at risk for exceeding its ICU capacity as early as December unless Coloradans continue to take and maintain prevention measures.

However, the impact of increased social contact over the winter holidays depends on the disease spread between now and Thanksgiving. Controlling infections in October and November can help reduce the severity of any holiday bump.

Other key findings from the report: Focal points of increasing COVID-19 hospitalizations include the East Central and Metro local public health agency regions. Other regions continue to see declining or stable hospitalizations.

The estimated effective reproductive number has risen over the last month. The current number is estimated to be between 1.21 and 1.27. This

estimate reflects transmission through approximately Sept. 15.

From Sept. 1-15, the estimated level of social distancing was 59%.

An estimated 1 in 850 Coloradans are currently infectious. This is an increase compared to the prior week.

An estimated 5% of Coloradans have been infected with COVID-19 to date.

Colorado's current trajectory indicates continued growth in cases and hospital demand, but epidemiologists do not expect to come close to exceeding hospital or ICU capacity in the next

month.

ColoradoSPH assembled the expert group that works with the state on modeling projections. The group includes modeling scientists at ColoradoSPH and the University of Colorado School of Medicine at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, as well as experts from the University of Colorado Boulder, University of Colorado Denver, and Colorado State University.

All modeling reports are available on the Colorado School of Public Health's COVID-19 website.

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# Sol Mountain Farms and ACLU respond to South Fork halting solicitation of donations

BY LYNSIE FERRELL

**SOUTH FORK-** According to several sources, July 10 during the South Fork Friday Market, there was an incident involving Sol Mountain Farms and a local unidentified individual that prompted the Town of South Fork to change their stance on the solicitation of donations at any event held on town property.

During the farmers market, Sol Mountain Farm set up their booth with Black Lives Matter banners, signs and asked patrons if they would like to donate to the Black Lives Matter cause when they made a purchase. “We wanted to start the conversation with people. We had some good conversations with people before one local individual became openly upset about the request for donations. It was obvious that other customers were upset about it, others were willing to discuss the topic,” said Sol Mountain Farm owner Wes O’Rourke.

In the following days, according to Town Manager Dan Hicks, the town received several complaints from residents and guests about the solicitation of donations from Sol Mountain Farms and opted to send a letter to all vendors at the market asking them to not solicit donations during the market. “This situation is really very simple. We felt at the town that no one should be soliciting donations for any organization because the market should be a peaceful place and there should not be any politics. It is supposed to be for everyone. The people complaining were upset that the town would even allow vendors to solicit donations during the market and so we made a decision,” said Hicks.

Hicks continued to state that, “We didn’t want things to escalate. We decided that the market was not a place to do this because we didn’t want a problem to develop. Black Lives Matter was not the reason we made our decision. We wanted to prevent controversy and wanted to keep the market a peaceful place for all visitors,” said Hicks.

O’Rourke stated that they received the letter from the town

stating that they were no longer allowed to solicit donations during the market and that if they did not comply, the town would not allow them to return as vendors to the market. “We tried to contact the town and ask for details pertaining to the new policy. We were told that there was not a written policy or ordinance but that the decision was made during a special meeting to not allow solicitation of donations and that we would not be allowed back at the market if we did not comply. That is context discrimination, and the policy was arbitrary.”

O’Rourke then reached out to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) who listened to Sol Mountain Farm’s plight and responded to the town with a letter of their own. In the letter it states, “Solicitation of donations is constitutionally protected speech, and a broad policy banning all such solicitation on all town property violates the First Amendment. The Supreme Court has concluded that charitable solicitations are unquestionably protected under the First Amendment. Moreover, as the new Town Policy came on the heels of a complaint made against solicitation on behalf of a movement which is apparently controversial or unpopular in South Fork, but is currently commanding national and global attention, the speech at issue is certainly that of public importance. Solicitation for Black Lives Matter is afforded the same protection under the First Amendment as solicitation for the South Fork Table and Chair Fund.”

Hicks stated that after the town received the letter from ACLU, the town opted to not respond until South Fork Town Attorney Gene Farish had time to review the claims made in the letter and that the South Fork Town Board would respond during the next appropriate meeting. “This is not as big of a deal as it has been made out to be. Black Lives Matter protests are not occurring here, yet after the mainstream media got ahold of the story, they are using pictures

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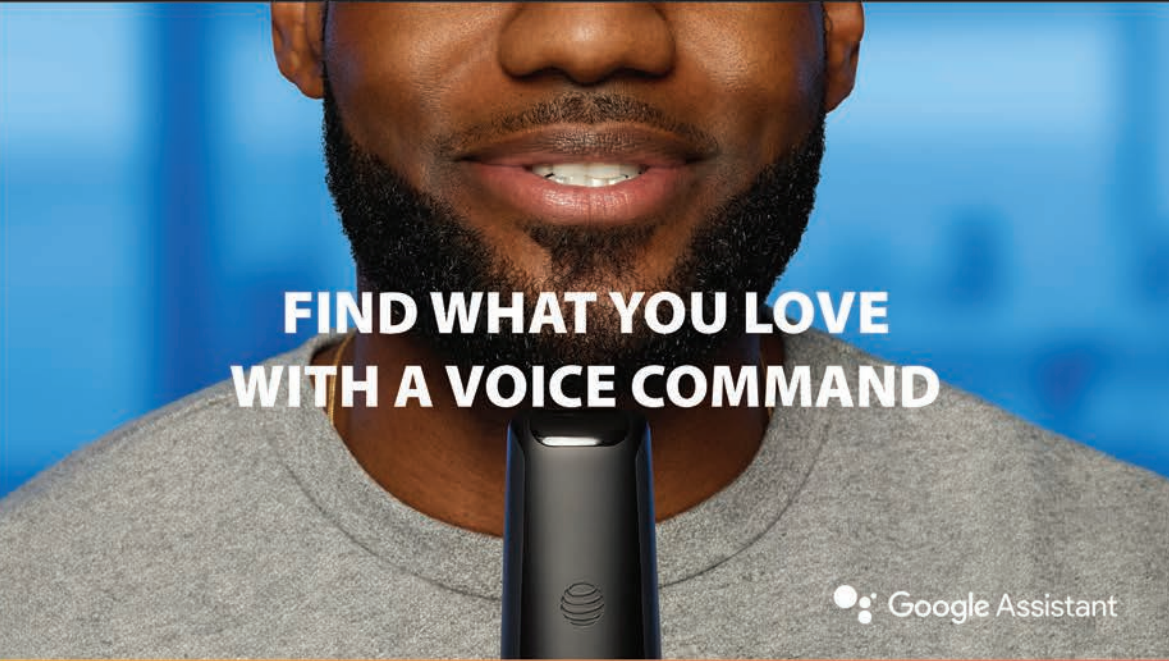
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# Foreign actors and cybercriminals likely to spread disinformation regarding 2020 election results

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) are issuing this announcement to raise awareness of the potential threat posed by attempts to spread disinformation regarding the results of the 2020 elections. Foreign actors and cybercriminals could create new websites, change existing websites, and create or share corresponding social media content to spread false information in an attempt to discredit the electoral process and undermine confidence in U.S. democratic institutions.

State and local officials typically require several days to weeks to certify elections' final results in order to ensure every legally cast vote is accurately counted. The increased use of mail-in ballots due to COVID-19 protocols could leave officials with incomplete results on election night. Foreign actors and cybercriminals could

exploit the time required to certify and announce

elections' results by disseminating disinformation that includes reports of voter suppression, cyberattacks targeting election infrastructure, voter or ballot fraud, and other problems intended to convince the public of the elections' illegitimacy.

The FBI and CISA urge the American public to critically evaluate the sources of the information they consume and to seek out reliable and verified information from trusted sources, such as state and local election officials. The public should also be aware that if foreign actors or cyber criminals were able to successfully change an election-related website, the underlying data and internal systems would remain uncompromised.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

Seek out information from trustworthy sources, such as state and local election officials; verify

who produced the content; and consider their intent.

Verify through multiple reliable sources any reports about problems in voting or election results and consider searching for other reliable sources before sharing such information via social media or other avenues.

For information about final election results, rely on state and local government election officials.

Report potential election crimes—such as disinformation about the manner, time or place of voting—to the FBI.

If appropriate, make use of in-platform tools offered by social media companies for reporting suspicious posts that appear to be spreading false or inconsistent information about election-related problems or results.

The FBI is responsible for investigating malign foreign influence operations and malicious cyber activity targeting election infrastructure and other U.S.

democratic institutions. CISA is responsible for protecting the nation's critical infrastructure from physical and cyber threats. The FBI and CISA provide services and information to uphold the security, integrity and resiliency of the U.S. electoral processes. Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) | Foreign Actors and Cybercriminals Likely to Spread Disinformation Regarding 2020 Election Res. <https://www.ic3.gov/media/2020/200922.aspx> 2/2

### VICTIM REPORTING AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The FBI encourages victims to report information concerning suspicious or criminal activity to their local field office ([www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices](http://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices)).

For additional assistance and best practices, and common terms, please visit the following websites:

• Protected Voices: [www.fbi.gov/investigate/counterintelligence/foreign-influence/protected-voices](http://www.fbi.gov/investigate/counterintelligence/foreign-influence/protected-voices)

• Election Crimes and Security: [www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/common-scams-and-crimes/election-crimes-and-security](http://www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/common-scams-and-crimes/election-crimes-and-security)

## RESPOND

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that depict otherwise. There was one used in an article printed a week ago that showed a gentleman walking in front of a banner reading Black Lives Matter, but you can see the Washington Monument in the background. That is not what is happening here. We are merely trying to protect what is considered a peaceful, non-political farmers market and keep all visitors and guests happy."

O'Rourke and Hicks both stated that no other solicitation of donations have occurred in past markets. "Our hope is that the town will admit it was wrong and I want an apology. It was unconstitutional and we want to be sure it doesn't happen again. From what I understand from their letter, there will be no solicitation of donations by any organization in South Fork unless approved by the town and that could potentially be harmful to the community," said O'Rourke. "If someone, like the Greater South Fork Community Foundation wants to collect donations for community projects, the town is saying they can't. That is not OK."

Hicks stated that the town invited Sol Mountain Farms to a meeting to speak to the board about the incident, but that they did not show. O'Rourke stated that they were asking for a copy of the minutes of the meeting where the verbal policy was adopted but was told

that because it was a special work session, minutes were not recorded. "We wanted to be prepared for the meeting and asked for the policy or ordinance and the minutes for the meeting and were told that it was a verbal policy and that there was no actual ordinance or policy."

When asked if Sol Mountain Farm was soliciting donations for the Black Lives Matter cause in any other form, O'Rourke stated that they were not. "We had the idea that we wanted to start conversations with people about this cause and so we chose the market as the place to do that. We are not asking for donations through our online sales or website."

"Black Lives Matter is real life, real oppression. Regardless of who you are, the town's choice of words was disrespectful. We have the right to be respected. We believe in this community and want to help the community grow. The policy was arbitrary and there was no need for threats of retaliation," said O'Rourke.

ACLU ended their letter to the town with the following statement, "We therefore request that the Town of South Fork immediately rescind the Policy that prohibits Sol Mountain Farm from soliciting donations anywhere on Town property. We also request your written assurance that it will not carry out Mr. Teders' threat to remove the Farm from its role

as organizers and vendors of the Friday Market. Please respond to this letter by Oct. 15, 2020."

"We want to keep the market a peaceful place where everyone feels welcome and that was our only intention. The town will respond appropriately during the next meeting and hopefully we can put this behind us," said Hicks.

## Commodities distribution set for Rio Grande County

**DEL NORTE** - The Care and Share program will be distributing commodities in Rio Grande County Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020, at the Rio Grande County Annex building at approximately 10:30 a.m. and at the Calvary Baptist Church starting at

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# OBITUARY

## Dr. William (Bill) Howard Metz, 74

Dr. William (Bill) Howard Metz passed away in the early morning of Oct. 1, 2020. Bill was born in Maume, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Nelles and Florance Metz, and his sister Vicki Carone. Bill was a passionate outdoorsman, committed educator, and compassionate father and friend.

Bill received his bachelor's degree from Illinois College and Ph.D. in Education from Northern Illinois University. In 1979, he moved to Monte Vista, Colorado, where he dedicated his time to advancing the educational system for the community. In 1984, he became the school district's superintendent. Bill moved to Colorado for his love of the outdoors. He was an accomplished mountain

climber, reaching the summit of all 58 of Colorado's 14ers and many of them twice. He also loved skiing and cycling. He completed Ride the Rockies eight times and challenged himself each year to get in as many ski days as possible at Wolf Creek Ski Resort.

In 1993, Bill suffered a brain aneurysm. Overcoming all odds, he continued to be a part of the community and was a resident at the Colorado State Veteran's Center for 24 years. He spent the last two years of his life in Eagle, Colorado. Bill was loved by many in the San Luis Valley and the Vail Valley. His optimistic outlook on life touched the hearts of everyone who spent time with him.

Bill is survived by his son, Phil (Jodie) Metz, and daughter Laura (Charlie) Velasquez. Bill has three beautiful grandchildren who he loved with all his heart, Mason and Landon Metz and Charly Velasquez.

There will be a private family service Oct. 10, 2020, at 10 a.m. at Grace Fellowship Church followed by a reception for all at the Metz Residence in Eagle. The service can be viewed live online at [www.facebook.com/GraceFellowshipGypsum](http://www.facebook.com/GraceFellowshipGypsum).

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Dr. Metz will be held in the auditorium of Bill Metz elementary school in Monte Vista, CO Oct. 24, 2020, at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, gifts, or meals Bill's family suggests a donation to a fund created in his honor to support enhancing the education of students at Bill Metz Elementary. Details can be found at [www.DrBillMetz.com](http://www.DrBillMetz.com).



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](mailto: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.

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and particularly to the electors of the San Luis Valley Irrigation District in Alamosa, Rio Grande and Saguache Counties, Colorado. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of December 2020, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m. and 6:00 o'clock p.m. At that time, one (1) Director for Division III will be elected to serve one (1) 3-year term. Nomination petitions are available from:

Amy S. Dean, District Secretary  
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[amy@slvid.org](mailto:amy@slvid.org)

Nomination petitions must be filed no later than Friday, the 23rd day of October, 2020. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absent voter's ballots may be filed with the Secretary of the District at the above address not earlier than forty-five days (Friday, the 23rd day of October, 2020) before the election, not later than 4:00 o'clock p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election (Friday, the 4th of December, 2020).

No. 1575 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, October 8, 2020.

## CANDIDATES

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town. Pascoe's third priority is to secure better equipment for unpaid volunteers who risk injury with old gear.

When Logan Taggart was an 18-year-old in high school, he won a seat on the La Veta Town Board. Now 25, Taggart is challenging Don Valdez to represent House District 62 at the state capitol. The district covers a sliver of Pueblo County, Taggart's Huerfano County, and the six counties of the San Luis Valley.

The night after voters watched 90 minutes of interruption and confusion on television, Taggart shared the stage with Valdez for a cordial debate at Adams State University on Sept. 30. On Saturday in Saguache, the sixth-generation Coloradoan emphasized adequate internet access throughout southern Colorado and affordable housing so potential employees and modern infrastructure can attract companies to relocate or start from scratch.

Second for Taggart, restoring constitutional rights through repealing or tweaking legislation ranks close with assuring continued agriculture through proper water management.

The Jeep Rescue League is a private collection of military vehicles, war relics and Native American history. Although nothing is for sale, the collection is open to the public when owner Terry Gillette hangs Old Glory outside the front door (generally Tuesday through Saturday during business hours).

District Court Broomfield County, Colorado Court Address: 17 Descobes Drive Broomfield, CO 80020		DATE FILED: July 7, 2020 10:53 AM CASE NUMBER: 2020DR100
In re the Parental Responsibilities concerning:		
Petitioner: <i>Kelly Christine Dawson</i> and Respondent: <i>Mitchell William Ryan</i>		COURT USE ONLY
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address):		Case Number: <i>20DR100</i>
Phone Number: _____ FAX Number: _____	E-mail: _____ Atty. Reg. #: _____	Division <i>B</i> Courtroom
<b>SUMMONS FOR ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES</b>		

To the Respondent named above this Summons serves as a notice to appear in this case.

If you were served in the State of Colorado, you must file your Response with the clerk of this Court within 21 days after this Summons is served on you to participate in this action.

If you were served outside of the State of Colorado or you were served by publication, you must file your Response with the clerk of this Court within 35 days after this Summons is served on you to participate in this action.

You may be required to pay a filing fee with your Response. The Response form (JDF 1420) can be found at [www.courts.state.co.us](http://www.courts.state.co.us) by clicking on the "Self Help/Forms" tab.

The Petition requests that the Court enter an Order addressing issues involving the children such as, child support, allocation of parental responsibilities, (decision-making and parenting time), attorney fees, and costs to the extent the Court has jurisdiction.


Notice: Colorado Revised Statutes §14-10-123, provides that upon the filing of a Petition for Allocation of Parental Responsibilities by the Petitioner and Co-Petitioner, or upon personal service of the Petition and Summons on the Respondent, or upon waiver and acceptance of service by the Respondent, an automatic temporary injunction shall be in effect against both parties until the Final Order is entered, or the Petition is dismissed, or until further Order of the Court. Either party may apply to the Court for further temporary orders, an expanded automatic temporary injunction, or modification or revocation under §14-10-125, C.R.S.


A request for genetic tests shall not prejudice the requesting party in matters concerning allocation of parental responsibilities pursuant to §14-10-124(1.5), C.R.S. If genetic tests are not obtained prior to a legal establishment of paternity and submitted into evidence prior to the entry of the final order, the genetic tests may not be allowed into evidence at a later date.

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3. Are restrained, without at least 14 days advance notification and the written consent of all other parties or an Order of the Court, from cancelling, modifying, terminating, or allowing to lapse for nonpayment of premiums, any policy of health insurance or life insurance that provides coverage to the minor child(ren) as a beneficiary of a policy.

If you fail to file a Response in this case, any or all of the matters above, or any related matters which come before this Court, may be decided without further notice to you. Date: 07/02/2020

  
 Signature of the Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

  
 Signature of the Attorney for the Petitioner

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# JAIL

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a function of people than it is an underfunded, undersized building. Sheriff Dan Warwick, Wilson, other staff members, and most of the inmates can easily hear each other through the walls and vents. The narrow hallways require more co-worker intimacy than most corporate offices allow. Despite regulations looser than the Department of Corrections requires (an eight-square-foot minimum per person), Wilson and inmates agree it's too tight.

The jail has 21 beds. Wilson said they occasionally need floorspace to accommodate unusual situations. Sometimes they house inmates from other agencies, space permitting. But the building does not meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. Wilson described a difficult evening when they had to transport a person in a wheelchair to another facility because the old jailhouse is not ADA-compliant.

The jail also lacks an intercom system, a secondary camera feed, and power doors. Locking some of the ancient doors requires a shoulder charge and key twist that would make NFL linemen proud. The nurse's office used to be a storage closet.

Lacking resources, Wilson says the Sheriff's Department thinks creatively to solve problems by changing methods when space must stay the same. For example, after six suicides in 63 years, new procedures patch problems that a new facility could solve all at once. Newly installed lights illuminate cells better now, microphones relay more detailed sound, and new cameras can capture more clarity in darkness. A new, significantly larger monitor provides 16 separate simultaneous feeds at a higher resolution than previous displays. Before, each camera view was smaller than a business card.

Another improvement leverages personnel. Sheriff Warwick said increased training and policy enhancements have clarified procedures for handling sensitive bookings. Staff members routinely revisit policies and refine processes when necessary. Perhaps the biggest asset for the Sheriff's Office is consistent humanity for the inmates. Wilson and deputies address people with respect, and the routine walks around the building are conducted with dignity despite the obvious flight risk. The screen door that sneaks a breeze to inmates is no match for an escapee, and the chain-link fence outside it is an easy climb. The fence does not keep inmates inside. Its purpose is to prevent outsiders from delivering contraband.

Sheriff Warwick and Captain Wilson share the long view for building a new facility. Given limited funding options in Saguache County, the department previously pushed for the Public Safety Tax. Voters approved the 1.5% sales tax, which has funded some of the new equipment and procedures at the jail. Paying for new jail construction, however, requires more money and time.

Wasting no time, the department sought guidance and has already created floorplans, budgets and enhanced systems. If an estimated \$10–20 million fell from the sky this week and landed in county coffers, construction could begin immediately.

Plans include indoor and outdoor exercise facilities that ensure inmate privacy. Expanded space will allow room for every individual, and maintenance and long-term strategies will extend the life of the building while providing guidance for future generations who might face a similar



predicament if the facility no longer meets the needs of the county.

When Wilson provides a bed for an inmate from another agency, Saguache County receives payment. The Jail Commander originally estimated \$3,500 in revenue from hosting other inmates this past year.

Surprisingly, these beds yielded almost \$50,000 instead. According to the new jail design, beds will accommodate between 50 and 75 people. However, this is not a revenue stream. This capacity could buffer the budget hit Saguache County takes today when 21 beds are full and taxpayers need to cover transport and payment to another agency.

Courtesy of the Public Safety Tax, the Sheriff's Department has made other improvements without expanding space. For example, a new communication service supports voice calls, video calls and messaging for visits, and it saves money for Saguache County, inmates and families.

"You can get on the phone and say, 'hey dad, how are you?'" and talk to them or do FaceTime," Wilson explained. "That's what Homewav does."

Compared to driving from Saguache to Alamosa for a Skype session (the previous practice), calls from the jail are much more efficient now. For visitors, connecting over the phone saves gas money and travel time too.

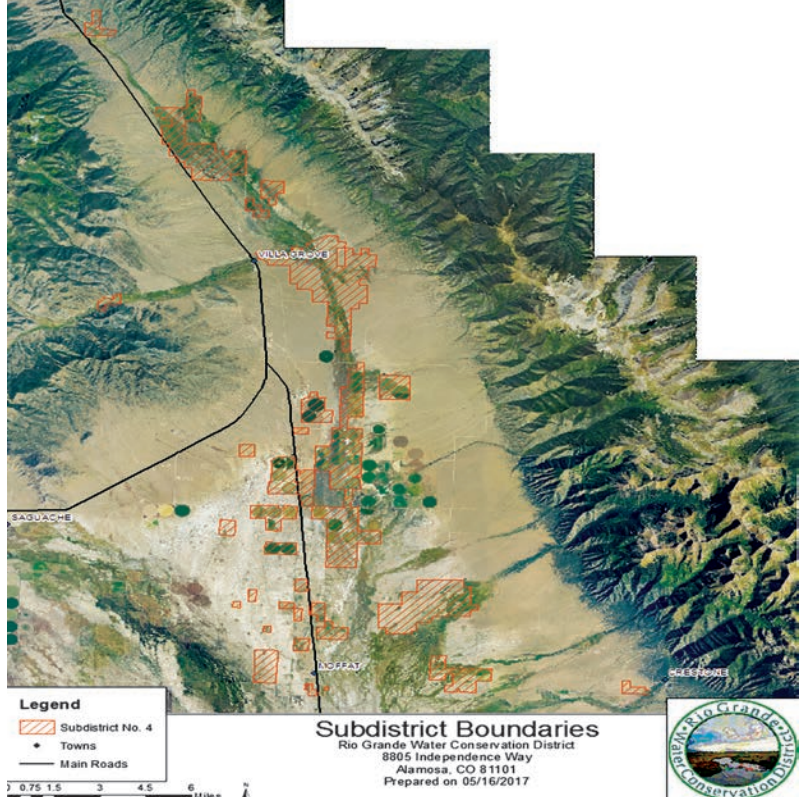
Budget concerns always constrict decisions, and physical space limitations force even more restricted decision-making. Until a new building can accommodate changes that have been accumulating since 1957, the Sheriff's Office has no choice but to continue adopting innovative ways to fulfill their mission for inmates, staff, and all of Saguache County.

Assuming voters approve jail construction at the end of 2021 and the first shovel does not hit the ground immediately after the polls close, the current building will celebrate a 277th dog-year birthday before calls about dog bites and all other county agency activities will transfer to a new facility where inmates and staff can share a safer, better place.



# WATER

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Over the past few months, the board worked to reach subdistrict members for updated contact information. On Oct. 15, the subdistrict will send emails to all members with usernames and passwords for entering meter readings online. Some members have been reporting data online for a few years. The deadline to submit data is Dec. 1, 2020. Statewide, well meter reading will be electronic-only eventually, and the technology will allow for monthly readings for analysis.

The bulk of the discussion compared models for Well Injury Payment (WIP) contracts. Program Assistant Chris Ivers explained how the board calculated total field costs using different fee structure options. If the subdistrict does not get 100% participation, they may need to make lease arrangements to cover costs. Considering about 62 wells, Frees estimated that most operations use

between 18–24 inches per acre. After crunching numbers for comparison, the board targeted a budget that would provide members a figure to put in their own budgets. "We don't want to give them any surprises," Frees said.

David Hofmann from the Division of Water Resources encouraged the board to consider backup plans for budget (and precipitation) shortfalls. For example, the contingency fee is 30% of the proposed withdrawal fee, a fund for the future. Is it too much or not enough? The current guidance allows for collecting 30% for five years before raising or lowering the sustainability fee.

"It's up to the board," Frees said. "But I think it's better to have money you don't spend than money you don't have." Frees and the board scheduled the next Subdistrict 4 meeting for 10 a.m. Nov. 4, 2020.

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## Photographing the landscape Land, Water and People

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As aspen trees light up the normally green mountainsides, I take delight in my favorite time of year. I feel good inside. I love to capture photographs of nature's beauty, especially this time of year. When I get "that one photo," you know the one, I feel great about my photography abilities. I once took a seminar hosted by the great John Fielder who taught me many of the principles that my predecessor,

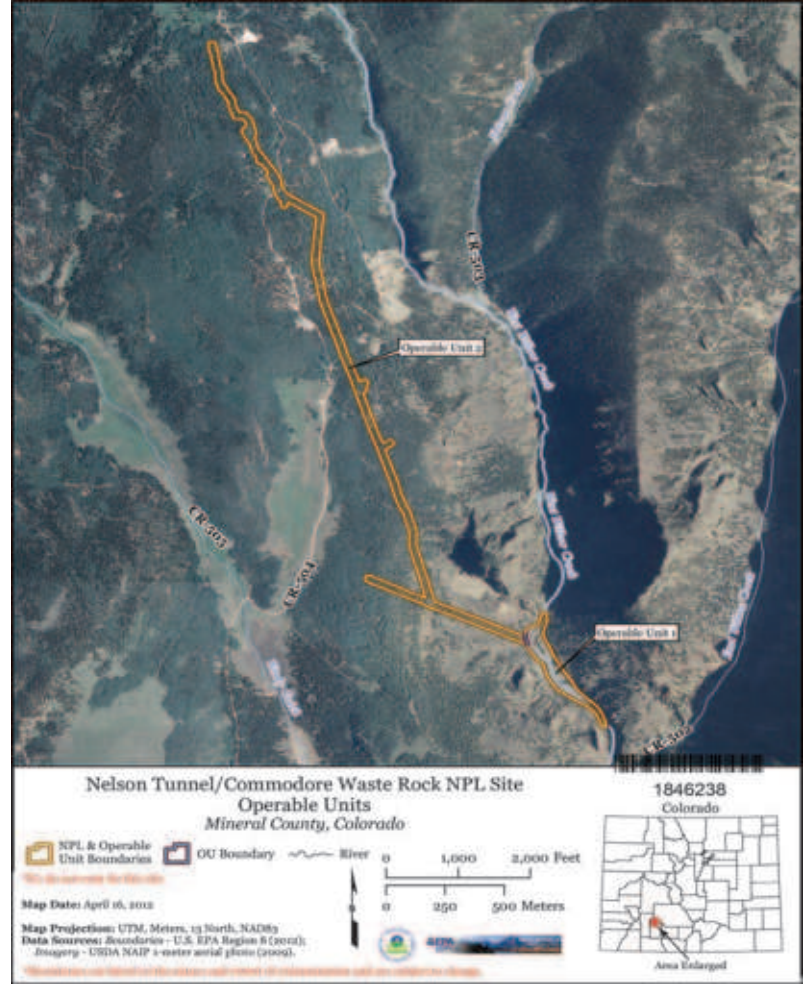
Mike Blakeman, has already shared with you. So, I dusted off this past issue of Land, Water and People to present to you some tips on capturing that awesome, if not a bit unusual, fall colors image. Happy shooting!

Photographing the intimate land-

scape By Mike Blakeman

The fall colors are here and the leaf-peepers, including me, are out in force with their cameras in hand. Hundreds of people are out driving in the mountains taking in the autumn beauty. Many will see

*Please see LAND on Page 8*



## EPA proposes flow-through bulkhead for Nelson Tunnel Superfund Site

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, the EPA held a public meeting to discuss their proposal for an interim remedial action at the Nelson Tunnel/Commodore Waste Rock Superfund Site. *Please see EPA on Page 2*

## The Power Professional Processing Team

It struck in late October like a plague of mustard gas. It started with a trickle but then soon began to mass. In pens and cattle alleys on the new receiving side, The fall run was beginning and there was no place to hide. The boss said, "Git'em processed, just as fast as they come in! A crew'll bring'em to ya and then take'em back again." So, K.T. got three cowboys and headed toward the shed, "You shovel out the squeeze chute, Clyde. Juan, come with me," she said.



An implant undercover, some pour-on down the back, Dewormer for the pore ones, dehorning with a crack. Release the head, a clatter. Release the squeeze, a pause. He bolts, but then the next one is captured in the jaws. On and on they processed till their hands were just a blur. The cattle like a carousel, the headgate just a whirl. Above the shed an aura that so brightened up the skies The cowboys bringin' new ones had to cover

up their eyes.

A vacuum was created like a swirlin' whirlwind. As soon as one was turned out, it sucked the next one in. The final bunch was brought up, but when the last one fled. They couldn't quit, their auto pilot stuck full speed ahead! They might have gone forever 'cept the power went haywire. The crew walked out like robots whose brains had caught on fire. They stood around unknowing, ears still ringing' from the fray, So numb they could remember nothing that transpired that day.

But driftin' in next morning came the news of all they'd done, Two thousand head they'd processed, caught and treated every one, Plus, a hundred saddle horses, the neighbor's feeder pigs, A pair of tawdry mannequins with English lawyer wigs, A marching band from Goodland, sixteen greyhounds from the track, The local Veterans Colour Guard, a llama and a yak, Assorted order buyers and a great big plastic

steer, Not to mention one truck driver with a lot tag in his ear. Reports just kept on comin' from the countryside around. The feedlot was a 'buzzin' with each new add-on they found, But Boss, he saw things different, "K.T., what about the cost? Them extra ones you processed guaranteed a hefty loss. We'll never get our money back no matter how we tried, Unless you got some brainstorm..." K.T. pondered, then replied, "I reckon we could bill'em... or, if mark-ups ain't a crime, Just charge'm twice the goin' rate at reimplanting time."

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

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# SLV Regional Public Health update

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** - Oct. 1 - The SLV currently has 15 known active COVID-19 cases.

- Alamosa: 7
- Conejos: 4
- Costilla: 0
- Mineral: 0
- Rio Grande: 4
- Saguache: 0

See more data: [slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19](http://slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19)

Public Health encourages those who have COVID-19 symptoms to get tested. Testing helps keep the level of illness low in our community, while also helping us keep an accurate picture of how the illness

is spreading.

Public Health would also like to remind the community that it is the time of year for flu shots! Influenza (Flu) vaccination is a safe and effective way to help prevent spreading the flu. Getting a flu shot is especially important this year due to the ongoing effects of COVID-19. The CDC recommends flu vaccination for all people who are six months of age and older. Talk to your primary care provider or visit your local pharmacy today to see if influenza vaccination is right for you.

The Valley Public Health Departments continue to work toward certifying for Protect

Our Neighbors status; however, whether or not we really get to move forward depends

on if we can maintain the relatively low number of cases that we have seen over the

past weeks. This means that it is up to each individual community member to continue

practicing effective COVID-19 prevention such as wearing masks, washing hands

frequently, and practicing physical distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from

others. We're all in this together, and if everybody does their part, we can succeed in

opening the Valley further.

To pursue testing for COVID-19, or for medical questions, call:

- Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990
- SLVHealth Respiratory Clinic 719-589-2511 ext. 9

• Valley-Wide Health Systems 719-589-3658 ext. 9 (M-F), 719-589-2562 (Sa/Su)

For general (nonmedical) SLV COVID-19 related questions: [slvepr@alamosacounty.org](mailto:slvepr@alamosacounty.org), 719-480-8719

## EPA Continued from Page 1

fund site. Central to the proposal is a flow-through bulkhead aimed at mitigating the possibility of a sudden release of a large quantity of water (~22 million gallons) unexpectedly exiting Nelson Tunnel and directly entering Willow Creek and eventually the Rio Grande.

It's unsure what risks such an event would pose on human health — infrastructure in Creede is designed to handle larger flows of water and the EPA documents indicate low risk of exposure to people. On the other hand, the sudden release of ~22 million gallons of heavy metals contaminated water could be devastating for the fish population and fishing industry on the Rio Grande as indicated by at least two known tailings dam breaches on the lower Willow Creek floodplain. These breaches contained elevated zinc concentrations which killed fish as far downstream as the Rio Grande/Alamosa County line.

What may cause concern when hearing the word bulkhead and acid mine drainage is the disaster at the Gold King Mine Superfund site in the Bonita Peak Mining District near Silverton where in 2015, an accident released 3 million gallons of mine wastewater into the Animas River, turning it bright orange.

The Nelson/Commodore Tunnel flow-through bulkhead proposal is designed to address such an event. A flow-through bulkhead does not permanently impound the water behind an underground dam. Instead, it holds back high flows and releases the water more slowly into the stream system. When working in ideal conditions, a flow-through bulkhead will allow for controlled release of water, limiting the possibility for pressure to build up and blowouts to occur.

Since designating the Nelson Tunnel, a Superfund site in 2008, the EPA has completed several projects, including: stabilizing the Commodore Waste Rock pile, constructing 2,000 ft. of reinforced channel for West Willow Creek, conducting research and investigations, and rehabilitating numerous locations inside the mine. During site inspections, the EPA concluded the sudden release

of the impounded water was a time critical threat and needed to be addressed, thus leading to their current proposal.

While the EPA presented several options, their preferred course of action is to build a new bypass adit that intersects with the Nelson Tunnel and then install the flow-through bulkhead. The EPA estimates a construction time of two years and expects the cost to be \$11,114,846 which includes 30 years of operating and maintenance costs. The EPA disclosed that the nature of the blockages that hold back the 22 million gallons is not completely understood, but assured attendees that the bulkhead would function according to plan.

Ultimately, however, a flow-through bulkhead is only an interim action meaning that it does not solve the primary concern of the Nelson Tunnel Superfund site, nor has previous work directly addressed that concern. Even with a successful bulkhead, contaminated water containing lead, arsenic, cadmium, and zinc will continue to flow out of the Nelson Tunnel and into the Willow Creek Watershed at approximately 365 gallons per minute. The EPA posits that the installation of an engineered interim remedy will increase tunnel safety, thereby enhancing the conditions for identifying a final remedy. However, there has not been an indication of what the final water treatment remedy might be.

The EPA is asking for public comment regarding this proposal for the installation of a flow through bulkhead at the Nelson/Commodore Tunnel site. As citizens of Creede, we should consider whether a flow-through bulkhead is appropriate and how we will arrive at a long-term solution. The EPA's engineered proposal does provide protection against potentially catastrophic effects on fish populations, but conversations need to continue about what the community wants in the future. As the local watershed organization, Headwaters Alliance will continue to facilitate community events and discussions regarding this proposal and future ones. Please make your voice heard in this vital commu-

nity matter by submitting a public comment to Dania Zinner, project manager at the EPA, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO, 80202 or emailed to [zinner.dania@epa.gov](mailto:zinner.dania@epa.gov). Public comments will be accepted Sept. 29 through Oct. 30. Find out more information on the EPA's proposal here: <https://sempub.epa.gov/work/08/100008616.pdf>



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1. Japanese classical theater
4. Chess pieces
9. Pieces of writing
14. Doctors' group
15. Capital of Guam
16. Type of turtle
17. Swiss river
18. MLB Hall of Famer
20. Places to sit
22. Fancy rides
23. One of Washington's Tri-Cities
24. Without class
28. Male child
29. Keeps you cool
30. Biblical place
31. Italian city
33. District in central Turkey
37. Job for a grad student
38. Central nervous system
39. Arrange in steps
41. Witch
42. Promotional material
43. Having certain appendages
44. Approaches
46. One who did it (slang)
49. Of I
50. Blood relation
51. Works out
55. Female given name
58. Isaac's mother (Bib.)
59. Makes someone happy
60. Creative
64. Small, faint constellation
65. S. American trees

**Solution to last week's puzzle**

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66. Makes simpler
67. Neither
68. We all need it
69. Unique plastic utensil
70. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)
- DOWN**
1. Civil Rights group
2. Metropolis
3. Badgers
4. Regular business given to a store
5. Gets older
6. A bundle of banknotes
7. Midway between north and northwest
8. Takes to the sea
9. Prestigious film prize: \_\_\_ d/or
10. Baltimore ballplayer
11. Removed
12. Term of respect
13. Genus containing pigs
19. Illumined
21. One who symbolizes something
24. Member of a Turkic people
25. The academic world
26. "Key to the Highway" bluesman
27. Hang-ups
31. Long, leafless flower stalk
32. Categorize
34. Loads
35. Indicates position
36. Unreasonable
40. Dorm worker
41. Dweller
45. Welsh female name meaning "snow"
47. Offering again
48. National capital
52. Firm, dry and brittle
53. 007's creator
54. Allied H.Q.
56. Mackerels
57. Month of the Hindu year
59. Not odd
60. Belonging to a thing
61. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
62. Religion
63. Equal, prefix



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# Cattlemen's Association and property rights owners offer grim view of proposed Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission setback rule

**COLORADO**—Colorado Cattlemen's Association Executive Vice President Terry Fankhauser and impacted Colorado land and mineral rights owners voiced strong objections to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's proposed 2,000-foot setback rule. "A 2,000-foot setback would contradict both measured scientific analyses and the will of Colorado voters, who just two years ago strongly rejected a similar ballot initiative," said Fankhauser. "Moreover, such an arbitrary decision would result in economic devastation for tens of thousands of private property and mineral owners whose livelihoods depend on revenues generated from energy production."

Fankhauser was joined at a virtual media briefing by Weld County rancher Susie Magnuson; Hesperus rancher, past CCA president and COGCC chairman Tom Compton; and Mead mineral rights owner Joe Wigginton. The participants shared their perspective on the unique relationship between Colorado's agriculture and energy sectors, before examining the dire cultural and economic consequences of a 2,000-foot setback on communities and families across the state.

"Governor Polis told Coloradans that the oil and gas wars were over, but the very commission he appointed appears to have other ideas," said Magnuson. "Colorado's agricultural and energy



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industries are foundational to the state's cultural and economic identity and are largely dependent on one another. An attack on one is an attack on both, so we implore the COGCC to examine the unintended consequences that its proposal would generate."

"In my time as COGCC chairman, we gave full consideration to the impacts our decisions could have," said Compton. "The newly appointed commission has failed to so much as estimate the economic impacts of a 2,000-foot setback, but those of us who would face such a prohibition head-on know that it would spell an end to our way of life. Our perspective can help the commission come to a reasonable decision, if only we'd be consulted."

For Wigginton, the matter is personal. "My mineral rights help to pay for the medical bills of my daughter, who is battling a long-term illness. The COGCC's

proposal would strip away those rights from future Coloradans, leaving families and communities to fend for themselves. A 2,000-foot setback isn't just scientifically misguided; it's morally indefensible. We hope that the unelected officials making these decisions for tens of thousands of Coloradans will reconsider."

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# San Luis Valley offers excellent hunting opportunities

BY LYNDIE FERRELL

**SAN LUIS VALLEY-** It is that time of year again as hunters prepare for another epic year in the San Luis Valley. Throughout the entire region, hunters from all over the world gather for the next few months eager for their chance at hunting in one the most beautiful areas in the state. Those that participate in the many different types of hunting in the area, hunt for everything from elk and deer, to bear and even moose in the backcountry or try their hand at upland game hunting.

The Valley is filled with some of the most sought-after hunting areas throughout the U.S. and brings in thousands of hunters every year that help boost the economy and keep businesses busy long after the summer season has come to an end. From the very base of the San De Cristo Mountain Range to the very tops of the La Garita Mountains, there is a hunting location for big game.

One thing that many hunters are unaware of in the Valley is that there are three National Wildlife Refuges located in three of the major hunting units in the region. Due to this fact and the fact that many of the area's animals venture to the refuges during winter months, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife offers a limited number of permits for the Alamosa, Baca and Monte Vista wildlife refuges.

Local wildlife refuges are also open to designated hunts but must be applied for prior to opening seasons. According to previous articles on the topic, it states, "In cooperation with the USFWS, Colorado Parks and Wildlife has secured permitted access to these refuges, allowing hunters to access them during specific big game seasons for elk. The official application period and drawing have already occurred. However, several seasons received few or no applications were taken for permits at the three refuges. CPW will now accept applications for the following seasons on a first come, first served basis to fill these gaps: Baca Refuge: 2nd and 3rd Rifle seasons, Alamosa Refuge: Archery; Muzzleloader; 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Rifle seasons, Monte Vista Refuge: Muzzleloader; 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Rifle seasons."

CPW will take up to 10 applications for each season, depending on the number of slots that are already filled. The first five applicants will be given a permit. The next five hunters will be on a waiting list and contacted as slots become available. An application does not guarantee a permit will be given. Hunting opportunities for those on the waiting list may not be realized, so please be aware of this before applying.

Interested parties should send an email to [montevista.wildlife@state.co.us](mailto:montevista.wildlife@state.co.us). Your email must include all of the following information: Name, CID, contact phone number, license hunt code, refuge wanted. Please remember that this is a permit, not a license. You must already hold a valid license for the Unit of your preferred refuge location."

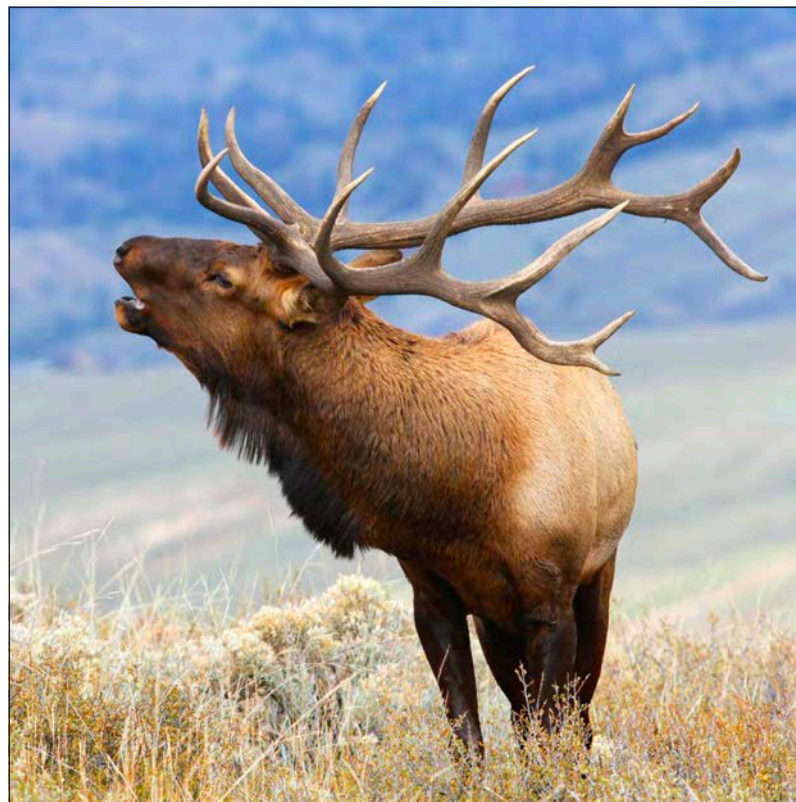
Going toward the Saguache area, hunters travel into south western Colorado's most hunted area in units 68, 67 and 66. The three units are where most hunter venturing to south western Colorado end up with limited tags sold in each area. The terrain is wide, grassy valleys that lead into dense forests at the base of the La Garita, San Juan and Elks Mountain ranges. Herd numbers for large game are diminishing in the areas which has caused some frustration among hunters.

On the other side of the La Garita Mountains, is a unit only open to those who have accumulated enough points on their hunting licenses and should be hunted by only the most experienced hunters, due to the terrain. Unit 76 in Mineral County is a very secluded, minimum access area that has a minimal number of roads. Several who come to the area hunt the area on foot, leaving behind modern

day vehicles for the more primitive out look to hunting in the area.

The Valley consists of two other hunting units that are located in between the two units mentioned above. Units 79, 80, 81, 82 and 83 that cover Conejos, Rio Grande, Alamosa and Costilla counties. These units take you into the lower peaks on the southern side of the Valley and into some historic mining areas. The terrain is steep, high peaks with dense pine forests that have not yet seen the effects of the spruce bark beetle like the western side of the Valley.

Always to remember to notify someone of the hunting unit before leaving on a hunt. Have a detailed plan laid out prior to hunting seasons and prepare for any type of situation when packing for a hunt. For more information, detailed maps of hunting areas or tips about hunting in the Valley, please visit [www.cpw.org](http://www.cpw.org)



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# No region of U.S. meets the target of more than 95 percent of first-class mail arriving within five days

By SYLVIA LOBATO  
**CONEJOS COUNTY** - Reports of slower mail delivery times nationally and across Colorado since mid-summer are causing concern as more voters than ever plan to vote by mail in the Nov. 3 election to avoid coronavirus exposure.  
 An unscientific experiment by the Colorado News Collaborative over the past month reportedly found little to be concerned about in the Centennial State.  
 Of 120 letters or padded envelopes sent from 24 cities and towns to 26 cities and towns, most arrived

at their destination within two to four days. More than half arrived within two days, and another 31 percent arrived within three days.  
 The Postal Service acknowledged nationwide delivery slowdowns in a report to Congress late last month. Those slowdowns came after new Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, a former trucking company owner and Republican megadonor, ordered limits on overtime for postal workers and the removal of some mail-sorting machines.  
 A court order stopped this practice.

An Associated Press examination of delivery data obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request, however, indicated that no region of the country meets the target of more than 95 percent of first-class mail arriving within five days.  
 Over the summer, the Colorado Attorney General's Office decided to ask Coloradans on social media how they had been affected by U.S. Postal Service slowdowns, with the expectation it would receive maybe a few dozen stories. Instead, there were nearly 200.



On Sept. 17, a judge issued a preliminary injunction forcing the USPS to end "implementation or enforcement of policy change that have slowed mail delivery" and to continue prioritizing all election mail, such as ballots, between now and November.  
 With ballots set to be mailed in two weeks, that's worrisome for some election watchers.  
 While the ballots go out to voters via the Postal Service, only one-quarter of voters who vote by mail put a stamp on the envelope to return it. The other 75 percent return their ballots via drop boxes around the state.

# South Fork approves electric vehicle charging station

*Silver Thread Byway will be first scenic EV passage in Colorado*

By LYNDIE FERRELL  
**SOUTH FORK** - As part of an effort that was established through

the State of Colorado, the Town of South Fork could be joining the neighboring community of Creede and other rural Colorado towns to install a new electrical vehicle charging station if they are approved for a grant to help with costs associated with the project.  
 The state plan for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations highlighted the need for EVs throughout several corridors across the state including the Silver Thread Scenic Byway and Wolf Creek Pass, making South Fork a prime location for a station. "In response to this plan and increasing traveler demand, the Town Administration requests approval to proceed with installation of a Level 2 electric vehicle car charging station, which is not only strategic in placement for motorists, but will establish the Silver Thread Byway as a first scenic EV passage in Colorado."

According to Finance Manager Mary Grace Garcia who headed the project, the South Fork Town Board adopted a resolution Tuesday, Sept. 22, approving the remaining costs after the approval of the grant. The grant is for \$9,000 and the town will be responsible for the remaining cost of \$8,500 which will be included in the 2021 budget.  
 Garcia held a presentation for the board to explain why a charging station would be appropriate for the town and how it could be beneficial to the area. Garcia stated that the installation of the charging station would offer the opportunity for the town to welcome additional travelers that may not have come to the area due to the lack of EV availability and in turn bring new people to the area for commerce.  
 The unit will be a CT4021 Dual Port Commercial Charging Station that allows customers to use smartphone applications and electronic funds transfers to pay for the service. The unit does 25 miles per hour charge with easy to use interface technology.  
 The town hopes to hear whether or not they will be approved for the grant by the beginning of October and to have the unit installed and ready for use by November of this year.



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spectacular colorful landscapes that cause them to screech to a halt, jump out of their vehicles and snap off a few pics. Then they will jump back into their car and look for the next aspen covered hillside to photograph.

There is nothing wrong with doing this, of course, as going for a drive to view the brilliant autumn landscape is a fun annual tradition. Unfortunately, some folks will be disappointed when they look at their photographs at home. It will seem like every picture looks the same: fully illuminated yellow, green and orange mountainsides below blue sky. Kind of pretty, but the colors will be a bit harsh from the midday sun and the photograph will lack depth.

There are many things that can be done to add a little extra zip to photographs of fall colors. For example, simply taking pics of the aspen with side or back lighting will improve color saturation and depth compared to those taken with the sun at your back.

My favorite thing to do is to remove the sky from the photograph. In other words, aim the camera a little lower. Whereas including the sky in a landscape photograph is often called a grand landscape, taking the sky out is called an intimate landscape. I believe creating an intimate landscape makes me automatically pay more attention to what I am photographing. I tend to slow down and spend more time really looking at the elements in the viewfinder and how I am framing them.

Textures, lines, patterns and colors are important elements in all photographs and can make for

exceptionally powerful intimate landscapes. The rough texture of a rock or smooth texture of aspen bark can create a feel to a picture. The curved lines of a creek or straight line of a fallen tree in the foreground lead a viewer into the photograph. Repeating vertical lines of aspen trunks or the concentric circles of ripples from a pebble thrown in a pond create pleasing patterns. Vibrant colors excite the viewer and complementary colors, that is, colors on opposite sides of the color wheel create contrast and stand out. Red and green, orange and blue, yellow and violet are examples of complementary colors.

The rule of thirds is a useful guideline to help compose intimate landscape photographs. The basic idea is to divide the frame in thirds vertically and horizontally with lines and then place the primary subject of interest at one of the points where the lines intersect. It can also be used to provide a pleasing balance. For example, placing a tree in the foreground along the left vertical line while the rest of the scene fills in the other two-thirds of the frame. The rule of thirds works well, but don't get locked into it, as this is one rule that is meant to be broken.

Intimate landscapes can greatly vary in size. They can be large pieces of a grand vista, such as repeating ridge lines on the Sangre de Cristo Mountains or an entire slope of different colored aspen stands above Shallow Creek. Or they can be smaller, such as a winding trail through an aspen forest or just a few leaves lying on the forest floor.

Grand landscape photographs provide the viewer a look at the big



picture, while intimate landscapes tell the story of what lies within. It's fun to work with both. If you post your photos to social media, try leading in with a grand landscape picture and follow it with several intimate landscapes of the area.

Many people may take similar looking grand landscape photos, but intimate landscapes are your unique view. This year try to go beyond just taking pictures of the big view and focus on intimate scenes too. I think you will be happy with the results.

*Gregg Goodland is the Public Affairs Officer for the Rio Grande National Forest. Mike Blakeman is a longtime resident of the SLV and Upper Rio Grande Valley and Gregg's predecessor, who now enjoys more trips scrambling through the mountains.*

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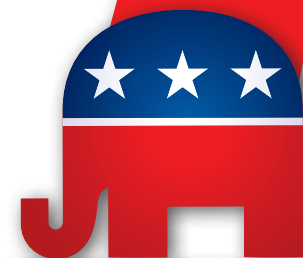


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# Colorado to implement ballot tracking statewide for November's Election

DENVER - Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold today announced that for the first time, voters in all 64 counties will be able to track the status of their individual mail ballots for the 2020 General Election. Voters will be able to receive notifications by phone, email, or text about the status of their mail ballots, from the time their County Clerk and Recorder mails the outgoing ballot packet, to when their voted ballot is received and accepted for counting.



"I'm happy to announce that for the first time, every Colorado voter will have access to ballot tracking, to be able to see when ballots are sent to when they are processed," said Secretary Griswold. "This new program is one of the many ways that Colorado continually innovates to ensure our elections are the best in the nation." The Colorado Secretary of State's Office is offering the BallotTrax ballot tracking and messaging system to all counties. Twelve counties implemented this system in past elections, and voters in

those counties will not notice any changes to the content, format or timing of the ballot status messages they receive. The City and County of Denver developed and will continue to operate a separate but similar system. The effect of the Secretary of State's initiative makes the BallotTrax system available to voters in the 51 counties that never before had access to ballot tracking.

Beginning today, voters in counties that are adding ballot tracking will receive a notification that they have been enrolled in the service if their registration record contains an email address. Those who don't receive an auto-enrollment notification can sign up themselves



Colorado Secretary of State

at <https://colorado.ballottrax.net>. Voters can opt out of BallotTrax at any time. Voters in counties with preexisting ballot tracking capabilities, including Denver's BallotTrace, will not need to re-enroll and will be able to continue to have their ballots tracked without interruption.

"The ability for voters to get text, email, or phone messages with our ballot tracking service

has been in place since it was first introduced in 2015 and has only grown in popularity with each passing year," said Boulder County Clerk and Recorder Molly Fitzpatrick. "It provides a measure of reassurance to voters that their ballots have arrived back to our offices safely and securely and are now ready to be counted."

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<b>Shell Judge Amanda C. Hopkins of the 12th Judicial District be retained in office?</b> <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	<b>Proposition EE (STATUTORY)</b> SHALL STATE TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$294,000,000 ANNUALLY BY IMPOSING A TAX ON NICOTINE LIQUIDS USED IN E-CIGARETTES AND OTHER VAPING PRODUCTS THAT IS EQUAL TO THE TOTAL STATE TAX ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS WHEN FULLY PHASED IN, INCREMENTALLY INCREASING THE TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX BY UP TO 22% OF THE MANUFACTURER'S LIST PRICE, INCREMENTALLY INCREASING THE CIGARETTE TAX BY UP TO 9 CENTS PER CIGARETTE, EXPANDING THE EXISTING CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO TAXES TO APPLY TO SALES TO CONSUMERS FROM OUTSIDE OF THE STATE, ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM TAX FOR MOIST SNUFF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, CREATING AN INVENTORY TAX THAT APPLIES FOR FUTURE CIGARETTE TAX INCREASES, AND INITIALLY USING THE TAX REVENUE PRIMARILY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING TO HELP OFFSET REVENUE THAT HAS BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS RELATED TO COVID-19 AND THEN FOR PROGRAMS THAT REDUCE THE USE OF TOBACCO AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS, ENHANCE THE VOLUNTARY COLORADO PRESCHOOL PROGRAM AND MAKE IT WIDELY AVAILABLE FOR FREE, AND MAINTAIN THE FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS THAT CURRENTLY RECEIVE REVENUE FROM TOBACCO TAXES, WITH THE STATE KEEPING AND SPENDING ALL OF THE NEW TAX REVENUE AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE? <input type="radio"/> YESFOR <input type="radio"/> NOAGAINST	<b>Proposition 118 (STATUTORY)</b> Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes reducing the state income tax rate from 4.63% to 4.55%? <input type="radio"/> YESFOR <input type="radio"/> NOAGAINST
<b>County Court Judge</b> <b>Mineral County Court</b> Shall Judge Ruth Aheson of the Mineral County Court be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	<b>Proposition 117 (STATUTORY)</b> Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes requiring statewide voter approval at the next even-year election of any newly created or qualified state enterprise that is exempt from the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado constitution, if the projected or actual combined revenue from fees and surcharges of the enterprise, and all other enterprises created within the last five years that serve primarily the same purpose, is greater than \$100 million within the first five fiscal years of the creation or qualification of the new enterprise? <input type="radio"/> YESFOR <input type="radio"/> NOAGAINST	<b>Proposition 119 (STATUTORY)</b> Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning the creation of a paid family and medical leave program in Colorado, and, in connection therewith, authorizing paid family and medical leave for a covered employee who has a serious health condition, is caring for a new child or for a family member with a serious health condition, or has a need for leave related to a family member's military deployment or for safe leave, establishing a maximum of 12 weeks of family and medical leave, with an additional 4 weeks for pregnancy or childbirth complications, with a cap on the weekly benefit amount, requiring job protection for and prohibiting retaliation against an employee who takes paid family and medical leave, allowing a local government to opt out of the program, permitting employees of such a local government and self-employed individuals to participate in the program; exempting employers who offer an approved private paid family and medical leave plan; to pay for the program, requiring a premium of 0.5% of each employee's wages, up to a cap, through December 31, 2024, and as set thereafter, up to 1.2% of each employee's wages, by the director of the division of family and medical leave insurance authorizing an employer to deduct up to 50% of the premium amount from an employee's wages and requiring the employer to pay the remainder of the premium, with an exemption for employers with fewer than 10 employees; creating the division of family and medical leave insurance within the department of labor and employment to administer the program, and establishing an enforcement and appeals process for retaliation and denied claims? <input type="radio"/> YESFOR <input type="radio"/> NOAGAINST
<b>State Ballot Measures</b> <b>Amendment B (CONSTITUTIONAL)</b> Without increasing property tax rates, to help preserve funding for local districts that provide fire protection, police, ambulance, hospital, kindergarten through twelfth grade education, and other services, and to avoid automatic mill levy increases, shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution to repeal the requirement that the general assembly periodically charge the residential assessment rate in order to maintain the statewide proportion of residential property as compared to all other taxable property valued for property tax purposes and repeal the nonresidential property tax assessment rate of twenty-nine percent? <input type="radio"/> YESFOR <input type="radio"/> NOAGAINST	<b>Proposition 114 (STATUTORY)</b> Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning the restoration of gray wolves through their reintroduction on designated lands in Colorado located west of the continental divide, and, in connection therewith, requiring the Colorado parks and wildlife commission, after holding statewide hearings and using scientific data, to implement a plan to restore and manage gray wolves; prohibiting the commission from imposing any land, water, or resource use restrictions on private landowners to further the plan; and requiring the commission to fully compensate owners for losses of livestock caused by gray wolves? <input type="radio"/> YESFOR <input type="radio"/> NOAGAINST	<b>Proposition 116 (STATUTORY)</b> Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning prohibiting an abortion when the probable gestational age of the fetus is at least twenty-two weeks, and, in connection therewith, making it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine to perform or attempt to perform a prohibited abortion, except when the abortion is immediately required to save the life of the pregnant woman when her life is physically threatened, but not solely by a psychological or emotional condition, defining terms related to the measure including "probable gestational age" and "abortion," and excepting from the definition of "abortion" medical procedures relating to miscarriage or ectopic pregnancy; specifying that a woman on whom an abortion is performed may not be charged with a crime in relation to a prohibited abortion; and requiring the Colorado medical board to suspend for at least three years the license of a licensee whom the board finds performed or attempted to perform a prohibited abortion? <input type="radio"/> YESFOR <input type="radio"/> NOAGAINST
<b>Amendment C (CONSTITUTIONAL)</b> Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the conduct of charitable gaming activities, and, in connection therewith, allowing large-wildlife licenses to hire managers and operators of games and reducing the required period of a charitable organization's continuous existence before obtaining a charitable gaming license? <input type="radio"/> YESFOR <input type="radio"/> NOAGAINST	<b>Amendment 76 (CONSTITUTIONAL)</b> Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution requiring that to be qualified to vote at any election an individual must be a United States citizen? <input type="radio"/> YESFOR <input type="radio"/> NOAGAINST	<b>Amendment 77 (CONSTITUTIONAL)</b> Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning voter-approved changes to limited gaming, and, in connection therewith, allowing the voters of Central City, Black Hawk, and Cripple Creek, for their individual cities, to approve other games in addition to those currently allowed and increase a maximum single bet to any amount; and allowing gaming tax revenue to be used for support services to improve student retention and credential completion by students enrolled in community colleges? <input type="radio"/> YESFOR <input type="radio"/> NOAGAINST

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Richardson Alliance / Alianza</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Dorla Hunter / Dawn Neptune Adams Progressive / Progresivo</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Princess Khadijah Maryam Jacob-Fambo / Khadijah Maryam Jacob Sr. Unaffiliated / No afiliado</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Alyson Kennedy / Malcolm Jarrett Socialist Workers / Trabajadores socialistas</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Joseph Kishore / Norissa Santa Cruz Socialist Equality / Igualdad socialistas</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Kyle Kenley Kopitke / Nathan Ra Vo Sorenson Independent American / Estadounidenses independiente</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Gloria La Riva / Sunil Freeman Socialism and Liberation / Socialismo y Libertación</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Joe McHugh / Elizabeth Storm Unaffiliated / No afiliado</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Brock Pierce / Karla Ballard Unaffiliated / No afiliado</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Jordan "Cancer" Scott / Jennifer Teepool Unaffiliated / No afiliado</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Kany West / Michelle Tidball Unaffiliated / No afiliado</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Write-In / Escribir En:</li> </ul>	<p><b>State Board of Education Member - Congressional District 3</b> Miembro de la Junta Estatal de Educación - Distrito Congresional 3 (Vote for One / Vote por Uno)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Mayling Simpson Democratic / Democrático</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Joyce Rankin Republican / Republicano</li> </ul> <p><b>State Senator - District 35</b> Senador Estatal - Distrito 35 (Vote for One / Vote por Uno)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Cleave Simpson Republican / Republicano</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Carlos R. 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Martin Republican / Republicano</li> </ul> <p><b>Judicial Retention Questions</b> Preguntas sobre retención judicial (Vote YES or NO / Vote SI o NO)</p> <p><b>Colorado Supreme Court Justice</b> Juez de la Corte Suprema de Colorado</p> <p>Shall Justice Melissa Hart of the Colorado Supreme Court be retained in office? (¿Se mantendrá en el cargo a la jueza Melissa Hart de la Corte Suprema de Colorado?)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES / SI <input type="radio"/> NO / NO</p> <p>Shall Justice Carlos A. Samour Jr. of the Colorado Supreme Court be retained in office? (¿Se mantendrá en el cargo al juez Carlos A. Samour Jr. de la Corte Suprema de Colorado?)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES / SI <input type="radio"/> NO / NO</p> <p><b>Colorado Court of Appeals Judge</b> Juez de la Corte de Apelaciones de Colorado</p> <p>Shall Judge Ted C. Towl III of the Colorado Court of Appeals be retained in office? (¿Se mantendrá en el cargo al juez Ted C. Towl III del Tribunal de Apelaciones de Colorado?)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES / SI <input type="radio"/> NO / NO</p> <p>Shall Judge Craig R. Welling of the Colorado Court of Appeals be retained in office? (¿Se mantendrá en funciones al juez Craig R. Welling del Tribunal de Apelaciones de Colorado?)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES / SI <input type="radio"/> NO / NO</p>

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## Conejos County Sample Ballot

**District 12 Court Judge**  
Juez del Tribunal de Distrito 12

Shall Judge Michael A. Gonzales of the 12th Judicial District be retained in office?  
(¿Se mantendrá en el cargo al Juez Michael A. Gonzales del 12o Distrito Judicial?)

YES  NO

Shall Judge Amanda C. Hopkins of the 12th Judicial District be retained in office?  
(¿Se mantendrá en el cargo a la Jueza Amanda C. Hopkins del 12o Distrito Judicial?)

YES  NO

**County Court Judge**  
Juez de la Corte del Condado

Shall Judge Kimberly D. Cortez of the Conejos County Court be retained in office?  
(¿Se mantendrá en el cargo a la Jueza Kimberly D. Cortez del Tribunal del Condado de Conejos?)

YES  NO

**Ballot Measures**  
Preguntas de la boleta

Ballot questions referred by the general assembly or any political subdivision are listed by letter, and ballot questions related to the ballot are listed numerically. A ballot question listed as an "amendment" proposes a change to the Colorado constitution, and a ballot question listed as a "proposition" proposes a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes. A "write-in" vote on any ballot question is a vote against changing current law or existing circumstances.

**Amendment 6 (CONSTITUTIONAL)**  
Enmienda 6 (CONSTITUCIONAL)

Will increasing property tax rates, to help preserve funding for local districts that provide fire protection, police, ambulance, hospital, and other services, and to avoid automatic mill levy increases, shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution to periodically change the residential assessment rate in order to maintain the statewide proportion of residential property as compared to all other taxable residential value for property tax purposes and repeal the nonresidential property tax assessment rate of twenty-nine percent?  
(¿Será aumentada la tasa de los impuestos a la propiedad, para ayudar a preservar el financiamiento destinado a los distritos locales que brindan protección de bomberos, policía, ambulancias, hospitales y otros servicios, y para evitar aumentos automáticos de las tasas de impuestos, ¿debe haber una enmienda a la constitución de Colorado para derogar por completo la tasa de la proporción de propiedad residencial en comparación con todas las otras propiedades residenciales y derogar la tarifa de tasación de la propiedad no residencial de veintinueve por ciento?)

YESOR / SIEN FAVOR DE  NOAGANET / NOEN CONTRA DE

**Amendment 7 (CONSTITUTIONAL)**  
Enmienda 7 (CONSTITUCIONAL)

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the control of charitable gaming activities, and, in connection therewith, allowing long-term licenses to have managers and operators of games and reducing the required period of a charitable organization's continued operation before obtaining a charitable gaming license?  
(¿Debe haber una enmienda a la constitución de Colorado referente a la regulación de actividades de juegos de azar que permitan a los operadores de juegos de azar reducir el periodo requerido de la existencia continua de una organización de caridad antes de obtener una licencia de juegos de azar con fines de caridad?)

YESOR / SIEN FAVOR DE  NOAGANET / NOEN CONTRA DE

**Amendment 8 (CONSTITUTIONAL)**  
Enmienda 8 (CONSTITUCIONAL)

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution requiring that to be qualified to vote at any election an individual must be a United States citizen?  
(¿Debe haber una enmienda a la constitución de Colorado exigiendo que para calificar a fin de votar en cualquier elección una persona debe ser ciudadano de los Estados Unidos?)

YESOR / SIEN FAVOR DE  NOAGANET / NOEN CONTRA DE

**Amendment 11 (CONSTITUTIONAL)**  
Enmienda 11 (CONSTITUCIONAL)

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution and a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning the medical abortion procedure, and, in connection therewith, requiring that a woman on whom an abortion is performed may not be charged with a crime in relation to a prohibited abortion, and requiring the Colorado medical board to suspend for at least three years the license of a licensee whose the board finds performed or attempted to perform a prohibited abortion?  
(¿Debe haber un cambio en los Estatutos Revisados de Colorado en cuanto a prohibir un aborto cuando la edad de gestación del feto es por lo menos de veintidós semanas y, en relación con ello, hacer del aborto menor castigable con una multa realtor o delito menor realizar un aborto prohibido, salvo cuando el aborto sea requerido inmediatamente para salvar la vida de la madre embarazada cuando ella sea veintidós semanas o menos, pero no exclusivamente por una elección preconcipital o emocional, definir los términos relacionados con la medida como "edad de gestación prohibida", "aborto", y exceptuar de la definición de "aborto" los procedimientos médicos relacionados con intervenciones espontáneas del embarazo o embarazo ectópico, especificando que a una mujer que realice un aborto no se le puede imponer un delito en relación con un aborto prohibido, y haciendo que el Colegio Médico de Colorado suspenda por lo menos tres años la licencia de un titular de licencia que el colegio encuentre que haya realizado o intentado realizar un aborto prohibido?)

YESOR / SIEN FAVOR DE  NOAGANET / NOEN CONTRA DE

**Amendment 12 (CONSTITUTIONAL)**  
Enmienda 12 (CONSTITUCIONAL)

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution requiring that to be qualified to vote at any election an individual must be a United States citizen?  
(¿Debe haber una enmienda a la constitución de Colorado exigiendo que para calificar a fin de votar en cualquier elección una persona debe ser ciudadano de los Estados Unidos?)

YESOR / SIEN FAVOR DE  NOAGANET / NOEN CONTRA DE

**Amendment 13 (CONSTITUTIONAL)**  
Enmienda 13 (CONSTITUCIONAL)

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning the restoration of gray wolves through their reintroduction on designated lands in the state of Colorado, and, in connection therewith, requiring the Colorado parks and recreation department to hold public hearings and using scientific data, to implement a plan to restore and manage gray wolves, prohibiting the cessation from imposing any land, water, or resource use restrictions on private landowners who follow the plan, and requiring the commissioner to fairly compensate owners for losses of livestock caused by gray wolves?  
(¿Debe haber un cambio en los Estatutos Revisados de Colorado que permita la reintroducción de lobos grises en el estado de Colorado en áreas designadas, y en relación con ello, exigir a la agencia de parques y recreación que realice audiencias públicas en todo el estado y que implemente un plan para reintroducir y gestionar a los lobos grises en el estado de Colorado, prohibiendo la cesación de imponer cualquier restricción de terreno, agua o recursos a los propietarios privados que sigan el plan, y exigiendo a la comisión que remuneren de manera justa a los dueños de los ganados por pérdidas de ganado que causen los lobos grises?)

YESOR / SIEN FAVOR DE  NOAGANET / NOEN CONTRA DE

**Proposition 113 (ESTATUTARIA)**  
Propuesta 113 (ESTATUTARIA)

Shall the following Act of the General Assembly be approved: An Act concerning adoption of an amendment among the states to elect the President of the United States by national popular vote, being Senate No. 19-0427.  
(¿Debe aprobarse la siguiente Ley de la Asamblea General que autorice adoptar un acuerdo entre los estados para elegir al Presidente de los Estados Unidos por el voto popular nacional, siendo el Proyecto de Ley del Senado Núm. 19-0427?)

YESOR / SIEN FAVOR DE  NOAGANET / NOEN CONTRA DE

**Proposition 114 (ESTATUTARIA)**  
Propuesta 114 (ESTATUTARIA)

Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning the restoration of gray wolves through their reintroduction on designated lands in the state of Colorado, and, in connection therewith, requiring the Colorado parks and recreation department to hold public hearings and using scientific data, to implement a plan to restore and manage gray wolves, prohibiting the cessation from imposing any land, water, or resource use restrictions on private landowners who follow the plan, and requiring the commissioner to fairly compensate owners for losses of livestock caused by gray wolves?  
(¿Debe haber un cambio en los Estatutos Revisados de Colorado que permita la reintroducción de lobos grises en el estado de Colorado en áreas designadas, y en relación con ello, exigir a la agencia de parques y recreación que realice audiencias públicas en todo el estado y que implemente un plan para reintroducir y gestionar a los lobos grises en el estado de Colorado, prohibiendo la cesación de imponer cualquier restricción de terreno, agua o recursos a los propietarios privados que sigan el plan, y exigiendo a la comisión que remuneren de manera justa a los dueños de los ganados por pérdidas de ganado que causen los lobos grises?)

YESOR / SIEN FAVOR DE  NOAGANET / NOEN CONTRA DE

**Proposition 115 (ESTATUTARIA)**  
Propuesta 115 (ESTATUTARIA)

Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning prohibiting an abortion when the probable gestational age of the fetus is at least twenty-two weeks, and, in connection therewith, making it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine to perform or attempt to perform a prohibited abortion, except when the abortion is immediately required to save the life of the pregnant woman when her life is physically threatened, but not solely by a psychological or emotional condition, defining terms related to the measure including "probable gestational age" and "abortion," and excepting from the definition of "abortion" medical procedures relating to miscarriage or ectopic pregnancy, specifying that a woman on whom an abortion is performed may not be charged with a crime in relation to a prohibited abortion, and requiring the Colorado medical board to suspend for at least three years the license of a licensee whose the board finds performed or attempted to perform a prohibited abortion?  
(¿Debe haber un cambio en los Estatutos Revisados de Colorado en cuanto a prohibir un aborto cuando la edad de gestación del feto es por lo menos de veintidós semanas y, en relación con ello, hacer del aborto menor castigable con una multa realtor o delito menor realizar un aborto prohibido, salvo cuando el aborto sea requerido inmediatamente para salvar la vida de la madre embarazada cuando ella sea veintidós semanas o menos, pero no exclusivamente por una elección preconcipital o emocional, definir los términos relacionados con la medida como "edad de gestación prohibida", "aborto", y exceptuar de la definición de "aborto" los procedimientos médicos relacionados con intervenciones espontáneas del embarazo o embarazo ectópico, especificando que a una mujer que realice un aborto no se le puede imponer un delito en relación con un aborto prohibido, y haciendo que el Colegio Médico de Colorado suspenda por lo menos tres años la licencia de un titular de licencia que el colegio encuentre que haya realizado o intentado realizar un aborto prohibido?)

YESOR / SIEN FAVOR DE  NOAGANET / NOEN CONTRA DE

**Proposition 116 (ESTATUTARIA)**  
Propuesta 116 (ESTATUTARIA)

Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes reducing the state income tax rate from 4.63% to 4.60%?  
(¿Debe haber un cambio en los Estatutos Revisados de Colorado que reduzca la tasa del impuesto estatal sobre la renta de 4.63% a 4.60%?)

YESOR / SIEN FAVOR DE  NOAGANET / NOEN CONTRA DE

**Proposition 117 (ESTATUTARIA)**  
Propuesta 117 (ESTATUTARIA)

Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes requiring statewide voter approval at the next even-year election of any newly created or qualified state enterprise that is exempt from the Faragher's Bill of Rights, Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado constitution, if the projected or actual combined revenue from fees and surcharges of the last five years that serve primarily the same purpose, is greater than \$100 million within the first five fiscal years of the creation or qualification of the new enterprise?  
(¿Debe haber un cambio en los Estatutos Revisados de Colorado que exija la aprobación de los votantes en la próxima elección general de cualquier nueva empresa estatal que esté exenta del Artículo X del Acta de Derechos del Contribuyente de Colorado, si el ingreso proyectado o actual combinado proveniente de tarifas y sobrecargos de los últimos cinco años que sirven principalmente para el mismo fin, es mayor que \$100 millones dentro de los primeros cinco años de la creación o calificación de la nueva empresa?)

YESOR / SIEN FAVOR DE  NOAGANET / NOEN CONTRA DE

**Proposition 118 (ESTATUTARIA)**  
Propuesta 118 (ESTATUTARIA)

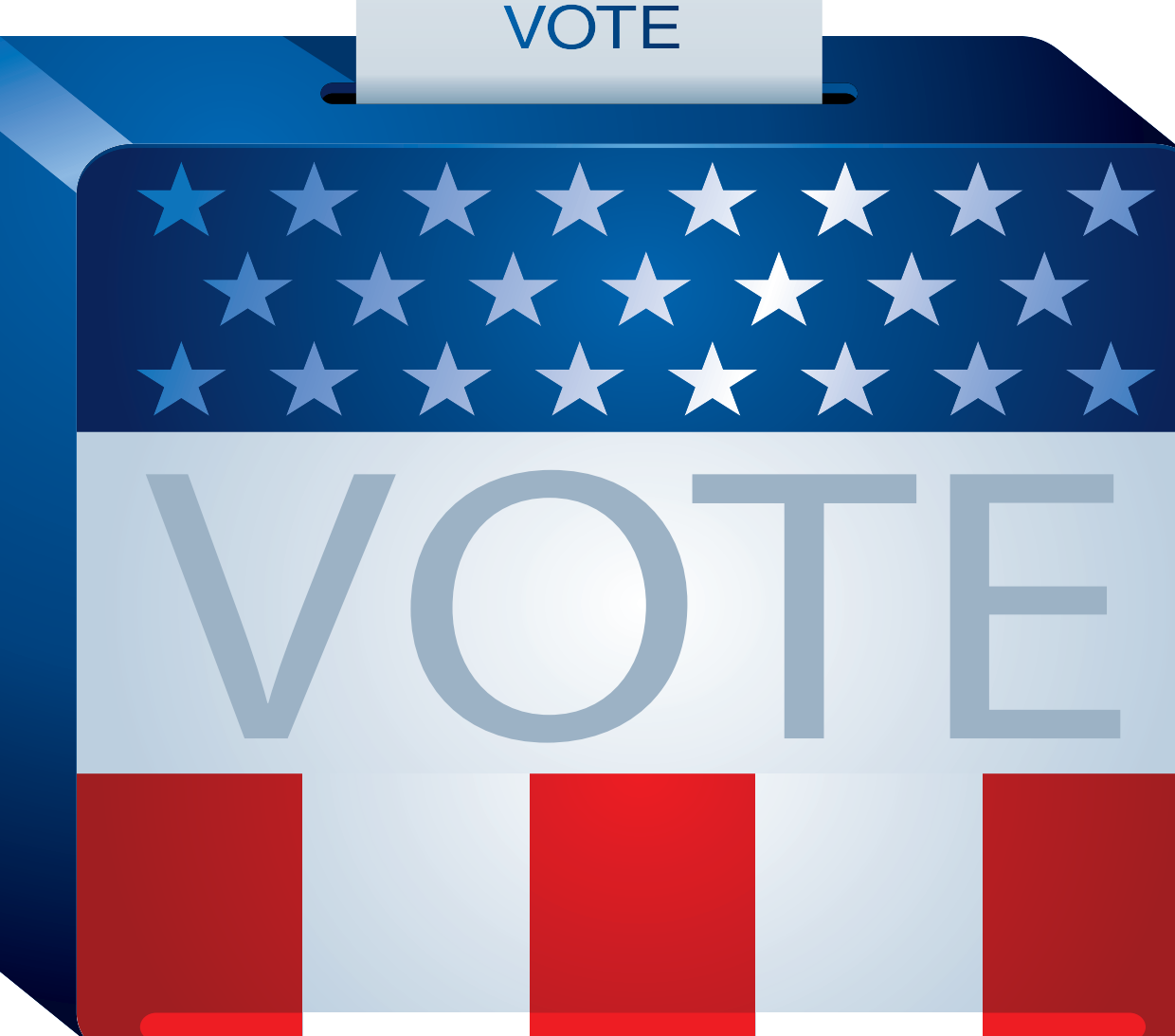
Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning the creation of a paid family medical leave program in Colorado, and, in connection therewith, authorizing paid family medical leave for a covered employee who has a serious health condition, is caring for a new child or for a family member with a serious health condition, and has a need for leave related to a family member's military deployment, and for safe leave and medical leave, with an annual cap on the number of weeks of maximum of 12 weeks of family and medical leave, with an annual cap on the number of weeks of family and medical leave, with an annual cap on the number of weeks of family and medical leave, and establishing an enforcement and appeal process for retaliation and denied claims?  
(¿Debe haber un cambio en los Estatutos Revisados de Colorado con respecto a la creación de un programa de permiso familiar y médico para empleados, y en relación con ello, autorizar el pago de un permiso familiar y médico para un empleado que haya tenido una afección grave de salud, esté cuidando a un niño o a un miembro de su familia, o a un familiar con una afección grave de salud, o que tenga relación con el servicio militar de un familiar o de un miembro de su familia, y autorizar el pago de un permiso familiar y médico, con un límite de 12 semanas de permiso familiar y médico, con 4 semanas adicionales por complicaciones de embarazo o de parto, con un límite en cuanto a la cantidad de días de permiso familiar y médico que utilice el permiso pagado familiar y médico, permitir a un gobierno local optar por no participar en el programa, permitir a los empleados de dicho gobierno local y personas con registro de permiso pagado familiar y médico, optar a los empleadores que ofrecen un plan aprobado privado de permiso pagado familiar y médico, para pagar el programa, requerir una prima de 0.8% del salario de cada empleado, hasta un tope, hasta el 31 de diciembre de 2024, y como se establece en el sucesivo, hasta 1.2% del salario de cada empleado, por parte del director de la división de seguro de permiso familiar y médico; autorizar a un empleador a deducir hasta 0.8% de la cantidad de la prima del salario de un empleado y requerir que el empleador pague el resto de la prima, con la excepción de que el pago de menos de 10 empleados; crear la división de registro de permiso familiar y médico como entidad dentro del departamento de trabajo y empleo para administrar el programa, y establecer un proceso para hacerle respetar y presentar apelaciones por retenciones y reclamaciones denegadas?)

YESOR / SIEN FAVOR DE  NOAGANET / NOEN CONTRA DE

**Town of Romeo Ballot Question 2A**  
Ciudad de Romeo Pregunta 2A de la boleta electoral

Shall the establishment and operation of retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana product manufacturing facilities, retail marijuana testing facilities and retail marijuana stores; collectively called "retail marijuana establishments" be permitted in the town of Romeo, Colorado, subject to the requirements of Colorado law and ordinances to be adopted by the board of trustees of the Town of Romeo?  
(¿Se permitirán el establecimiento y operación de instalaciones de cultivo de marihuana al por menor, instalaciones de fabricación de productos de marihuana al por menor, instalaciones de pruebas de marihuana al por menor y tiendas al por menor de marihuana, colectivamente llamadas "instalaciones de establecimiento de retail marijuana", en la ciudad de Romeo, Colorado, sujeto a los requisitos de la ley de Colorado y sus ordenanzas para ser adoptadas por la junta de fideicomisarios de Town of Romeo?)

YESOR / SIEN FAVOR DE  NOAGANET / NOEN CONTRA DE







# VOTE YES on 6A



**A "yes" vote for 6A will allow the Monte Vista Fire Protection District to continue providing high quality and professional fire and emergency services to the citizens of the fire district and surrounding areas.**

**A Yes vote will**

- 1) Allow funding for the district to be maintained at current tax revenue levels, preventing further declines
- 2) Increase the General Fund to continue daily operations including utilities, truck maintenance, facility repairs and most importantly health and safety for the district's firefighters.

**The Monte Vista Fire District hasn't had a Mill Levy Increase in over 25 years**

**Why does this matter to you?**

Our 22 Volunteer firefighters respond to an average of 20 emergency responses per month. This will help provide vital protective gear, repairs, fuel, extraction tools, trucks, hoses, and training

**What will it cost you?**

For a home valued at \$100,000, just over \$10 more dollars per year. Less than 3 cents a day is a low price for community safety.

A continued decrease in funding for the Monte Vista Fire Protection District will result in longer response times and less reliable equipment to handle the variety of calls for assistance. Our citizens expect and deserve the fire department to come when they call. Approval of Issue 6A will help secure future emergency services and therefore by helping the Monte Vista Fire Protection District, we are helping ourselves.

**Find out more at:**

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# Ramona Weber

I have the experience; I've served on the board for 8 years. In that time I have gained considerable knowledge, experience, insight, and have developed relationships with peers and colleagues that enhance my ability as a representative of Mineral County. I also serve on many state boards representing the area, including serving as Chair of the Southern District of Counties, a public lands board and others.



**My goals are:**

- To keep our county as one of the best places in the country to be by honoring our past and protecting what makes us unique.
- To enhance our community by developing infrastructure, building community and adding or keeping services that make life better for our diverse age groups.
- To look toward to the future in planning for growth in a way that protects our way of life and the things we hold dear.
- I would be honored by your vote, I will continue to work hard to represent you at a county, state and national level and make sure our small but mighty voice is heard.

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